

# Acknowledgment of Traditional Custodians

Sunshine Coast Council acknowledges the Sunshine Coast Country, home of the Kabi Kabi peoples and the Jinibara peoples, the Traditional Custodians, whose lands and waters we all now share. We recognise that these have always been places of cultural, spiritual, social and economic significance. The Traditional Custodian's unique values, and ancient and enduring cultures, deepen and enrich the life of our community.

We commit to working in partnership with the Traditional Custodians and the broader First Nations Aboriginal (and Torres Strait Islander) communities to support self-determination through economic and community development.

## Kabi Kabi Welcome to Country

The Kabi Kabi peoples are the original occupants of the coastal town of Caloundra. The large Kabi Kabi Nation was comprised of several smaller groups that each spoke a dialect of the Kabi Kabi language.

Our rich cultural heritage is tens of thousands of years old and it is deeply ingrained in the landscape. Kabi Kabi families continue to maintain our cultural, spiritual and social connection to country through our practice of song, dance, art, story telling and ceremony.

Kabi Kabi honour the wisdom of our Ancestors through dynamic contemporary cultural expression that represents our unique connection to place. It is a privilege to take responsibility for the protection of Kabi Kabi cultural knowledge and significant places for future generations, as the guardians and interpreters.

Kabi Kabi peoples are passionate about raising community awareness and appreciation of our rich cultural heritage. We are excited by the potential to reflect more of our values in the future design of community spaces.

We want to work together to build more opportunities to celebrate our unique cultures with local communities, and also with visitors to our magnificent region. Kabi Kabi look forward to achieving the representation of our cultural perspectives in the building and landscape designs of the Caloundra Community + Creative Hub.

Kabi Kabi Traditional Owners – Custodians

\*Kabi Kabi is also known as 'Gubbi Gubbi'



### Purpose

The vibrant new Caloundra Community + Creative Hub (CCH) creates a public space precinct connecting The Event Centre, the new Library+, new Sunshine Coast Regional Gallery, Town Square, parks and streets through to Bulcock Beach.

This report outlines the community and stakeholder values and vision for the Caloundra Community + Creative Hub precinct and is the culmination of extensive research, design development and stakeholder and community engagement activities undertaken during May/June 2021.

#### **About the Precinct**

The project area includes the public space surrounding:

- · The Event Centre
- · New Library+
- Existing Caloundra Regional Gallery
- Existing Library site (the site of the future new Sunshine Coast Regional Gallery and development site)

Along with sections of streetscape within:

- Omrah Avenue
- Bulcock Street
- Otranto Avenue
- Esplanade Bulcock Beach
- Minchinton Street

feasibility.

· Nutley Street

It creates a new Town Square and upgrades to Felicity Park and Bill Venardos Park.

The public spaces will be supported by adjoining mixed use development which will embed the 'City of Beaches' character and sub-tropical landscaping into the public realm and its built form interface. Improved technology within the Precinct will transform the public space into a more interactive experience. Active street frontages including commercial, retail, community and creative uses will also activate the CCH. The precinct will be brought to life with community and an ongoing calendar of events.

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Caloundra Community + Creative Hub location plan

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Caloundra Community + Creative Hub Precinct • Concept Design Vision Report

### Vision

A place for people to enjoy and discover arts, creativity and community in an extended shady and green public precinct. A place which connects spaces and civic buildings with accessible events and engaging creativity, social and retail opportunities that tell the stories of Caloundra old and new.

The Hub in the Caloundra CBD will be a place that celebrates the things that have always made Caloundra special but most importantly, it will write a brand new chapter in the story of this unique part of the Sunshine Coast.

The Hub will be a place that is born from the history of Caloundra as a meeting place for First Nations people, a place of natural beauty, a place for holidaymakers, a place where views, headlands, beaches and water combine to create a relaxed coastal place with special beachside charm.

The Hub will be a place where everyone in our community regardless of age, ability or taste can come together to explore, discover, learn and connect. There will always be entertainment—something new to try, something familiar to do, something new to see and something to love. There is no pressure—it's relaxed and beautiful, and just like the rest of Caloundra, nature is celebrated. There are old trees, a green heart in its centre, spaces for water to flow, places to pause under the shade of nature or shelters— inspired in design by the local landscape.

