



PAUL KEATING PARK MASTERPLAN

STAGE 04 - MASTERPLAN REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the next 20 years, the Bankstown CBD will see substantial growth and increased demand on its parks, streets and cultural facilities due to greater amounts of jobs, students and residents. The Paul Keating Park Masterplan presents the opportunity to respond to this future trajectory, focusing on the Civic Precinct, the centrepiece of Bankstown CBD, to revitalise open space offerings whilst also addressing the current challenges of the site.

The masterplan and design outcomes presented within this report are based on a detailed understanding of these challenges, along with the current and future contexts of the site. These studies are incorporated within the initial chapters of the report through context mappings, site considerations diagrams and design principles that were used as a framework for producing the masterplan. Furthermore, community engagement enabled a greater depth of understanding, highlighting a number of aspirations for the site, and a number of themes that when combined with prior understandings, informed the design responses that have been implemented in the masterplan.

The masterplan encompasses Paul Keating Park and its local surroundings, providing a cohesive and integrated public domain throughout the Civic Precinct which includes Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre (BLaKC), the Western Sydney University Campus, Civic Tower, Council Chambers, Court House Reserve and a variety of local commerce. The masterplan can be understood through eight key areas that are distinctly different and provide a diversity of programs and amenities for an inclusive, safe and connected public domain. These spaces include The Appian Way, the Play Space, Green Incline, Library Interface, Urban Forest and Deck, The Mall, War Memorial Civic Plaza and Rickard Road.

The Appian Way offers a major pedestrian entrance into the site from Bankstown Metro Station, providing access to surrounding buildings and programs, and integrating environmental functionality. Adjacent to this, the Play Space offers further amenity and shade, with a custom, inclusive and varied playground and spaces for parents congregate. The Green Incline, by contrast, offers access to sunshine and a large open space for leisure, resolving connectivity between upper and lower levels of the site, and providing the opportunity for an integrated community building below.

A redesigned entryway to BLaKC, incorporating an outdoor dining terrace and an opened-up façade, activates the existing building from Chapel St and allows a transition of programs between interior and exterior. The Council Chambers are also activated from the exterior, with a raised timber deck surrounding the building for flexible community use. Surrounding the Chambers, the existing urban forest is retained and adjacent space is provided for outdoor reading and other quiet, passive activities.

The Mall is envisioned as a tree-lined avenue through a park, with pedestrian and cycle connectivity as the priority, and slower, safer vehicle traffic. Finally, the War Memorial Civic Plaza is reconfigured to provide seating within 'outdoor waiting rooms', and existing historical and cultural elements integrated within a new plaza space for memorial services and ceremonies.

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PROJECT INTRODUCTION

Over the next 20 years, the quality of Bankstown's public spaces will be integral to the success of balancing community needs with large scale change.

Project Context

Over the coming 20 years, the Bankstown CBD is planned to double the amount of jobs, students and residents, which will put more demand on our parks, streets and cultural facilities. As Bankstown's premier public space, we know it's a favourite space for many locals and want to review and better understand community requirements and aspirations for Paul Keating Park. This project investigates potential solutions to issues affecting the site, including but not limited to; access, urban heat, event infrastructure, flooding and ongoing maintenance. In response, Council has committed to the preparation of a Concept Masterplan to respond to this growth, investigate the key issues and consider the changing diverse needs of our community.

Study Area

The Civic Precinct is the centrepiece of Bankstown's CBD. It is located on the northern side of the railway line and includes the award-winning Bankstown Learning and Knowledge Centre (BLaKC) designed by FJMT Architects, the Council Civic Tower, the future Western Sydney University (WSU), the Thurlow Fisher House (69 The Mall), the HOYTS cinema and the Bankstown Court reserve. This site area includes the street block bounded by Jacobs St, Rickard Rd, Chapel Rd and The Mall, commonly known as the Civic Precinct, The Bankstown Court House Reserve, the section of pathway on the southern side of The Mall, between Fetherstone St and The Appian Way.

Project Structure

The project is based on a 6 stage approach that includes;

Stage 01 - Assessment and Engagement

The masterplan considerations summarise the analysis of stakeholder and community consultation, review of background documents, and site visits. These considerations outline the various opportunities and constraints that relate the Paul Keating Park and the surrounding Civic Precinct.

Stage 02 - Design Principles

The Design Principles respond to the Stage 01 considerations. They collectively form a suite of criteria that guide the development and assessment of the Concept masterplan options.

Stage 03 - Concept Masterplan Options

Stage 04 - Preferred Masterplan and Costing

Stage 05 - Draft Masterplan Public Exhibition

Stage 06 - Final Masterplan

FUTURE CONTEXT

As part of the Sydenham to Bankstown Urban Renewal Corridor, the region will be driven by transport infrastructure and local economic growth in residential development, service industries and education.

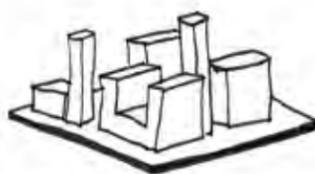
Over the next 20 years the Bankstown CBD will be shaped by a doubling of density, economic opportunity and community needs. Paul Keating Park sits at the juncture of this uplift, with the proposed Compass centre redevelopment, a newly finished Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre and a planned Western Sydney University (WSU) Campus.

Bordering Paul Keating Park, many projects and strategic plans are being realised in parallel. These include the Bankstown Central redevelopment, Complete Streets masterplan, and new transport infrastructure delivery associated with the Metro.

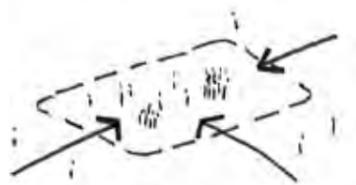
A focus on pedestrians and active walkable connectivity to transport infrastructure is an aim of the Complete Streets masterplan. A dramatic shift of focus away from vehicles in the CBD. As part of this, The Appian Way will become pedestrianised along the edge of the park and continue as a series of shared zones, to Bankstown railway and metro stations. Along this spine, an expected 2000+ students a day will be delivered to the new WSU campus.

Further to this, new residential and mixed-use development adjacent to the park, to the south and west, will focus the park as a key civic space. Along Chapel Road another activated street frontage, with tightened vehicle access, planned restaurants and new densities overlooking the park.

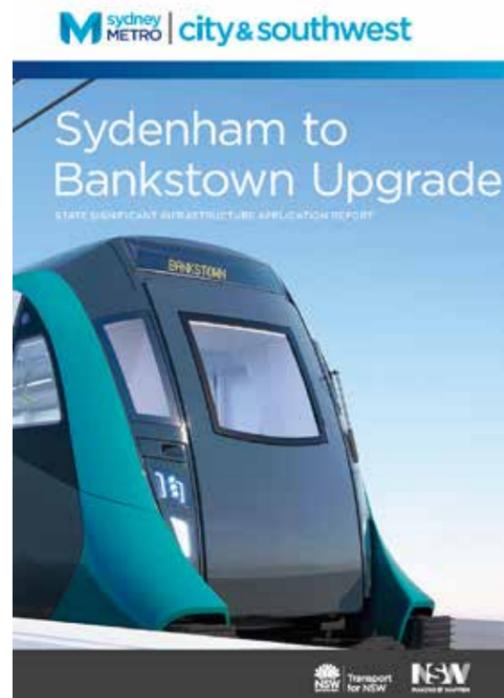
A future Bankstown will see a denser and more tightly programmed place, meeting of wider inputs, people and cultures and a new vibrancy to the shared civic spaces of the park.



10-20 years from now will see a denser more urban CBD.



A community anchor that supports active uses and activities, while remaining a green heart



Sydenham to Bankstown Metro

The Sydenham to Bankstown upgrade involves the conversion of lines to metro standards, with significant increase in frequency of service and transit amenity along the Bankstown Line and beyond, facilitating a projected increased economic productivity and land use efficiency in areas across the corridor.



Complete Streets

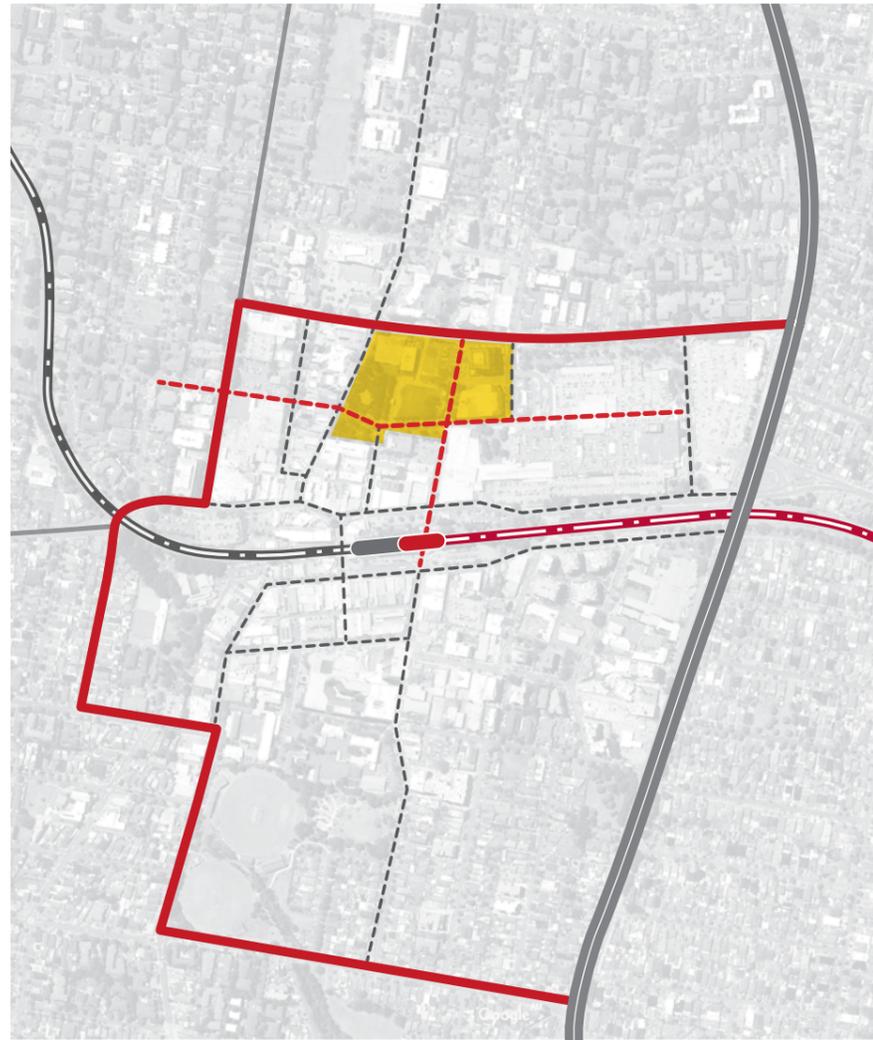
A snapshot of current contextual positioning of Bankstown, including demographics, strategic planning and future development. Importantly, the Complete Streets masterplan features proposed new street designs along The Mall, Rickard Road and The Appian Way – with pedestrian only and shared streets.



Bankstown CBD WSU Campus

The campus forms part of the University's 'Western Growth' strategy, and features a new vertical campus servicing an estimated 2,000+ students a day. Opening in early 2022, the campus will integrate the University within the community, providing new economic opportunity to the civic life of Bankstown.

RELEVANCE WITHIN A FUTURE BANKSTOWN CBD



FUTURE MOVEMENT NETWORK AS CATALYST

New Metro station: trigger for improved integrated transport hub and increase of pedestrian activity.

Complete Streets: Including, upgrades to Appian Way and The Mall creating major pedestrian links and a newly defined CBD ring road to enable improved walkability in CBD.



AN EXISTING CONDITION: INDOOR - OUTDOOR

Major indoor attractions vs. Public outdoor spaces

Indoor and Outdoor spaces need to; **complement** and balance each other for **all-year round uses** and **Health and Wellbeing**



BANKSTOWN CBD HEART

The Civic Precinct plays a central role in **strengthening programming** to offset indoor destinations within the CBD

The Civic Precinct has a core role in **defining the heart** and identity of the CBD

EXISTING CONTEXT

The first town hall and Council Chambers for Bankstown were built in 1898, establishing the area as a civic centre at the heart of a network of thriving neighbourhoods. Today, council chambers and a recent addition - the new Bankstown Library and Knowledge Centre all contribute to a precinct of education and social connectivity.

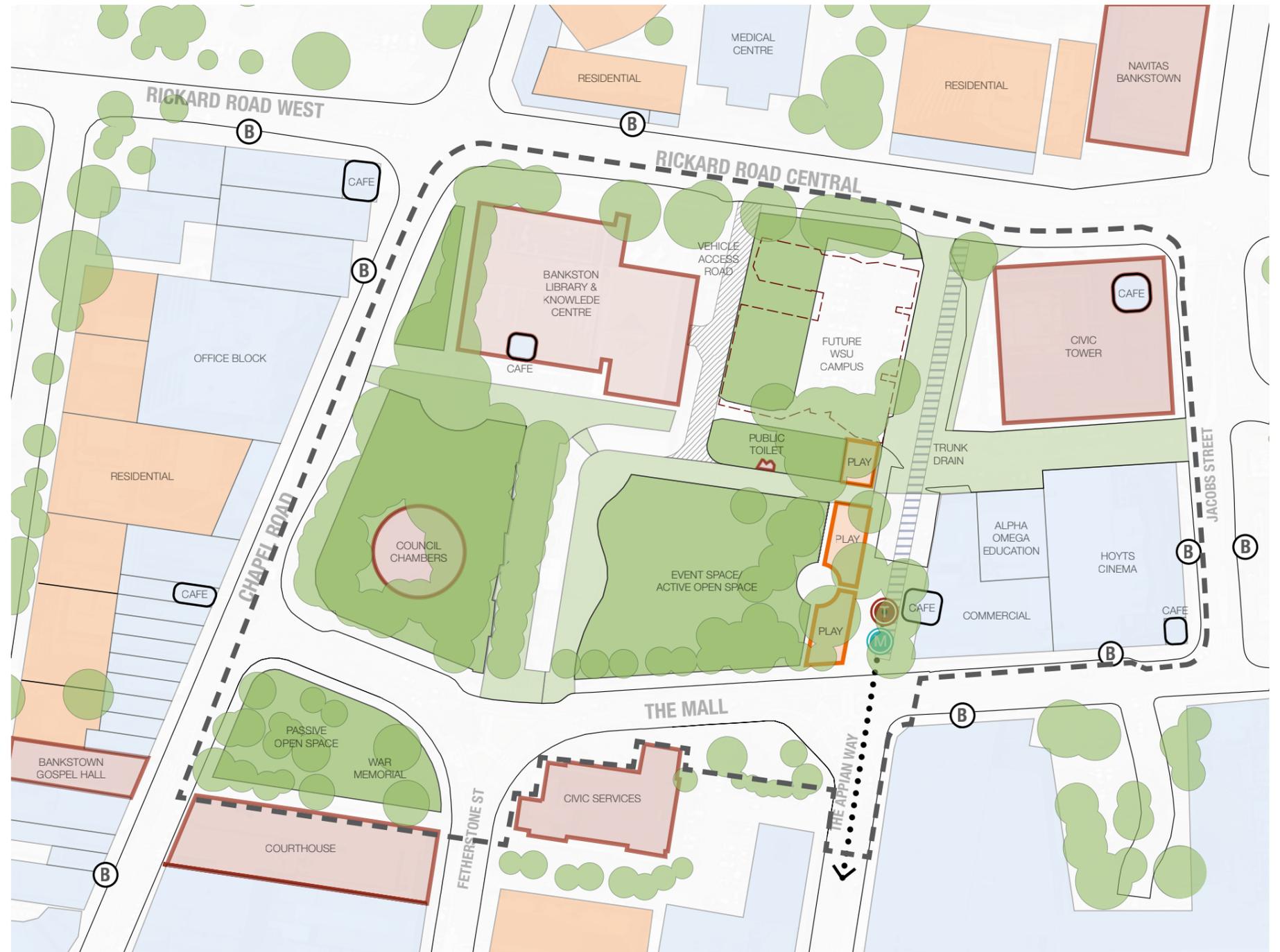
Surrounding Paul Keating Park is a mixture of high density apartments, commercial enterprise and retail spaces, with a large district shopping centre close by. The park performs as city square, urban forest, events space and connective tissue between a wider CBD.

Paul Keating Park is currently a densely programmed community space, enjoying a calendar of events and festivals. At other times, the park receives varying levels of activity, with the majority of visitors passively sitting 41% and standing 18%, while 27% are children playing and 11% physical exercise, with 3% enjoying cafes.

Topographically a pronounced fall runs across the site from northwest corner downwards to the southeast. Accommodating the level change, are a combination of stairs and ramps, with terraced seating transition between a lower and a higher zone, one adjacent to the Library and a second the central green.

Drainage is a significant site consideration, with two sub-catchments of the Salt Pan Creek regime totalling some 100ha upstream of the park converging at the northeast corner of the park. Currently, stormwater infrastructure for the upstream catchment runs south along The Appian Way along the site.

Treetop canopy cover makes up around 50% of the open spaces, offering shaded areas and forming an urban forest. As a destination for young families, the park has a number playground offerings under shaded structures, running along side The Appian Way and the green events space central to the park.



OPEN SPACE CONTEXT

Paul Keating Park has a major opportunity to provide a high quality open space in a much needed area that serves the immediate and regional community.

Adjacent open space consists of fragmented landscapes that are small in scale. These small scale parks and reserves are of low quality and have to perform highly under growing population demands. Better legibility and pedestrian connectivity is needed to provide a better network of open space.

Paul Keating Park has the opportunity to become a high performing open space that can address the demand of the future population. Its strategic positioning also provides a great opportunity to help define local street networks and a strong local and regional identity.

