

PICNIC POINT RECREATION PARK PRINCIPLES & RECOMMENDATIONS

Picnic Point Recreation Park will reinforce The Entrance as a balanced and healthy alternative to other coastal towns

PRINCIPLES

- Provide large scale open space with a variety of public spaces and activities;
- Provide points of access to Tuggerah Lake and carparking/trailer parking to suit;
- Provide active recreational spaces with a variety of pursuits;
- Provide public carparking within walking distance;
- Connect Picnic Point with the Town Centre and North Entrance;
- Encourage development on Tuggerah Parade that overlooks Picnic Point park to provide casual surveillance and security. Provide cafes and other active support services on the ground floor to support Picnic Point.



RECOMMENDATIONS

PLAZA STYLE SKATE PARK

Upgrade the Skate Park to provide a waterfront attraction that has something for everyone - from children to adults, beginners to experts. Contemporary Skate Parks are sculptural forms that are integrated into public spaces that encourage social integration and cooperation as they mimic urban spaces. Plaza Style Skate Parks are growing in prestige and popularity and will draw new residents and tourists.

CHILDREN'S BIKE CIRCUIT AND CHILDRENS PLAYGROUND

In conjunction with the Plaza Style Skate Park the Children's Bike Circuit is an adventure bike circuit in a secured area. The circuit comprises meandering bike tracks equipped with traffic signs and bridges to provide an exciting adventure for small children under the age of 5 years. A Children's Playground similar to the park in Long Jetty would complement this precinct.

THE DOG PARK

The dog park is an off leash secured area for social interaction for both owners and their pets. The dog park includes activity and game areas to encourage exercise and mental stimulation for often house bound pets. The dog park includes shelters and clean up stations. There are rules for both owners and pets if they choose to use the dog park which must be adhered to including clean up and controlling your pet. Dogs love to interact with the water, therefore a section of the dog park connects with the water edge and allows for water play. The dog park will feature as an important spot on the tourist map for road trips as they give owners a chance for their dogs to stretch their legs.

FITNESS CIRCUIT

The Fitness Circuit is integrated into the pedestrian network of the park and provides public fitness equipment for exercise. Picnic Point is in a key location along the Chittaway Point cyclepath and the added fitness stations will benefit the community. This will form one part of a wider network of fitness stations across the shire. The Picnic Point fitness circuit complements a range of activities such as the cycle network, swimming and beach running which will make the new Entrance community experience a balanced and healthy lifestyle. The locations shown are indicative and can be defined and programmed during the design and construction of the park.

THE AMENITIES CORE

The amenities core is a central location for all the public servicing needs of the park. The Masterplan defines it as a collective space as it is easy to find, locate people and know all your needs are in the one place. The Core includes:

- Public toilets including disabled access toilets
- Concession stands that sell or hire equipment for use in the park such as a skate board hire or sunscreen and hats. The concession stands can also sell ice-cream and softdrink;
- Signage to clearly direct pedestrian movement;
- Lighting to discourage unsociable behaviour;
- Seating and tables.

BOAT RAMP


Improve the scale and quality of the existing boat ramp to increase the number of potential boat launched and provide additional parking spaces for trailers. Create a dedicated space for the display of the catch where filleting and cleaning takes place. This can be a fascinating process for children to observe and understand where their food comes from.

BBQ AND PICNIC FACILITIES

Picnic Point includes a hierarchy of different picnic areas that will appeal to different groups. These spaces range from formal structured spaces which can accommodate group parties for hire to discreet lawn tucked away with stunning views across the lake towards the western shore. Provide picnic facilities including BBQ's, shelters and water supply to accommodate picnics for groups of varying sizes. These spaces can be for casual use or hire for large gatherings and parties.