There are opportunities to learn and see the past with stories of Caloundra blended into the experience through signs, text and technology. Families can pause while kids play and explore. Simple experiences exist here—natural playspaces, curious pathways in the garden, places to sit quietly in the shade. Colourful art surprises us, both big and small and gives us reason to pause and reflect. The Hub is soft not hard, green not grey. Things are flexible, casual and friendly—just like Caloundra itself. The Hub constantly demonstrates creative ways of thinking and doing things, it opens the door to new friendships and experiences. The Hub is a place that defines the future of the Sunshine Coast but is born from its past and from the local culture. It feels like it's been made for the community and for the things loved about the town. The Hub is the new community and cultural heart of this very special place called Caloundra.

### Woven Threads – Layers of Place Value

The Community + Creative Hub is informed by the unique history and character of Caloundra. The Concept Plan's inspiration and outcomes are intertwined with all that makes Caloundra special. The following five key threads will be woven through all aspects of the project:

- Partner with, be inspired by and create opportunities to showcase Caloundra's creative community.
- Seek inspiration from the region's natural systems and amplify their value and beauty through integration of sustainable landscape design, patterns and materials.
- Acknowledge the connection to Country for the Kabi Kabi people and showcase their culture, narratives, art, history and knowledge.
- Providing diverse experiences and inclusive places for locals and visitors, ensuring the precinct is accessible and connected—offering something for everyone.
- Retain the relaxed and family-friendly atmosphere associated with being a traditional resort town.

### **Guiding Principles**

The following guiding principles are based upon the strong values and themes expressed by the community in Council's 2020 'Have Your Say' community engagement.



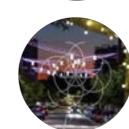
Keep it Green

Retain and extend the open space, tree canopy, shady garden and park feel to complement and contrast to the beach.



Keep it Unique

Tell the stories of Caloundra and keep the distinct low key, friendly and inclusive atmosphere.



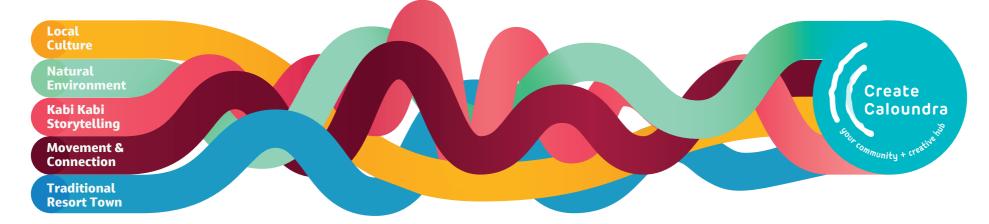
Change the way we move & improve how we navigate

Rethink how we get to, around and park near this place as it becomes ever more popular. Finding spaces, places and what's on in the precinct, and wider Caloundra, much easier.



### Love more events & creative interest

A walkable and accessible precinct showcasing and involving opportunities (day and night) for different arts, community-led, creative activities, food and fun.









### The Hub Concept Plan

- 1 The Event's Centre breakout space terrace and garden.
- 2 Bill Venardos Park shady family friendly reading garden under the existing fig trees. The design provides enhanced seating and retention of existing vegetation, and responds to the Library+.
- 3 Improved connectivity to The Events Centre through new Library+ outdoor covered area.
- 4 Library+ building refurbishment and expansion with ground floor kiosk.
- 5 Omrah Avenue pedestrian priority zone with low speed environment connecting the precinct.
- 6 Shade structures at key arrival points including digital 'What's on' and arts display information.
- 7 Future new Sunshine Coast Regional Gallery with activated edges to Felicity Park and Omrah Avenue.
- 8 Existing Caloundra Regional Gallery. Options for retention and adaptation to be determined as part of future detailed design.
- 9 Felicity Park with public sculptural art set amongst the shaded gardens and existing trees.
- 10 Lawn for small events, pop-up food and markets.
- Exploration gardens in deep shade and integrated play.
- Community Town Square with a new event lawn on the site of the demolished 77 Bulcock Street building with movable furniture and flexible stage locations
- 13 Laneways providing building servicing requirements.
- Otranto Avenue widened footpaths with outdoor dining amongst illuminated coastal shade trees, gardens and enhanced pedestrian crossings.
- Pumicestone Passage viewing terraces and picnic facilities at the water's edge.