OPEN SPACES

- 01. Pullen Reserve [Public, P]
- 02. Yagoona Public School [Private, S]
- 03. Alice Park [Public, P, B]
- 04. McLeod Reserve [Public, P, B]
- 05. Cos Egan Reserve [Public]
- 06. Apex Reserve [Public, P, B]
- 07. Leo Reserve [Public, P]
- 08. Greenacre Reserve [Public, P]
- 09. RM Campbell Reserve [Public, P, B]
- 10. Hillcrest Reserve [Public]
- 11. Prairie Vale Reserve [Public]
- 12. Cairds Reserve [Public, P, B]
- 13. Brancourt Park [Public, P, B]
- 14. Gail Reserve [Public]
- 15. Bankstown Arts Centre [Public]
- 16. Sidings Park [Public, P]
- 17. Dorothy Reserve [Public, P]
- 18. Stevens Reserve [Public, P, B]
- 19. Bankstown City Gardens [Public, P, B]
- 20. Ruse Park [Public, S, P, B]
- 21. Graf Park [Public, S, P, B]
- 22. TAFE NSW Bankstown [Private, S]

LEGEND

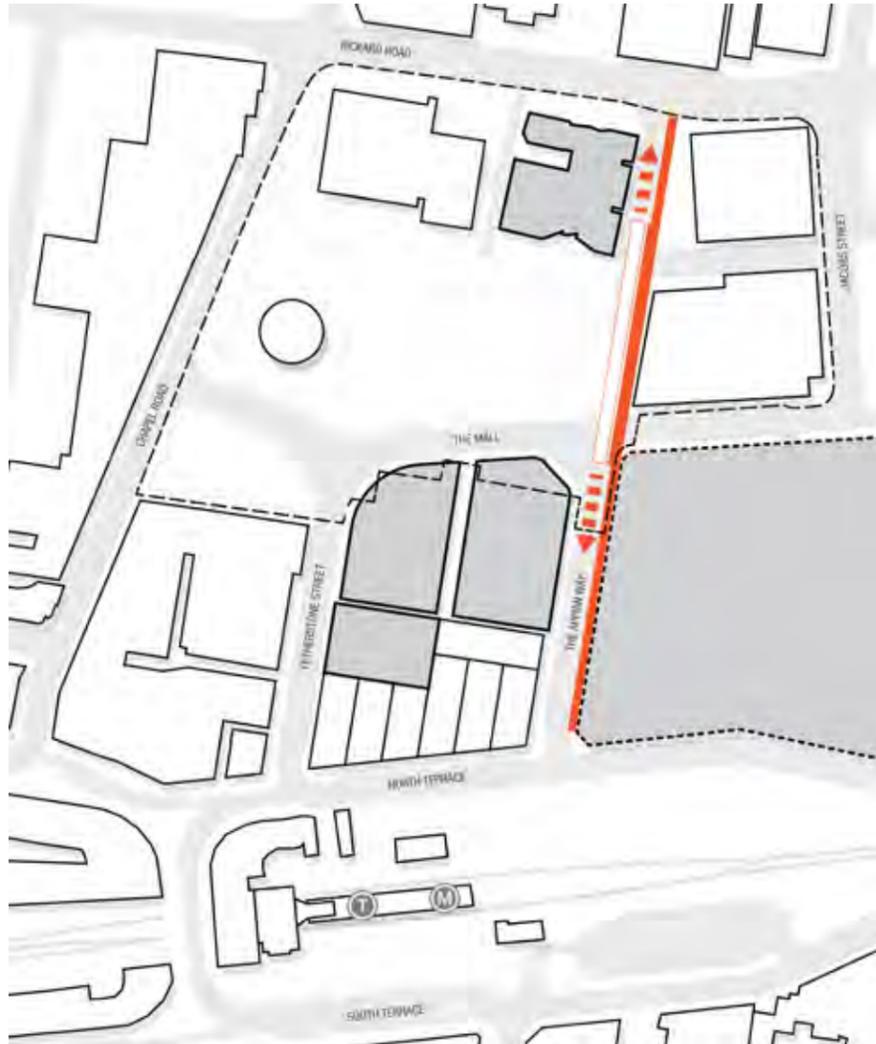
- - - Site Boundary
- - - Pedestrian catchment
- - - Railway Corridor
- Arterial Roads
- Paul Keating Park
- Open Space
- 🚉 Bankstown Train Station

[S] = Sport
 [P] = Playground
 [B] = Benches



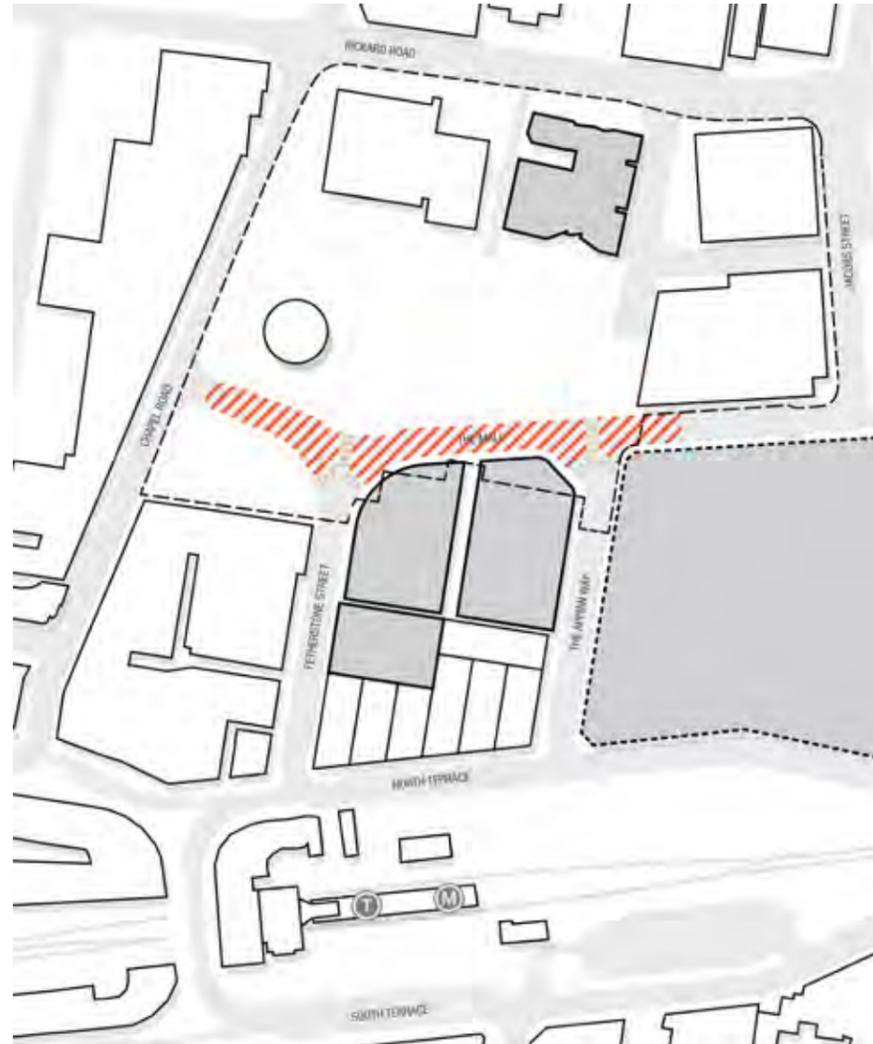
MASTERPLAN CONSIDERATIONS

STREET CHARACTER



The Appian Way as civic spine and future connection to the Metro

The Metro will deliverer future growth for the CBD, with The Appian Way forming a key spine through to The Civic Precinct at the heart of the CBD.



Changing character and intensity of The Mall to stitch the CBD to the civic precinct

Road configuration and vehicular movements along The Mall create a separation of the Civic precinct from the CBD decreasing walkability.



Consider Complete Streets as a holistic strategy to be integrated with the Civic Precinct

The Complete Streets Masterplan has set out a holistic strategy for the streets interfacing with the Civic Precinct including Rickard Road, Chapel Road, The Mall and Jacobs Street.

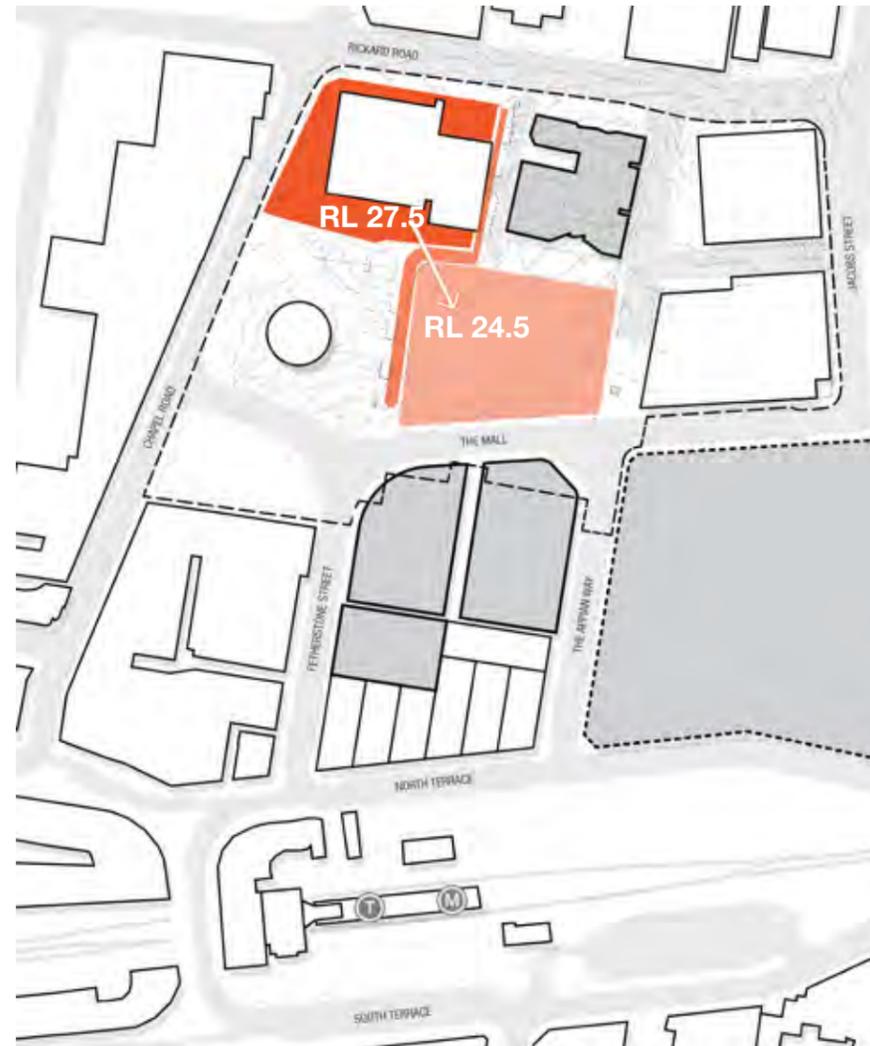
MASTERPLAN CONSIDERATIONS

CONNECTIONS



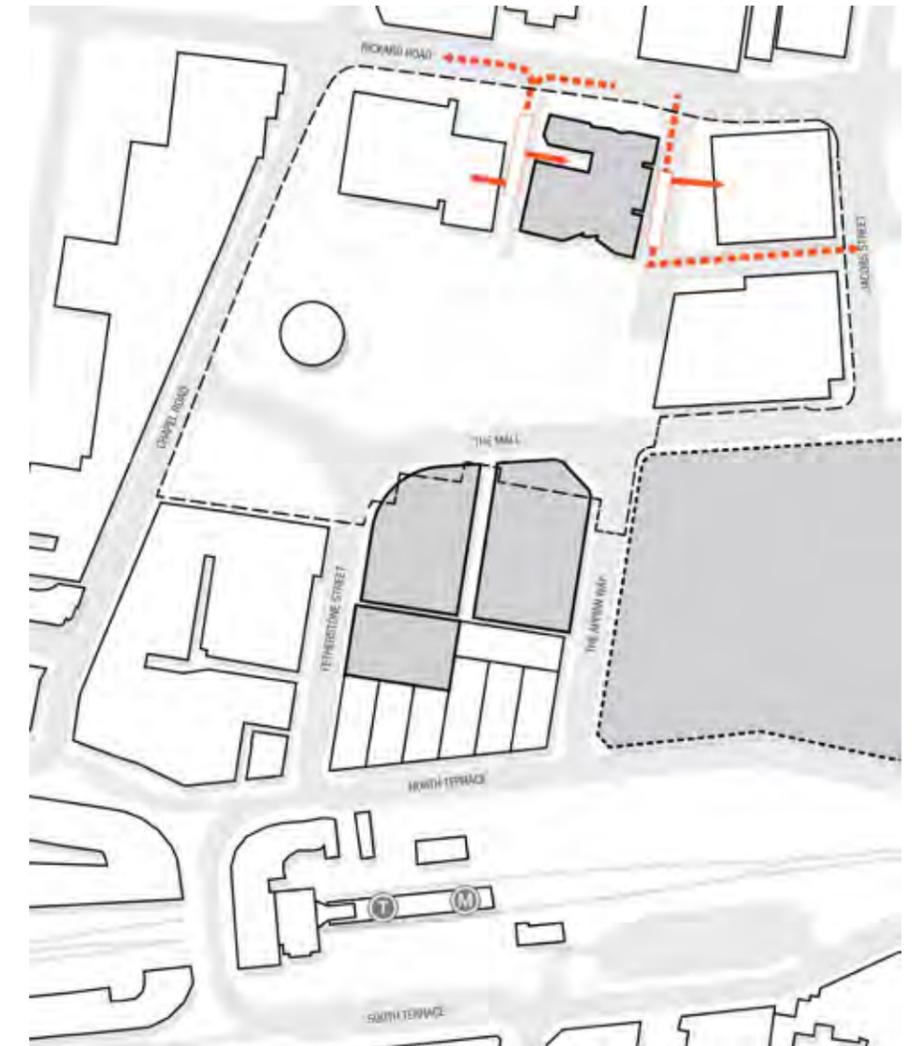
Integrate cyclist and pedestrian movements

Strategic cycle ways and active transport pathways currently exist. Adequate space to be provided for future active links to the Civic Precinct from surrounding areas.



One square, multiple levels

A level change across the site, running from the North-West corner through site to the South-East, creates two separated areas connected by an amphitheatre and stairs; creating access issues.

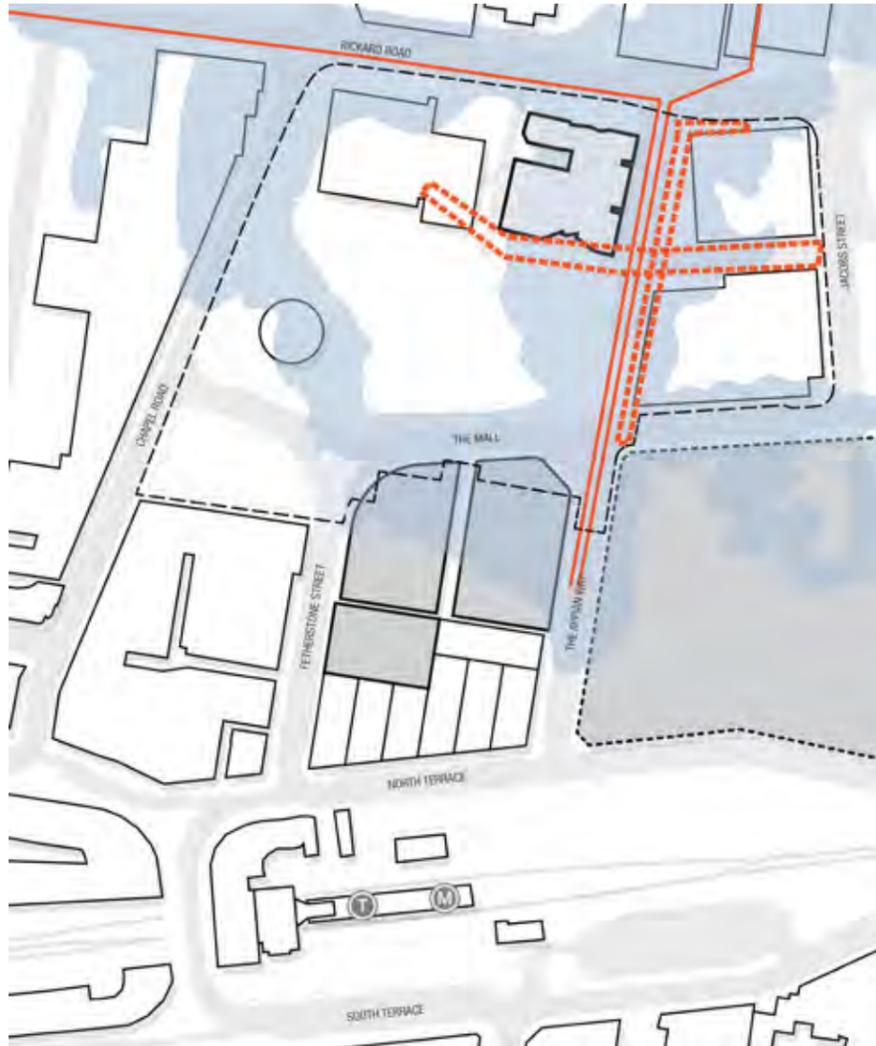


Balance Rickard road amenity with vehicular movements

There is an ongoing need to maintain vehicular access for services, running through to the Library basement and proposed WSU campus.

MASTERPLAN CONSIDERATIONS

ENVIRONMENT



Current council review of site drainage and storm water upgrades

With the arrival of the WSU university campus, current strategies around water management in the public domain and flood mitigation will change with new design approaches required.



Urban forest canopy cover and urban heat mitigation in open space and streets

Treetop canopy cover currently makes up around 50% of the open spaces, offering shaded areas and forming an urban forest in heart of the CBD, which will be significantly impacted by future development.



Solar access in line with future developments

Maintain a desirable level of solar access to open space; endeavouring to retain trees and softscape and future street planting to succeed.

MASTERPLAN CONSIDERATIONS

ACTIVITY AND USE

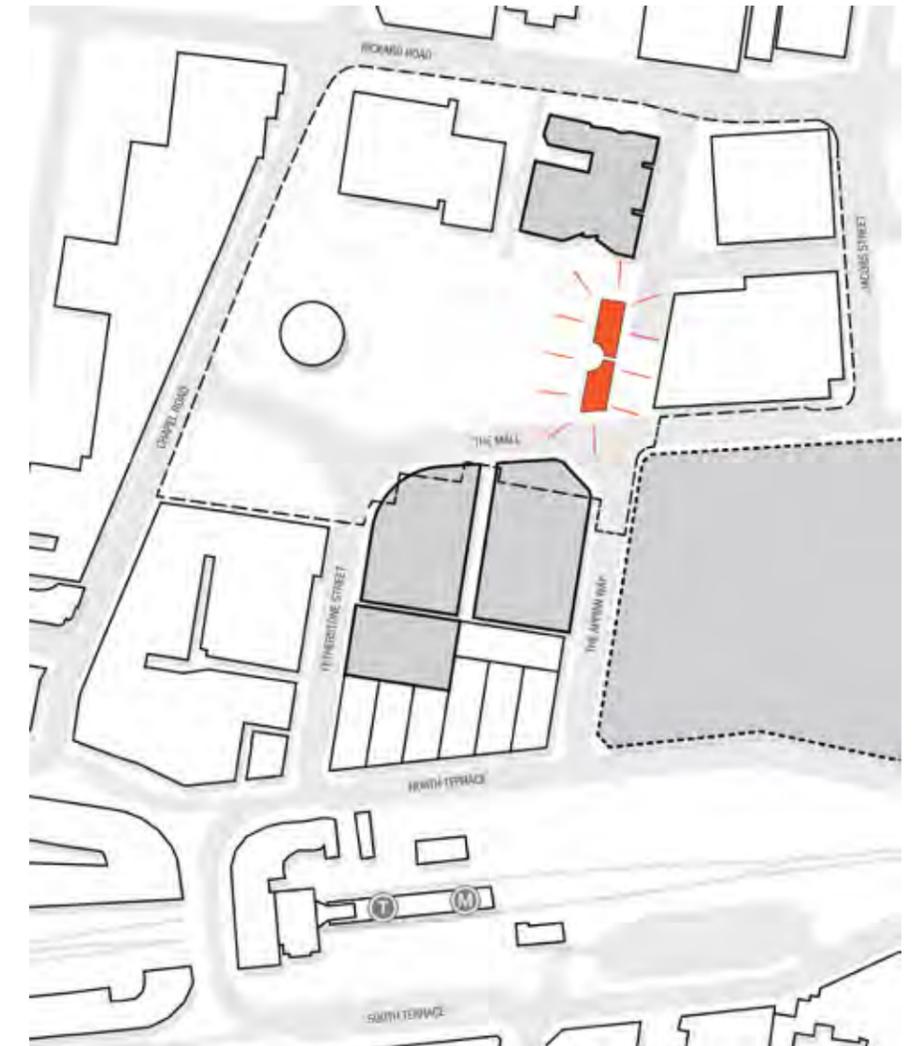


Ensure a diversity of hard and soft open spaces that meet the needs of the community



Retain an events space that offers flexibility and civic function

The main green of Paul Keating Park is a well used event space. Monthly events include markets, staged performances and cultural festivals. Maintaining a multifunctional flexible space is important to the precincts overall civic function. Currently the stage is under sized for required uses.



