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1.0 Introduction & background

1.1 Location of the park

Grey Lynn is an inner residential suburb of Auckland, New Zealand, located three kilometres to the west of the city centre.



Figure 2. Grey Lynn Park located on the Auckland isthmus



Figure 3. Close-up aerial photograph showing Grey Lynn Park

1.2 Introduction

1.2.1 Purpose

The purpose of this plan is to consolidate previous park development plans and provide a long-term vision for the future development of Grey Lynn Park. This development plan will allow a coordinated approach to guide improvements and renewals over the next 10 years and beyond, sustaining Grey Lynn Park's position as one of Auckland's premier parks.

This framework will facilitate an improved open space that meets the aspirations and goals that the various community groups, stakeholders and Mana Whenua have for the park. The intent is to prioritise these actions into short, medium and long term timeframes.

1.2.2 Outcomes

The Grey Lynn Park Development Plan will:

- establish a vision and prioritised action plan for Grey Lynn Park to guide existing and future investment
- enhance the heritage, biodiversity and cultural values of Grey Lynn Park
- improve the open space connectivity around Grey Lynn Park
- meet the needs and aspirations of the community, stakeholders and Mana Whenua.

The Grey Lynn Park Development Plan will achieve this by:

- · working and collaborating with key partners and stakeholders
- recommending and prioritising projects, and providing design guidelines.

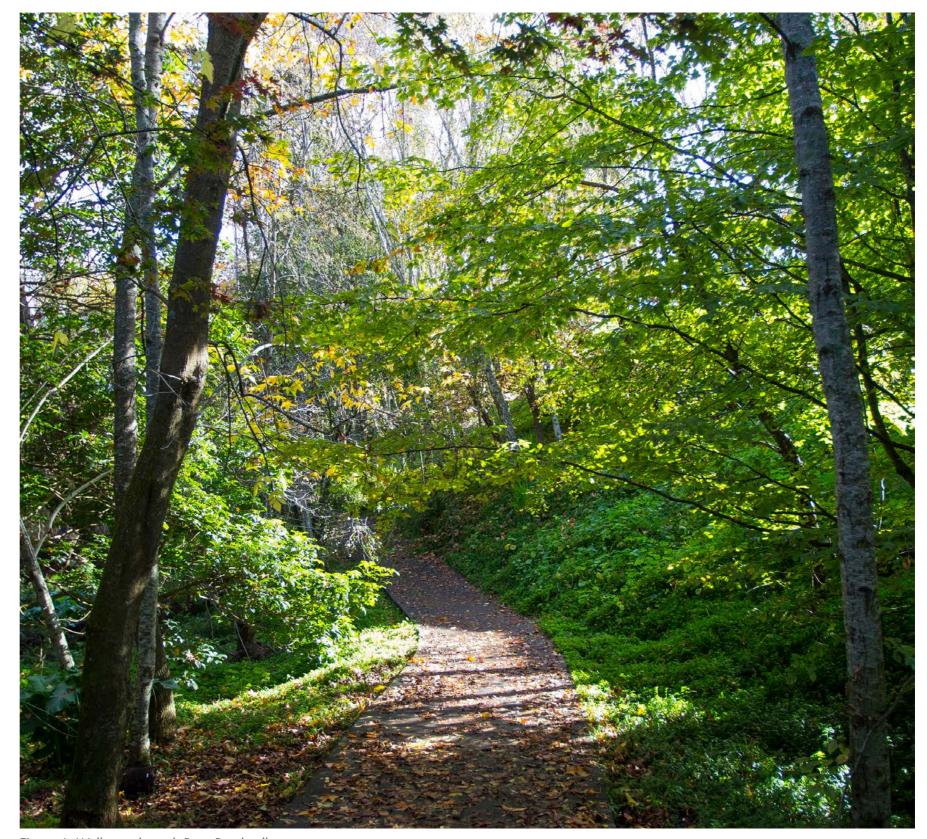


Figure 4. Walkway through Rose Road gully

1.3 Consultation process

Consultation timeframe

In March 2014, Waitematā Local Board engaged O'Connor Sinclair to undertake a community facilities needs analysis. The purpose of the project was to assess the needs of Grey Lynn Park users with regard to the facilities they required and then advise the Waitematā Local Board about how current and future user needs could be accommodated. The findings of this report have been incorporated into the Grey Lynn Development Plan.

