



Item	Proposal/Principle	Actions
Entrances	Upgrade all entrances to a common theme ensuring safe access into park for all. Include improved signage, seating, infrastructure and vegetation. Signage strategy to include overall park plan and location indicator throughout parks and at entries and strategic points.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote all public entrances to Merriwa Park.</li> <li><b>Ryley Street Entrance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish views into park from Ryley Street. <b>1</b></li> <li>Allow buses and trailers into the parking area below the Bicycle Station. <b>2</b></li> <li>Handrails to be installed to steps. (<b>High priority</b>)</li> <li>Improve All Abilities Access from Ryley Street into Merriwa Park</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Ely Street Entrance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Redirect pedestrians off road pavement along top of levee bank via All Abilities Access compliant measure (ramp?) and improved access from top of levee to Kindergarten. <b>5</b></li> <li>Pedestrian safety devices installed. <b>5</b></li> <li>Weeds removed and indigenous species planted to accentuate proximity to Kaluna Park and provide a more sympathetic and attractive entry. <b>6</b></li> <li>Erosion control adjacent to Kaluna Park from Ely Street stormwater outfall.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Car parking	Rationalise carparking.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retain access loop for current uses.</li> <li>Restructure and formalise through marked parking bays. Allow for approximately 80 carparks (including 5 disabled) and drop off zone. <b>11</b></li> <li>3 hour parking restriction at Tennis Club.</li> <li>2 hours elsewhere in Park to stop camping and all day parking and discourage non recreational users.</li> </ul>
Pedestrian Access	Provide safe, signed path network into and around park for all abilities. Prevent vehicle access.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Footbridge removed for safety reasons on Meldrum Street side of Merriwa Park to be replaced <b>13</b></li> <li>Develop points of interest along path network as feature nodes with interpretation signage and landscape feature elements, ie: observation deck, sculpture, seating (locations as marked on plan).</li> <li>Construct new bridge to continue pedestrian loop from Fern Garden toward Kinder. <b>14</b></li> <li>Feature nodes to be based on heritage and environmental themes.</li> <li>Provide all ability access from shared path on levee bank into Merriwa Park.</li> <li>Provide limited access to the Soundshell from end of car park at tennis club to levee bank for maintenance and emergency vehicles.</li> </ul>
Feature Node		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate means to circulate water throughout the lagoon system to maintain levels within the lagoons and that excess water is discharged appropriately into the King River.</li> <li>Investigate reliable access to water from the King River to keep water at agreed level within Merriwa Park.</li> <li>Renew hard edging around eastern and northern lagoons.</li> </ul>
Lagoon	Improve water quality.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate means to circulate water throughout the lagoon system to maintain levels within the lagoons and that excess water is discharged appropriately into the King River.</li> <li>Investigate reliable access to water from the King River to keep water at agreed level within Merriwa Park.</li> <li>Renew hard edging around eastern and northern lagoons.</li> </ul>
Southern Lagoon Precinct	Upgrade area to encourage use. Add appropriate mix of garden features, exotic/native species and embankment treatment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop planting schedule and investigate appropriate embankment treatments to minimise maintenance and associated OH&amp;S concerns.</li> </ul>
Red Gum Picnic Lawn	Retain qualities of existing precinct.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Twice annual assessment of Red Gum health and public safety.</li> <li>A new replanting program to be implemented using locally indigenous Red Gums. <b>16</b></li> </ul>
Fern Garden	Maintain as a 'special' precinct within the park structure. <b>17</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a management plan and responsibilities.</li> </ul>
Embankment Zone (west through to east)	Improve visually and structurally.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revegetate banks in zones as indicated on plan with appropriate vegetation types, reinforcing bank with stabilisation methods where necessary. <b>18</b></li> </ul>
Kaluna Park	Council to establish long term management plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue revegetation strategy. <b>19</b></li> <li>Investigate opportunities to link Merriwa Park to Ovens River Link/Apex Park/Ovens Riverside via a shared path. <b>20</b></li> <li>Introduce environmental education opportunities.</li> <li>Nature trails in Kaluna Park to be available to pedestrians only (Consideration to be given to All Abilities Access compliance).</li> </ul>
Tennis Club	Tennis Club to remain in its current configuration.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Renovate fencing to be sympathetic to its setting. <b>21</b></li> </ul>
Playground	Relocate and upgrade.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playground to be designed in accordance with the Consultant Brief developed as part of the review (refer attached).</li> </ul>
BBQ Facilities	Retain and upgrade.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrade both picnic precincts including shelters, cooking facilities and more seating. Facilitate access for all abilities. <b>24</b></li> <li>Investigate new covered BBQ in conjunction with new playground.</li> </ul>
Amphitheatre (Sound Shell)	Refurbish facility and establish comprehensive user program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake complete assessment to improve operational use of the facility. <b>25</b></li> <li>Following the assessment the Soundshell surrounds are to be reviewed.</li> </ul>
Bicycle Station/viewing deck	Replace and redevelop precinct with bicycle station and viewing deck.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Public toilet facilities to be retained and upgraded in any new development proposal (to Australian Standard for Disability Access).</li> </ul>
Toilets (Rear of Tennis Courts)	Upgrade appearance to a design sympathetic to park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure upgrade complies with Australian Standard for all abilities access, into and around facility. <b>29</b></li> </ul>
Exotic Lawn	Retain as ornamental planting precinct.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Select species that are not invasive and are not environmental weeds.</li> <li>Manage to provide contrasting scenery to other park areas. <b>31</b></li> <li>Do not replace native trees in this area.</li> </ul>
Lighting	Improve lighting for thoroughfare access across park and for decorative purposes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lighting to be improved along levee bank and central node, surrounding re-aligned carpark, BBQ, picnic and playground areas.</li> <li>Investigate the need for/benefits of highlight lighting elsewhere.</li> <li>Investigate use of CCTV/motion cameras to manage littering and vandalism of infrastructure within Merriwa and Kaluna Parks.</li> </ul>