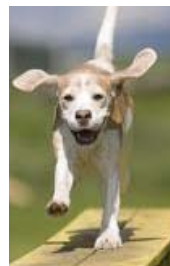
MOVEMENT AND ACCESS ANALYSIS

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|  | CYCLEPATH |  | PUBLIC CARPARKING |
|  | PEDESTRIAN LINKS |  | AMENITIES |
|  | AMENITY CORE |  | CYCLE PARKING |



ACTIVITY ZONES ANALYSIS

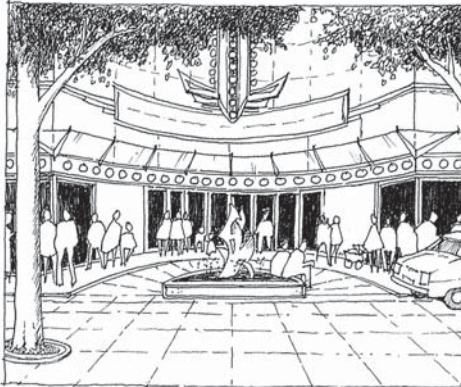
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|  | YOUTH ACTIVITY AREA |  | DOG PARK |
|  | BOAT ZONE |  | THE LAWN |
|  | INFORMAL QUIET SPACE |  | FORESHORE PLAZA |



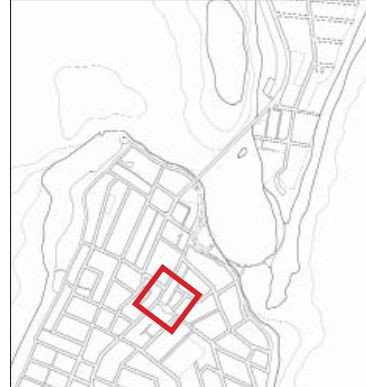
A new and exciting urban waterfront skatepark can enliven a space and be integrated into the park such as these skate parks designed by Convic (right: Geelong Left: Cairns)

Dog Parks are a healthy way to connect people to place. They are an effective way of helping people to get to know their neighbours better.

THE TOWN SQUARE: The Civic Heart



View of the Theatre Forecourt



Location

The Civic Hub of The Entrance will significantly altered by the design of several key iconic development sites and other development sites such as the Regional Library. As these designs are in flux, this section of the report proposes general principles and recommendations opposed to finite public domain design. This report recommends that the developers of these key sites utilise these principles and recommendations during the design development process.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- Designate the design and construction of the public places identified in diagram 2 to the developers of the Key Sites and Development sites adjacent;
- Create a variety of activity focused areas which function as social spaces;
- Create a balance between hotspots and quiet places that give people an opportunity for time out from their busy day;
- Link these activity spaces through the use of materials, trees and signage. Make Town Square a place of discovery by drawing people through main street into the back streets;
- Enable people to pass from A to B quickly and efficiently. Use natural desire lines to activate the spaces;
- Ensure the proposed road closures do not inhibit the servicing of these buildings.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- Provide continuous awnings to provide shelter and facades for signage;
- Pave the shared zone with compressed concrete unit pavers which can accommodate service vehicles and can be lifted unit by unit for maintenance of services.

TOWN SQUARE

- Establish Town Square as a precinct opposed to a single urban piazza. Town Square can become the focal point to The Entrance and comprise a hierarchy of urban spaces which feature different roles such as a Retail Square which corresponds to Lakeside Shopping Centre, Civic Square which reinforces the Potential Community Facilities Hub and the Theatre Forecourt which can become a bright and vibrant destination;
- Establish Town Square as a urban park that has the features of a park such as trees, vegetation and wildlife. The earlier framework layers identified that the centre of the town was lacking in park activities (we note Taylor Park to the east of Town Square however, this is a formal park and not a mixed use space).
- Establish a pedestrian only precinct behind Main Street.
- Ensure Town Square is serviceable by creating widths to accommodate service vehicles. We note this is feasible due to the redevelopment of surrounding buildings. Servicing of these spaces should be after hours.

