



ANZAC PARK

100% CONCEPT DESIGN SUMMARY

REALM

WE PAY OUR RESPECTS TO WALLUMEDEGAL PEOPLE, THEIR ANCESTORS AND ELDERS PAST, PRESENT AND EMERGING AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THROUGH HONOURING COUNTRY, WE ALSO HONOUR THEIR TIMELESS CONNECTIONS TO COUNTRY.

IT IS ALSO HERE ON THIS COUNTRY THAT WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY TO SAFEGUARD THE LANDSCAPE AND ITS MANY SITES AND PLACES, AND ITS LIVING HISTORY. BEYOND THE PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF COUNTRY, WE ALSO MAKE SPACE SO ITS TRADITIONAL OWNERS ARE RESPECTED, LISTENED TO AND LEARNED FROM, AND THAT THE UNDERSTANDING OF COUNTRY AND CONNECTION FORM THE FOUNDATIONS OF DECISION MAKING.

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VISION

A WELCOMING CIVIC HEART FOR WEST RYDE.

A PLACE WHERE REMEMBRANCE, COMMUNITY LIFE, AND COUNTRY ARE RESPECTFULLY WOVEN TOGETHER IN A CONNECTED, INCLUSIVE AND ECOLOGICALLY RESILIENT LANDSCAPE.

SHARED NARRATIVE

Embed layered stories of Country throughout the park, acknowledging First Nations histories, continuing custodianship and the site’s ANZAC legacy. Integrate interpretation seamlessly within the landscape so memory, commemoration and living culture coexist with authenticity, dignity and respect.



WELCOMING

Strengthen the park’s relationship with surrounding streets and adjoining public spaces to create a more open, legible and connected landscape. Enhance entrances and thresholds so the park is accessible, visible and inviting from all approaches while reinforcing its civic and commemorative character.



COMMUNITY

Support a diverse range of community gatherings, commemorative events and everyday recreation through adaptable spaces, appropriate amenities and supporting infrastructure. Enable the park to accommodate both formal ceremonies and informal social activities while respecting its memorial significance.



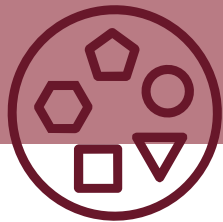
BIODIVERSITY

Enhance ecological performance through the integration of endemic and native planting that responds to local soils, microclimate and water conditions. Strengthen habitat, seasonal diversity and canopy while expressing connections to Country through planting and landscape structure.



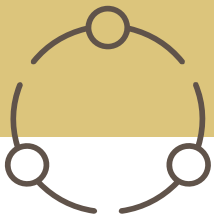
FOR EVERYONE

Build on the park’s recreational strengths by providing inclusive, multi-generational spaces that support play, rest, reflection and connection. Ensure people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds feel welcome and can enjoy the park throughout the day.



CIRCULATION

Create intuitive, accessible and equitable movement throughout the park by improving paths, entrances and internal connections. Reinforce arrival points, strengthen links between destinations and ensure the park is easy, safe and comfortable to navigate.



COUNCIL ENDORSED MASTER PLAN PROGRAM



The existing Council master plan proposed a clear programmatic arrangement for ANZAC Park. Building on this foundation, and informed by our site analysis, project brief and evolving understanding of community needs, the following diagrams illustrate a refined framework. This updated approach remains closely aligned with the intent of the adopted master plan, while introducing targeted, minor modifications to improve functionality, connectivity and overall park experience.

- LEGEND**
- SITE BOUNDARY
 - ↔ PARK ENTRY EXIT
 - MAJOR PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT (OUTSIDE PARK)
 - MAJOR PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT (WITHIN PARK)
 - MINOR PEDESTRIAN MOVEMENT
 - /// PEDESTRIAN CROSSING
 - PEDESTRIAN REFUGE ISLAND
 - B BUS STOP
 - P CAR PARKING

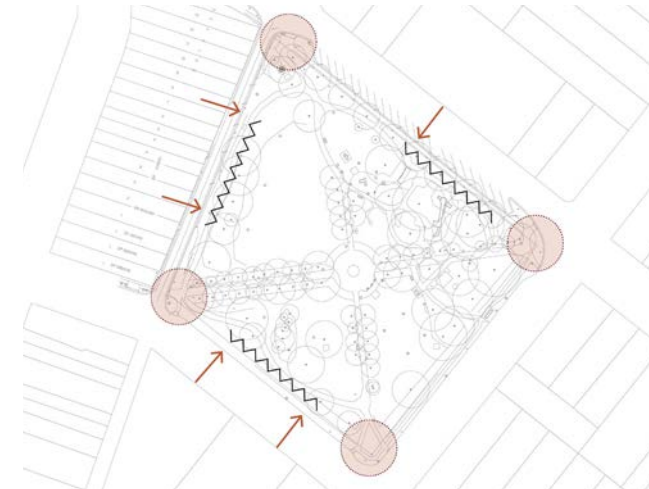
SITE ANALYSIS: LIMITATIONS



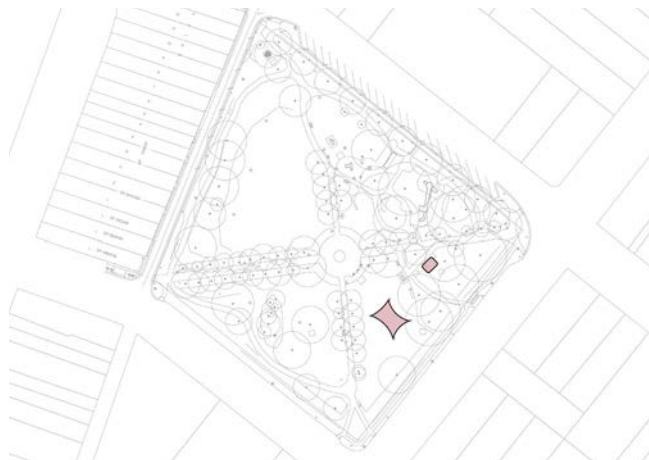
- » Flooding affects the majority of the playground area and toilet amenities. Future structures should be avoided in this flood prone area.



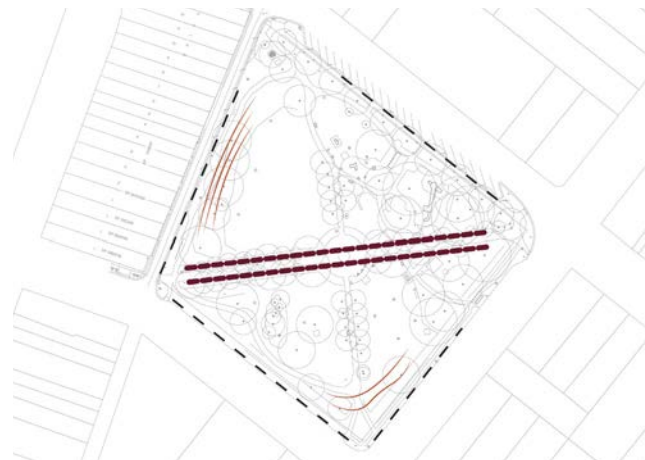
- » The existing trees on site are predominantly non-native species and provide less habitat than native trees.



- » There are limited crossing points between the open space and active frontages along Herbert Street

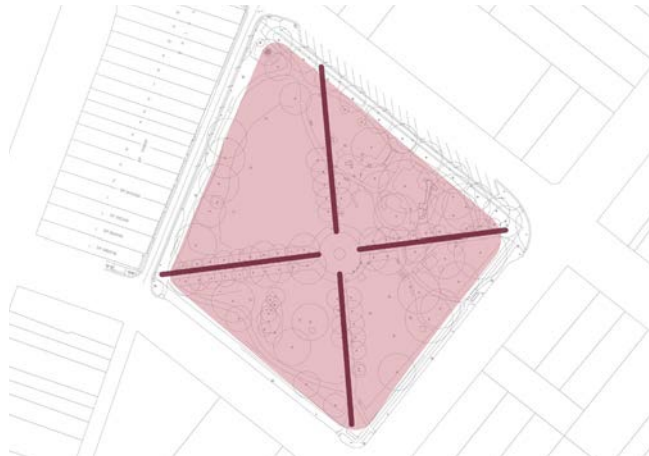


- » The existing amenities block and shade structure are situated away from the programmed area of the open space and have limited visual connections.



- » Low timber fencing along Ryedale Lane, Herbert Street and Anzac Avenue are constraints to informal access. There are significant level changes along Ryedale Ln and Herbert St.