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### Placemaking Principles Applied

### A Green Hub

The existing green oasis at the centre of the CCH precinct will be preserved and the tree canopy extended throughout the precinct—creating shaded streets with integrated blue-green infrastructure as well as new flexible lawn spaces.

#### **Tree Protection**

Focus on tree protection including future detailed arborist assessments, root investigation, gardens and lawns within tree protection zones, or permeable paving and decking for hardscapes under tree canopies.

### **Preservation of Town Square Oasis**

Keep the Town Square oasis feel as a contrast to the beach. Retain the majority of existing shade trees and enhance the lush, soft, green subtropical character that exists in Bill Venardos Park and Felicity Park.

### **Green Streets**

Additional street trees providing shaded pedestrian footpaths to improve local microclimatic conditions and reducing urban heat island effect.

### Flexible Lawn Spaces

Lawn areas of differing sizes, some shady and enclosed, others open and sunny. These flexible areas can support events of different types and scales as well as being places for everyday recreation activities which may include yoga, thi-chi, fitness classes or simply for a picnic and play on the lawn.

#### Blue-Green Infrastructure

Embed a sustainable approach that enhances well-being, environmental and social health including: increasing the cool micro-climate; minimising hot and hard surfaces; collecting, treating and re-using water; and is low in energy use.

### **Expansion of Open Space**

With approximately 4,000m2 of additional public open space, there will be more trees, planting and grassed areas for the enjoyment of the community.







### Distinctly Caloundra

A relaxed and inclusive atmosphere welcome's visitors to the HUB where local stories are expressed and a contemporary Caloundra culture is experienced.

Five key layers of place themes are particularly relevant to achieving a distinctly Caloundra experience. The themes are expressed throughout the precinct and focus on the expression of:

### **Local Culture**

Discover art interwoven in the landscape that is authentic, playful, quirky, diverse and interactive.

### Natural Environment & Vistas

A celebration of the natural environment, rugged topography and views.

### Kabi Kabi Storytelling

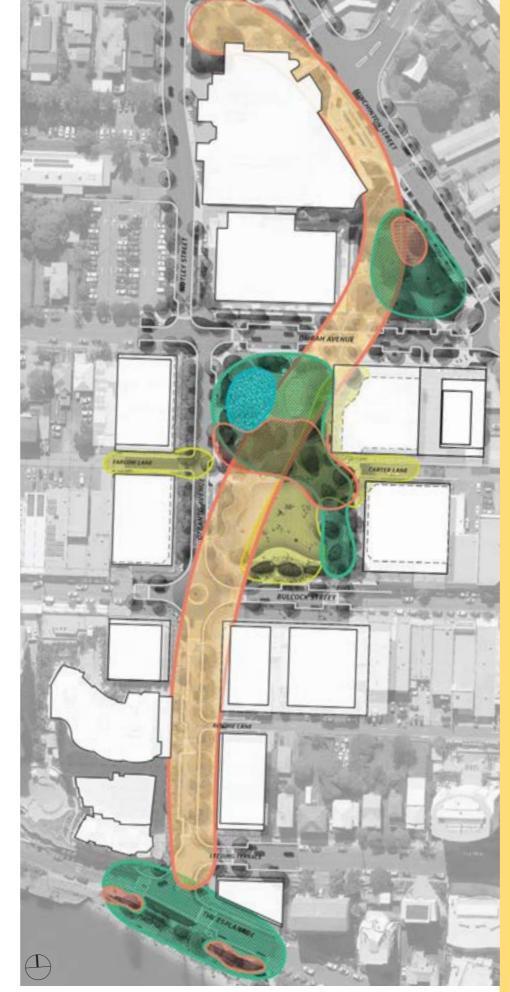
Incorporates contemporary Kabi Kabi culture to showcase the best of the community.