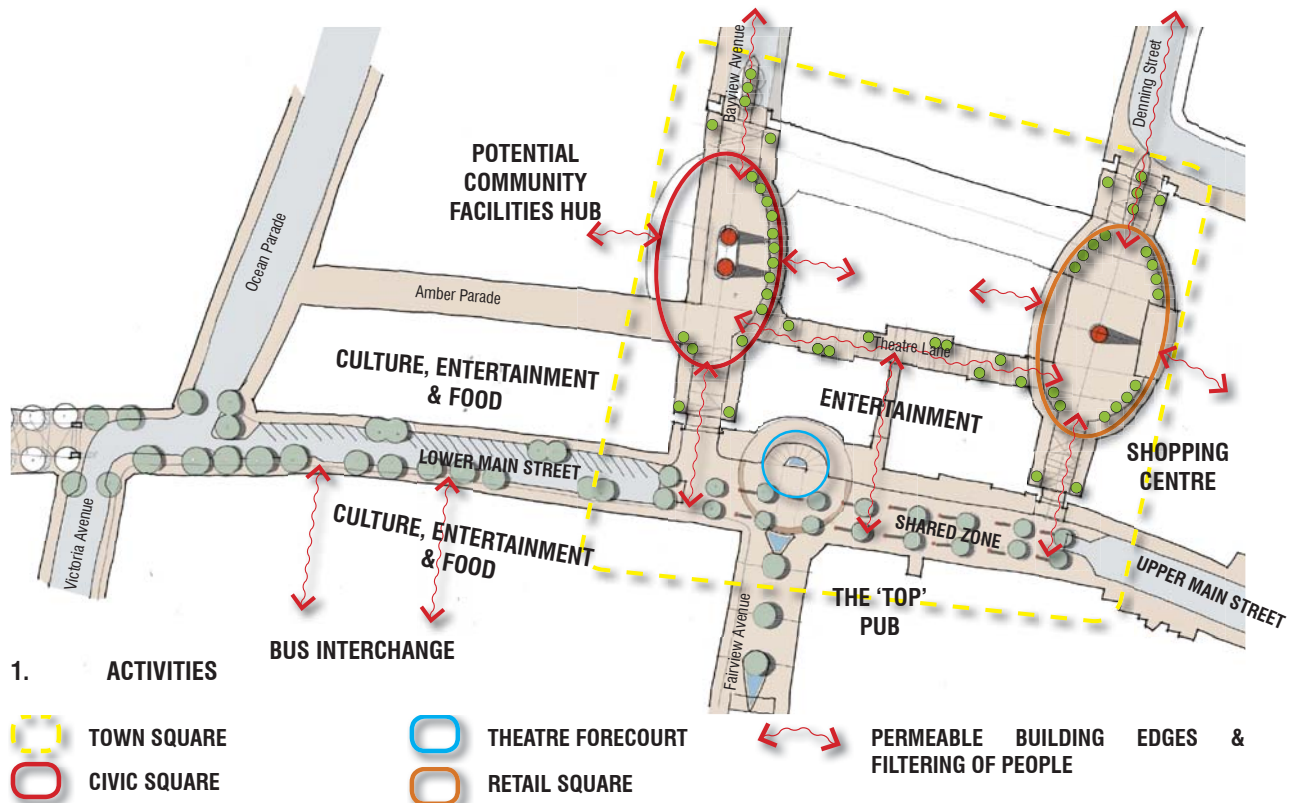
- Encourage street performances in the squares and lanes to give life, colour and sounds to these spaces. Create platforms for these impromptu events;
- Integrate places for play that are not formal childrens play areas. Elements for climbing and exploring can be landscape forms or a piece of active public art.
- Establish elements such as street furniture, public art and landart in the urban landscape that inform people that they are part of a hierarchy of connected spaces. This could be achieved by repeating similar in these spaces.

