

Revitalising Parramatta Park



World Heritage listed Parramatta Park is the historic heart of a growing urban city.

As the population of Parramatta continues to grow and thrive, the importance of Parramatta Park as a community space for walking, cycling, socialising and exercise becomes paramount.

The first step in preserving and enhancing the Park for the future has been the \$21.7 million revitalisation to The Crescent, Domain Creek Playground and surrounds, The Gardens Precinct, and The Dairy Precinct. This will help to revitalise the Park's playgrounds, picnic areas, shelters, paths and historic gatehouses and gardens.



Map of
Parramatta
Park's
Management
Precincts



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Improving Access and Circulation



Parramatta Park Trust recognises the growing problem of conflict between the modes of transport used within the Park – cars, bicycles and pedestrians. With more and more people visiting, these problems will only increase into the future.

Parramatta Park Trust is reviewing how to make walking and cycling safer by changing the way cars move and park in Parramatta Park – **The People's Loop.**

The proposed People's Loop will remove cars from the majority of the existing internal road within Parramatta Park. This will free up the internal road for wider pedestrian and bicycle lanes making walking and cycling on

the loop safer and reducing the conflict between the different modes of transport. This will mean more people, families and children can cycle or walk safely for fun or fitness.

Car parking will be located in hubs around the Park to allow access to key destinations.

The car parking hubs will reduce conflicts with the various Park users. There will be no net

reduction in car parking numbers available in the Park. The People's Loop will remove the 'rat run' between the Parramatta CBD and Westmead.

The design options are based on feedback to date from the community and expert advice from traffic engineers and other consultants.



