



Lions Park

70% Landscape Master Plan Report

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- Community Vision



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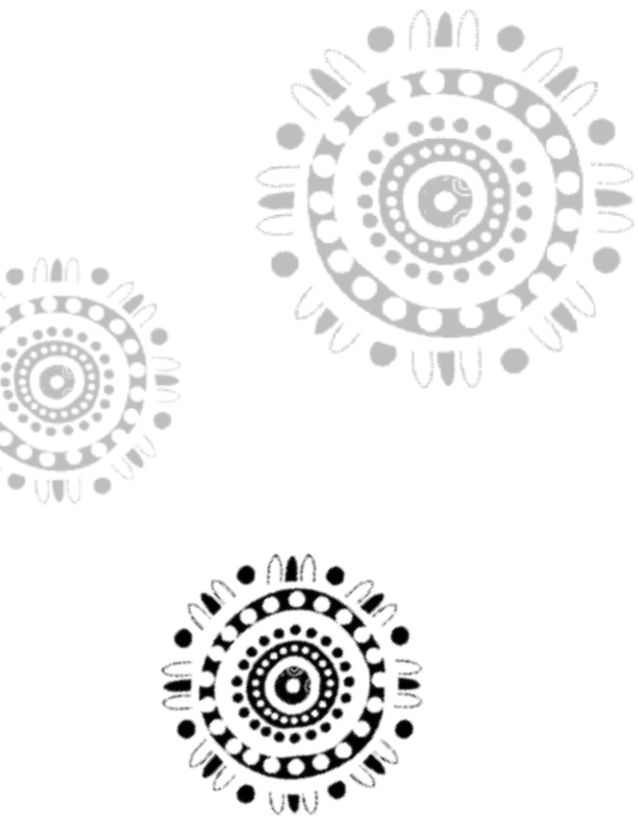
Acknowledgement of Country

Our team acknowledges the important role Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people play within the design, arts and placemaking community.

Our team acknowledges the Barunggam people, the traditional custodians of the land on which Lions Park stands.

We acknowledge their continuing connection to the land and community and pay our respects to their lore, culture and customs.

We pay respect to their elders and community leaders past, present and emerging.



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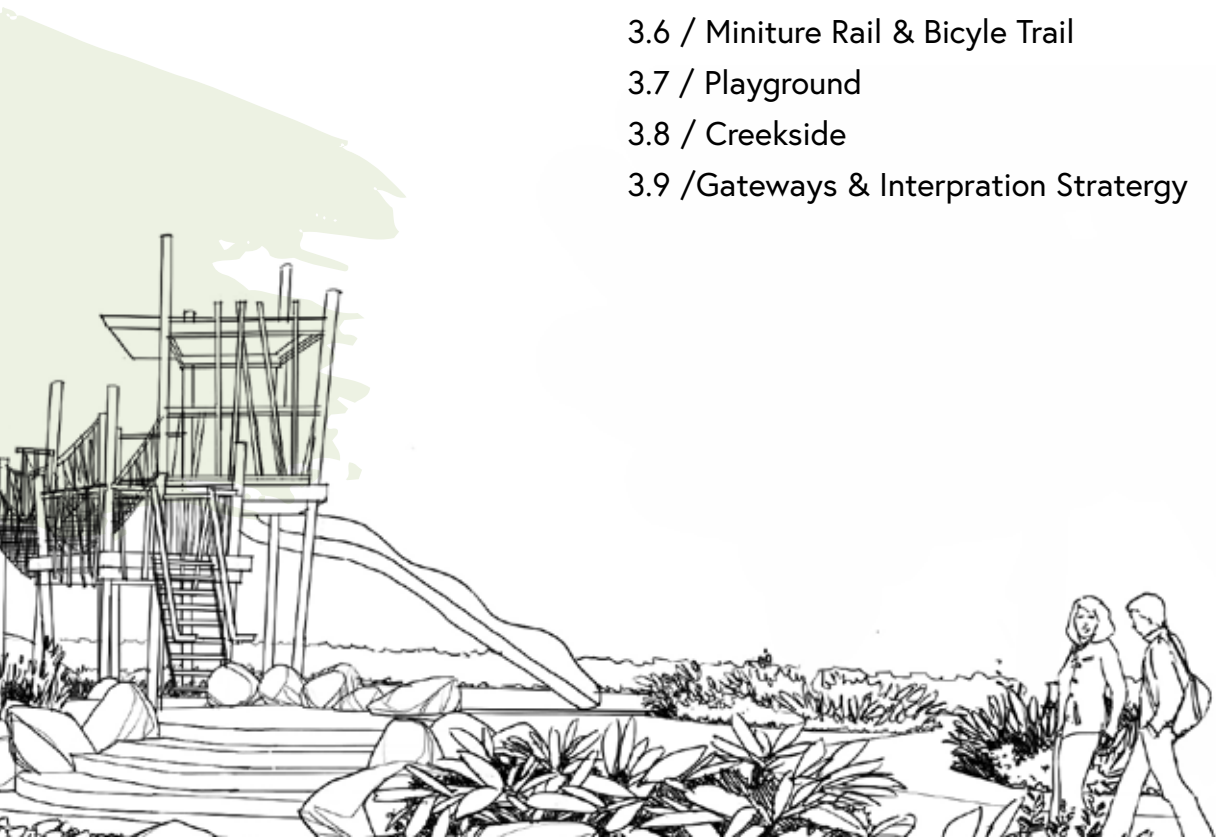
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1.0 Introduction & Background

Lions Park in Jandowae is a large, flat grassed parkland with plenty of open space.

The park currently has picnic tables, bench seating, BBQ facilities and play equipment, but underutilized due to these amenities being outdated and a significant lack of shade. Each month the park a market organised by the local Lions Club. The Lions Club have also re-purposed an old train station building as a clubhouse with storage and kitchen facilities, they also maintain a non-operational miniature railway.

In mid-November, two community workshops were held to gather feedback on the park and to guide the creation of a masterplan. Throughout the workshops, some consistent ideas and feedback was collected.

Top Findings

You told us that Lions Park has potential to become a place both for community and tourists to enjoy, acting as a northern gateway to Jandowae. Community envisioned a park that showcases local history, provides healthy and resilient native gardens and can be used by all ages for a variety of purposes.



What We've Heard

Community Workshops

Key Concerns for Lions Park

- Frequent flooding and inundation
- Drought + arid conditions, ensure planting can survive
- Existing aging infrastructure
- Protection of infrastructure from vandalism
- Upgrade seating, drinking fountains and bins
- Consider level + drainage issues
- Improved lighting
- retain / reinterpret existing mural by local artist
- Re-use for miniature rail

Key Aspirations for Lions Park

- Jandowae's northern gateway
- Utilised for community events
- Improved shade amenity / include more trees
- Attractive destination for tourists to visit
- RV friendly - we love the ring road
- Story telling throughout park
- Enhance Koala / creek habitat
- Showcase history through signage, creative elements + planting
- Connection to main street

What are Your Big Ideas for Lions Park ?