### **Movement and Connection**

A connected and accessible precinct—supporting visual and physical movement throughout and connections beyond.

### **Traditional Resort Town**

Relaxed, welcoming and family friendly feel with a seaside resort town heritage. This is a place for everyone to enjoy.



### Local Culture

Creativity (arts), history of celebrations (events and gatherings), recognising diverse demographics and shared recreation opportunities.

- Interpretive signage
- Play Opportunities
- Bespoke shelter seating









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Movement and Connection



Local Culture

### Natural Environment & Vistas

Glasshouse Mountains from headlands to ocean, down Pumicestone Passage, unique topography and a love of landscape which persists from Kabi Kabi times.

- Nature-inspired canopy shelters
- Integrated precinct seating
- Concrete pavement shotblasts conveying unique Caloundra iconography
- Interactive tidal water space
- Expansion of open space and preservation of existing vegetation

### Kabi Kabi Storytelling

Opportunities to express Kabi Kabi stories and culture are proposed to be expressed within the public realm.

- Public art by local artists
- Yarning space
- Interpretive signage conveying local stories
- Audio or VR experiences

### **Movement and Connection**

Relating to the sands and tides of local beaches, as well as the From the early history of beach shacks to beach houses and people who live or have lived here.

- Interpretive signage
- Creative lighting
- Interactive water misting/play space
- · Locally sourced materials such as planting and hardscape materials

### Traditional Resort Town

modernist architecture. Aligning with cultural experiences within the seaside location and warm breezy climate.

- Shopping, arts, entertainment
- Play opportunities
- Colour scheme
- Audio or VR Experiences
- · Materiality reflecting early Caloundra architectural vernacular



























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### A People Place

The Community + Creative Hub is a people place. Place and space is available for everybody and community facilities are connected by a pedestrian prioritised, green, public realm.

#### **Pedestrian Priority**

Pedestrians come first and walking is prioritised with wide shady footpaths and safe pedestrian crossings, wide shady footpaths and safe, easy pedestrian crossings.

Easy and accessible movement for all including reduced traffic speeds and promoting cycling and e-mobility devices by including additional cycle/e-mobility parking racks and charging points throughouth the precinct.

Direct, shady connections through open space from the beach up to The Event Centre and enhanced views through the area and down to Pumicestone Passage.

Gateway arrival markers, interactive information boards and banners to easily find out what's on in Caloundra.

#### **Space for Everybody**

A generous Town Square, expanded Felicity Park and a network of new spaces of varying size to play, relax, learn and discover.

**Connected Community Spaces** 

Easily link to future mass transit and a revised car parking strategy for the area.

Stimulates investment in town and regeneration where people will be able to live, shop, work and holiday within the heart of Caloundra.

Landmark cultural buildings with shady connections draw people through the precinct.

#### **Public Toilet Amenities**

It is recommended that consideration be given to allow public use of the toilet facilities of the Library+ and the future Sunshine Coast Regional Gallery, in addition to the existing 24hr toilet facility nearby at 28A Minchinton Street. Furthermore, public toilet facilities are expected to be provided within the future transit node.

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Pedestrian Priority TAT Spaces for Everybody BULCOCK STREET 

> Connected Community Spaces



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Primary Pedestrian Circulation Connections to Community Spaces

Connection to Eat Street





### A Creative Community Destination

The HUB is an epicentre for local and regional creativity, showcasing (day and night) different arts, community-led creative activities, music, performance, food and fun.

A mixing of art, knowledge, events and culture found in the heart of Caloundra—a place to experience, learn or create.

A must visit community destination for music, performance, food and fun, where there is always something to see and do—day and night.

A diverse and busy calendar of local events—big and small—that appeal to children, youth, families and the elderly.



