

TAYLOR PARK INCORPORATED PLAN JUNE 2009

1.0 Application

This incorporated plan applies to Taylor Park, 55 The Esplanade, Torquay, identified in the Surf Coast Planning Scheme as HO128

2.0 Statement of significance

What is significant?

Taylor Park, comprising a well landscaped public recreation area, bisected with formal and informal paths and clearings and characterised by native and exotic trees.

Why is it significant?

Taylor Park is of local significance for its historical, aesthetic and social values. It demonstrates important visual qualities that symbolise the initial aspirations of the Torquay Improvement Association and early residents including John William Taylor from the very early 20th century. These qualities are displayed in the layout of the gravel paths and clearings, the large number of native and exotic trees, man-made lake and the bowling green. The bluestone gate piers with cast iron gates also contribute to the aesthetic significance of the place. It is recognised and valued by the Torquay community as an historic place for public recreation and bird life. It is also recognised for its commemorative value, being named in memory of John William Taylor, well known local identity who contributed much to community life in the town.

3.0 Elements of particular significance

The following elements within Taylor Park are of particular significance:

- The established vegetation of exotic and native trees,
- The layout of the paths, vegetation and clearings reflecting the original design,
- The man-made lake in the southern portion of the park,
- The two formal entrance gates at the north-east and south-east corners of the park,
- The bowling green.

4.0 No planning permit required

Under Clause 43.01-2 of the Planning Scheme, no planning permit is required for the following development within Taylor Park subject to the Heritage Overlay:

- Conservation and repairs to pathways, drainage and irrigation systems that, in the case of pathways, do not involve them being sealed or paved.
- Minor realignment of pathways, constructed to a similar standard to the existing pathways.
- Installation of low scale timber decking to wetland areas.

- Tree pruning for general maintenance and tree health.
- Single storey alterations and additions to the bowling clubhouse and associated buildings (with non-reflective cladding).
- Alterations to the bowling green that maintain the existing character & appearance of the bowling green.
- Alterations and additions to bowling green shelters and seating.