Key Recommendations

Signage

1. Erect a sign just inside the reserve which indicates the direction of the Cooraminta Preschool and M&CH Centre.
2. Erect 'dog on lead' signs at all the formal entry points to the reserve and on the western entry to the footbridge.

Entrances, access roads and carparks

3. Enhance the visual amenity and prominence of the entrance off Central Avenue. Improve visibility to and from the street and provide a two way entrance and exit.
4. Seal the access roads.
5. Seal the carparks and redesign so that hoon behaviour is discouraged. Landscape the car park areas.
6. Provide lighting in the carparks.
7. Replace the low post and log fences and bollards around the carparks and along the access roads with new post and pipe fencing.
8. Replace the old fences around the perimeter of the Reserve with new post and pipe fencing.

Paths

9. Reconstruct the existing granitic sand paths in the following sections of the path network (2.5m wide with timber plinths on both sides) and provide distance markers at every 250m along the paths:
   - Central Ave east of west of the entrance
   - Cooraminta to Skehan Boulevard
   - Skehan Boulevard (not including connections from street)
   - McNeil Drive
   - Henry Drive
   - Western edge of the Reserve at the side and back of houses and along Ascot Street
10. Construct new granitic sand paths in the following areas (2.5m wide with timber plinths on both sides):
    - The desire line connecting the end of the McNeil Drive section and the start of the Henry Drive section
    - The diagonal desire line from the tennis access road to the footbridge
    - The desire line along the back of the pavilion carpark to the playground
11. Convert the following sections of the existing granitic sand and asphalt paths to concrete paths:
    - Connections from Skehan Boulevard and Ascot Street South to main path (2.5m wide)
    - Henry Drive to the footbridge (2.5m wide)
    - Both sides of the creek (3m wide)

    Install distance markers along the path on the eastern side of the creek (see item 9).
12. Construct new concrete paths from the tennis car park and McNeil Drive to the playground (2.5 m wide).
13. Provide lighting at suitable locations along the path network.

Passive/informal play spaces

14. Develop the area around the main reserve playground as a family/social area. The area should comprise an extended playground, seats, BBQ, tables, benches and shelter.
15. Provide more park furniture in strategic locations - around playing fields, along paths, near pavilion and near play areas.
16. Plant additional trees in the reserve to improve the visual amenity, enhance habitat values, provide additional shade and build on the character of the existing vegetation in the reserve. The suggested locations, species and number of trees are:

Location	Suggested species	Number
Along Skehan Boulevard (scattered)	River Red Gums, Lemon Scented Gums, Lightwood, Blackwood, Greybox and Yellow box	25
Along Henry Drive (scattered)	Yellow gum, Greybox, Yellowbox	35
At social/family area (grouped and formal)	Some advanced deciduous- English Oak, Crepe Myrtle, Pyrus calleryana "Chanticleer" and Acer fremanni "Autumn Blaze", Acer rubrum "October Glory"	25
Along access roads and around carparks (formal)	Spotted gums, Lemon scented gums	70
Other locations (scattered)	River Red Gums,Lemon Scented Gums, Lightwood, Blackwood, Greybox and Yellow box	50

Active recreation facilities

17. Reconstruct playing fields 1 and 2.
18. Provide 2 new 'free to the public tennis courts' in the current tennis car park area (acrylic resin courts with metal nets and fencing).
19. Remove the existing tennis courts and fill the area. Fill the bowl area. Construct a rectangular playing field to be used for touch rugby and cricket. Erect lights over the playing field.
20. Provide sealed car parks to service the social/family area, public access courts and new playing field.
21. Redevelop the sports pavilion. The component elements should include 4 change rooms, umpires rooms, first aid room, storage areas, kitchen/kiosk, social room, office area, internally and externally accessible toilets and an outside area under a verandah.

Other

22. Advocate to VicRoads for the installation of pedestrian crossing across Central Ave to the Reserve.
23. Make provision for the expansion of the Cooraminta Children Services Facility.
24. Provide facilities to support events in the Reserve - e.g. water, power.

LEGEND

- Site boundary
- Proposed advanced deciduous tree planting
- Proposed native tree planting
- Existing granitic path to be upgraded
- New granitic sand path
- Proposed concrete path
- Proposed sealed access roads
- P — Existing car parking (surface varies)
- P — Proposed formalised car parking areas
- Area for possible expansion of car park
- Oval to be upgraded
- Proposed family / social area
- Proposed tennis courts
- Proposed rectangular playing field
- Area for possible expansion of playing fields
- L — Proposed lighting
- DF — Proposed drinking fountain
- DD — Proposed dog drinking bowl
- Proposed picnic shelter with table and barbeque
- Proposed play space
- Proposed building extension
- Redeveloped sports pavilion
- Removed tennis courts

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FIGURE 5: DRAFT FUTURE DIRECTIONS PLAN- FACILITIES, OPEN SPACE AND LANDSCAPE
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