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### ANALYSIS REGIONAL SITE CONTEXT



Menangle is part of Wollondilly Shire, in the Macarthur region of NSW roughly 70km south west of Sydney. It has a prolific cultural and agricultural past, creating a rich heritage for this small village.

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### ANALYSIS EXISTING SITE CONTEXT





### ANALYSIS SITE DIAGRAMS

# ACCESS + CIRCULATION SOLAR + WIND TOPOGRAPHY + VEGETATION LEGEND LEGEND LEGEND Vehicular Entry Points/Circulation High solar access points Existing trees to be retained where possible Informal Vehicular Entry points Low solar access points High points Existing Informal Parking locations High Wind exposure Low points Hydrology Pedestrian Circulation Informal pathways



Gathering/hang out

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MENANGLE OLD SCHOOL SITE MENANGLE, NSW

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### COMMUNITY HISTORY - MENANGLE

The name Menangle was derived from the Aboriginal word 'Manhangle' or 'place of swamps'.

The first settlers in Menangle maintained a sense of stewardship for the Environment. They understood the fertile soils, food production opportunities and the agricultural richness of the area as a whole.

Development of the Menangle area occurred with the introduction of livestock and farming. Cattle and Wool production were the main drivers during the late 1700s and early 1800s through farming Pioneers, James and Elizabeth Macarthur. Following on from this, dairy farming began in the region in 1826 and vineyards were established later in 1830. Milk production was in full swing and Menangle soon became the largest supplier of Milk to Sydney.

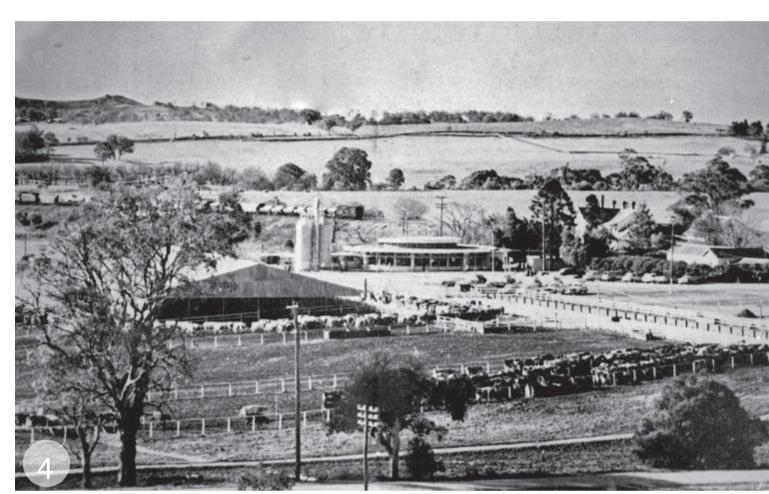
With this strong agricultural focus, residential development was mainly centered around Camden Park Estate, which contained the main residences of James and Elizabeth Macarthur and their descendants. Around 1850, there were 900 people living in the estate. After 1850, development began to spread in the form of small farm cottages, dotted along the Nepean River. Today, these remaining Cottages are heritage listed.

The introduction of the railway line and Station (1863) opened up the area to the north and south and made it easier to export farming produce. The station also became a focus for development. The Iron Rail Bridge also provided more social and commercial benefits. Today, it remains as one of the most significant rail bridges in Australia.

As the population in the area began to grow, there became a greater need for more community facilities. The Menangle School opened its doors in 1871 closely followed by St James Anglican Church in 1876 which provided a greater sense of community within the Menangle area.











Images 1. St James Anglican Church, 2. The Old Rotolactor, 3. Camden Park Estate Mansion, 4. The Old Rotolactor and surrounding Dairy, 5. Rail transport



### HISTORY OF OLD SCHOOL BUILDING

1849 //	Camden Park Estate applies for a school, resulting in establishment of the Church School in what was then known as the suburb of Riversford, now Menangle.
1869-71//	Public pressure results in the opening of Menangle public school, on land donated by Sir William Macarthur "for the education of the children of Menangle". The initial building was completed in 1871, with an enrolment of 43 pupils
1876//	A residence was added before repairs; The first school building was sold by auction along with the fence
1906//	Half an acre was given by the Macarthur family for a new school building and residence, constructed using rare Flemish or Dutch bond brickwork
1922//	A tennis court and 45 foot flagpole was added in the playground as were veggie plots.
1928//	Was voted the school with the best garden within 50 miles of Sydney, with 54 pupils.
1960//	Camden Park Estate allocates two additional acres to the school, maintenance work and minor upgrades carried out.
1971//	Menangle School Centenary celebrated
1974//	Menangle School closes down
2008//	Sale of the site and subdivision announced
2013//	Old School was officially bought by Wollondilly Shire Council from the Department of Education

In the years following this, the Community fought hard to save the site from demolition as they appreciated the significant historical importance of the site. After a community consultation held by Wollondilly Shire, the public have shown significant interest for the site to be restored to celebrate the history and heritage of the Community.

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### ST JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Church, also know as 'the light on the hill' remains a focal point for the community of Menangle.

The Church block adjoins to the western edge of the Site.

During large weddings, christenings and funerals, informal car parking generally occurs within the open space of the Site - therefore there is a need to provide these facilities and access in the redevelopment works for the Old School Building Masterplan.

### FUTURE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

A large residential development is proposed for the land to the north and east of the Site. This development will be a combination of medium and low density housing accommodating up to 350 new dwellings.

Facilities are proposed to be at the centre of this development centering around regenerating the old Rotolactor precinct in order to connect to the cultural history of the area.











### PARKS + OPEN SPACE

Currently the Menangle Old School site covers a large central area of the Menangle Village.

It is in close proximity to nearby churches, a local playground and shares borders with the central hub of residential Menangle.

The site is only a short walk from the newly opened Durham Green Retirement Village. Strengthening these connections between the site and the Retirement Village would help to create unison and could therefore become the central heart or Community hub of Menangle.

A vital connection from the Site, over Station St into the proposed open space area of the future developments will help to create a greater and more connected sense of community for residents of the area. It would allow for increased walkability and social connections within the growing Village.

A visual connection to the nearby Nepean River is powerful, as it brings influence of endemic flora and fauna communities. These species can be used to strengthen the image and foundations of the Masterplan for the Old School Site.

The proposed Old Menangle School site has huge potential to become a strong Community hub due to its location being right in the heart of Menangle. It has the capacity to Complement the existing open space areas and will aim to maintain a strong community focus to benefit residents, whilst also potentially becoming a tourism destination for travellers.





Dean McGrath Playground/ Station Street Reserve



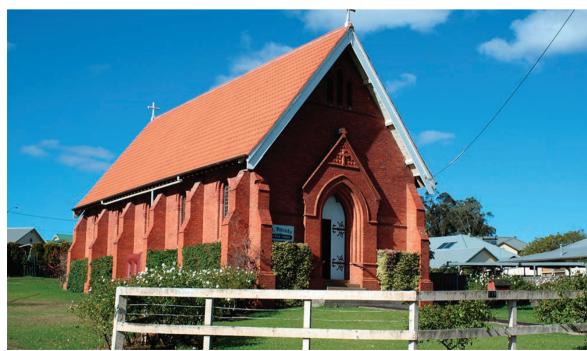
Area to become Mirvac Residential Development