SITE ANALYSIS: OPPORTUNITIES



- » Future First Nations engagement should guide Connecting with Country design opportunities to support social, cultural and ecological outcomes.



- » Improve accessibility and movement across park interfaces and mitigate level changes at Herbert St and Ryedale Ln.
- » Assess the suitability of low timber fencing along Ryedale Lane, Herbert Street and Anzac Avenue.



- » Support habitat by protecting mature dead trees and the associated habitat hollows.
- » Introduce native planting to support the local ecology and create a more resilient landscape. A successive planting strategy may be appropriate to introduce native trees over time.



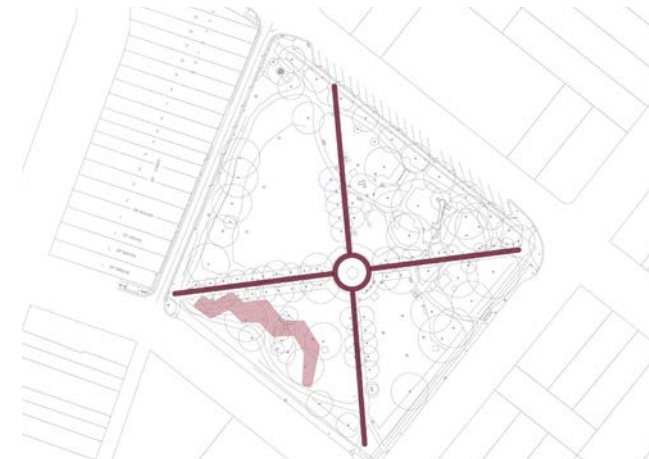
- » Support pedestrian movement from the open space into West Ryde town centre at the interface of Ryedale Lane and Herbert Street.
- » Review fencing and physical barriers across the open space and provide additional entries where appropriate.



- » Adaptively reuse flood water within the open space to improve flood resilience and provide cooling.



- » Support movement across axial pathways from north to south to enhance amenity and connectivity.

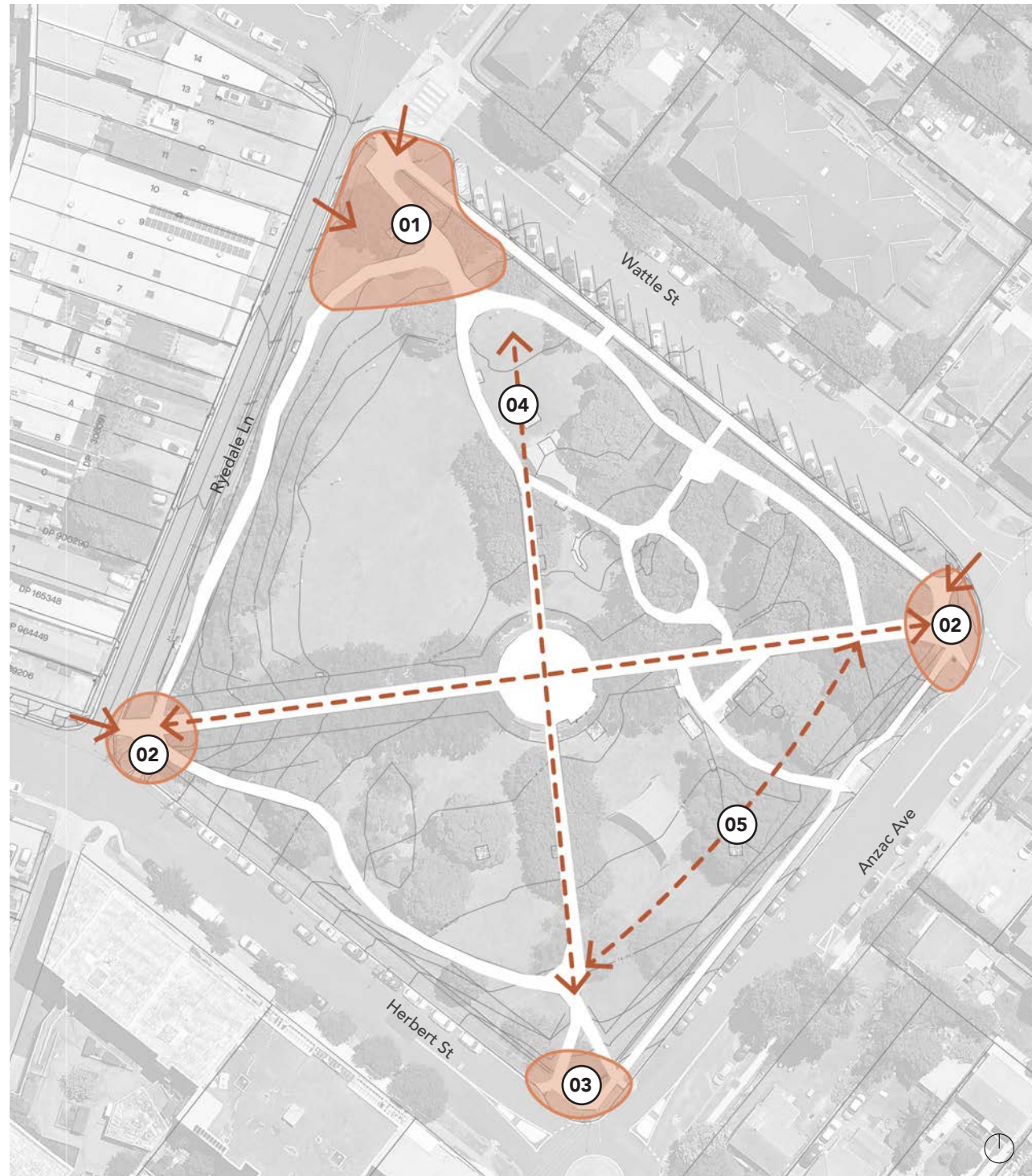


- » Interpretation of WWII trenches and retention of axial alignment of pathways.



- » Incorporate spaces that are inclusive and welcoming for a range of ages and abilities, improving the amenity for intergenerational users.
- » Improve on and expand the existing play offering, giving kids of all ages an opportunity to play.

ENTRY AND MOVEMENT EXPERIENCE



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CONSIDERATIONS

1. Create a welcoming entry and community node that supports inclusive and equitable access, with a particular focus on enabling residents from the adjoining aged care facility to safely and confidently use the park.
2. Improve the entry experience for pedestrians along the main axial path, ensuring ease of use, legibility and a strong sense of safety at all times of day.
3. Improve entry legibility and access by addressing sightlines, level changes and clear wayfinding.
4. Continue the axial path north to the Wattle Street entrance to reinforce the formal axial path arrangement and strengthen legibility of movement through the park.
5. Provide a continuous path connection to create a recreational loop path.

