

Willaston Cemetery

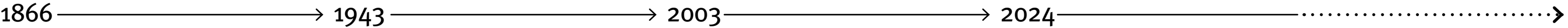
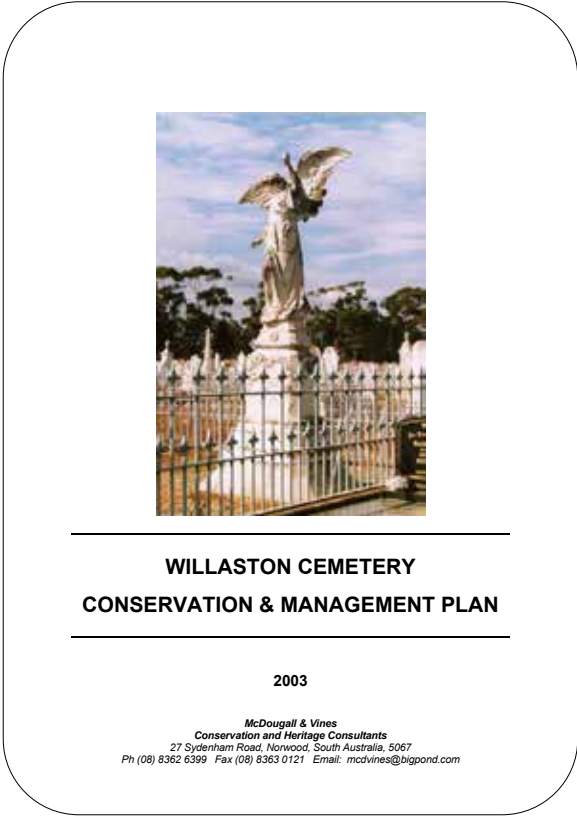
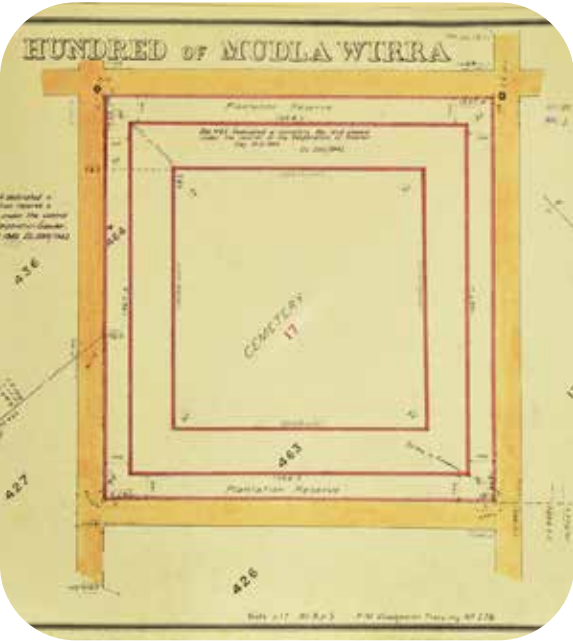
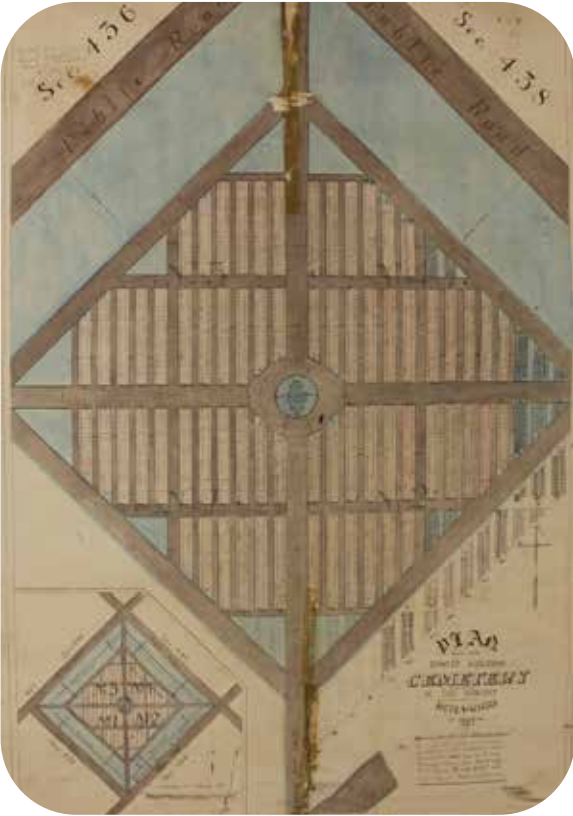
Master Plan 2026

Phillips/Pilkington Architects +
Stevens Architects
for Town of Gawler Council



***Phillips/Pilkington Architects and
our consultant team acknowledge that we work on
the traditional lands of the Kurna People.
Willaston Cemetery is also located on the traditional
lands of the Kurna People. We pay our respects
to Elders past and present and recognise their
continuing spiritual connection to
these lands and waters.***

Why are we here?



What will the Master Plan address (and not address)?

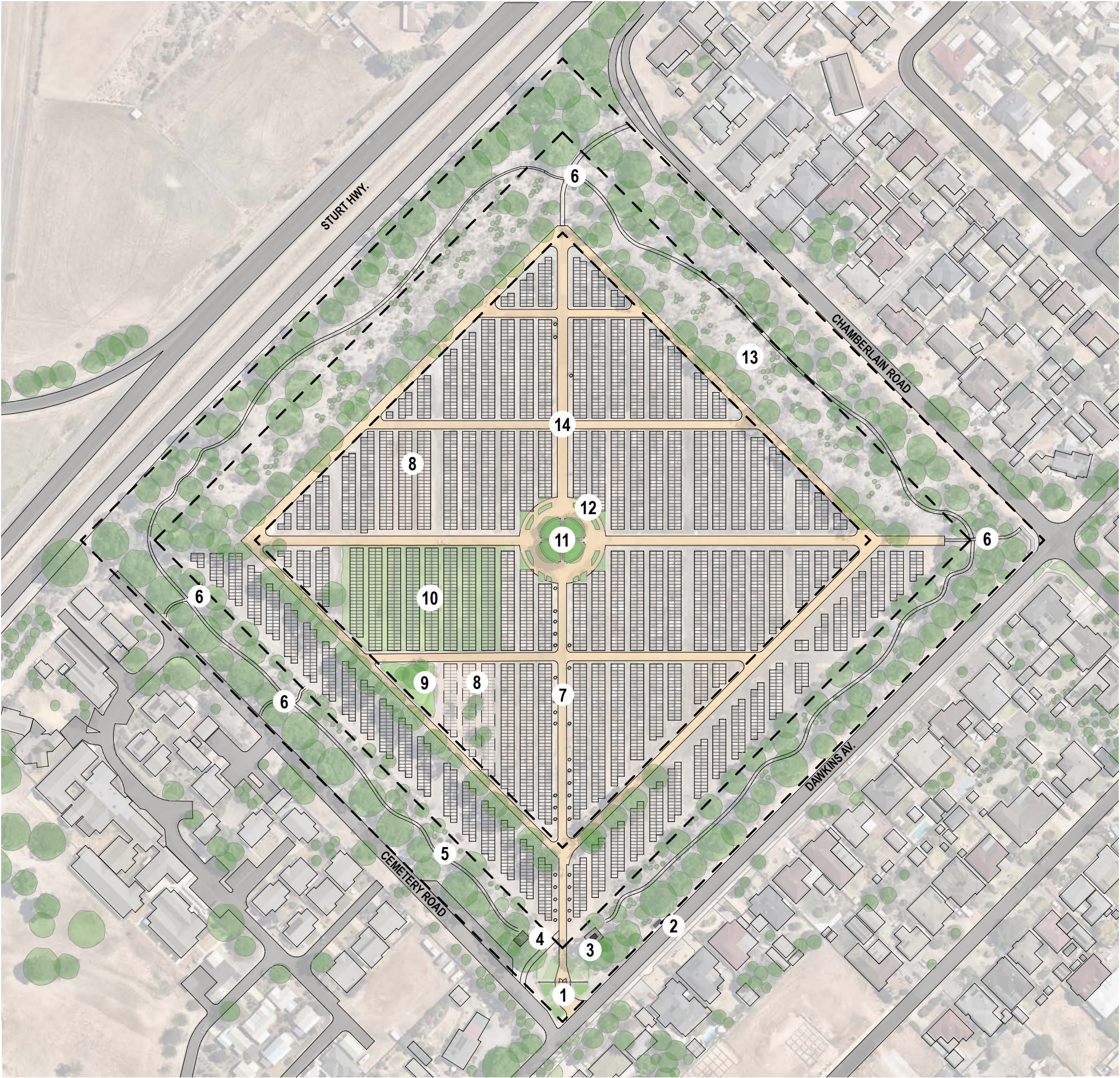
- › Burial capacity
- › Types of burials
- › Scope for new burials and reuse
- › Trees – sugar gums and ornamental trees within the cemetery, noting the proposed progressive removal of sugar gums and the need for agreed alternative species to be finalised
- › Landscape within the cemetery and irrigation
- › Traffic and pedestrian access/management for casual visitors as well as where burial and services require meeting larger usage expectations
- › Native vegetation, especially along the perimeter
- › Storm water management
- › The Entrance area – including paving, gates, fencing and access
- › Expansion of the precious souls area
- › Site infrastructure (e.g. spoil pits, signage, bins, taps, toilets, shelter, seating and fencing etc.)
- › Managing historic/significant grave sites/monumentation
- › First nations engagement (if deemed appropriate)
- › Services, lighting, electrical, security
- › Interpretation
- › Signage and row markers
- › Maintenance – vehicles, equipment and access
- › Role of the Friends of Willaston Cemetery Group