Historic Menangle Rail Bridge across Nepean



Nearby Durham Green Retirement Village



St Patrick's Catholic Church and Grounds







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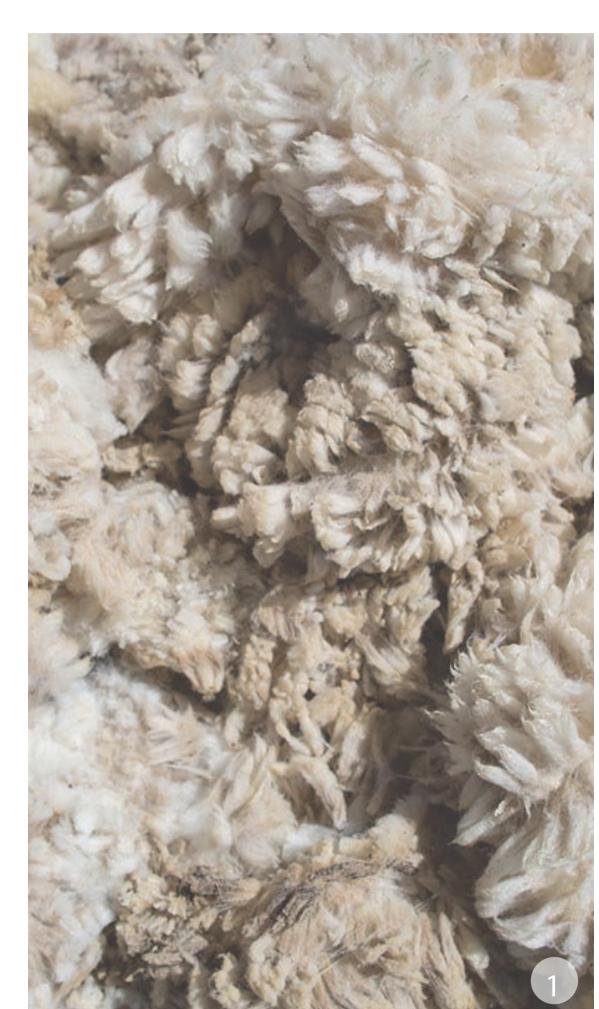
### AGRICULTURAL HISTORY

Located on the rich, fertile flood plains of the Nepean River, Menangle began its settler agricultural history when five head of cattle escaped the settlement at Sydney Cove and were found some 40 miles South West, earning the area the title of "Cow Pastures". Having multiplied to a herd of about 40 cattle, the area was declared a government reserve in order to protect the breeding ground and ensure the supply of beef.

In 1805 James and Elizabeth Macarthur took responsibility for the farming and care of this land. Their development of the Australian Wool Industry is well known, and therefore Wool production in this area began to grow and became a valuable commodity for trading purposes in the early years of agricultural production in Australia.

James and William, sons of James and Elizabeth began to develop various other farming practices in this area including; cultivation, harvest & irrigation. They then went on to develop Australia's first commercial Vineyard combined with what would become Australia's finest orchard and largest dairy.

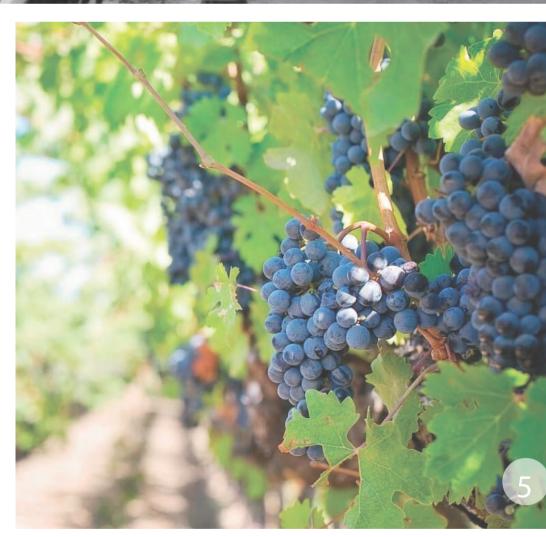
Another significant agricultural development within the Menangle region is the Rotary Dairy. The rotolactor was later developed into a tourist attraction, regularly visited by tourists around the 60's and 70's.











Images 1. Wool production, 2. Inside the old Rotolactor, 3. The Old Rotolactor, 4. Old Rotolactor and surrounds, 5. Razorback Ridge Winery imagery



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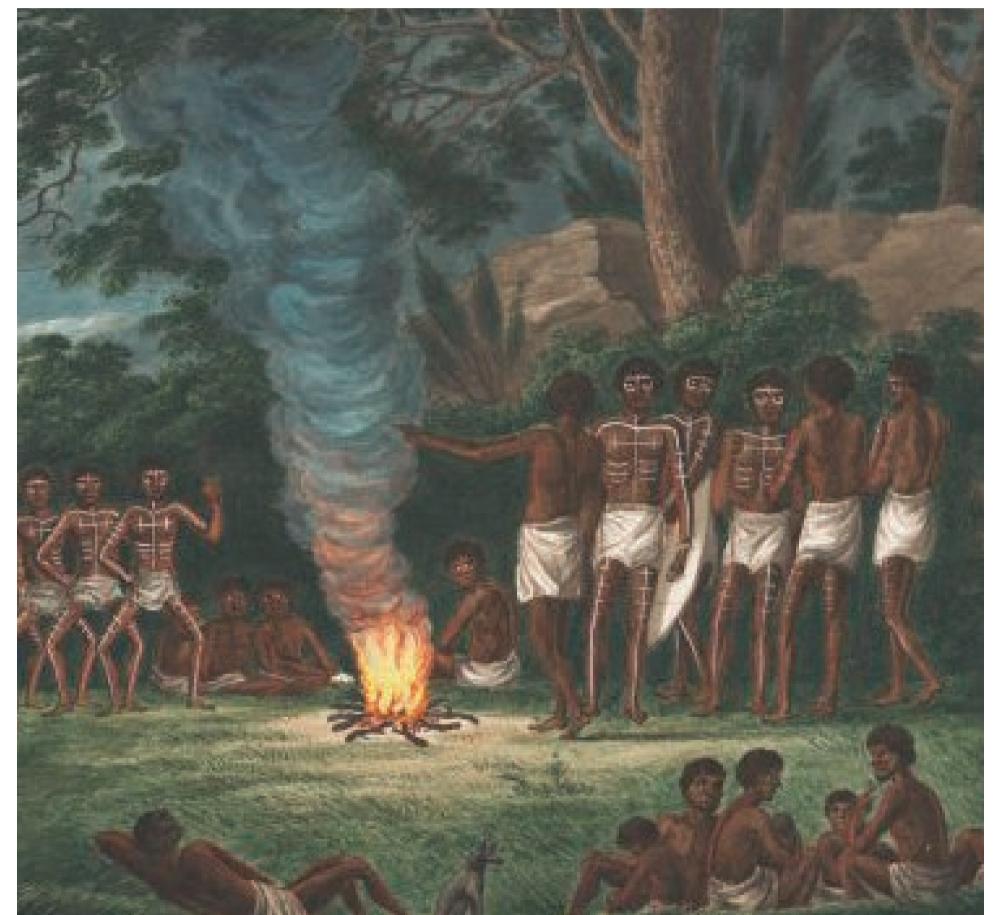
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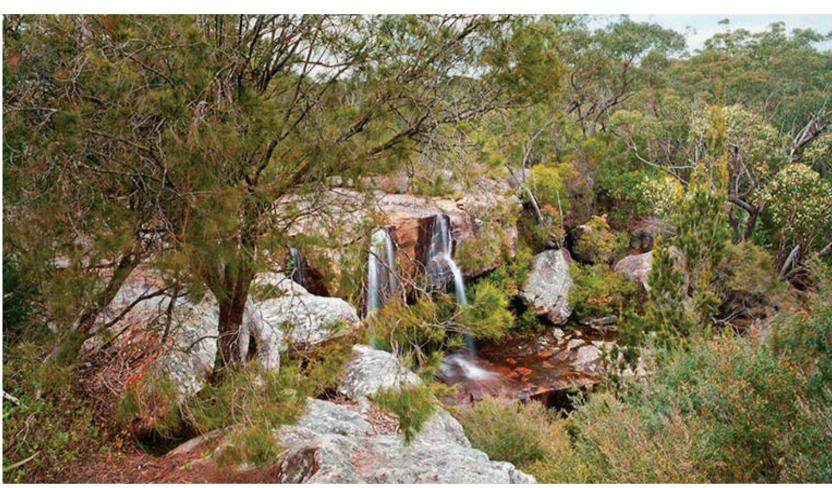
### INDIGENOUS HISTORY

The Tharawal people were the original Indigenous inhabitants of the area which is now Menangle and its surrounds. The Tharawal people named the area Menangle which means 'Place of many swamps'.

A major gathering point for these people was in the areas surrounding the natural lagoons. It was here that they would cultivate and farm aquatic animals for food. These lagoons are commonly known as Carabeely, Barragal and Menangle - two of which are now located inside the Elizabeth Macarthur Agricultural Institute.

There is evidence of fire being used to encourage grassland environments along the river flats - with heavily wooded areas being retained through the more hilly regions. These land management principles were carried through during European settlement in the region.









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### LOCAL GEOLOGY

Menangle appears to be at a junction of three geological groups, however, the area is largely influenced by the Nepean River and associated soils and rock arrangements.

