


# EAST WYNYARD FORESHORE

MASTER PLAN

2021 East Wynyard Foreshore Master Plan					
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# INTRODUCTION



## 1. Introduction

East Wynyard Foreshore reserve (The Reserve) is a band of open space alongside the main beaches within the north-western Tasmanian town of Wynyard. The Reserve varies in width from approximately 10m to 60m and the council-maintained section runs east to west for an estimated 1.3km.

The Reserve runs along the Old Bass Highway to the mouth of the Inglis River, where it is linked to Gutteridge Gardens and several kilometres of walking tracks by a boardwalk that is built over the edge of the river.

The land is owned by the Crown and a section is leased to the Waratah-Wynyard Council (Council) who are recognised as the reserve manager. All developments on the land are to be approved by Crown Land Services and the Council.

The area is a mixture of grassed open space and built infrastructure, hosting public toilets, a walking track, playground, exercise equipment, shelters and other amenities.

The Reserve is very popular with locals and well-utilised throughout the year for general leisure such as walking and bike riding. The Wynyard Foreshore Market is also hosted in this reserve on the first and third Sunday of every month. During the warmer months, locals and visitors gather in the area to picnic, swim and enjoy the nearby beaches.



*Figure 1 - Map of Council Maintained Area*

## 2. Purpose of the Masterplan

This master plan has been developed with the intent of providing a roadmap for the future development and management of the East Wynyard Foreshore. The master plan seeks to address key opportunities and challenges experienced within the reserve to ensure Council is meeting the needs of the greater community within resource and budgetary limitations.

This master plan builds upon the previous Master Plan which has been refreshed to ensure current community expectations align with the future direction of the reserve.

Whilst the master plan provides a unified future vision for the area and demonstrates a commitment to fulfilling the projects listed in this document, it is not a commitment to funds or to undertake immediate works.

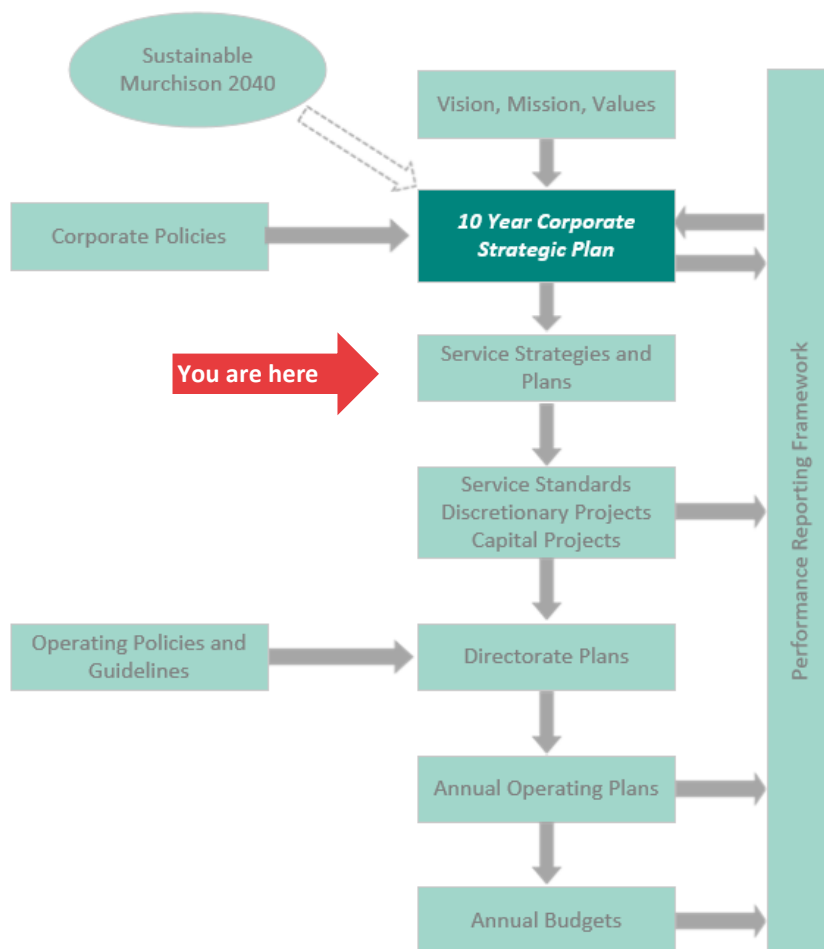


Figure 2 - Integrated Strategic Planning Framework

### **3. The Vision**

This Master Plan seeks to preserve the East Wynyard Foreshore's character and embrace its natural coastal beauty. The reserve will be a safe place where people of all ages and abilities can come together to relax, socialise and be healthy.

### **4. The Objectives**

The objectives of this Master Plan are to:

1. Improve pedestrian safety and enhance access to the reserve, particularly in times of peak use such as during the Foreshore Market.
2. Celebrate the already popular reserve by enhancing its natural character; not changing it.
3. Cater for people of all abilities and all ages.
4. Create spaces for inclusive relaxation, socialisation and group activities.
5. Consider ways to increase parking in areas with the most need.
6. Provide infrastructure that supports the use of the reserve for events.
7. Consider specific activities for youth (such as a skatepark) and how they can be included in the reserve.
8. Recognise the natural values of the area and the importance of coastal vegetation management
9. Determine a selection of value-for-money projects that deliver the outcomes set out within these objectives.
10. Deliver a forward-plan for activities within the master plan which can be embedded into future annual budgets and works programming.



A close-up photograph of dense green foliage, likely a shrub or vine, with many small, oval-shaped leaves. The leaves are a vibrant green color and are arranged in clusters along thin, brownish stems. The background is slightly blurred, showing more of the same plant and some grass at the bottom.

# BACKGROUND & CONTEXT



## 5. Demographic Profile

The Waratah-Wynyard Municipality is located on the north-west coast of Tasmania and has a population of 13,578. Factors relating to gross weekly income, property mortgages and unemployment impact on the way the community may prioritise improvements within the municipality's reserve and their ability to afford the associated costs.

There are 13,578 people living in Waratah-Wynyard and a total of 6,599 dwellings in this local government area



**31%**

of households have a gross income of less than \$650 per week

5.8% have a gross income of >\$3,000 per week

**30%**

are single (or lone) person households

68% are family households



**26%**

are renting

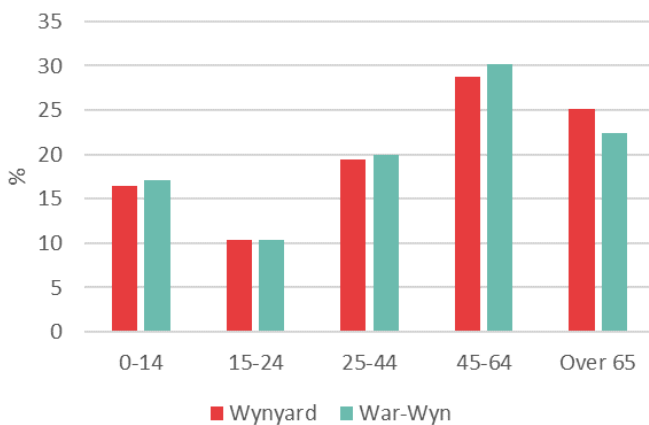
71% own their own property or have a mortgage

**13%**

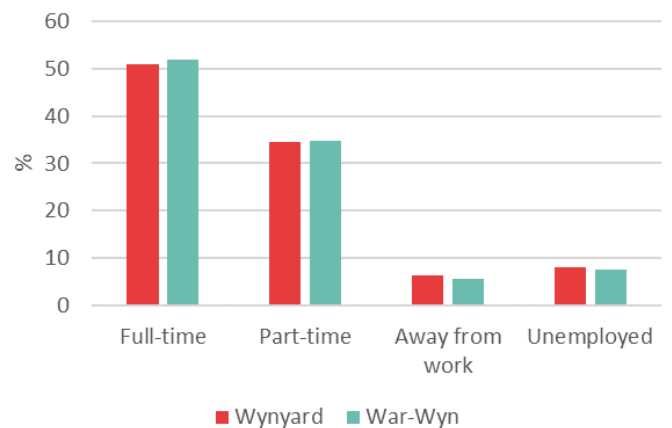
are unemployed or away from work

87% of people in the labour force are employed to some extent

Comparative Age Profile



Comparative Employment Profile



## 6. Location

The East Wynyard Foreshore is a band of coastal open space, located in Wynyard. The reserve runs along the Old Bass Highway to the mouth of the Inglis River, where it is linked to Gutteridge Gardens and several kilometres of walking tracks by a boardwalk that is built over the edge of the river. It varies in width from approximately 10m to 60m.

## 7. Land Ownership

The Crown holds tenure over the public reserve space. It is leased to the Waratah-Wynyard Council who are recognised as the managers of the land and hold responsibility for its upkeep.

The construction of buildings and structures or improvements to existing structures will require consent from The Crown prior to works commencing.

