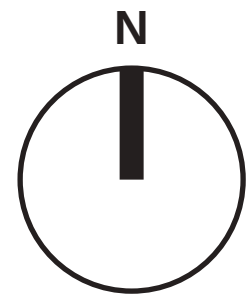
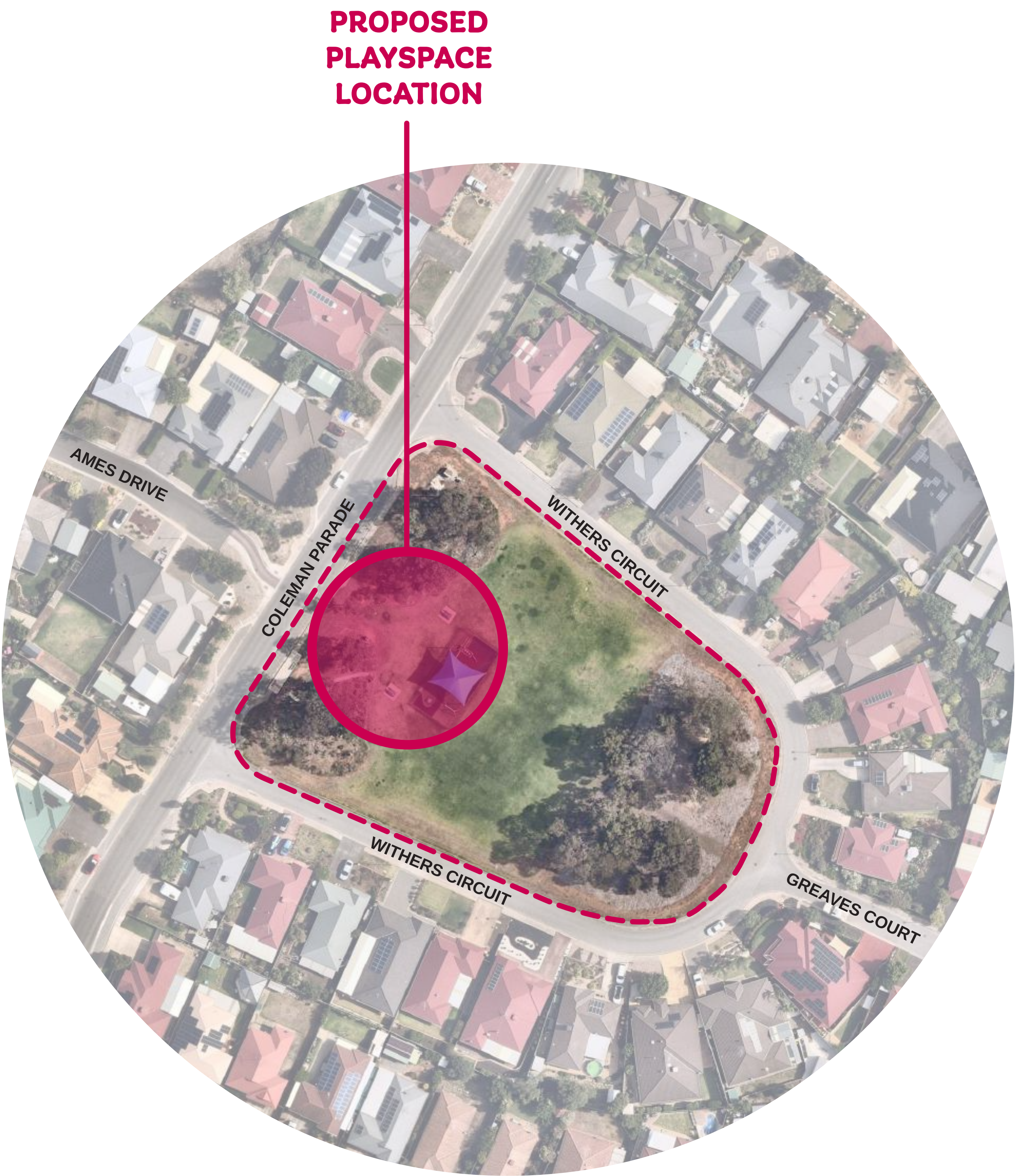
