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Woodlands Estate – Landscape Development Plan

Proposed Structural Developments

1. Homestead (Priority: Short Term)

- New extension with information / education centre, archival storage, office / reception and shop
- Additional storage area for Homestead and Function Centre
- New paved pedestrian access from car park

2. Music Lawn (Priority: Medium Term)

- Replace timber fence surrounding the courtyard with brick wall and pillars to match existing pillars
- Path to Wild Garden realigned with main entrance doors
- Access for food cart/truck
- Restyling of roofline to Summer House to match Homestead detailing
- Incorporation of removable poles into new fence to facilitate fairy lights to be strung across courtyard
- Provision of permanent outdoor lighting

3. Homestead and Function Centre Service Area (Priority: Medium Term)

- Screened service area to rear of facility
- Vehicle access via grass cell pavers from access drive
- Food and provisions delivery
- Screened bin storage and rubbish skip area

4. Car Park (Priority: Short Term)

- New car parking area to maximise parking opportunities and provide logical layout
- 132 car parks and 8 campervan parks
- Bus parking
- Main access to Homestead and Function Centre
- New portico entrance feature as main entry to Homestead and Function Centre
- Bus drop-off and collection area

5. Café at Woodlands (Priority: Medium Term)

- Review provision of pavilion structure, and new covered outdoor dining area that does not encroach onto cricket oval or north of existing facility
- Cricket oval viewing area on grassed bank
- Pedestrian access path to Homestead and Function Centre
- Raised kitchen garden in lawn – south side of cafe
- Informal seating on lawn – bean bags, deck chairs, picnic rugs
- Remove existing play structures below trees
- Dedicated screened bin storage area
- New car parking area with disabled spaces

6. Cricket Oval

- Retain cricket oval for social and junior cricket games, plus events and other activities
- Retention of cricket nets

7. Children's Playground (Priority: Short Term)

- Remove gardeners' depot and buildings – to be relocated to north-western part of reserve
- Car park removed between depot and café and grass reinstated
- New children's playground – equipment for multi-age groups
- Review utilisation of tractor shed for shelter or old farm machinery display

8. Village Green (Priority: Medium Term)

- Develop heritage structure for performances and ceremonies

9. Village Green Heritage Area (Priority: Long Term)

- Future development of village shops / themed heritage area

10. Water Wheel and Pump

- Water wheel and pump retained

11. Jetty (Priority: Long Term)

- New jetty on lake edge
- Provides connection to water and photo opportunities

12. Plant Storage / Alternative Workshop Site (Priority: Short Term)

- Plant storage / compost area. Alternative location for gardeners depot (16) from proposed playground location (7) subject to feasibility study

13. The Oaks (Priority: Medium Term)

- Proposed public toilet with green wall and roof – either in The Oaks or Homestead Garden
- All weather tracks with link to entry road to be established

14. Munro Lookout

- Munro Lookout retained

15. The Lakes (Priority: Medium Term)

- Review options to improve water quality in lake area

16. Gardeners' Depot (Priority: Short Term)

- Relocate gardeners' depot from proposed playground location (7) to adjacent to entrance area beside estate house, subject to feasibility study
- Vehicular access off house driveway

Proposed Landscape Development / Upgrades

A. Homestead Garden and Orchard (Priority: Long Term)

- New themed garden area to provide a representation of a homestead vegetable garden with fruit trees – change of use of area previously utilised for composting, storage and rubbish
- Specimen tree planting, lawns and new garden bed

B. Village Green (Priority: Medium Term)

- Extended and enlarged oval lawn area with peripheral path
- Picnic lawn and ceremony space

C. The Oaks (Priority: Short Term)

- Level and re-sow with shade tolerant grass
- Thinning and crown lifting to allow additional light
- Pedestrian access path beneath trees
- Retain swing for photo shoots

D. Lake and Pond Margins (Priority: Medium Term)

- Refurbishment of lake and pond margins with trees, ferns shrubs, perennials, bulbs and groundcovers for seasonal interest (*refer to Heritage Gardener's report*)
- Mass plant beside western Monet Bridge to fill open gaps for safety

E. Woodland Garden (Priority: Short Term)

- Refurbishment of garden area with shrubs, perennials, bulbs and groundcovers for seasonal interest (refer to Heritage Gardener's report)
- Formative pruning of trees and shrubs
- Pruning, dead wooding, mulching and spraying to garden areas
- Pyramidal ornamental frames for woodland type climbing plants
- Paths realignment / improvement / accessibility for all weather access, prams and less abled persons

F. Theatre – Long Lawn (Priority: Short Term)

- Lawn relevelled and re-grassed with mixed fescue/ryegrass lawn grass

G. Secret Garden (Priority: Short Term)

- Retain Totara hedge
- Remove diseased Buxus hedge and replace with suitable low hedge species

H. The Wild Garden (Priority: Medium Term)

- Refurbishment of garden area with shrubs, perennials, bulbs and groundcovers for seasonal interest (refer to Heritage Gardener's report)
- Formative pruning of trees and shrubs

Signage (Priority: Ongoing)

- Implementation of integrated wayfinding and information signage and plant species