## 8. Planning Scheme Context

At the time of developing this master plan, the Waratah-Wynyard Interim Planning Scheme 2013 was declared and in effect. The Reserve is classified as Zone 29.0 Environmental Management. The predominant area around the reserve is Zone 10.0 General Residential.

## 9. Earlier Master Planning

In 2017 a concept master plan and high-level cost estimates were developed by a third party consultant at the request of Council. The concept plan had a strong focus on additional infrastructure for market use and an option to move the skate park from the town centre to the area adjacent the Rotary Park playground to promote cross-generational diversity.

Some works from the concept plan were carried out in the following years, such as the removal of macrocarpa pine trees and the disused swimming pool, and the renewal and upgrade of the aging playground at Rotary Park.

Other actions contained within the concept plan were considered high cost and with limited public input it was unclear whether the actions were considered value-for-money. This was the main driver for review of the master plan to ensure it meets current community expectations and future aspirations.

## 10. Corporate Planning Context

Council's corporate planning is determined through the 10-Year Corporate Strategic Plan. At the time of developing this master plan, the *Waratah-Wynyard Council Corporate Strategic Plan 2017-2027* applied and is formed around seven themed goals:

1. Leadership and Governance;
2. Organisational Support;
3. Connected Communities;
4. Community Recreation and Wellbeing;
5. Economic Prosperity;
6. Transport and Access; and
7. Environment.



The specific strategic plan implications relevant to this master plan are contained in the table below.

<b>Goal 3: Connected Communities</b>	
<b>Desired Outcomes</b>	
Our natural and built environment aids the community with an active and healthy lifestyle.	
<b>Our Priorities</b>	
3.3	Deliver planning for activation through effective urban design and planning that promotes liveability, social gathering and connectedness, and which recognises and celebrates local history.
3.7	Promote and strengthen community safety to retain and attract families to live and recreate in Waratah-Wynyard.
<b>Goal 4: Community Recreation and Wellbeing</b>	
<b>Desired Outcomes</b>	
We provide recreational opportunities to the community for all ages and abilities.	
Our community enjoys access to visually appealing safe spaces and facilities for recreation.	
<b>Our Priorities</b>	
4.1	Commit to ongoing recreation and open space planning to ensure evidence-based decisions are made about the role of Council and its partners in recreation.
4.4	Provide and maintain quality and safe places and spaces for physical, social and cultural activities, including shared and multi-use facilities where possible.
4.5	Collaborate with community organisations that provide recreation opportunities to our community.

## 11. Current Use and Infrastructure

The foreshore reserve is already a popular space for visitors and locals. It is often used for activities such as walking, bike riding and picnicking. The location is an ideal rest-stop area with easy-to-access parking, nearby seating and public toilets. The reserve also serves as the connection to the main beaches in Wynyard and a recent upgrade.

An increase in the use of the eastern side of the reserve has become apparent due to the recent upgrade and redevelopment of the playground located at Rotary Park. This popularity has placed increasing pressure on existing parking infrastructure and cars are often parked on the grass open space which is also shared with pedestrians. Despite this, the eastern most car park located at the end of Betty's Land (adjacent the old boat ramp) is rarely full and frequently underutilised.

The Foreshore Market takes place the first and third Sunday of each month and utilises a good portion of the open space area. The market is well attended by locals and visitors. Existing parking issues are exacerbated during this time with many market-goers parking along both sides of the Old Bass Highway. During key opening hours of the market, the speed limit in the area is reduced from 60km/hr to 40km/hr. Whilst this road is quite wide and open compared to others, the parked cars and additional vehicle and foot traffic creates visibility issues for drivers and pedestrians. No formal crossing points from one side of the roadway to the reserve exist and in turn, limits access into the reserve for the mobility impaired.

There are few shaded seating areas in the reserve and the middle portion of the grassed area does not include many seats or tables. Additionally, the style of infrastructure varies from timber and recycled plastic seating to aluminium tables, some silver and some coloured.



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES



## 12. Consultation Method

In order to understand the broader communities' experiences of the reserve, a community engagement process was undertaken to inform the development of the master plan.

Community consultation commenced on the 12<sup>th</sup> October 2020 and was finalised on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020. Consultation was undertaken through the following methods:

- A short paper survey provided in some local businesses.
- An online survey open to all ages.
- An online survey designed for youth.
- Written or phone submissions.

The aforementioned methods were advertised on Council's website, social media and via a media release. A flyer was also distributed via letterbox drop to residents adjoining the reserve and key stakeholders such as the Foreshore Market Coordinator, service clubs, youth groups and the Senior Citizens Club.

Upon the development of the draft master plan, a second engagement period will be available to the community for review of the plan and to provide feedback prior to its finalisation.

### Paper Survey

A short paper based survey and drop-boxes were made available at the Waratah-Wynyard Council Chambers as well as three local businesses. The survey asked respondents to write or draw their response to the following two statements:

- Please tell us your ideas for the East Wynyard Foreshore.
- Please tell us your concerns about the East Wynyard Foreshore.

Nine responses were received as a result of this feedback method.

### Online Survey

Two online surveys were made available to the community during the consultation period. The first was a comprehensive survey that asked a range of questions around current use, preferred infrastructure priorities and ideas/concerns. This survey was made available for all ages.

The second survey was targeted towards youth and focussed on a small number of questions to determine how often the reserve was used by young people and whether infrastructure provision would increase their use. It also sought to identify how popular the skatepark was and/or if there were other activities preferred by this age group to inform decision making around moving the skatepark as recommended in the earlier master plan.

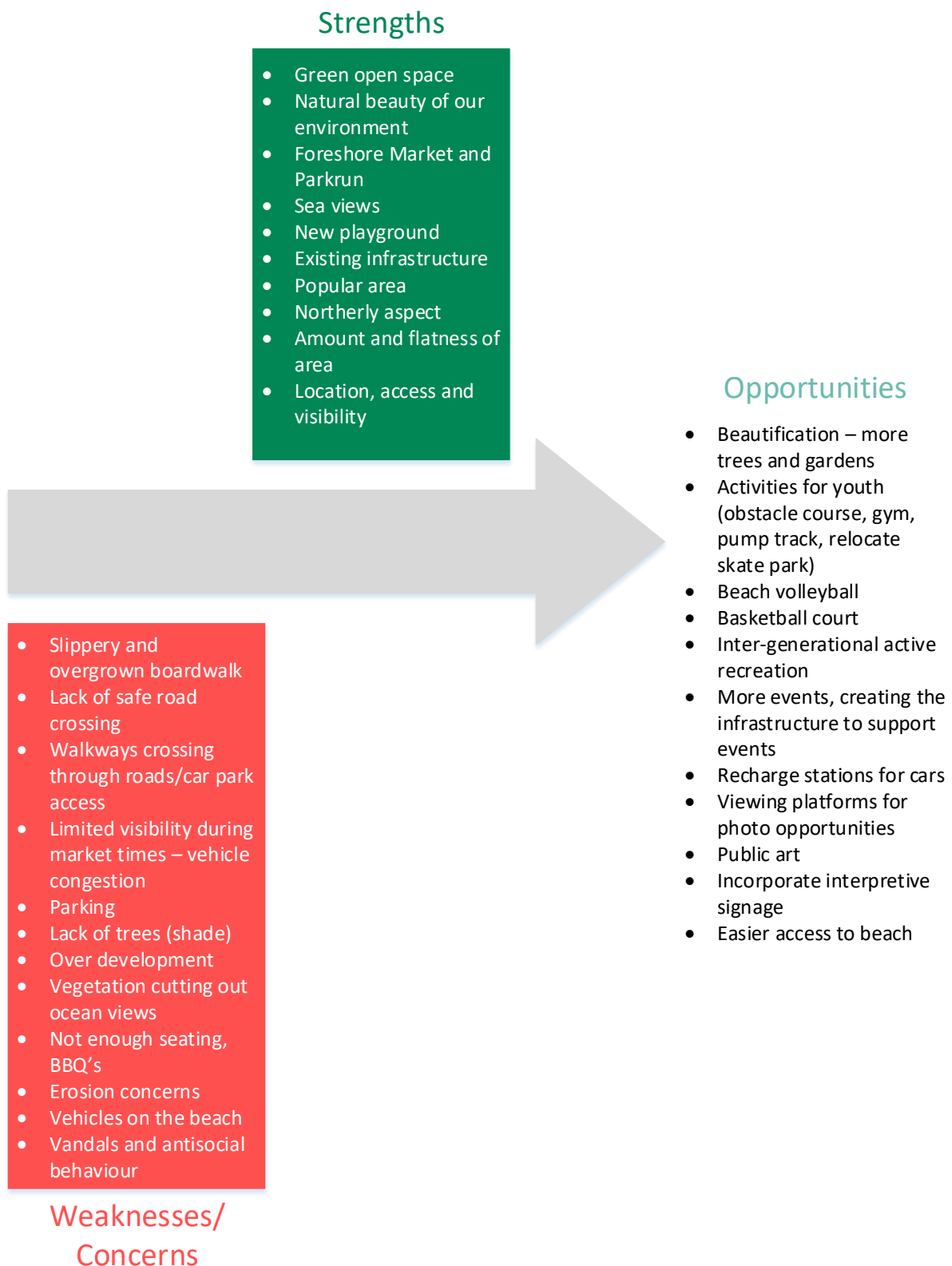
### Written/Phone Submissions

During the engagement period, sixteen email submissions and one phone submission were received.