How has the Draft Master Plan been developed?



Site Analysis

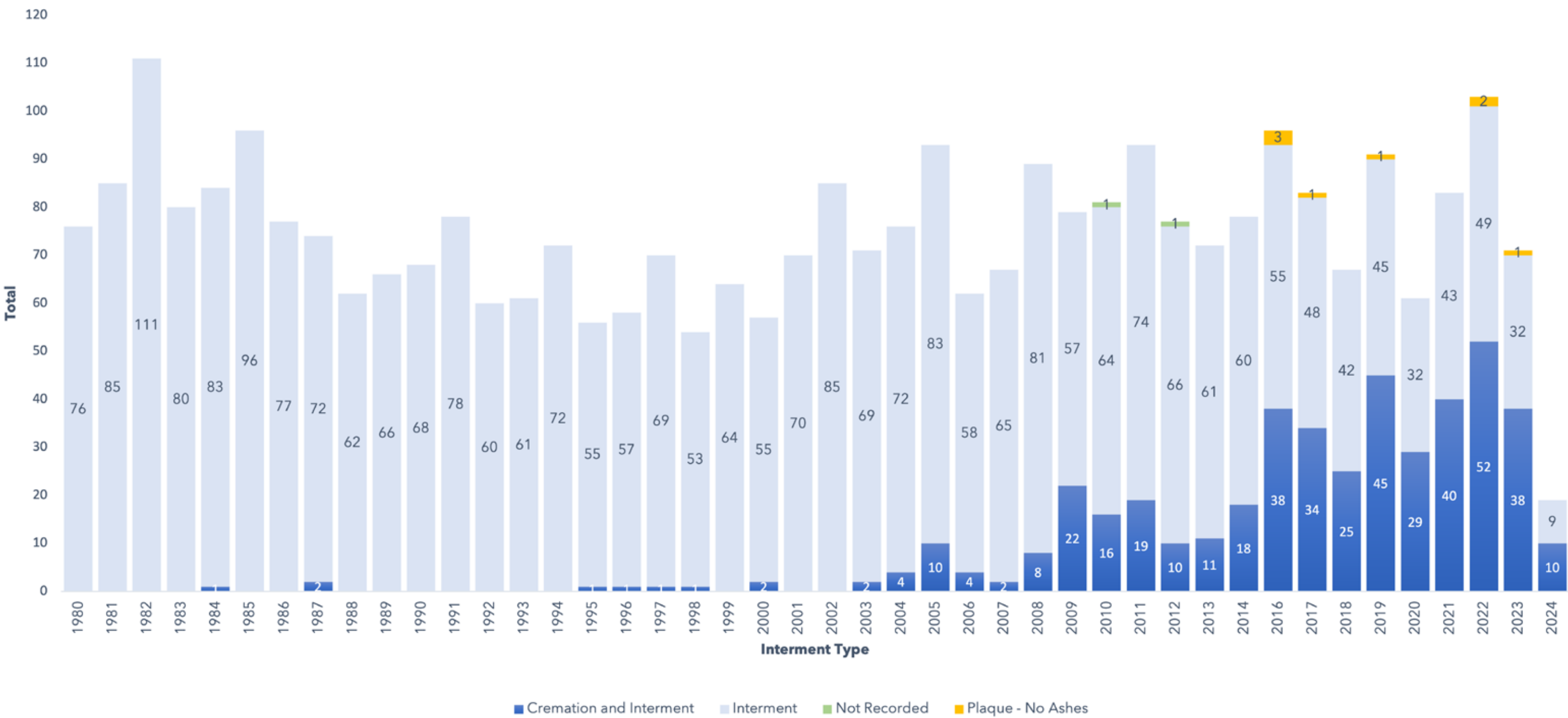
- Legend**
- 1. Historic Gates and Main Entrance to Cemetery
 - 2. Bus Stop
 - 3. Toilets
 - 4. Spoil Bin
 - 5. Path Through Vegetation Reserve
 - 6. Pedestrian Access Paths
 - 7. Paved Cemetery Roadways
 - 8. Cleared Burial Area (Believed to be Formerly Pauper Burials)
 - 9. Precious Souls and Babies Memorial Gardens
 - 10. Lawn Burial Area
 - 11. Lawn Burial Area



Site Analysis



Burial Trends



Last 214 Burials:
Lawn Section - including new and reopened sites - **131 burials**
General Section - including new and reopened sites - **67 burials**

Of these burials, proportion as new sites only:
Lawn Section - new sites only - **86 burials**
General Section - new sites only - **15 burials**

(Data sourced from Town of Gawler records)

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- 2. Respect the sanctity of the cemetery and it's role within the community.***
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Detailed Brief

- › **Burial capacity & types of burials**
(Relevant CMP Policies: 1, 3, 7, 29)
- › **Sugar Gums and New Trees**
(Relevant CMP Policies: 23, 24, 26, 27)
- › **Cemetery Landscape**
(Relevant CMP Policies: 1, 23, 24, 25, 27)
- › **Pedestrian and vehicle movement**
(Relevant CMP Policies: 1, 8, 11, 12, 13)
- › **Storm water management**
(Relevant CMP Policies: 1, 12, 13, 28)
- › **Entrance upgrades**
(Relevant CMP Policies: 1, 8, 25)
- › **Native/remnant vegetation**
(Relevant CMP Policies: 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36)
- › **Site infrastructure and amenity**
(Relevant CMP Policies: 1, 8, 12, 13)
- › **Signage and interpretation**
(Relevant CMP Policies: 18, 21, 35, 37)
- › **Noise management**
(Relevant CMP Policies: 20)

