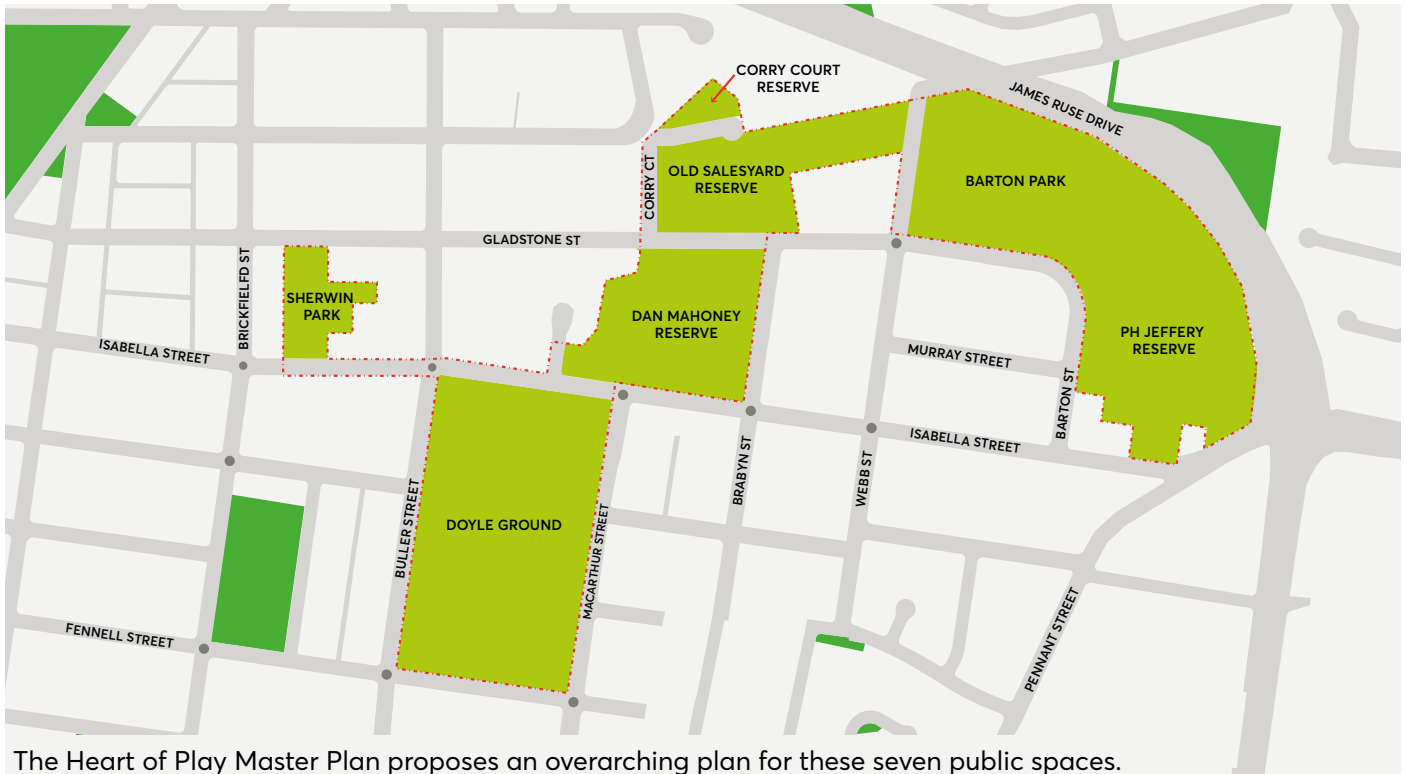


Heart of Play Master Plan and Dan Mahoney Reserve Designs

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The Heart of Play Master Plan proposes an overarching plan for these seven public spaces.

Heart of Play Master Plan

The City of Parramatta is undertaking a master planning process with the community that will provide the blueprint for an outdoor sporting and recreation network in North Parramatta, known as Heart of Play (HoP). In July 2020, we consulted with the community and key stakeholders and the information gathered is being used to inform the master plan – an overarching plan that will guide upgrades across this area over the next 20 years. You can read the full community consultation outcomes report or download a summary, at this [link](#).

The following principles have been developed based on community feedback and will guide future designs and plans for the area:

- A connected and accessible network of parks
- A welcoming place for all to play, day and night
- Improved spaces for active sport and recreation
- A healthy and sustainable environment.

Guided by these principles, the designers are now in the process of incorporating your input, as well as long-term strategic considerations for the City, into a draft concept design.

Dan Mahoney Reserve

One of the seven open spaces included in the HoP master planned area is Dan Mahoney Reserve (DMR). Because DMR will be treated and upgraded as a first priority due to asbestos contamination, we asked for more detailed feedback about this site during community consultation for the HoP. Community feedback has been reviewed and will be considered throughout the design process. You can read the full community consultation outcomes report or download a summary at this [link](#).

The DMR project will now progress separately to the HoP master planning project. To inform the draft concept design for DMR, Council is considering strategies that will effectively address flooding, improve water quality in the creek, and permanently treat the site's asbestos contamination - all with the aim to deliver an exceptional play space for dogs and humans. Flood studies and other technical investigations are being undertaken to find the best solution to these complex challenges.

The site's history and environmental constraints are further detailed in Section 3 of the [Heart of Play Background Report, at this link](#).

Interim spot treatments are keeping the site safe in the short-term. Updates about Dan Mahoney's treatment is available on a dedicated [Council website](#).

Next Steps

Due to Dan Mahoney Reserve's complex site constraints, investigations to inform the concept design are still underway. Public exhibition of the draft concept design for community feedback will now occur later in 2021.

Council will seek public comment on the draft concept design for the Heart of Play Master Plan in April/May 2021. This will allow the Master Plan to be finalised and funding sought for its active transport components. The timeline on the HoP webpage has been updated to reflect these changes.

You can find more information and updates about the HoP and Dan Mahoney Reserve projects at the [Participate Parramatta webpage](#). If you have any further questions about these projects, please write to placeservices@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au.