Hawkesbury sandstone is dominant in the region, made up of medium to coarse grained quartz sandstone and very minor shale and laminite lenses.

The second most predominant soil type in this region is quartz and lithic 'fluvial' sand silt and clay

Ashfield shale is also found in the region made up of laminate and dark grey siltstone.











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### LOCAL VEGETATION COMMUNITIES

Various ecological communities around Menangle have been listed as endangered and so need to be protected with any further development to the region. Endangered communities include: Shale Hills Woodland as part of the Cumberland Plain Woodland, Moist Shale Woodland and Alluvial Woodland as part of the Sydney Coastal River-flat forest.

Dominant species within these ecological communities include:

- Eucalyptus moluccana (Grey Box)
- Dillwynia sieberi (Prickly Parrot-Pea)
- Acacia implexa (Hickory wattle)
- Dianella longifolia (Flax Lily)
- Themeda australis (Kangaroo Grass)
- Hardenbergia violacea (Creeping boobialla)

Other local native species found in the area include:

- Acacia elata (Cedar Wattle)
- Acacia parramattensis (Parramatta Wattle)
- Angophora floribinda (Rough-barked Apple)
- Casuarina cunninghamiana (River She-oak)
- Eucalyptus crebra (Narrow-leaved Ironbark)
- Eucalyptus maculata (Spotted Gum)
- Eucalyptus molucanna (Grey Box)
- Eucalyptus tereticornis (Forest Red Gum)
- Grevillea sericea (Pink Spider Flower)
- Banksia serrata (Old Man Banksia)





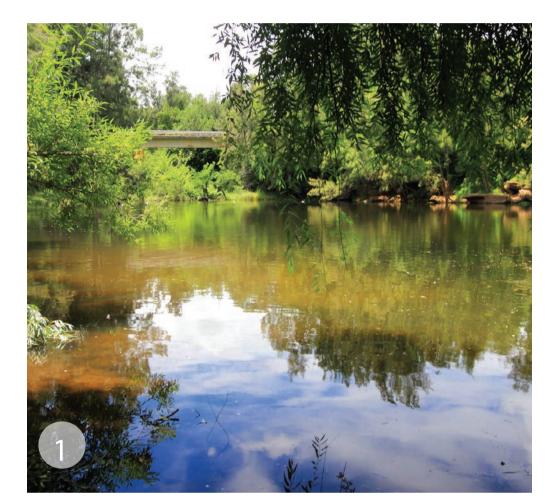
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### THE NEPEAN RIVER LANDSCAPE

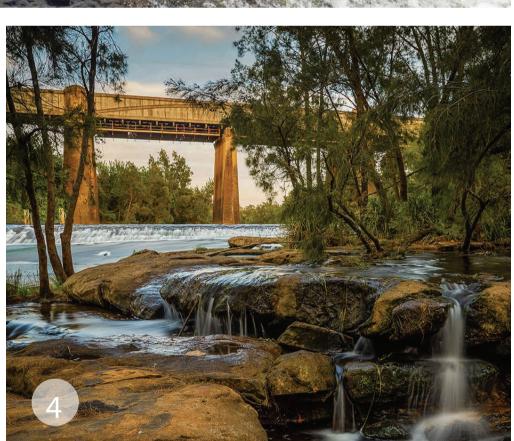
The Nepean River flows North through Wollondilly Shire, its complex ecosystems provide a habitat for a large range of native flora and fauna species.

It was once used as a source of food for fishing etc for the Aboriginal People in this area. It was also a central gathering point for these tribes. Since European settlement, increased pressures from land clearing and irrigation have created significant stress for this major waterway. As a result, there are currently planning procedures in place to protect and preserve the natural beauty of the Nepean River within the Wollondilly Shire.

The Menangle Rail Bridge was constructed over the Nepean River in 1863 and was the first large iron bridge of its kind in NSW. The bridge remains significant on a national and international level, as it is one of few remaining bridges of its kind and has been heritage listed.









Images 1. Nepean River Vegetation + character, 2. Historic Menangle Rail Bridge, 3. Historic Menangle Rail Bridge, 4. Historic Menangle Rail Bridge, 5. Nepean Dam



### SITE VIEWS + VISTAS

### HERITAGE PROTECTION

Due to the historical and heritage importance of this site and the significance it holds with the community we see the needs to protect and celebrate various views and vistas across the site.

From a landscape perspective we appreciate the unique location and surrounding environments to this site.

Views to be celebrated and protected are highlighted in the adjacent diagram.



Views to be protected and celebrated:

- Views from street into site towards existing Old School Building
- Views from back of site towards the back of the historic Old School Building
- Views from high point of mound down towards the Old School Building and out towards Station St
- Views from mound out across adjacent railway into the wider landscape
- Views from back of mound up towards St James Church light on the hill
- Views from RIversford Close up towards historic Church Building
- Views from Church grounds across the Site down towards Riversford Close and further into the wider landscape
- Views from Church grounds out into wider landscape
- Views from St James Av up towards historic Church Building
- Views to be screened with vegetation for the privacy of neighbours
- > Rural Landscape View Corridors as per the **Menangle Landscape** Conservation Area Assessment Report.

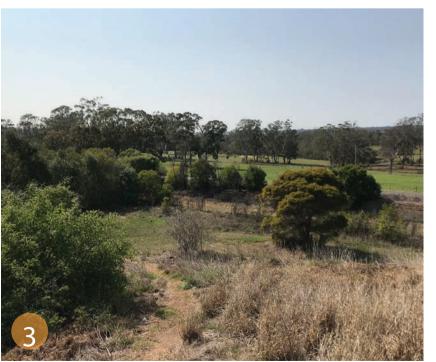








Background reference material: "Menangle Landscape Conservation Area **Assessment of Significance & Proposed Boundaries**"







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### SITE COMMUNITY CONSULTATION FINDINGS

### FIRST ROUND OF COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The first round of Community consultation was undertaken by Wollondilly Shire Council.

The most popular idea to be incorporated into the Masterplan for this area was to restore the Old School Building. This is what the community of Menangle had highest on their list of priorities.

Other ideas and visions for the Old School Building and surrounding area have been illustrated in the adjacent diagram.





Images from Menangle 'Milk Shake-up'. Source: Macarthur Advertiser









## **COMMUNITY HALL**

FOR LOCAL GROUPS TO USE + HERITAGE CENTRE





PROVIDE MULTI
PURPOSE **COURTS**FOR FLEXIBLE SPORT
USE



PROVIDE OUTDOOR **EXERCISE EQUIPMENT**, **PLAYGROUNDS**, **BBQ** +

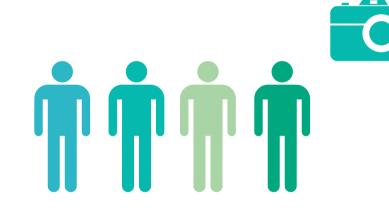




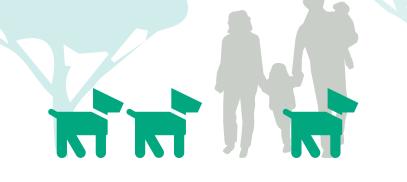
A SPACE FOR

COMMUNITY EVENTS

+ FUNCTIONS



PROVIDE OPTIONS FOR: SPORTING FIELDS, DOG PARK





ANIMAL FARM, NATIVE
BIRD/SPECIES EXHIBIT



CARPARKING + TOILETS







OUTDOOR SEATING, CAFE, AMPHITHEATRE

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To provide an Open Space solution that responds to the Community and the rich cultural heritage of Menangle, offering a variety of programmed and unprogrammed spaces.





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### VISION LANDSCAPE DESIGN PRINCIPLES



### COMMUNITY

Respond to the ideas specified by local community members in order to accommodate for the needs of the immediate residents and the wider regional community.



### HERITAGE

Celebrate the rich agricultural history and heritage of Menangle and develop educational opportunities to enhance these values.



### COMFORT

Provide an open space experience equipped with shade, water and shelter options to provide comfort which will invite people to stay and spend time in Menangle.



SAFETY

Incorporate CPTED measures to ensure the safety of users at all times of the day/evening and night.



