

FINAL CONCEPT DESIGNS: CONSIDERATIONS & STAFF COMMENTS



Design intent behind Chief Street Pocket Park

The reserve is to compliment the future Chief Street upgrade, with the cycleway. The design intent is to include a shared use path connection to the facilities under the overpass and train station. The inclusion of turf areas with tree planting is to align with improvements to heat island and tree canopy improvements. Turf areas allow for passive activation of the area by residents.

The future provision of fitness equipment is to encourage the active lifestyle and smaller scale activation of the area. There is good passive surveillance of the area from the surrounding roads.

Design intent behind the Drayton Street Pocket Park

The landscape design and inclusions are to compliment the usage of the new overpass facilities. The open turf area is to provide larger versatile space for active play of children and off lead dogs. This open turf area is to provide an adaptable space with possibility for community events or activation. Event power provision is to be supplied to help facilitate placemaking. Infrastructure and facilities included are to align with provisions of the hierarchy within the Open Space Strategy.

COMMUNITY REQUEST	CHIEF ST PARK	DRAYTON ST PARK	REASONING
Additional tree plantings & increased canopy cover.	Included	Included	Additional tree plantings added, in particular for perimeter and railway and transport corridor screening. More large trees added. Species selection will support our Tree Canopy Improvement Strategy for large-canopied trees that support urban cooling and habitat, and which are also suitable to the local area.
Increase biodiversity.	Included	Included	Plant species selection will accommodate increased biodiversity of local indigenous and introduced species aligned to biodiversity strategies.
Large, significant or featured trees	Included	Included	Tree species will be selected giving consideration to our Tree Canopy Improvement Strategy, with very large trees at maturity selected, where possible. Gifting of semi-mature tree or trees by treenet being explored, and will be a featured tree in one or both of the spaces, if supported.

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COMMUNITY REQUEST	CHIEF ST PARK	DRAYTON ST PARK	REASONING
Reduced turf area	Included	Included	Made slight reductions to turf to accommodate the feedback for increased tree planting. However, Drayton Street park will still have a larger turf area (albeit reduced from initial size) for recreation and activation. Note that turf, in many cases, is not more expensive or cumbersome to maintain than mulched and planted areas, and irrigated turf contributes to urban cooling.
More seating, including bench seating, informal and picnic tables	Additional seating included	Additional seating included	Balance of physical infrastructure with informal areas for usage, rest and seating. Drayton: A mounded turf area has been included at the south-eastern end of the park to function as an informal seating and gathering space.
Lighting (path and perimeter)	Path lighting included.	Not Included	Chief: Path lighting to shared use path standard. Drayton: Existing street lighting only. Public lighting is generally not supported for local reserves as per our Open Space Strategy.
Accessible paths	Included	Included	Chief: Accessible shared-use path through the park. Existing perimeter paths to be retained. Drayton: New DDA standard footpath along Drayton Street Pocket Park.
Fitness Equipment	Future provision	Not Included	The preferred location for the future provision of fitness equipment is in the Chief Street Pocket Park as it will be complimentary to the future-planned Chief Street bikeway.
Drinking fountain	Not Included	Not Included	Existing fountain under the Ovingham overpass.
Access to public toilets	Not Included	Not Included	Existing, automated toilet facility under the Ovingham overpass.
Shelters/shady rest areas	Shelter structure not Included	Provision for future shelter structure.	Naturally shaded (treed) rest areas accommodated.

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Community gardening/harvesting,	NA	Included	Fruit trees and community garden beds along Drayton Street Pocket Park for community use/ownership.
Fencing	Not included	NA	Design solutions through planting (trees and vegetation) to form natural barriers to the roadway.
Dog park	Not Included	Not Included	As specified in the consultation, a dog park was out of scope due to nearby proximity of existing dog parks in the area.
Dog friendly facilities	Future provision	Future provision	Subject to local volunteers, dog waste bag dispensers can be incorporated at both parks. Under our By-Laws, effectively controlled dogs can be exercised off-lead in these spaces.
Playground for younger children	Not Included	Not Included	As specified in the consultation, additional playground infrastructure is out of scope due to proximity to existing playgrounds of various size and inclusivity.
Bins	Included	Included	Bins will be accommodated at both parks because of feedback regarding litter, as well as for disposal of dog waste.
EV Charging posts	NA	Not Included	Not included in the scope of consultation. Internal referral for future consideration.
Security Cameras	NA	Not Included	Security cameras and security surveillance are not services typically provided by Council. The cameras in the under the Ovingham Overpass are owned and monitored by SAPOL.
Site Power	NA	Included	Provision has been made for access to power for future event and place activation.
BBQ	Not Included	Not Included	If demand is warranted, a BBQ can be considered under the Ovingham overpass area in the future. BBQs are not supported in local reserves under our Open Space Strategy.

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More carparking or park 'n' ride vs less or no car parking	NA	Limited car parking included	No change to the initial proposal of 6 car parks, including 1 DDA car park in accordance with agreed project scope between Department of Infrastructure & Transport and City of Charles Sturt. Dedicated carparking is not a feature supported at local reserves under our Open Space Strategy as they are intended to service the local area who are within walking distance. These car parking spaces are for the facilitation of local business customers.
Bicycle infrastructure	Not Included	Not Included	Bike parking infrastructure is available under the Ovingham overpass.
Artwork/ sculptures	Future provision	Future provision	Allowance for future community-led initiatives.
Exploration/ nature play/ meandering soft paths	NA	Not Included	Ability to consider in future pending community-led and supported gardening initiatives.
Minimal hard surfaces/ infrastructure	Included	Included	Minimal use of hard surfaces and physical infrastructure to support urban heat mitigation and increase cooler, irrigated turf and planting areas.