Artist impression – Queens Road Gatehouse

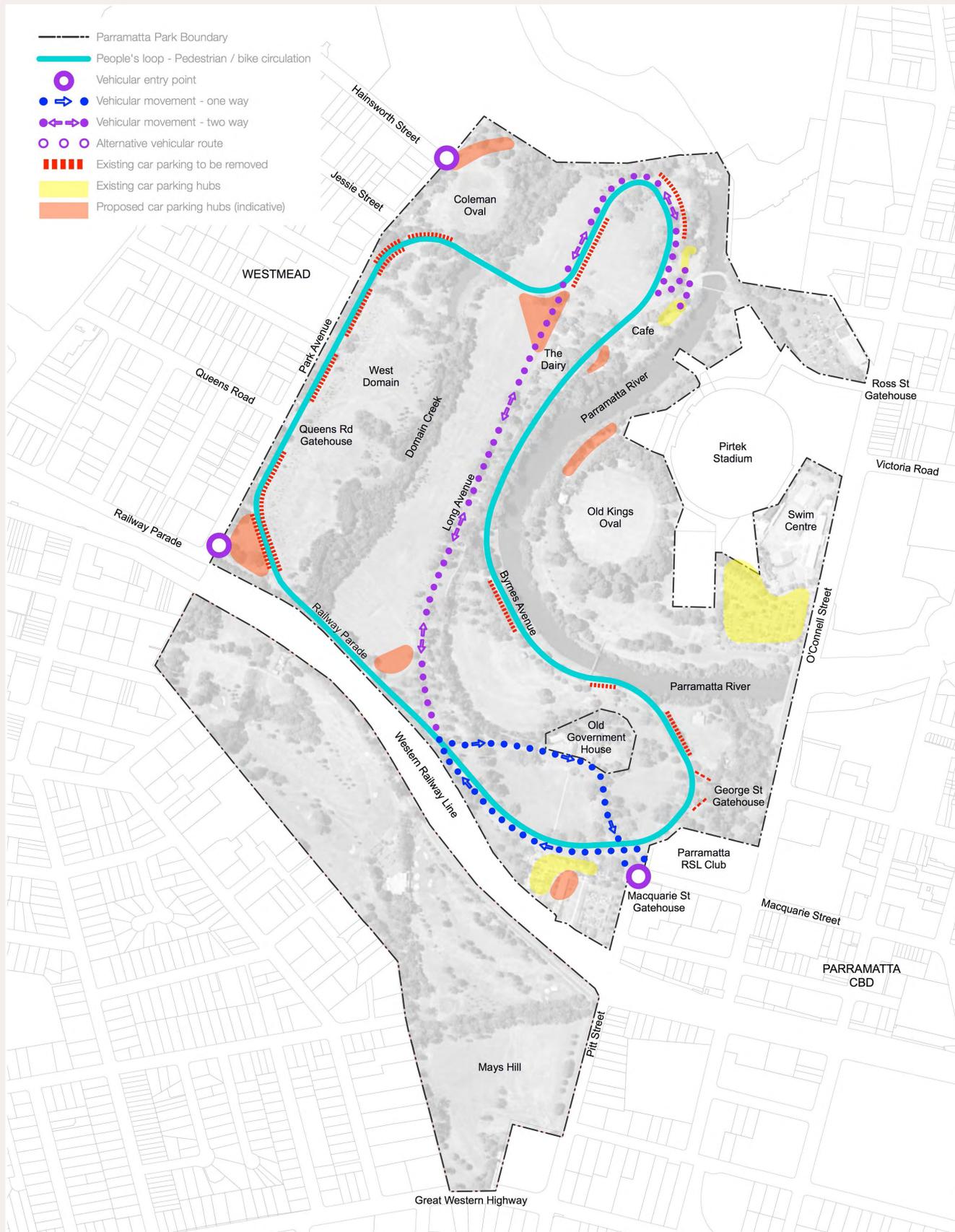


Artist impression – The Picnic Ground



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The People's Loop Option 1

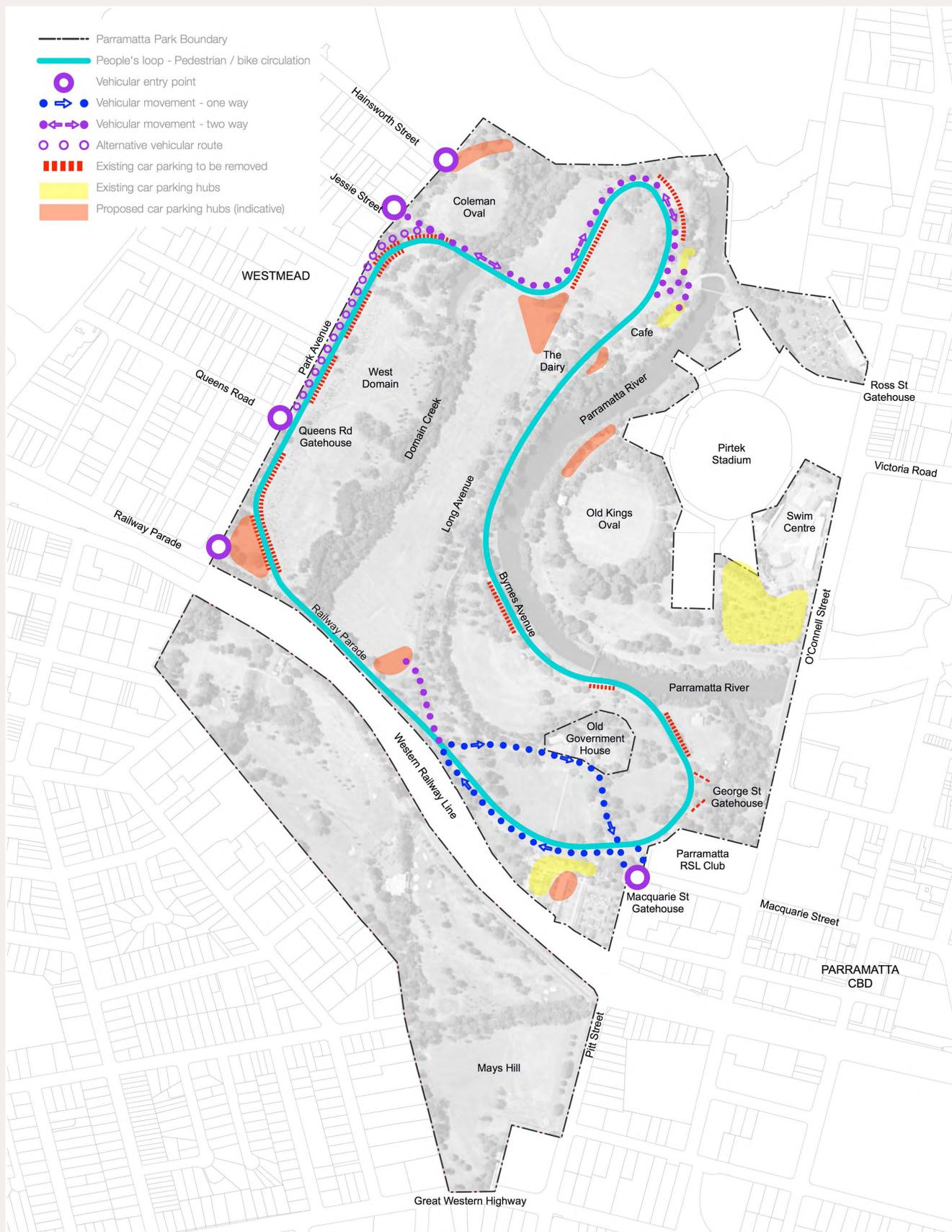


Key Features

- The Macquarie Street entrance becomes the main entry and exit point for vehicles into the Park.
- Long Avenue is open to cars. This allows West Domain to become car free, removing the conflict from the most active and family orientated section of the Park.
- New vehicle access to car parks off Park Avenue at Railway Parade and Hainsworth Street.
- No east west access or circulation from Park Avenue to the Parramatta CBD to stop the current 'rat run'.
- Consolidated car parking provided around the periphery of the Park, northern end of Long Avenue and localised car parking near the Parramatta Park Café, Macquarie Gatehouse Tea Rooms and Old Government House.
- The Queens Road entry becomes pedestrian and bicycle access only.
- Vehicles access along the Parramatta River is reduced for pedestrians and bicycles only. The current Park road becomes The People's Loop free of cars. The width of the loop dedicated to pedestrians and bicycles will double.
- Greater vehicles access to the centre of the Park than Option 2.
- Car parking hubs to be provided in the same locations for both options.
- Access to Old Government House, Macquarie Gatehouse Tea Rooms, and Parramatta Park Café will be maintained through Macquarie Street.