### 13. Main Themes from Consultation

A number of key concerns/weaknesses, strengths and future aspirations were raised by respondents during the community consultation phase. The key themes are included in the graphic below.



## 14. Obtaining Feedback on the Draft Plan

The draft master plan was published on the Council website and community members were invited to provide feedback between 3<sup>rd</sup> May and the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The consultation process and the draft plan were advertised through:

- Council's social media and website
- Distribution of flyer to known community user groups
- Letter drop to neighbouring properties
- Visual concept plan printed and publicly displayed at the reserve
- Short online survey aimed to address uncertainties in parking provision and pedestrian safety

During this period, Council received 56 submissions across all platforms. Common themes were as follows:

- Inclusion of additional pedestrian road crossings, consideration around location of crossings
- Views both for and against the increased width of the pathway to 2.6m
- Car park design preferred to be separated parking spaces whilst bringing forwards to allow construction of a new pathway to the rear (so it is continuous and uninterrupted)
- Majority of online survey respondents preferring to restrict roadside parking (northern side of Old Bass Highway only) to improve sight lines, however, results for other options were also desirable
- There were suggestions to ensure all car parks are left open during the market to alleviate parking difficulties
- There was a desire for vehicular access to properties to be retained, although there were other views that this should be restricted
- Requests for community involvement in tree species selection
- Some concerns were raised regarding the combination of all active recreation activities to the one area
- Some community members expressed fears for increased anti-social behaviour, reduced amenity and blocked views
- Requests for and against lighting provision
- Concerns were raised regarding the proposed market storage location, largely associated with 'flow' of the market and visual amenity

All feedback received was considered prior to the finalisation of the plan.



# THE MASTER PLAN



## 15. The Master Plan

The results of the community consultation and the internal audit identified many actions for resolution into the future. Actions were assessed for the ability to address safety concerns and manage risk, the potential to address the objectives contained within this masterplan and the Council’s available resources.

The linear shape of the reserve creates some challenges when attempting to meet the objectives of this plan. It is recognised that the community has a desire to keep the natural look and feel of the reserve whilst also improving activities by building on the recently completed playground upgrade at Rotary Park. For this reason, two distinct zones have been identified as shown in the map below. The purpose and fundamental design principles for each zone are as follows:

ZONE	ZONE PURPOSE	DESIGN PRINCIPLES
Passive	A natural space designed for relaxation. May also be utilised for events and/or markets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Furniture may include timber, timber look-a-like, aluminium or coloured (in a natural palette) products</li> <li>▪ Art that is provided within this zone is calming and respects/blends with the surrounding environment</li> <li>▪ Trees are the preferred method of providing shade rather than structures/buildings</li> </ul>
Active/Creative	A vibrant space designed for social activity, health and wellbeing. Also, a space for fun and creativity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Furniture, art and infrastructure should still aim to have natural elements but may also include the use of vibrant and cheerful pops of colour</li> </ul>





The actions identified through the community consultation and internal audit can be categorised broadly into one of four themes. The themes are:



Safe Access and Circulation

Getting people to the reserve and moving them within it



Events and Markets

Providing infrastructure that supports future events



Nature, Relaxation and Design

Celebrating the natural beauty and providing a place for relaxation and somewhere for the community to connect



Active Recreation

Providing an occasion for intergenerational social activity, supporting the health and wellbeing of our community

The key actions for each theme that have been developed within the masterplan are included on the following pages. A summary table of these actions are included in Section 15, alongside estimated costs for each action. Where costs have been provided, they are based on a level of research achievable through the development of the plan but will require review upon a detailed scope of works.

# THEMES

01



SAFE ACCESS  
AND  
CIRCULATION

02



EVENTS AND  
MARKETS

03



NATURE,  
RELAXATION  
AND DESIGN

04



ACTIVE  
RECREATION





# Theme 1 - Safe Access and Circulation

## Objectives relevant to this theme:

- Improve pedestrian safety and enhance access to the reserve, particularly in times of peak use such as during the Foreshore Market.
- Cater for people of all abilities and all ages.
- Consider ways to increase parking in areas with the most need.

## Theme 1 - Safe Access and Circulation

### KEY ACTIONS TAKEN FORWARD IN MASTERPLAN

- **IMPROVE SHARED ACCESS WITHIN THE RESERVE FOR MULTIPLE USERS:** The reserve is well-liked for a range of activities including walking, running and bike riding. To aid in this use, the existing pathway should be widened (where possible) to 2.6m to meet shared pathway standards and connect it to the future coastal pathway project. If approved, the increased width should also apply to the boardwalk on the western edge of the reserve, which requires renewal with a slip resistant product to improve use during cold and wet weather.

The existing pathway crosses vehicle access roads into the existing car parks, creating additional safety issues and limits use for event operators. The future redevelopment of existing carparks (mentioned below) should be brought to the roadside frontage of the reserve to enable the path to be realigned behind carparks.

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#### Actions:

- Remove existing boardwalk and replace with a 2.6m wide boardwalk using appropriate non-slip materials.
  - Upgrade path to shared pathway standards and realign the path so it does not cross carpark accesses.
  - Install a linking path to the existing viewing platform.
  - Continue to rollout CCTV installation within foreshore reserve.
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- **PROVIDE SUITABLE PARKING:** It is acknowledged that parking is at a premium alongside the beach and recent playground upgrades have created a greater level of demand for parking. Currently at peak times, cars are parking on the grassed areas of the reserve, particularly near the playground. This practice shouldn't be encouraged as it creates additional maintenance issues (grass and garden damage) and affects the safety of users when vehicles and pedestrians are freely sharing the use of a space. Nearby existing carparks that are less popular should be promoted and the walk to amenities made more appealing.

During the community feedback period, there was a recognition for a need in greater parking as well as a desire to not excessively extend car parks. There were also concerns raised in relation to the increased anti-social behaviour that might occur if the eastern car park (near the boat ramp) is upgraded. Out of the four main car parks (pictured below), only the 'middle' car park and the car park adjoining the playground needs to be moved to enable the realignment of the pathway (refer above item). With this feedback in mind, it is recommended a staged approach to car park development is undertaken:

- Stage 1 – Redevelop and extend car parks required to be moved to allow the realignment of the pathway (car parks 2 and 3 as shown on image below)
- Stage 2 – Upgrade and extend remaining car parks only after the pathway has been realigned and the results of a demand and traffic impact analysis has been undertaken (car parks 1 and 4 as shown on image below)

In terms of design features, it is recommended the car park adjoining the playground is line marked to maximise and control parking. Where possible, parking bays should be slightly larger than the minimum standard, so it is easier to get prams and children out of the car. Other car parks should incorporate line marking for DDA parking spaces only.



**Actions:**

- Install parking signage and promote existing carparks to encourage greater use of less known parking areas.
- Redevelop existing carparks to enable safer pedestrian access around the outside of parking area, by undertaking a staged approach:
  - Stage 1 – Redevelop and extend the ‘middle’ car park and car park adjoining the playground, bringing them forwards toward the road to allow a new pathway to be constructed behind them.
  - Stage 2 – Upgrade and extend remaining car parks (after the pathway has been realigned) should a demand and traffic impact assessment demonstrate the need.

- **CREATE SAFER ACCESS TO AND FROM THE RESERVE:** There is currently no DDA compliant access to the reserve or identified safe crossing points across the Old Bass Highway. Children and families are particularly vulnerable when crossing the road to enjoy the beach, market, playground and other amenities during peak traffic. To improve access to the reserve, facilitating road crossings and improving sight lines, two pedestrian crossing points (including central refuge islands) will be installed. This will include connecting paths to the main walkway to enable all-ability access. The exact location of these crossing points will be subject to a technical assessment and in consultation with immediately adjoining property owners.

Furthermore, it is recognised that future development in nearby land may increase the number of pedestrians crossing the roadway as well as change the preferred crossing points. In these situations, the costs of adding another safe crossing point should be the responsibility of the subdivider.

It is also recognised that during peak use, vehicles parked on either side of the Old Bass Highway greatly restricts visibility for pedestrians and road users. This issue may be sufficiently alleviated by providing adequate parking in designated car parks and by providing pedestrian crossing points (central refuge islands). If these matters do not address the issue, parking on the northern side of the road (adjacent the reserve) could be restricted with yellow line-marking to enable greater visibility during peak use. This was the most favourable response from the community when asked for their preferences (other options included restricted parking during peak times only or no change at all), although less than 30 responses were received which is not necessarily



representative of the population. It is therefore recommended that the yellow line marking is undertaken in Stage 2 of the car park redevelopment, subject to an assessment around need (particularly during peak use).

