Wonthaggi

Active Youth Space





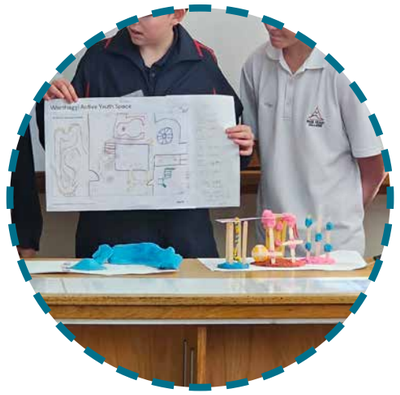








Image from the school consultation Workshops

Concept Design Presentation

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Project Background



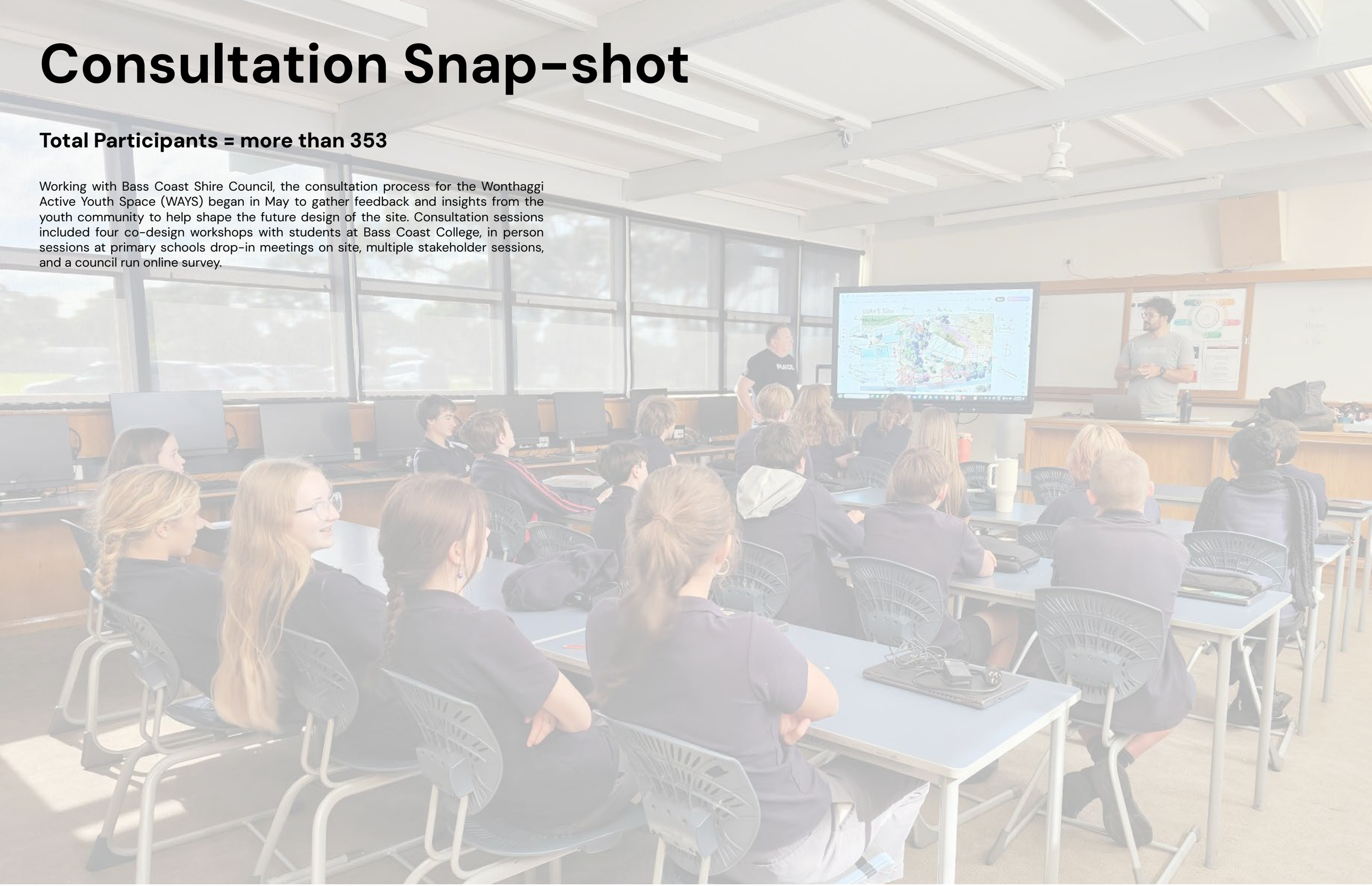
Description

The current site features a skate park that is past it's prime use, a community toilet and existing netball courts and football oval. The Site is bisected by an entry road and a number of mature trees. Whilst the location is well positioned within the broader reserve with great existing facilities such as the toilets and on street car-parking, the space is due for an upgrade. Including access and better connections, an upgrade to the skate park, and reinstatement of children's playspace that was removed with the installation of the new netball pavilion.