- Jandowae's northern gateway
- Showcase history through signage, creative elements + planting
- Rehabilitate creek edge
- Landscaping inc resilient native planting
- Formalised ring road car parking
- RV friendly
- Open grassed space for picnics + events
- Include more trees + shade cover
- Improved amenities inc picnic tables, seating, bins, bubbler, toilets + BBQs

- Improved accessibility in and around the park inc paths through the space
- Attract wildlife inc native bees, koalas + birds
- Celebrate Timber Town identity through local art inc timber carvings + sculptures
- Improved lighting



What We've Seen



Corner of Dalby and High st (above + above right): Visual connection to main street from Lions Park, across the road from Jandowae Motel and Athlone Cottage.



Trees: Numerous established trees, including feature bottle trees and tall gums, provide fairly good shade amenity. However, additional tree planting is needed to create a more comfortable shady environment.



Lions Park Arrival: Lions statues and signpost create an arrival to the park, Unfortunately, the signage is in a state of disrepair and requires attention.



Miniature Rail: Currently in a state of disrepair and non-operational. Community expressed desire to see repaired to use on special occasions.



Old Train Station (above + left): Brings a heritage aspect into the park, serving as a central feature along the ring road. The architectural elements reflect traditional 'Queenslander' characteristics, contributing to the park's character and historical significance.



Existing Facilities (above + left): The park facilities currently exist but have a poor relationship with the surrounding park spaces. Their functionality is compromised due to their approaching end of life, needing replacement.

2.0 Vision

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Design Drivers

Lions Park holds a strategic position as the gateway to the charming town of Jandowae, making it an ideal community park or a stopover destination for those traveling from further afar. Leverage these inherent qualities provides an opportunity to not only enhance the existing sense of place but also establish a distinctive park that celebrates the identity and history of Jandowae. To guide the development of a new master plan that is authentic to the town and aligns with the community's needs and aspirations, four Design Drivers have been established. These principles are rooted in the preferences and aspirations expressed by the local community during workshops and embody the qualities that define Jandowae's identity.



01

Destination for Tourists

Showcase Jandowae's unique identity and rich heritage, creating an inviting space for visitors to learn about the town's distinctive character and history. Specifically tailored to accommodate RV travellers, the revitalized park will be equipped with facilities and amenities to meet their needs.



02

Gateway to Jandowae

Create a northern entrance into Jandowae, easily recognised as an iconic spot in the Western Downs Region. Landmarks at entry thresholds, can connect the park to the wider township creating a memorable arrival experience into Jandowae.



03

Place for Community Gathering

Utilise Lions Park as a central lace for the community to get together. Gathering spaces beneath shady tree canopies will host various activities and events, creating an ideal environment for the community come together. Offer recreational opportunities and activities that cater to users of all ages, ensuring the park promotes community interactions, connections, and recreation.



04

Local Storytelling

Draw inspiration from the surrounding township, and tell its story by incorporating it into key features in the park. Bringing Jandowae to life through various elements within the design including artwork, signage and historic features found on site.

3.0 Master Plan

Masterplan



LEGEND

01 Iconic Gateway Structure #1

- The first of two iconic Gateway structures that announce the entry to Jandowae from the west
- A vertical artistic structure that reflects the "Timber Town" identity of Jandowae
- Honest rustic design and materials such as black iron, tin and timber

02 Iconic Gateway Structure #2

- The second of two iconic Gateway structures that announce the immediate entry into the main street of Jandowae from the west
- A vertical artistic structure that reflects the "Timber Town" identity of Jandowae and utilises similar forms and materials to the Iconic Gateway Structure #1

03 Improvements to High Street

- The introduction of additional street trees to reinforce the western entry to Jandowae

04 Vehicle Entry

- New bitumen driveway and concrete crossover providing formalised entry to the park
- Vertical timber elements with artistic reference to the "Timber Town" identity of Jandowae, coupled with artistic elements that represent the rail heritage provide an iconic entry to Lion's Park

05 Sculptural Markers

- A series of rustic vertical timber sculptures line the boundary of the park to High Street
- Each marker offers the opportunity to tell a different story of the town reflecting on the history, the people or events that have helped shape Jandowae

06 Pedestrian Entry to Town

- New 2.5m wide concrete pathway providing a direct link between the centre of town and Lion's Park

07 Lion's Park Sign

- Retain and restore the existing Lion's park sign and the two Lion statues that mark the arrival into the park
- Embellish with feature planting

08 Ring Road

- Improvements to existing ring road turn around - sealed road /shared zone, kerb build-outs between designated parking bays and flush kerbing.
- RV friendly parking bays

09 Avenue Fig Tree

- Formalise ring road interface and provide dense shade cover
- Incorporated into kerb build out planting beds
- Provide ample shade for pedestrians and park users to enhance comfort and usability of Lions Park

10 Community Green

- Large open green for community activations
- Bollards around perimeter to delineate open space and road corridor

11 Heritage Forecourt

- Paved forecourt entry linking ring road to existing station building providing welcoming entry into the parks 'Community Heart'
- Aligned on visual axis with Lions Park sign creating legibility and visual connectivity across the park
- Entry harbour / vertical information signage posts with low planting
- Opportunity for inscriptions / inlays in the pavement celebrating the stories of Jandowae community

12 Old Station Building

- Pergola covered balconies at the front and rear, which open up to and address the ring road and the parks creek interface
- Opportunity for small commercial activities to be associated with the station such as coffee shop/ coffee cart, offering seating and umbrellas for key events

13 Railway Showcase

- Showcase railway memorabilia donated or loaned by the local community (crane, old engine)

14 Miniature Rail Ride

- Old rail ride re-purposed with a new inlaid concrete track enabling versatile use as a bike track during periods when the train is not in operation
- Integration promotes safe and accessible use for both pedestrians and cyclists
- Incorporate a variety of trees along the track to provide shade, strategic planting to act as a safety buffer

15 Bicycle Trail

- Possible rail theme
- Weaving between trees + planting areas

16 Primary Circulation Footpath

- 2.5m wide shared pedestrian and cycle concrete path
- Provides the primary circulation path through the broader parklands while also defining park precincts
- Path to meander between existing trees to create interest together with a wavy curvilinear form to offer a little formality

17 Creekside Walk

- Walkway along the creek, forming part of the primary circulation network
- Informative signage along the walkway, educating visitors about the local flora, fauna
- Seating and resting areas integrated along the walkway, encouraging people to linger, relax, and enjoy the natural surroundings

18 Creek Rehabilitation

- Re-vegetation efforts along the existing creek corridor to improve its ecological health and biodiversity
- Plant species selection are well-adapted to the local environment, requiring minimal maintenance

19 Picnic Greens

- Informal open spaces along the park edges
- Incorporate trees and seating shelters for shade