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**Actions:**

- Create two DDA compliant pedestrian connections from the walking track within the reserve across Old Bass Highway, including the installation of central refuge islands.
  - Subject to further investigation and outcomes of car park redevelopment, restrict parking along northern side of Old Bass Highway by yellow line-marking to improve overall safety for vehicles and pedestrians.
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## DESIGN FEATURES FOR THIS THEME

### Shared Pathway:

- Concrete path (greater accessibility), standard colour.
- 2.6 metres wide where practicable.
- Width may be achieved by complete replacement or added strip to the side of existing path – to be determined upon detailed design.

### Car Parks:

- Car parks should contain at least one DDA parking space to be compliant with Australian Standards
- All parking spaces in the car park adjoining the playground are line marked and bay size is slightly larger than the minimum standard, considerate of families with children and prams

## INSPIRATION AND CONCEPTS





# Theme 2 - Events and Markets

## Objectives relevant to this theme:

- Create spaces for inclusive relaxation, socialisation and group activities.
- Provide infrastructure that supports the use of the reserve for events.

## Theme 2 - Events and Markets

### KEY ACTIONS TAKEN FORWARD IN MASTERPLAN

- **IMPROVE MARKET STORAGE:** The existing storage shed for the Foreshore Market was located adjacent the old swimming pool, which has since been decommissioned. It is noted the existing storage shed is not fit-for-purpose; it is slightly too small and not vermin or weatherproof.

Whilst the existing site is not ideally located in relation to the market, community feedback suggested the community did not see value in moving the storage shed. Most feedback highlighted a need for the storage shed and some individuals noted their approval for upgrading the existing, including some ideas for adding shade to the building for use by foreshore reserve users.

Given the feedback received, it is recommended the location of the shed remains as is and it is upgraded to consider:

- How it can be improved to better protect it from vermin and weather
- Building footprint size
- The addition of a small shade structure that can be used during the market as well as by reserve users
- Electrical capacity to support events
- Exterior aesthetics to help it blend into the reserve (discussed on the next page)

These elements will need to be embedded into a design process.

The community feedback period also highlighted a desire for the car parks to remain open during the market to reduce parking concerns. These car parks are currently closed due to safety concerns whilst the pathway crosses over the car park accesses. When this issue has been rectified (refer Theme 01) then the car parks can be reopened for use by the public during the market.

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#### Actions:

- Upgrade existing market storage shed and where practical, enhance the look of the building through the use of green colours, natural materials and 'living walls.'
  - Recommend all car parks are to remain open during the Foreshore Market (after the pathway has been realigned for safety).
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- **CREATE A MULTI-FUNCTIONAL CARPARK/SMALL EVENTS SPACE:** A clear theme coming from the consultation process was to provide more infrastructure to support events in this reserve. Small events or food vans (with all the relevant permissions) could utilise a hardstand area rather than causing unnecessary damage to the grassed reserve. With an upgraded storage shed (mentioned above), the far western car park lends itself to serving as a multi-functional space; being available as a car park or closed for use during events/markets (when approved by Council).

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#### Actions:

- Add power and water points to the market storage building for use during events.
  - Explore lighting options (including solar, portable designs, timer functions) to provide high-level lighting concentrated around the multi-functional carpark/events space.
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## DESIGN FEATURES FOR THIS THEME

### Market Storage:

- Should be as small a footprint as possible and fit-for-purpose.
- Needs to blend into its surroundings – investigate the use of ‘living walls’.
- Be located adjacent a carpark/hardstand area.
- Include sufficient power/water supply for events.
- Include a fixed shade structure to one side which can be utilised by reserve users and during market operations.
- May consider inclusion of servery window subject to costs and longevity of product.

### Lighting:

- High-level/concentrated lighting for the purposes of night events.
- Consider timer functions for regular use of lighting without causing disruption to nearby residents.
- Portable to enable flexibility of use; must also consider how they are fixed to the ground to protect from theft/vandalism.

## INSPIRATION AND CONCEPTS





# Theme 3 - Nature, Relaxation and Design

## Objectives relevant to this theme:

- Celebrate the already popular reserve by enhancing its natural character; not changing it.
- Cater for people of all ages and abilities.
- Create spaces for inclusive relaxation, socialisation and group activities.

## Theme 3 - Nature, Relaxation and Design

### KEY ACTIONS TAKEN FORWARD IN MASTERPLAN

- **PROTECT THE RESERVE'S NATURAL VALUES:** The beach area is known to be frequented by a diverse range of wildlife, including bird species such as the Hooded Plover, Double Banded Plover, Crested Terns, Sooty Oyster Catchers and Bar Tailed Godwits, to name a few. Some of these species are rare and/or migrate to our shores after travelling a large distance. The beach is where these birds breed and feed, and their eggs can be difficult to locate within the soft sand. Council recognises this as a special aspect of the reserve, particularly as wildlife still inhabit the reserve whilst it rests largely within a built-up/urban environment. This is one special quality of the reserve that is worth protecting, through both education and management of predatory animals (such as feral cats and unmanaged dogs).



*Hooded Plover nesting*



*Crested Terns*

Another value to take care of within the reserve includes the management of vegetation, particularly alongside the coastal dunes. Whilst feedback has been received from the community regarding the suitability of the boobialla species adjacent the beach and reserve, these plants are currently acting as a sand binder and holding the dunes together. This is as an important natural way to help protect the area from coastal inundation and stabilise the edge of the reserve against the beach. The mass removal of this plant could result in undesirable outcomes, such as collapsing dunes. Additionally, effective weed management of invasive species, such as sea spurge, is an important aspect of vegetation management for the foreshore. Through managing weeds, other plants have access to more sunlight, water and nutrients, to allow them to survive and thrive. Some species are also known to create an unsafe environment for wildlife, by blocking access between the beach and reserve, and also humans, through toxic sap that can cause skin and eye irritation (as is the case for sea spurge).

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#### Actions:

- Liaise with relevant stakeholders to understand and promote ways to protect important wildlife, such as migratory bird species
  - Continue to undertake the weed management program in collaboration with community groups
  - Continue to revegetate the coastal dunes as necessary with a species suitable for the coastal environment
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- **PROVIDE AMENITIES TO SUPPORT CONNECTED COMMUNITIES:** Research has shown that nearly one third of our municipality are single-person households and the recent events of COVID-19 may have exacerbated the existing issue of social isolation for members of our community. As a way to tackle the issue, ‘story seats’ will be installed along the reserve. Design features are included on the next page.

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**Actions:**

- Inspire connected communities by creating spaces for story seats.
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- **PROVIDE AMENITIES TO SUPPORT RELAXATION:** There was a clear theme from the community consultation process that this reserve is enjoyed for relaxation and taking in the surrounding environment, ideally with some shade. Currently, seats and tables are distanced which can be challenging for our aging population and for those who are mobility impaired. This will be remedied by including additional seating and tables to support relaxation, as well as enhancing the natural qualities by planting shade trees with strategically placed bench seating underneath.

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**Actions:**

- Create shaded rest points that incorporate curved seats which offer different perspectives of the surrounding landscape.
  - Replace and install new picnic tables which include features that are all-ability friendly.
  - Install seat on existing viewing platform.
  - Replace and install new park benches.
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- **IMPROVE NIGHT-TIME VISIBILITY:** To improve the reserves functionality and ensure users feel safer at night, unobtrusive bollard lighting will be installed in the reserve to create low-level ambient light between the western and eastern amenities blocks. Based on community feedback, options for movement activation or timer functions will be explored.

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**Actions:**

- Install ambient solar lighting alongside main path and investigate options for movement activation sensors or timer functions.
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- **ENHANCE NATURAL AMENITY OF RESERVE:** ‘Living beautification’ appeared as a clear theme from the community feedback, as well as maintaining the reserve’s natural look and feel. Where possible, new gardens should be strategically placed to serve a dual purpose (i.e. adding privacy around an amenities block). Tree species should be selected for the local environment, create an interesting feature and provide a broad canopy for shade. Species for specimen trees is yet to be determined but it is recommended that the community are at least partly involved with species selection.

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**Actions:**

- Plant screening shrubs/trees around the western amenities block.
  - Create a natural feature by planting an avenue of specimen shade trees along the length of the reserve at strategic locations.
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- **CREATE VISUAL INTEREST:** Art can play an important role in providing things to look at as well as attract interest from visitors. It is acknowledged that art can be polarising which is why it is integral that the art and its purpose is well thought through. Art which has a functional purpose is likely to be of most benefit for this reserve, such as the giant picture frames used as a tourist picture point. Whilst tourist picture points are one example of possible functional art, there could be many locations these could be installed within the township. Many alternative suggestions were provided during the community feedback period, some within areas outside the scope of this master plan. It is recommended that this be explored in consultation with key stakeholders (such as local tourism operators) to identify the appropriate location and only continue with the installation in East Wynyard Foreshore if determined to be a desirable space.