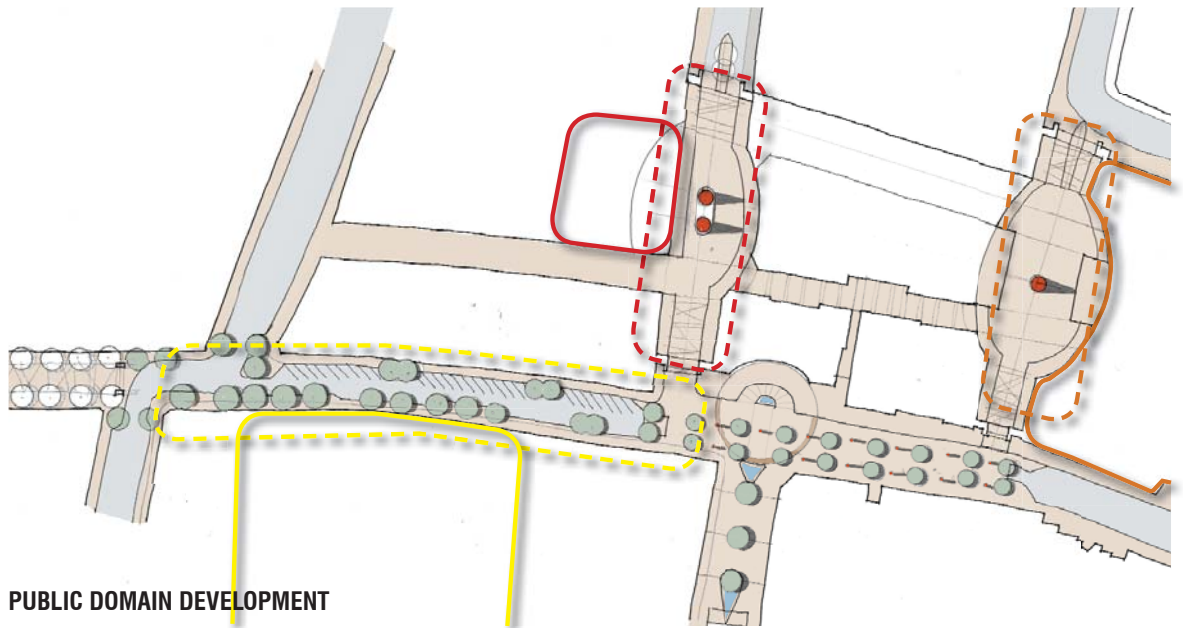
MAIN STREET - TOWN SQUARE

- To prioritise pedestrian safety, establish Main Street as a shared zone. To achieve this the Masterplan proposes a raised threshold that defines a ‘carriageways’ with street trees, bollards and flagpoles. It is anticipated that the volume of cars attempting to park in this street will be reduced due to the changes to the road network which encourages all public caparking to be at the rear of Main Street. This will be addressed through changes to the road treatment and street signage;
- Redevelop The Entrance theatre as a picture theatre and theatre restaurant complex. To continue the seaside theme give the theatre an art deco character featuring bright lights and iconic architectural forms;
- Create a theatre forecourt that reinforces Fairview Avenue as an important axis in the new road hierarchy.

LOWER MAIN STREET

- Activate lower Main Street with a mix of cultural activities including pop up galleries, artist studios, interspersed with cafes and restaurants, bookshops and music venues. These will complement rather than compete with the retail centre proposed for Lakeside Plaza.
- Maintain the existing road structure, parking layout, street trees and dining booths. Integrate the new material palette with the elements to be retained. Remove the hedges around the dining booths as they form a barrier and ‘turn patrons backs to the street’.
- A bus interchange is proposed as part of the Ebbside development site. Access by buses should be at the rear of the site to keep Main Street clear of heavy vehicles and traffic. Pedestrians can filter through the bus interchange to Main Street. This reduces the interchanges impact upon main street.