A revitalised local place to play that is inclusive and varied

As a destination for families, the park has a playground offerings suitable for its current local visitation. Any upgrades to the playground should be aligned with community needs and respond to its context.

MASTERPLAN CONSIDERATIONS

BUILT FORM



Respond to Chapel Road active corridor

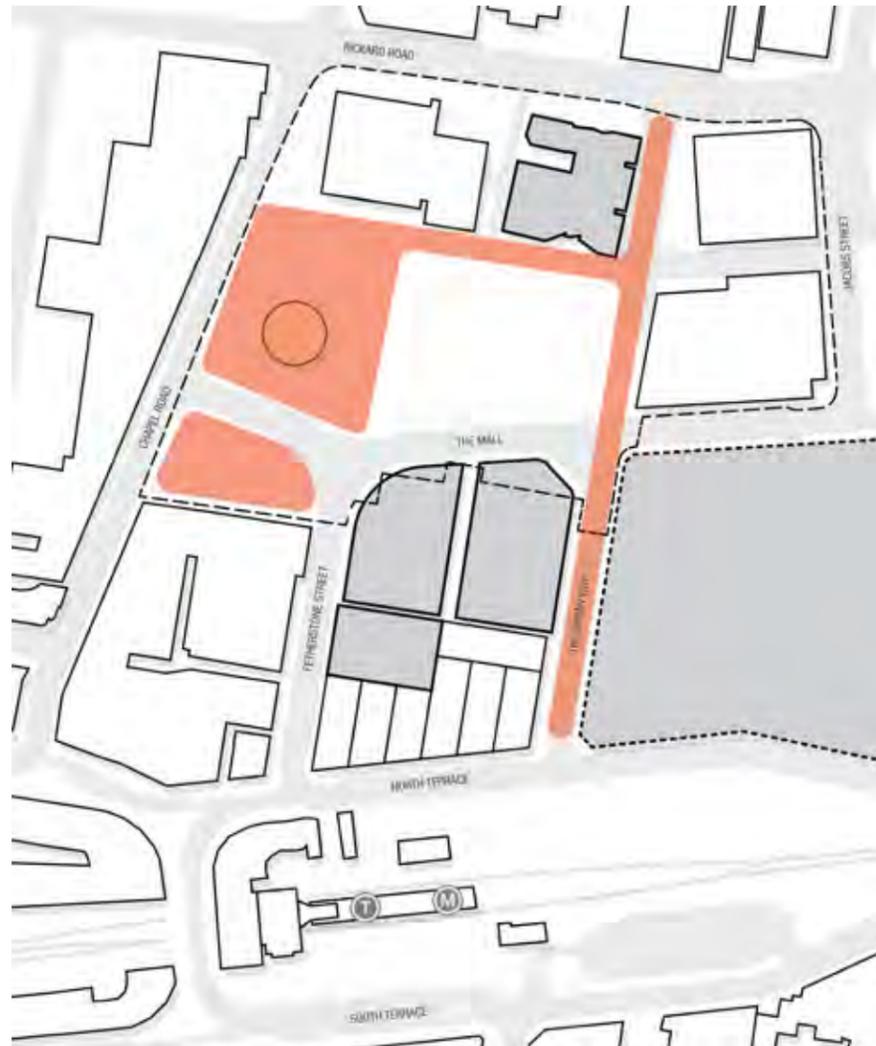
Chapel Road will be redeveloped as an active spine and community corridor, linking Paul Keating Park to restaurants frontages and retail. The area surrounding the Chambers must be considered.



Respond to existing and future built form

MASTERPLAN CONSIDERATIONS

CHARACTER



Arts and Culture

Strengthen and integrate existing art and cultural elements within the site; utilise future arts and culture to strengthen community identity and promote cultural inclusion. Review of existing artworks and possible de-commission of several.



The historical legacy of PKP and the Chamber's heritage facade

Maximise value of heritage facade to strengthen historical identity within the site.

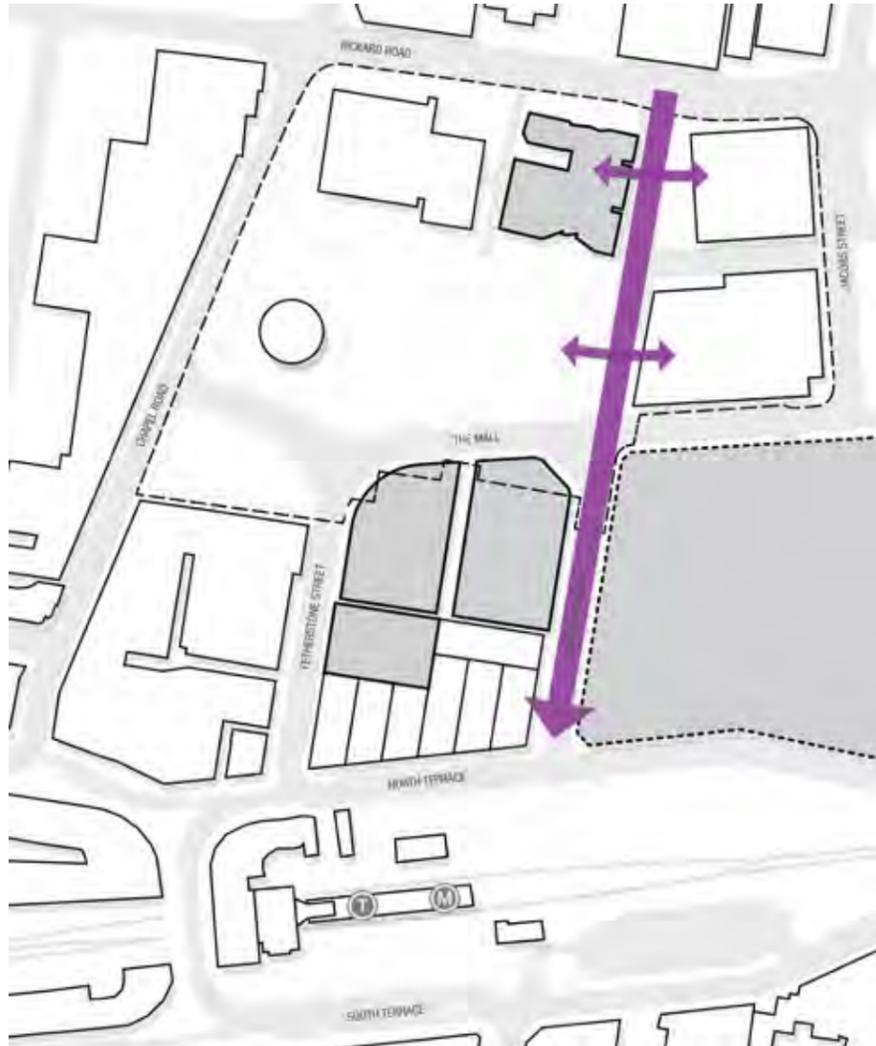


Opportunity for integration of Smart Cities initiatives and improved safety

There are opportunities for the Masterplan to make use of Smart Cities Funding, the program encourages local government agencies and bodies to deliver collaborative smart city projects that improve the liveability, productivity and sustainability of Australian cities.

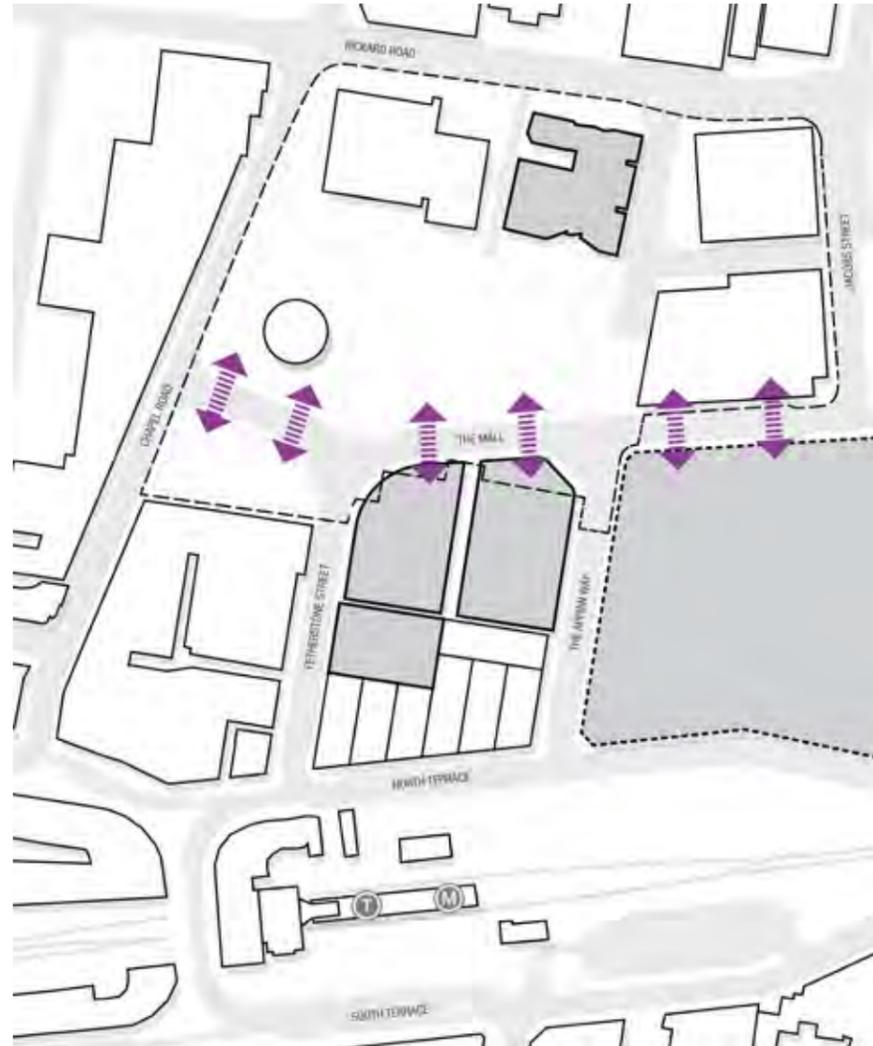
DESIGN PRINCIPLES

STREET CHARACTER



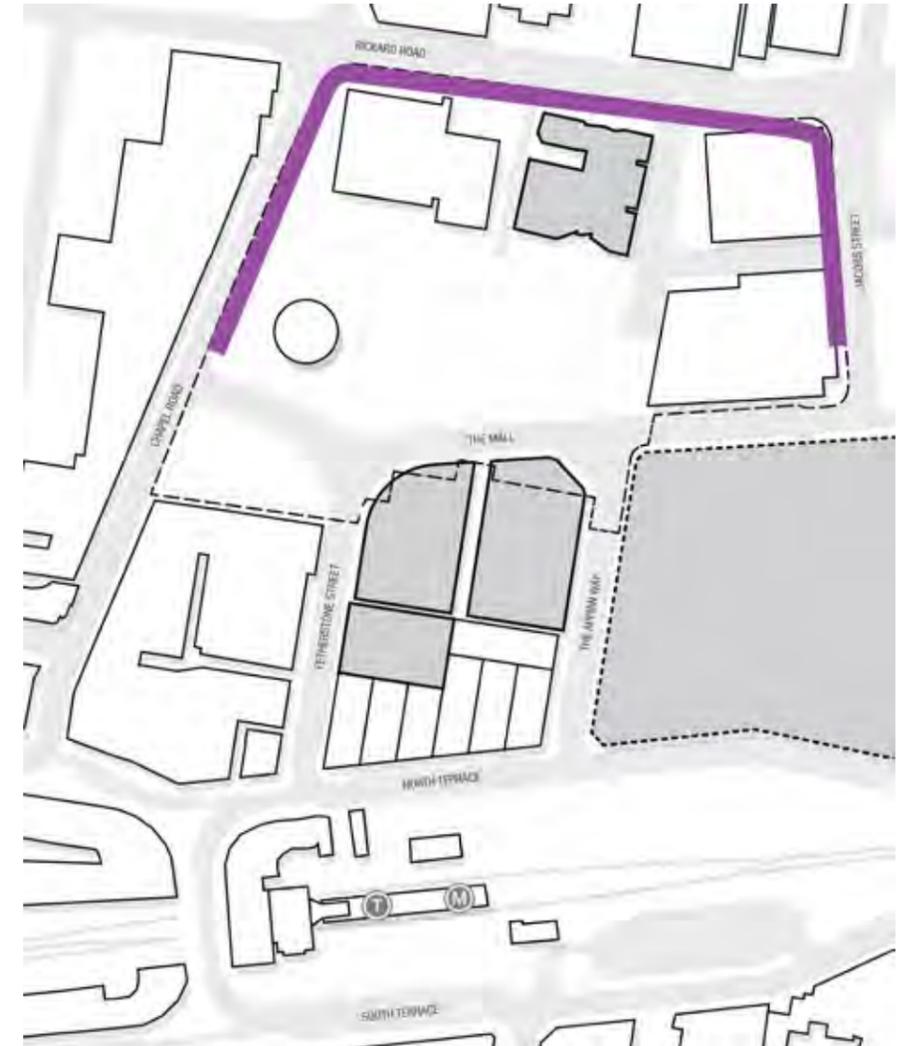
Create a primary pedestrian corridor along Appian Way

Turn Appian Way into the premiere connection between future metro, and the Civic Precinct that includes WSU, the Council chambers and Paul Keating Park. The Appian Way will be transformed into a movement corridor offering a high level of pedestrian amenity.



Work with Complete Streets to reduce the physical barrier created by The Mall.

Reconsider the Mall, prioritising amenity and access. Reconnect the CBD edge with the Park, creating the sense of "road within a park"; Work with complete streets to maximise access.

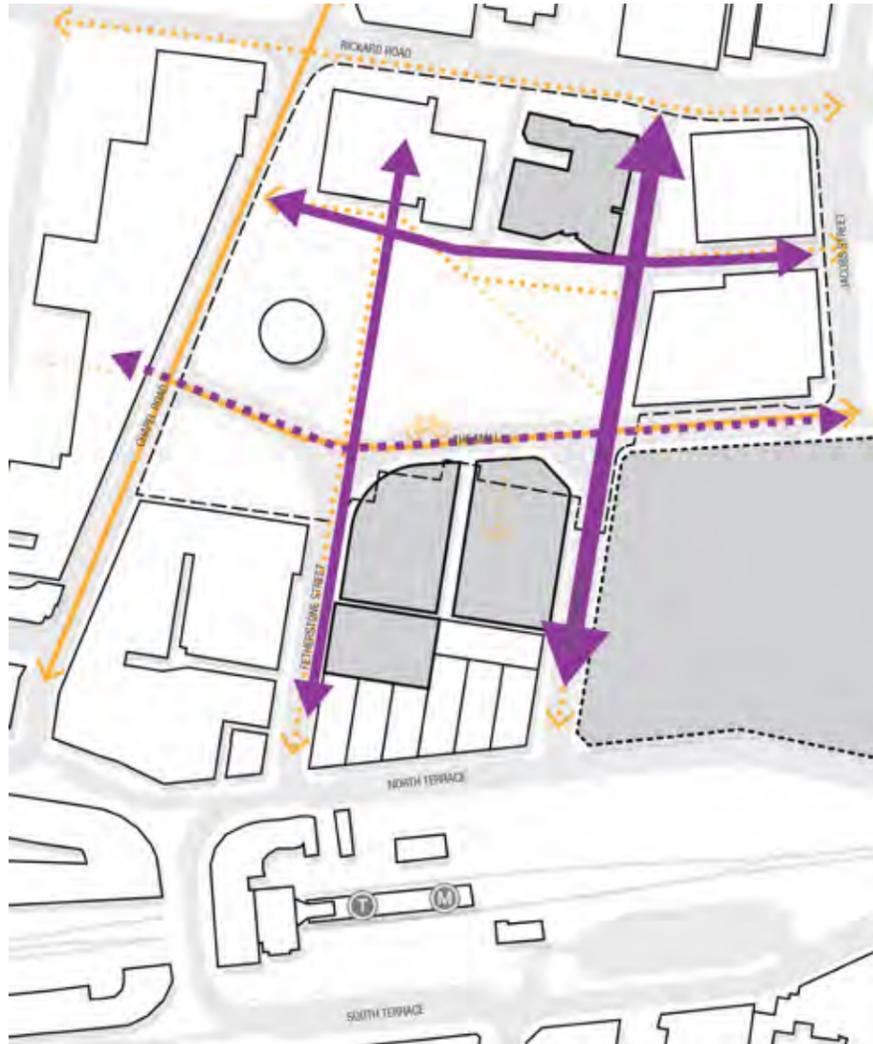


Improve interface between roads and the civic precinct to create a sense of arrival

Improve amenity along interface of Chapel Road, Rickard Road and Jacobs street; providing a clear and welcoming sense of arrival.