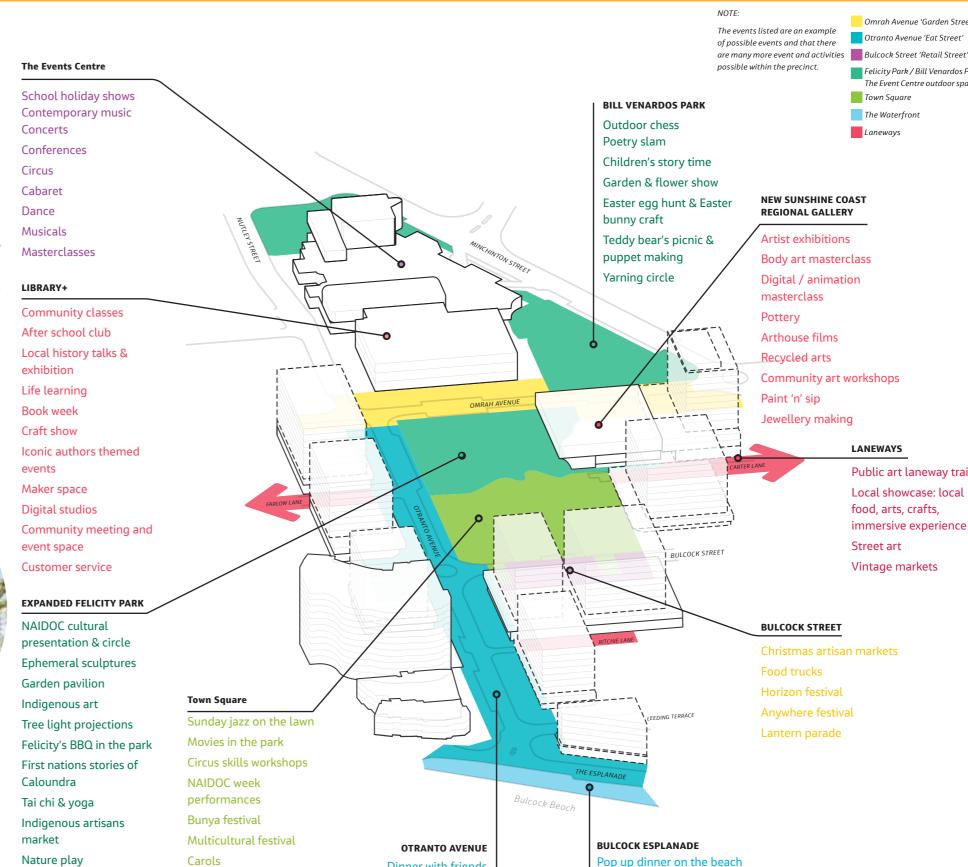




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Dinner with friends

Christmas in July

Billy cart races

Food & Wine Festival

Work parties

Date night

Busking

Carols

Dance festival

Sunny coast sustainability

Kabi Kabi focused events

Kabi Kabi focused events

- Gubbi Gubbi Dancers at Dawn Awakenina, Horizon Festival 2018.Image: Ben Vos
- Artist's impression of proposed Gallery (ARM Architecture).
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Pop up dinner on the beach

Walk & talk photography lessons

Sunset party

Walking tours

Oyster long lunch

Omrah Avenue 'Garden Street'

Felicity Park / Bill Venardos Park / The Event Centre outdoor space

Otranto Avenue 'Eat Street'

Town Square

Laneways

LANEWAYS

Street art

Public art laneway trails

Local showcase: local

immersive experience

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food, arts, crafts,

Vintage markets

The Waterfront



### Detailed Plans

### The Event Centre

External upgrades to The Events Centre may include a terraced landscape and new courtyard providing a new additional space and expression of The Events Centre activities beyond the building.