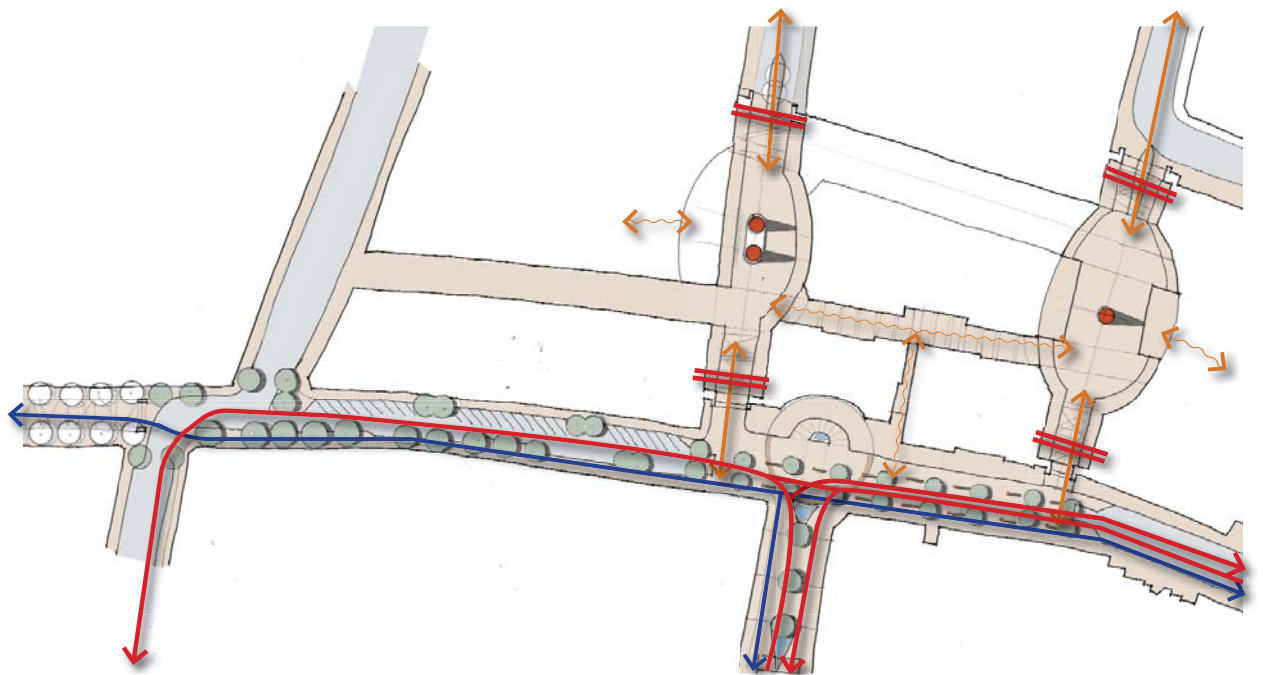


PUBLIC DOMAIN DEVELOPMENT

 **CIVIC SQUARE**
POTENTIAL COMMUNITY USE HUB
/MIXED USE

 **'RETAIL SQUARE'**
LAKESIDE SHOPPING CENTRE

 **'LOWER MAIN STREET'**
EBBTIDE MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT
INCLUDING BUS INTERCHANGE



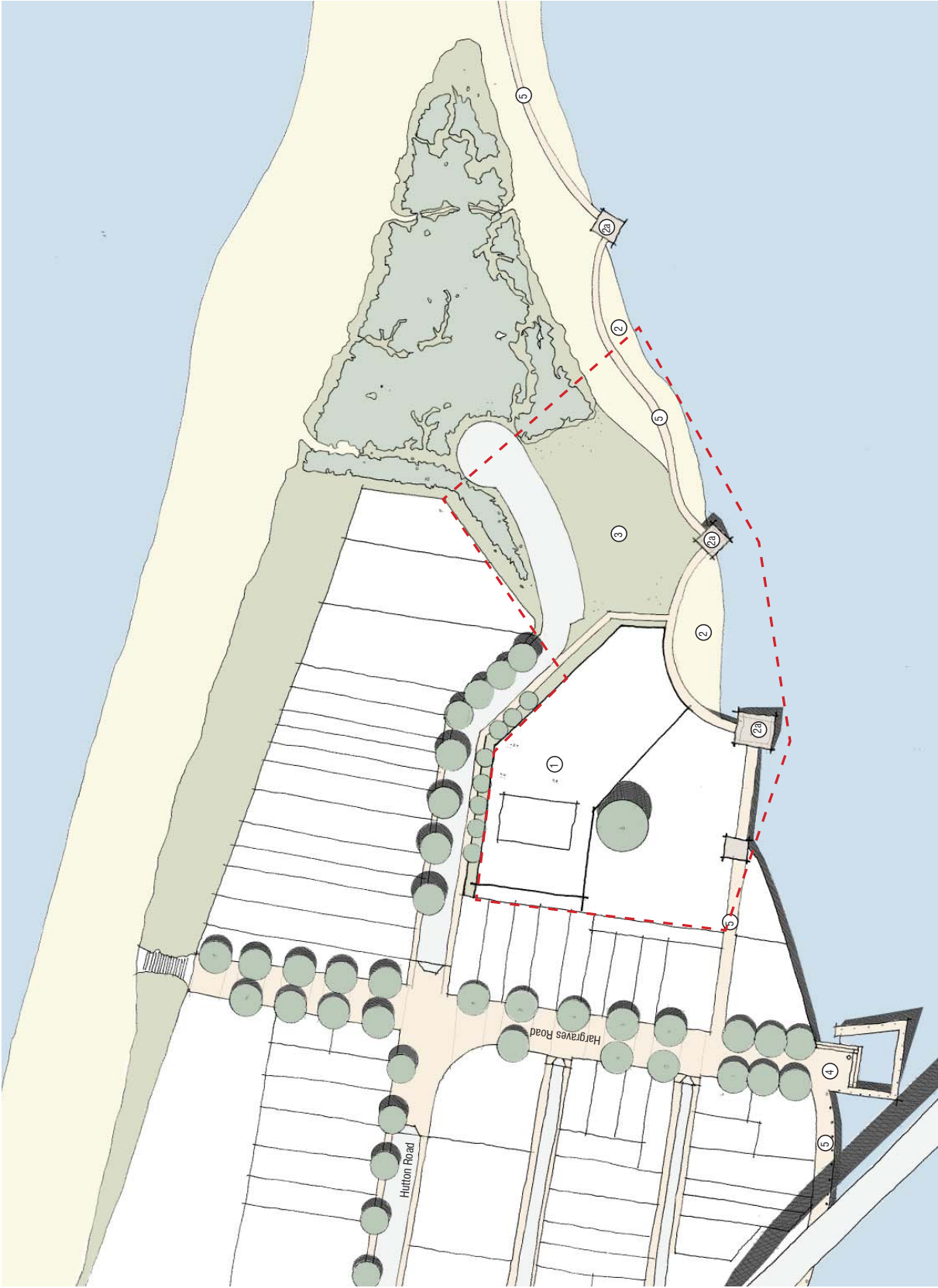
MOVEMENT - VEHICULAR / CYCLES / PEOPLE

 **CYCLEWAY AND PEDESTRIANS**

 **THRESHOLDS**


 **VEHICULAR MOVEMENT**

 **PEOPLE**



LEGEND

- 1 Dunleith Tourist Resort - Key Iconic Development Site
- 2 Karagi Beach
- 2a Nodal Rest Points
- 3 Karagi Park
- 4 The Jetty
- 5 Northern Promenade

 Final design of Dunleith Park & beach to be integrated into the design and construction of the Key Site

DUNLEITH - NORTH ENTRANCE KEY SITE

PRINCIPLES

- Connect the northern and southern sides of The Entrance together for pedestrians and cyclists. Establish the link at an accessible grade to enable the less able bodied to cross without the use of a car;
- Activate North Entrance and its edge to the lake with activities that complement The Entrance;
- Connect people to water, water to people;
- Maintain existing vegetation and respect the existing Norfolk pines that give The Entrance its character.



RECOMMENDATIONS

Key Iconic Development Site – Dunleith Tourist Resort

- Establish Dunleith Tourist Park as a family friendly resort that is a destination in its own right and encourages people to cross the channel;
- Develop the site as vertical tower that opens the ground plane for community and public spaces such as parks, promenades and other activities;
- In the public open spaces, provide exciting activities that are not found in the region to activate this precinct such as a sound garden or sculpture garden;
- Use the site as a vehicle to connect visitors with North Entrance Beach, Karagi Park and the Northern Promenade;
- Respect the large Norfolk Pine that is centred on this site and use it reinforce the vertical character of the tower.
- Establish the top floor of the tower as an observation deck to provide unobstructed views across the town, channel, lake and ocean. Northern views from this level would provide significant views up the north coast towards the national parks. This will be the only location on the Central Coast to capture these views and would be a significant tourist destination.