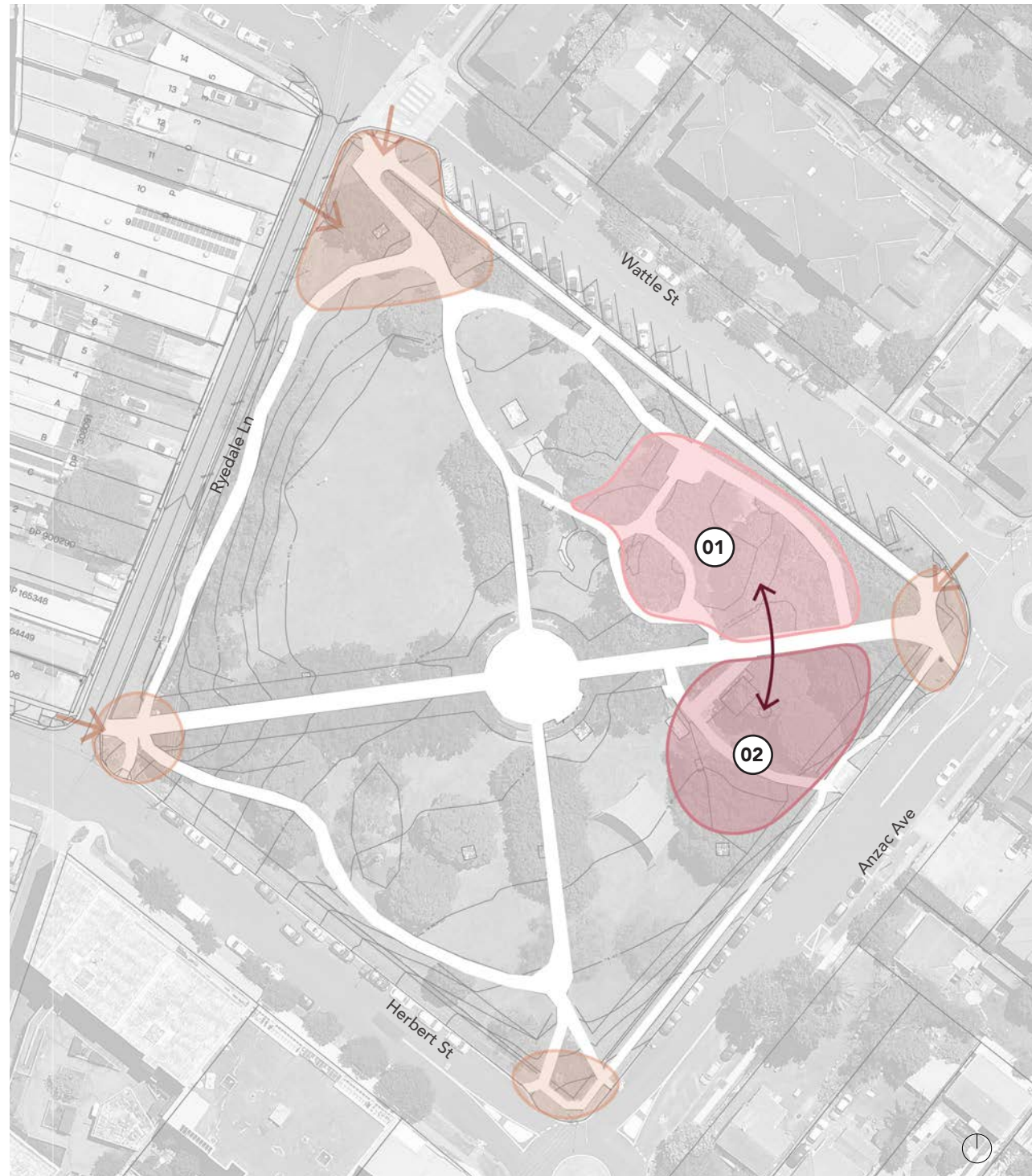


Existing entry condition corner of Ryedale Lane and Herbert Street



Existing entry condition corner of Ryedale Lane adjoining Wattle Street

DISTRICT PLAY SPACE



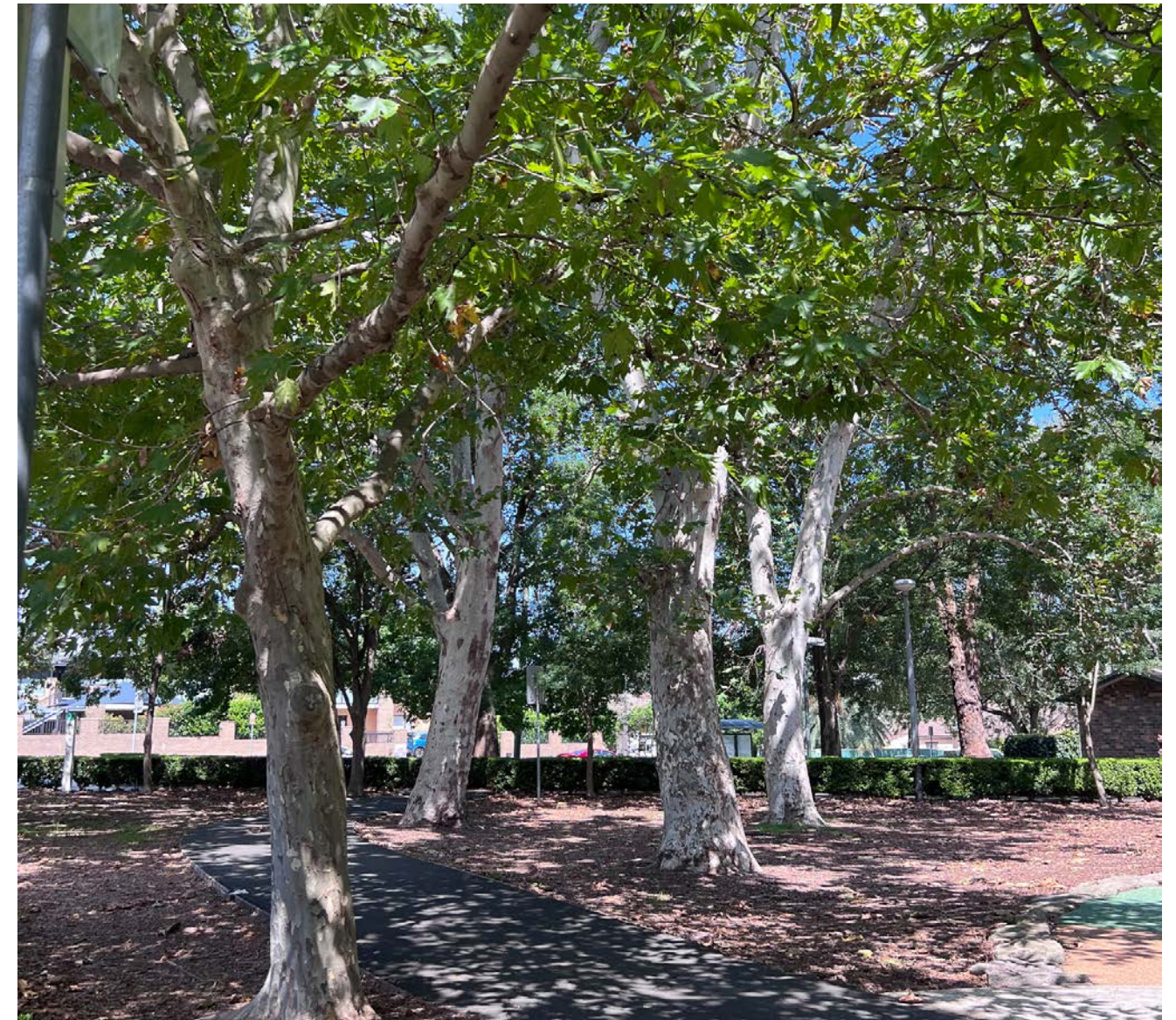
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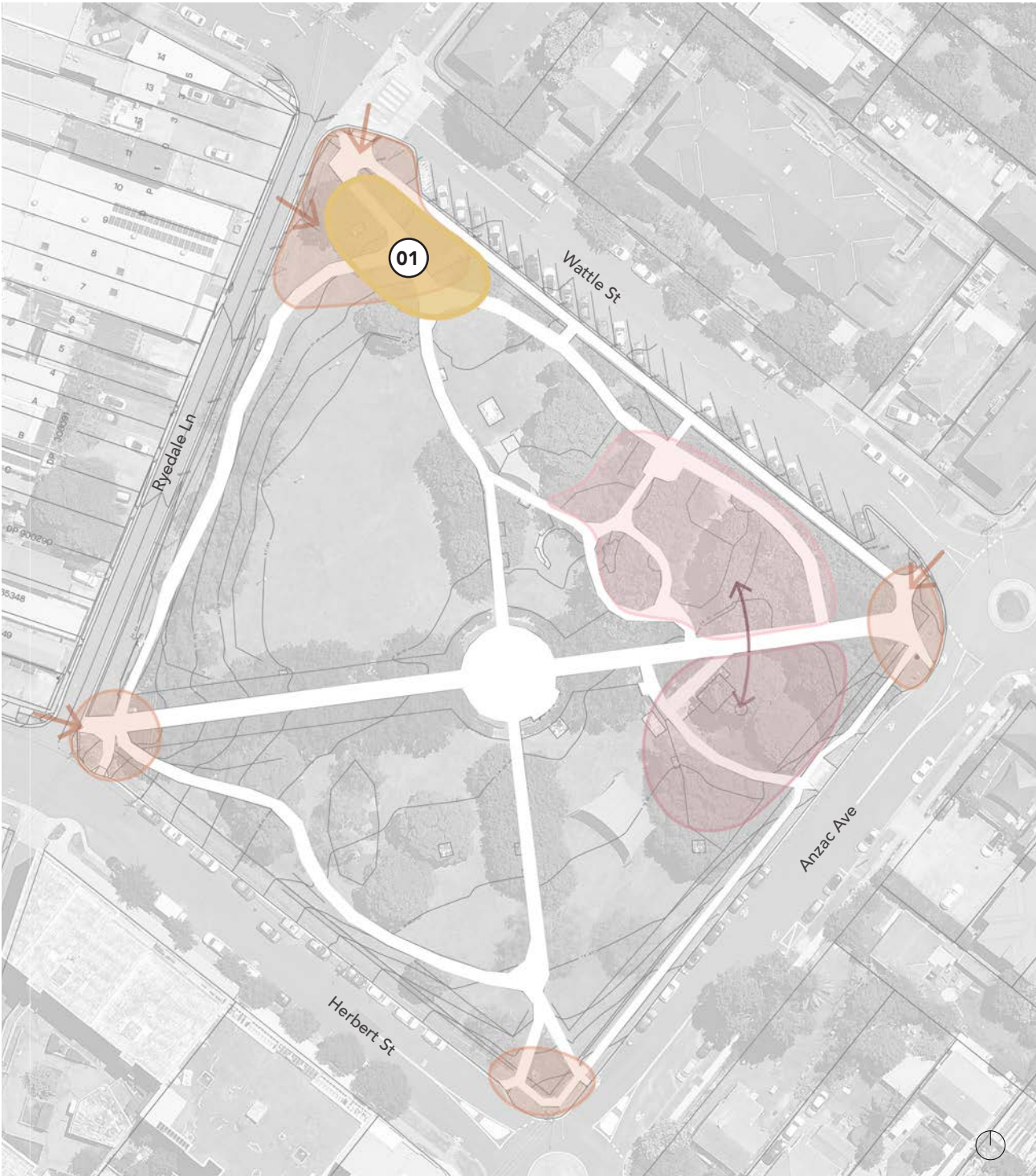
CONSIDERATIONS