The original proposed location for an outdoor sensory art gallery was not favoured by local residents. Other locations within the reserve that are not adjacent private property may be considered.

In addition to the activities proposed within the draft master plan, a new idea to host an annual state-wide competition to identify a commission for artists was raised. This idea has merit and is worth exploring, however it is recommended that it is considered by the Public Art Advisory Group (PAAG) to ensure it is feasible and does not contradict other commitments by the PAAG.

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**Actions:**

- Engage artist to paint a mural on the exterior wall/s of the western amenities block which is inspired by nature and the local surroundings.
  - Install tourist picture points (giant photo frames) at a scenic vantage point within the reserve, subject to local tourism advice.
  - Liaise with the Public Art Advisory Group to identify a possible location and conceptualise a non-intrusive outdoor sensory art gallery (texture/touch, smell, colour/visual, sound/s from the local environment).
  - Liaise with the Public Art Advisory Group around the feasibility of hosting an annual arts competition within the reserve.
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## DESIGN FEATURES FOR THIS THEME

### Story Seats:

- Two seats angled facing each other.
- One seat backless (bench style), the second seat designed for all abilities.
- A story sign included nearby the seats (design to be developed). The sign will include a local legend/story as a nod to our communities' history as well as create a conversation starter.
- Concrete pad under seats for accessibility.

### Park Furniture (general):

- May include timber, timber look-a-like, aluminium or coloured (only using a natural palette) products.
- Furniture provided should offer options for all-abilities i.e. some benches should be higher with arm rests.

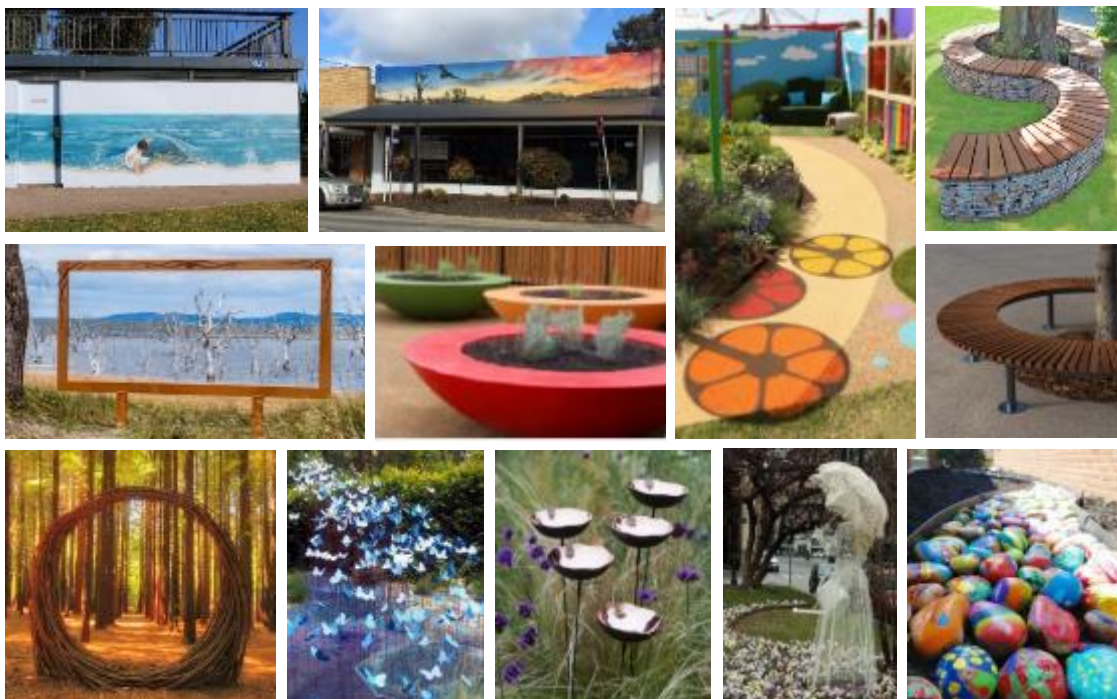
### Tourist Picture Points:

- Locations to be determined based on appropriateness and tourism operator/s advice.
- Natural designs reflective of the immediate surrounds.

### Outdoor Sensory Art Gallery (ideas only - concept to be developed):

- Location to be determined.
- Consider sensory elements – touch, smell, sight etc.
- May include pops of colour using large planter boxes dotted along either side of path.
- Could include artwork from local children in the community – i.e. painting rocks or pavers.
- May consider a gallery theme, such as a specific colour palette or local flora and fauna.
- May incorporate small and/or non-intrusive sculptures as visual interest pieces.

## INSPIRATION AND CONCEPTS







# Theme 4 - Active Recreation

## Objectives relevant to this theme:

- Cater for people of all ages and abilities.
- Create spaces for inclusive relaxation, socialisation and group activities.
- Consider specific activities for youth (such as a skatepark) and how they can be included in the reserve.

## Theme 4 - Active Recreation

### KEY ACTIONS TAKEN FORWARD IN MASTERPLAN

- **CREATE ACTIVE SPACES WITH CROSS-GENERATIONAL DIVERSITY:** Intergenerational parks foster respect and social inclusion. These areas enable free access for adults and children for the overall positive benefits of community health and wellbeing. They help to create positive community identity, encourage social cohesion and provide an occasion for multigenerational interaction. The types of equipment to be considered in these active spaces should include equipment designed for older people to promote flexibility, balance and coordination, build muscle strength, tone and extend the range of motion. For young people and adults, equipment should be diverse and suit a range of abilities and activity styles.

It should be noted the existing exercise equipment within the reserve is beyond its functional life and will soon need to be replaced in order to maintain safety. This presents an opportunity to move the exercise equipment to the area adjacent the playground, in line with principles highlighted within Council's Open Space, Sport and Recreation Plan (OSSR). Therefore, the consolidation and upgrade of exercise equipment in this reserve would ideally be built adjacent to the Rotary Park playground to take advantage of activities already provided for children.

#### Actions:

- Decommission existing exercise equipment and return to open space.
- Liaise with relevant stakeholders to identify a suitable site and obtain appropriate permissions to install a beach volleyball net above the high-tide mark in an area that is sensitive to migratory bird species and other wildlife.
- Create a new exercise arena (parkour/obstacle style) that is suitable for the young and "young at heart".

### DESIGN FEATURES FOR THIS THEME

#### Exercise Arena:

- Include equipment suitable for both youth and the elderly.
- May look at "ninja warrior" style equipment.

### INSPIRATION AND CONCEPTS



## 16. Actions Summary

Note: The five-year plan is a prediction of completion time only and is subject to change.

		ACTIONS	YEAR 1 22/23	YEAR 2 23/24	YEAR 3 24/25	YEAR 4 25/26	YEAR 5 26/27	ESTIMATED COST INITIAL OUTLAY	ESTIMATED ONGOING ANNUAL COSTS
<b>1. SAFE ACCESS AND CIRCULATION</b>									
1.1	Create two DDA compliant pedestrian connections from the walking track within the reserve across Old Bass Highway, including the installation of central refuge islands.							\$37,271	\$466
1.2	Subject to further investigation and outcomes of car park redevelopment, restrict parking along northern side of Old Bass Highway by yellow line marking to improve overall safety for vehicles and pedestrians.							\$3,218	-
1.3	Redevelop existing carparks to enable safer pedestrian access, by undertaking a staged approach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stage 1 (2022/23) - Redevelop and extend the 'middle' car park and car park adjoining the playground, bringing them forwards toward the road to allow a new pathway to be constructed behind them.</li> <li>Stage 2 (2026/27) - Upgrade and extend remaining car parks (after the pathway has been realigned) should a demand and traffic impact assessment demonstrate the need.</li> </ul>	Stage 1					Stage 2	\$572,437 (St 1)	\$38,162 (St 1)
								\$267,510 (St 2)	\$17,834 (St 2)
1.4	Install parking signage and promote existing carparks to encourage greater use of less-known parking areas.							\$500	-
1.5	Install a linking path to the existing viewing platform.							\$7,052	\$88



		ACTIONS	YEAR 1 22/23	YEAR 2 23/24	YEAR 3 24/25	YEAR 4 25/26	YEAR 5 26/27	ESTIMATED COST INITIAL OUTLAY	ESTIMATED ONGOING ANNUAL COSTS
	1.6	Remove existing boardwalk and replace with 2.6m wide boardwalk using appropriate non-slip materials.						\$136,144	\$6,807
	1.7	Renew and upgrade path to shared pathway standards and realign path so it does not cross carpark accesses.						\$319,640	\$3,996
	1.8	Continue to rollout CCTV installation within foreshore reserve.						TBD	TBD
<b>2. EVENTS AND MARKETS</b>									
	2.1	Upgrade existing market storage shed and where practical, enhance the look of the building through the use of green colours, natural materials and 'living walls.'						\$128,499	\$1,606
	2.2	Add power and water points to the market storage building for use during events.						TBD	TBD
	2.3	Explore lighting options (including solar, portable designs, timer) to provide high-level lighting concentrated around the multi-functional carpark/events space.						TBD	TBD
	2.4	Recommend all car parks are to remain open during the Foreshore Market (after the pathway has been realigned for safety).						-	-
<b>3. NATURE, RELAXATION &amp; DESIGN</b>									
	3.1	Liaise with relevant stakeholders to understand and promote ways to protect important wildlife, such as migratory bird species						-	Within existing
	3.2	Continue to undertake the weed management program in collaboration with community groups						-	Within existing