This plan has been developed in close collaboration with the community, Mana Whenua and various key stakeholders. Site meetings, walkovers and workshops were held with these groups at various stages of the plan's development to gain their feedback and input. A timeline of the consultation process is on page 9.

In addition, experts from relevant Auckland Council departments were consulted to gain their input and feedback and to ensure that the plan is in accordance with other plans for the area.

The draft development plan was then consulted with the wider community for one month during November - December 2014, including a display at the Grey Lynn Festival on 14 November 2014. The community were asked for their feedback on the draft ideas. This feedback helped to shape the final plan.

Residents in surrounding streets were sent a flyer detailing the main provisions of the development plan and were invited to respond to an online questionnaire. Further opportunities to participate using hard copy questionnaires were provided via libraries and community centres and to those attending the Grey Lynn Festival.

What we wanted to know from the community

- 1. To gauge relative levels of support for the high level design principles;
- 2. To assess the level of support for the creation of a greenway through the park;
- 3. To assess level of support for upgrading the playground and increasing the play area for greater age ranges;
- 4. To provide opportunity to suggest changes to the plan;
- 5. To clarify the things that were most liked about the plan.

What we heard from the consultation process:

Residents were asked which of a list of design principles were most important to them to guide the development of Grey Lynn Park.

The most strongly supported principles were 'create a safer place for users' (49 per cent "very important"), followed by 'create a sustainable and environmentally friendly park' (48%), and 'better play experience' (46%). 'Reinforce the character and history of the park' (34%) was less supported, and least supported was 'improved location of buildings and carparks' (21%) (Figure 5).

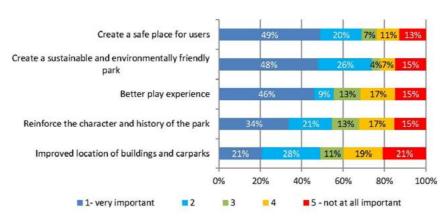


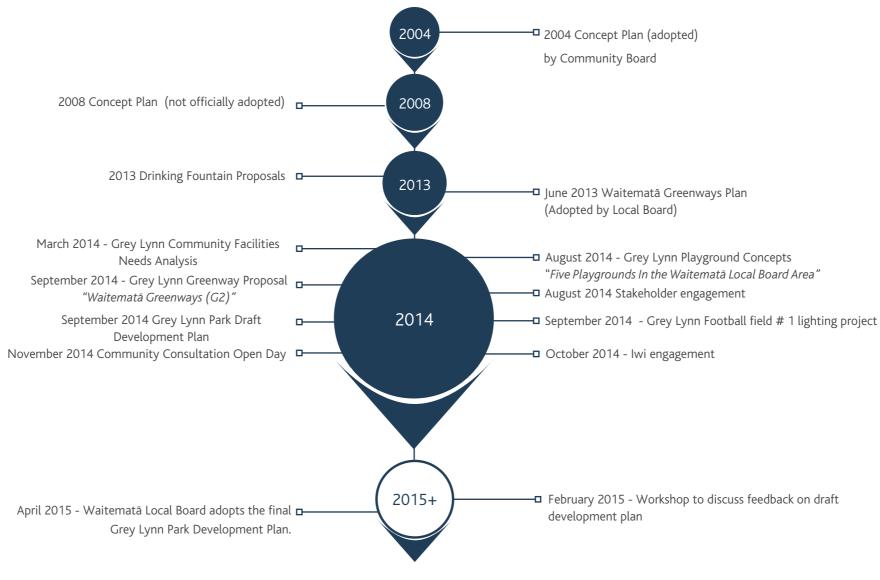
Figure 5. Levels of importance of "design guidelines"



Figure 6. Sculpture in Grey Lynn Park. Photo Credits Jay Farnworth

1.4 Timeline

Grey Lynn Park timeline 2004 and beyond



WHERE TO FROM HERE:

- 1. Working and collaborating with key partners and stakeholders
- 2. Determine budget and evaluate the actions within the development plan to determine short, medium and long term timeframes.