Consultation Snap-shot

Total Participants = more than 353

Working with Bass Coast Shire Council, the consultation process for the Wonthaggi Active Youth Space (WAYS) began in May to gather feedback and insights from the youth community to help shape the future design of the site. Consultation sessions included four co-design workshops with students at Bass Coast College, in person sessions at primary schools drop-in meetings on site, multiple stakeholder sessions, and a council run online survey.



School Workshops

Participants

Bass Coast College			**Primary School**		
Workshop 1	19 students	14-16 years old	Wonthaggi North Primary School	40 students	10-12 Years old
Workshop 2	16 students		St Joseph's Primary School	34 students	
Workshop 3	20 students				
Workshop 4	20 students				

"A youth space is a place where everyone feels equal, safe and fun"

"It's an area for young people with equipment, social spaces and open spaces and seating areas"

Bass Coast College 14- 16 yo

What makes a Youth Space?

1. Skate / Skatepark — 27
2. Playground / Play Equipment — 19
3. Social / Hangout Space — 15

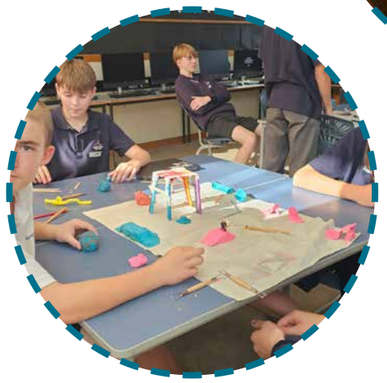
What are the must have elements?

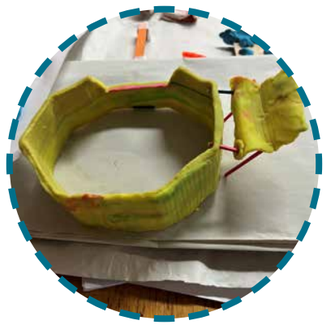
1. Seating — 13
2. Open space — 7
3. Water fountain — 7

Design Ideas

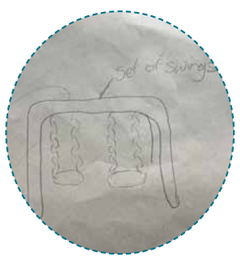
- Sound shell performance space
- Parkour adventure course
- Sculpture tree climbing wall
- Swing chair
- Social nodes with imaginative play
- Pump track with multiple tracks
- Project folly
- Varying heights mini ramps
- Parkour and social climbing
- A space suitable for just teenagers
- Beach volleyball with scoreboard
- Gaga pit with seating for multiple people
- Large slide on a hill for social sliding experience
- Skatepark and pump track
- Seating net
- Large viewing platform with projector
- Curved shelter
- Art wall











Your best ideas for WAYS

St Joseph's PS (10-12y.o)

1. Pump / BMX Track — 13
2. Trampoline / Bouncy Pillow — 12
3. Slide — 11
4. Basketball — 10
5. Climbing / Parkour — 9

Wonthaggi North PS (10-12y.o)

1. Skate / Skate Bowl — 11
2. Pump Track / Jumps Track — 10
3. Gaga Pit — 7
4. Ninja / Parkour / Climbing — 7
5. Food Truck / Canteen — 7

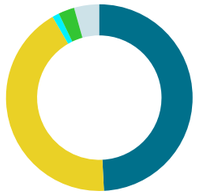
CORE PRINCIPLES

- Social seating and recreation
- Active play and climbing
- Improved skate for all levels
- Shelter and shade
- Inclusion and access for the broader community
- Spaces for girls

