

DRAFT HORNSBY PARK MASTER PLAN

“ Hewn from ancient rock close to Hornsby’s urban heart, the layered timeline of this former quarry reveals story and value in every stratum.

A place for adventure, challenge and rejuvenation, this gateway landscape links river to ridge, city to bush and people to place.

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

About the Draft Master Plan

The draft master plan sets out an intention to retain the quarry-ness of the site, whilst conserving and extending the bushland setting.


The draft master plan also looks at a number of opportunities where we can maximise views and lookouts for visitors, through a choice of experiences which range from adventure, social places and quiet areas to reflect in the natural setting.

Our aim is for Hornsby Park to cater for and balance the diverse needs of the community, transforming the site and paying tribute to its rich historical and environmental values.

Quick facts

 59ha
Hectares

 800m
to Hornsby Station

 2023
anticipated opening date of stage 1

Council recognises the Traditional Owners of the lands of Hornsby Shire, the Darug and Guringai peoples, and pays respect to their Ancestors and Elders past and present and to their Heritage. We acknowledge and uphold their intrinsic connections and continuing relationships to Country.



INTRODUCTION



A Landmark for Hornsby

Hornsby Shire Council is in the process of transforming the quarry and its surrounds into a regional destination where the magnificent bush, dramatic quarry walls and the lake will take centre stage to become 'Hornsby Park'.

We want Hornsby Park to be designed, owned, used and loved by the community, and a symbol of what our community can accomplish together.



New Life for an Old Landscape

We have now developed a draft master plan, which forms the next phase of planning for the park.

This draft master plan builds on previous consultation, where we asked the community for their high-level ideas on what they would like to see, do and experience at the park and helped set the principles to guide the development of the draft master plan.

Previous consultation also informed the development of the earthworks, which are necessary to make the park safe, while minimising the impact on the natural environment.



The draft master plan now suggests uses and activities that that may be delivered within the park. We invite the community to provide feedback on the draft master plan, the types of uses they would like to experience on site and priorities for delivery across short and longer-term stages of implementation.



A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE

Principles

Based on the Project Objectives, the following planning and design principles have been developed: They form the basis of the draft master plan's intentions.

Retain the Quarry Experience

Harness the drama and scale of the park (retain the quarry-ness)

Offer Access for All

Maximise access throughout park (walk, cycle, shuttle, bus)

Bring Nature to the City Centre

Conserve and extend the bushland setting as the park framework

Embrace the Storyline

Bring the rich story of the park to life (interpretation and education)

Celebrate the Landscape

Maximise views vistas and prospects (lookouts, filtered views, reveals)

Connect the Community

Focus the park as a place of engagement and interaction (events, families)

Nurture Memories

Make the park experience memorable (adventure, quiet, social)

Objectives

The draft master plan for the park is required to meet the following project objectives:

Local Living

Hornsby's parkland hub meeting the needs of the current and future local community for recreation, connection to nature and cultural experience in a bushland setting

Environment and Heritage

Renewing Hornsby's natural systems and connecting community to Hornsby's unique bush character, rich heritage and evolving story

