



The YDRA Parks Project

Notes for 2021 AGM - 16th March 2021

We've started doing an inventory – which is turning out to be more difficult than we thought since not all parks are listed on the BCC 'Parks by Suburb' pages. There are 18 listed parks on the BCC website, but there seem to be more than this. We have backed off from trying to deal with all the parks in our district at the one time, and we'll be concentrating initially on the Yeronga parks. We would love our members to help us complete the inventory and rate the various parks and facilities.

We've corrected some mistakes on the BCC parks Website (Lloyd Rees Park; Paragon St Park, and '23 Heritage Close' parks now all have their proper names (though Rigby Place still doesn't appear on the BCC parks website, and Lloyd Rees Park is still incorrectly labelled as Paragon St Park on the cycle loop signage). There are some areas which have signs up saying that they are parks for everyone's use, but are not identified on the Website or on the city plan. We will be able to print out a large map from the city plan on which we can identify and annotate all the 'possible' parks.

Part of the area between the water treatment plant and the creek outlet (next to the horse paddock) is listed under Goodwin Park, but the rest is not signed. In this same area there is what may be an 'extreme' BMX track and shelter, built well out of sight in the bush between the rear boundary of 133 Hyde Road and the Corso. Whatever it is, it is quite unstable and dangerous, and as it deteriorates might cause reduced flow in the creek outlet. We have lodged an inquiry through Nicole Johnston to see if we can find out what this is, if it's anything to do with BCC, and what should be done about it. 'Roads and Drains South' have been in touch and are inspecting in the next day or so if weather permits.

We're finding out more about the leased areas in our district (AFL/W, Souths Cricket Club, Olympic and El Salvador clubs, and All Hallows Rowing Centre) in regard to the lease terms and open space zoning. The standard lease agreement includes a couple of interesting clauses to the effect that when the facilities are not in use they are available for public use, and that the leaseholder should establish good communication with the community (and should appoint a Community Liaison Person). We don't know if these standard lease clauses have been deleted from the lease agreements in our parks. We have an inquiry in to BCC about Goodwin Park (aka 'The Australian Hellenic Sports Centre (TAHSC)') to see if their locked gates and no entry signs are appropriate, and if the standard clauses are still part of their lease agreement. The Australian Hellenic Sports Centre says "(TAHSC) has been designed to provide the local community with a facility that will enable greater participation to a number of sports that are currently played at the Goodwin Park field".

We've met with Nicole Johnston about where our parks project is heading. Our end goal is to come up with something like a management and development plan for our parks. Alvin Kirby, a member of our committee who is working on the project has been involved in something similar with parks in West End. In the meantime, we are finding out as much as we can about our parks, what they are, how we can best use them, and working on the inventory.

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