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Regional Context



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CONTEXT PLANS

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LEGEND:

Constraints:

- ① Interface with residential frontages needs to consider amenity
- ② Limited passive recreational opportunities for broader community
- ③ Poor sense of arrival and lack of formalised access/entry for visitors
- ④ Limited formalised and sealed carparking
- ⑤ Lack of strategic pedestrian links between the site town centre and the river.
- ⑥ High weed infestation with interface between natural bushland edge and sportsground.
- ⑦ Washout and erosion on banks/batters in various locations
- ⑧ Variety of users and facilities within the site create conflicting visual interfaces and limited efficiencies.



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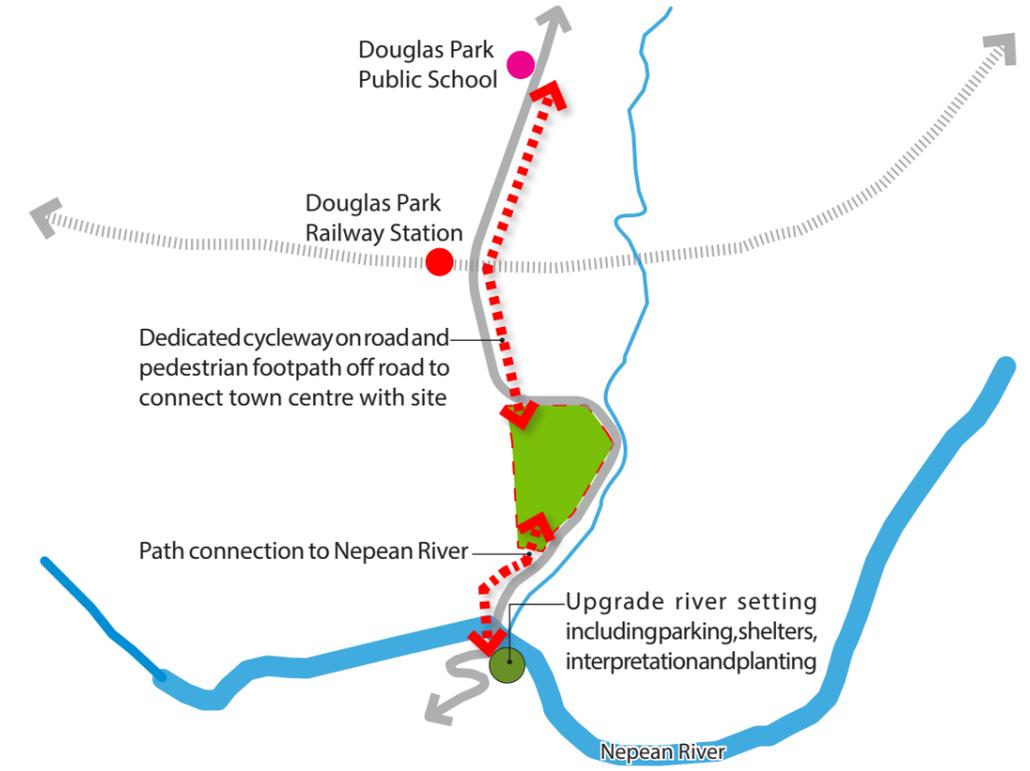


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CONSTRAINTS PLAN

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Strategic Opportunities for Pedestrian Connections to town centre and river.

LEGEND:

Opportunities:

- ① Provision of new and upgraded facilities including skate space, BMX track, playgrounds, seating and shelters
- ② Unified entry to Douglas Park that promotes the site as a regional sportsground
- ③ Strategic pedestrian link that connects various facilities to town centre and Nepean River
- ④ Support of local ecological communities by planting new vegetation and maintaining existing vegetation
- ⑤ Opportunity to provide a shared pedestrian/recreational path through and around site enhancing instructed recreation opportunities
- ⑥ Potential for wayfinding signage and visual cues through the landscape to guide visitors to various facilities within the park
- ⑦ Opportunity to ensure park has low maintenance requirements to allow Council staff to manage the parkland adequately



LEGEND:

- ① Unified entry including signage
- ② Multi purpose hard court
- ③ Skate space/terracing
- ④ Tennis courts retained
- ④A Tennis court relocated
- ⑤ Little Athletics storage building
- ⑤A Rebuilt tennis amenities building
- ⑥ Picnic shelters
- ⑦ Relocated long jump pit
- ⑧ Douglas Park Community Centre & additional storage
- ⑨ Bus and coach drop off
- ⑩ Seating terraces extended & hard surfaces added on terraces, with trees & canopy providing shade.
- ⑪ Picket fence around perimeter of athletic track and gate
- ⑫ Toddlers playground relocated with fenced connection into community rooms
- ⑬ Sports field and athletic track relocated further west (closer to community centre)
- ⑭ Junior 5-side fields
- ⑮ Circuit path around perimeter of athletics track
- ⑯ Fitness stations and seating area
- ⑰ Seating and shelter (two way dugouts)
- ⑱ Managed BMX track
- ⑲ Older children's playground and shade structure
- ⑳ Fitness stations, seating area and wayfinding signage
- ㉑ Potential bush trail to provide connection to Nepean River
- ㉒ Existing fire station shed retained and area for future expansion
- ㉓ Pedestrian path connects various facilities to town centre to north & Nepean River to south
- ㉔ Existing floodlights retained
- ㉕ Two additional shot put locations
- ㉖ Existing toilet block removed and toilets consolidated in community centre.
- ㉗ Barbecue and picnic lawn & shelter
- ㉘ Existing car park retained

PUBLIC EXHIBITION FEEDBACK

| TOPIC | PUBLIC EXHIBITION FEEDBACK | CLOUSTON ASSOCIATES ACTION/RECOMMENDATION |
|------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Car parking | Reduction in car parking capacity? | Increased car parking capacity |
| | Noted min. 150 cars every Friday night, Saturday morning and Sunday night. | Increased car parking capacity |
| | Area around fire shed needs to be kept clear of parked cars | Car parking around fire shed formalised and car parking provided adjacent to shed |
| 2. Vehicular access to field | Ensure for ambulances, fire trucks, vehicles to unload Little A's gear | Provided at northern end of oval |
| 3. Public toilet block | Retain in current location and upgrade | Demolish existing toilet block and build new one within new small amenities block/shade shelter at edge of netball court |
| 4. Long jump pit location | Retain inside oval fence – currently proposed location floods | Relocated and remaining within fenced area – if flooding issue, resolve this with drainage |
| 5. Storage shed | Relocate behind fire shed | This location would be too isolated and problematic being so close to fire shed (min. clearance required). Retain current proposed location on master plan (between tennis courts and proposed multi-use courts) with vehicle access to fields |
| | | Potential future storage extension noted adjacent to Community Hall |
| 6. BMX facility | Formalise/upgrade existing BMX facility behind fire shed | BMX track expanded towards fire shed, where previous older children's playground was proposed Older children's playground moved to more central location next to seating terraces |
| 7. Dugouts | In middle of running track – need to be relocated | Dugouts shifted back behind running track |
| 8. Shot put and discus | Located where tots run and where high jump is | Grouped shot put and discus at northern end of oval |
| 9. Community Centre | Add landscaping to front entry | Implement when funds allow |
| 10. Interpretive signage | - | Add to educate people about vegetation community, heritage, etc |
| 11. Tennis courts | Retain existing tennis court adjacent to multi-purpose hard court | 3 tennis courts not necessary/viable - best to have 2 courts next to each other as shown |
| | | Existing tennis court adjacent to multi-purpose hard court to remain until end of useful life |
| 12. Skate park | Do not construct a skate park | Provide a terraced area with skateable and scooter friendly elements, suitable for children currently using scooters on multi-purpose court, as well as providing seating opportunities |



LEGEND:

- ① Car parking - numbers, location
- ② Vehicular access to field
- ③ Public toilet block
- ④ Long jump pits
- ⑤ Storage shed
- ⑥ BMX facility
- ⑦ Dugouts
- ⑧ Shot put and discus - location and orientation
- ⑨ Community centre - landscaping
- ⑨A Community centre - potential internal reconfiguration to provide additional storage and amenities (change rooms and toilets)
- ⑩ Interpretive signage
- ⑪ Tennis courts
- ⑫ Additional fitness station
- ⑬ Older children's playground relocated to here
- ⑭ Potential location for 100m running track
- ⑮ Redesign of picnic area around heritage rotunda



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KEY AMENDMENTS FROM PUBLIC EXHIBITION