Site Strategy - Focal Points

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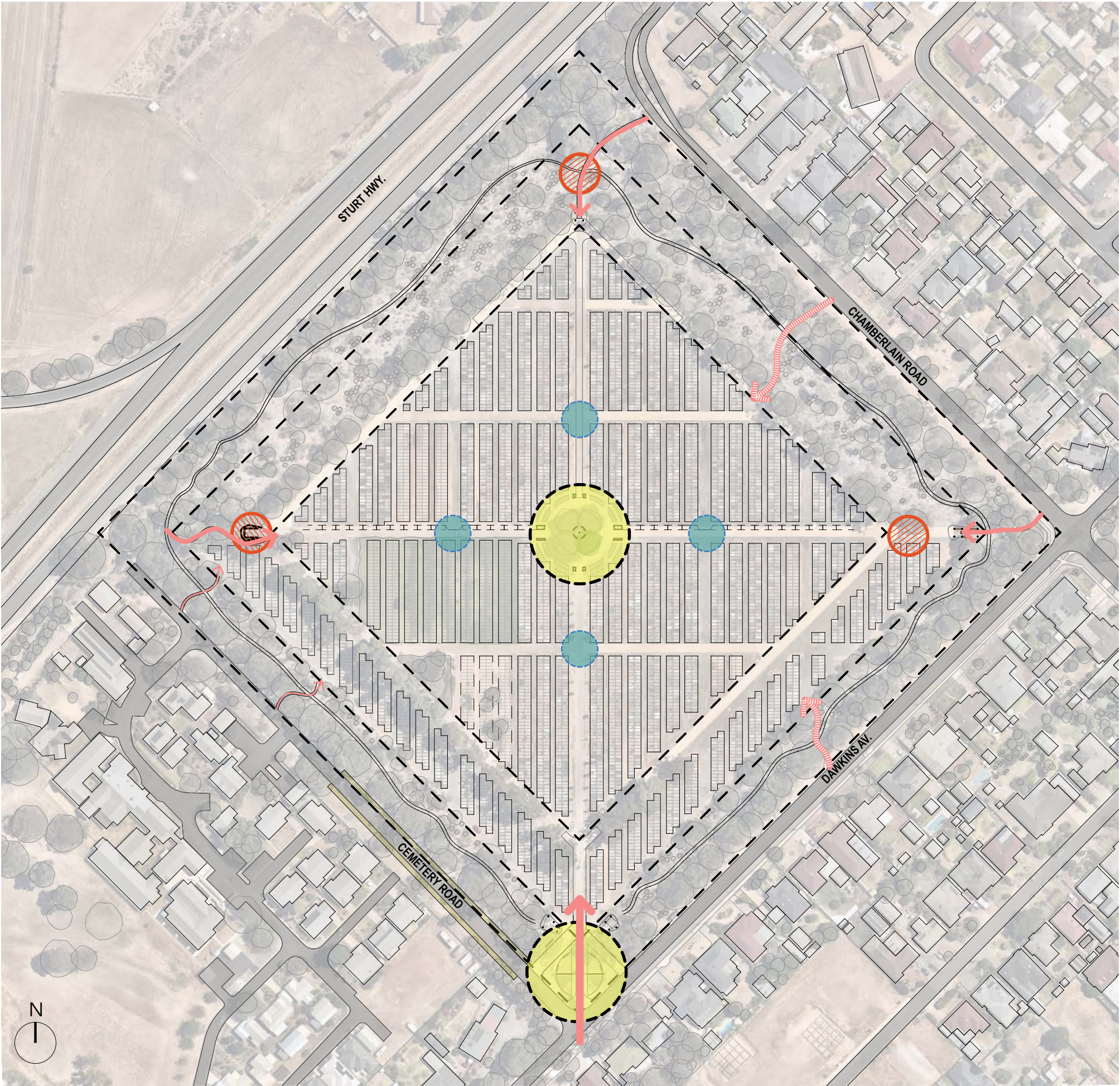
 Existing Upgraded Focus Points