Tourism and Economy

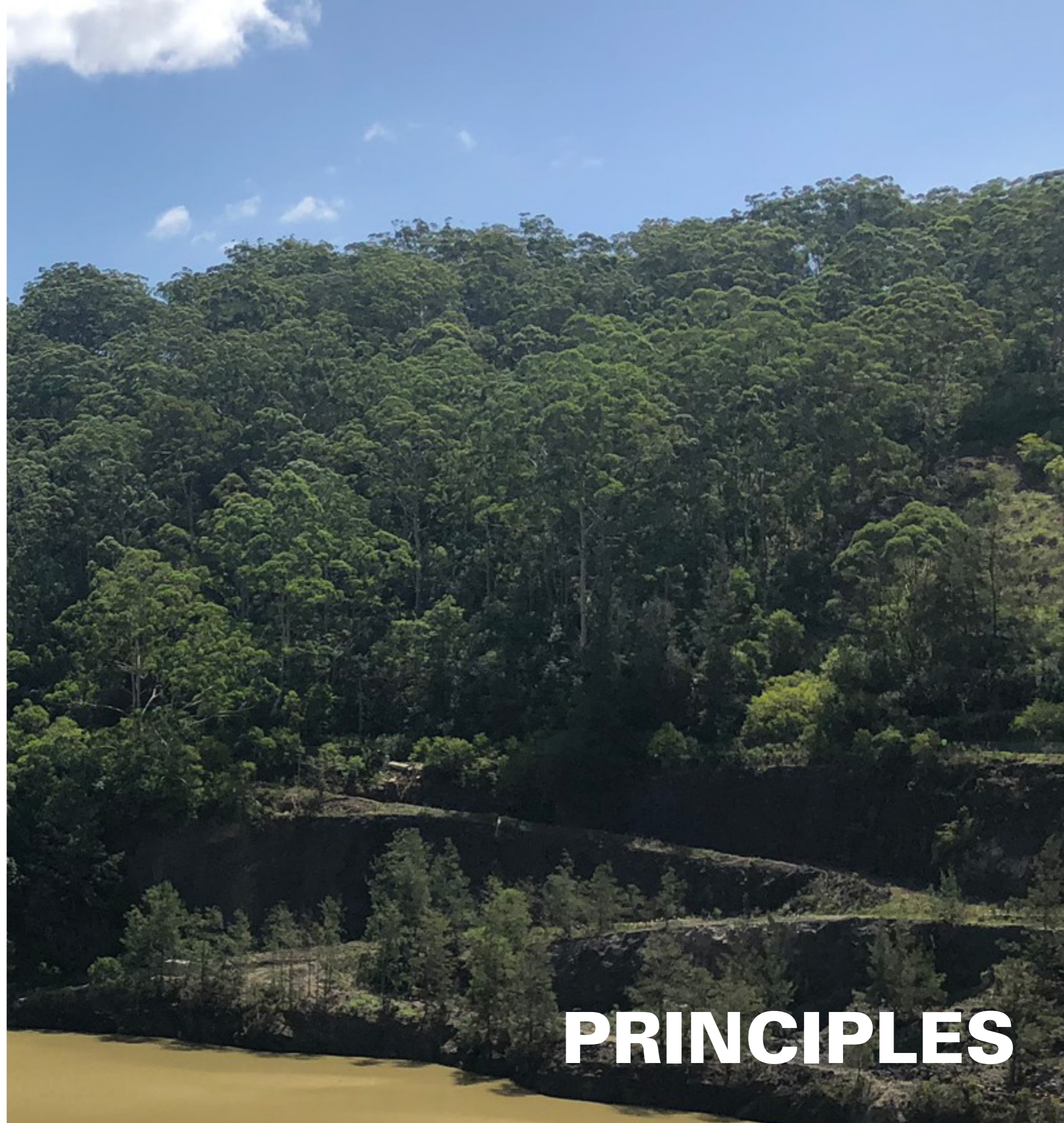
A centre for adventure tourism for the Northern Sydney region, driving local economic development and urban renewal

Return on Investment

Leveraging commercial opportunities that enhance the leisure experience and deliver a financially sustainable community asset

Demonstrating Sustainability

Developing robust and 'smart' systems that demonstrate 'sustainability in action' for management of the parkland. Examples may include autonomous electric vehicle transport and renewable energy systems



PRINCIPLES



THE SITE

The Park

Accessibility is a key consideration for the project, however due to the expansive nature and steep topography of the site it is envisaged that cars will be restricted to Old Mans Valley and the Crusher Plant, where parking will be available.

As the site is only 800 metres from the train station, we developed pathways and alternative transport solutions. Options such as e-bike hire and shuttle services are being explored to provide equitable and universal access.

Existing paths and stairs including the Heritage Steps will link all parts of the site and beyond to Berowra Valley National Park. The draft master plan exhibits new trails and boardwalks, including an accessible tree top walkway, which would provide a dramatic entry from Peats Ferry Road to Old Mans Valley.

A number of bush walking trails are being investigated as part of the draft master plan. These will be designed to vary in the degree of gradient, length and distance, further providing a diverse range of offerings for the broader community.

Tracks and trails will be designed carefully to consider environmental footprint, including adhering to controls developed in the Vegetation Management Plan and Offset Strategy for the site.

Recognising the popularity of mountain biking within the existing trails in the area, there are opportunities to realign some of the trails and create better connectivity to the surrounding bike trails.

Legend

- ① The Quarry
- ② Old Mans Valley
- ③ Crusher Plant
- ④ South-West Precinct
- ⑤ Higgins Family Cemetery
- ⑥ Canopy Walk
- ⑦ Hornsby Aquatic and Leisure Centre
- ⑧ Connection to Berowra Valley National Park

The Quarry

Within the former quarry void, the draft master plan proposes the establishment of a major parkland oriented on the Eastern quarry wall and includes a sweeping all-access path leading to a large informal recreation lawn and a freshwater lake beneath the southern cliffs. This parkland also includes shows a wetlands cascade and a lakeside amenities building. A major lift on the quarry's north wall provides additional ease of access to the quarry floor.