20 Playground

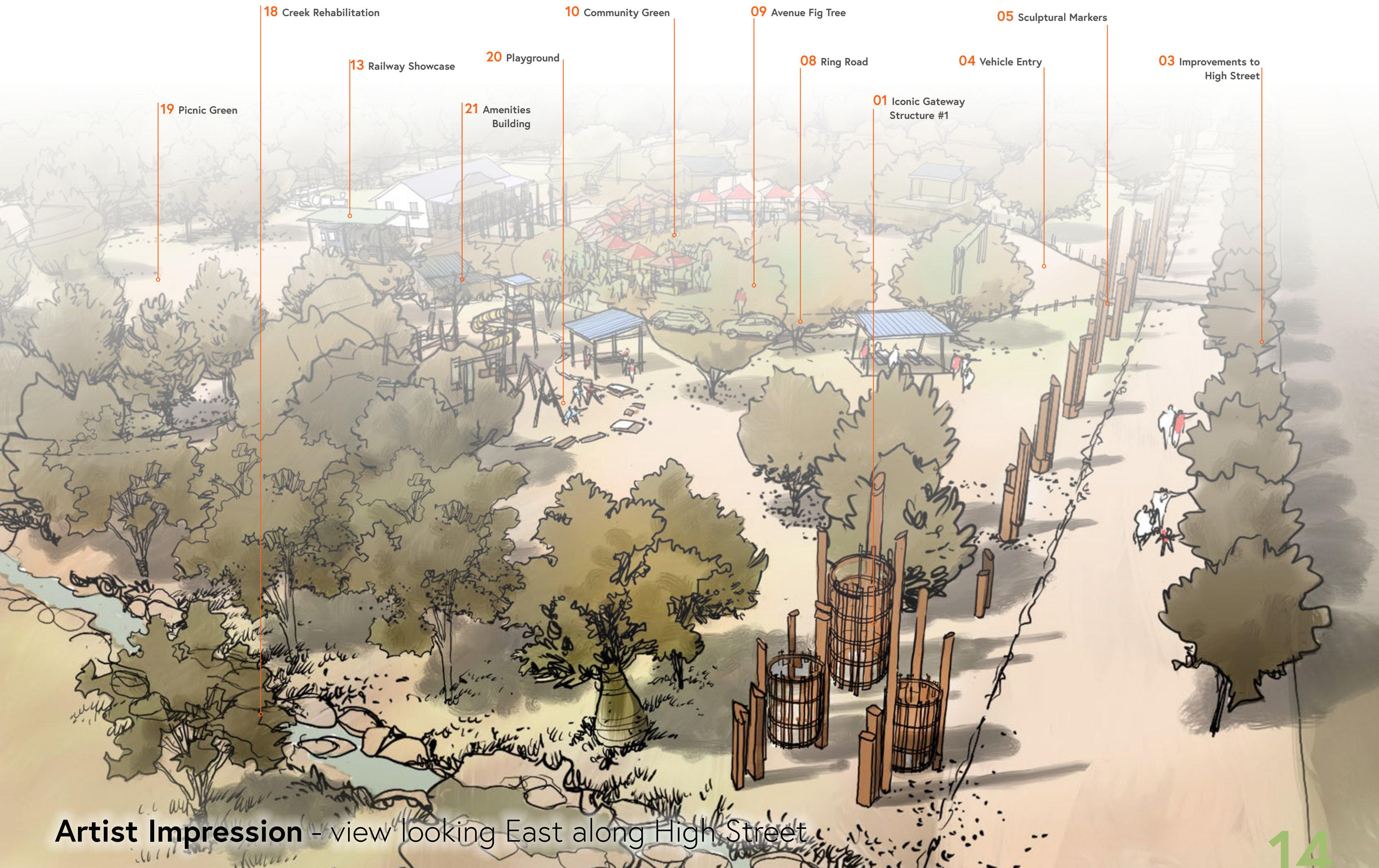
- Nature based play experience with themes and sculptural designs that reinforce the identity and history of Jandowae
- The playground is to feel like an extension of the broader park identity
- Tree and under story planting will be a major feature of the playground with play experiences blended with nature based experiences.

21 Amenities Building

- Simple amenities building with 2 unisex ambulant cubicles and outside sink
- Explore options to reinterpret + restore existing ANZAC mural on new building facade
- Conveniently located to give good visibility and access from the road for maintenance and safety, and close proximity to the playground and core picnicking areas.

22 Feature Mural

- re-imagine the existing mural through a vinyl wrap or similar to ensure the significance of the mural is retained in a way that minimises maintenance and vandalism



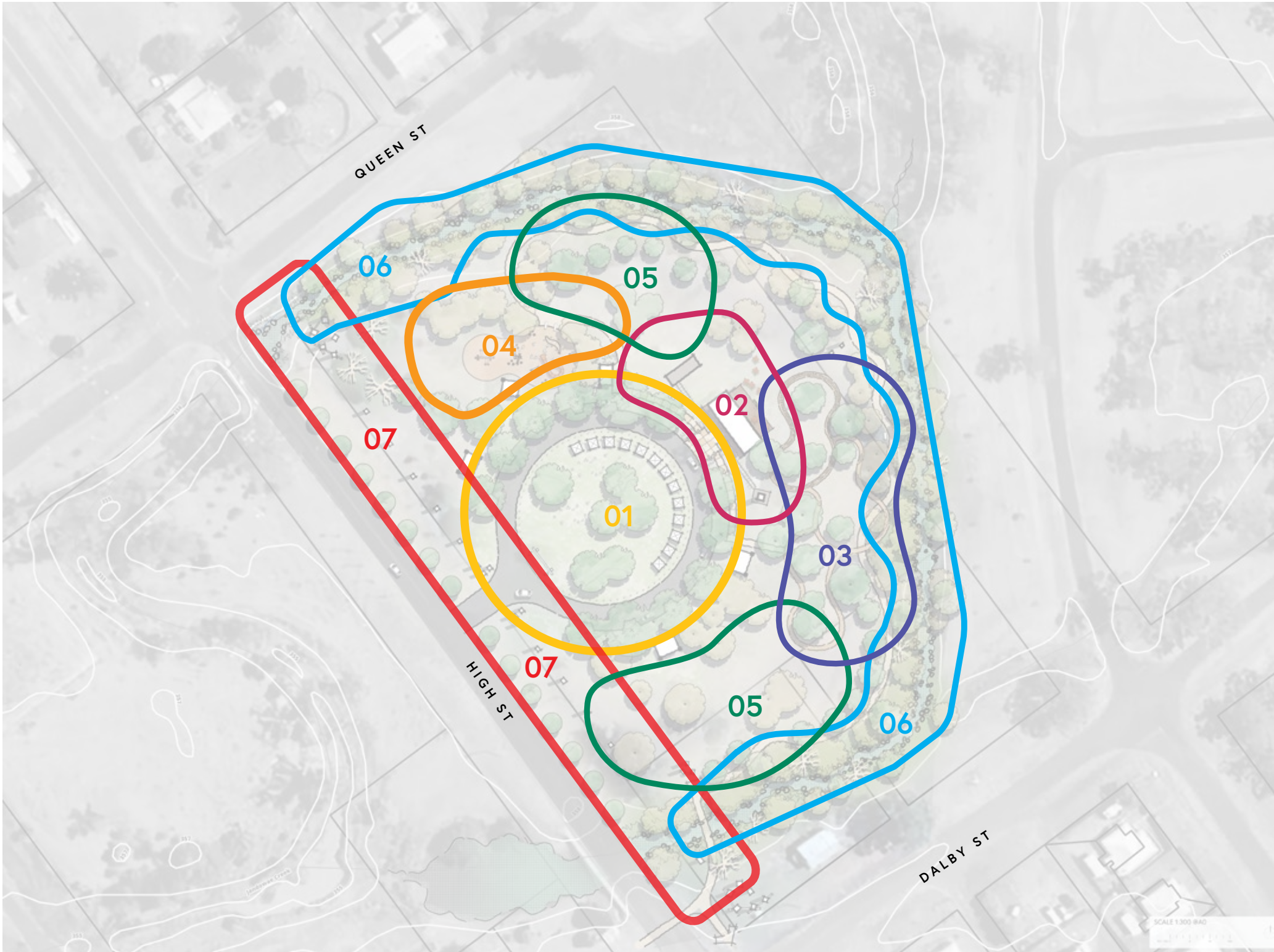
Artist Impression - view looking East along High Street