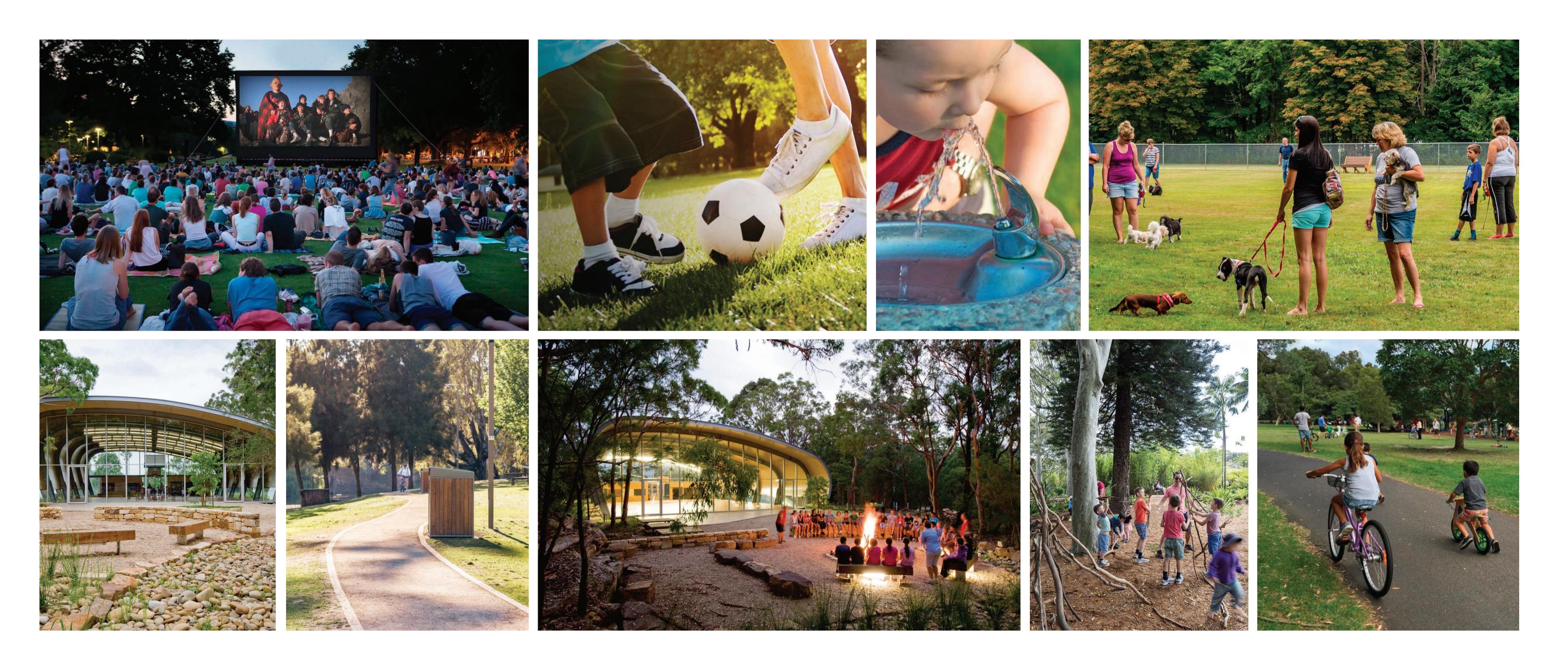
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### VISION OPEN SPACE OPPORTUNITIES





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### VISION PRECEDENT IMAGERY

### COMMUNITY FOOD PRODUCTION OPPORTUNITIES













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### VISION PRECEDENT IMAGERY

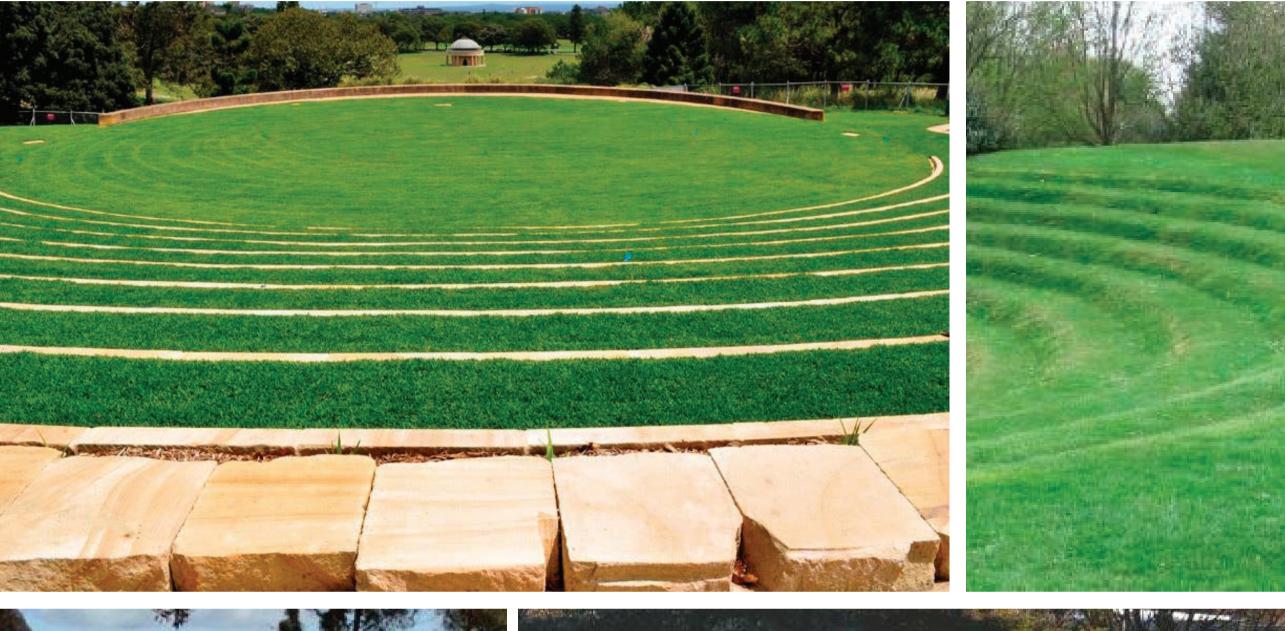
### WALKING TRACKS + VIEWING AREAS





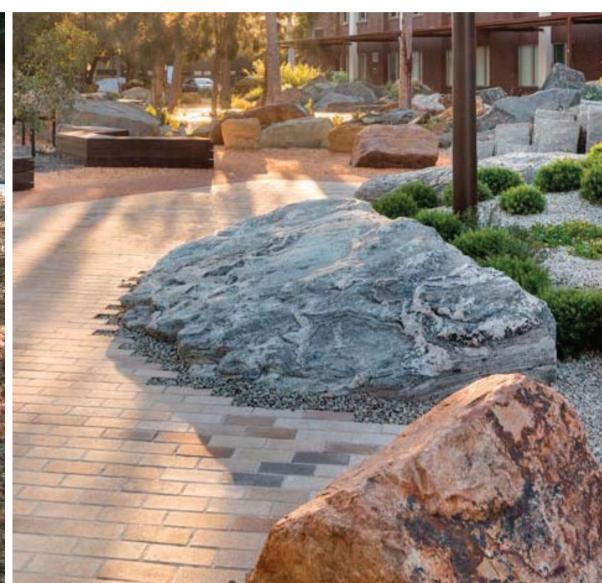
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### GRASS AMPHITHEATRES









