

COURTENAY AVENUE RESERVE REDEVELOPMENT PLAN

165-1671 Courtenay Avenue, Cranbourne North



Context Map - NTS

EXISTING FACILITIES

The reserve features a small playground, a gravel BMX track and a spacious kick-about area with informal AFL, soccer, and rugby goals, benches and picnic table. A north-south linear path serves as a key connection through the reserve, linking the surrounding community, also those notable trees, particularly in the northern section and around the playground, contribute to the site’s natural character.

SITE LIMITATION

Limited Recreational Variety: The reserve does not offer diverse recreational opportunities, leading to minimal community use and interaction.

Basic Pedestrian Network: The existing pedestrian path provides connectivity but remains limited and could be enhanced to strengthen overall movement within and beyond the reserve.

Inadequate Amenities: The absence of essential infrastructure, such as functional seating, picnic facilities, and accessible pathways, limits comfort and usability.

Safety Concerns: Insufficient lighting and dense tree cover obstruct sightlines, reducing visibility and increasing safety risks for visitors, particularly in the evening.

Low Vegetation Diversity: The reserve has a low diversity of plant species, particularly a lack of shrubs and garden beds, reducing ecological value and visual appeal.



SITE CONDITIONS

- Site Overview:** Courtenay Avenue Reserve is a 1.47-hectare district-level open space located in Cranbourne North, providing essential recreational opportunities for the local community.
- Surrounding Context:** The reserve is bordered by medium-density residential development, with direct pedestrian access from Courtenay Avenue and Hoysted Avenue, ensuring ease of access for nearby residents.
- Proximity to Schools:** Located near Courtenay Gardens Primary School and Alkira Secondary College, the reserve serves as a key recreational space for students and families, supporting both structured school activities and informal community use.
- Community Connectivity & Role:** Courtenay Avenue Reserve functions as an integral community link, offering accessible green space for passive and active recreation while enhancing pedestrian connections between residential areas, educational institutions, and local amenities. Its strategic location strengthens the broader open space network, fostering social interaction, physical activity, and environmental benefits.

DESIGN INTENTION

The landscape design of Courtney Avenue Reserve aims to create a dynamic and inclusive community space that balances safe play, environmental enhancement, and a well-connected network.

Key directions include:

1. Improved Network & Connectivity:

A improved path network enhances movement throughout the reserve, connecting key features and ensuring accessibility for all users. It supports community everyday activities while supporting and facilitating movement within the reserve and towards surrounding destinations.

2. Enhanced Safety & Visibility:

Clear sightlines and open layouts to enhance passive surveillance and create a safer environment; Proposed lighting along key pathways, entry points, and play areas to improve visibility and security.

3. Diverse Recreational Spaces for All Ages:

A new nature-based playground caters to all ages, an upgraded pump track and ninja warrior course will provide more challenging activities for older children and youth. The open green space, equipped with goal posts, supports informal sports and other plays.

4. Landscape & Environmental Enhancement:

Native gardens enrich biodiversity and create a more welcoming landscape, while winding trails inspire children to explore nature and discover learning opportunities along the way.

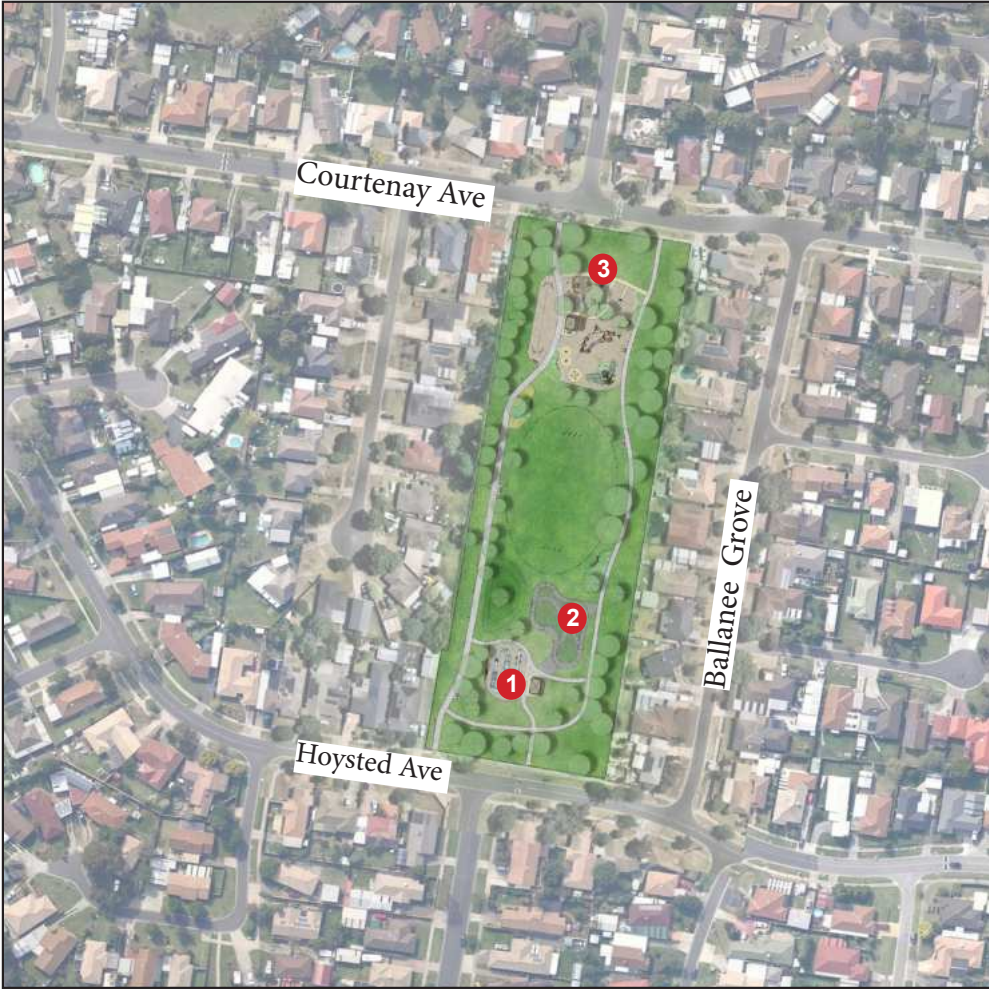
5. Improved Facilities

Two community hubs located near the playspace and pump track / ninja warrior course, equipped with shelter, picnic setting and drink fountain, offer welcoming spaces for social gatherings.





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① Ninja Warrior Course



② New Pump Track



③ Play Items & facilities in upgraded playspace