		ACTIONS	YEAR 1 22/23	YEAR 2 23/24	YEAR 3 24/25	YEAR 4 25/26	YEAR 5 26/27	ESTIMATED COST INITIAL OUTLAY	ESTIMATED ONGOING ANNUAL COSTS
	3.3	Continue to revegetate the coastal dunes as necessary with a species suitable for the coastal environment						-	Within existing
	3.4	Inspire connected communities by creating spaces for story seats.						\$42,419	\$2,121
	3.5	Create shaded rest points that incorporate curved seats which offer different perspectives of the surrounding landscape.						\$11,139	\$557
	3.6	Replace and install new picnic tables which include features that are all-ability friendly.						\$32,397	\$1,620
	3.7	Install seat on existing viewing platform.						\$3,000	\$150
	3.8	Replace and install new park benches.						\$17,629	\$881
	3.9	Install ambient solar lighting alongside main path and investigate options for movement activation sensors or timer functions						\$97,600	\$4,880
	3.10	Plant screening shrubs/trees near the western amenities block.						\$4,270	\$750
	3.11	Plant new small trees along shared path (western end as shown) to accentuate linear promenade.						\$4,880	\$250
	3.12	Create a natural feature by planting an avenue of specimen trees along length of reserve at strategic locations.						\$11,346	\$500
	3.13	Engage artist to paint mural on the exterior wall/s of the western amenities block which is inspired by nature and the local surroundings.						\$8,540	-
	3.14	Install tourist picture points (giant photo frame) at a scenic vantage point within the reserve, subject to local tourism advice.						\$10,370	\$1,360

		ACTIONS	YEAR 1 22/23	YEAR 2 23/24	YEAR 3 24/25	YEAR 4 25/26	YEAR 5 26/27	ESTIMATED COST INITIAL OUTLAY	ESTIMATED ONGOING ANNUAL COSTS
3.15		Liaise with the Public Art Advisory Group to identify a possible location and conceptualise a non-intrusive outdoor sensory art gallery (texture/touch, smell, colour/visual, sound/s from the local environment).						TBD	TBD
		Liaise with the Public Art Advisory Group around the feasibility of hosting an annual arts competition within the reserve.						-	TBD
3.17		Install sign and promote existing viewing platform.						\$500	-
<b>4. ACTIVE RECREATION</b>									
4.1		Liaise with relevant stakeholders to identify a suitable site and obtain appropriate permissions to install a beach volleyball net above the high-tide mark in an area that is sensitive to migratory bird species and other wildlife.						\$1,000	-
		Decommission existing exercise equipment and create a new singular exercise arena (parkour/obstacle style) for the young and "young at heart".						\$201,300	\$20,453
								<b>\$1,918,660</b>	<b>\$101,813</b>



# APPENDICES

## Appendix A – Survey Questions

### Online Survey: Have your say – East Wynyard Foreshore master Plan

1. What is your overall rating of the East Wynyard Foreshore area? [star rating 0-5]
2. What do you like about the reserve?
3. What don't you like about the reserve?
4. If you could change one thing about the reserve, what would you do?
  - Create more parking for vehicles
  - Have more places to sit and enjoy the surroundings
  - Improve the use of the reserve for pedestrians
  - Improve activities for young people
  - Other: ...
5. What would you prefer the look and feel of the reserve to be?
  - Natural – Where possible, infrastructure provided blends into its surroundings and native landscaping
  - Vibrant/Modern – Infrastructure choices are bright and contemporary, and the plants selected for the area include colour
  - Other: ...
6. What concerns you the most about the future of the reserve?
  - Protecting flora and/or fauna
  - Pedestrian safety
  - Maintenance (lack thereof)
  - Losing its character
  - Other: ...
7. What is your favourite activity in the reserve currently?
  - Picnicking
  - Relaxing
  - Using the walking track
  - Using the play equipment
  - Using the exercise equipment
  - Attending the foreshore market
  - Other: ...
8. What would you like to be able to do or have in the reserve that isn't currently offered?
  - Enjoy more public gardens
  - Enjoy, art or sculptures
  - Attend more public events
  - Other: ...



9. Some similar reserves include combined recreational spaces for young people, such as skate parks, pump tracks, or more diverse exercise equipment. Do you think any of these types of activities are...?
  - I don't believe any of these options are suitable
  - Skate Park
  - "Pump track" (riding track for bikes, scooters and skateboards)
  - More diverse exercise equipment
  - Other: ...
10. What is your age?
11. Where do you live relative to the reserve?
  - Wynyard local
  - Waratah-Wynyard municipal area, but not Wynyard
  - Visitor to the municipality

**Online Survey: Have your say – Youth - East Wynyard Foreshore master Plan**

1. How often do you use the East Wynyard Foreshore?
  - Daily
  - A few times a week
  - Weekly
  - A couple times a month
  - Monthly
  - Seasonal
  - Never
  - Other: ...
2. Would you use the East Wynyard Foreshore if there was more for you to do?
  - Yes
  - No
  - Maybe
3. If you could add one activity at the foreshore, what would it be?
  - Skate park
  - "Pump track" (riding track for bikes, scooters and skateboards)
  - Outdoor gym
  - Other: ...
4. What is your age?
5. Where do you live relative to the reserve?



**Paper Survey: East Wynyard Foreshore Master Plan**



**East-Wynyard-Foreshore-Master-Plan ¶**

**INSTRUCTIONS**—Using words and/or pictures, please use the space below to tell us your ideas for the East-Wynyard-Foreshore: ¶

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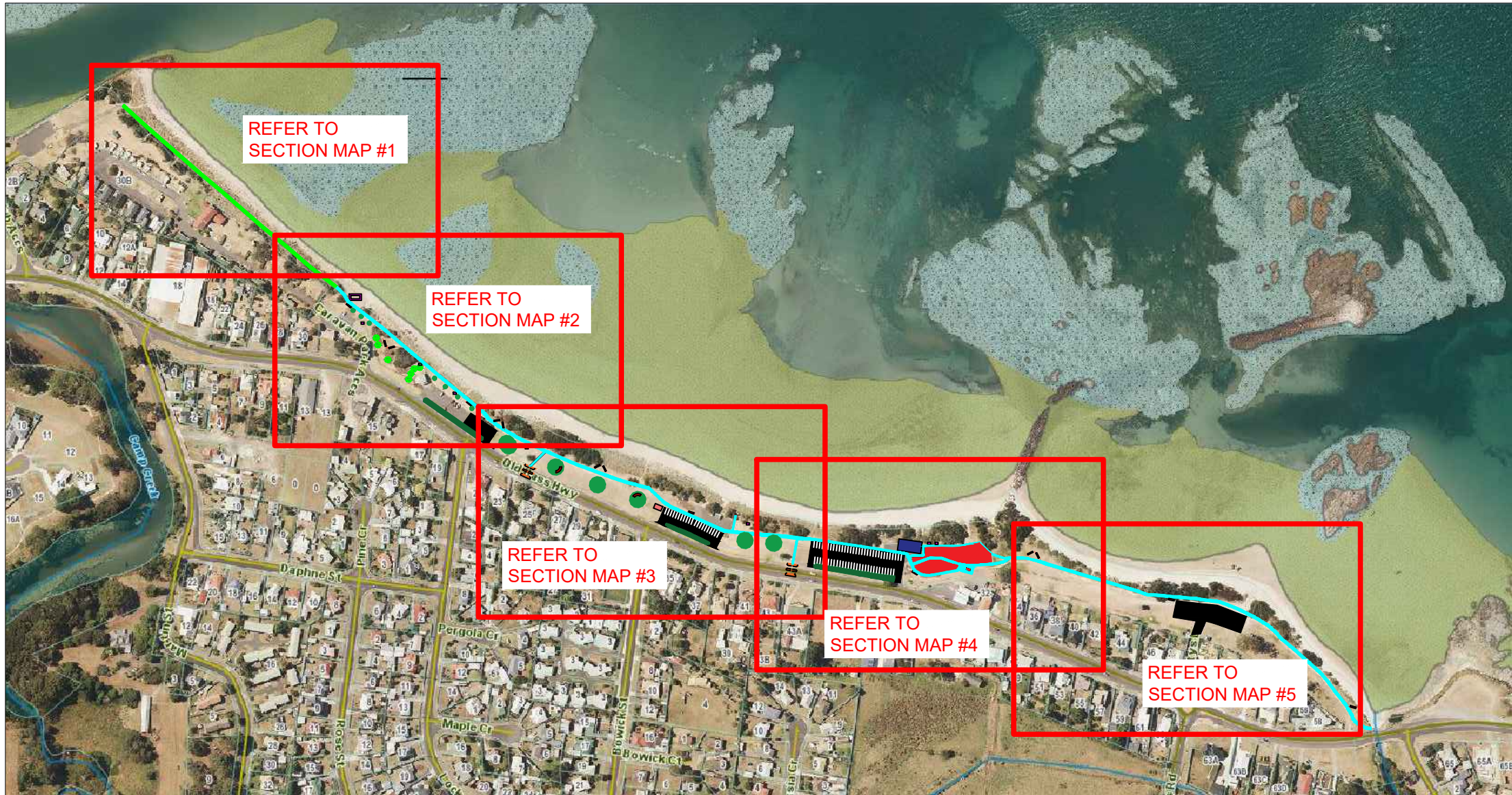
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*OPTIONAL: Please tick this box if you permit Council to reprint your submission in the Master Plan. ¶*