Participants

**Note: Results from 253 Online survey participants only*

Gender



Male	49.2%
Female	42.5%
Gender diverse	3%
Prefer not to say	2.8%
Other	4.4%

253 people participants

Age



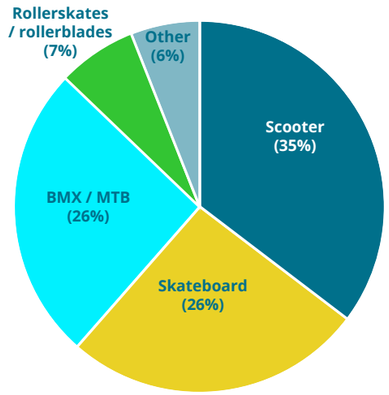
0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	18-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	65+
0.4%	1.2%	63.5%	14.3%	1.6%	4.4%	9.1%	4%	1.6%

Online Survey

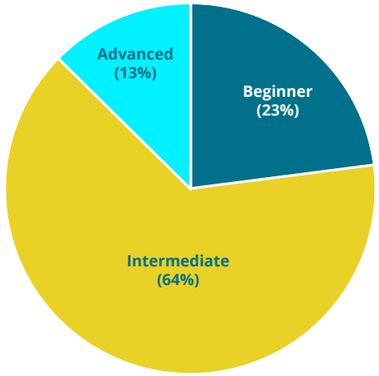
253 participant | 10-17 year olds (78%)

Skate

What sort of wheels do you prefer riding?



What level of skate facility will you enjoy the most?

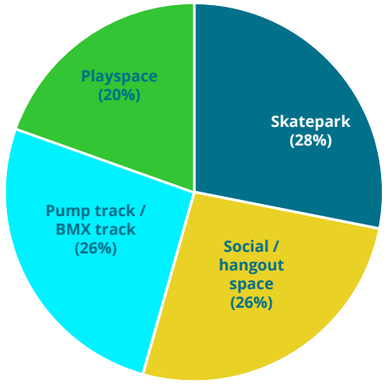


Active Youth Space

Top 8 most popular choices if additional budget was available.

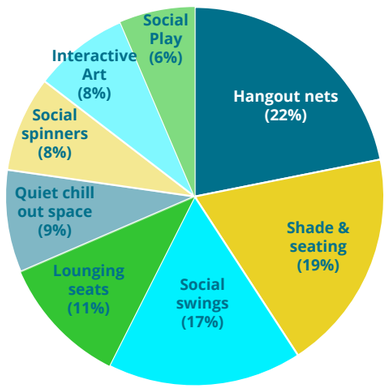


The space will include the following elements; which would you use?



Social Spaces

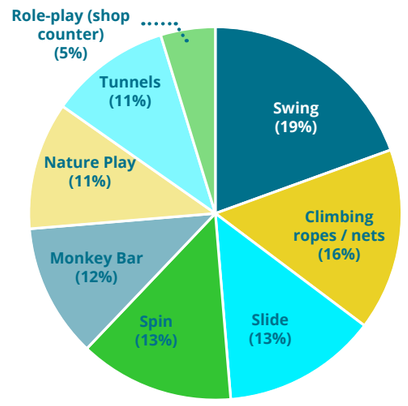
What social spaces would you like to use?



- **Hangout nets** (large, flexible rope or cable net structures designed to lie on, sit in, or gather together)
- **Shade and seating** (small, covered areas with seating for hanging out)
- **Social swings** (a type of playground swing designed for more than one person to use at the same time, encouraging interaction
- **Lounging seats** (comfortable, relaxed seating options to sit back, stretch out, or recline)
- **Quiet chill out space** (a calm space to relax, reset, and feel comfortable away from noise and busy activity)
- **Social spinners** (equipment designed for multiple people to use together, either for spinning or just laying around with friends
- **Interactive art elements** (creative spaces where young people can touch, move, play with, and interact with art)
- **Social play elements** (features designed for more than one person or groups to participate together)

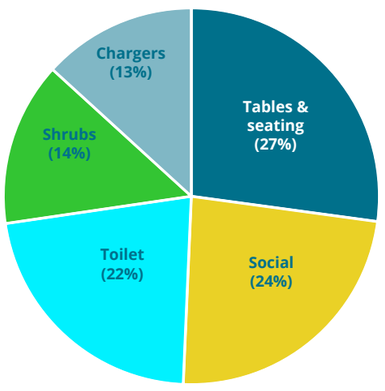
Playspace

Favourite things to do at a playspace...



