

LANDSCAPE STRATEGY

The landscape strategy prioritises a natural aesthetic, building on the work previously undertaken by Realm Studios. In the open green space, flowing drifts of native grass gardens are proposed to define seating areas and subtly separate the walking paths. A large shelter and barbecue area is included, complemented by smaller picnic and seating nodes dispersed throughout the space. This approach accommodates multiple groups while preserving a central open area for informal activities such as running and ball games. The play space is inspired by the birds of the wetland/ marsh with opportunities for art work and interpretation and education of the species living in the wetlands.



REFERENCE DOCUMENTS



Brighton Activity Centre Strategy
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1

PLAY FOR ALL

A giant nest with a flapping bird ready for take off! A playspace inspired by the birds of the wetlands. An accessible ramp leads to a unique play piece that replicates the act of flying. Towers and cubby spaces designed like bird hides with little binoculars for watching the birds. Slides from the top of the nest down to a space with picnicing and a forest of climbing posts. Shade umbrella over picnic/ BBQ area.



2

PLAY FOR TODDLERS

A fenced toddler area featuring sand and water play, musical elements, and a small net play structure. A swing set positioned between the two main zones offers views over the wetlands, topped with sculptural local bird species as a playful feature. A small bike track loops around the play areas, encouraging movement and exploration. A shade umbrella provides cover for the picnic and BBQ area, while a gentle grass mound and adjacent open lawn offer additional space for informal play and relaxation.



3

OPEN SPACE

An open green space is threaded with path connections, offering easy movement through the site and direct links to the surrounding wetlands. Drifts of native grasses give gentle definition to the landscape, softening edges and forming natural nooks that invite people to pause, sit, and gather at small seating or picnic nodes. A large shelter is positioned to look back across the open lawn and up toward the adjacent playspace, encouraging informal social gatherings and family use.

The design takes a restrained, low-impact approach, favouring natural textures and materials that sit lightly on the land. This simplicity supports the quiet, reflective atmosphere of the wetlands, reinforcing their role as a place for restoration, play, and connection to nature. Planting choices and spatial layout aim to enhance biodiversity while ensuring long-term ease of maintenance.



4

SEATING NODES

Create a series of informal seating nodes for people to gather, chat, and enjoy views over the wetlands. Each space features a simple, durable palette of timber and steel, set on compacted gravel pads. The seating areas are framed by native grass plantings suited to the local conditions, with trees included to provide future shade and enhance the natural character of the site.



5

COMMUNITY GARDEN

There is potential for a community garden along the entry path to the open space, creating a welcoming and productive edge to the site. This area could offer raised garden beds, composting facilities, and seating to encourage social connection and seasonal planting activities. Positioned at a natural gathering point, the garden would provide opportunities for local residents to engage with the landscape, share knowledge, and grow food together. Incorporating edible natives and pollinator-friendly plants would further support biodiversity and connect the garden to the broader ecological values of the site.



SIGNATURE INTERACTIVE
PLAY PIECE

A giant nest with a flapping bird ready for take off!



TIVOLI GREEN

TIVOLI PLAYGROUND

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PLAY FOR TODDLERS

A fenced toddler area featuring sand and water play, musical elements, a sensory maze and a rocking bird. A swing set positioned between the two main zones offers views over the wetlands, topped with sculptural local bird-species as a playful feature. A small bike track loops around the play areas, encouraging movement and exploration. A shade umbrella provides cover for the picnic and BBQ area, while the adjacent open lawns offer additional space for informal play and relaxation.

FUTURE
COMMERCIAL
DEVELOPMENT

DDA
PARKING

TEMPORARY
CARPARK

SHADE
SAILS

FLAPPING
BIRD
(SEE IMAGE)

THE NEST

VIEWING
PLATFORMS

SLIDES

CLIMBING
NET

LAWN

WETLANDS

ELEVATED
BOARDWALK

VIEWING
NODE

Low height
seating and flood
resistance wall



BBQ
AREA

LAWN

SWINGS

WATER
PUMP

SANDPIT &
ROCKING
BIRD

TODDLER
PLAY

CAROUSEL

STONE
XYLOPHONE

SENSORY
MAZE

TOILETS
(LOCATION
TBC)

FLAPPING
BIRD