

11.14. Masterplan - Cooke Park, Parkes

11.14.1. Key Users

Cooke Park is located in central Parkes and is used for informal daily activities and a range of cultural and musical events.

Cooke Park contains infrastructure for people to utilise daily for informal social interactions and lunch breaks.

Formal organised events are also commonplace at Cooke Park which facilitates markets, events and ceremonies including the Elvis Festival, Christmas Parade celebrations, Australia Day, Womens Day events and the like.

The Cooke Park Pavilion is a multi-functional space available for hire which hosts public meetings, private weddings, training days and community events.

11.14.2. Design Response

Parkes Shire Council has recognised the importance of Cooke Park as the central space for community activities and events, with recent upgrades including construction of the Cooke Park Pavilion. The key design response for Cooke Park is:

- + Upgrade existing infrastructure and signage to maintain Cooke Park as a high quality outdoor event space.
- + Provide high quality infrastructure that complies with all relevant safety standards and delivers maximum community benefit to all ages and user groups.
- + Provide safe formal pedestrian linkages between key infrastructure throughout the site and to the surrounding pedestrian network to encourage active travel.

11.14.3. Project Scope

The project scope for projects at Cooke Park includes:

- + Plant deciduous trees adjacent to seating areas to provide shade for park users during summer periods.
- + Remove existing poles used for the shade cover structure.
- + Remodel the building to ensure amenities are compliant with the Access to Premises Code.
- + Update existing park signage with new materials, include regulatory information and details of park facilities.
- + Remove existing water feature and reinstate with grassed area for informal use and seating.

COOKE PARK FEATURES MAP

The existing site features and infrastructure at Cooke Park are shown on the Existing Features Map to the right. The main features have been identified 1 - 11 as follows:

1. Cooke Park Pavilion and stage
2. Shade covers
3. Amenities
4. Tourist Information sign
5. Water feature
6. Elvis statue
7. Seating area
8. Water Fountain
9. Internal path network
10. War memorial
11. Water feature and original Cooke Park gates



COOKE PARK MASTERPLAN CONCEPT

The proposed new features, infrastructure and maintenance actions to be implemented at Cooke Park are shown on the Concept Masterplan Map to the right. The main actions have been identified 1 - 5 as follows:

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