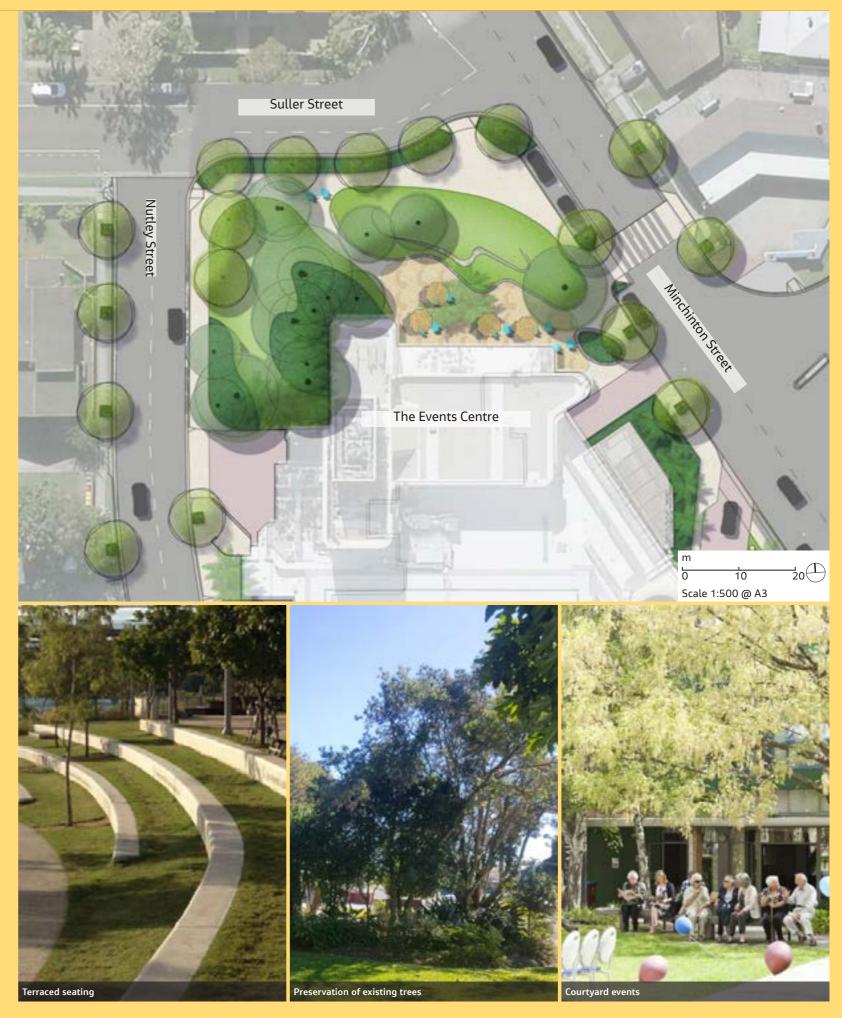
### **Terraced Landscape**

Landscape terraces support the preservation of existing trees whilst providing informal outdoor seating adjacent the new courtyard.

### Courtyard

The Events Centre courtyard supports The Events Centre activities beyond the footprint of the building and creats a new space for small events, staff and visitors which is nestled within the existing mature trees.





### Bill Venardos Park

The revitalisation of Bill Venardos Park preserves the existing mature vegetation whilst improving accessibility, drainage as well as supporting new opportunities to play, learn and engage within the lush, shaded, subtropical park setting.

### Outdoor sitting, gathering and learning spaces

An expanded external forecourt to the library blurs the edge between indoor and outdoor and encourages the expansion of Library related activities into the shaded park setting. Paved ground surfaces and seating walls are woven around the mature Fig trees creating ourdoor nooks for individuals or small groups. Feature lighting supports early evening Library events after dusk.

### **Play and Discover**

Timber decks and steppers playfully meander through areas of planting and encourage users to engage with the natural environment.

### Flexible Lawn and Yarning Space

The lawn, provides for small events, picnic and play and integrates a chess board (previously located in Felicity Park) as well as a dedicated seating circle for the expression of Kabi Kabi connections as well as yarning and gathering.

Existing trees to be retained and protected
Proposed trees
Upgraded road / kerb alignment
Planting
Lawn
Pavement type
Pavement type
Pavement type
Pavement type
Timber walk structure
Sandstone stepper
Creative Precinct Shelter
Seating walls
Yarning circle



### Town Square & Felicity Park

Town Square and Felicity Park will be a lush oasis where organic shapes and meandering paths establish a relaxed and casual setting to dwell, play and unwind whilst unearthing new local stories, music, performance, culture and for discovering art.

#### **Pavilion & Deck**

Nestled within the existing trees, the pavilion and deck provides a relaxed, shaded space with movable furniture underneath a simple pavilion structure with integrated vines and plants.