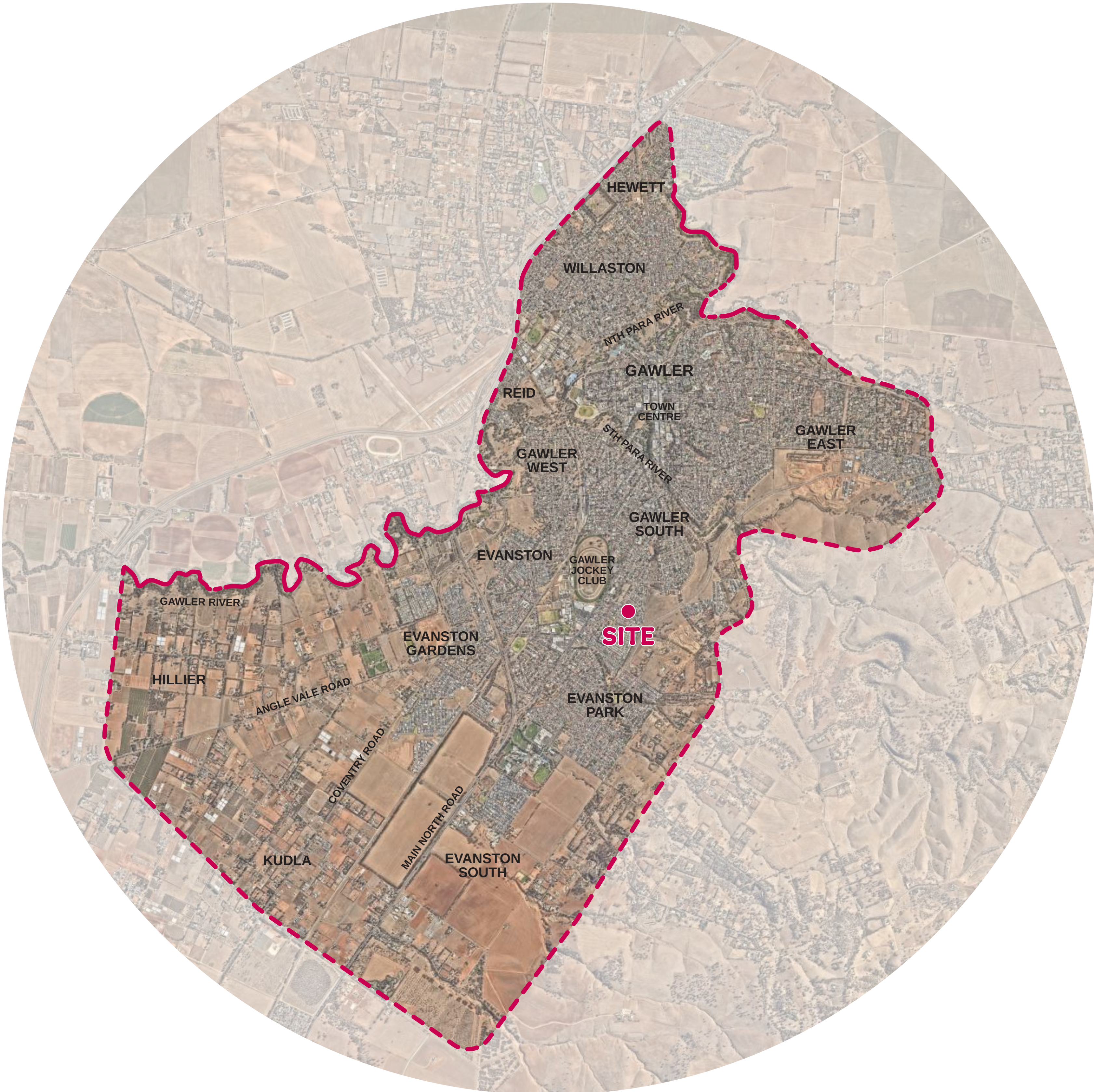