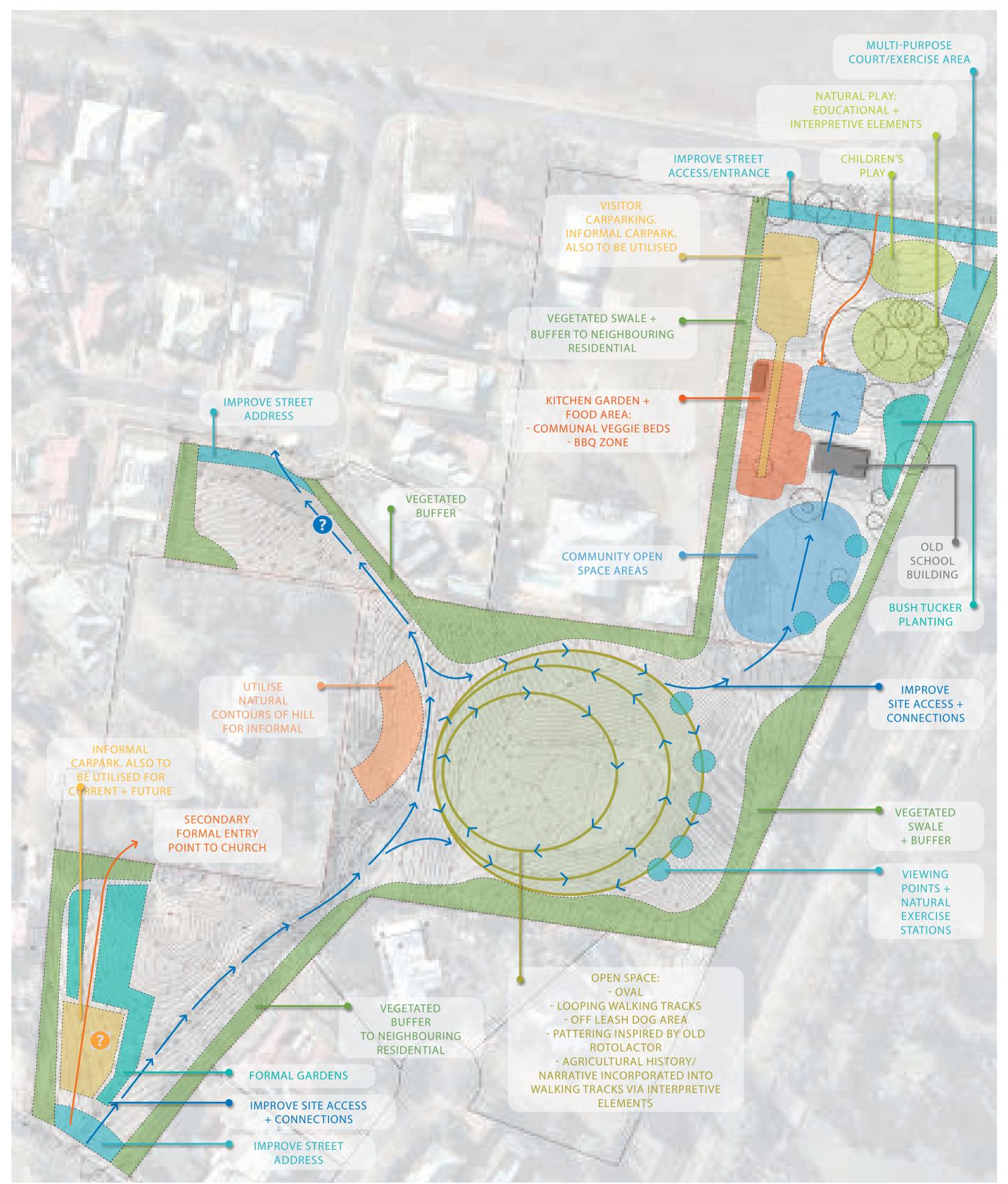




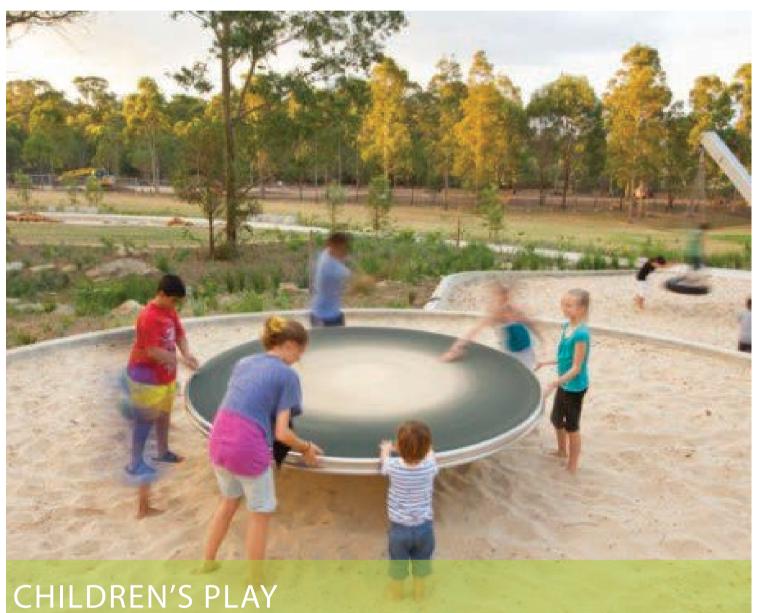




### CONCEPT SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM





















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? Carpark design is subject to detailed investigation (inc. heritage impact assessment) design + feasibility process to confirm the layout, including potential consideration of an east west orientation



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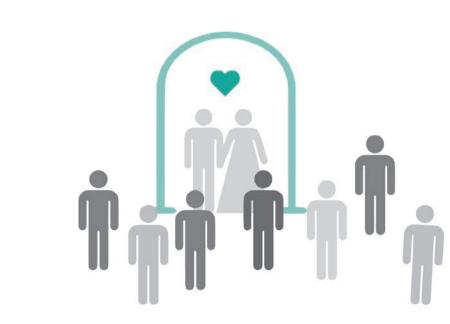


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### POSSIBILITIES FOR REPURPOSED OLD SCHOOL BUILDING



### **FUNCTION CENTRE**

- WEDDINGS
- SEASONAL FESTIVITIES
- COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS
- BOOK CLUB GROUPS
- SECOND HAND SHOP
- CEREMONIES

### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- TOILETS
- STORAGE
- LARGE INDOOR SPACE (THEATRE SPACE)
- AV/AUDIO AMENITY
- KITCHEN FACILITIES



### **REQUIREMENTS:**

- TOILETS
- STORAGE
- KITCHEN FACILITIES
- SERVING WINDOW



### CHILDCARE/ PLAYGROUP

REQUIREMENTS:
- LARGE INDOOR AREA
- TOILETS
- STORAGE FOR
EQUIPMENT

- AV/AUDIO



# TEACHING + DISPLAY SPACE

- AGRICULTURAL DISPLAY
- ADDITIONAL TEACHING SPACE
FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS
- LEARN TO GARDEN
- BOOK SWAP
- HERITAGE + CULTURAL
DISPLAYS

REQUIREMENTS:
- CLASSROOM SPACE
- STORAGE
- TOILETS



# PILATES, YOGA, DANCE, MUSIC

REQUIREMENTS:
- LARGE INDOOR AREA
- STORAGE FOR EQUIPMENT
- AV/AUDIO
- TOILETS
- OUTDOOR SPORTS EQUIPMENT
STORAGE



**COOKING CLASSES** 

REQUIREMENTS:

- KITCHEN FACILITIES

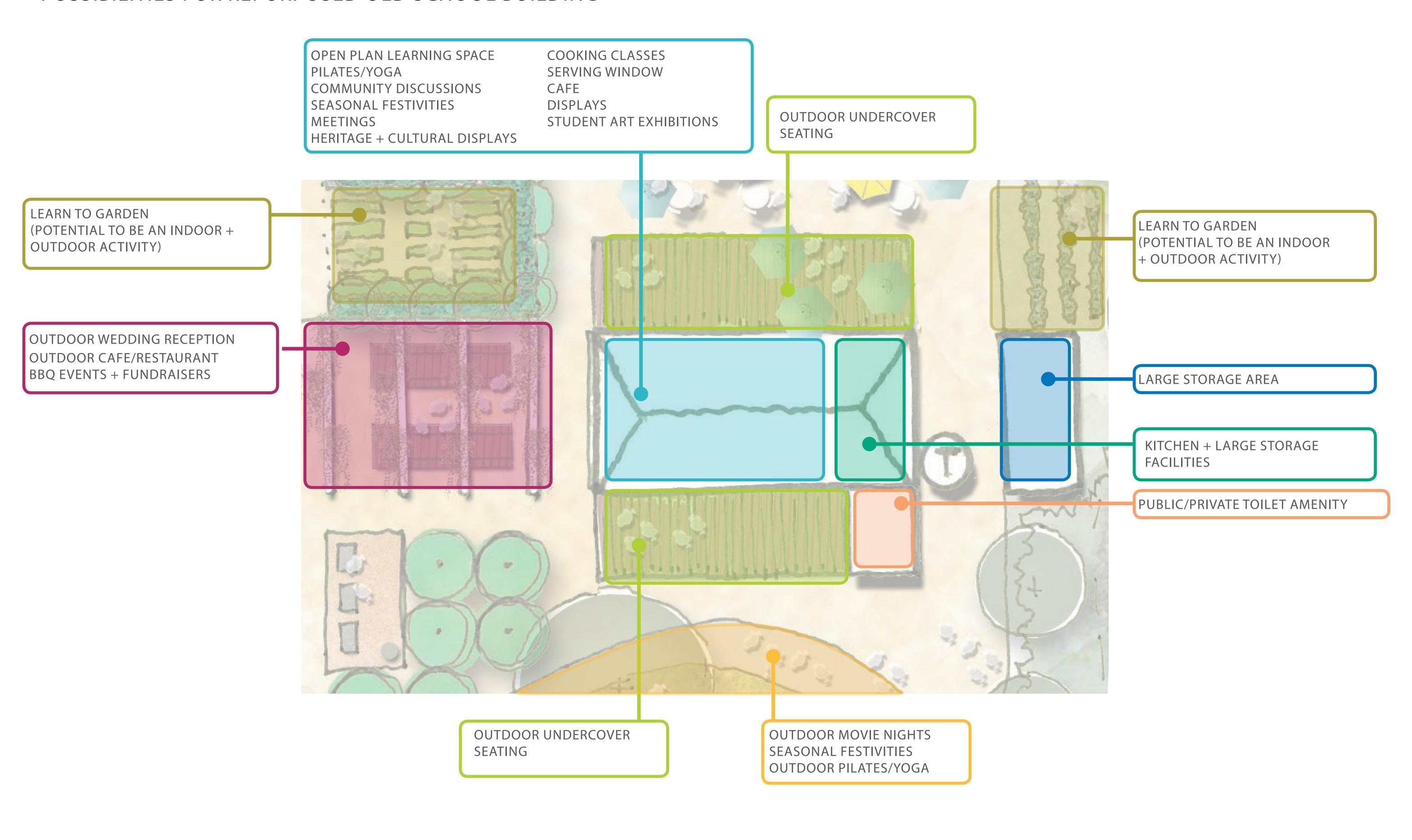
- DEMONSTRATION AREA

- STORAGE

- TOILETS

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### CONCEPT DESIGN DIAGRAMS



- → Vehicular connections
- Service vehicle access/routes. To be developed in detailed design phase
- → Major pedestrian connections
- Secondary pedestrian connections
- Lines of sight/ Views
- Accessible path connection from St James
  Av to Station St and Menangle train station

### 2. PLANTING SCHEMES



- Cumberland plain buffer/screen planting
- Kitchen garden/vegetables & orchards
- Indigenous bush tucker plantings
- Ecological/Endangered plantings
- Cumberland plain grass meadows
- Turf areas to be utilised for current and future events
- Maintained garden bed areas
- Slashed grass/native turf zones

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### 3. HYDROLOGY



Proposed Vegetated swale to direct water through site





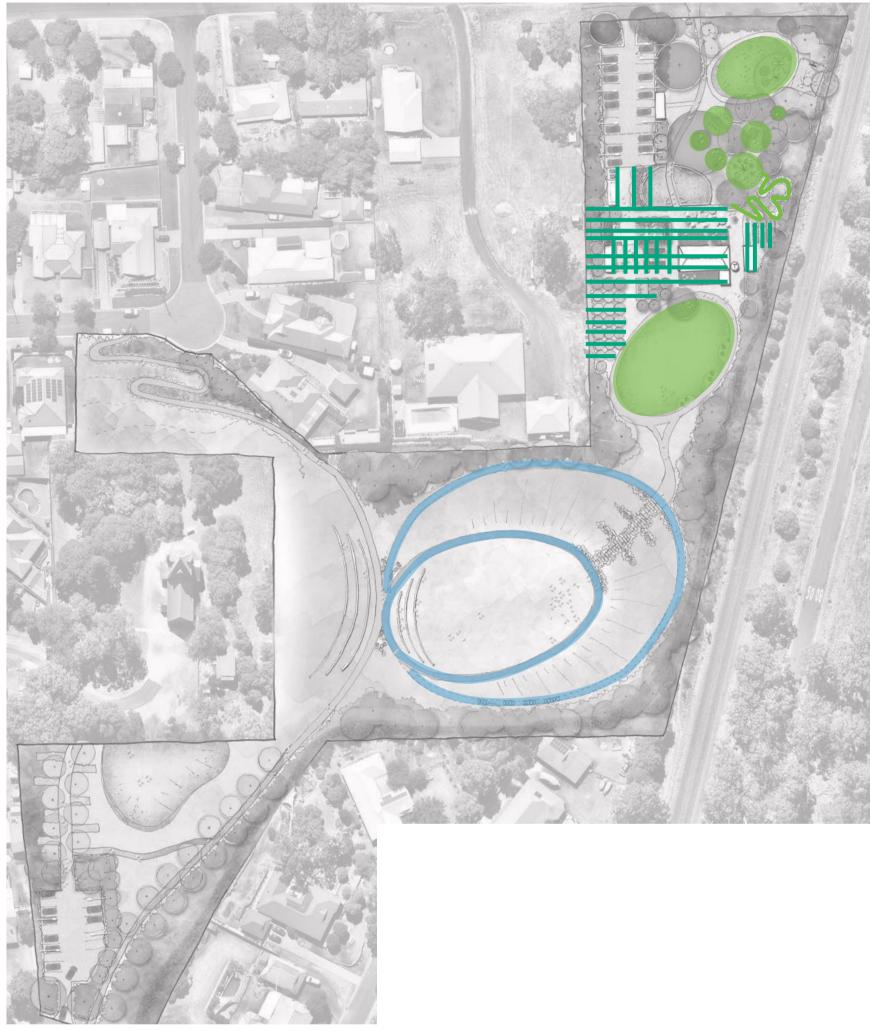
### CONCEPT DESIGN DIAGRAMS

### 4. INTERPRETIVE LAYERING



- Interpretive 'school history' elements incorporated into various areas of play. This will aid as an educational tool to illustrate the unique history of the Old Menangle School
- → Interpretive patterning or natural sculptural elements to reflect the rich agricultural history of Menangle
- Gravel interpretive Bush walk
- Symbolic arbor structure to compliment and reflect the significant heritage and architecture of the Old School Building.

### 5. FARMING INFLUENCE + PATTERNING



- Lineal patterning of the vineyard industry is represented through the formal kitchen garden/produce areas
- Indigenous culture is reflected through the patterning of nature play and central lawn areas
- Large scale agriculture influence ie. milk and livestock has influenced the sweeping circular pathways and planting styles towards the south of the site

### 6. OPEN SPACE OFFERINGS



- Central community hub
- Active play zones/open space offerings to also be utilised for current and future events
- Interpretive play areas
- Sensory bush track experiences
- Hardstand carpark areas also to be utilised for current and future events
- Service vehicle route



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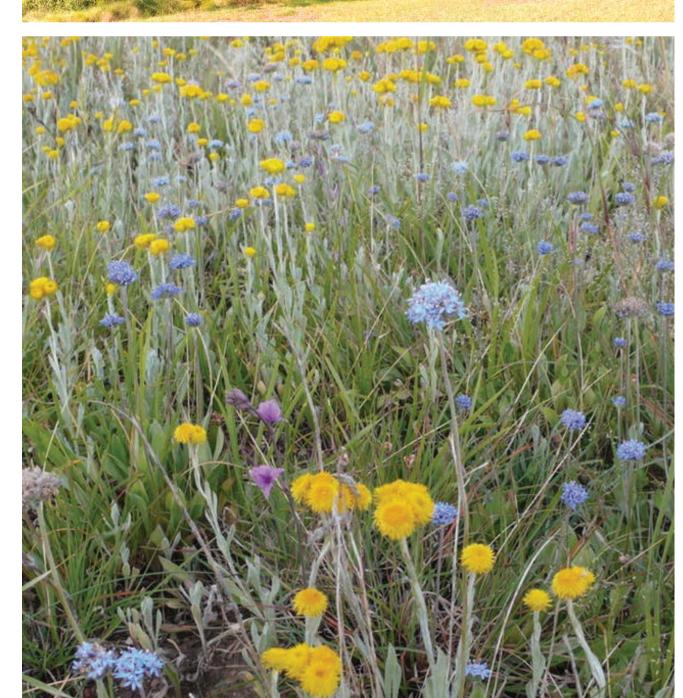
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### CONCEPT LANDSCAPE MASTERPLAN