Precincts Overview

The master plan comprises distinct precincts defined by their unique character and purpose. While these precincts offer a variety of different activities and experiences, they are designed to interact with one another to create a cohesive and harmonious park experience rather than a collection of isolated spaces. Despite the variety of offerings, the overall goal is to cater to the diverse needs and interests of park visitors, fostering a dynamic and inclusive environment.

LEGEND

- 01 Ring Road / Community Green
- 02 Heritage Forecourt
- 03 Mini Rail / Bike Trail
- 04 Playground
- 05 Picnic Greens
- 06 Creekside
- 07 Lions Park Arrival



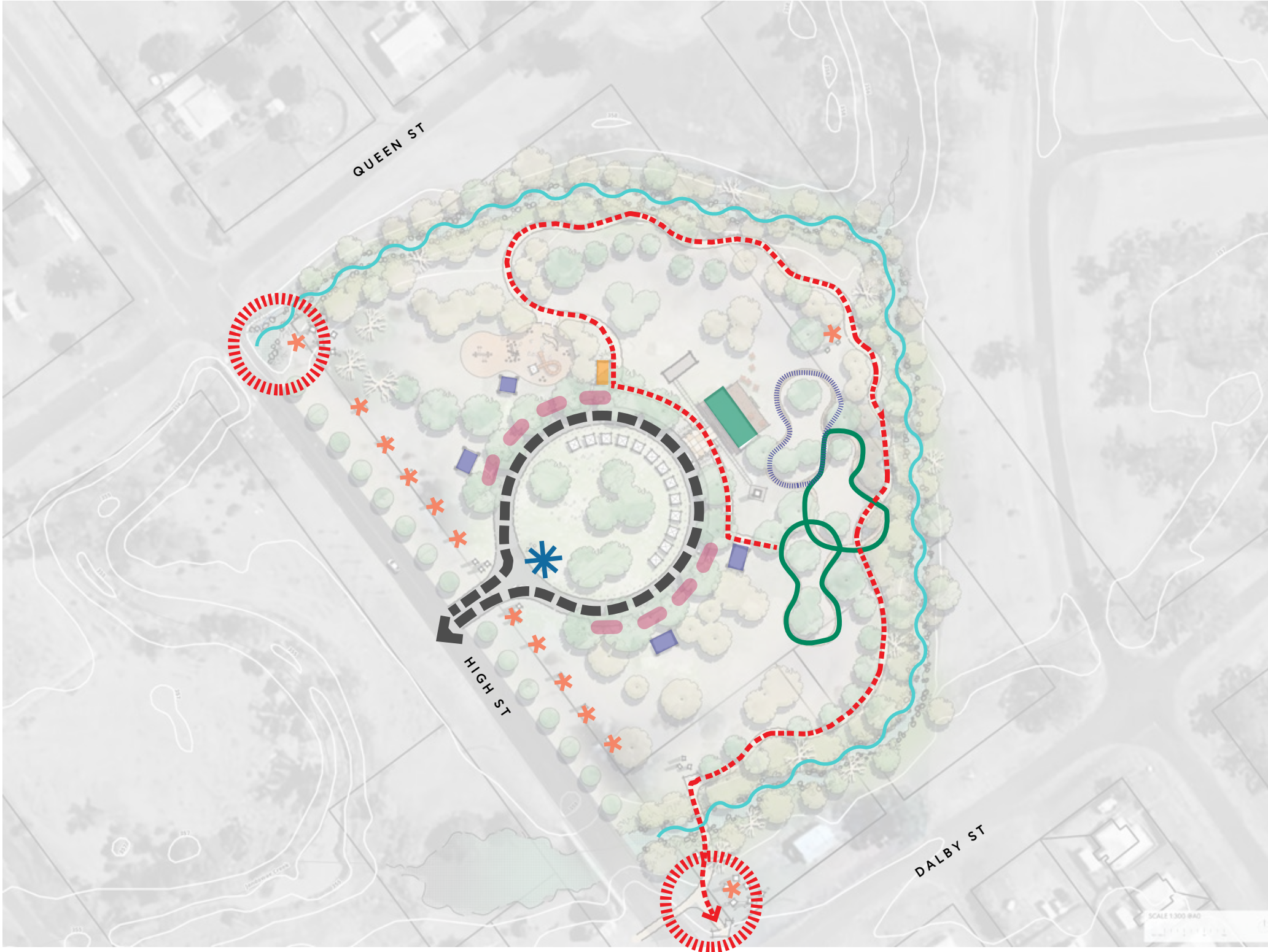
Framework Overview

LEGEND

- Ring Road
- RV Friendly Car Park
- Primary Circulation
- Mini Rail Trail
- Bicycle Trail
- Dry Creek
- Shelter
- Toilet Facility
- Old Train Station

INTERPRETIVE ELEMENTS

- Vertical Timber Artwork Elements**
Utilise highly skilled timber artists within the town who could create bespoke art elements, linking to the 'Timber Town' identity
- Jandowae Gateways**
Present highly visable street corners as key gateways to create a sense of arrival into the town
- Key Landmarks**



Ring Road & Community Green

LEGEND

01 Lion's Park Sign

- Retain and restore the existing Lion's park sign and the two Lion statues that mark the arrival into the park
- Embellish with feature planting