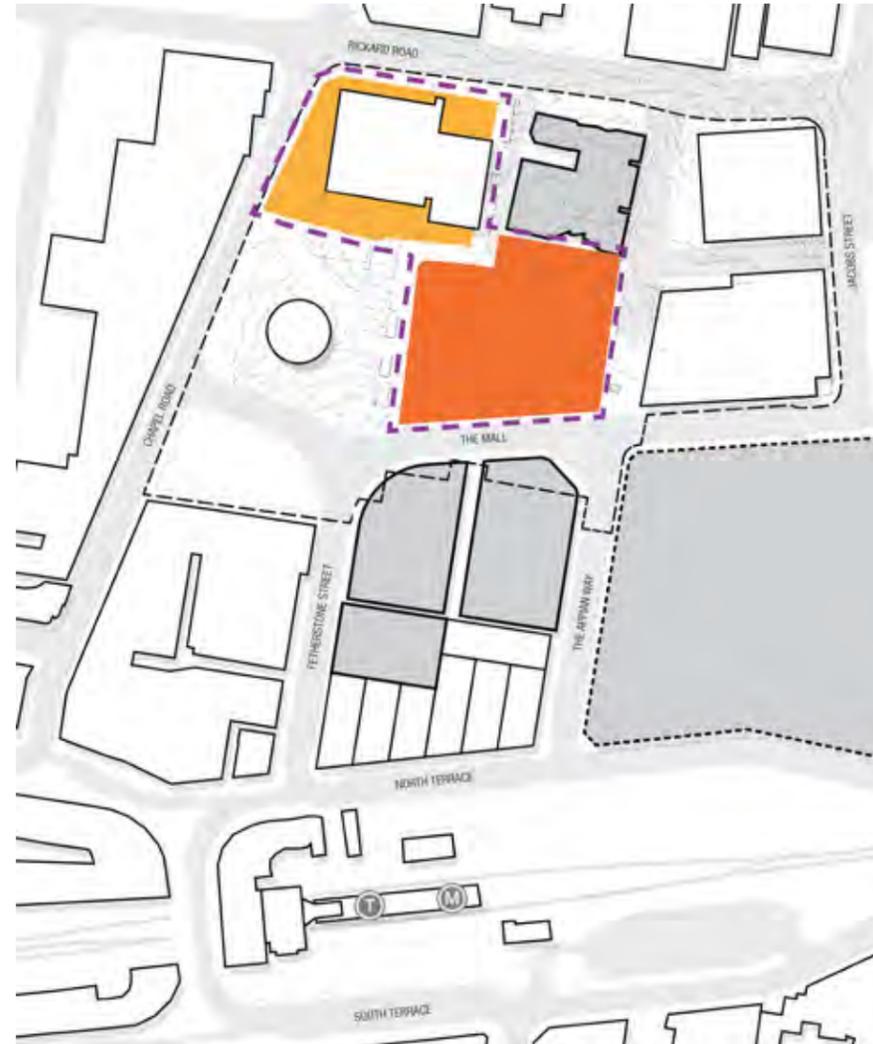
DESIGN PRINCIPLES

CONNECTIONS



Upgrade the network to accommodate increased population flows

Integrate cyclist and pedestrian movement through the precinct to "Promote sustainable, low-energy transport modes..." (CS #6) and allow for accessible and comfortable movement through the park, taking into consideration the current primary axis from Library to train station.



Integrate level changes to create universal access and to function as a unified space

Apply strategic land forming (eg. Terrace/ramp/incline) to create equitable access across the level changes in the site with particular focus on creating universal access between the WSU, BLAKC and open areas of the park.



Allow for service access with minimal pedestrian interference

Minimise the intrusion of service vehicle access into the pedestrian movement network. Prioritise pedestrian access on immediately surrounding streets and keep service driveways minimal with common entry and exit points.

DESIGN PRINCIPLES

ENVIRONMENT



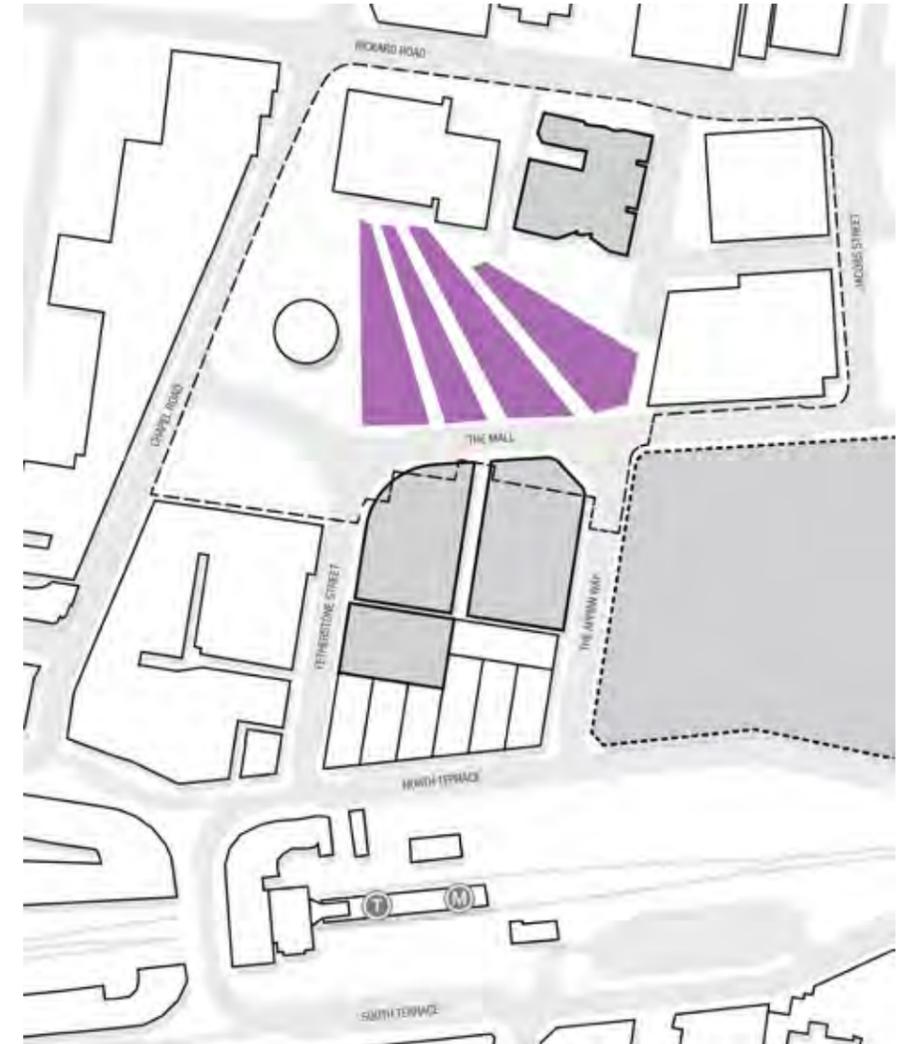
Celebrate water and drainage by expressing them within the public domain design

Make drainage of flood affected areas a feature of the space and a contributor to identity; Work with council to integrate water and drainage into Appian way upgrades.



Reinforce tree canopy cover to structure the precinct and create a comfortable environment

Devise a holistic canopy strategy for the civic precinct which offers visual amenity. Expand urban canopy cover to integrate with surrounding streets and mitigate urban heat, climate and weather impact.

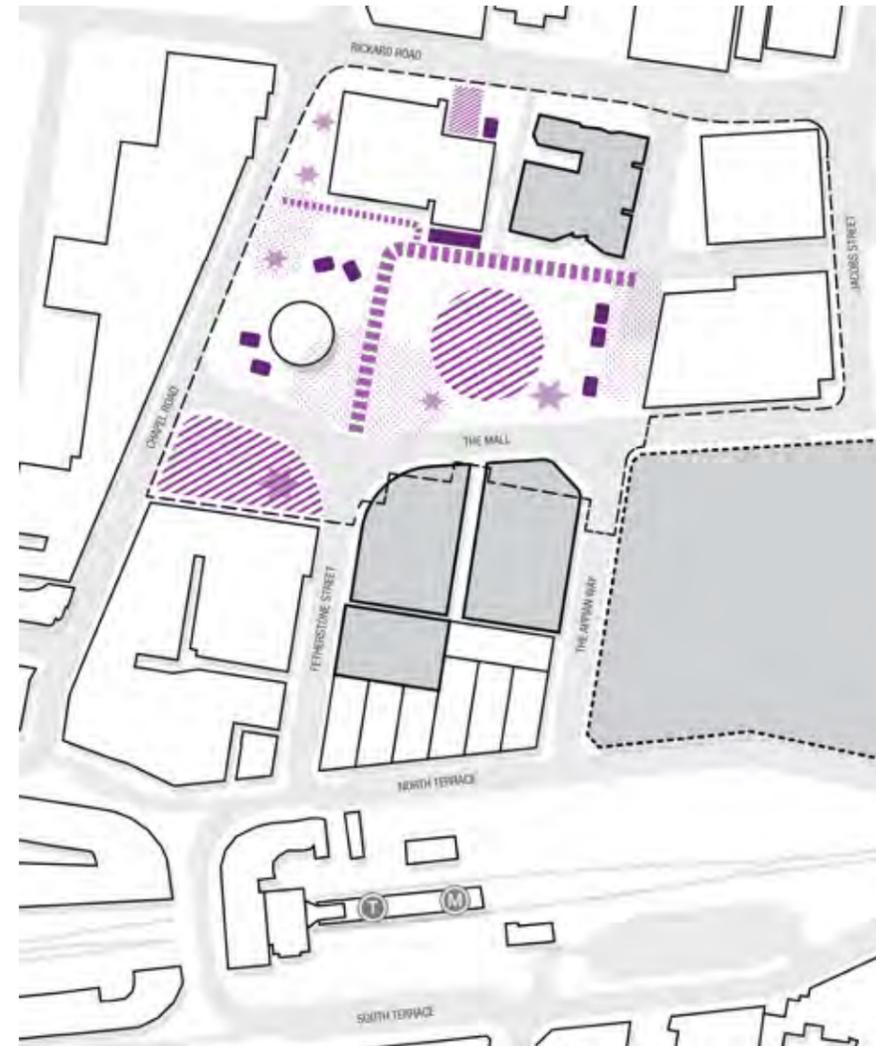
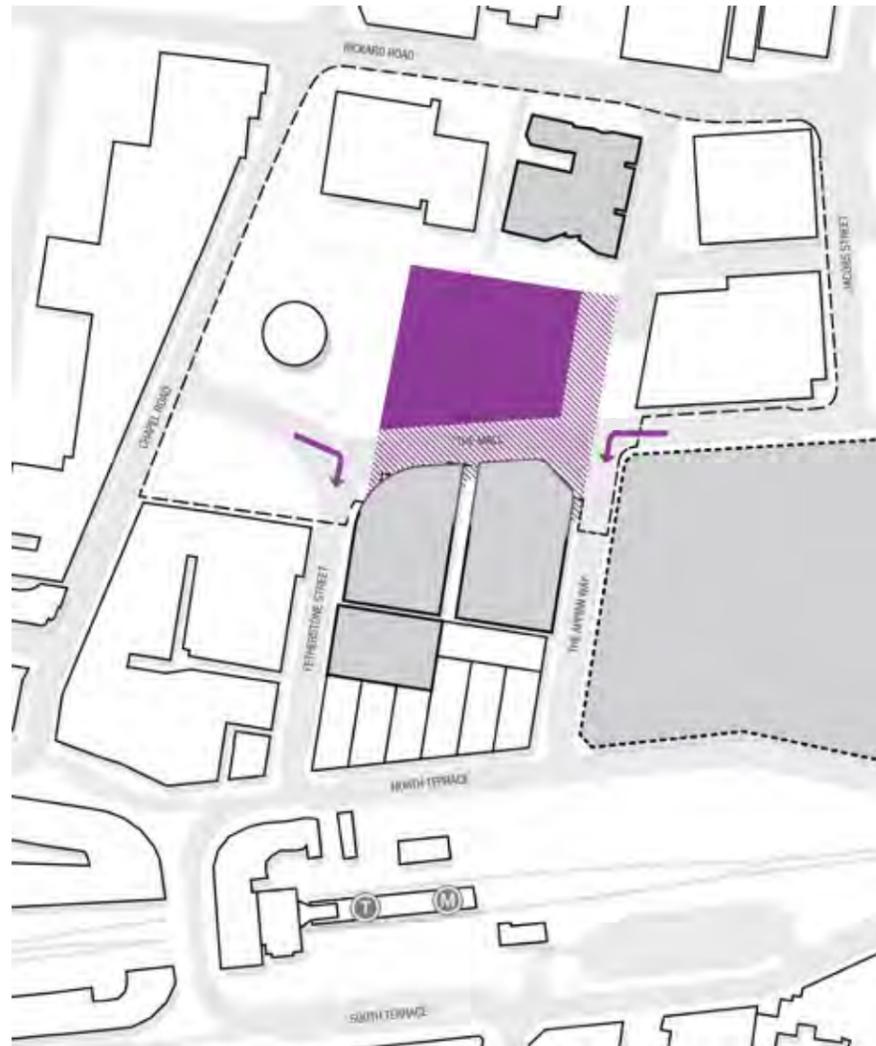


Conserve the green heart of Bankstown by protecting solar access

Develop the Paul Keating Park landscaping to protect the green heart of the civic precinct. This includes providing comfortable and desirable spaces, offering shelter from weather extremes (i.e. Heat in summer, cold and wind) and creating calm, green spaces that capitalises on solar access for enhanced well being and health.

DESIGN PRINCIPLES

ACTIVITY AND USE



Maximise the utility of space by creating spaces that can be flexible and used for large and small gatherings and events.

Retain a flexible open space that functions on a daily basis as an informal community space as well as catering to community events and civic functions.

Ensure a diversity and variety of spaces

Vary the types of spaces offered through size, materiality and the diversity of programs they allow for. Offer a variety of spaces to accommodate for creativity and active play as well as quiet reflection, meditation and prayer.

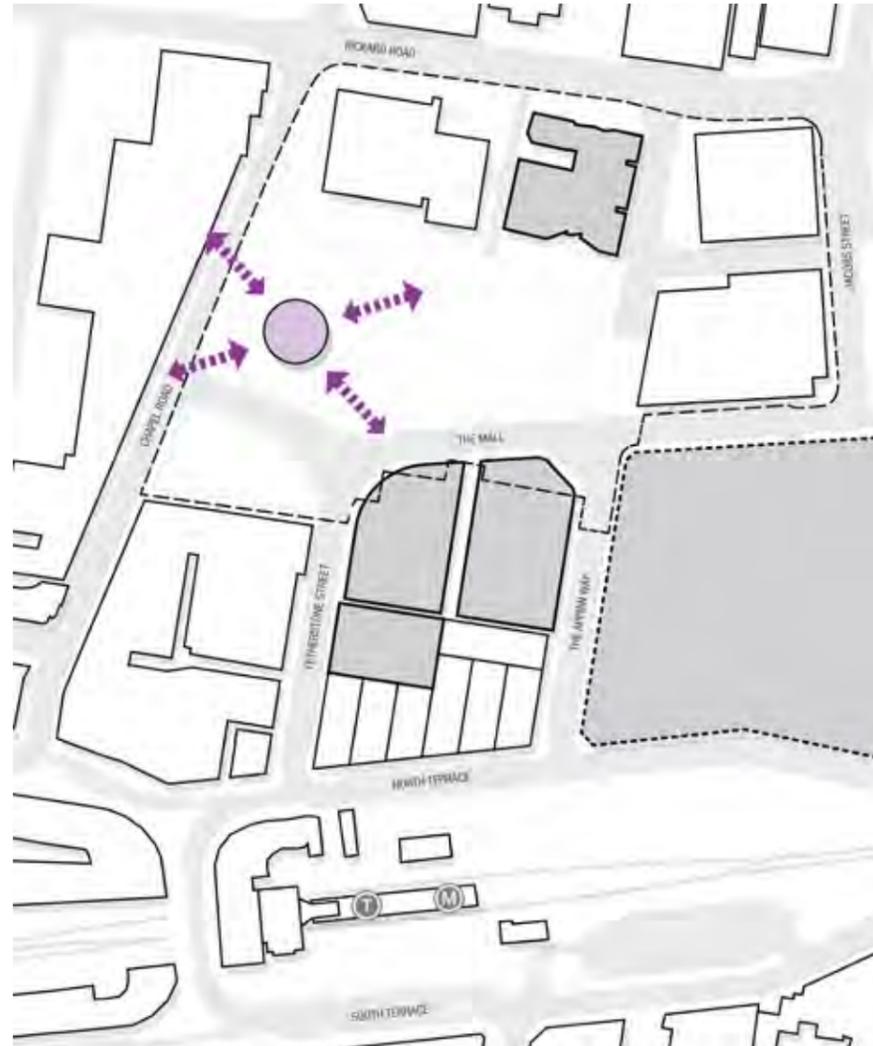
DESIGN PRINCIPLES

BUILT FORM



Activate the North West Corner of the Precinct

Engage theatre building with Chapel Street and activate corner of civic precinct with Chapel Road active corridor; Enhance Chapel Road through the provision of a variety of responses and functions.



Connect the Council Chambers to the street and park

Reconsider the Chambers and surrounding area, creating better sight lines through selective pruning and activating the space by considering alternative uses for the Chambers' building.



Integrate existing and future development ground floor uses along park edges

Consolidate park edge and generate an inviting and engaging threshold to the park including comfortable, shaded walkways. Provide an destinational precinct with integrated commercial and public space.

DESIGN PRINCIPLES

CHARACTER



Incorporate the cultural and historic identity of Bankstown into the character of the space

Imbue the site with a sense of identity relevant to the cultural and historical elements of Bankstown including an awareness of the indigenous culture, contemporary local culture and architectural identity of the area.



Consider appropriate materiality to maintain the functionality and presentation of the park over time

Balance the need for beauty and functionality with durability, with an awareness of the increased user demands placed on the park into the future.



Consider the ways that technology can enhance safety and user amenity

Explore the possibilities of obtaining smart city funding to offer greater technological amenity in the park such as offering free wifi and charging points to create outdoor educational spaces as well as implementing technological lighting and wayfinding systems to create a greater sense of safety.

Currently, Paul Keating Park is...

“A place to walk through, not to.”

...This masterplan changes this, establishing Paul Keating Park as a premier community destination.

TOWARDS A COMMUNITY VISION

INTRODUCTION

“Every person visiting Paul Keating Park deserves to feel welcomed and safe” (online comment).

This view resonated strongly throughout the engagement and encapsulates the overall aspirations for the park. Community members’ aspirations for the park consistently evolved around themes of safe and social, pleasant and peaceful, playful and creative and inclusive and connected across all engagement events (including on-line and written surveys).