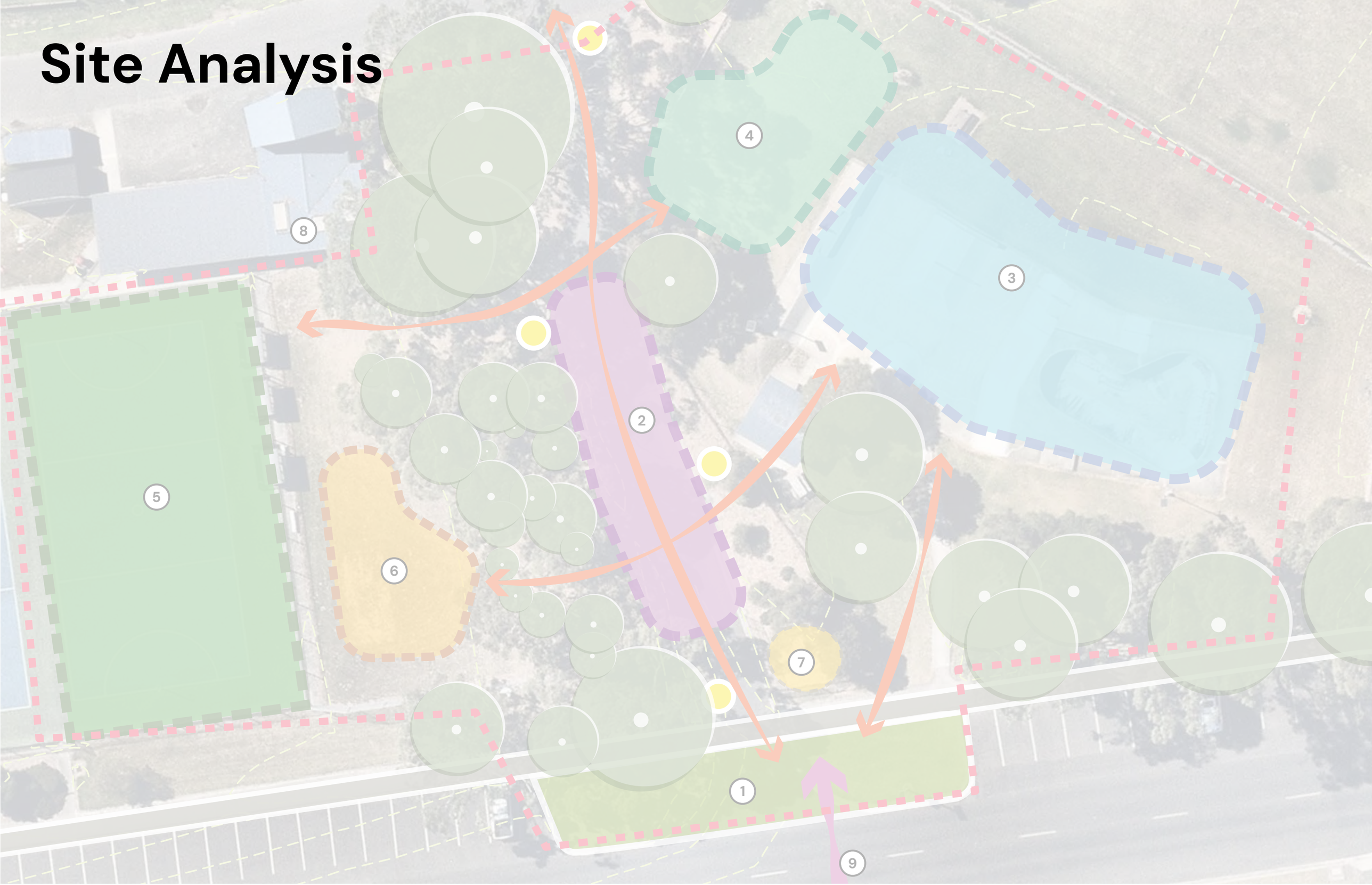
Disability Inclusion

How can we make sure this space is inclusive for people with disabilities...