1. Retain the existing playground and introduce complementary ancillary spaces that take advantage of natural shade.
2. Create a play space for older children that complements the existing offering, providing a diverse range of play experiences.



Well shaded area adjoining playground that could connect to a space for older children

WELCOME PLAZA



CONSIDERATIONS

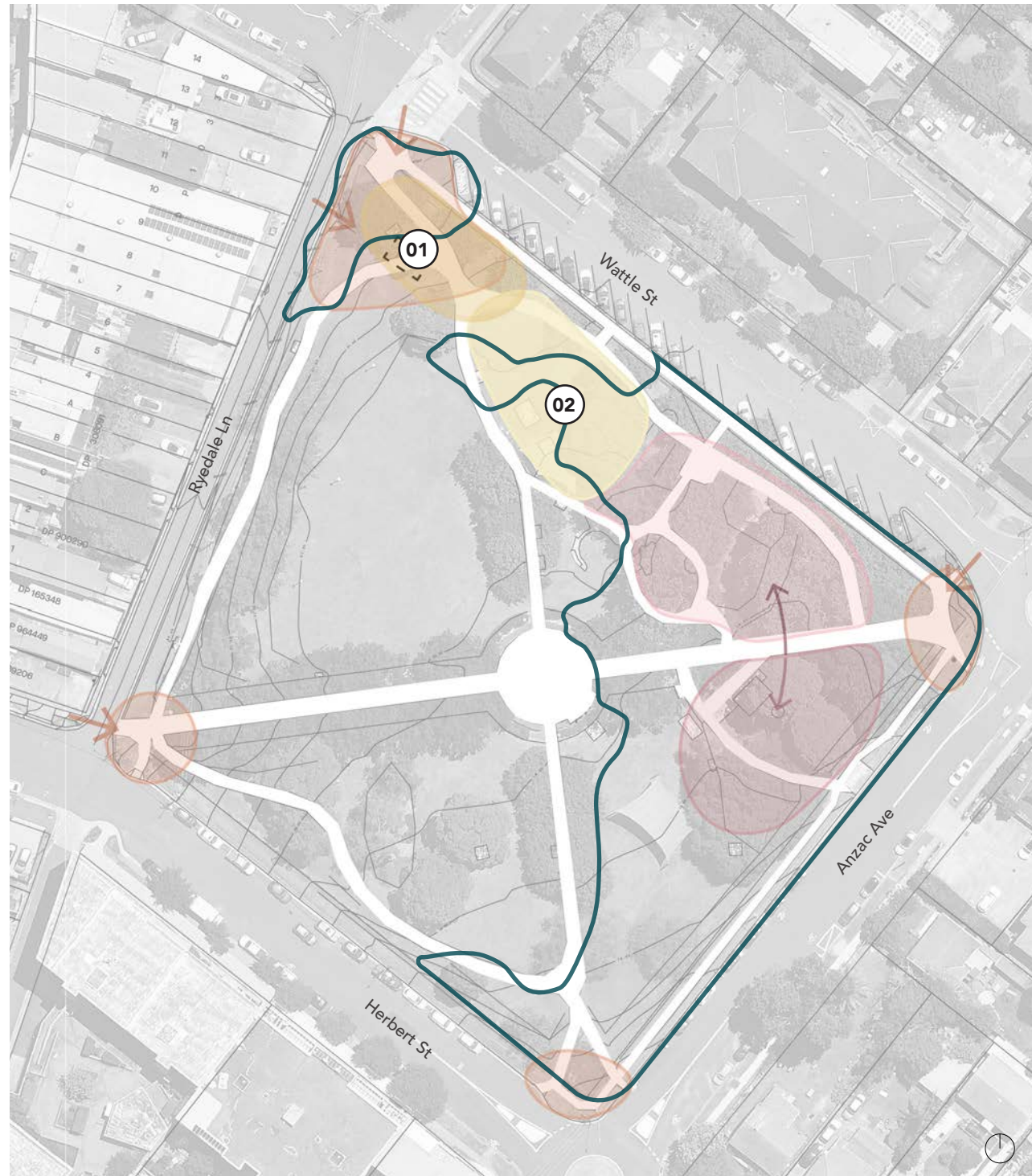
- 1. Create a welcoming and inclusive plaza that is accessible and comfortable for all community members, particularly seniors

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IMPROVED AMENITIES



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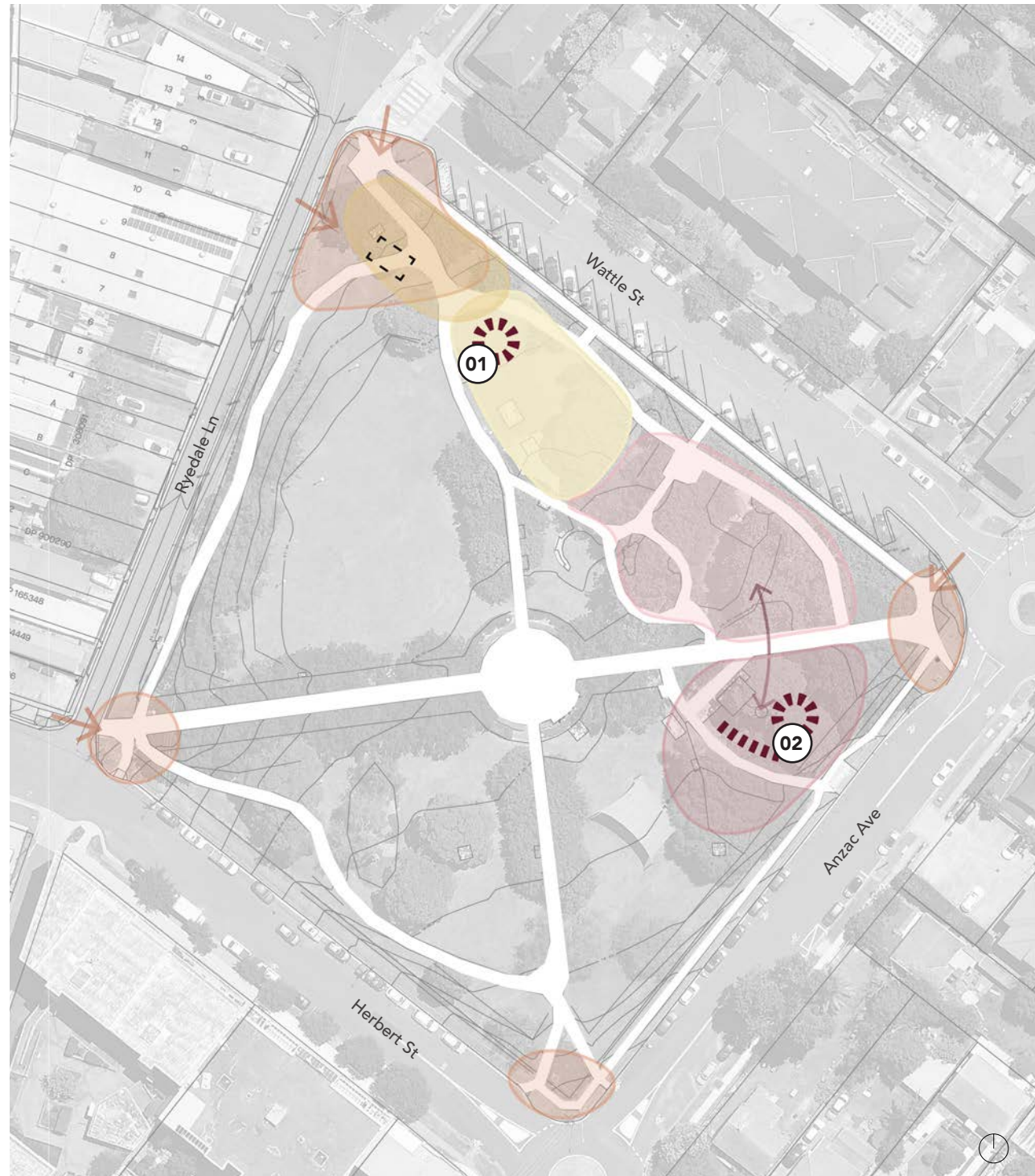
CONSIDERATIONS

1. Upgrade and relocate the amenities building outside the flood impacted area to improve connections to the playground and seniors area. Opportunity to reorientate new amenities building so that it has improved passive surveillance and to improve accessibility for wheelchair and pram users.
2. Create a sheltered space that provides shade and supports BBQs and informal gatherings.



