HILL’S AVENUE BOARDWALK

BOARDWALK
A simple boardwalk structure with integrated seating allows access without overshadowing the historic avenue. The boardwalk is designed to minimise impact on the roots of the trees.
Integrated seating along the length of the structure gives it some weight and ensures informal seating within the shade of the avenue. The structure and seats are detailed well to be of a high quality and to ensure they do not detract from the poplar photo opportunities.

HISTORIC FIG AVENUE
As part of the project, arborist advice will be sought to maximise the growing conditions of the Figs. This could include decompaction, fertilisation and possibly the removal of any remaining paving, asphalt or compacted subgrade.
Interpretation is provided to explain the significance of the trees.

CHILDREN’S TRAIL
This narrow path is affected by tree roots, a new boardwalk travels above the roots protecting them from damage and allowing pedestrian access to the Gazebo, Queens Park Field and the Edward Street Entry beyond.

ROTUNDA
The existing rotunda is retained and connected to the boardwalk via a coloured concrete path. Seating is provided beneath the shelter.

TROPICALIAN BORDER
This planted edge is rejuvenated. Bed, shapes and edges are rationalised, seating is provided and ‘tropicalian’ planting is reintroduced.

BOARDWALK ENTRY NODE
An area of coloured concrete pavement off the main path of travel will allow people, to pause and linger safely. The addition of interpretive signage and seating makes this a waiting or meeting spot.

NATIVE BORDER
Continue to improve the native border beneath the existing Bunyas to provide an effective buffer between Bunya Walk and the core of the Gardens. Design plant layouts to allow glimpses between the two spaces.

FIG UNDERSTOREY
Provide low level planting which doesn’t obstruct the fig trunks, yet improves the character of the area beneath the canopy. Showcase plants which tolerate dry shade, especially epiphytes which will cope with root competition. Also consider epiphytes in the branches overhead.

DISUSED PATHWAY
Remove the West Wing pathway and reinstate this area as planting and lawn. High quality planting is important in this location as it will strengthen the botanical character in the Concourse. Relocate the cycle rack to the edge of the Concourse.

PLAYGROUND
Retain the existing playground and upgrade the planting to define the edge and discourage access beneath the figs. Provide a new ramp to link the playground and the boardwalk.

CONCOURSE PLANTING
Embellish the existing planting to create a dense display with high visual quality. NOTE that the concourse will be subject to a separate design package.

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