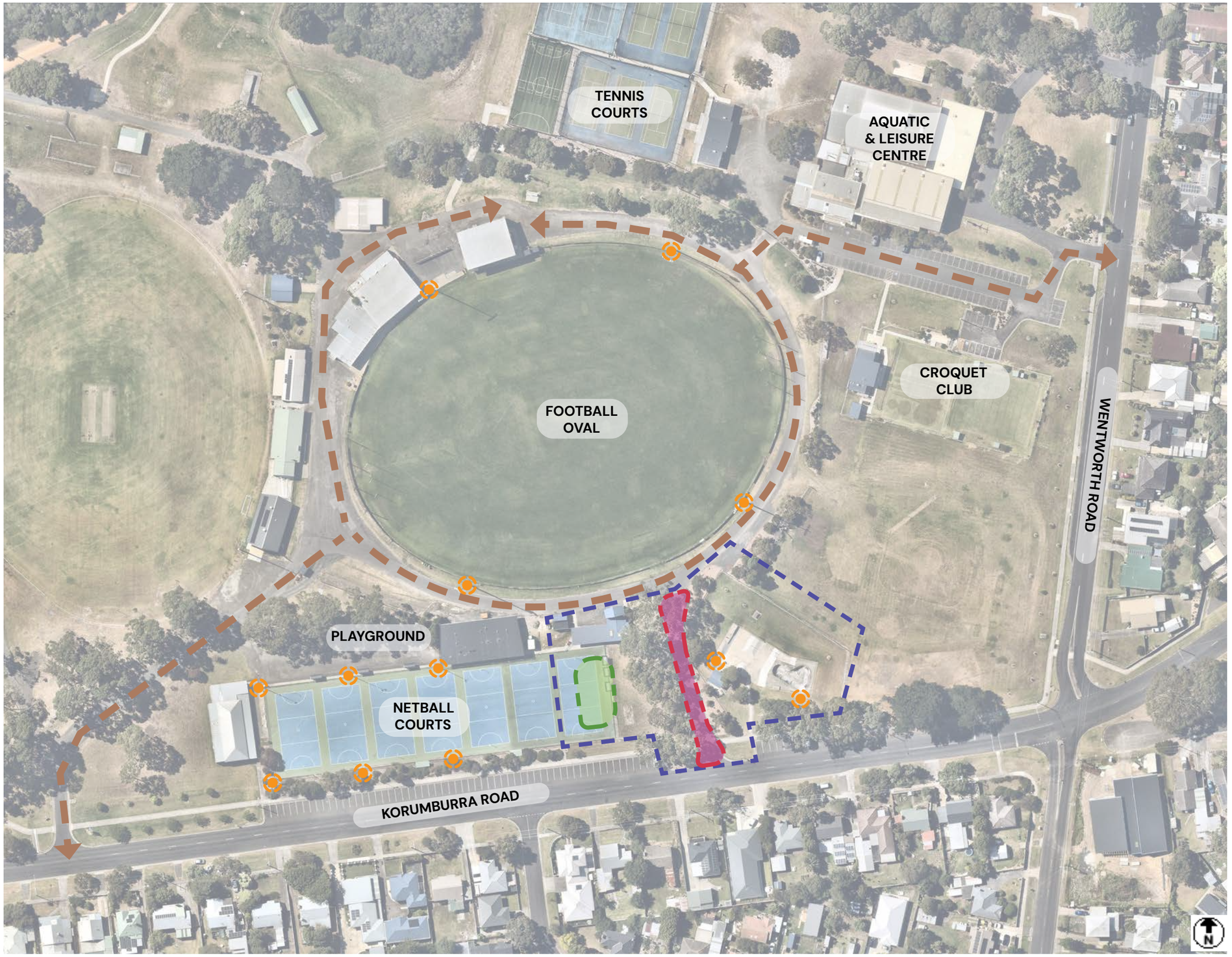


- **Tables & seating -** Adding tables and seating with longer ends to support a wheelchair
- **Social -** Adding spaces for quiet social activities
- **Toilet -** Adding a Changing Places toilet (includes hoist, changing table and toilet with railing)
- **Shrubs -** Adding shrubs that can be safely touched (soft leaves, textured bark)
- **Chargers -** Adding chargers for mobility devices