## **Appendix B – Concept Plan**



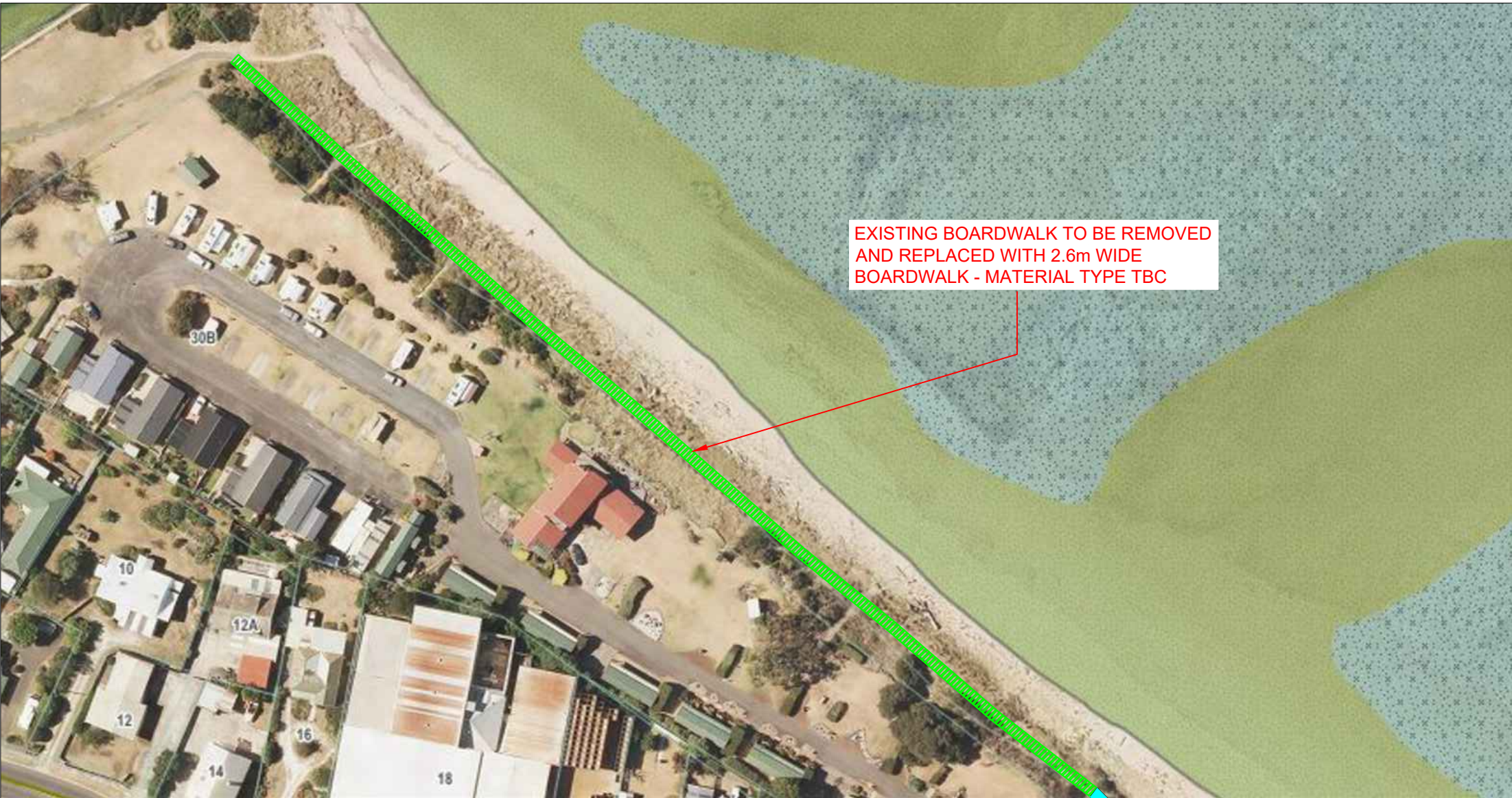
# EAST WYNYARD FORESHORE CONCEPT MASTER PLAN OVER VIEW







# EAST WYNYARD FORESHORE CONCEPT MASTER PLAN SECTION MAP #1

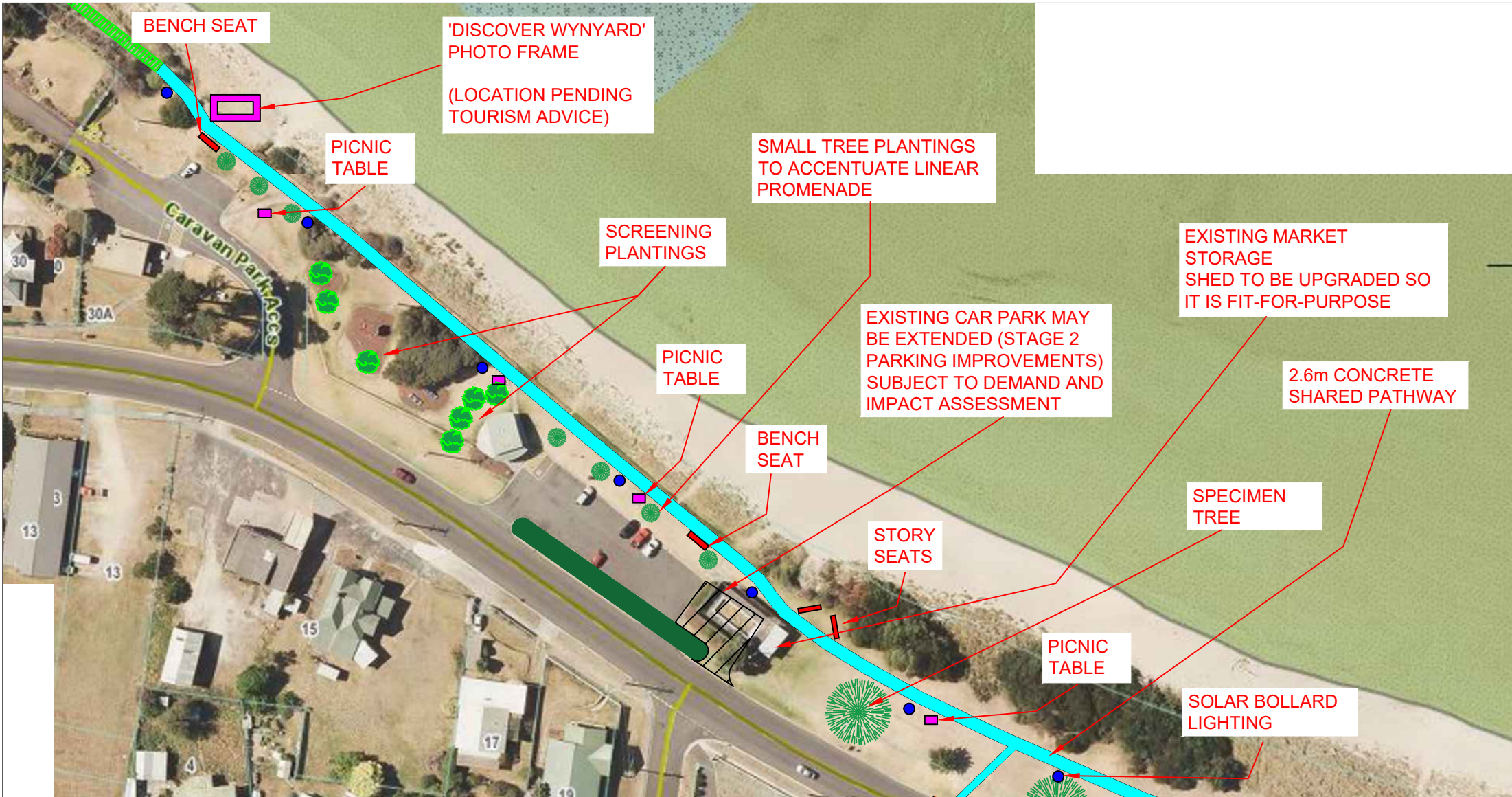


EXISTING BOARDWALK TO BE REMOVED  
AND REPLACED WITH 2.6m WIDE  
BOARDWALK - MATERIAL TYPE TBC





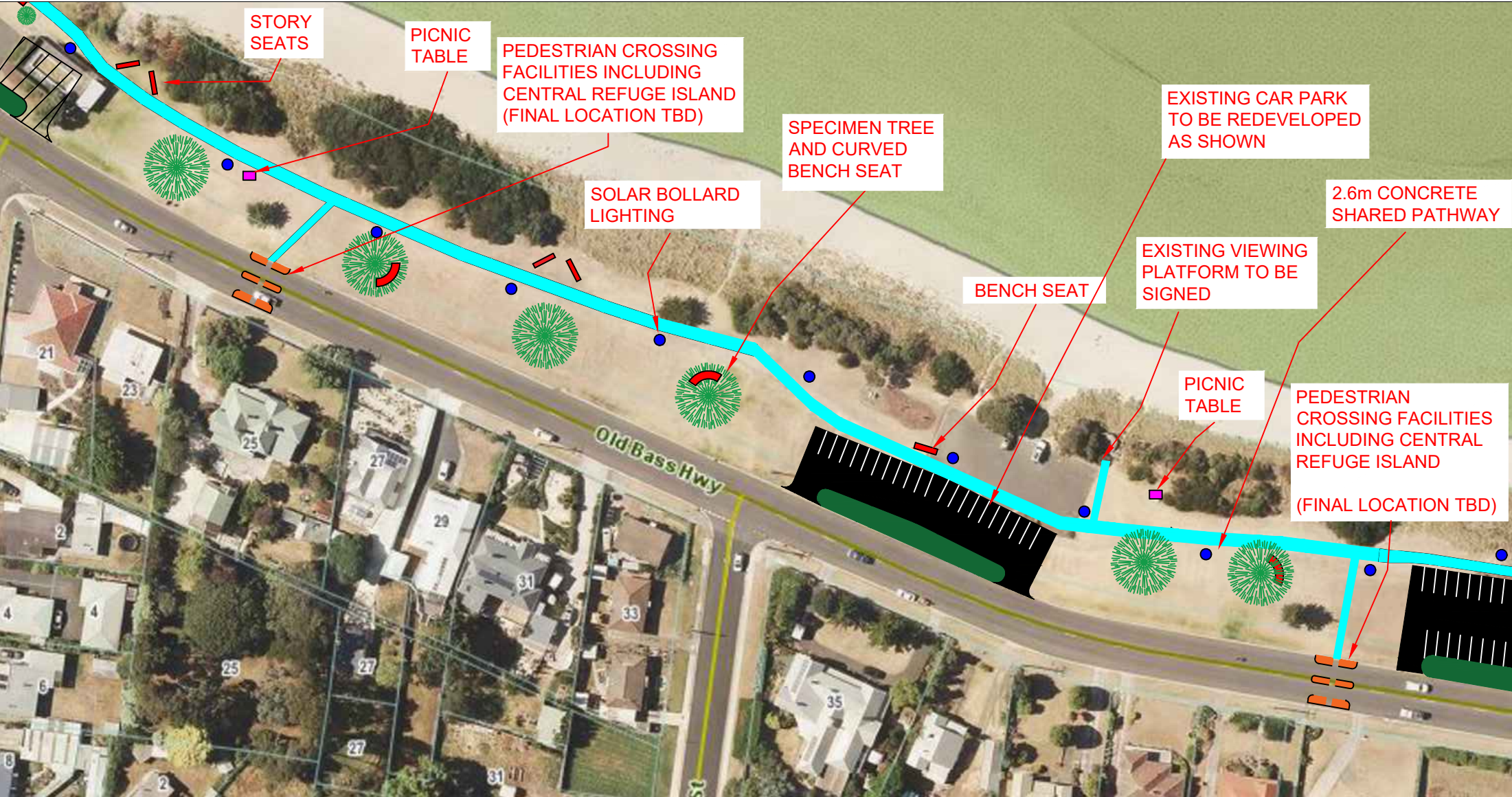
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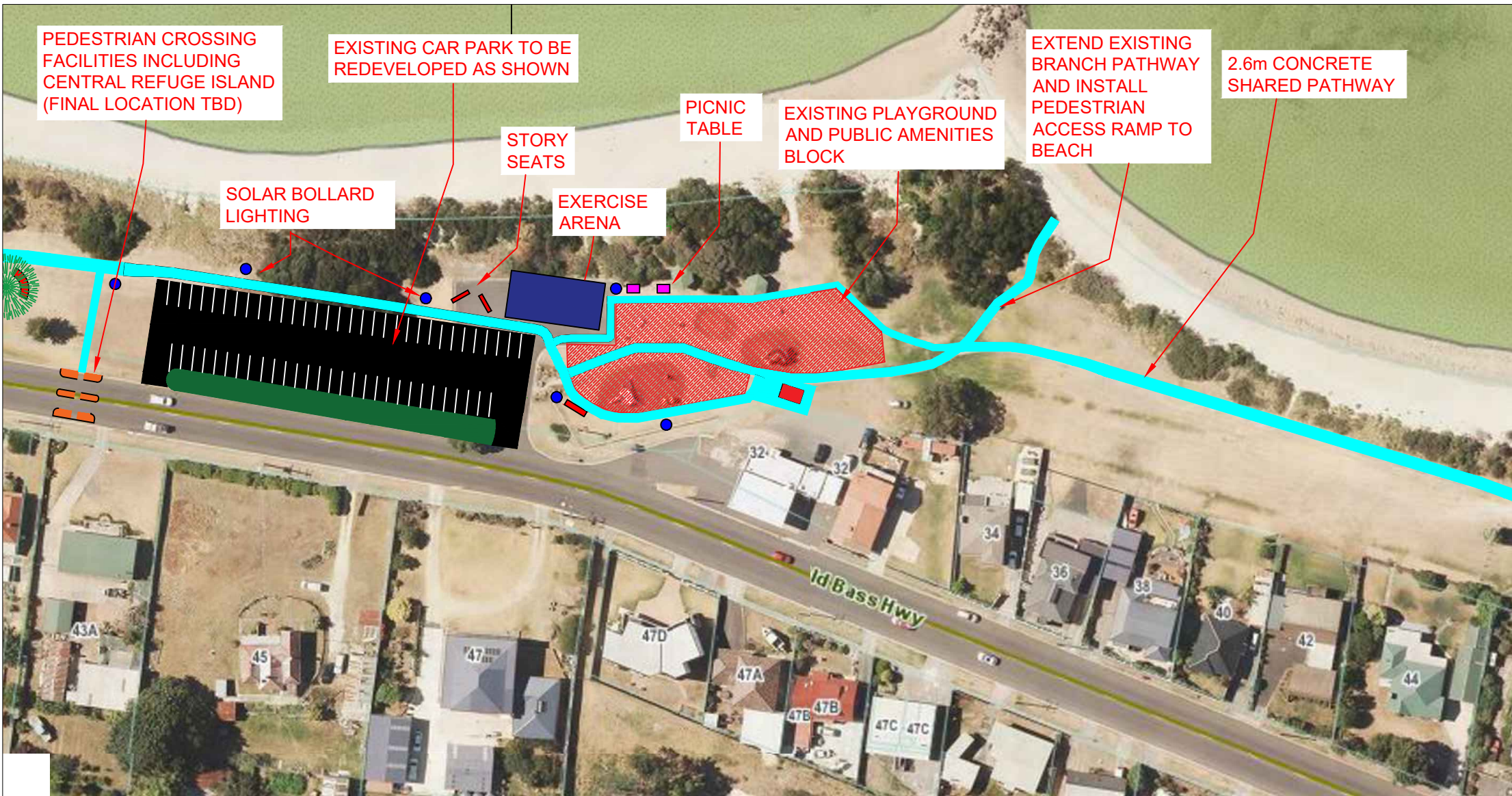
# EAST WYNYARD FORESHORE CONCEPT MASTER PLAN SECTION MAP #3







# EAST WYNYARD FORESHORE CONCEPT MASTER PLAN SECTION MAP #4







# EAST WYNYARD FORESHORE CONCEPT MASTER PLAN SECTION MAP #5



STRAIGHT LINE  
BENCH SEAT  
TYPE

EXISTING CAR PARK MAY  
BE EXTENDED (STAGE 2  
PARKING IMPROVEMENTS)  
SUBJECT TO DEMAND AND  
IMPACT ASSESSMENT

2.6m CONCRETE  
SHARED PATHWAY

STRAIGHT LINE  
BENCH SEAT  
TYPE