#### Garden Lawn

The garden lawn space supports smaller, more intimate everyday gatherings such as community yoga, whilst also forming a support space for pop-up food/amenities.

### Water Misting/Play (subject to detailed design)

The ephemiral water misting/play space is adaptive and responsive to the time of day and level of user activity. Misters encourage daytime play and interaction, and enhance comfort for users, whilst in the evening the misting may integrate night lighting to creating a calm ambience. The future detailed design of water misting/ play is subject to Council consideration of maintenance and operational requirements.

### **Nature Play**

Natural play and discovery nestled undernath the existing trees is enhanced with a small cubby structure, balancing logs, netting, steppers and feature stone boulders.

#### **Events Lawn**

The main lawn supports a wide variety of events and activities with space at the northern and southern edges for a temporary event stage.

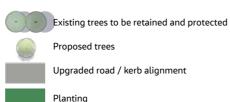
### Sculpture Garden

Nestled within the gardens are concrete plints with integrated lighting and power, supporting the placement of temporary sculptural art.

### Meandering Paths & Garden Seating

Seating is provided nestled underneath trees and within nooks of lush planting.

### Legend

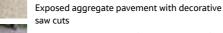












Concrete unit pavement (to match existing)



Stone pavement at nodes and resting points. To match existing



Exposed aggregate (to match existing)



Seating walls



Alfresco dining



Movable seats on Town Square lawn area



Hanging nest seats Creative precinct shelter

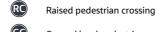


Bike rack

Event services enclosure



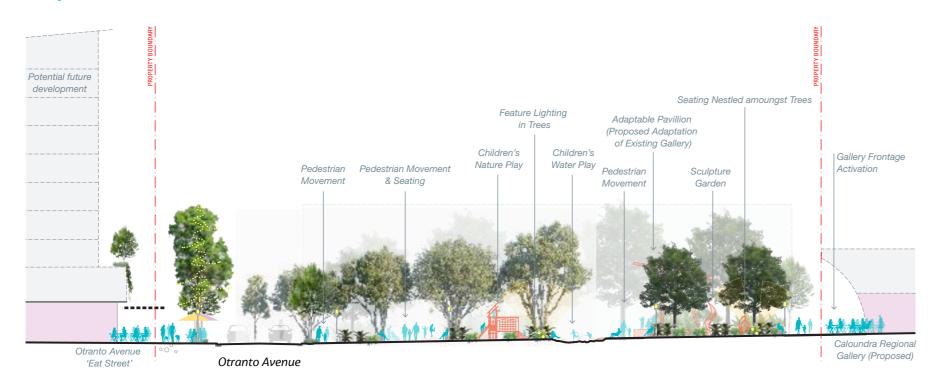
Drinking fountain



Ground level pedestrian crossing

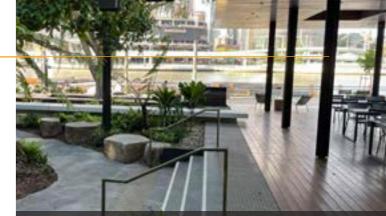


### **Section A Felicity Park**

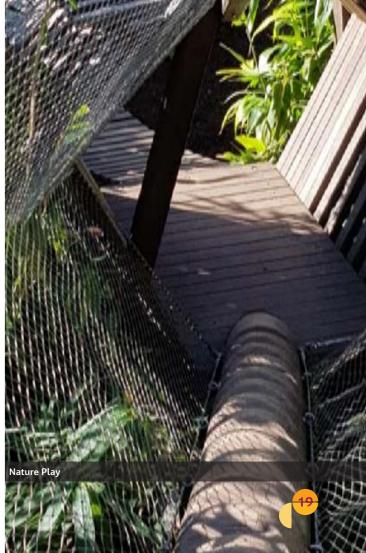


### **Section B Town Square**









Otranto Avenue

### Section C Otranto Avenue (north of Bulcock Street)

# Otranto Avenue 'Eat Street'

Otranto Avenue is envisaged as a shaded, green, street defined by activity and all day alfresco street dining. Streetscape upgrades will enhance the north-south pedestrian movement between the retail and creative HUB and the waterfront.