02 Vehicle Entry

- New bitumen driveway and concrete crossover providing formalised entry to the park

03 Gateway Markers

- Vertical timber elements with artistic reference to the "Timer Town" identity of Jindowae, coupled with artistic elements that represent the rail heritage provide an iconic entry to Lion's Park

04 Ring Road

- Improvements to existing ring road turn around - sealed road /shared zone, kerb build-outs between designated parking bays.
- New flush kerbing and bitumen
- RV friendly parking bays

05 Build out + Avenue Fig Tree

- Fig trees define ring road creating visually appealing and cohesive tree-lined roadway
- Planted within kerb build outs
- Shade from canopies will create pockets of open space with seating areas beneath encouraging community gatherings and social interactions
- Shade tolerant planting at base of trees

06 RV Friendly Parking

- Long parallel parking bays that are easy for vehicles and RV's to get in and out of
- Street tree planting between car parking bays

07 Picnic Shelters

- Nominal 4m x 4m wide picnic shelter with concrete slab under
- Design and materials to be durable, simple and reflect the rustic natural identity of the park
- Conveniently located to give good visibility and access from the road for maintenance and safety, and close proximity to car parks, the playground and picnicking greens

08 Community Green

- Generous, designated lawn area with large gathering capacity
- Great adaptability during the community markets (allows for expansion of existing markets footprint) and opportunity to host larger events
- Bollards around perimeter to define vehicle movement and prevent unauthorised access onto the green
- Additional shade tree provision

09 Market Activations

- Upgrades to existing lawns, to accommodate flexible spaces for the community markets to continue and expand

10 Heritage Forecourt

- Paved forecourt entry linking ring road to existing station building providing welcoming entry into the parks 'Community Heart'
- Aligned on visual axis with Lions Park sign creating legibility and visual connectivity across the park
- Entry arbour / vertical signage posts with low planting
- Opportunity for inscriptions / inlays in the pavement celebrating the stories of Jandowae community

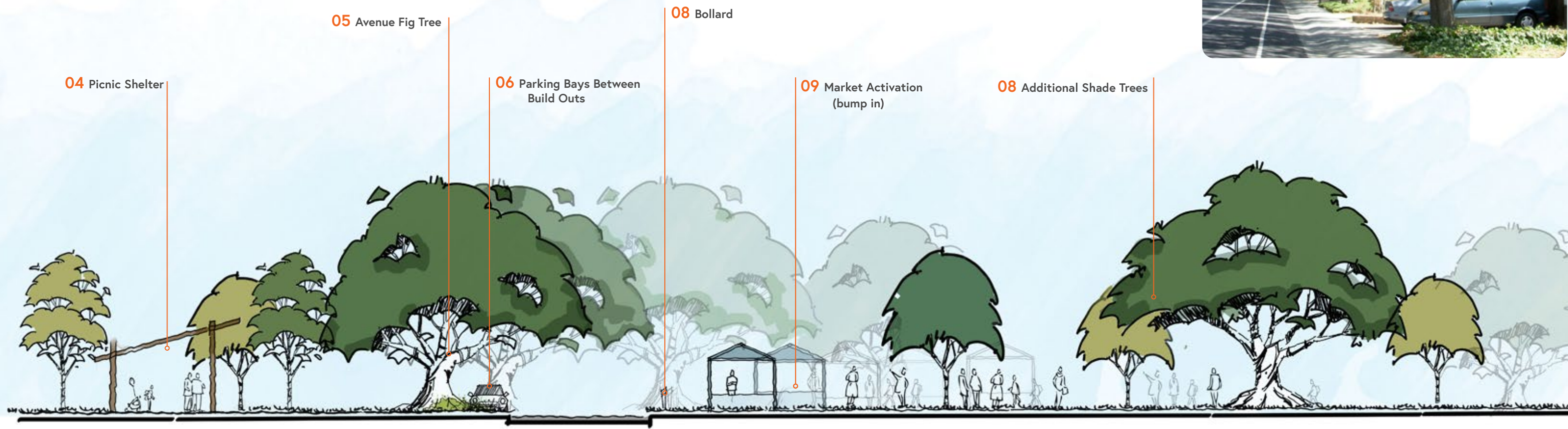
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Intent

A newly sealed ring road with designated long parking bays creates a welcoming space for visitors with caravans and RVs. The addition of an avenue of fig trees along the ring road will provide needed shade amenity within the park. In the shade of the new fig trees the central common green, offers great adaptability for market and other community events.



| Section A Ring Road and Community Green

Heritage Forecourt

LEGEND

01 Heritage Forecourt

- Paved forecourt entry linking ring road to existing station building providing welcoming entry into the parks 'Community Heart'
- Aligned on visual axis with Lions Park sign creating legibility and visual connectivity across the park
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02 Vertical Markers

- Vertical markers with artistic engravings and feature lighting to lead visitors into the park]
- Low planting at base

03 Entry Pathway

- 2.5m wide coloured concrete primary entry path into the parklands
- Accent pavement and signage announce the primary entry to Lions Park

04 Old Station / Front Balcony

- Front balcony which addresses the ring road and parks entrance, balcony becomes an inner extension of the heritage forecourt
- Celebrate the language and rhythm of the "Queenslander" balcony posts in its design.
- Existing storage / kitchen function of station sheds to be retained in the short to medium term

05 Rear Balcony

- Opportunity for small commercial activities to be associated with the station such as coffee shop/ coffee cart, offering seating and umbrellas
- Spill out space during markets / community events

06 Historic Crane

- Showcase railway memorabilia donated or loaned by the local community
- Placed strategically near the station to serve as artistic focal point

07 Old Steam Engine

- Install decommissioned steam engine donated or loaned by the local community
- Provide shelter structure with design elements reminiscent of classic train stations
- Potential to host storytelling events or invite local historians to share railway-related tales, creating an engaging and educational experience for park visitors