Karagi Beach

- Establish a beach that encourages use of the lake and allows people to directly access it;
- Use the beach to reinforce the character of Dunleith as a tourist destination;
- Use timber decks as nodal points that provide shelter and observation points for walkers and cyclists. The shelters can be used by the less able body that need a place to rest before continuing on their journey. This is important in this locality where the spaces are broad and open.

Karagi Park

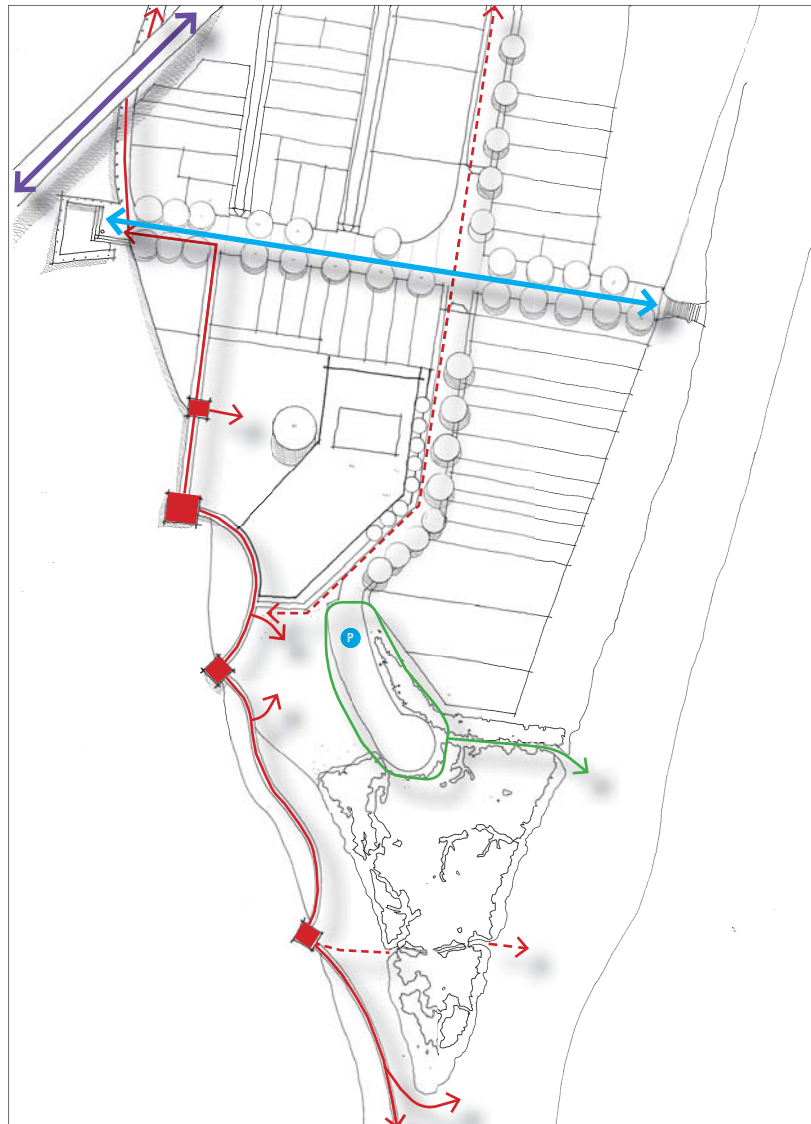
- Increase the useable space of Karagi Park by changing the shape and orientation of the carpark. This will provide a seamless connection with the public open spaces of the Dunleith Tourist Resort;
- Within this space include uses such as a children’s playground, picnic shelters and public amenities. Also allow for cycle parking to encourage cyclists to get off their bikes and visit the attractions on the northern side of the channel.
- Maintain a large and open area that provides space to kick a ball or play as a family;

The Jetty

- The Jetty is a memorial to the former Entrance Bridge that once spanned the channel. The bridge originally connected with Hargraves Street making Hutton Road the original link north. The Jetty is an extension to Hargraves Street which terminates in an enclosure that permits people to sit on large steps that descend into the water.
- The Jetty should have characteristics that are consistent with the original bridge - constructed of timber and painted white. Its access to the water is reminiscent of the original bridge’s relationship to water as it was low lying and had strong pedestrian connections.