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HISTORIC BACKGROUND

Farming Land

Evanston Gardens was originally known as the Gawler Blocks, an area first farmed by John Riggs, who owned a significant amount of land in the area, totaling 630 acres. In 1890, a meeting of the Home Stead League was held in Gawler, resulting in the formation of the Home Stead Program. This movement aimed to provide working men with small blocks of land, enabling them to run farm animals, sell eggs and butter, and raise meat to help support their families.

In June 1891, the League announced that the Government had purchased the acreage from John Riggs for this purpose. The land was to be divided into blocks no larger than 20 acres, making them accessible to working class families. Records show that land in the area around Withers Circuit was purchased by Frederick Lines, a butcher from Murray Street. His acquisition was made under the Home Stead Program, reflecting the movements success in helping local tradespeople become landowners.

Withers Circuit Name

The Withers family made a lasting impact on the Town of Gawler, beginning with Thomas Edward Withers, who arrived in 1866. Mr. Withers established a shoeing smith business on Murray Street that became a cornerstone of local trade. His son Arthur Ernest Withers, born in 1872, continued the forge until 1926, before relocating it to Jacob Street and later transforming the original site into modern retail shops with his wife, Alice. In 1902, Alice launched a successful confectionery business turned cafe, known for ice cream and cool drinks.

Arthur was deeply involved in Gawler’s cultural life as a member of the Male Voice Choir for over 30 years, a contributor to the St George’s Literary Society, and a prize winning horseman. The business was sold in 1931, closing a significant chapter in Gawler’s trade history. By retaining the name Withers Circuit Playspace, the family’s legacy lives on, further honoured through the naming of Withers Circuit itself.



Farming in the 1870s, Evanston - Gawler History Team



Mr. John Riggs Farm, Gawler Plains - Gawler History Team



Mr. A Withers - Gawler History Team

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CLASSIFICATION ‘C’ PLAYSPACE

These playspaces generally cater for local residents, for stays of up to 1 hour, and may be located in Local, Neighbourhood and/or District classification open space reserves.

Examples of ‘C’ classification playspaces include: Calton Road (Gawler East) and Britton Street (Gawler West). Classification ‘C’ Playspaces generally:

Will include:

- A total of 6-8 play elements including:
 - 2 multiplay units
 - 1-2 larger play elements
 - 3-4 smaller play elements
 - Swings (double bay with toddler seat)
- A focus on opportunities for younger children, particularly 0-4 year olds, but will provide opportunities for older children.
- A combination of rubber and barkchip softfall.
- Accessible surfacing to larger play items.
- Accessible pathway between playspace and public footpaths, car parks and picnic facilities.
- ‘Place-making’ features that reference the site’s cultural history and complement the surrounding environment.
- Open runabout lawn area.
- Opportunities for children with disabilities and special needs.
- Natural shade through tree planting.
- Amenities including seating and bins.
- Roadside carparking.

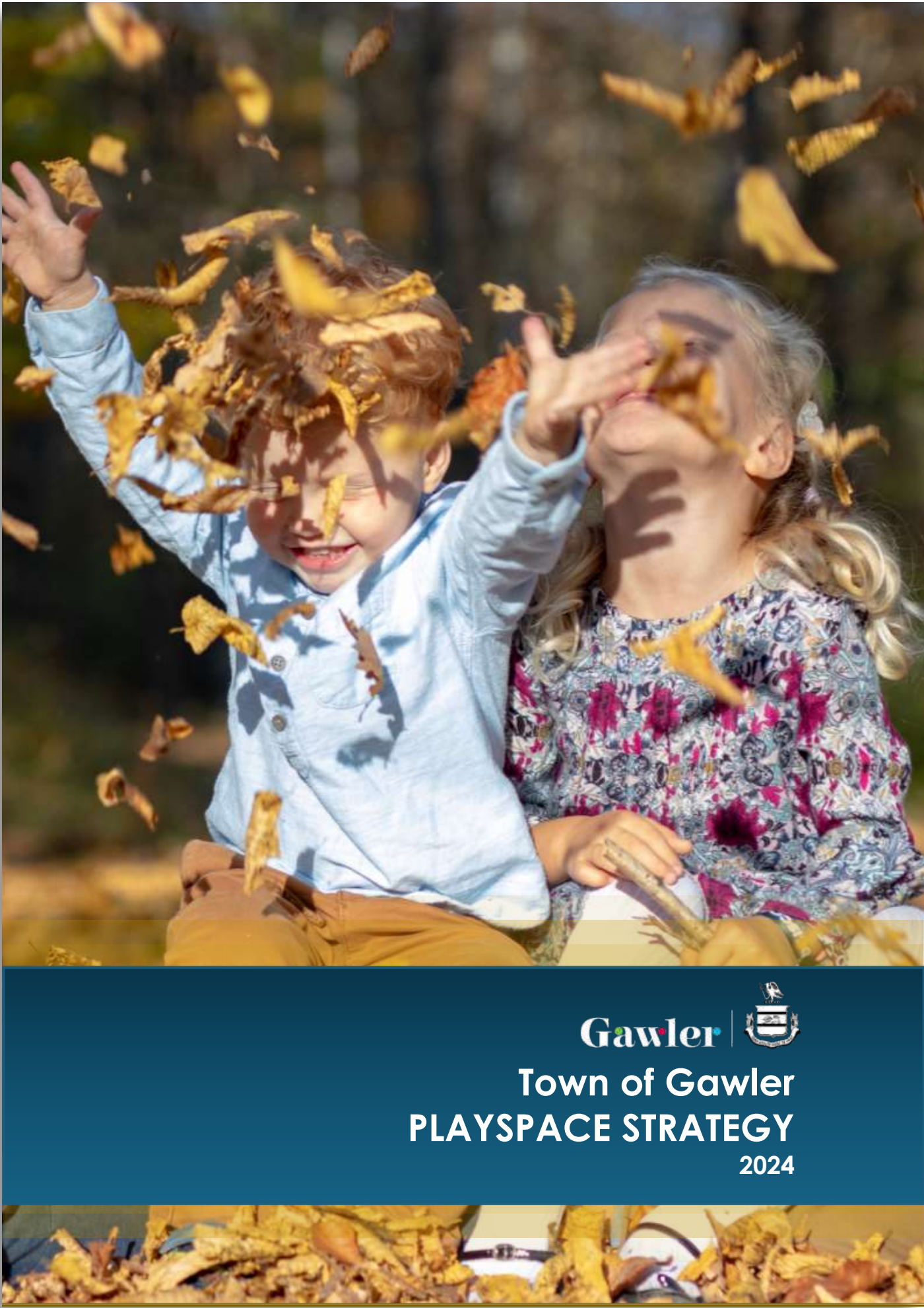
May include:

- Picnic amenities including tables and BBQs.
- Drink fountain
- Bike racks.
- Built shade including shelters and sails. To be considered on a siteby-site basis.
- Fencing and air lock gates. To be considered on a siteby-site basis and determined by risk management considerations.
- Constructed landscape elements e.g. hills, rocks and mound slides.
- ‘Bushland’ play e.g. trails, teepees, natural elements, bird boxes, etc.

Will NOT include:

- Toilets
- Designated off-road carparking.
- Full rubber softfall.
- ‘Trike’ path
- Waterplay
- Skatepark
- Social recreation including half court, table tennis and fitness equipment.

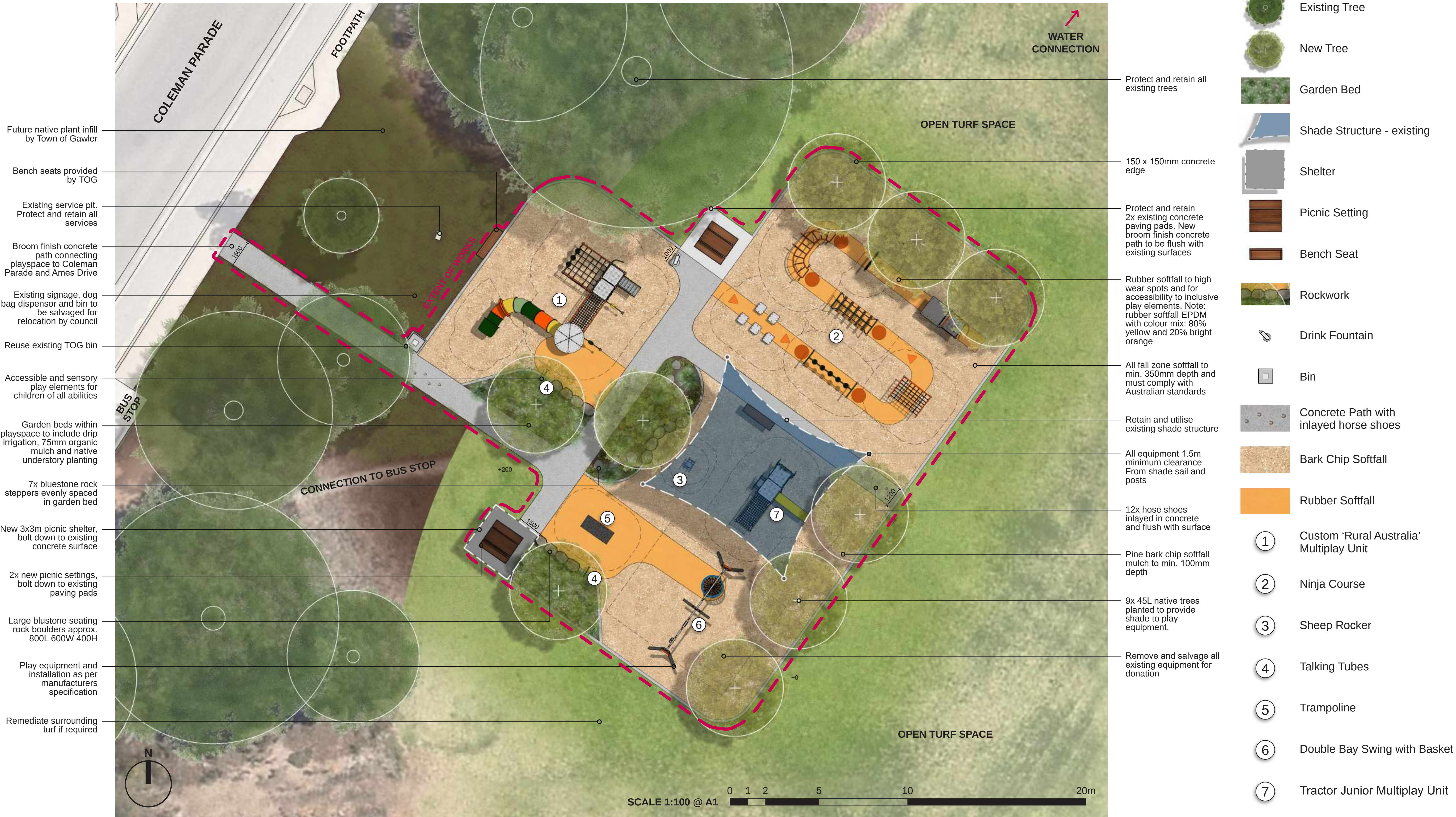
For further information on future renewals, playspace classifications and budgets, please see Town of Gawler’s 2024 Playspace Strategy.