Existing amenities as viewed from Anzac Avenue

FITNESS NODES



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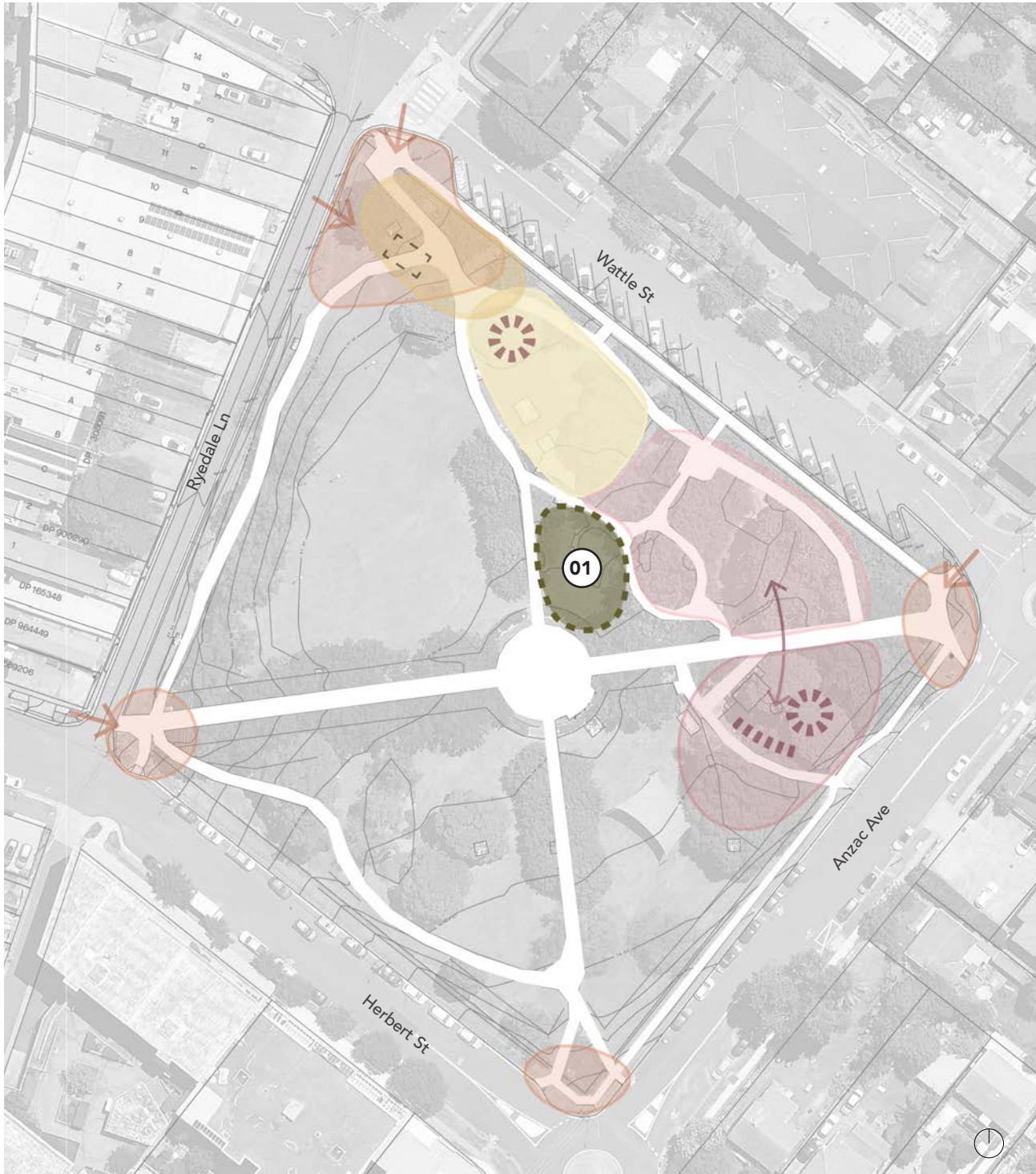
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CONSIDERATIONS

1. Incorporate a fitness node designed for the needs of seniors citizens into the new community space.
2. Incorporate a fitness node into play area designed for older children as part of the play experience.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION



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CONSIDERATIONS

- 1. Using yarning circle principles, enhance the existing circular space adjoining the playground to create a functional outdoor learning space for use by community groups.



Existing circular space that could be enhanced

LANDSCAPE



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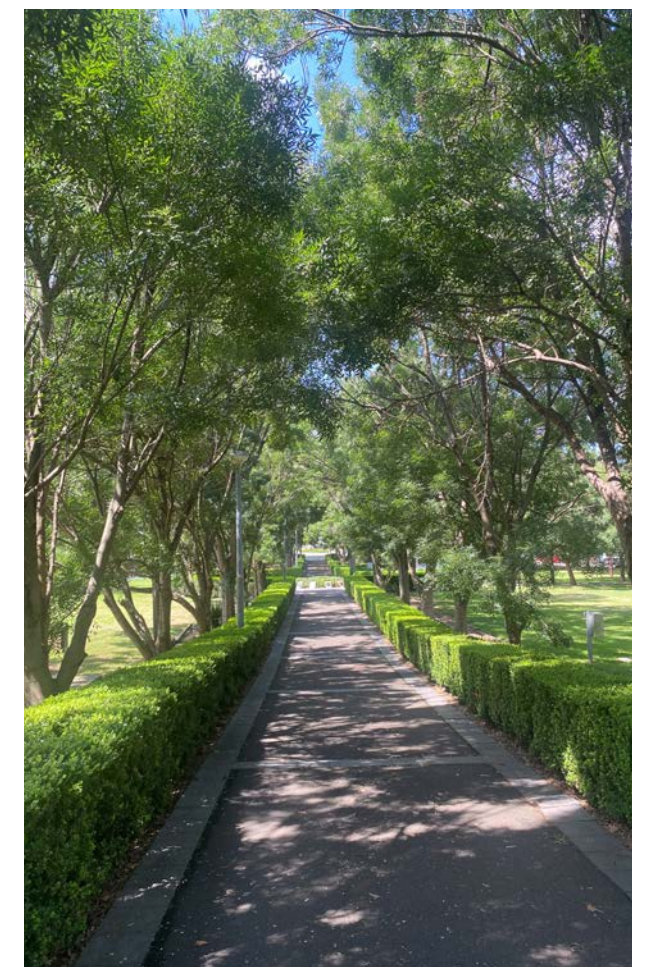
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CONSIDERATIONS

1. Provide areas of open lawn for picnics and informal games, supporting flexible community use.
2. Enhance the infrastructure of the existing open space used for events to support its ongoing function as a premium outdoor event space, while also accommodating passive recreational use when not in event mode.
3. Improve connectivity and sightlines across the open space by breaking up the continuous hedge along the existing east-west axial path.
4. Support biodiversity by introducing endemic and native species that enhance character, amenity and habitat, while respecting the existing planted landscape of the park.