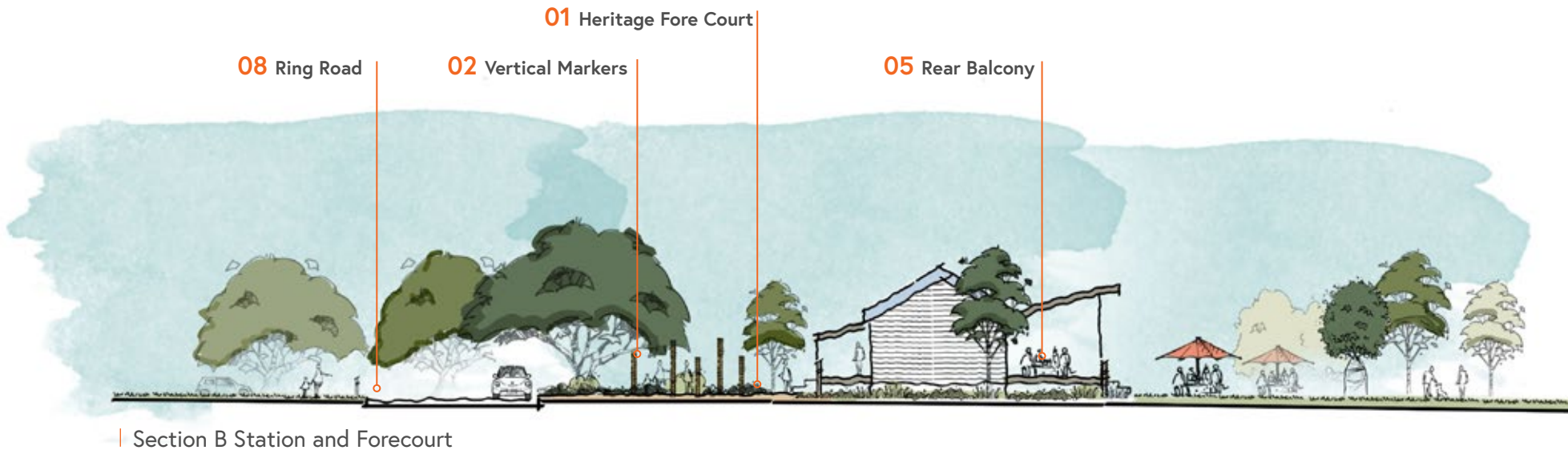
08 Ring Road

- New flush kerbing and bitumen
- RV friendly parking bays
- Bollards around perimeter to define vehicle movement and prevent unauthorised access onto the green



Intent

A paved forecourt to enhance the existing heritage station establishes a community "heart" in Lions Park. The forecourt aligns with the main entry creating a clear visual axis through the park terminating at the central station. There is an opportunity to include inscriptions and inlays in the pavement, and town artefacts ,such as the steam engine and crane to be anchored beside the station, celebrating the stories of Jandowae community.



Miniature Rail & Bicycle Trail

LEGEND

01 Miniature Rail Ride

- Old rail ride re-purposed with a new inlaid concrete track enabling versatile use as a bike track during periods when the train is not in operation
- Integration promotes safe and accessible use for both pedestrians and cyclists
- Introduce art installations or sculptures between the tracks, creating points of visual interest and adding a cultural dimension to the recreational space.

02 Bicycle Riding Trail

- Learn-to-ride bike track integrated with the rail ride, offering a cohesive and interconnected recreational space for children of different ages and abilities. Spill out space during markets / community events
- Inclusion of small directional signage and differentiating pathway finishes to improve safety and legibility
- Weaving between trees and planting areas
- Small jumps and berms where appropriate

03 Environmental Integration

- Paved bike track to weave in and around trees and planting areas providing a natural experience integrated into bike trail contributing to a more harmonious and nature-inspired recreational setting
- Landscaping and native planting to soften the environment and contribute to a pleasant park atmosphere

04 Access Path

- Pathway access that facilitate the save entry and exit off the bicycle track to and from car parking
- Inclusion of small directional signage and differentiating pathway finishes to improve safety and legibility

05 Picnic Shelters

- Nominal 4m x 4m wide picnic shelter with concrete slab under
- Design and materials to be durable, simple and reflect the rustic natural identity of the park
- Conveniently located to give good visibility and access from the road for maintenance and safety, and close proximity to car parks, the playground and picnicking greens

06 Multi Purpose Open Space

- Versatile open space situated between the riding tracks, allowing for a variety of activities
- Gentle mounding of terrain between bike tracks to add visual interest and create a more dynamic recreational space



Intent

The old rail ride will be revitalised with the with the tracks inlaid in concrete to improve its surface, enhancing its efficiency and safety. To provide further recreational use a new bike trail will be integrated, providing versatility and usability when the mini rail is not in operation. The surroundings will be softened with the inclusion of trees and native plantings, creating a comfortable, shaded area for recreation.



Playground

LEGEND

01 Playground

- Small nature based playground aimed at younger - older children. Nominal 2.5m wide concrete path extending in parts to access signage and information boards
- Includes balance beams, climbing elements, small swings and slide
- Materials and finishes in keeping with a rustic nature based character, themed on local stories and habitat
- Incorporate shade from both trees and physical structures (no shade sails)

02 Playground Design

- Blur the boundary between structured play and imaginative play
- The playground is to feel like an extension of the broader park identity
- Tree and understory planting will be a major feature of the playground with play experiences blended with nature based experiences.
- Incorporating natural colours and materials from the local area including stone, rock and timber

03 Picnic Shelter

- Nominal 4m x 4m wide picnic shelter with concrete slab under
- Design and materials to be durable, simple and reflect the rustic natural identity of the park
- Conveniently located to give good visibility and access from the road for maintenance and safety, and close proximity to car parks, the playground and picnicking greens

04 Picnic Greens

- Informal open spaces along the park edges
- Incorporate trees and seating shelters for shade
- Great adaptability during the community markets (allows for expansion of existing markets footprint) and opportunity to host larger events

05 Amenities Building

- Simple amenities building with 2 unisex ambulant cubicles and outside sink
- Explore options to reinterpret + restore existing ANZAC mural on new building facade
- Conveniently located to give good visibility and access from the road for maintenance and safety, and close proximity to the playground and core picnicking areas.

06 Primary Circulation Footpath

- 2.5m wide shared pedestrian and cycle concrete path
- Provides the primary circulation path through the broader parklands while also defining park precincts
- Path to meander between existing trees to create interest together with a wavy curvilinear form to offer a little formality

07 Ring Road

- New flush kerbing and bitumen
- RV friendly parking bays
- Roadside Parking for convenient access o park facilities and recreational areas