Site Analysis



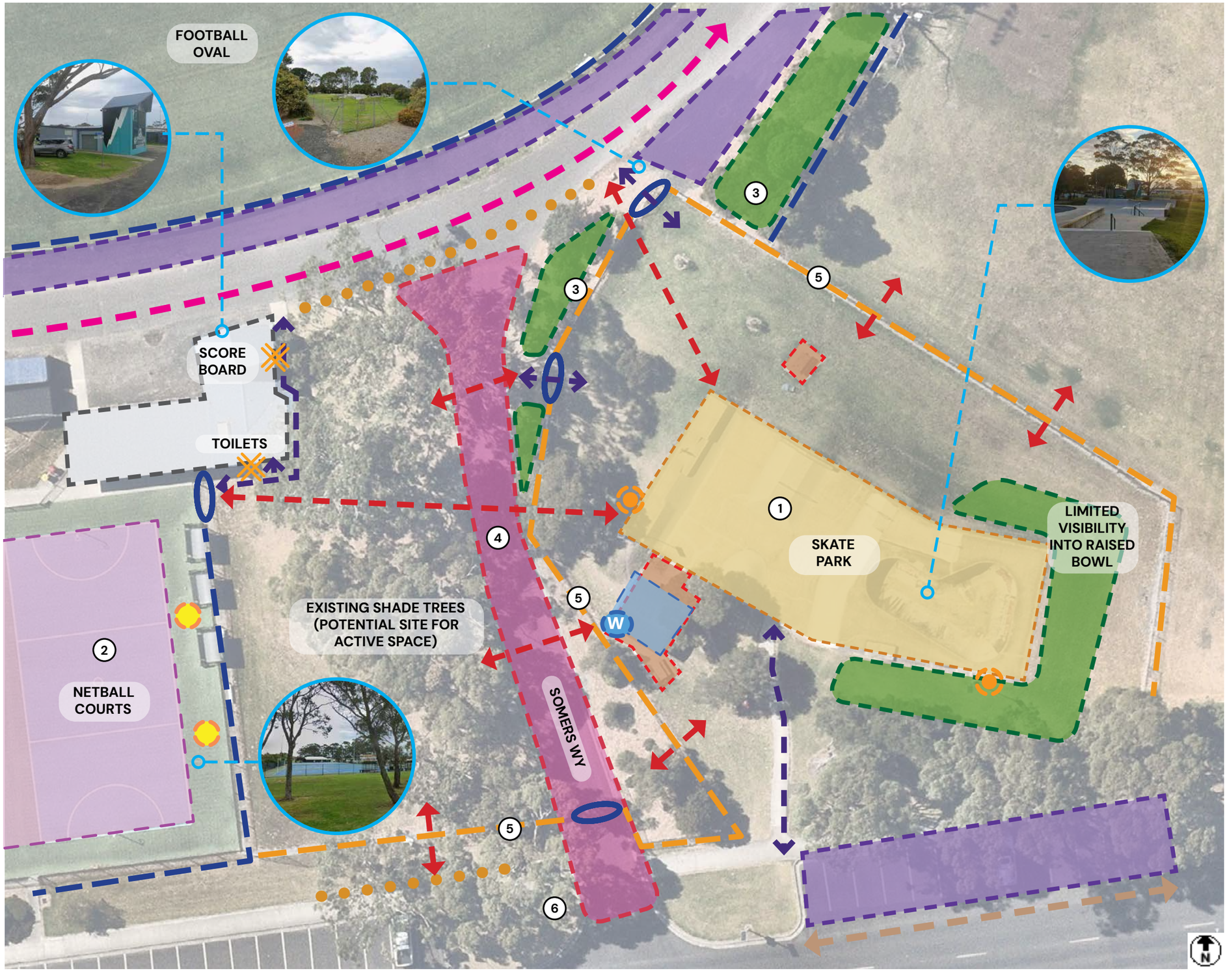
Overall Site Analysis Plan



Legend

- Site boundary
- Roads
- Additional basketball line-marking
- Road removal *(Recommended)*
- Light Poles *(Potential to increase/ utilise existing)*

Site Analysis & Constraints Plan



Key Features

1. **Skate Park**
   Existing skatepark is no longer in line with current industry standards. Recommend demolition and replace with updated layout
2. **Opportunity for additional line marking**
   Additional basketball key and 3-point line and basketball posts.
3. **Improve connectivity**
   Fencing and vegetation are visual barriers into the site, remove for improved connectivity and access
4. **Disconnect between spaces**
   Disconnect between skate/netball/toilets. Road is a physical barrier. Close vehicle access along Somers Way to improve pedestrian flow and safety. Increase access to existing building/scoreboard
5. **Increase flow and access**
   Remove excess fencing to increase flow and access across the new space
6. **Drop off zone**
   Potential for safe drop off zone if vehicle access along Somers Way is closed. A " Kiss-and-go" space that can be activated through Park-It