 Key Thresholds

 Secondary Nodes

 Pedestrian Access Points

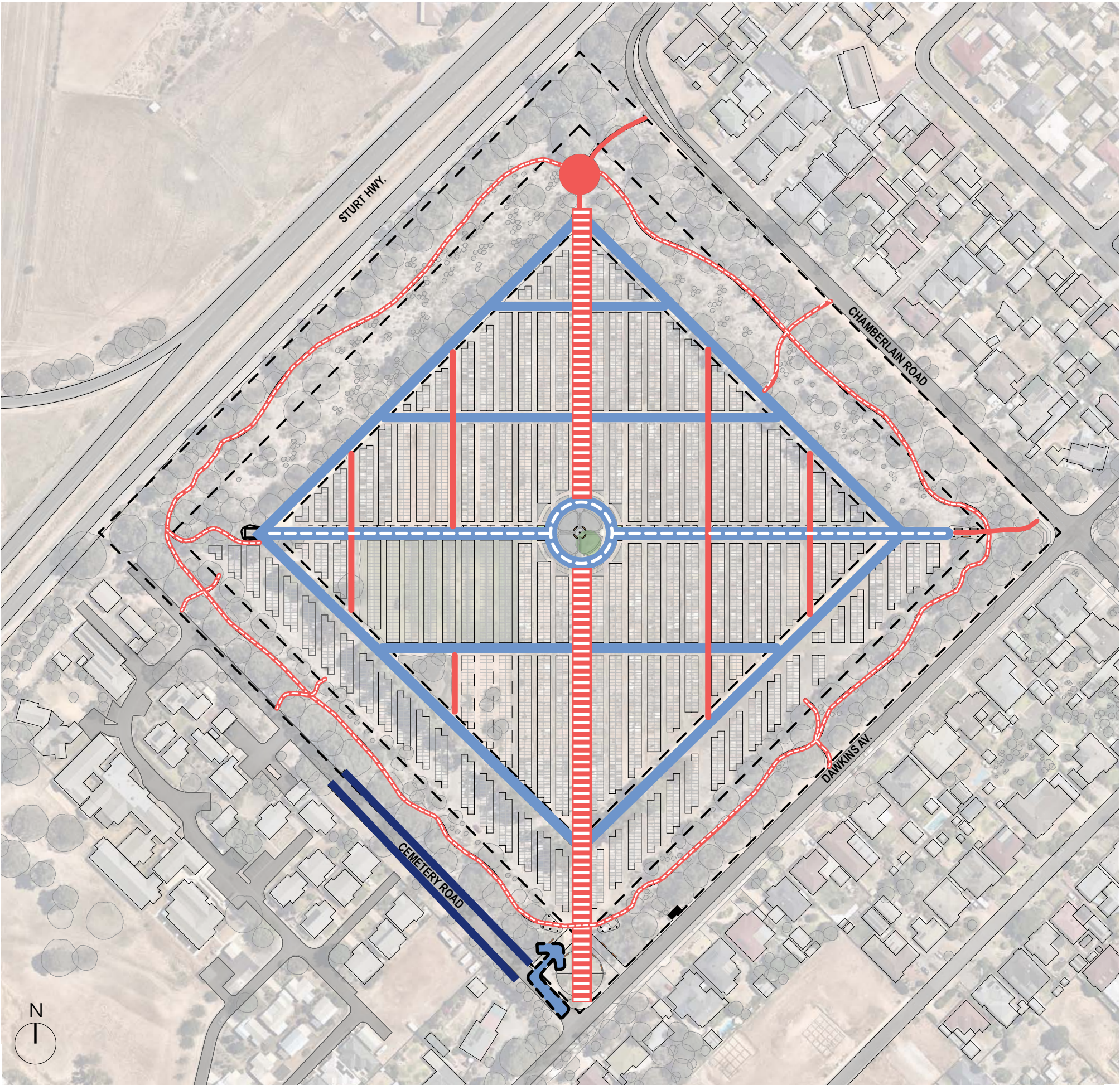
 New Pedestrian Access Points



Site Strategy - People & Vehicles

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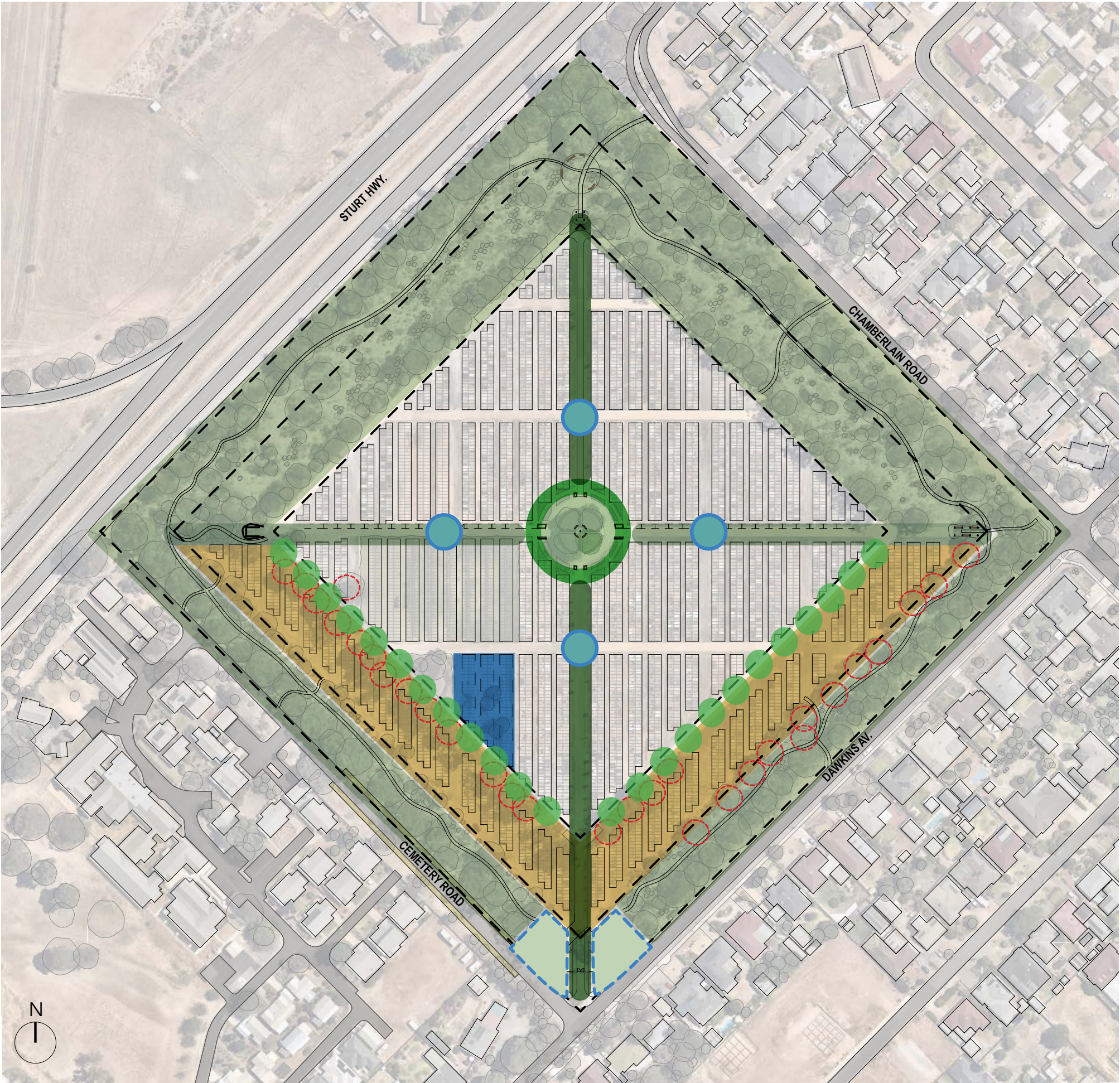
-  Formalised Pedestrian Path
-  Secondary Pedestrian Access Path
-  Pedestrian & Ceremonial Vehicle Access
-  Shared Vehicle + Pedestrian
One-way (clockwise)
-  Secondary Shared Vehicle + Pedestrian and Parking
-  New Parallel Parking
-  New Vehicle Entry



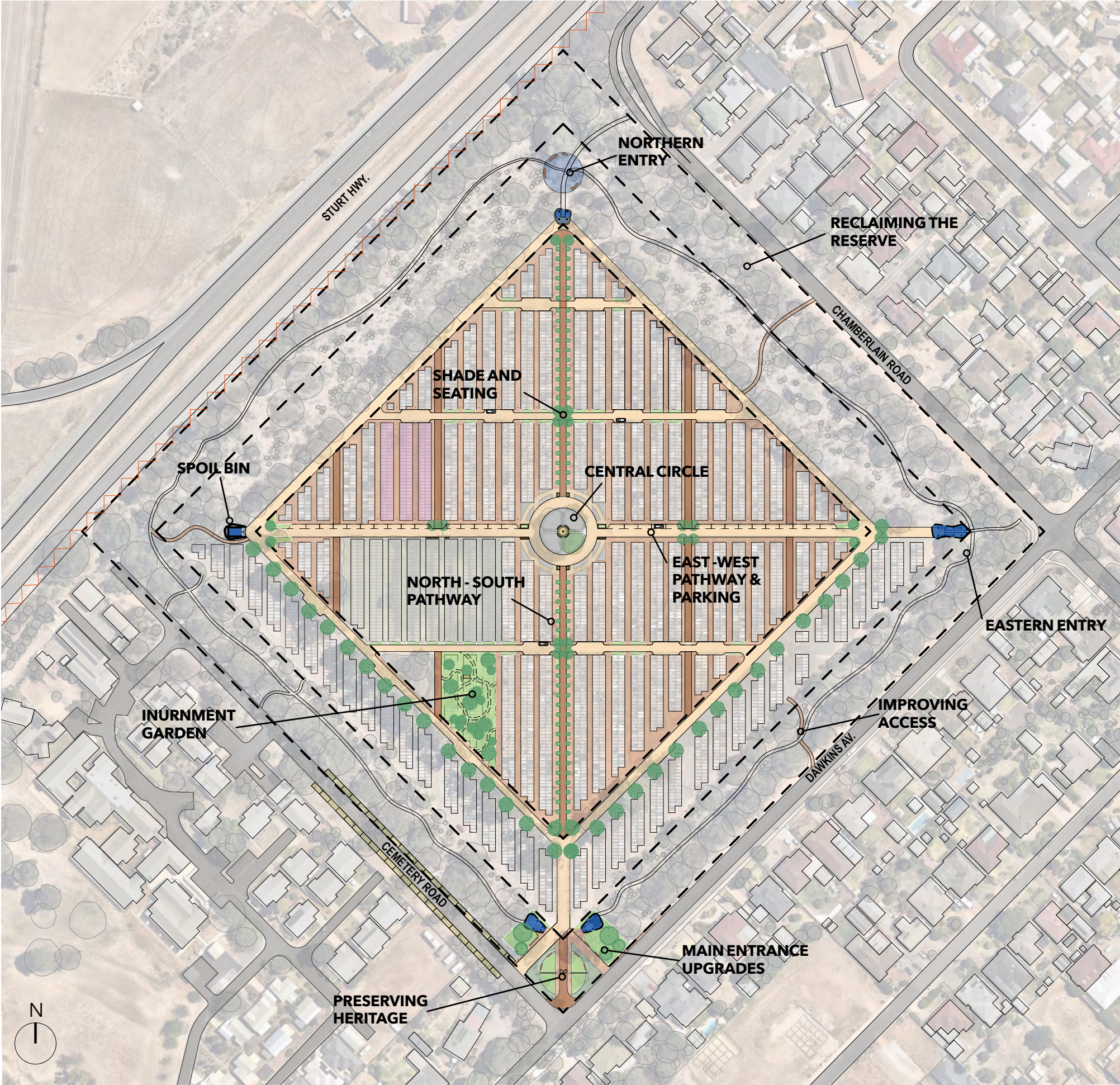
Site Strategy - Connecting the Landscape