Legend

- ① Lift connects to RL90 Road, shuttle drop off at RL72 and quarry void base
- ② Potential abseiling and climbing on quarry rockface
- ③ Potential community/commercial building
- ④ Informal amphitheatre seating on turf slope
- ⑤ RL 88 bench lookout
- ⑥ Amenities building below ramp
- ⑦ Vehicle access ramp
- ⑧ Pedestrian access path
- ⑨ Upper lawn terrace
- ⑩ Lower lawn terrace
- ⑪ Quarry Void entry plaza
- ⑫ RL 72 plaza
- ⑬ RL 90 track access to lift and accessible path
- ⑭ Raised pedestrian walkway and lookout to Quarry West



THE QUARRY

OLD MANS VALLEY

Positioned for ease of access to the local train station and directly adjoining the Hornsby Quarry site, the Old Mans Valley (OMV) parkland will provide an activated gateway into this world leading premier parkland.

It will be a venue for passive and active recreation facilities with a strong focus on meeting local community needs (playing fields/event venue, café, picnic area and major play space with water play as proposed by the draft Play Plan), as well as far, distinct and regional visitors to the wider parkland.

The draft master plan contemplates a multi-use field providing a welcoming village green, balancing the needs of active sports uses and community use with events, informal kick about space and school sports, among others.

Legend

- ① Shared pedestrian entry and orientation plaza
- ② Shuttle/bus drop off and pickup
- ③ Interpretative orchard bosque planting
- ④ Lower turf terrace with picnic facilities
- ⑤ Play space with water play
- ⑥ Pedestrian access to Quarry Void
- ⑦ Primary vehicle access
- ⑧ Southern carpark
- ⑨ Northern carpark
- ⑩ Lookout
- ⑪ Sports fields
- ⑫ Existing mountain bike underpass
- ⑬ Cafe / Community Facility
- ⑭ Planted slope to funnel views towards Quarry
- ⑮ Sports amenity buildings
- ⑯ Future canopy skyway



OMV

Crusher Plant

Recognising the heritage value of the quarry and how the old Crusher Plant contributes to the history of the area, the buildings will remain on site. There are no immediate plans to re-adapt the buildings, however the longer-term vision is to conserve the buildings and deliver additional offerings in partnership with commercial and community enterprises.



South-West Precinct

The south-west area of the site will provide views of the quarry and the surrounding bushland. In the long term, it has potential to provide a unique educational bushland offering or short stay eco accommodation, enabling the community to get up close to the natural environment and learn about the importance of preserving this unique natural environment. The south-west platform may also support adventure recreation pursuits.

As part of this project, there are no immediate plans to model the potential educational, accommodation or recreation offerings – rather it is a longer-term vision.



Higgins Family Cemetery

The Higgins family cemetery is located south east of the quarry void. Within the cemetery are graves dating from around 1875. The heritage-listed cemetery will become more accessible with the setting and heritage items restored.





Bush Walking



BBQ & Picnic



Play



Fitness



Field Sports



Cycle & Mountain Bike



Water Play



Quiet Space



Climbing & Abseiling



Education



Tours



Glamping



Public Art



Food & Beverage



Community Events



Performance & Arts

Potential Activities

The vision for Hornsby Park is to offer a number of activities to cater for a wide range of visitor expectations, abilities, ages and needs. An example of some of the activities being offered include the following.

Passive

Provide passive recreation options including walking trails, picnic and BBQ facilities, formal and informal play spaces, bird watching, bush walking, tracks and spaces for quiet contemplation.

Active

Provide active recreation opportunities such as sports fields/oval/kickabout spaces, playgrounds, bike and shared paths, water play in the quarry lake and sport facilities (located in OMV).

Adventure

Provide adventure recreation and play options such as mountain bike trails, climbing structures, zip lines, and high ropes courses. Adventure recreation opportunities must carefully consider the overall experience of the quarry for other park users.

Experiences

The dramatic landform and bushland of Hornsby Park offers a significant range of experiences for visitors including:

The Quarry Experience

The quarry history is a rich story which is told through a series of views and vistas found across the site including the drama of the quarry void and the adaptive reuse of remnant infrastructure such as the Crusher Plant.

Natural Landscape

The park offers the experience of a high quality bushland including rare communities on the doorstep of Hornsby Town Centre. The park strengthens the link between Berowra Valley National Park and Hornsby.

Nurturing Memories

The experience of all the various activities offered in the park will create long lasting memories and attract return visitation for years to come.

POTENTIAL ACTIVITIES AND EXPERIENCES

Get Involved

The draft master plan is open for community feedback from 16 April - 28 May 2021.

There are a number of ways to have your say.

Visit the website hornsbypark.com.au to find out more information and complete a survey, or join us at one of our 'swing-bys' in Hornsby Mall where you can meet the team and ask questions.

We'll be there on Saturday 1 May and Thursday 13 May from 11am - 2pm.

Otherwise you can email your submissions to planyourparkland@elton.com.au



HAVE YOUR SAY

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