

Soil investigations and site closures at Jordan Street Reserve, Rosehill.

Frequently Asked Questions.

Why was a soil investigation at Jordan Street Reserve required?

A 3m shared pathway is proposed at Jordan Street Reserve to connect the Alfred Street Cycleway to Jordan Street and the John Irving Community Garden, Rosehill. To inform the design and construction of the shared pathway, soil investigations were conducted to identify the soil type and consistency.

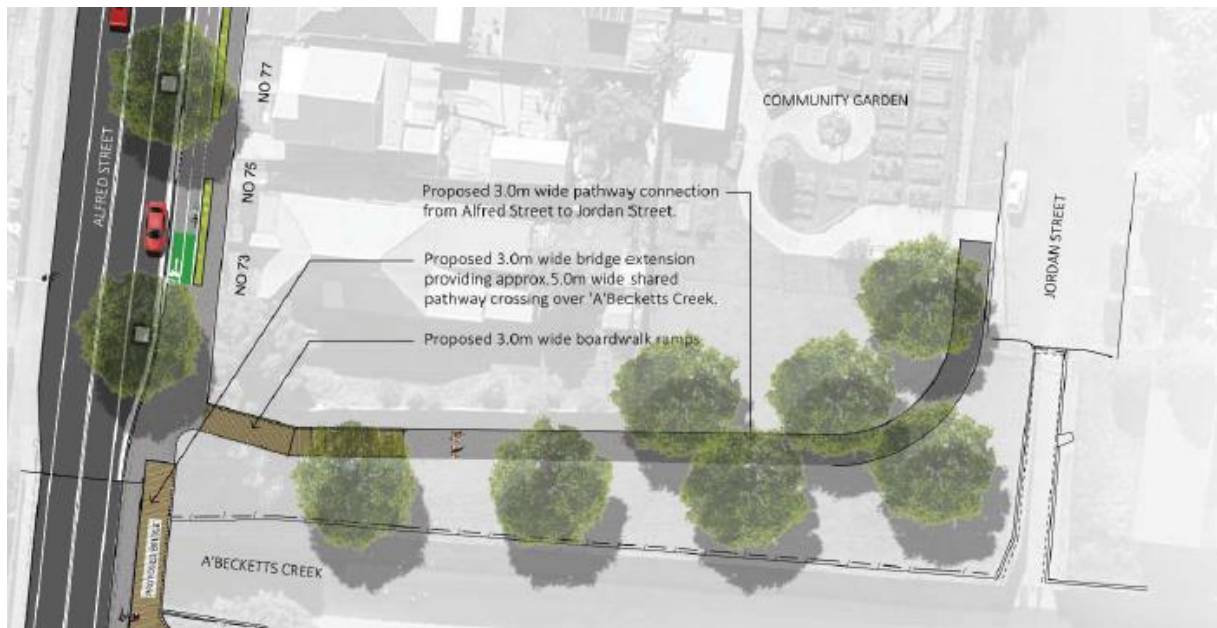


Image 1: Proposed 3m wide pathway connecting Jordan Street to Alfred Street, Rosehill.

What did the soil investigation find?

The investigations identified fibro products containing asbestos and ash. Test results indicated that some sections of the Reserve contain materials (currently buried beneath the soil) that may pose a risk to public health and safety if disturbed.

As a precautionary measure, these areas were fenced and will remain closed to the public until remediation works and construction are completed in early 2022. Asbestos air quality monitoring results before, during and after the testing were within normal levels.

Am I at risk?

No.

Council is advised that contaminants like asbestos poses a risk to human health if fibres become released into the air and can be inhaled. This is what is known as an 'exposure pathway'. Asbestos air-quality monitoring results before, during and after the testing were within normal levels.

Other contaminants present at this site, like hydrocarbons often found in ash resulting from burned organic materials like wood etc., only pose a risk if they come into contact with skin, or are ingested (eaten).

Areas where contaminated materials were present beneath the soil were closed as a precautionary measure. These areas were fenced to limit soil disturbance, prevent public access and possible physical contact with any potential contaminants that pose a contact risk (see closed areas in map below).



Image 2: Yellow shaded area indicating closed sections of Jordan Street Reserve, Rosehill

What happens next?

Council has an obligation to Jordan Street Reserve.

A relevant Remediation Action Plan (RAP) will be required to limit public exposure to potential contaminants before any construction can progress. A RAP is currently in development and will inform the design and construction of the shared pathway.

How is Council conducting maintenance in the closed sections of Jordan Street Reserve?

City of Parramatta has engaged a specialist contractor certified to safely work on landfill sites to allow for the ongoing maintenance of Jordan Street Reserve until the anticipated construction work begins.

All works, including grass mowing, will be carried out to comply with appropriate work, health and safety standards. Contractors will wear appropriate personal protection equipment and will take necessary precautions to ensure public safety while undertaking these activities on site.

Where is the nearest playground?

The City of Parramatta Council has reopened playgrounds from Friday 15 May 2020. Council officers will first inspect all outdoor equipment to ensure play spaces are safe to use. People who use playgrounds must adhere to social distancing requirements outlined by the NSW Government.

For more information about Council's response to COVID-19, please visit <https://www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/council/covid-19-how-council-is-responding>
To find a nearby playground, visit <https://www.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/recreation-environment/our-parks/playgrounds>

Where can I exercise my dog?

Alternative leash-free areas are available at Deakin Park (Deakin Street, Auburn), Burlington Park (Burlington Street, Northmead), Cowells Lane Reserve (Cowells Lane, Ermington) or Don Moore Reserve (Tiernan Avenue, North Rocks). A full list of off-leash areas in the Parramatta Local Government Area is available [here](#).

City of Parramatta advises that all residents follow the Federal and NSW Government's latest information in relation to maintaining physical distancing and other measures to help protect our community and minimise the spread of COVID-19.

For more information on how Council are responding to COVID-19 including support for business and residents, please visit cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au

Who can I contact for more information?

For further information, please email placeservices@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au or phone 1300 617 058.

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