KEY WORDS FROM CONSULTATION

Below is a list of key words that were commonly associated with a future vision for PKP;

Social
Colourful
Safe
Comfortable Warm
Shaded
Inviting
Fun
Green
Modern
Pretty
Nice
Chilled
Relaxed
Active
Peaceful
Playful

VISION STATEMENTS

Below are ideas for consideration in the development of a Vision for PKP;

- Create a destination that reflects the history of the place and the culture of its people.
- Enhance connections to future infrastructure initiatives and development.
- Create an inclusive space for the whole community that incorporates a diversity of activities.
- Establish a safe and welcoming environment for night and day uses.
- Maximise the functionality and usability of the space to cater for CBD growth.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION LEARNINGS



Lacking a destination



Access issues due to level change



Lack of social gathering spaces



Lack of program diversity



Outdated play equipment



Hot in summer and cold in winter



Limited food and beverage



Poor bathroom amenities



Poor perception of safety



Pedestrian safety concerns

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION IDEAS



Enhanced gathering space



Enhanced shaded areas



Water features and water play areas



Higher quality food and beverage



Better toilets with parents' rooms



More inclusive play equipment



Better community entertainment



Recreational equipment



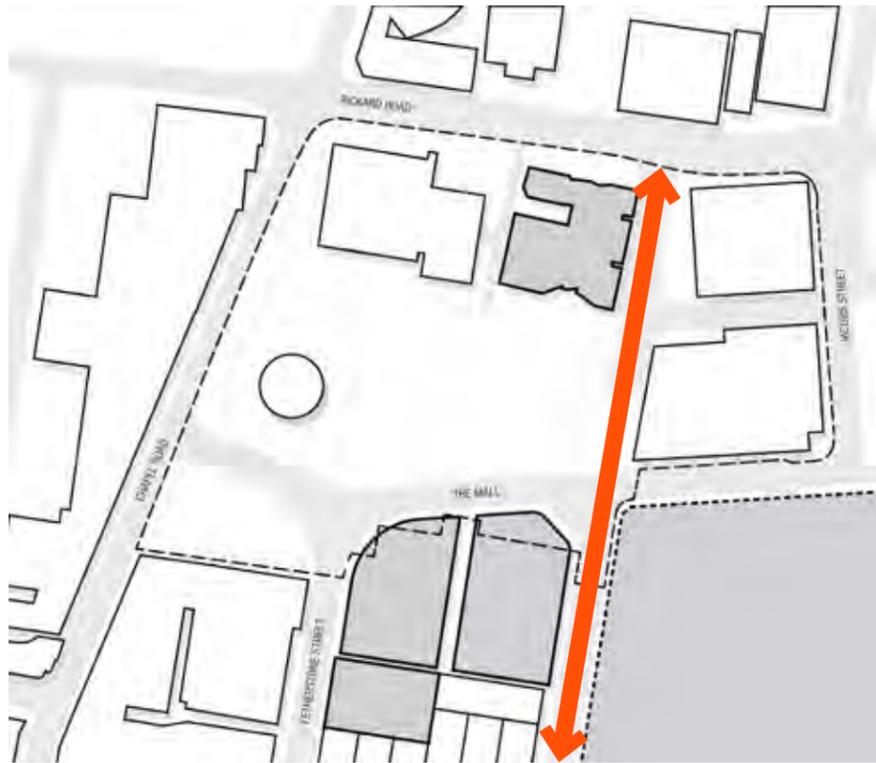
Improved pedestrian and personal safety



Enhanced welcoming feel

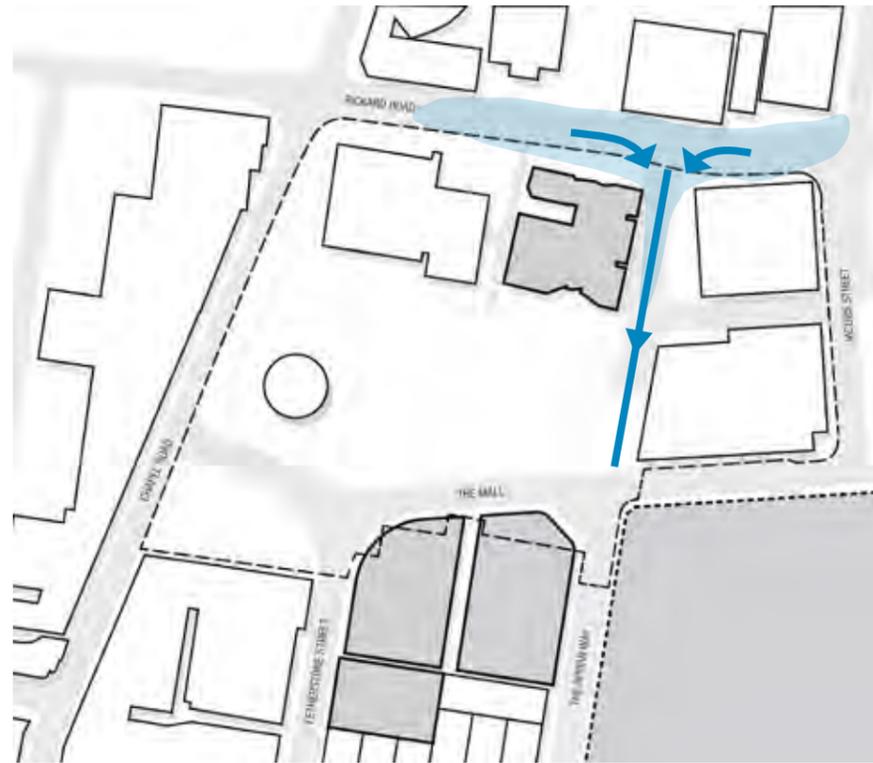
DESIGN RESPONSES

Civic Promenade



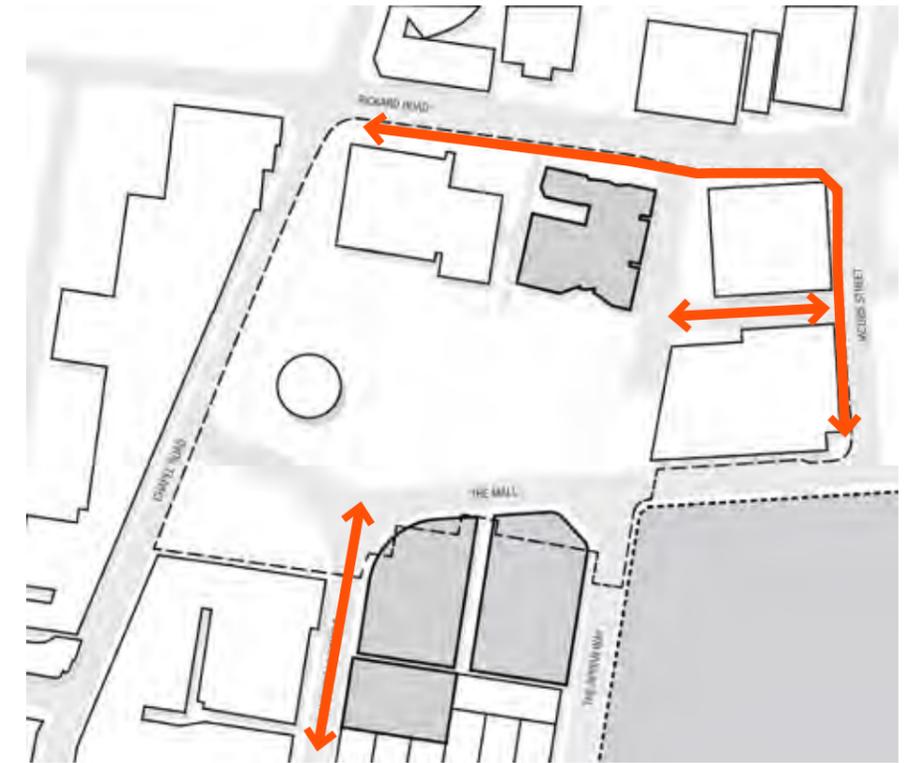
Establish a wide pedestrian thoroughfare from the metro to the civic precinct along The Appian Way, with increased tree canopy and the provision of seating.

WSUD Water Channel



Incorporate an interactive water channel and rain garden along The Appian Way.

Vegetation Barrier to Promote Pedestrian Safety



Promote pedestrian safety in surrounding streets by creating a vegetation buffer to separate people from vehicle movement, whilst establishing a sense of arrival into the civic precinct.

DESIGN RESPONSES

Redesign Library Interface



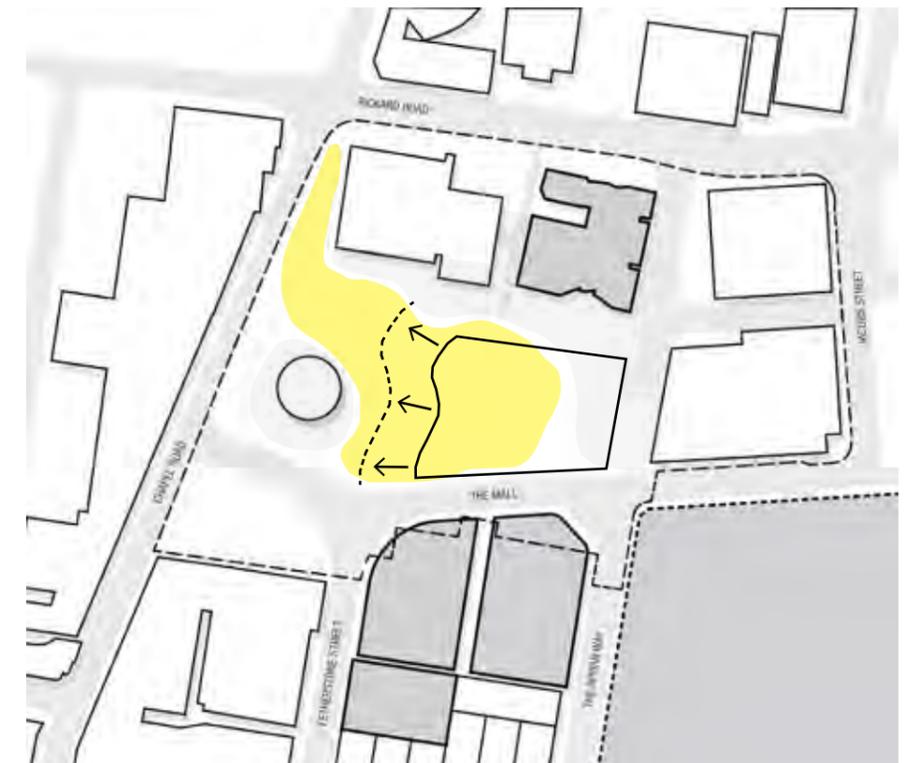
Redesign entry-ways to the library and theatre to engage with and activate Chapel Road.

Resolve Level Change



Join the two terraces with a Green Incline.

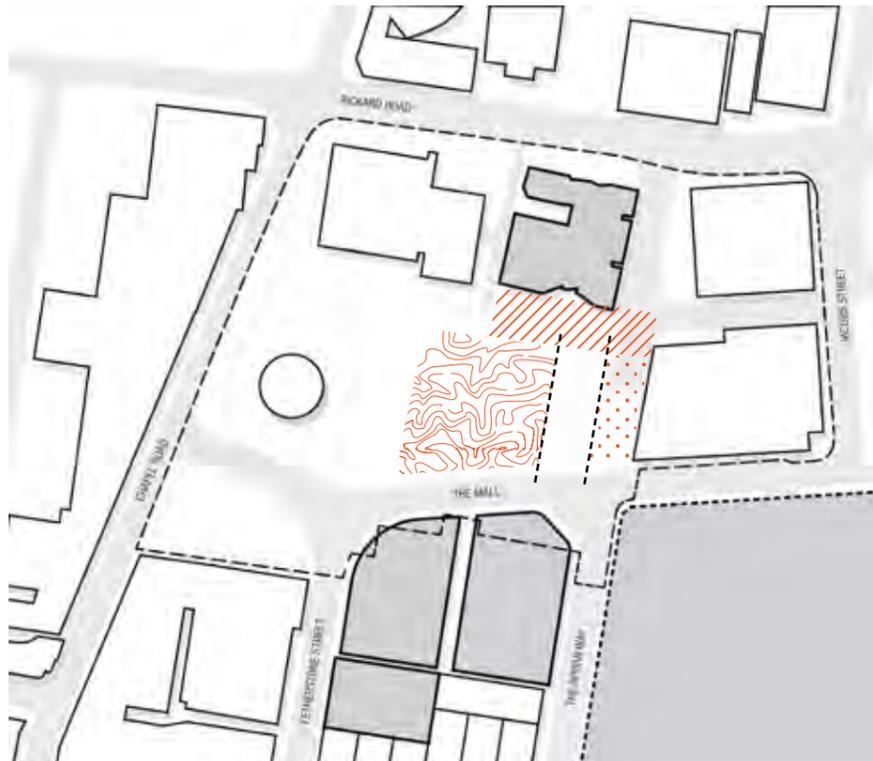
Maximise Solar Access



Optimise the internal organisation of space to maximise the benefits of solar access.

DESIGN RESPONSES

Flexible Event Space



Incorporate flexible space everyday activities and for events through a diversity of spaces.

Inclusive and Varied Play Space



Upgrade the playground to promote an inclusive and varied play experience that accommodates all ages and abilities.

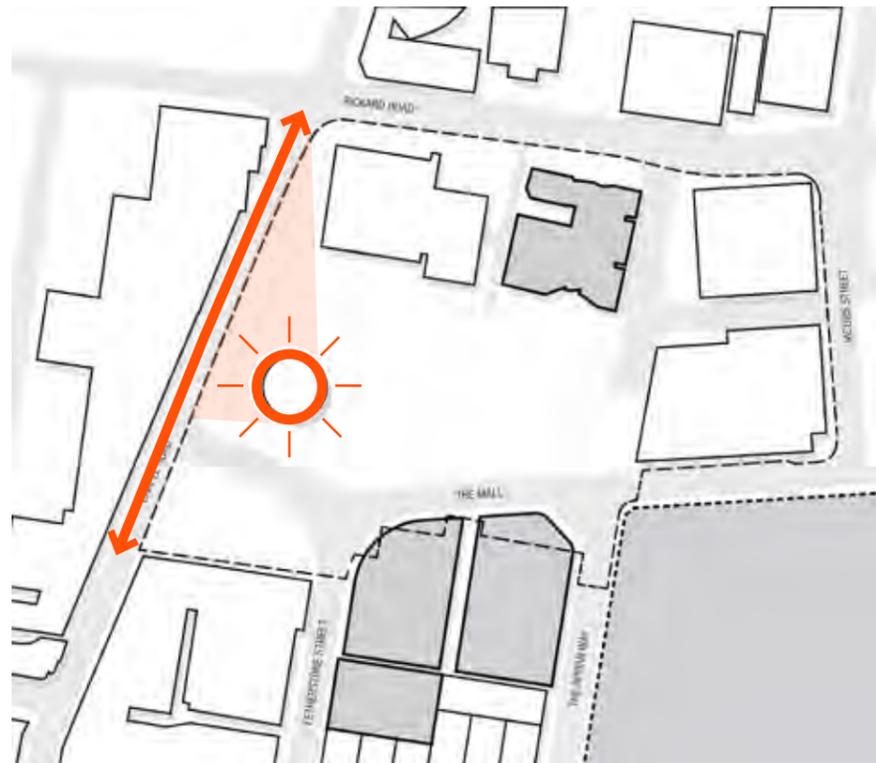
Centralised Community Amenities



Provide a central and easily accessible amenities building for the community, with additional shade and seating.

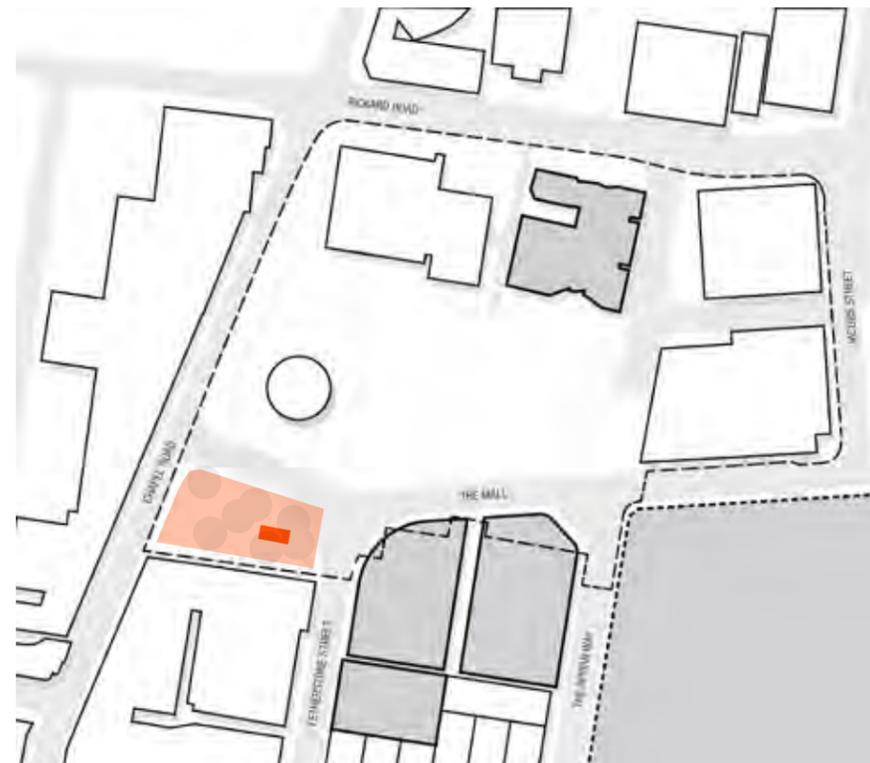
DESIGN RESPONSES

Activate Council Chambers



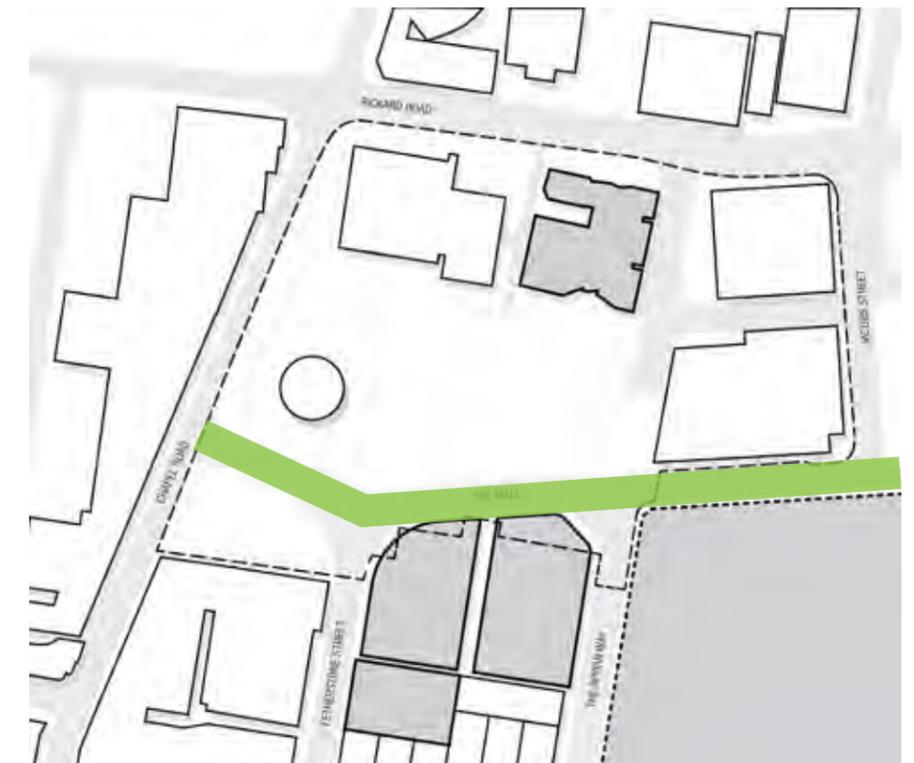
Activate the Council Chambers and surrounding area, while opening them up to the park and Chapel Road.