The People's Loop Option 2



Key Features

- The Macquarie Street entrance and a new entrance at Queens Road or Jessie Street become the entry and exit points for vehicles into the Park.
- Long Avenue is maintained as a pedestrian and bicycle access route.
- There is less vehicles access to the centre of the Park than Option 1.
- Cars will continue to be able to drive adjacent to West Domain.
- Access to Old Government House will be maintained through Macquarie Street.
- Parramatta Park Cafe will be accessed from Park Avenue only.
- Consolidated car parking provided around the periphery of the Park, northern end of Long Avenue and localised car parking near the Parramatta Park Café, Macquarie Gatehouse Tea Rooms and Old Government House.
- New vehicle access to car parks off Park Avenue at Railway Parade and Hainsworth Street.
- No east west access or circulation from Park Avenue to the Parramatta CBD to stop the current 'rat run'.
- There are more instances of conflict in this option where vehicles, pedestrians and bicycles share the road.
- The bridge over Domain Creek will be required to be widened to take vehicles in both directions.



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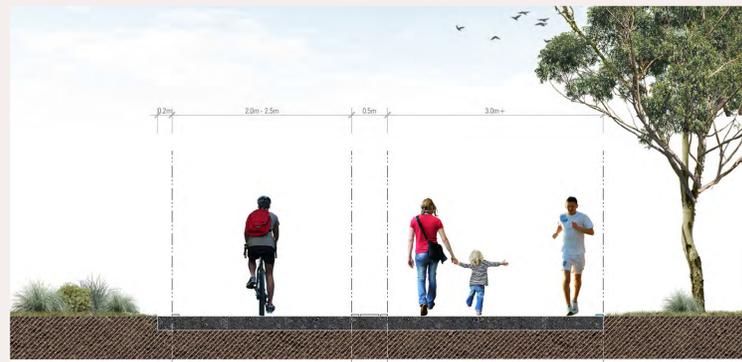
The People's Loop Further detail



Typical section – Long Avenue



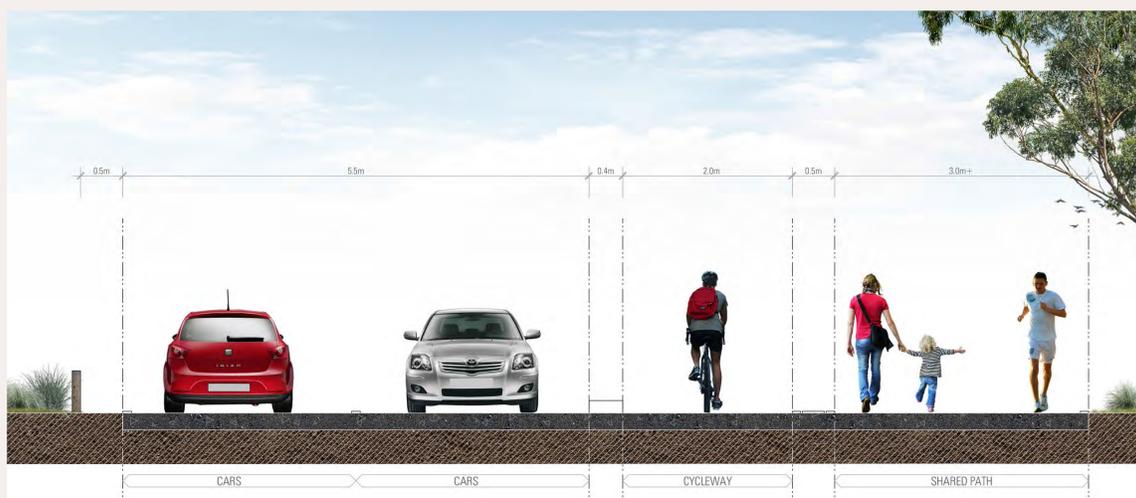
Artist impression – Long Avenue



Typical section – The Paddocks Precinct



Artist impression – The Paddocks Precinct



Typical section – The Picnic Ground



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What happens next?



Early 2015

Development of draft design options for improved access, circulation, and car parking – The Peoples Loop



August – Sept 2015

Community and stakeholder consultation on The People's Loop



Sept – Nov 2015

Finalise the design for The People's Loop taking into consideration community and stakeholder feedback and comments



Late 2015

Further consultation on final design option and determine the timing for the delivery of The People's Loop which will take several years



2016 – Onwards

Implementation of The People's Loop in stages



Artist impression – near The Crescent



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