The Northern Promenade and its water connections

- The Northern Promenade is an extension of the Water Walk and connects with the pedestrian and cycle network that starts at Terilbah Park and continues northwards.
- The promenade should be suitable for pedestrians of all abilities and at an accessible grade. The promenade shall incorporate covered shelters at regular intervals to provide rest points from the sun and the rain.
- An east west link between the Jetty and the Ocean should be defined through pavement treatments, street tree planting and signage. This will strongly define this link.



MOVEMENT ANALYSIS

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|  | THE ENTRANCE BRIDGE |  | NORTHERN PROMENADE |  | PUBLIC PARKING |
|  | LAKE/BEACH LINK |  | SECONDARY MOVEMENT |  | PUBLIC CARPARK & CYCLE PARKING |

MOODS : INSPIRATION : CHARACTER : TEXTURE : IMAGINATION

Materials, forms and finishes should be inspired by a theme that is sensory: visual and textural. The following images and words have strong connections with the coast and coastal living and have been used to inspire the forms and materials proposed for the Masterplan.



White Sails
Bleached Driftwood
Sand And Sun

Rigging
Classic Forms And Shapes

Rustic

Relaxed Style



MATERIALS, FORMS & STREET FURNITURE CONCEPTS

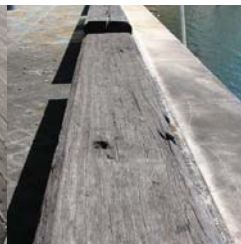
KEY IDEAS

A neutral classic colour palette of white, sand and silver grey. This leaves the vibrancy and the colours to be expressed in public art, play equipment, signage and other architectural features.

- Bleached light hued timber decks and insitu seating along the lake edge
- Sandstone edge to the lake
- White timber pylons defining edges which reinforce the coastal character
- Light sandy toned compressed concrete paving defined by contrasting inset paving as a feature
- Contrasting stainless steel street furniture for durability and a timeless character
- Tall elegant and classic light pole forms to continue the traditional seaside coastal theme
- Cantilevered edges to give the impression of platforms floating on water



FLOATING PLATFORMS

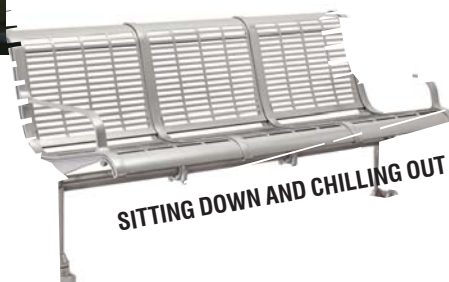


TREATING EDGES



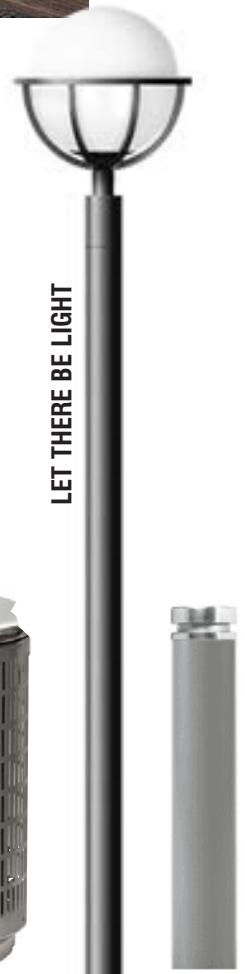
DEFINING SPACES

WHITE SAILS



SITTING DOWN AND CHILLING OUT

KEEPING IT CLEAN



LET THERE BE LIGHT