Place for reflection and quiet



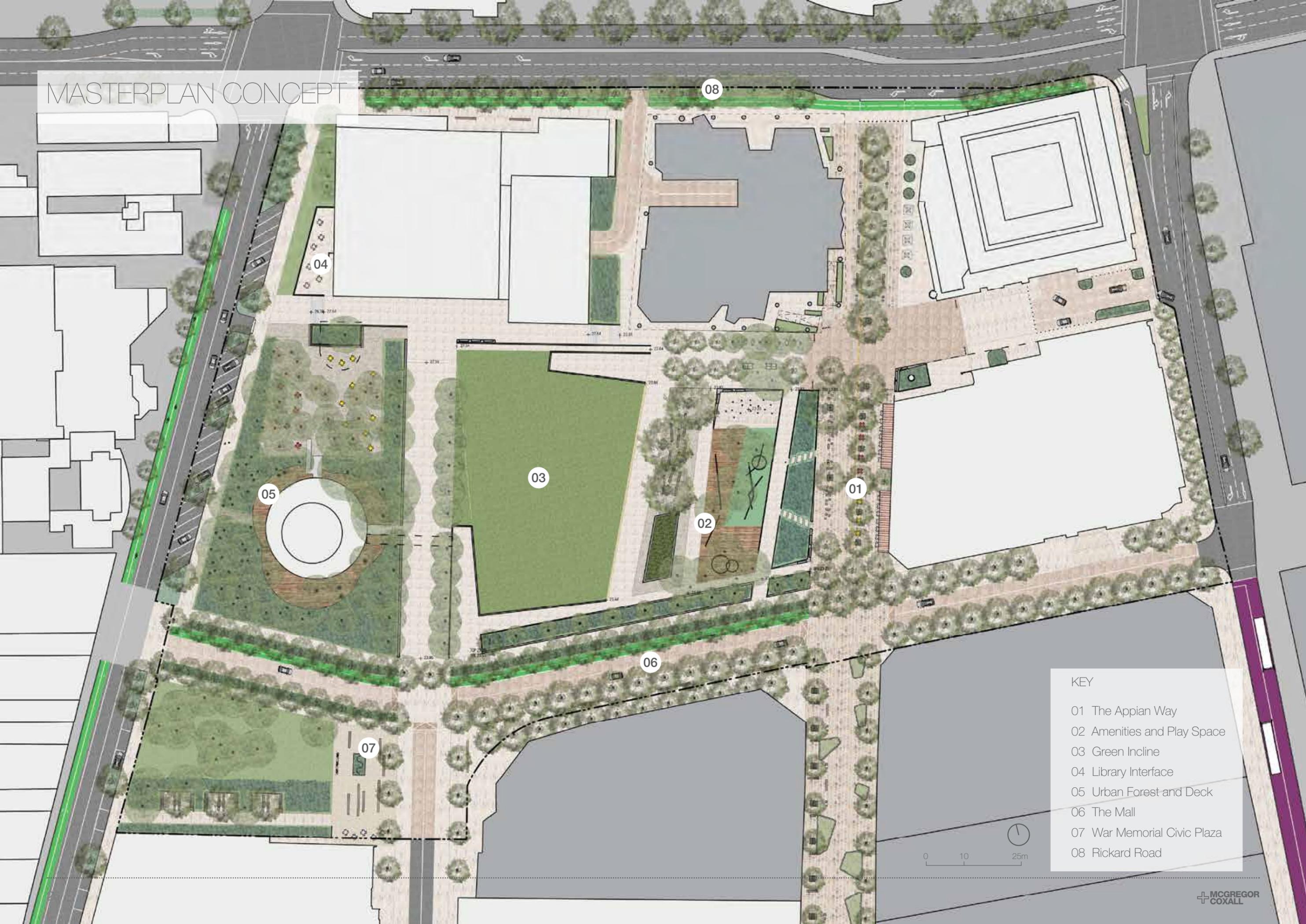
Integrate existing historic and culture elements, with the provision of shade and seating amenity within Courthouse Reserve.

Road in a Park



Create a green corridor along The Mall, inverting the road hierarchy to prioritise pedestrian circulation and open space to promote the experience of a 'road through a park'.

MASTERPLAN CONCEPT



KEY

- 01 The Appian Way
- 02 Amenities and Play Space
- 03 Green Incline
- 04 Library Interface
- 05 Urban Forest and Deck
- 06 The Mall
- 07 War Memorial Civic Plaza
- 08 Rickard Road



PERSPECTIVE VIEW

PAUL KEATING PARK



ARTISTS IMPRESSION

PERSPECTIVE VIEW

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ARTISTS IMPRESSION

PERSPECTIVE VIEW

COMMUNITY BUILDING ENTRY



ARTISTS IMPRESSION

GREEN INCLINE



Access to potential car park beneath new community building from Rickard Rd. *This could offset loss of on-street car parking in precinct.*

Ramped entrances to underground space for future community uses and library purposes

Maximising the benefits of solar access

Flexible space, accommodating everyday activities and events.

Retain existing line of mature Kauri Pines

Green incline, resolving connectivity between upper and lower levels

Existing trees retained

Ramped entrances to expand community space and program, incline becomes a green roof

Underground connection to Council Chambers integrated and maintained



INCLINE CONSIDERATIONS

Retain green heart

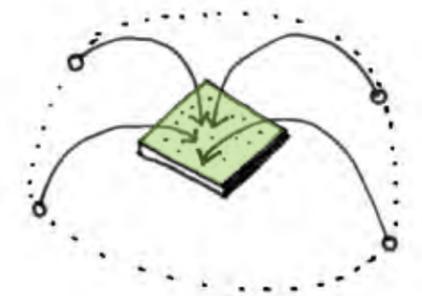
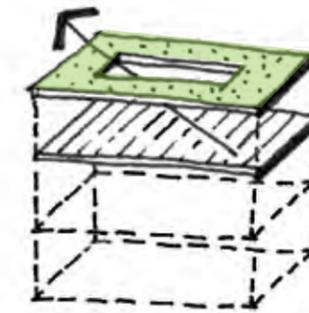
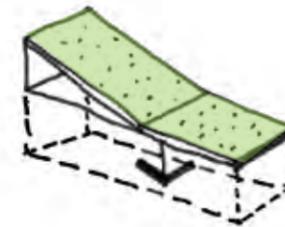
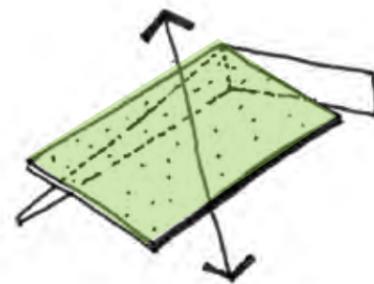
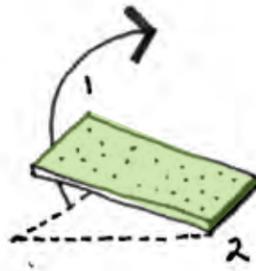
Resolve access between levels

Retain area for informal passive recreation

Incorporate capacity for events

Lawn becomes green roof to additional community spaces beneath

DESIGN MOVES



Raising the green lawn to connect between levels

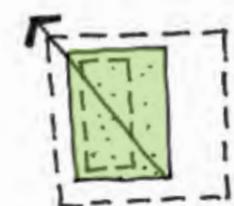
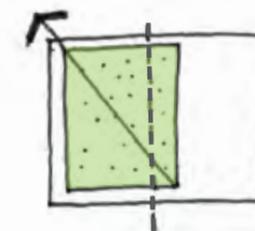
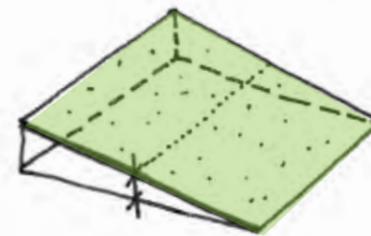
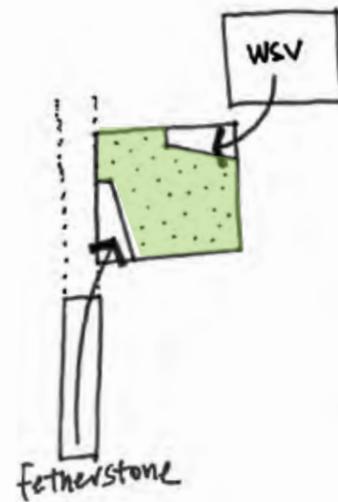
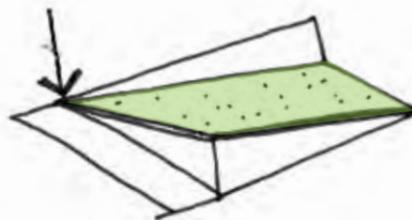
Accessible green incline

Expanded community space + program

Layered spaces + program with potential car park underneath

A community destination for Canterbury Bankstown

PARAMETERS



Connection at one corner from Park to BLaKC

Access from Fetherstone Street and WSU

Head Clearance

Potential area under ground

Spatial requirements of program

CHARACTER IMAGES

GREEN INCLINE



1. Flexible recreation space created



2. Building entrances sliced into incline



3. Retain existing Kauri Pines with seating edge along The Mall



4. Opportunity for architectural space beneath green incline, and potential underground car park to offset loss of on-street parking

PERSPECTIVE VIEW

GREEN INCLINE



ARTISTS IMPRESSION

THE APPIAN WAY

The Appian Way is established as a destination, with an activation zone located between surrounding building program.

The activation zone becomes an anchor to surrounding program, with access to buildings, outdoor shaded seating and Civic Tower ground floor activity.

Provision for seating

Green spine with canopy trees along The Appian Way

Provision for seating

Water/WSUD/Rain Garden feature with steppers

Retain Ironbarks and large Planes

Increased tree canopy

Provision for seating

Provision for seating, informal and formal

Rickard Rd vehicle entry restricted to service and emergency vehicles only

Integrated and interactive linear water channel

Seating and gathering within deco area along green spine

Shaded outdoor dining

Note: relocation of service access to Civic Tower

Feature space with opportunity for unique artwork, lighting, misting or as a performance space, as nexus to WSU entrance

Shaded outdoor seating beneath canopy trees

Dining beneath permanent shade structure

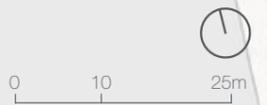
Food and beverages available from existing cafes

● Existing trees
× Proposed trees

Wide pedestrian thoroughfare from the metro to the civic precinct

Continuous ground materiality

Note: paving of The Appian Way to be different to civic precinct



PERSPECTIVE VIEW

THE APPIAN WAY



ARTISTS IMPRESSION

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CHARACTER IMAGES

THE APPIAN WAY



1. Umbrella seating



2. Colourful furniture with ambient lighting

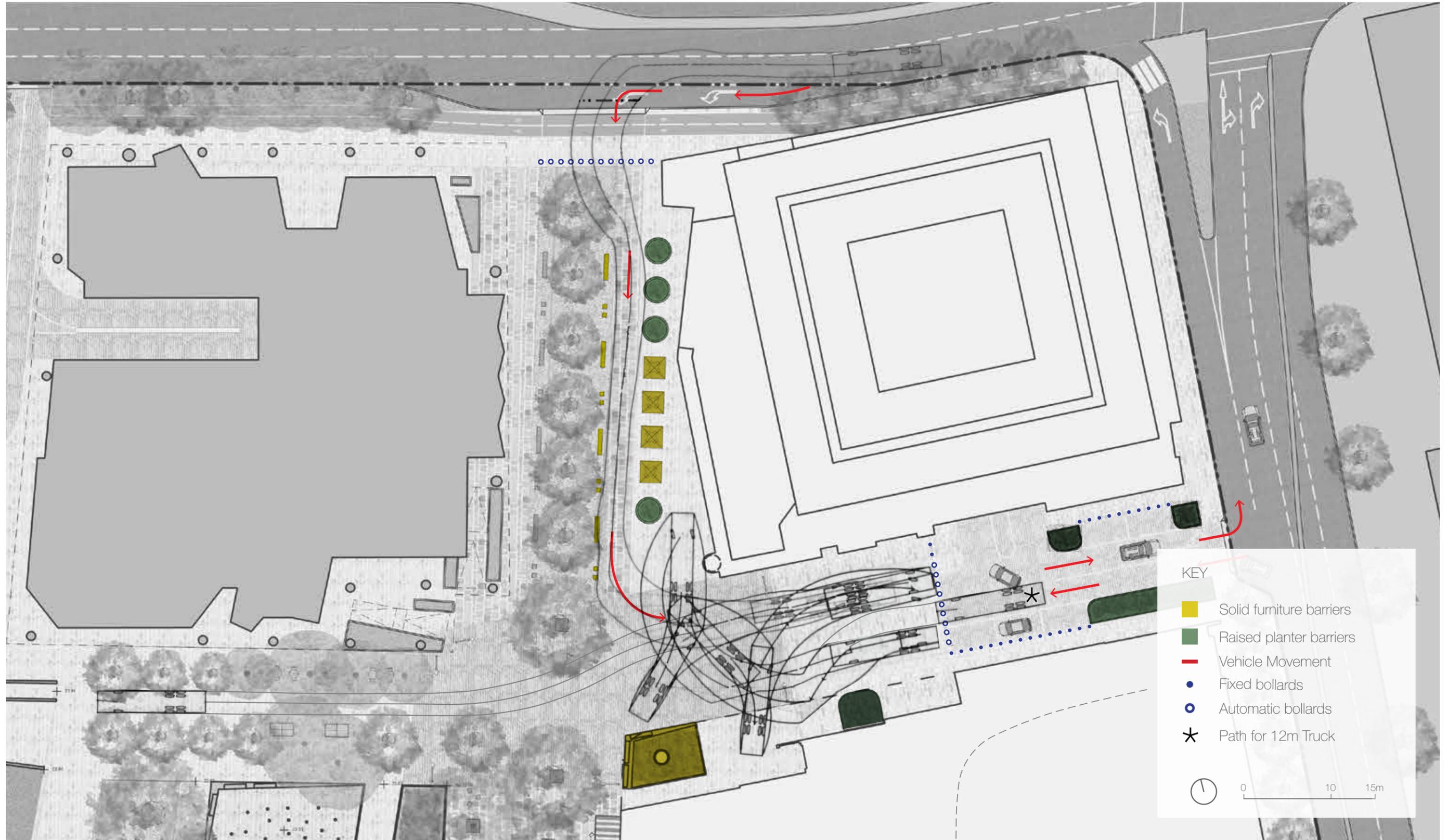


3. Linear water channel

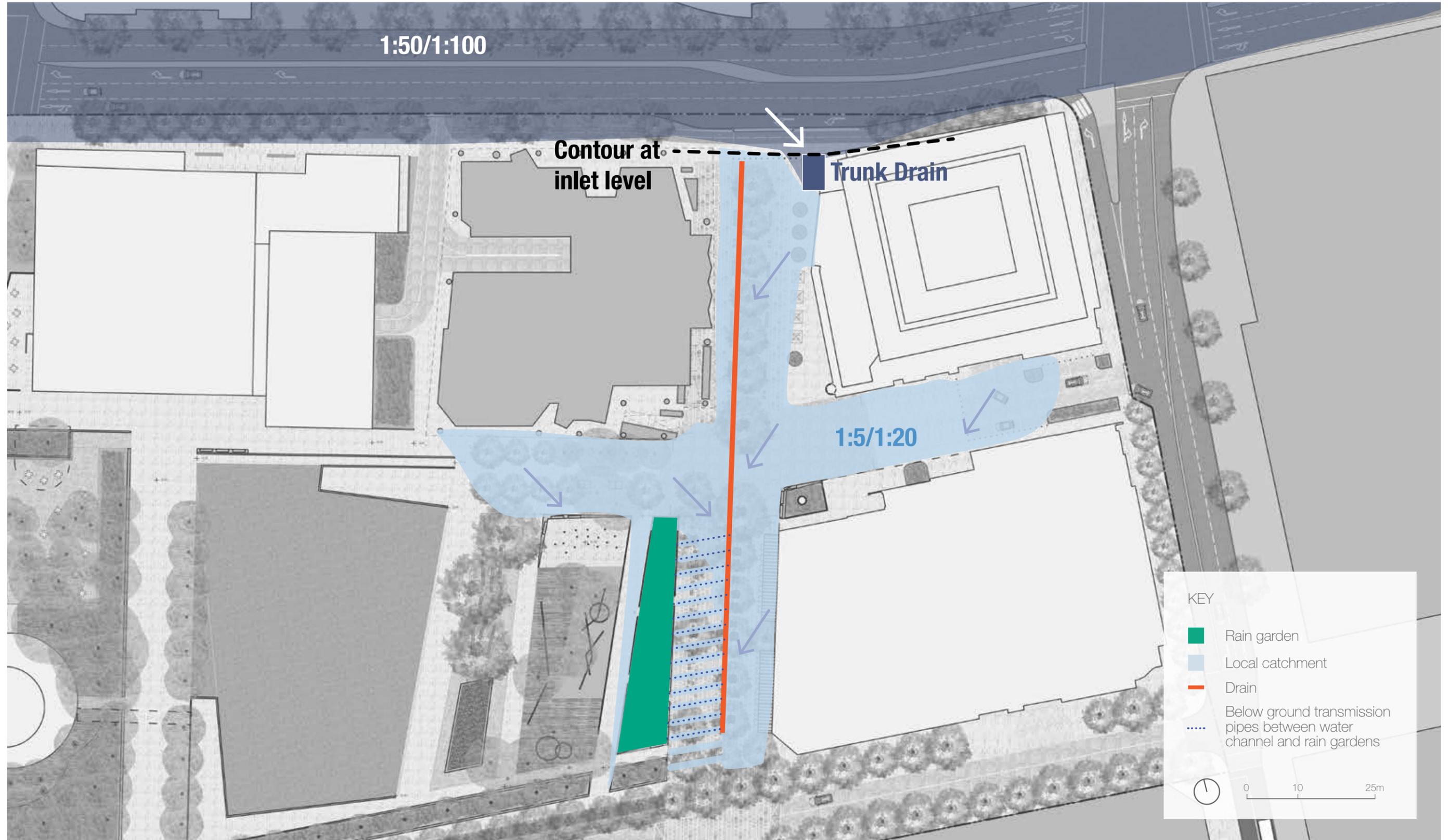


4. Pedestrian thoroughfare, and major pedestrian link

VEHICLE CIRCULATION



WATER CATCHMENT POTENTIAL AND WSUD SYSTEM



AMENITIES AND PLAY SPACE

Flexible space for markets and festivals, enhanced by the adjacent Green Incline as additional event space

New trees to complement existing row of trees, and create a continuous canopy to guide pedestrian movement

Enhanced shaded areas and gathering space

Well designed and accessible community amenities building, with additional shade and seating

When not in use as an event space, the area becomes a pedestrian activation zone connecting the play space, WSU, the green incline, and The Appian Way

Provision of passive games area either side of pedestrian-way, including table-tennis and chess tables

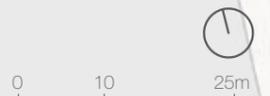
Integrated seating

Water features and water-play area

Custom, inclusive and varied playspace

Built-in 'playful' elements into fabric of urban space

Shaded seating and vegetation buffer, retain existing Kauri Pines in raised structure.



