

# SHANNONS PADDOCK MASTER PLAN

The concept master plan for Shannon's Paddock seeks to build upon the existing offering of recreational facilities which make the park a well-loved public open space.

The master plan proposes an extensive upgrade to the path network within the park. A single north south pedestrian connection is to be replaced by a series of pathways, designed to provide direct connections to all points of interest within the park. An additional circuit path is proposed to the outside edge of a centrally located open lawn space. The circuit path affords the opportunity for exercise and passive recreation. Two fitness stations are located to its perimeter.

A separated cycleway is proposed to provide a direct and uninterrupted connection from Wentworthville station, through Shannon's Paddock, to Milson Park. The existing Finlaysons Creek drainage canal is proposed to be naturalized to resemble a planted drainage swale.

The master plan proposes that the creek become an ecological and social focal point within the park. New path connections, picnic settings and barbeque areas are all proposed to be located adjacent to the canal to promote an engagement with nature. New shade trees, habitat planting, and wetland plantings are proposed for the swale area.

New bridge connections are proposed to establish crossing points to the naturalized Finlayson's Creek drainage canal. The bridges connect water street to the park with a direct bridge connection for both cyclists and pedestrians. An additional bridge provides a direct east west connection to the proposed district playground.

A district playground is proposed as an upgrade to the popular local play facility. The new play space is designed to provide a challenging play experience for older children, with an elevated rope climb, nature play areas, triple swing, in ground trampoline and sensory play areas. The playground area will also provide public amenities in the form of bench seating, bbq shelter and picnic tables.

The much loved open lawn area has been maintained and is proposed to be improved significantly to better support recreational ball sports and active recreation.