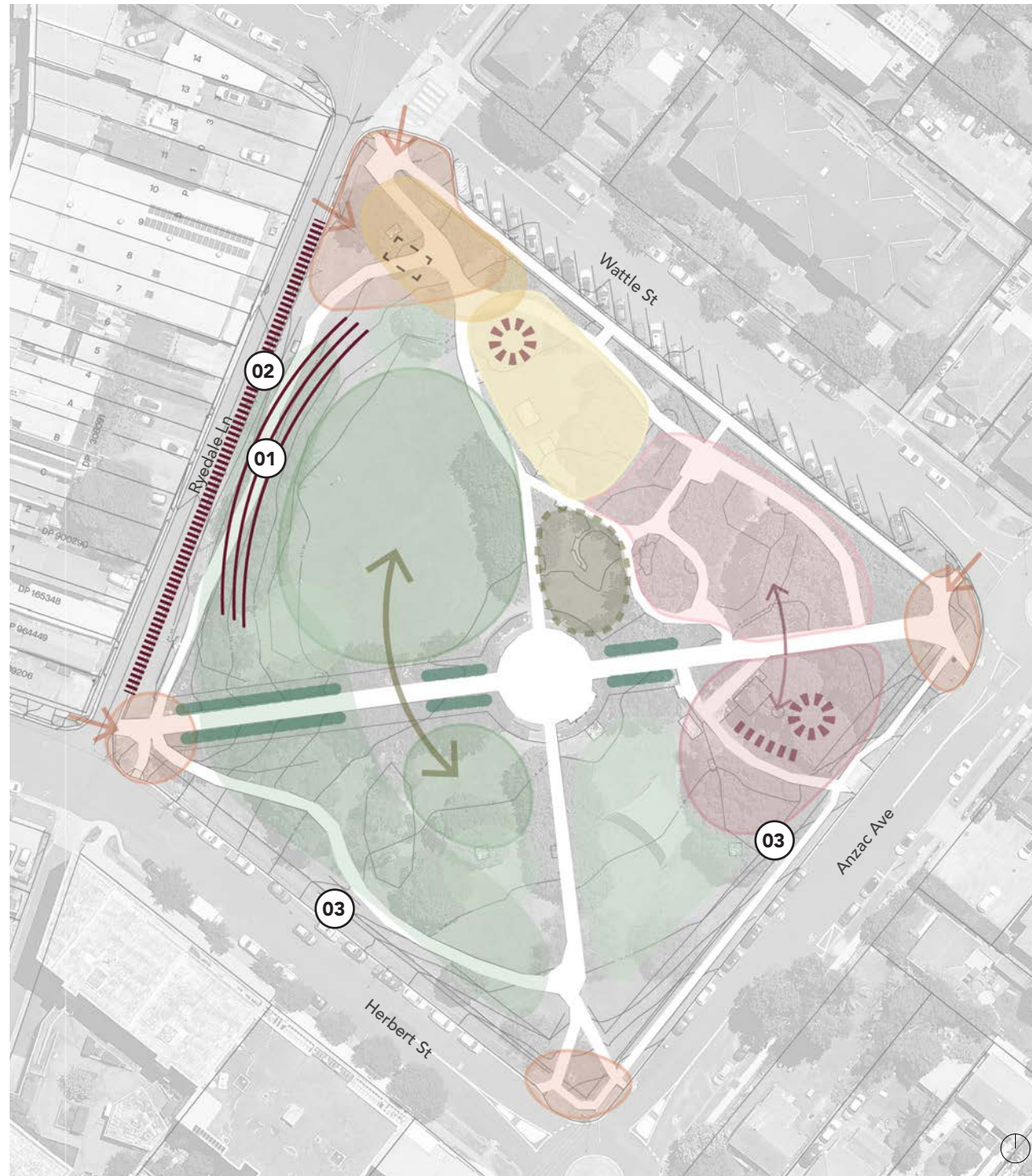


Existing event space adjoining the war memorial



Existing hedge along main path, preventing north south movement

PROGRAM & ACTIVATION



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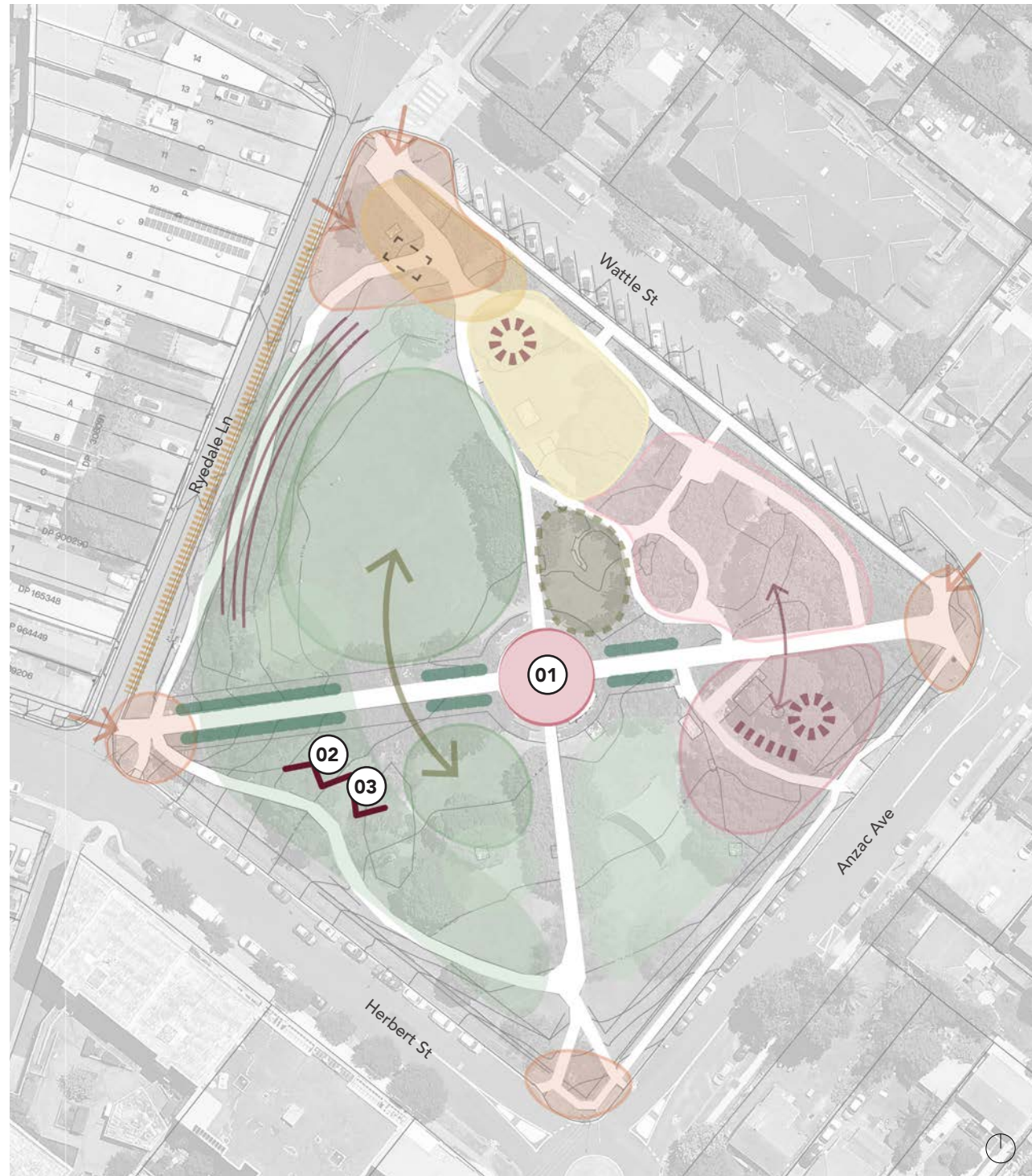
CONSIDERATIONS

1. Mediate the approximate 2m level change between Ryedale Lane and the broader open space through a terraced amphitheatre, integrating the park with the future activation of Ryedale Lane while enhancing the functionality and capacity of the event space.
2. Create a defined civic edge to the park that responds to the evolving development context of Ryedale Lane, while supporting opportunities for night-time activation, including potential food trucks and other complementary uses.
3. Enhance the park's street address along Herbert Street and Anzac Avenue to create a more welcoming frontage, with improved permeability and additional entry points.