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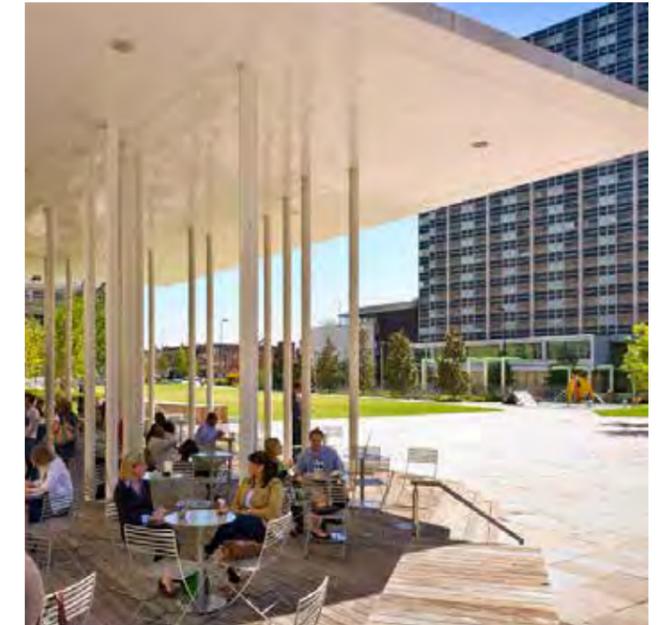
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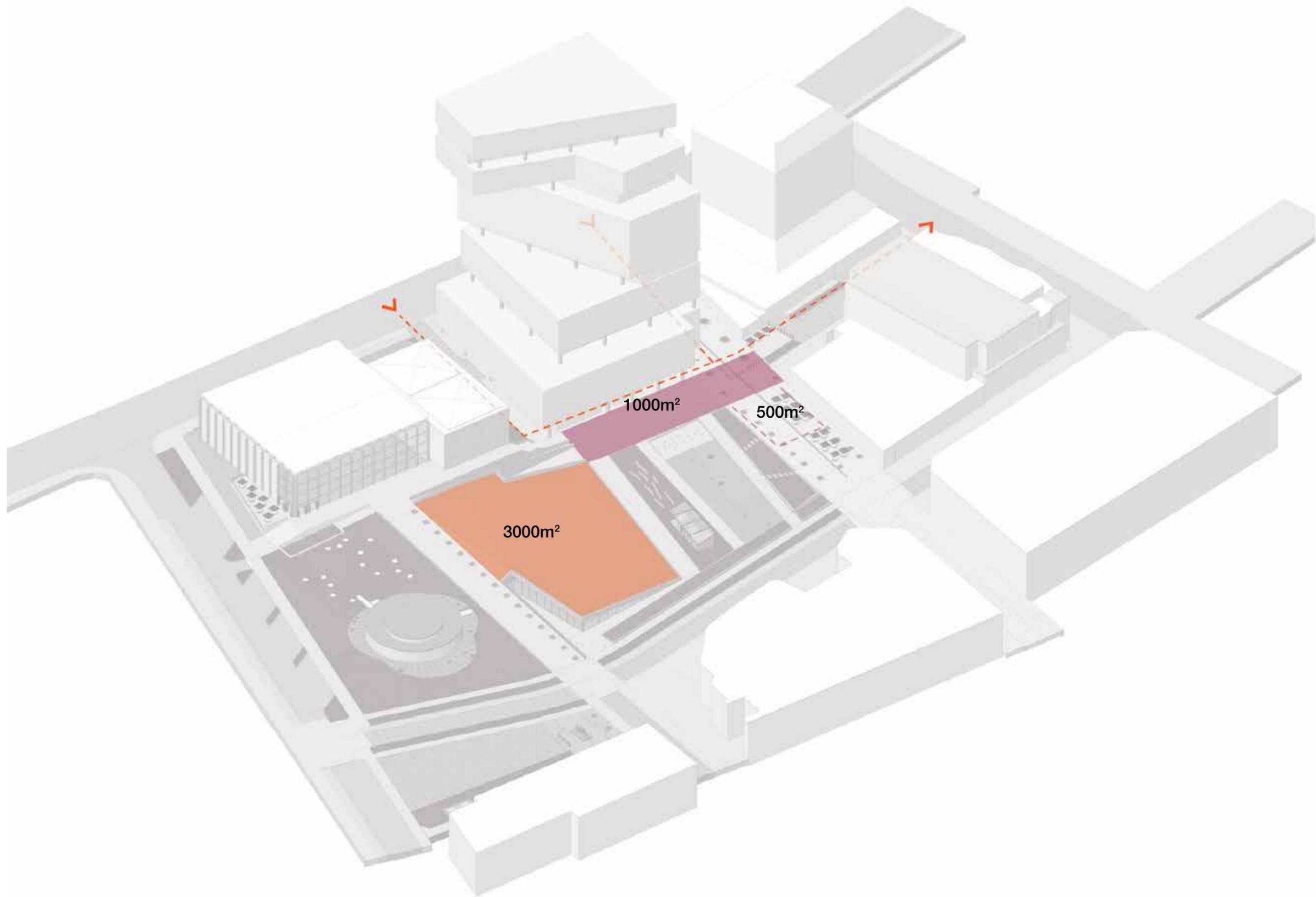
1. Water-play jets

2. Unique, custom urban play space

3. Diverse seating options

4. Amenities building with shaded area. Ideal storage for moveable seats

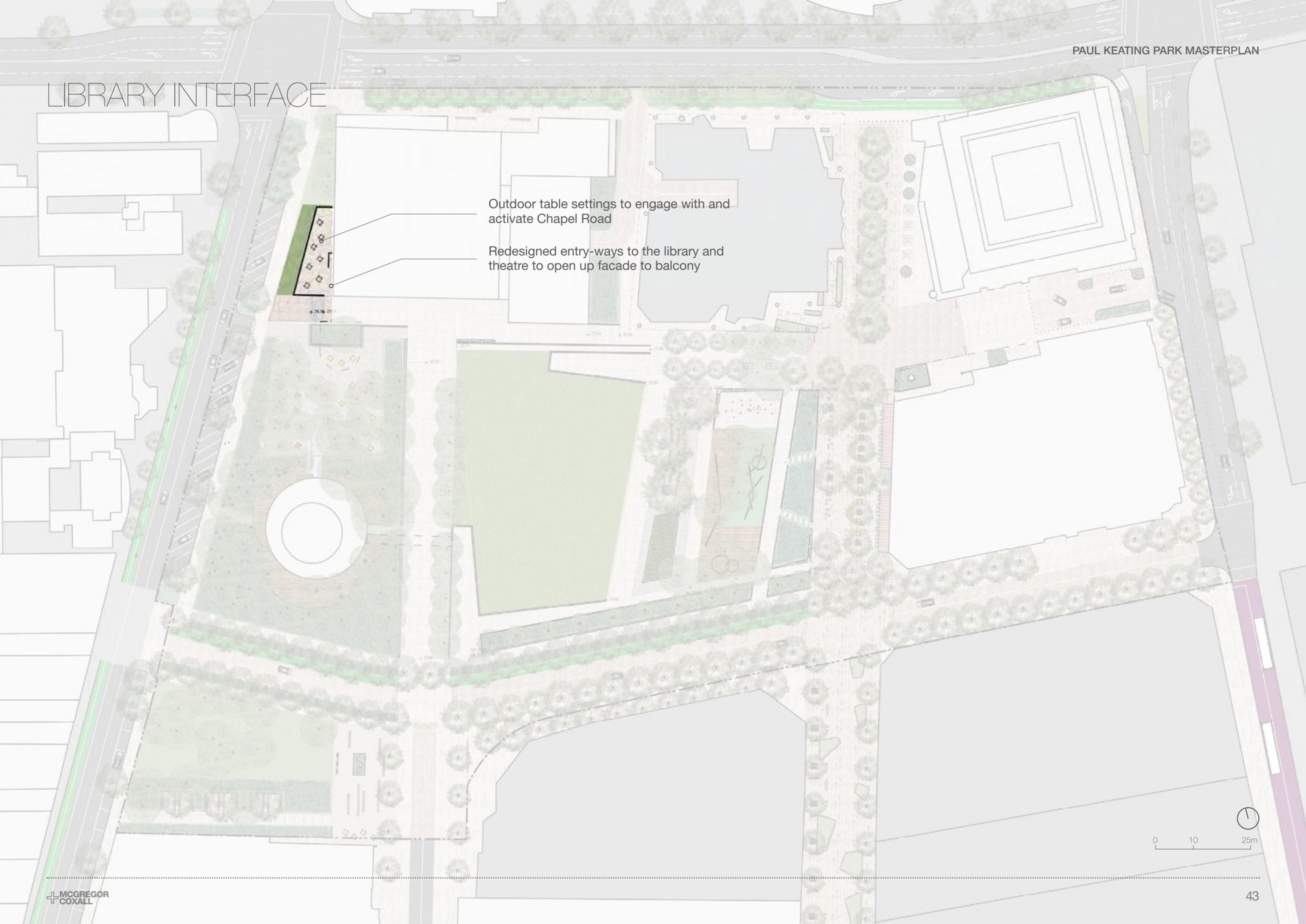
EVENT SPACE AREA AND ACCESSIBILITY



LIBRARY INTERFACE

Outdoor table settings to engage with and activate Chapel Road

Redesigned entry-ways to the library and theatre to open up facade to balcony



PERSPECTIVE VIEW

LIBRARY INTERFACE



ARTISTS IMPRESSION

CHARACTER IMAGES

LIBRARY INTERFACE



1. Opening up of BLaKC building facade onto balcony extension

2. Sheltered table settings activate BLaKC from Chapel Road

3. Continuation of paving from exterior to interior lobby

4. Raised balcony extension and seating

WAR MEMORIAL CMC PLAZA

Prime green space forming a grassy incline, beautified with Jacaranda trees

Separation between outdoor waiting rooms, memorial plaza and grassy incline

Creation of three 'garden rooms' with shade and seating amenity, establishing calm and intimate outdoor waiting spaces

Plaza space, consolidated with adjacent and pavements to facilitate large gatherings and memorial services.

Integrate existing historical and cultural elements, reorientating war memorial to a more accessible location and to activate the new plaza

Provision of shade and seating amenity

Opportunity for cafe space further activating plaza



PERSPECTIVE VIEW

CIVIC PLAZA AND COURTHOUSE RESERVE



ARTISTS IMPRESSION

CHARACTER IMAGES

CIVIC PLAZA AND COURTHOUSE RESERVE



1. Retain trees and establish a grassy slope



2. Reposition the existing memorial



3. Create three outdoor 'waiting rooms'



4. Provide additional shade and seating amenity near memorial

URBAN FOREST AND DECK

Removal of ground level vegetation within area to allow community activities such as games and outdoor reading for the library.

The council roundhouse is an important centre for democracy, the LGA's 'mini-parliament house'.

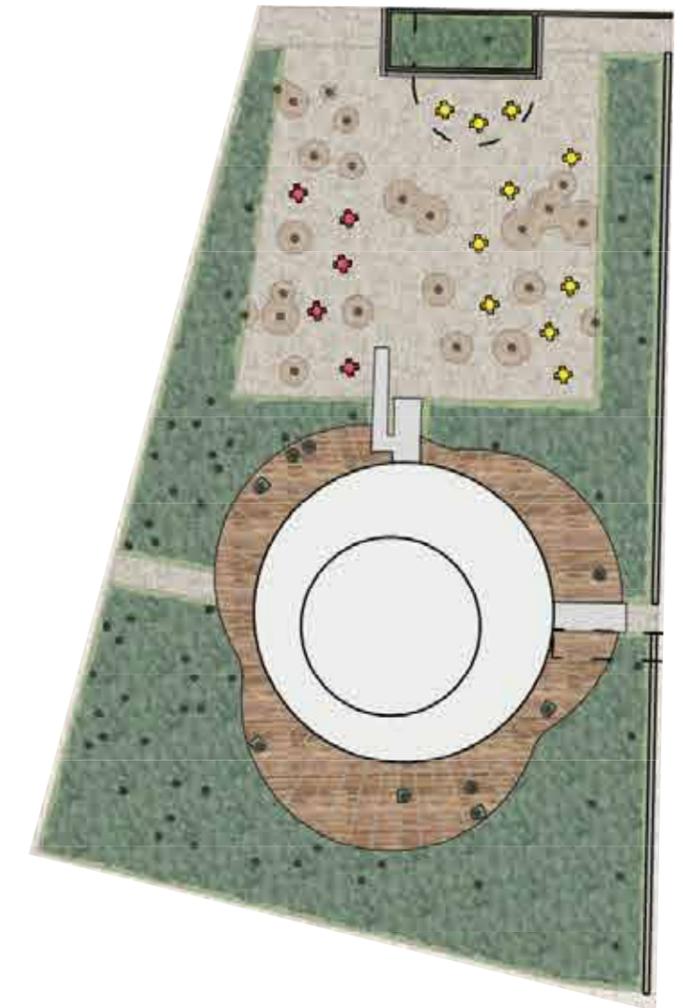
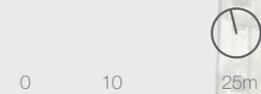
Activation as 'outdoor library'. Existing urban forest maintained for shade and seating provided.

Dual use public deck above existing ground level and surface.

Promoting the council roundhouse as an interactive and important civic building.

Existing underground passage

Existing urban forest trees and ground permeability maintained



Outdoor forest reading room and quiet space to compliment the library, and accommodate additional usage by students and the community.

PERSPECTIVE VIEW

URBAN FOREST AND DECK



ARTISTS IMPRESSION

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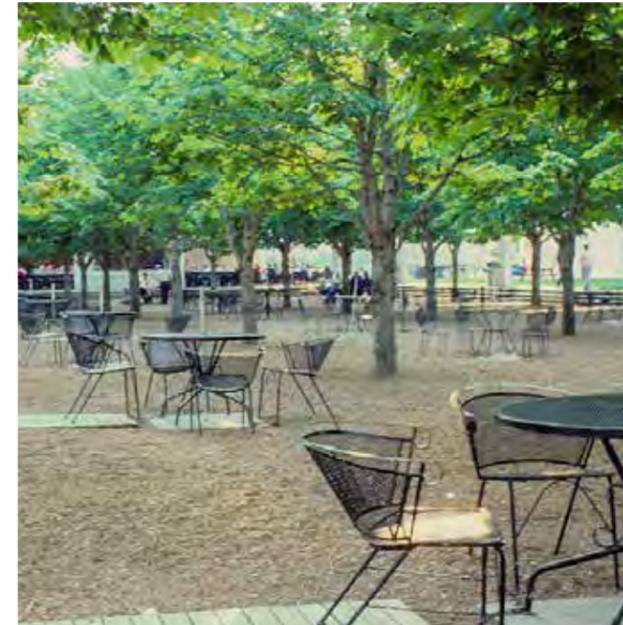
URBAN FOREST AND DECK



1. Reinstate a Joseph Banks Memorial Forest surrounding the council chambers



2. Retain existing urban forest, clear understory planting and install aggregate

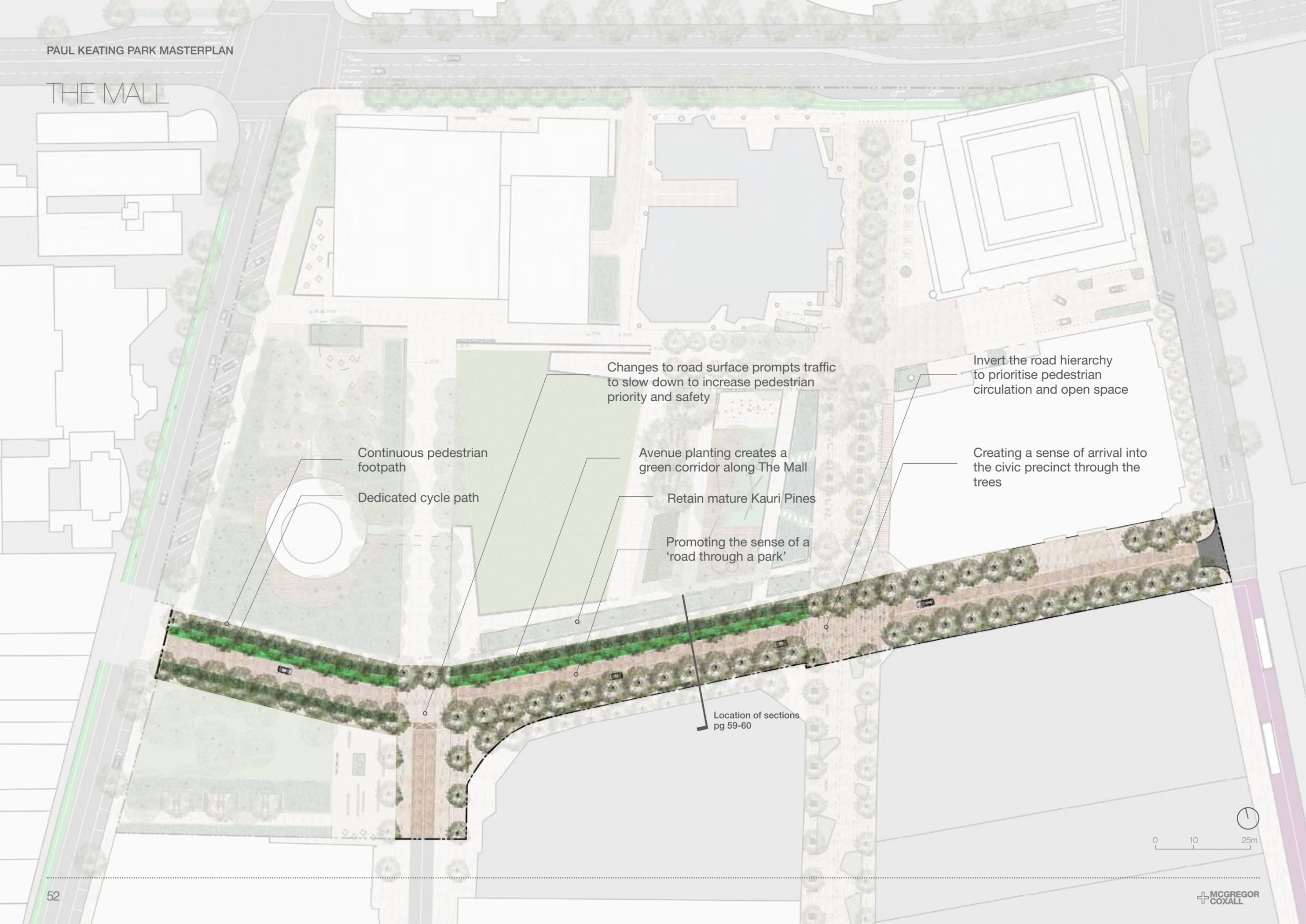


3. Loose seating opportunities for outdoor library under the urban forest



4. Expanded public space and program on deck around chambers building

THE MALL



Changes to road surface prompts traffic to slow down to increase pedestrian priority and safety