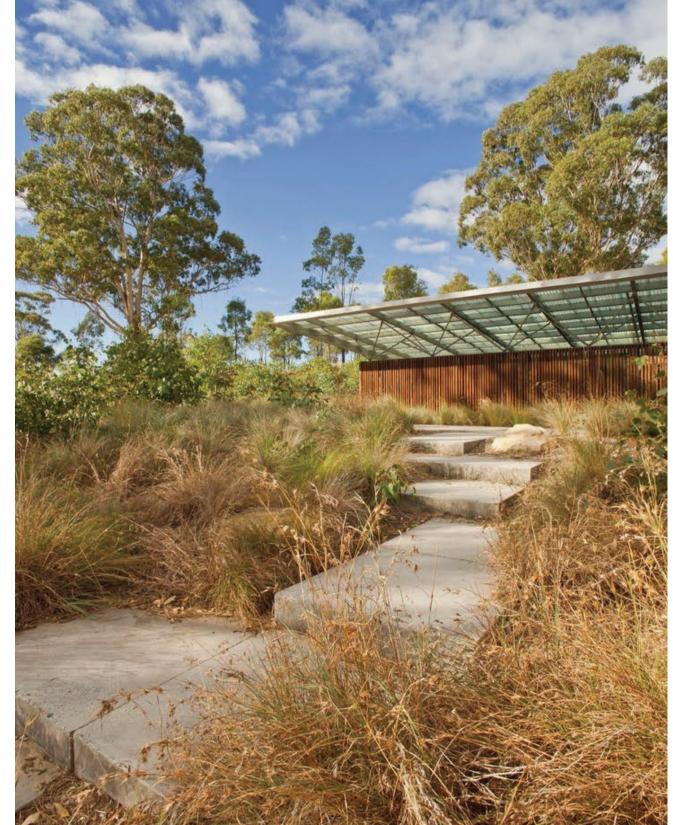














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### CONCEPT LANDSCAPE DETAIL PLAN



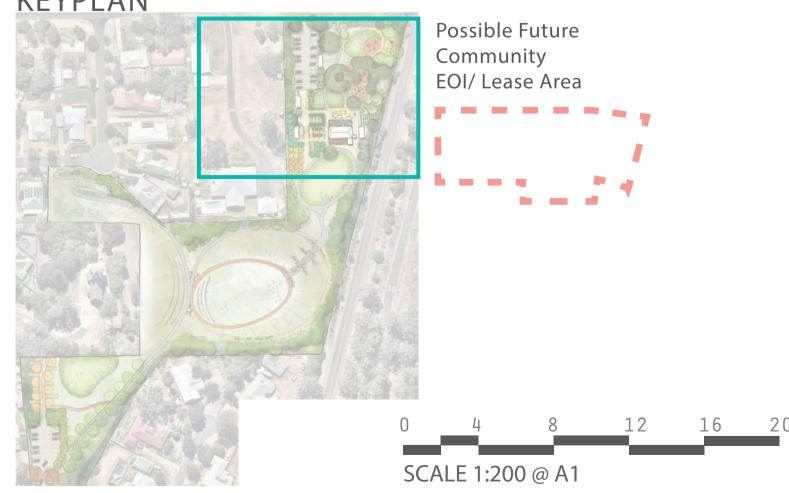
### LEGEND

LEGEND		
ĺ	01//	Vehicular entry to carpark
	02//	Pedestrian entry to site
١	03//	Existing trees to be retained
1	04//	Proposed trees
Ş	05//	Entry Signage
į	06//	Open lawn area with children's play options
	07//	Nature play areas underneath established existing trees
	08//	Informal gravel path through bush tucker/indigenous
		planting area
	09//	Nursery area
ĕ	10//	Maintenance/ tools shed
	11//	Tank to catch rainwater
	12//	Vegetated swale to direct water through site.
	13//	Stabilised granite area for table and chairs and
		umbrellas as outdoor cafe/dining zone
in V	14//	Timber decks/verandah areas connected to existing
ŀ		school building
į	15//	Structural arbor with vines to outdoor dining zone.
	16//	Long tables for outdoor dining/event purposes
Š	17//	Public toilet building
	18//	Outdoor kitchen area
90.00	19//	Large community garden area showcasing fresh
i i		produce and enabling visitors to take part in harvesting or
		planting etc. Revitalisation and interpretation of existing market
2		garden beds from existing historical site to be used/reinterpret
	20//	within this zone.
S. C.	20//	Olive hedges and pleached trees surrounding kitchen
g V	21//	garden zone
	21//	Small nursery/potting shed
	22// 23//	Existing shelter to be re-purposed  Multipurpose court
í	24//	Orchard area
ę	25//	Outdoor BBQ area
0	26//	Looping path around 'Picnic Green'
į	27//	Timber deck underneath existing trees
Į	28//	Tree planting to provide shade to carpark
1	29//	Outdoor Table tennis
1000	30//	Carpark lighting - with base GPO's for events
þ	31//	Old school building
1	32//	Site for temporary farm/petting zoo. Temporary fences as
Š		required.
	33//	Possible water bubbler locations
	34//	Basic vehicle gate to close off southern end of carpark
2		during cortain time pariods

### KEYPLAN

during certain time periods

Accessible path route through site





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### CONCEPT LANDSCAPE DETAIL PLAN



### LEGEND

Cumberland Plain buffer planting

Informal rock steps

Informal gravel walking track

Cumberland Plain Native Meadow/dog off leash area

Grass amphitheatre steps with 3 phase power incorporated into

face of steps

Junction of looping paths at higher level

Picnic green

Looping path around 'Picnic Green'

Vegetated swale

Accessible path route through site

Compacted granulitic pathway around meadow

**Exercise stations** 



### KEYPLAN





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### CONCEPT LANDSCAPE DETAIL PLAN



LEGEND

compliance

Formal tree planting to church carpark area

Small carpark to help service large crowds to church 02//

Predominantly pedestrian pathways, wide enough for vehicle access

NOTE: Pathway subject to future detailed design and heritage

to get to amphitheatre area to set up for events

Church lawn with views to south east 04//

05// Post lighting to carparks with base GPO's for events

Ecological endangered planting areas

Vegetated swale

Entry signage

Accessible path leading from Site down to Riversford Close

Increased vegetation to northern side of carpark in order to help screen views down into carpark from Church