1.5 Design principles



1 Create a sustainable and environmentally friendly park

- accommodate the proposed greenway route running through the park
- · improve plant quality
- · investigate options for dealing with stormwater



Improved location of buildings, car parks and other infrastructure

- new and improved locations for buildings in park
- future layout of associated carparking



Better play and recreational experiences

- upgraded playgrounds, with an improved range of ages and play types catered for
- explore opportunities for more informal play



4 Reinforce the character and history of the park

- improve way finding signage around the park
- provide interpretative signage around the park
- retain existing character planting
- enhance existing vegetation
- renew old furniture and place additional furniture where required
- retain existing cultural and heritage elements ie. paving motifs near Williamson Avenue and paving pattern along Dryden St



Integration and consolidation of Te Aranga Māori Design Principles

- Mana Rangatiratanga, authority
- · Whakapapa Names and naming
- Tohu The wider cultural landscape
- Taiao The natural environment
- Mauri Tu Environmental health
- Mahi Toi Creative expression
- Ahi Kā The living presence



6 Create a safe and welcoming place for park users

- remove clutter that impedes views across park
- consider Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles
- clear overgrown scrub and replace with low-growing plants
- · eliminate hiding spots that encourage anti-social behaviour

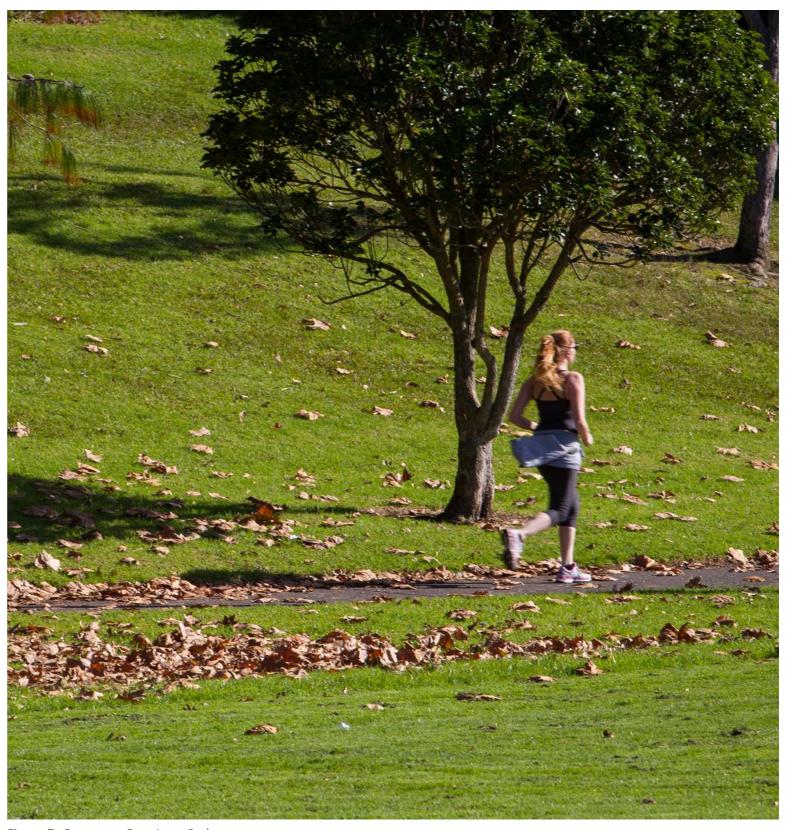


Figure 7. Runner at Grey Lynn Park

1.6 Brief history of the park

Maori history

In pre-European times, Māori had their food production organised into gardening and fishing circuits. These were dictated by soils, fish stocks and the native calendar (maramataka).

There were many fishing stations supported by gardens throughout the Auckland Isthmus including the Waiatarau or Freemans Bay area. These satellite fishing stations supported the main camps and by the 15th century included the volcanic Pa throughout Tāmaki. The area, including the stream that ran through this valley was known as Opoutukeha -'Poutukēha's Place', referring to an ancestor Poutukēka, who arrived on the Tainui waka.

At time the stream became a boundary between early iwi, Ngati Riu and Ngati Huarere. This stream is now piped beneath Grey Lynn Park. North-east of Grey Lynn Park, near the end of Jervois Road, was a flax processing area (Tukituki Muka – 'to prepare flax'). Flax was harvested from the wetlands in the Cox's Bay gully then processed into rope and other fibres for clothes and dried on the north-facing hill slopes of Herne Bay.