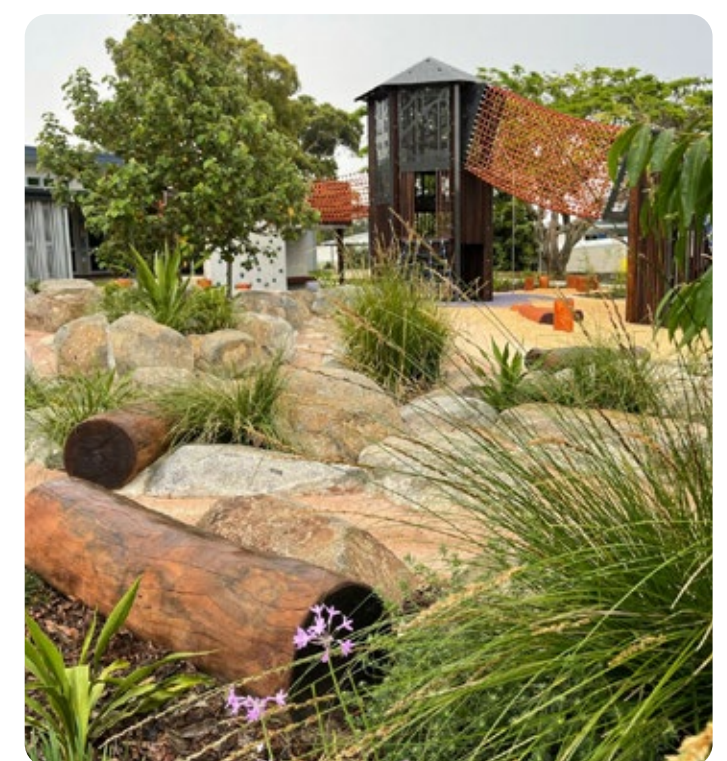
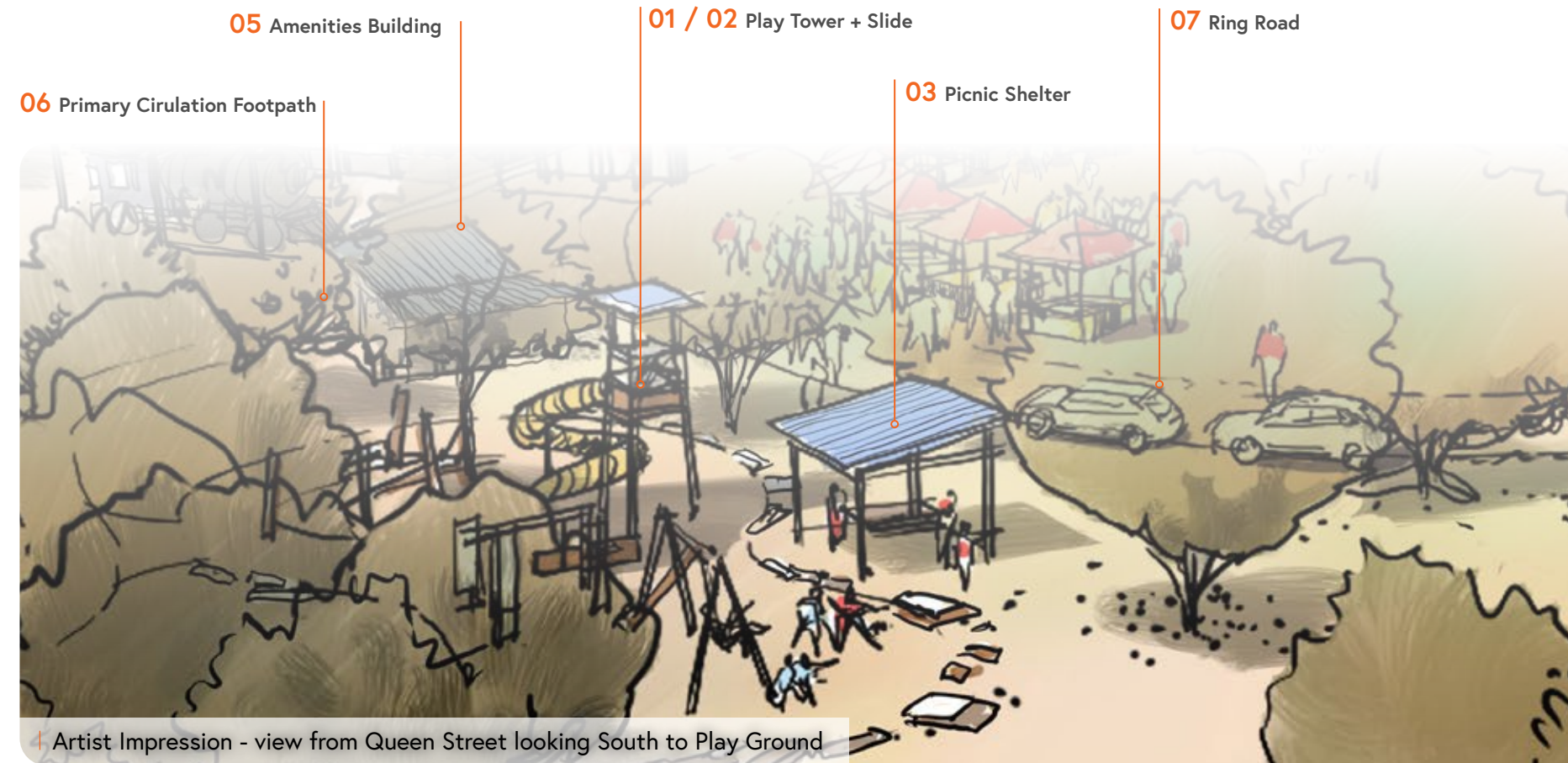


Intent

To draw in young families and children a nature based play experience with sculptural designs that reinforce the identity and history of Jandowae will provide an exploitative play element in the park. The play space will cater to various age groups ranging from;

- toddlers (ages 0-3).
- young children (ages 4-9) and.
- pre-teen (ages 9 - 12).

Clear pathways and view lines from other park areas will ensure legibility and proximity to seating, sheltered areas, and parking will facilitate access and a high level of passive surveillance.



Creekside

LEGEND

01 Creekside Walk

- Walkway along the creek, seamlessly connecting various areas of the park and enhancing overall accessibility
- Informative signage along the walkway, educating visitors about the local flora + fauna
- Forms part of the Primary Circulation Footpath

02 Rest Nodes

- Seating and resting areas integrated along the walkway, encouraging people to linger, relax, and enjoy the natural surroundings
- Incorporate interactive elements, vertical art markers + viewing platforms

03 Creek Rehabilitation

- Re-vegetation efforts along the existing creek corridor to improve its ecological health and biodiversity
- Native grasses and shrubs along the creek banks to stabilize soil, manage overland flow, and create a more natural, resilient environment
- Plant species selection are well-adapted to the local environment, requiring minimal maintenance

04 Creek Corridor

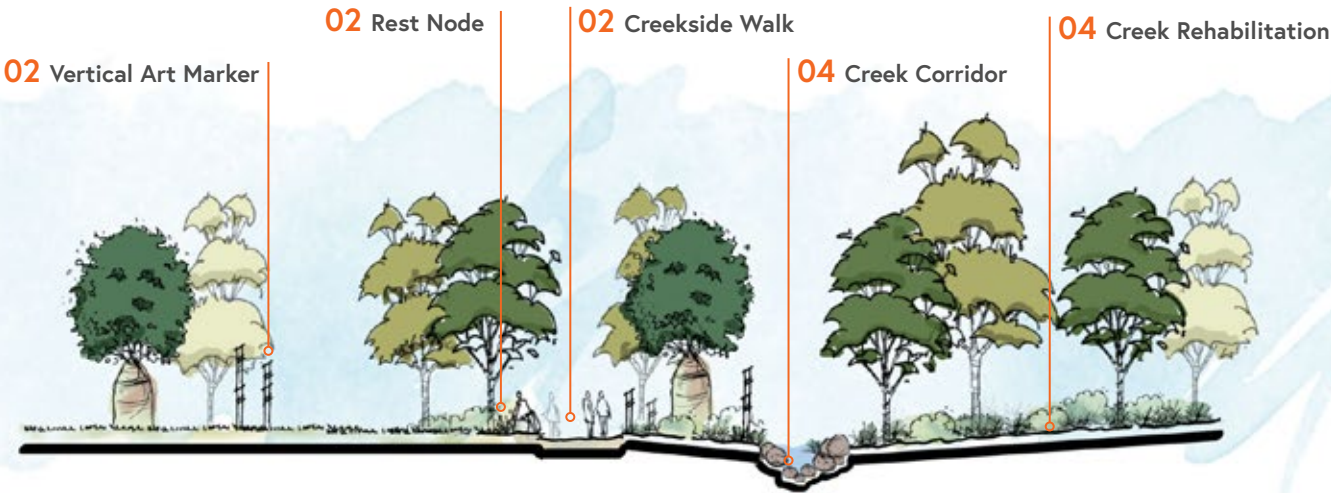
- Rehabilitation of existing drainage swale to improve habitat and function
- Rock lined in parts with revegetation to reduce erosion - intent to create a dry creekbed corridor