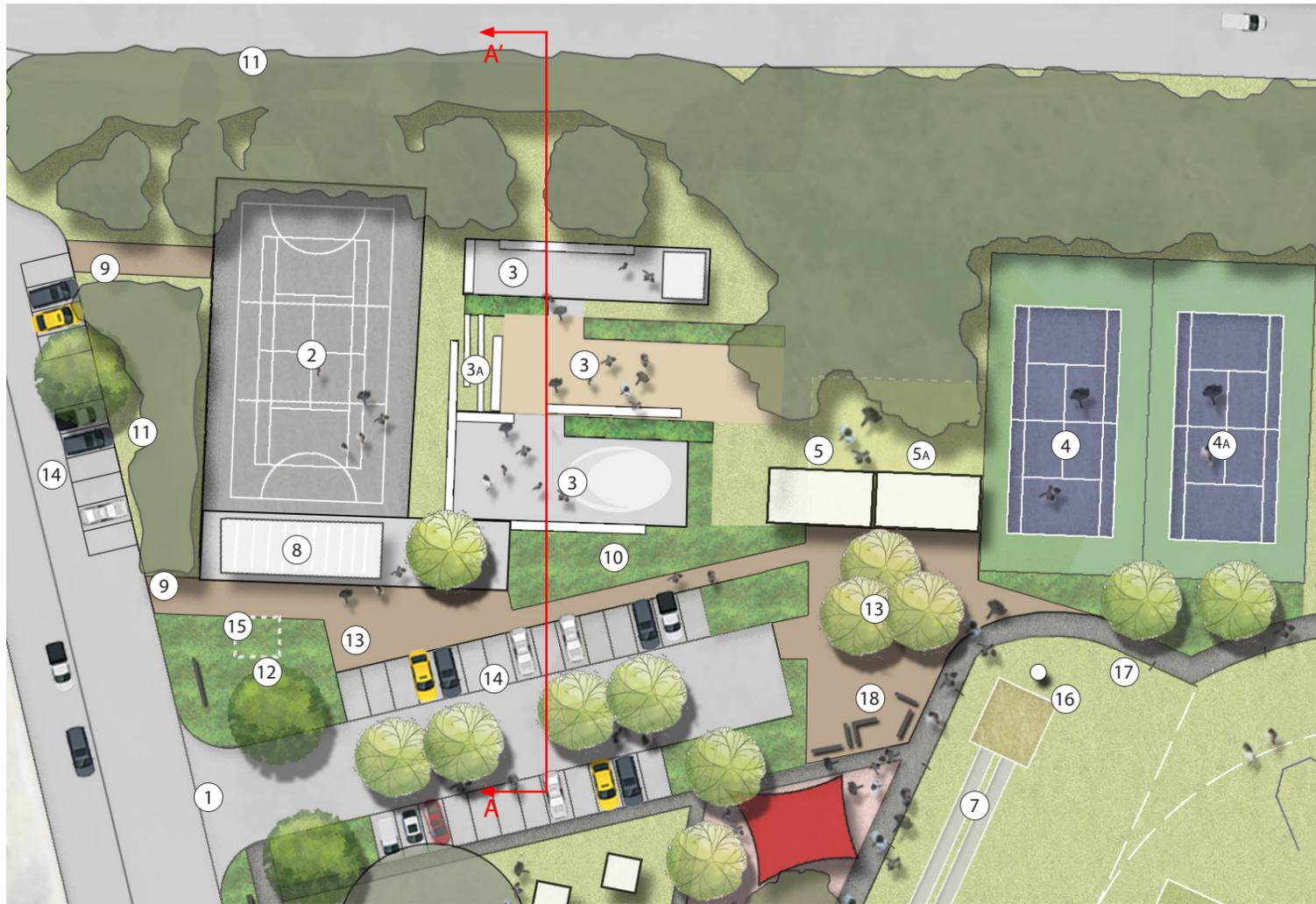
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LEGEND:

- ① Unified entry including signage
- ② Multi purpose hard court (completed)
- ③ Terraced area with skateable and scooter friendly elements (to capitalise on existing topography)
- ④ Tennis courts retained
- ④A Tennis court relocated (at end of life cycle)
- ⑤ Little Athletics storage building
- ⑤A New tennis amenities building
- ⑥ Barbecue, picnic lawn & shelter
- ⑥A Existing gazebo retained
- ⑦ Future relocated long jump pits (contained within fenced perimeter)
- ⑧ Douglas Park Community Centre & additional storage
- ⑨ Bus and coach drop off/turning area
- ⑩ Seating terraces extended & hard surfaces added on terraces, with a permanent shade structure provided
- ⑪ Picket fence around perimeter of athletic track and gate
- ⑫ Toddlers playground relocated with fenced connection into community rooms
- ⑬ Sports field and athletics track line-marking shifted west to allow for perimeter pathway
- ⑭ Junior 5-side fields
- ⑮ Circuit path around perimeter of athletics track with distance markers
- ⑯ Fitness stations and seating area
- ⑰ Seating and shelter (two way dugouts - subject to design development)
- ⑱ Managed BMX track
- ⑲ Older children's playground and shade structure
- ⑳ Potential bush trail to provide connection to Nepean River
- ㉑ Existing fire station shed retained, area for future expansion and dedicated parking
- ㉒ Pedestrian path connecting various facilities to town centre to north & Nepean River to south
- ㉓ Existing floodlights retained
- ㉔ Two existing shot put locations
- ㉕ Existing discus cage
- ㉕A New discus cage
- ㉖ Existing toilet block removed and new toilets provided in new integrated structure (refer 27)
- ㉗ New integrated structure with shaded viewing, new public toilet and potential storage for netball
- ㉘ Coach layover/additional formalised car parking
- ㉙ Toilets with external access open only during sports use of fields
- ㉚ Gated maintenance, equipment and emergency vehicle access to field
- ㉛ Formalised car parking (no loss of current car parking capacity)
- ㉜ Potential future storage extension and potential reconfiguration with 29 to provide change rooms for junior sport
- ㉝ Interpretive signage
- ㉞ Potential location for 100m running track



LEGEND:

- ① Unified entry including signage
- ② Multi purpose hard court (completed)
- ③ Terraced area with skateable and scooter friendly elements (to capitalise on existing topography)
- ③A Stepped seating
- ④ Tennis courts retained
- ④A Tennis court relocated (at end of life cycle)
- ⑤ Little Athletics storage building
- ⑤A New tennis amenities building
- ⑦ Future relocated long jump pits (contained within fenced perimeter)
- ⑧ New integrated structure with shaded viewing, new public toilet and potential storage for netball
- ⑨ Pedestrian access to Camden Road
- ⑩ Shrub planting
- ⑪ Additional native buffer planting (with clear trunked trees for unobstructed visibility) to strengthen edge
- ⑫ Feature tree/marker
- ⑬ Hard landscaped transitional spaces
- ⑭ Formalised car parking (no loss of current car parking capacity)
- ⑮ Existing toilet block removed and new toilets provided in new integrated structure (refer 8)
- ⑯ Existing floodlights retained
- ⑰ Gated maintenance, equipment and emergency vehicle access to field
- ⑱ Fitness stations and seating area

Detail area concept of the north west of the masterplan - NTS



Illustrative section A - A' - NTS

SKATE FRIENDLY SPACE

A skate friendly space is proposed for Douglas Park. This facility would be a multi-purpose outdoor area designed for all ages and suitable for a range of activities, including active recreation such as scooter riding, skate boarding, bike riding, etc, as well as seating opportunities. Materials used would need to be robust and provide high quality, skateable surfaces. More specifically, the skate friendly space could incorporate the following elements:

- Terraced seating
- Sculptural elements that provide shelter/shade
- Additional seating and refuge spaces for informal viewing and socialising
- Varied levels and planes made from a range of materials
- Ledges, steps, edges, multi-level platforms
- Artwork/sculpture



Examples of spaces that are skate and scooter friendly, but which also provide opportunities for sitting, viewing and socialising

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INDICATIVE COST PLAN

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Connection north
 Car parking
 Terraced skateable area
 Car parking and integrated shade/toilet/storage facility
 Older children's playspace
 Playspace
 Car parking
 Car parking

Buildings
 Tennis court
 General reserve upgrade
 General field upgrade:
 Stormwater
 Fencing
 Ancillary fixtures
 Relocate long jump
 BMX track
 Connection south



LEGEND

- █ Stage 1A
- █ Stage 1B
- █ Stage 2
- █ Stage 3



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STAGING

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NEXT STEPS

In delivering this project to works on the ground, the following will be the next critical steps:

- Council adoption of master plan - adopted by Council 15 August 2016.
- Finalising of works staging and funding sourcing
- Detailed design and construction.