Invert the road hierarchy to prioritise pedestrian circulation and open space

Continuous pedestrian footpath

Avenue planting creates a green corridor along The Mall

Creating a sense of arrival into the civic precinct through the trees

Dedicated cycle path

Retain mature Kauri Pines

Promoting the sense of a 'road through a park'

Location of sections pg 59-60



PERSPECTIVE VIEW

THE MALL



ARTISTS IMPRESSION

CHARACTER IMAGES

THE MALL



1. Shared space with pedestrian priority



2. Accommodate building entrances along The Mall



3. Provision of shaded seating integrated into level change to existing Kauri Pines



4. Avenue of street trees in tree grates

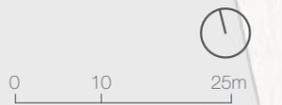
RICKARD ROAD

Accommodate building entrances

Dedicated cycle path along Rickard Rd

Provision of bench seats

Street tree planting



PERSPECTIVE VIEW

RICKARD ROAD



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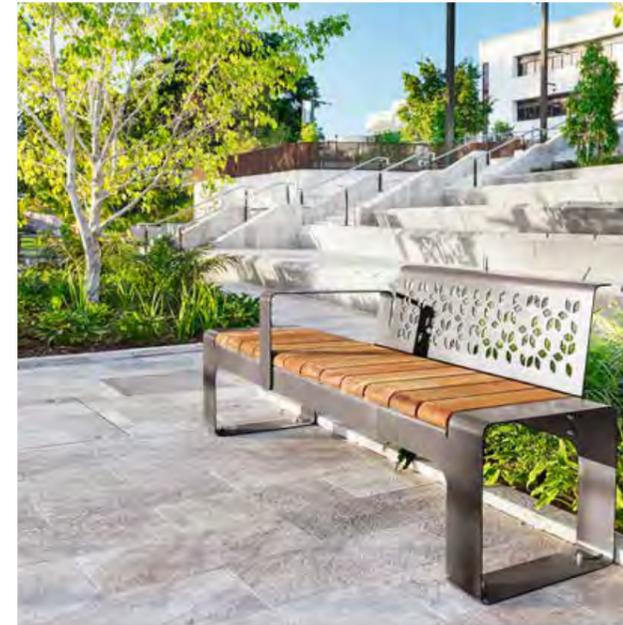
RICKARD ROAD



1. Boulevard created through street-tree planting



2. Dedicated cycle lanes



3. Bench seating on pavement

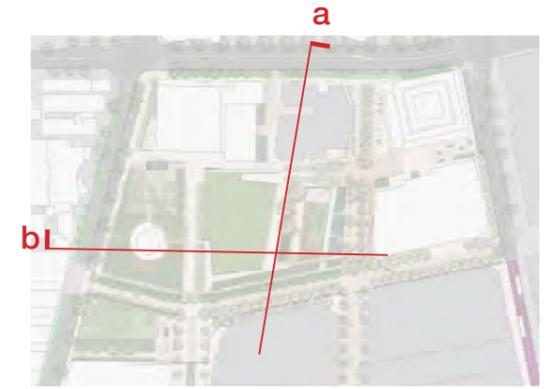


4. Buildings with an address on Rickard Rd

LONG SECTIONS

PAUL KEATING PARK

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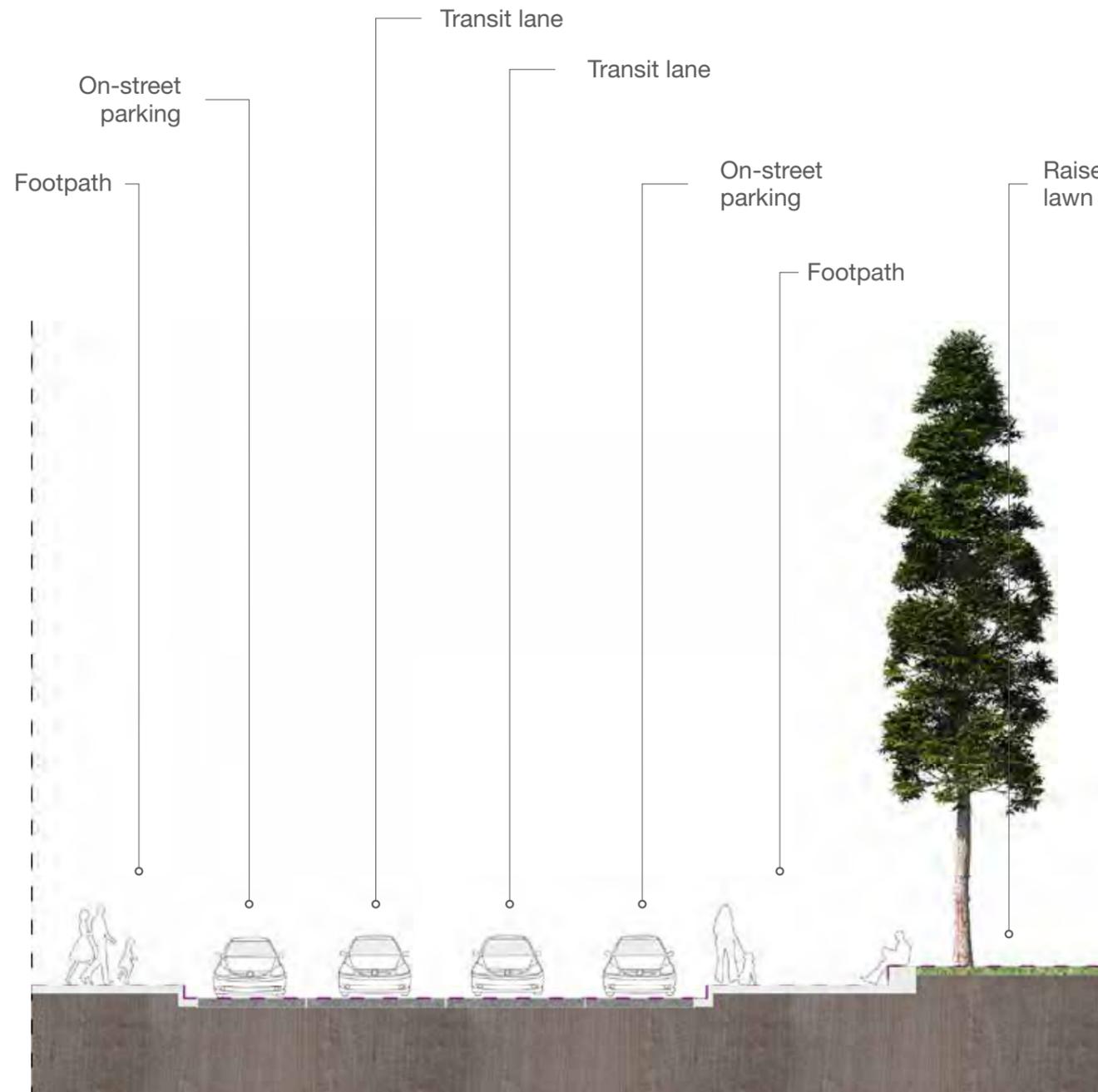


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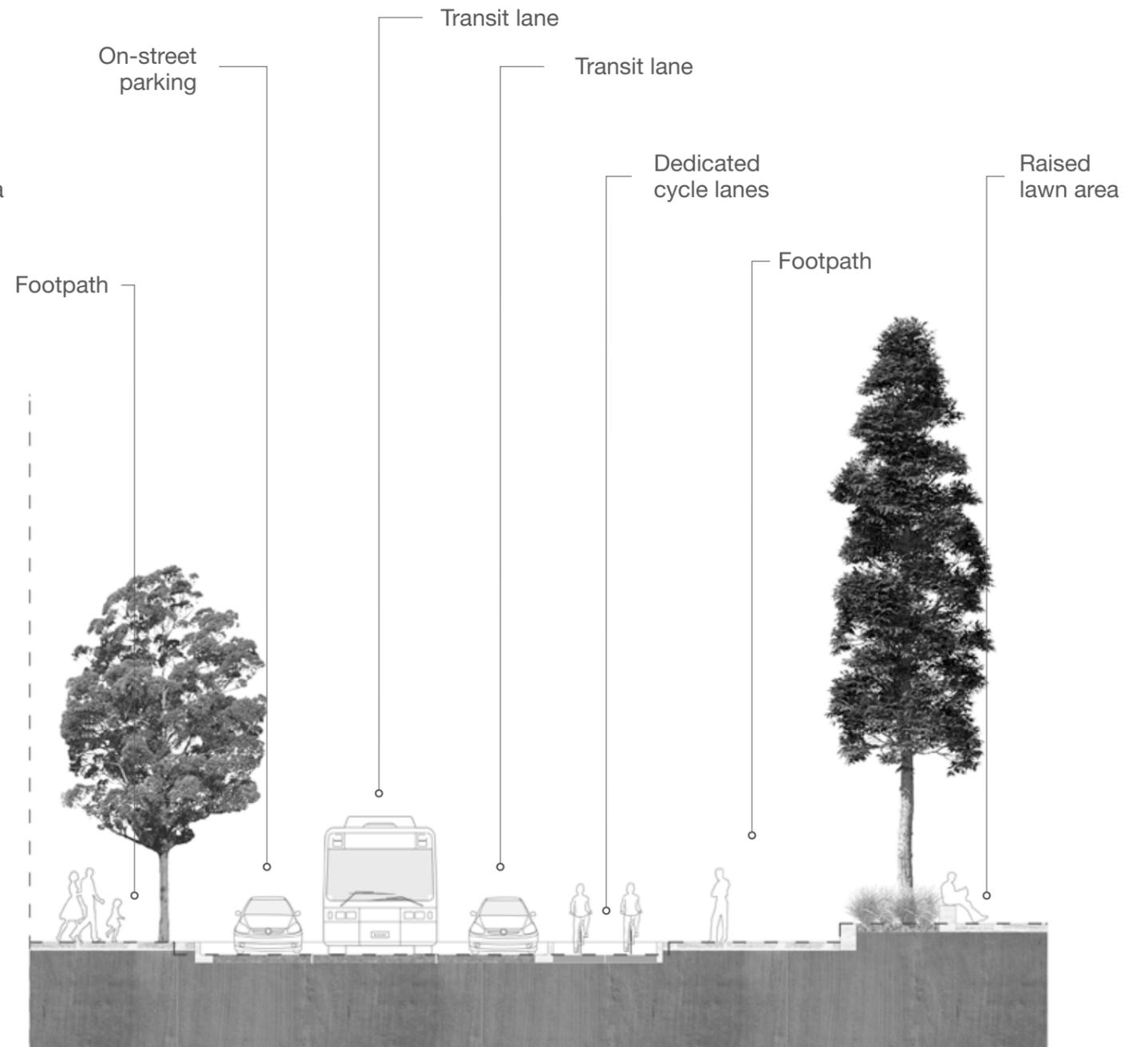
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THE MALL



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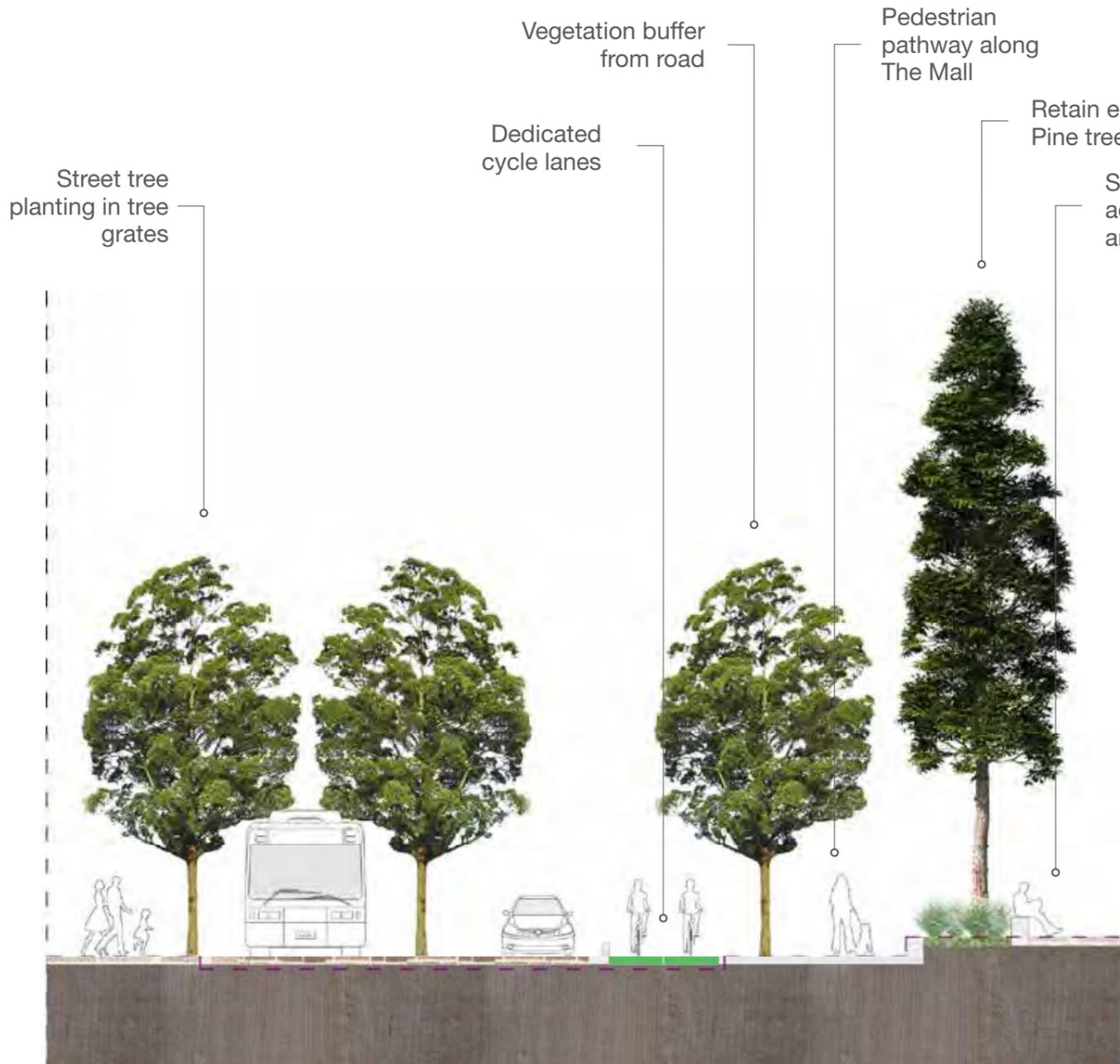


Street Arrangements per Council's Adopted Complete Streets Place Plan 2019

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SECTIONS

THE MALL



PKP MP Option 1

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PKP MP Option 2

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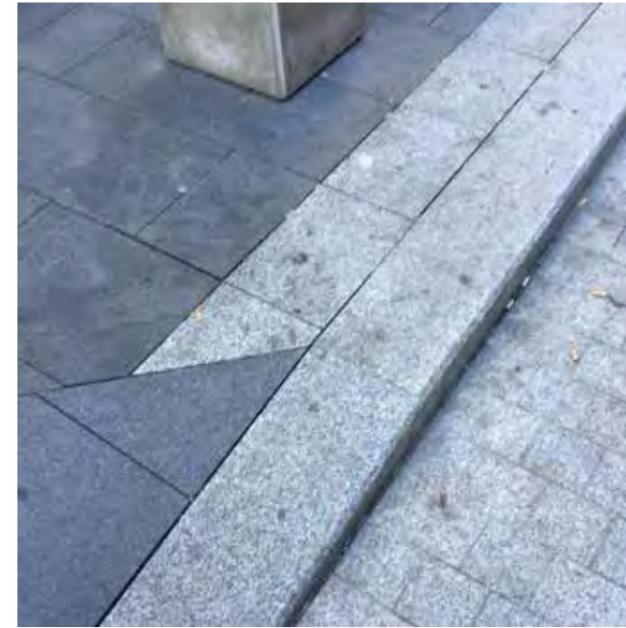
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1. Civic Precinct paving



2. The Appian Way paving



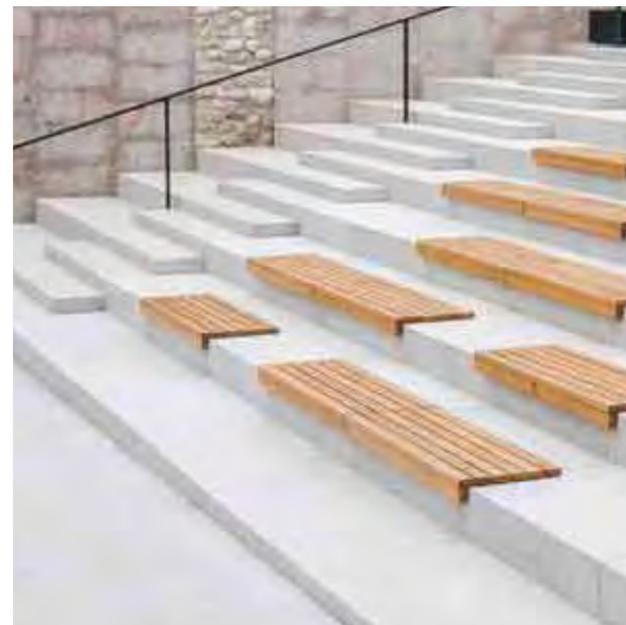
3. Stone kerb



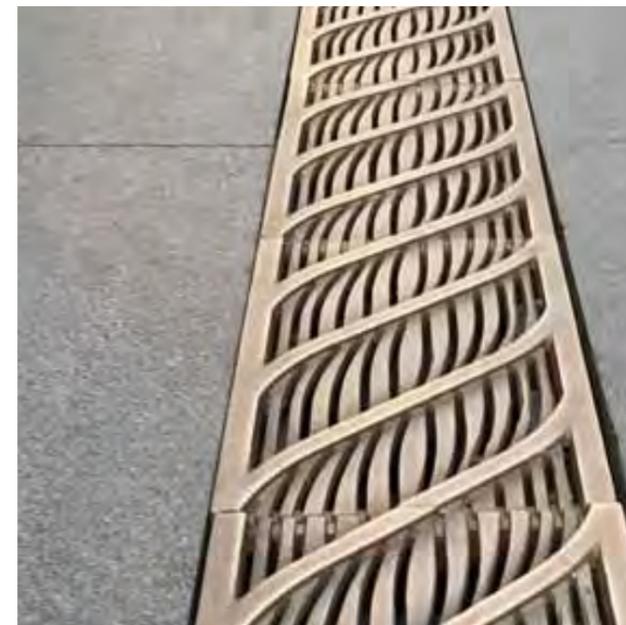
4. Aggregate urban forest



5. Timber decking



6. Concrete walls and seating edges



7. Brass detailing in Civic Precinct for drainage channel

STAGING DIAGRAM



STAGE 01 SHORT TERM

- THE APPIAN WAY
- CIVIC DRIVE
- PLAYGROUND AREA
- WSU CURTILAGE