05 Turf Breakouts

- Smaller grassy open spaces at points along the creekside walkway
- Spaces to pause enjoy enjoy creekside atmosphere and views of the creek
- Seating integrated into turf breakouts
- Interactive elements such as stepping stones to provide touch points to the creek

06 Bridge Crossing

- 3.0m wide shared pedestrian foot bridge
- Formalised creek crossing integrated into primary circulation network
- Placement of the bridge to offer scenic views of the creek and its surroundings
- Design to complement the natural surroundings, using materials colours, and forms that harmonise with the creek environment and nearby vegetation

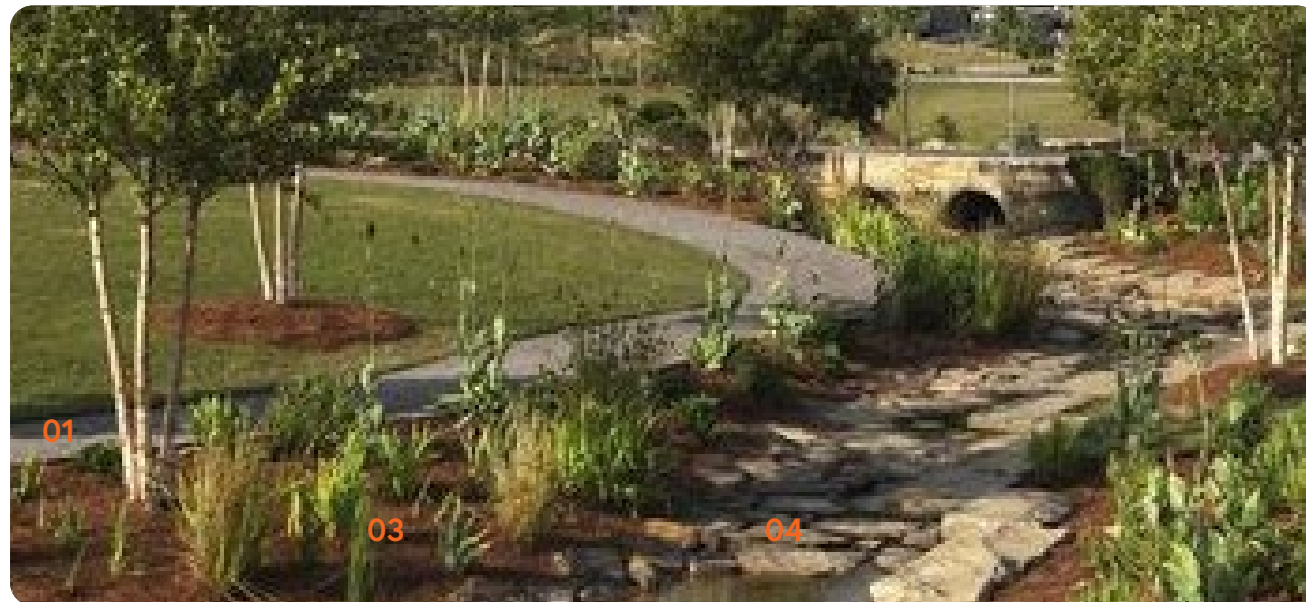


| Section C Creek Interface



Intent

To enhance the future creek corridor, revegetation planting will be implemented. Soft grasses and native shrubs will be planted along the creek banks to aid in managing overland flow, creating a dry creek bed interface that will serve as a key feature of the park. Rest nodes along the main footpath will provide lookout points over the creek interface. In these areas, there will be an opportunity to incorporate wayfinding and interpretive art elements associated with local storytelling.



Gateways & Interpretation Elements

01 Iconic Gateway Structure #1

- The first of two iconic Gateway structures that announce the entry to Jandowae from the west
- A vertical artistic structure that reflects the "Timber Town" identity of Jandowae
- Honest rustic design and materials such as black iron, tin and timber

02 Iconic Gateway Structure #2

- The second of two iconic Gateway structures that announce the immediate entry into the main street of Jandowae from the west
- A vertical artistic structure that reflects the "Timber Town" identity of Jandowae and utilises similar forms and materials to the Iconic Gateway Structure #1

03 Improvements to High Street

- The introduction of additional street trees to reinforce the western entry to Jandowae

* High Street Welcome Markers

- A series of rustic vertical timber sculptures line the boundary of the park to High Street
- Each marker offers the opportunity to tell a different story of the town reflecting on the history, the people or events that have helped shape Jandowae

* Interpretative Sculptural Markers

- Rustic vertical timber sculptures scattered through Lions Park in key locations
- Each marker offers the opportunity to tell a different story of the town reflecting on the history, the people or events that have helped shape Jandowae



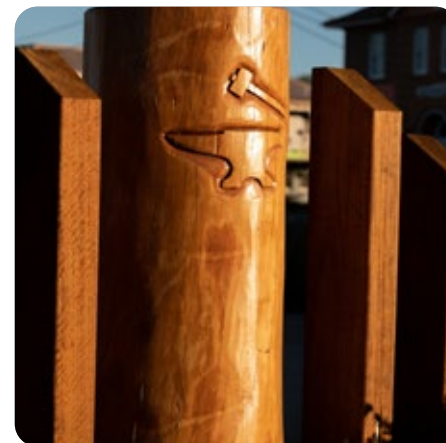
Intent

Lions Park will provide a landmark entry to Jandowae from the west. Iconic timber structures and vertical elements along High street reinforce the 'Timber Town' identity of Jandowae and create a sense arrival along the main street. Timber carvings in the vertical elements tell the story of Jandowae, and offer iconic "post card" moments for visitors to town.

These structural timber elements will also be woven throughout the park as part of the interpretation strategy serving as wayfinding features, assisting visitors in navigating the park while also sharing in storytelling aspect of the Lions Park.



| Section D High Street Interface



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