Legend

- Enhance Ecological Reserve
Promote 1836 vegetation & ecological regeneration
- Ceremonial Spine and Plantings
Infill Avenues with salt tolerant and endemic native pine (*Callitris gracillis*)
- Green Links Within Site
Increase tree canopy & passive shading
- Phased removal of *Cladroxylon* sp.
Introduce successional replacement planting of *Eucalyptus Porosa* (Mallee Box)
- Secondary Nodes
Introduce inner ring of tree planting
Increase tree canopy & passive shading
- Contemporary Inurnment Garden
New plantings + low walls connect 'Lost souls' + formal landscape character
- Rewild the Cemetery Landscape
Indigenous, low plantings to reserve pathways and plots + small trees to triangular spaces at ends of rows
- Central Arbour + Pavement Upgrade
Climbing species tbc
- Connected and Comfortable Entrance Landscape
Lawn, Shelter and amenities suitable for gathering



Draft Master Plan



Staging

S1 Relocate Spoil Bin



S2 Upgrades to Main Entry



S3 New parking on Cemetery Road



S4 Upgrades to Northern Section of Central North / South Avenue



S5 New Toilet Facilities



Landscape, Signage, Acoustic & Infrastructure Works



S6 Develop Inurnment + Memorials Area



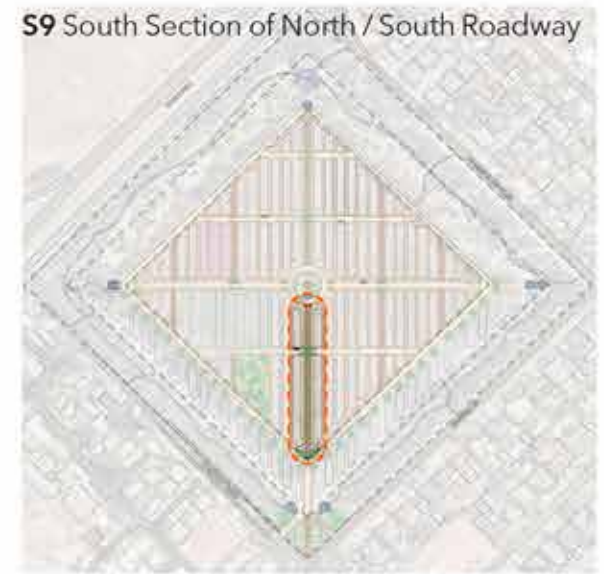
S7 Eastern Entry



S8 Upgrade Main East / West Roadway



S9 South Section of North / South Roadway



S10 Upgrade Pedestrian Paths (North / South)



S11 New Gathering Point and Entry Point



S12 Works to Central Area



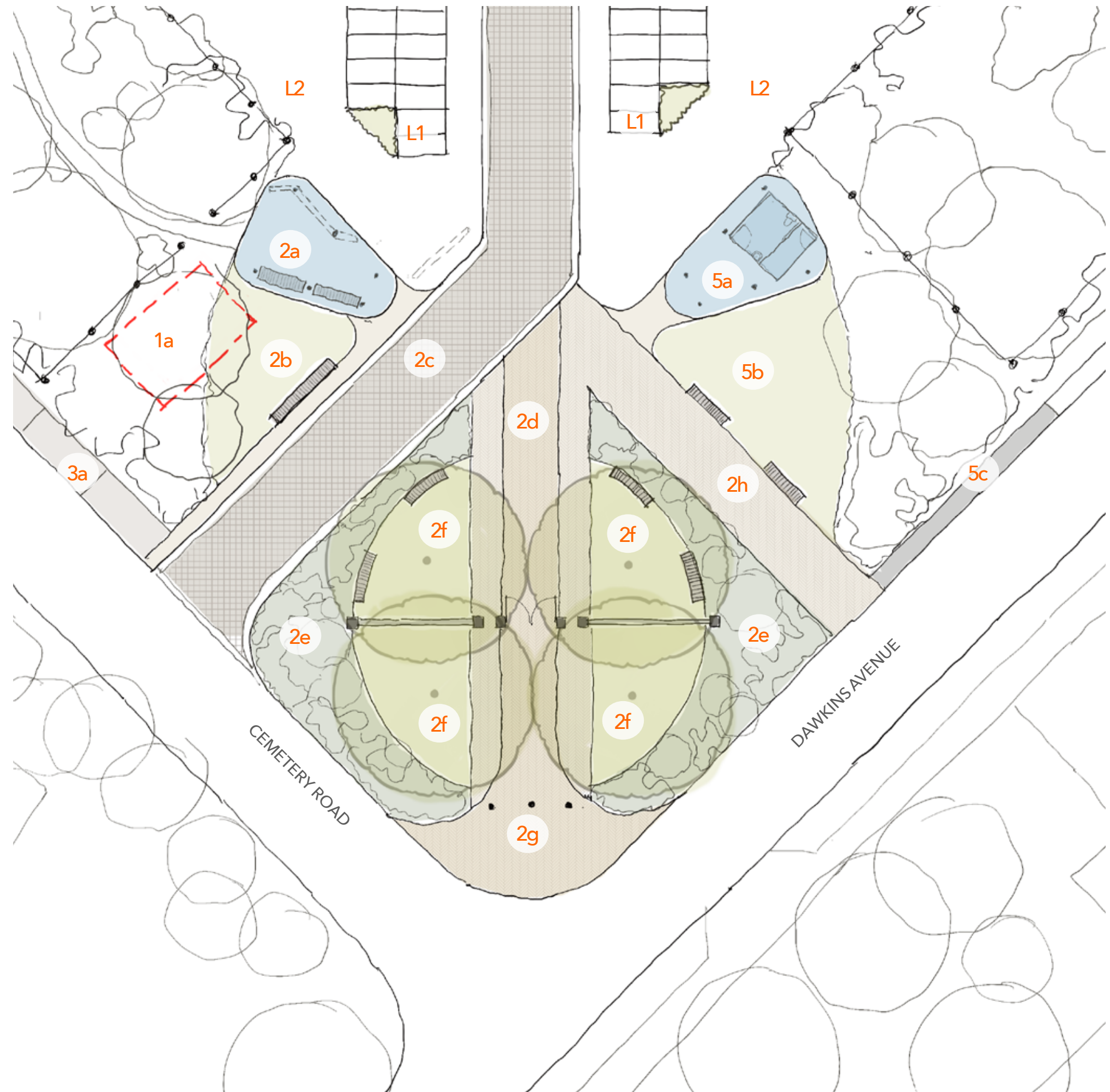
S13 Secondary East / West Roadways



S14 Perimeter Roadways



Main Entry Area



Stage 1

- 1a. Relocate Spoil Bin to west corner of Cemetery. Revegetate area where spoil bin is removed.

Stage 2

- 2a. New shelter with seating incorporating wayfinding and interpretive signage.
- 2b. Landscaping around shelter including planting, lawn & seating.
- 2c. New paved vehicle access roadway.
- 2d. New paved pedestrian and ceremonial access through main gates.
- 2e. Informal native and Mediterranean garden beds around central lawn.
- 2f. Eucalyptus Leucoxydon Rosea planted in circular lawn with seating at edges.
- 2g. Removable bollards at entrance to cemetery to restrict vehicle access.
- 2h. New paved pedestrian access path from Dawkins Avenue into cemetery.