### Streetscape Upgrades

Streetscape improvements proposed include new trees and understorey planting, pavement and furniture upgrades.

#### **Kerb Buildouts**

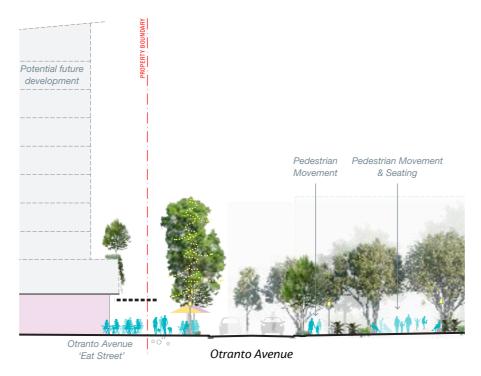
Kerb buildouts provide additional public realm for trees and vegetation, alfresco street dining and pedestrian circulation.

### **Road Crossings**

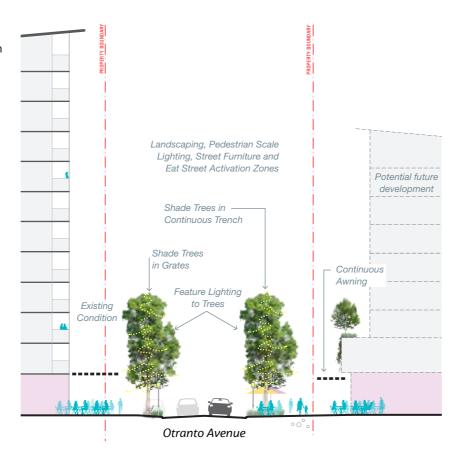
Additional road crossings are proposed, enhancing pedestrian movement and encouraging lower traffic speeds.

### Tree Avenue & Additional Street Trees

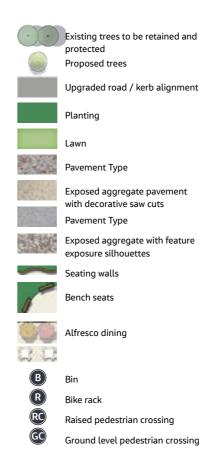
Large signature tree species reinforce the north-south link between the waterfront and Town Square, providing a comfortable, shaded environment during the day and integrating evening feature lights for alfresco ambiance in the evening.



### Section D Otranto Avenue (south of Bulcock Street)



### Legend





### The Waterfront

The revitalised waterfront establishes an arrival marker and creative expression of the CCH precinct within the Esplanade Bulcock Beach, strengthening connectivity between precincts and providing additional passive recreational opportunities on the waterfront.

#### **Beach Terraces**

The beach terraces provide informal seating and recreation opportunities, maximising views across the Pumicestone Passage, whilst also providing resilience to coastal changes. Formal beach access, including PWD access, to the patrolled Bulcock Beach, is provided via the existing beach access adjacent the Caloundra City Life Saving Club.

### **Planted Buffer**

The existing grade separation between the picnic settings and The Esplanade is retained—minimising the impact to existing trees and picnic setting, whilst preserving the existing user comfort afforded by the grade separation.

### **Section E The Waterfront**

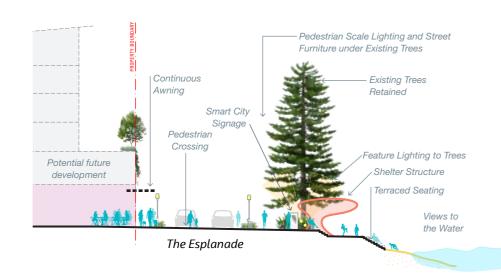


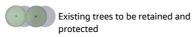
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### Legend



Proposed trees

Upgraded road / kerb alignment

Planting

Exposed aggregate with feature exposure silhouettes

Exposed aggregate. To match

Pavement type

Existing Bulcock Esplanade shelters with picnic settings

Seating walls

Creative precinct shelter

Raised pedestrian crossing

Ground level pedestrian crossing