Park history

Grey Lynn Park covers approximately 10.5ha and is centrally situated in the residential area of Grey Lynn, west of Auckland's city centre. The park has mostly been developed as an active recreation area. Grey Lynn Park was not part of the original subdivisions (1880s), as the land was too steep and wet for house construction. In 1914 the land was drained and levelled for playing fields. The park is home to the annual Grey Lynn Park Festival, which attracts thousands of visitors in November every year.

The park consists mainly of playing fields, with trees around the edges and some bush areas in the eastern side valleys. It also has a sculptural display of nine works by local artists on the eastern side of the park close to the Rose Road entrance.

There are two off-leash dog exercise areas and in 2012 a small community orchard was planted next to the Baildon Rd and Schofield Street entrances. The Richmond Rovers Rugby League Club have had their headquarters in the park since 1913. Many schools and Polynesian groups regularly hire the various sports fields.

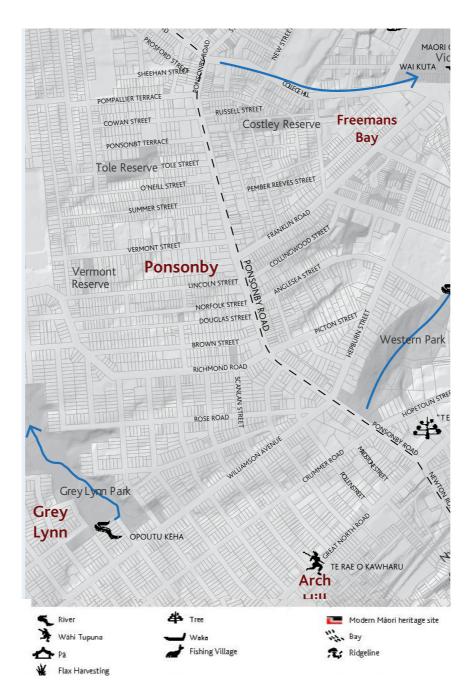


Figure 8. Sites of Signifcance to Māori within the wider area (Sourced from Ponsonby Road Master Plan, pg. 10)



Figure 9. 1900-1909 Grey Lynn Footprint. Sir George Grey Special Collections, Auckland Libraries, NZ Map 6265



Figure 10. 1960-1969 Grey Lynn. Sir George Grey Special Collections, Auckland Libraries, 580-7354"



Figure 11. 1960-1969 Grey Lynn. Sir George Grey Special Collections, Auckland Libraries, 580-7353"



2.0 Development Plan

2.1 Grey Lynn Park Development Plan 2015



1. LEGEND:

- Retain and take care of existing artwork motifs in the paving. Artwork edge to
- Remove and relocate pohutukawa from existing planting to ensure planting doesn't create public safety issues
- Proposed learn to ride bicycle facility, including balancing, activities, traffic signs, surface changes etc.
- Under-plant bank with low-growing shade-tolerant native species and crown lift tree canopy to a minimum of 2.5m height to allow clear sight lines
- Dickens St entry Improve through the implementation of new paving, signage, planting and
- Remove existing skateboard ramp facility as it impedes views across park. Install a skate bowl flush with ground and expand skateboarding facilities to provide for experienced skaters and younger skaters stigate drainage options in this area
- 7. Proposed playground upgrade
- Proposed picnic area with picnic tables and BBQ nvestigate drainage options in this area

cultural elements

Replant area with native low growing species and place large flat rocks to act as informal stepping stones, reducing desire line tracking. Investigate options to treat stormwater runoff from road and divert water course to area near note 10* *Subject to removal of athletics club rooms

- 10. Remove athletics club rooms, regrade bank and realign footpath stormwater swale/raingarden. Subject to further investigation.
- 11. Provide bike racks
- 12. Proposed footpath to improve walking and cycling access to park
- 13. Remove shrubby vegetation, replant with low-growing species and crown lift tree canopy to 2.5m high to allow clear sight lines across park and carpark
- Optimal location for possible new multi-functional facility* (Footprint indicative only) * Building inclusive of public amenitie
- 15. Remove vehicle accessway and all carparking from area, reinstate area to grass and regrade contours to seamlessly blend with surroundings and improve views across park Dependent on relocation of building, as per note 14
- 16. Remove existing brick toilets and associated storage areas Dependent on relocation of building, as per note 14
- 17. Carpark area reconfigured to provide for lost carparking below existing Richmond Rovers clubrooms and footpath realigned to better connect to rest of footpath network 45 existing carparks - 55 carparks proposed (permeable/gobi blocks)