Stage 3

- 3a. New parking along Cemetery Road.

Stage 5

- 5a. New Toilet Block + Shelter
- 5b. Landscaping around toilet include lawn & seating
- 5c. New path connecting existing bus stop with main entry

General Landscape Improvements

- L1. New garden beds with native bushy planting.
- L2. Rewilding of perimeter burial areas.

Western Corner & Spoil Bin

Stage 1

- 1a. Relocate Spoil Bin to west corner of Cemetery. Provide new concrete retaining walls to match existing spoil bin.
- 1b. Install screen around spoil bin to 2.1m high with weathering steel or other material that blends in with the surrounding natural environment. Incorporate interpretive design elements into the screen.
- 1c. Remove 3x sugar gums in western corner adjacent grave sites and provide new single gravel pathway linking existing path in native vegetation reserve to western corner of cemetery.
- 1d. Opportunity for planting around spoil bin and new path to extend native vegetation. Provide new bench seating incorporated with landscape and planting.

Stage 8

- 8a. New permeable paved roadway (3m wide). Incorporate storm water at centre of roadway.
- 8b. Provide parallel parking spaces to northern side of roadway (2.1m wide).

Stage 10

- 10e. New permeable paved surface (3m wide). Incorporate storm water drainage at centre of path.
- 10f. Repair and resurface gravel path between paved pathway and grave sites.

Stage 14

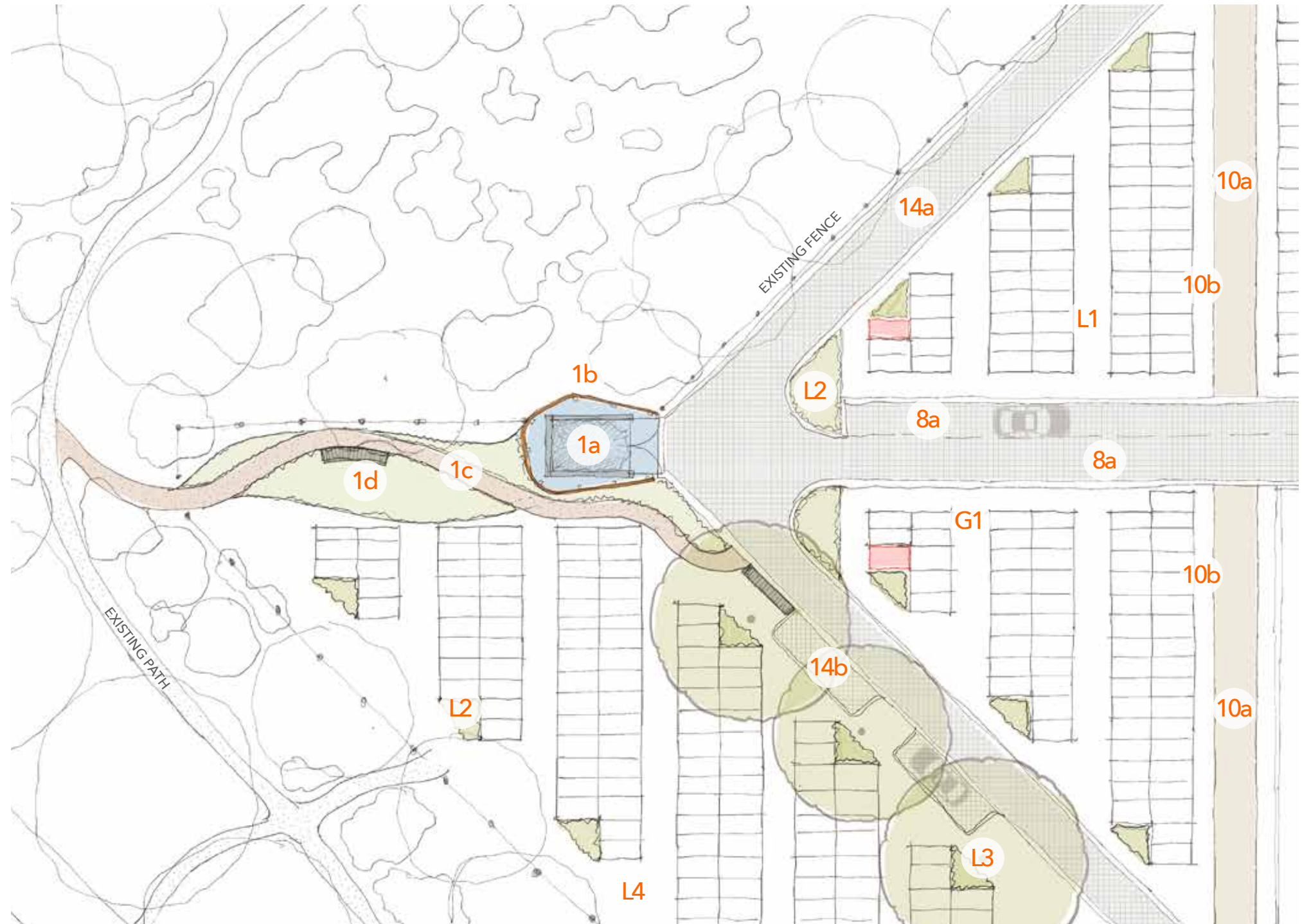
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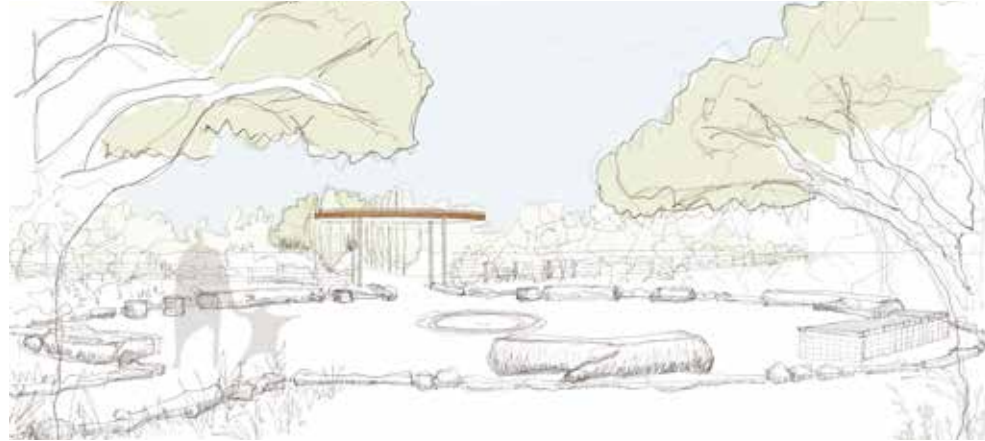
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- L2. New garden beds with native bushy planting.
- L3. New avenue planting of Eucalyptus Porosa along south east side of roadway.
- L4. Rewilding of perimeter burial areas.

General Infrastructure Works

- G1. Install removable bollards at ends of aisles to restrict vehicle access.



Northern Gathering Point & Entry



Stage 4

- 4a. New permeable paved surface (3m wide). Incorporate storm water drainage at centre of path..
- 4b. Callitris Gracilis avenue planting with low native planting at base in 1.5m wide zone. Ensure access from path to grave sites is maintained.