Legend

- Boundary fence
- Gate in fence
- Roads
- Poor connectivity
- Pedestrian access
- Shelter
- Skate park
- Social space
- Netball court
- Visual barrier
- Existing building
- Car parking
- Potential road closure
- Potential drop-off zone
- Potential barrier
- Potential access points
- Light Poles
- Drink Fountain
- Proposed Light Pole
- Boundary fence to be removed

Opportunities Plan



Key Features

1. **Close Road**
   Re-appropriate for WAYS
2. **Social Spine**
   Key destination connecting active spaces with central social hangout spaces and social play.
3. **New Skate Park**
   Upgrade end of life skate park
4. **Pump Track**
   Provide new intermediate pump track
5. **Additional Line-marking**
   Value add to the netball court with new 3-point line and basketball post.
6. **Junior Playspace**
   Provide a new junior play space to replace old playground.
7. **Park-It Area**
   Designated Park-it area with new signage and line-marking.
8. **Extend Toilets Opening Hours**
   Council to increase operating hours for the toilets.
9. **Possible Road Crossing**
   Council to explore option to add new road crossing and a “kiss-and-go” style drop-off.

Legend

- EOW
- Key Paths
- Possible Crossing
- Park-It Area
- Junior Play
- Existing Tree
- Skate Park
- Pump Track
- Social & Active Spine
- Additional Line-marking
- Security Level Lighting
- Barrier
- Proposed Light Pole

Design Concept



Concept Plan



Legend

- Existing Tree
- New Tree
- Line Marking
- Rubber
- Play Mulch
- Paving/Path
- Garden Bed
- Lawn
- Skate Concrete
- Pump Track

WAYS

Ways is a multi-use Youth space, providing play, social and recreational opportunities for the whole community. Including a junior play space, skate park and pump track as well as a central youth social spine.

Key Features

1. **Park Entrance**
   With central path, future crossing and Park-It area
2. **Projector wall**
   Lawn space for small events
3. **Hangout Nets**
   Hammock style for sitting, climbing and socialising
4. **Social Seat Swings**
   Teen and tween sized social swing
5. **Gaga Pit**
   Timber pit with seating edge and fun line marking
6. **Drink Fountain & Bins**
   Centrally placed for access from 3 main zones
7. **Large Social Space**
   Includes a shelter and various seating with charging station for phones and accessibility devices.
8. **Climbing Bars**
   For climbing and parkour.
9. **Skate Social Space**
   Platform seating and bike racks
10. **Skate Park**
    With kidney bowl, banks, transitions, rails and other elements
11. **Raised Garden bed with seat edge**
    Sensory planting for touching and smelling
12. **Pump Track Social Area**
    Platform seats with shelter
13. **Pump Track**
    Beginner - intermediate level
14. **Additional Line-marking & Basketball Hoops**
    Include 3-point line and basketball hoops
15. **Quad Swings**
16. **Junior Play Tower**
    With slide and rope course
17. **Mound with planting buffer**
    With hoop edge fencing
18. **New Fence**
19. **Bench Seat / Picnic Table**
20. **Food Truck Parking**

Zoning & Access Plan



Legend

Main Access Path

Secondary Access Path

Shared Path

Precedent Imagery

Landscape & Social



Seating edge with raised sensory planting



Projection wall & viewing space



Hoop Edge barrier to play area



Charging stations & night lighting



Lounge seating



Modular seating



Hangout nets



Shelters with seating

Precedent Imagery

Play & Active Recreation



Student's Design of a Gaga Pit



Gaga Pit



Student's Design of a Social Swing



Social Swing



Parkour/ Climbing Bars



Junior Play Tower with Slide



Climbing Ropes



Swings

Precedent Imagery

Skate, Pump Track & Basketball Hoops



Manny Pads & Ledges



Stairs & Hubbas



Rails & Obstacles



Kidney Bowl



Plaza elements



Plaza elements



Pump track



Netball court with additional basketball key & 3-point line

Planting Palette

Trees



Brush Box
Lophostemon confertus



Water Gum
Tristaniopsis laurina



Coast Banksia
Banksia integrifolia



Dwarf Yellow Gum
Eucalyptus leucoxylon 'Euky Dwarf'

Plants



Calistemon 'Little Caroline '



Lambs Ear
Stachys lanata



Sticky Everlasting
Xerochrysum viscosum



Twiggy Daisy-bush
Olearia ramulosa