Dependent on relocation of buildings, as per note 14. Investigate options to

- Widen and realign footpath to 1.8m wide, install boardwalk over
- 19. Wallingsford St entry
- Improve through the implementation of new paving, signage and planting
- 20. Remove Richmond Rovers Clubrooms, and regrade bank Removal of building is subject to approval/funding/construction of the 'new multi-functional facility', as per note 14
- 21. Upgrade bleachers

Facilitate access and provide new and improved seating for sports viewing. Incorporate cultural heritage elements into the design. Install proposed bleachers centrally to #2 field, plant bank with low-growing plants to minimise

22. Baildon St entry

Improve through the implementation of new paving, signage, planting and

- 23. Provide clear signage about dog off-leash areas
- 24. Proposed playground upgrade
- 25. Rose Rd entries & gully

mprove entries through the implementation of new paving, signage and planting. Investigate options for ecological enhancement and weed management through the Rose Rd gully. Widen footpath on corner of Rose Rd and Dickens St. Investigate daylighting this section of water course to treat stormwater

- 26. Upgrade seating area in a similar style to bleachers Remove rosemary planting and re-plant edges with low-growing amenity plants similar to the rest of the park. Incorporate cultural heritage elements into desian.
- 27. Arnold St & Farrar St entry Improve through the implementation of new paving, signage, planting and cultural elements. Canopy uplift trees to improve sight-lines into park.
- 28. Plant park edge with low-growing species to improve park edge
- 29. Upgrade drainage to prevent winter flooding of the basketball/ volleyball/tennis courts
- 30. Possible BBQ picnic area, adjacent to playground



Interim Greenway route 3m



Long-term Greenway route 3m wide - subject to layout of this development plan being approved. Investigate options to incorporate cultural motifs throughout the entire length of Greenway Route (identified as green-route in 'Waitematā Greenways Plan').



Proposed extent of playground upgrade

Dog off-leash areas - Provide prominent signage around the

park confirming dog off-leash areas Community orchard planting

- Proposed drinking fountains
- Proposed drinking fountain and dog bowl
- Existing fountain and dog bowl

Investigate options to promote cultural heritage at these key

PARKWIDE REVIEW

- Upgrade and provide additional signage across park to new
- Investigate lighting possibilities across park
- Investigate options for specific cultural artwork
- Undertake a furniture review across park
- Review stormwater drainage issues across park

2.2 Proposed design render - 1 Looking east

Existing condition



Proposed Concept



2.3 Proposed design render - 2 Looking south

Existing condition



Proposed concept



2.4 Proposed design render - 3 Looking south

Existing condition



Proposed concept



2.5 Precedent imagery

ECOLOGICAL ENHANCEMENT PALETTE CULTURAL MOTIFS AND INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE PAVING TYPOLOGIES ACROSS Figure 13. Nikau Palms. Photographer - Geoff Stein. Figure 19. Libertia grandiflora. Photographer - Unkown Figure 25. Oioi. Photographer - Oratia Native Plant Nursery

Figure 14. Arthropodium. Photographer - Liddle Wonder.

- Figure 15. Wide steps and seating area. Photographer Rehwaldt
- Figure 16. Auckland Council stock photo
- Figure 17. Ground markings. Photographer Gordon Young
- Figure 18. Interpretive signage. Photographer Deuce Design
- Figure 20. Auckland Council stock photo
- Figure 21. Staircase. Photographer Marc Cramer
- Figure 22. Auckland Council stock photo
- Figure 23. Patterns in paving. Photographer Charles Delcourt
- Figure 24. Marae paving. Photographer Moorhead & Newdick LA
- Figure 26. Cabbage tree. Photographer unknown
- Figure 27. Typographic trees. Photographer Gordon Young
- Figure 28. Marae Pou. Photographer C.A.L
- Figure 29. Pavement markings. Photographer Gordon Young
- Figure 30. Pavement markings. Photographer unknown

3.0 Action Plan

3.1 Action plan priorities

Timeframes and priorities

The priorities fall within short, medium and long-term projects.