Stage 11

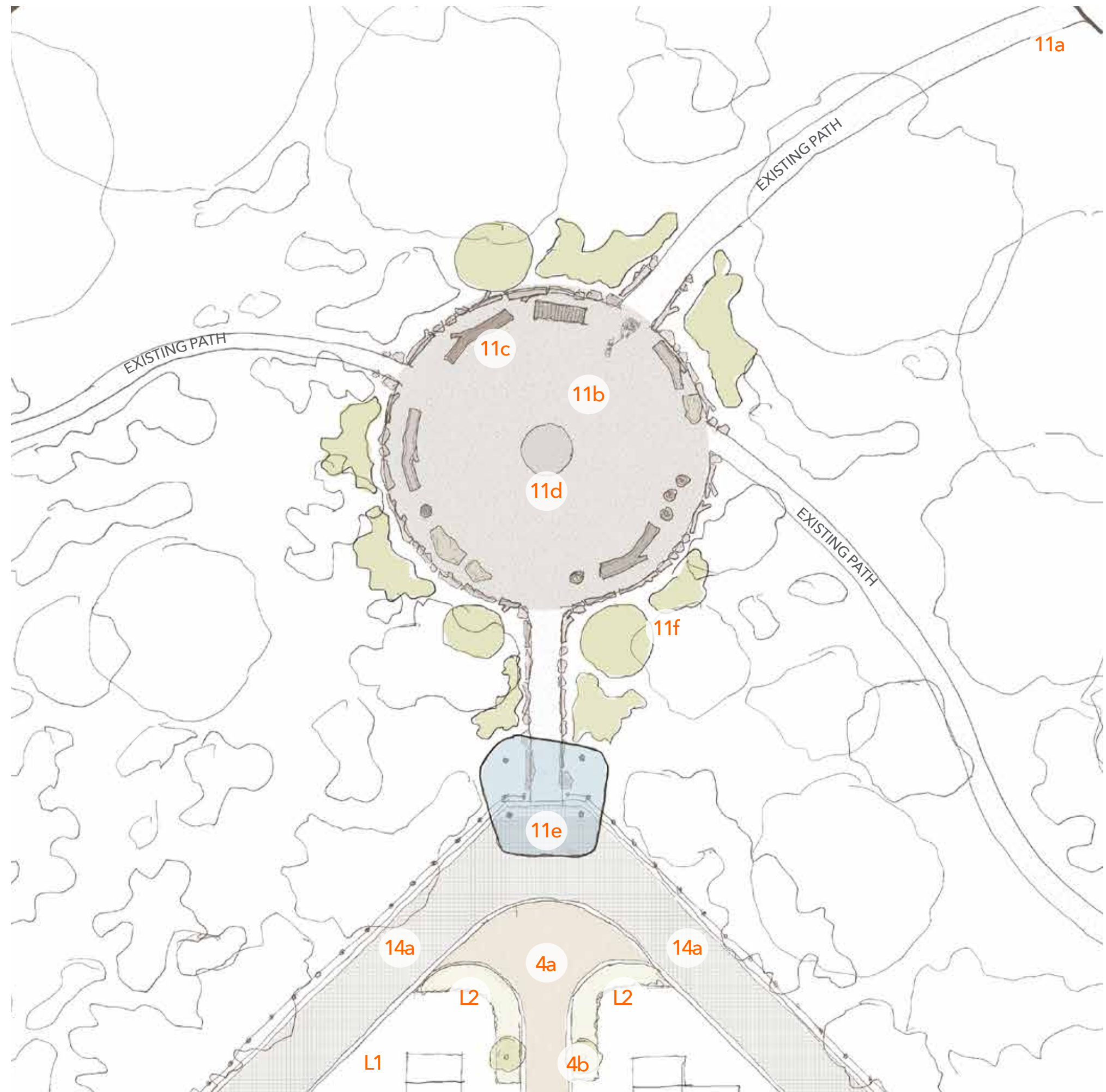
- 11a. Retain existing entry and path from Chamberlain Road. Provide new wayfinding signage at entry point.
- 11b. Develop a gathering space in existing clearing in native vegetation connected to existing pathways. Size and configuration will require survey and detailed design. Edge with logs from sugar gums and suitable rocks.
- 11c. Create seating around gathering space. Repurpose logs from felled sugar gums as seating.
- 11d. Incorporate low scale and sensitive interpretive element at centre of gathering space.
- 11e. Install new gateway structure at entry point into cemetery. Incorporate wayfinding and informational sign and interpretive elements.

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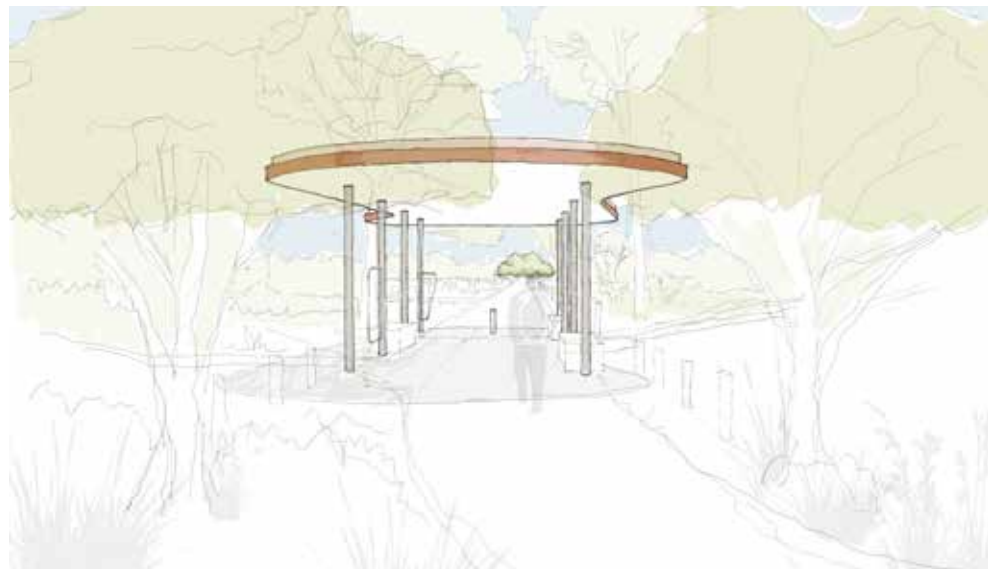
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Eastern Entry



Stage 7

- 7a. Retain existing entry point and gravel path into eastern corner of cemetery.
- 7b. Install new shelter structure at eastern corner of cemetery at end of roadway. Incorporate seating, wayfinding, informational signage and interpretive elements.
- 7c. Provide new wayfinding and interpretive signage at access points to native vegetation reserve.

Stage 8

- 8a. New permeable paved roadway (3m wide). Incorporate storm water at centre of roadway.
- 8b. Provide parallel parking spaces to northern side of roadway (2.1m wide).

Stage 14

- 14a. New permeable paved surface to perimeter roadways (3m wide). Incorporate storm water drainage at centre of path.
- 14b. Paved parallel parking spaces along southern side of perimeter roadway.