Pedestrian access only

### KEYPLAN



SCALE 1:200 @ A1











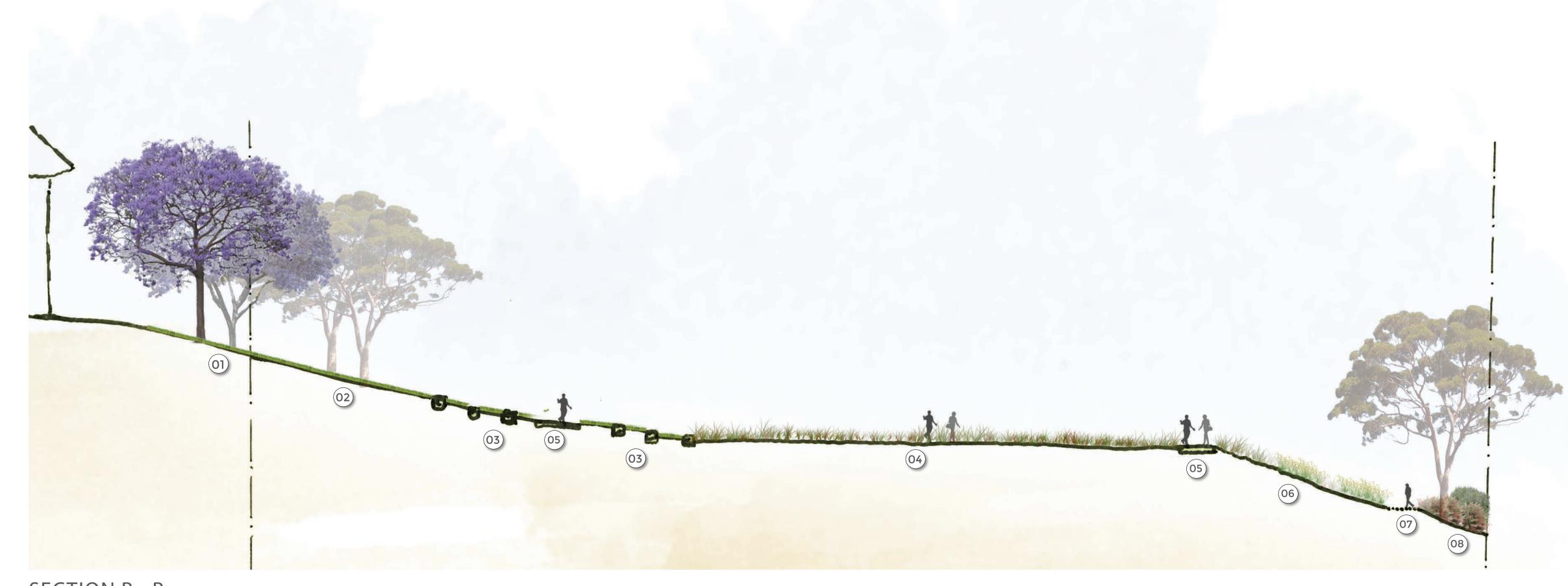
# CONCEPT LANDSCAPE SECTIONS

### LEGEND

Formal tree planting to carpark entry Carpark planting and trees to shade carpark Large endemic tree plantings Church lawn. Enhances use of church block and provides a seamless connection between the School Site and Church block St James Anglican Church Ecological/Endangered planting areas Low planting to enable views from church block down across site Path enables access back down to existing street level

SCALE 1:500 @ A1

SECTION A - A



LANDSCAPE CONCEPT

### LEGEND

Existing tree planting on church site Sloped embankment - slashed grass or low ground cover planting Turf amphitheatre with natural sandstone steps Cumberland Plain Native Meadow/off leash dog park area Upper looping path Planted embankment Informal granite bush track loop around lower level of meadow Cumberland Plain native screen buffer planting

SCALE 1:250 @ A1

SECTION B - B

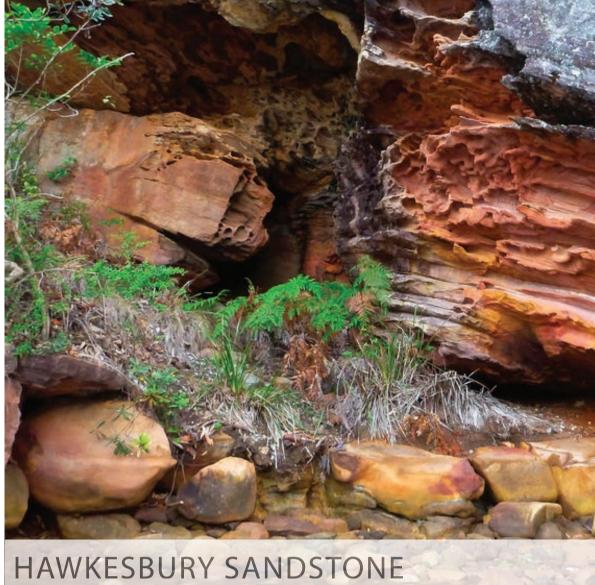




### CONCEPT MATERIAL PALETTE

### INSPIRATION











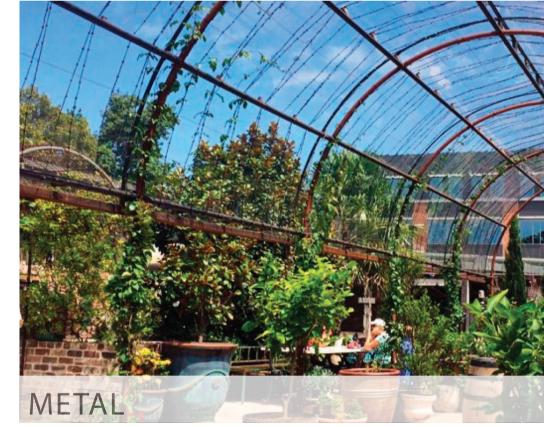
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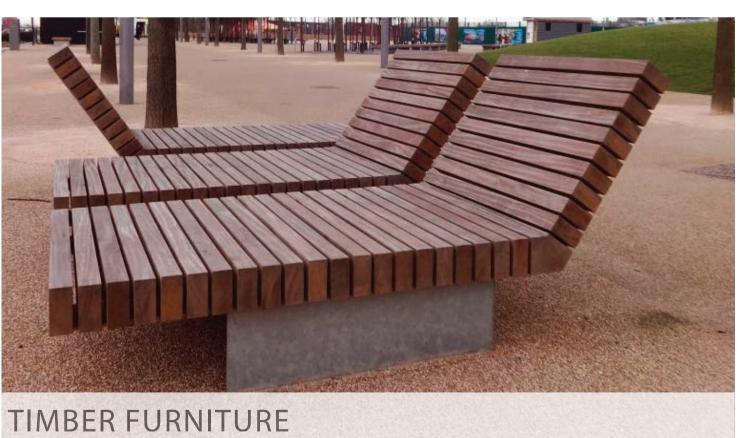
















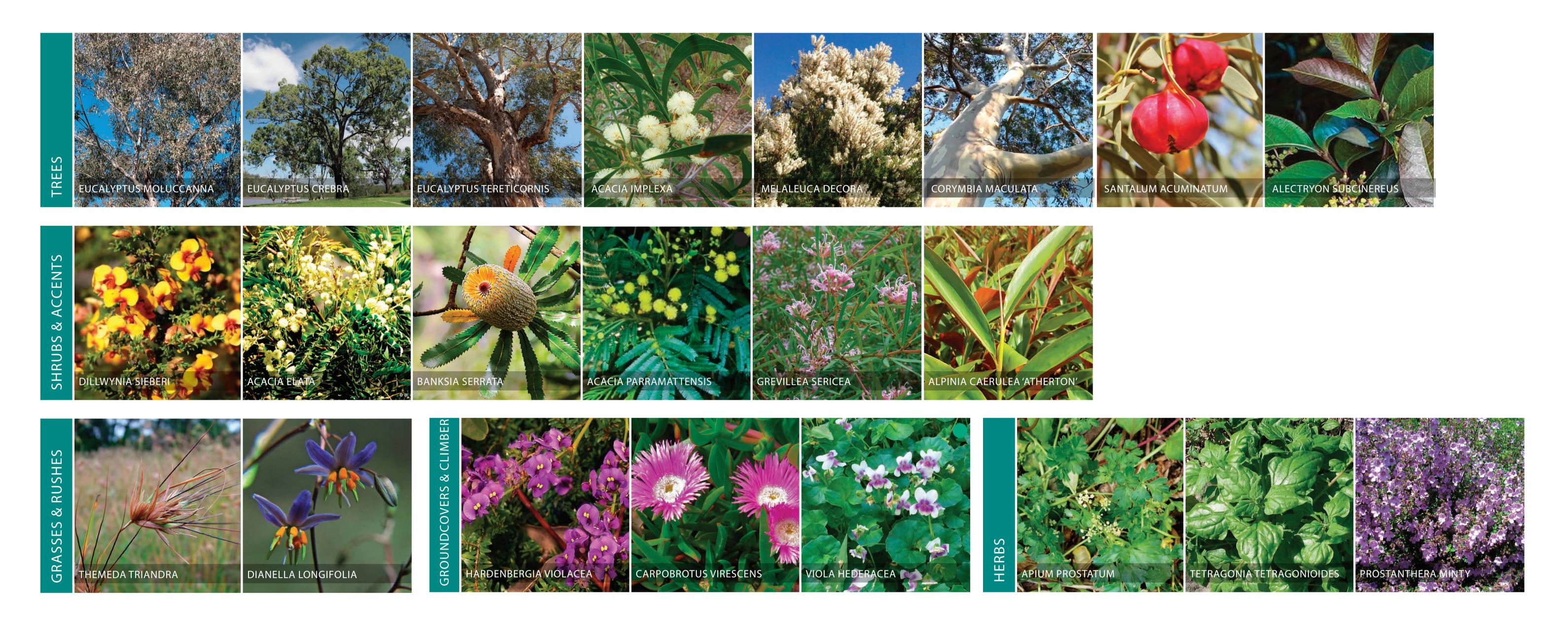








### CONCEPT PLANTING PALETTE - NATIVE & ENDANGERED SPECIES





### CONCEPT PLANTING PALETTE - KITCHEN & COMMUNITY GARDEN





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### CONCEPT PLANTING PALETTE - BUSH TUCKER EDUCATIONAL AREA