Existing condition of Ryedale Lane and park interface

HERITAGE AND INTERPRETATION



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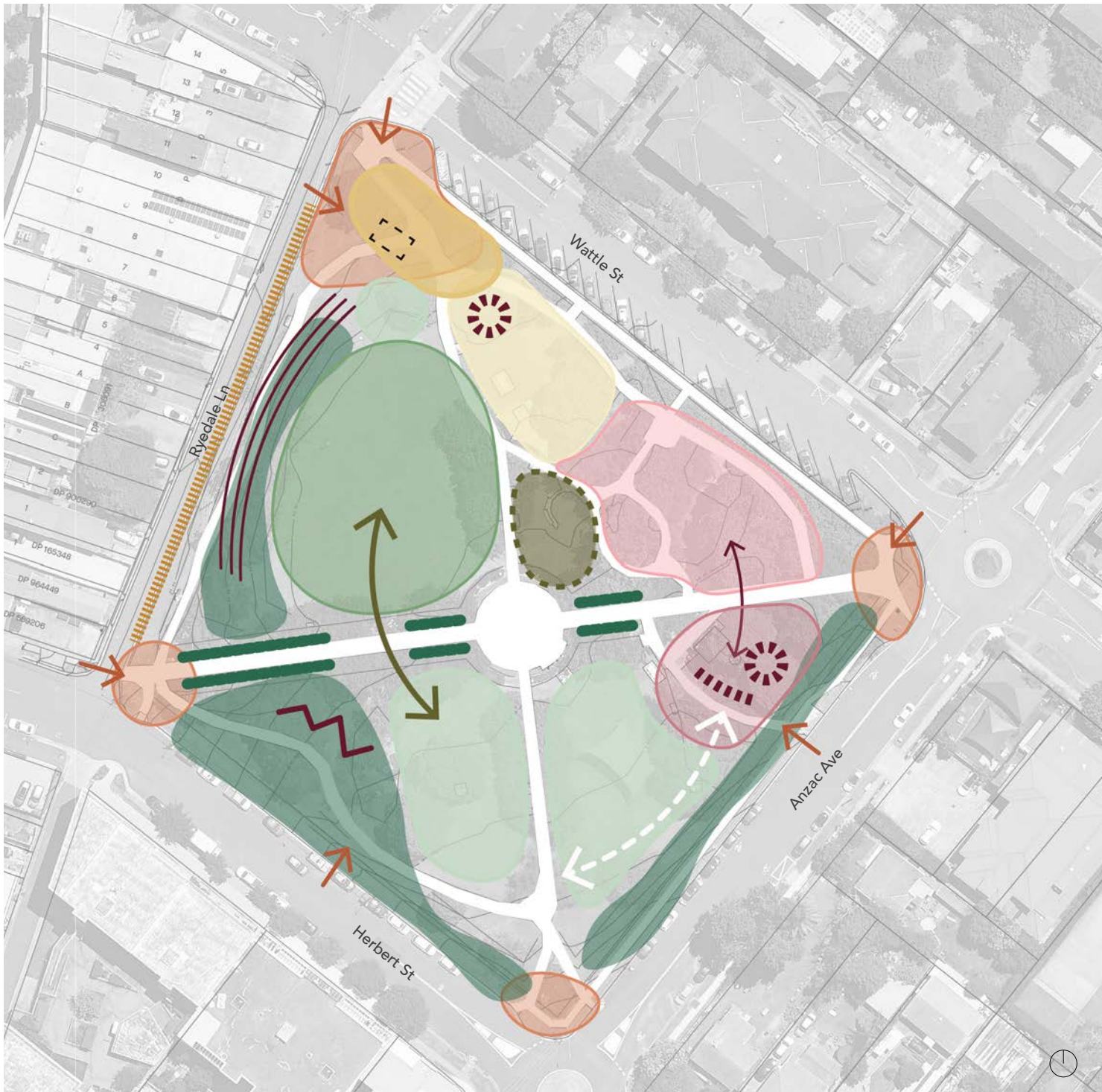
CONSIDERATIONS

1. Respect and protect the existing ANZAC memorial and support future events with improved amenity across the open space.
2. Create a reflective space in the area of the former WWII slit trenches, incorporating interpretive elements that support storytelling and acknowledge the site's historical significance.
3. Identify opportunities to share layered narratives that include First Nations perspectives, storytelling, and recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander involvement in Australia's war history.



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DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS



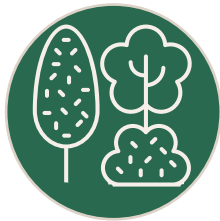
- Improved entry experience and welcome
- Retain existing canopy and utilise existing shade
- Diverse play
- Welcoming plaza
- Upgrade and relocate amenities
- Sheltered space for informal gathering
- Fitness node opportunity
- Yarning circle and outdoor learning opportunity
- Open lawn for flexible use
- Flexible event space
- Improved sightlines
- Supporting biodiversity**
- Ampitheatre opportunity
- Defined civic edge
- Reflective space for ANZAC and First Nations war history
- Support and improve biodiversity and greening

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DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS



CANOPY & CHARACTER

Retain Existing Passive Recreation Opportunities

Maintain the park's passive character by preserving and enhancing opportunities for informal recreation, ensuring flexible and adaptable spaces for everyday community use.

Strengthen Biodiversity and Landscape Character

Employ a planting strategy using endemic and native species to strengthen ecological connections and contribute to the broader blue-green network, enhancing habitat while respecting the existing planted character of the open space.



MOVEMENT & CONNECTIONS

Improve Connectivity and Movement

Enhance north-south permeability across the park by reducing barriers created by the existing axial layout and vegetation, improving sightlines and access between key destinations. Provide a continuous loop path around the perimeter connecting all quadrants of the park, supporting both circulation and recreational use. Extend the axial path toward Wattle Street to reinforce the existing movement framework while strengthening the axial path alignment that defines the park.

Enhance Entry Experience and Legibility

Improve the park's entries to create a more welcoming, legible and accessible arrival experience from all surrounding streets. This should include strengthening the park's street address along Herbert Street and ANZAC Avenue, improving sightlines, wayfinding and perceived safety, and addressing level changes and interface conditions that currently limit access. Entry upgrades should support inclusive access for a wide range of users, including residents from the adjoining aged care facility, while reinforcing the park's civic presence and improving connections into the broader path network.

Activate the Ryedale Lane Edge

Reconfigure the park edge to integrate with the future shared zone along Ryedale Lane, enabling spill-out activation from adjacent development. Provide flexible infrastructure to support food trucks and night-time use, building on



existing patterns of after-dark activation.

Maintain Essential Access and Servicing

Retain and improve controlled vehicle access from Ryedale Lane to support maintenance and event operations, ensuring functionality without compromising pedestrian safety.

COMMUNITY

Enhance and Expand Play Opportunities

Retain and upgrade the existing play space, introducing additional play elements to increase play value while maintaining the natural, shaded character of the space. Expand the play offering to include a dedicated area for older children within the existing tree canopy.

Relocate and Consolidate Amenities

Relocate the amenities building and BBQ facilities to a central, visible location outside of the flood-affected area, creating a legible community hub and improving safety, accessibility and passive surveillance.

Strengthen the Event and Open Lawn Interface

Enhance the functionality and infrastructure of the existing event space and surrounding passive open lawn to support both programmed events and everyday recreational use, with improved connections to the memorial and adjacent activity areas.

Deliver a Terraced Amphitheatre

Introduce a terraced amphitheatre to mediate the level change between Ryedale Lane and the open space, improving accessibility while supporting informal seating, gathering and event use.

Create an Intergenerational Community Node

Establish a dedicated community space adjacent to the amenities and event areas, designed to support seniors, community groups and informal gathering, responding to existing user patterns and nearby aged care facilities.

Create a Reflective Heritage Space

Establish a reflective space that interprets the historic WWII slit trenches and broader ANZAC heritage, while embedding First Nations narratives and connections to Country within the landscape. Leverage this space to strengthen the park's street address and presence along Herbert Street.

Introduce Fitness Nodes

Deliver a series of nuanced fitness nodes that respond to their surrounding

PROPOSED MASTER PLAN

- 01 Welcome Plaza
- 02 Fitness Space
- 03 Community Picnic Space
- 04 Existing Playspace
- 05 Outdoor Learning Circle
- 06 Under the Canopy - Seating
- 07 Recreation Space
- 08 Fitness Zone
- 09 New Amenities Building
- 10 Slit Trench Reflection Space
- 11 Turf Amphitheatre
- 12 Civic Park Edge
- 13 Seating and sandstone blocks to create a barrier on Ryedale Ln
- 14 Existing fencing to be retained on Wattle St
- 15 Sandstone blocks along park interface with Anzac Ave and Herbert St