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CONCEPT PLAN



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PLAY EQUIPMENT SELECTION

- Large Multiplay Item
- Large Play Item
- Small Play Item
- Accessible



1 Custom 'Rural Australia' Multiplay Unit with Accessible Play Panels



2 Ninja Course



3 Sheep Rocker

4 Talking Tubes

5 Trampoline



6 Double Bay Swing with Basket



7 Tractor Junior Multiplay Unit

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PRECEDENTS



Picnic Shelter



Park Amenities: Drink Fountain and Bin



Seating: Picnic Settings and Benches



Concrete Path with Inlaid Horse Shoes



Sensory Planting and Shade Trees



'Rural Farm' Themed Playspace



Challenging Multiplay Structure for Older Kids



Tractor Multiplay for Young Kids / Toddlers

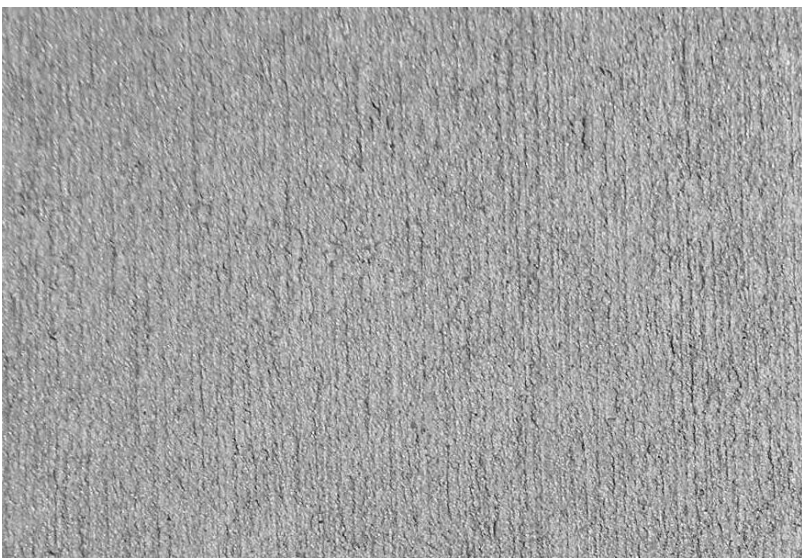


Ninja Course for Agility and Fitness



Inclusive Equipment for All Users

MATERIALS



Broom Finished Concrete



Bluestone Rock Boulder Seating



Bluestone Rock Steppers



Bark Chip Softfall



Rubber Softfall



Concrete Edge



Mulched Garden Bed

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PLANT PALETTE



Corymbia maculata
Spotted Gum



Eucalyptus leucoxylon 'Euky Dwarf'
Dwarf SA Blue Gum



Hardenbergia violacea 'Mini-Haha'
Native Sarsaparilla



Myoporum parvifolium
Creeping Boobialla



Chrysocephalum apiculatum
Common Everlasting



Dianella revoluta 'Little Rev'
Black-anther Flax-lily



Pennisetum alopecuroides 'Nafray'
Foxtail Grass