Item / Project / Opportunity / Initiative	Budget: Capex renewal	Budget: Capex development	Budget: Opex	Short-term priority (1-3yrs)	Medium-term priority (4-6yrs)	Long-term priority (7-10yrs)	Comments	Design Principles applied
Williamson Avenue entrance upgrade	✓	✓	✓	✓				4,5, 6
Remove and relocate pohutukawa from existing planting to ensure planting doesn't create public safety issues in the future			✓	✓				6
Proposed learn to ride bicycle facility, including balancing, activities, traffic signs, surface changes, etc.		✓		✓				1, 3, 5
Under-plant bank with low-growing, shade-tolerant native species and crown lift tree canopy to a minimum of 2.5m height to allow clear sight lines			√		✓			1, 4, 5, 6
5. Dickens St entrance upgrade	✓	✓	✓		✓			4, 5, 6
Remove existing skateboard ramp facility and install a skate bowl flush with ground. Expand skateboarding facilities to provide for experienced skaters and younger skaters	✓	✓				✓		1, 2, 3, 4, 6
7. Proposed playground upgrade	✓	✓		✓				3, 5
8. Proposed picnic area with picnic tables and BBQ		✓		✓				3, 5, 6
9. Grosvenor St entrance upgrade	✓	✓	✓	✓				4, 5, 6
Remove athletics club rooms, regrade bank and realign footpath		✓	✓		✓			2, 5, 6
11. Provide bike racks		✓		✓				1, 3 5
12. Proposed footpath to improve walking and cycling access to park		✓			✓			1, 3, 5
Remove shrubby vegetation, replant with low-growing species and crown lift tree canopy to 2.5m high to allow clear sight lines across park and carpark			✓	✓				1, 4, 5, 6
Optimal location for possible new multi-functional facility* (Footprint indicative only) *Building inclusive of public amenities	✓	✓				✓		2, 3
Remove vehicle accessway and all carparking from area, reinstate area to grass and regrade contours Dependent on relocation of building, as per note 14		✓	✓			✓		1, 2, 6
16. Remove existing brick toilets and associated storage areas Dependent on relocation of building, as per note 14			✓			✓		1,2, 6
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Design Principles

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- 4. Reinforce the character and history of the park
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- 6. Create a safe and welcoming place for park users

(refer to 1.5 on page 10 for more detail)

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19. Wallingsford St entrance upgrade	✓	✓	✓	✓				4, 5, 6
20. Remove Richmond Rovers Clubrooms and regrade bank Removal of building is subject to approval/funding/construction of the 'new multi-functional facility', as per note 14			✓			✓		2, 6
21. Upgrade bleachers	✓	✓				✓		2, 3
22. Baildon St entrance upgrade	✓	✓	✓		✓			4, 5, 6
23. Provide clear signage about dog off-leash areas	✓	✓		✓				3, 6
24. Proposed playground upgrade	✓	✓			✓			3, 5
25. Rose Rd entrance upgrades & ecological restoration of gully	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		1, 4, 5, 6
26. Upgrade seating area in a similar style to bleachers		✓		✓				2, 3
27. Arnold St & Farrar St entrance upgrades	✓	✓	✓		✓			4, 5
Plant park edge with low-growing species to improve park edge and remove bollards			✓		✓			1, 4, 5, 6
29. Upgrade drainage to prevent winter flooding of the basketball/volleyball/tennis courts		✓			✓			1, 3
30. Possible BBQ picnic area adjacent to playground		✓			✓			
Investigate options to promote cultural heritage at Williamson Avenue, Elgin St & Dryden St entries		✓		✓				4, 5, 6
Long-term Greenway amendments	✓	✓				✓		1, 3, 5
Proposed drinking fountains		✓			✓			1, 3, 6
Proposed drinking fountain and dog bowl		✓		✓				1, 3, 6
PARK WIDE REVIEW			•	•				<u>.</u>
Signage and wayfinding audit		✓	✓	✓				4, 5, 6
Investigate lighting possibilities across park	✓	✓			✓			6
Investigate options for specific cultural artwork		✓	✓					4, 5, 6
Undertake a furniture review across park		✓	√	İ	✓			3, 4, 6
Review stormwater drainage issues across park		√		√				1, 5

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4.0 Appendices

4.1 2004 Concept Plan



4.2 2008 Concept plan



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4.3 Grey Lynn north playground upgrade





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4.4 Grey Lynn south playground upgrade



4.5 Draft greenways proposal Grey Lynn