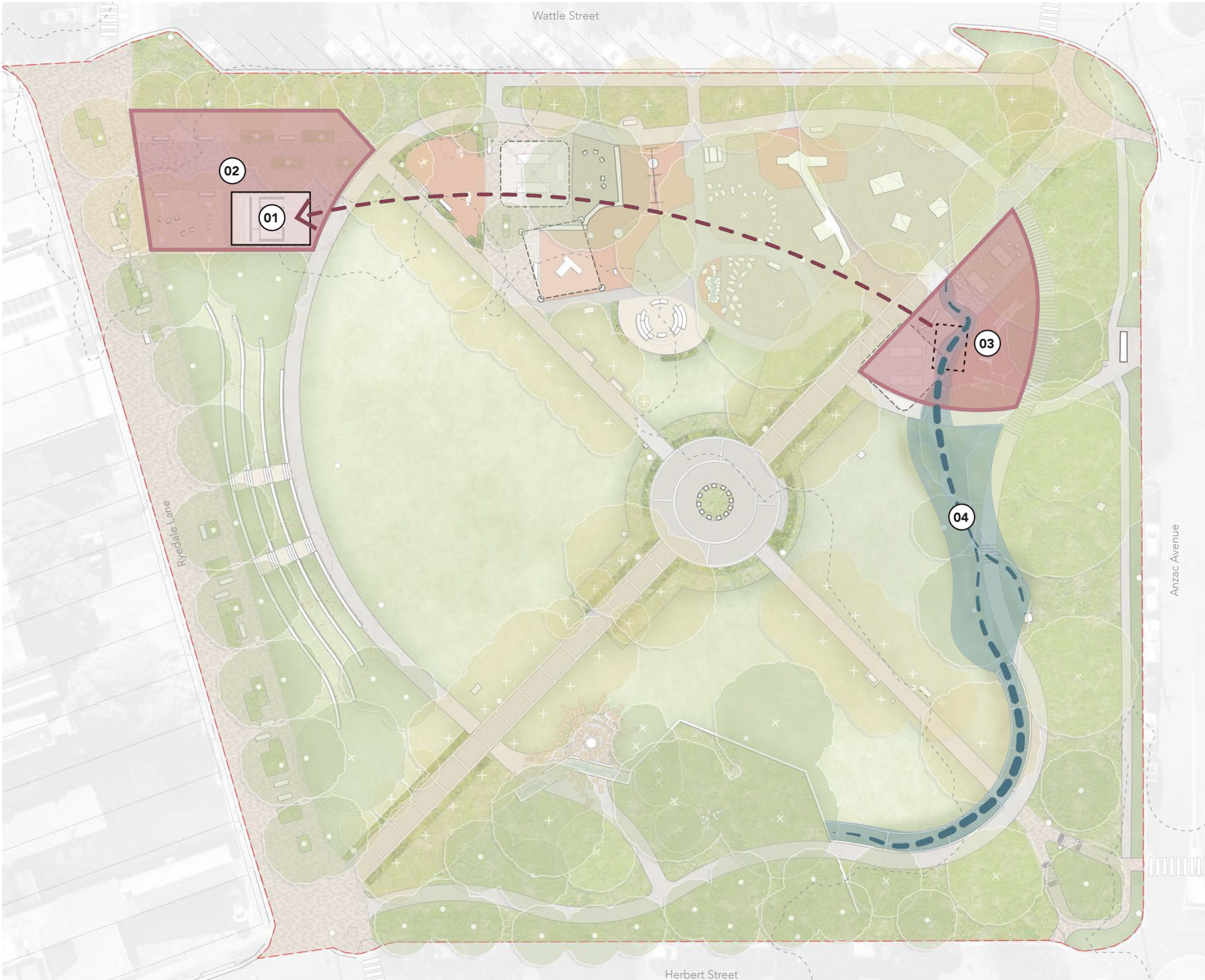


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KEY CHANGES FROM THE COUNCIL ENDORSED MASTER PLAN

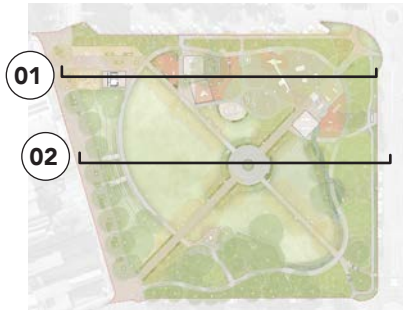
- 01 Relocate and upgrade the amenities building to reduce flood exposure and manage risk.
- 02 Create a welcome plaza that improves access, orientation and circulation.
- 03 Consolidate recreation uses around the existing play space to enable ample open lawn areas.
- 04 Employ water sensitive urban design measures to improve and water quality and flood conveyance. This could include swales and rain gardens that will sit within the greater planted landscape.



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MASTER PLAN SECTIONS

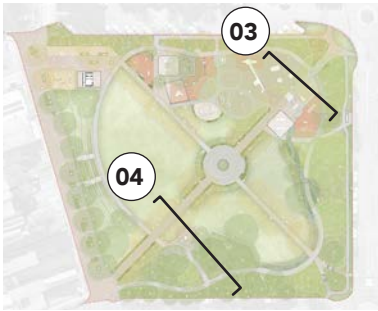


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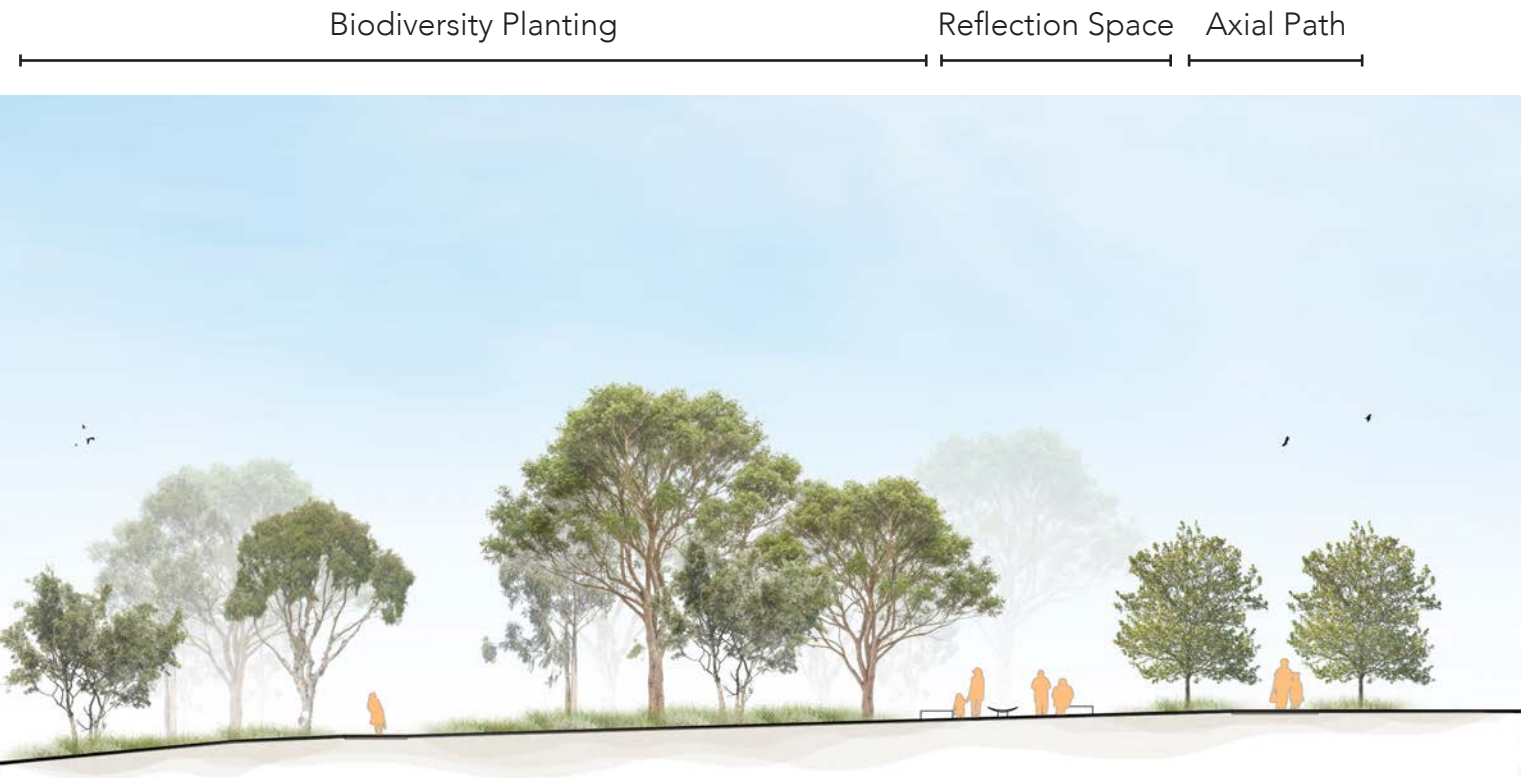


SECTION 02

MASTER PLAN SECTIONS



SECTION 03



SECTION 04

CONCEPT RENDER 1



CONCEPT RENDER 2

