

Site analysis

Peterson street reserve, Highett

The Peterson Street Reserve is positioned centrally within the Bayside hinterland. It is a local park of around 4.4ha in area which comprises 2 sporting ovals, a playground, the Peterson Youth Centre and a skateboard park and a number of freestanding pavilions. The park is bound by Peterson Street to the north and west, Highett Road to the south and Telford Street to the east. The park is entirely surrounded by residential land with the only major road to the south, where Highett Road includes public transport. The park has a strong youth; sport and recreation focus and is an ideal location for a public art installation. The preferred location for an artwork is 100m towards the west along Highett Street in close proximity to the skate park as identified in analysis diagram.



Site selection criteria:

Setting: Within its suburban surrounds, the site represents an open landscape character with excellent community recreation assets, hemmed in on all sides by residential subdivision. The park contains a heavily vegetated buffer to the north and south but is more open in profile to the rising streets to the east and west. The site has a strong presence along a Highett Road with a dedicated bus stop close to the existing skate park.



Visibility: The site is in an alcove of trees directly across from the western footpath in Dalimont Street about 100m towards the west along Highett Rd from the corner. This location provides a stage, an enclosure that will highlight the piece and is seen at a good distance from both directions.



Engagement: The site is located in close proximity to a range of youth services and facilities, including sporting and related clubs and the skate park offering considerable opportunity for interaction. This site contains a high level of passing pedestrian traffic due to the adjacent bus stop on Highett Road.



figure 8: peterson reserve site selection criteria