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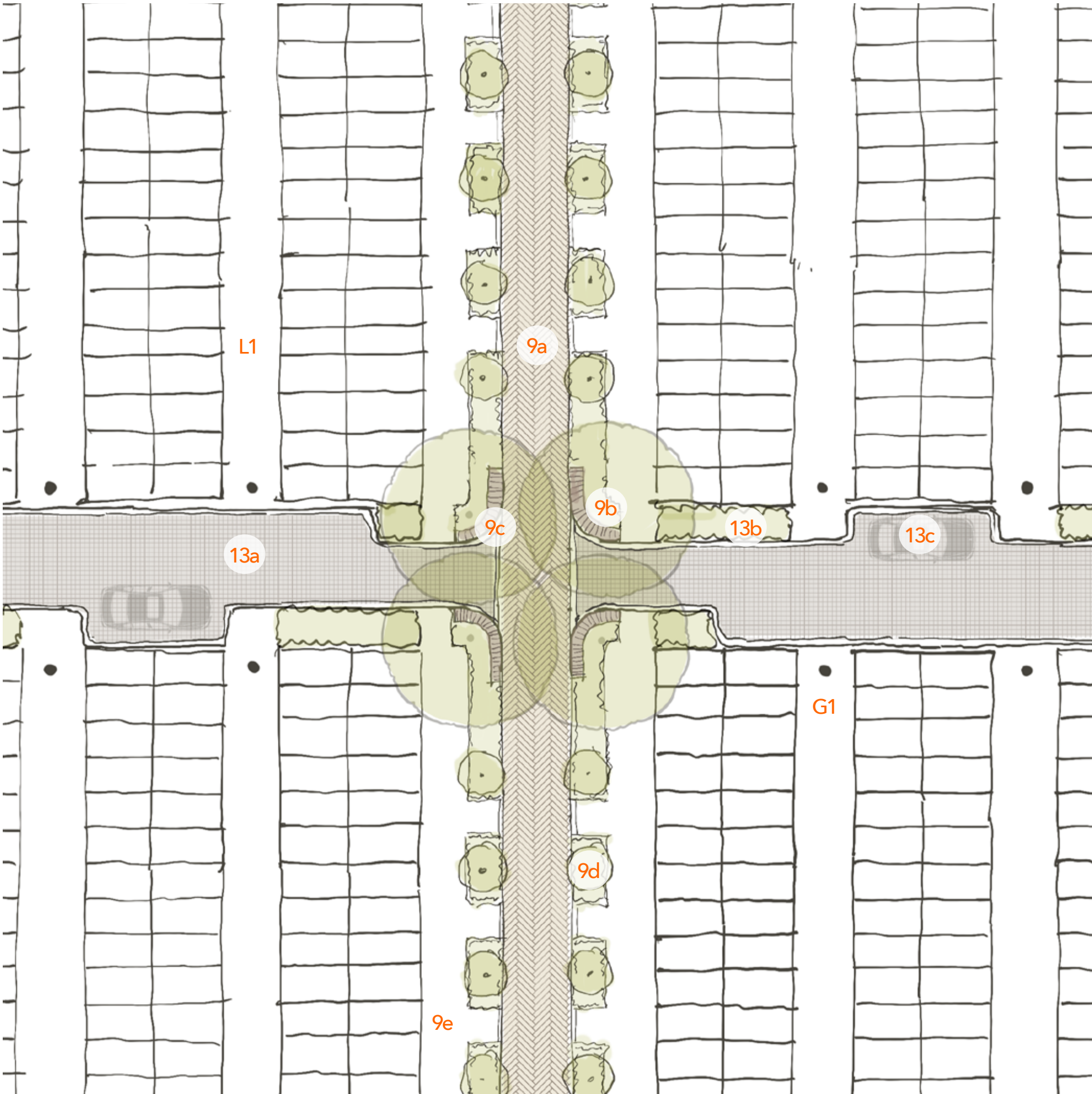
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- G2. Potential additional burial plots (shown in red).



Main North/South Pathway + Intersection



- Stage 9**
 - 9a. New permeable paved surface (3m wide). Incorporate storm water drainage at centre of path.
 - 9b. New shade tree planting at key intersection node.
 - 9c. New seating at key intersection node. Incorporate wayfinding and interpretive elements.
 - 9d. Callitris Gracilis avenue planting with low native planting at base in 1.5m wide zone. Ensure access from path to grave sites is maintained.
 - 9e. Repair and resurface gravel path between paved pathway and grave sites.
- Stage 13**
 - 13a. New permeable paved roadway (3m wide). Incorporate storm water drainage at centre of roadway.
 - 13b. Planting between roadway and graves where appropriate. Ensure access to aisle ways.
 - 13c. Provide parallel parking spaces to sides of roadway and widen roadway where required to accommodate passing.
- General Landscape Improvements**
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Main East/South Shared Pathway + Intersection



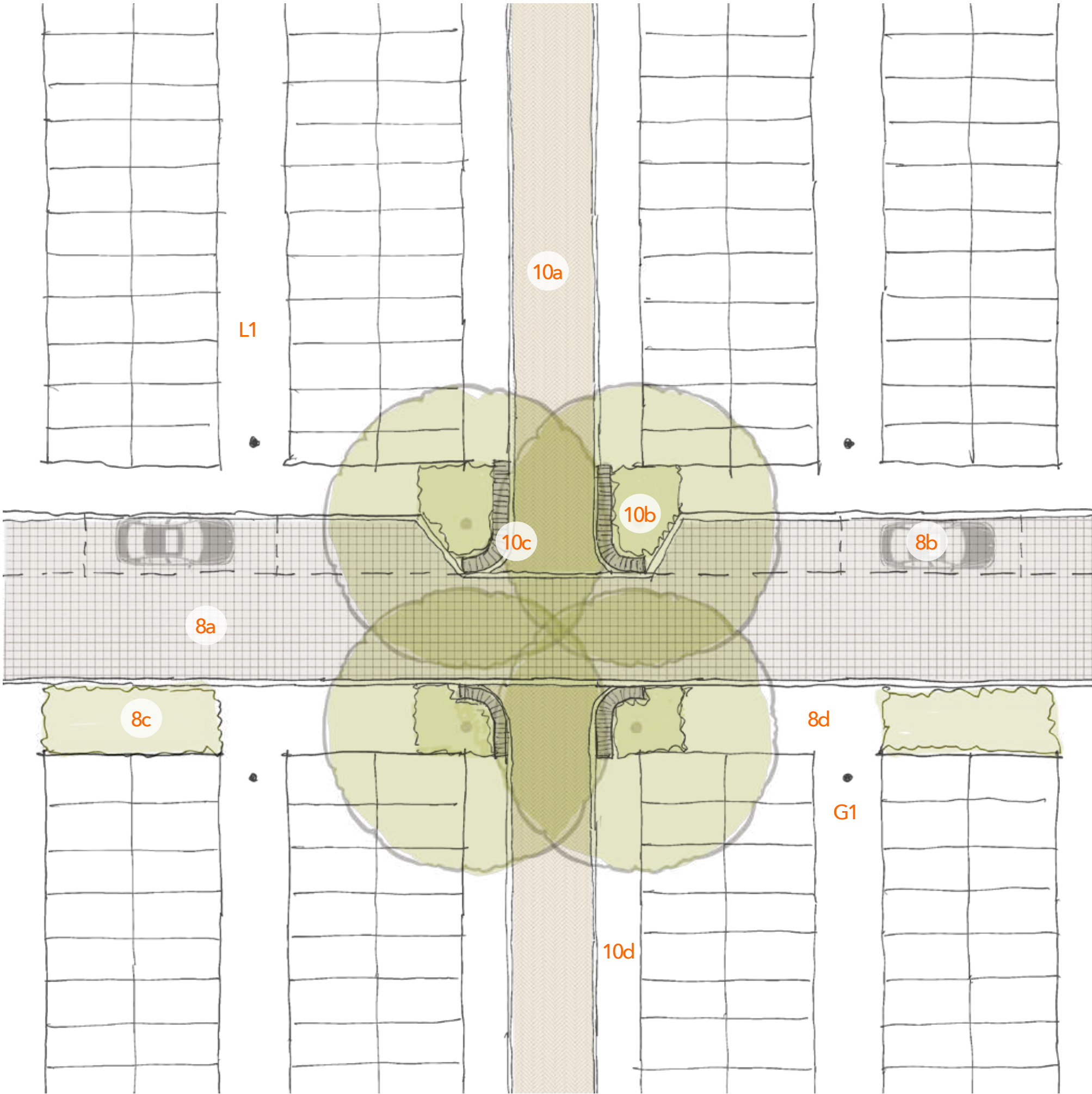
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- Stage 10**

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Centre Circle



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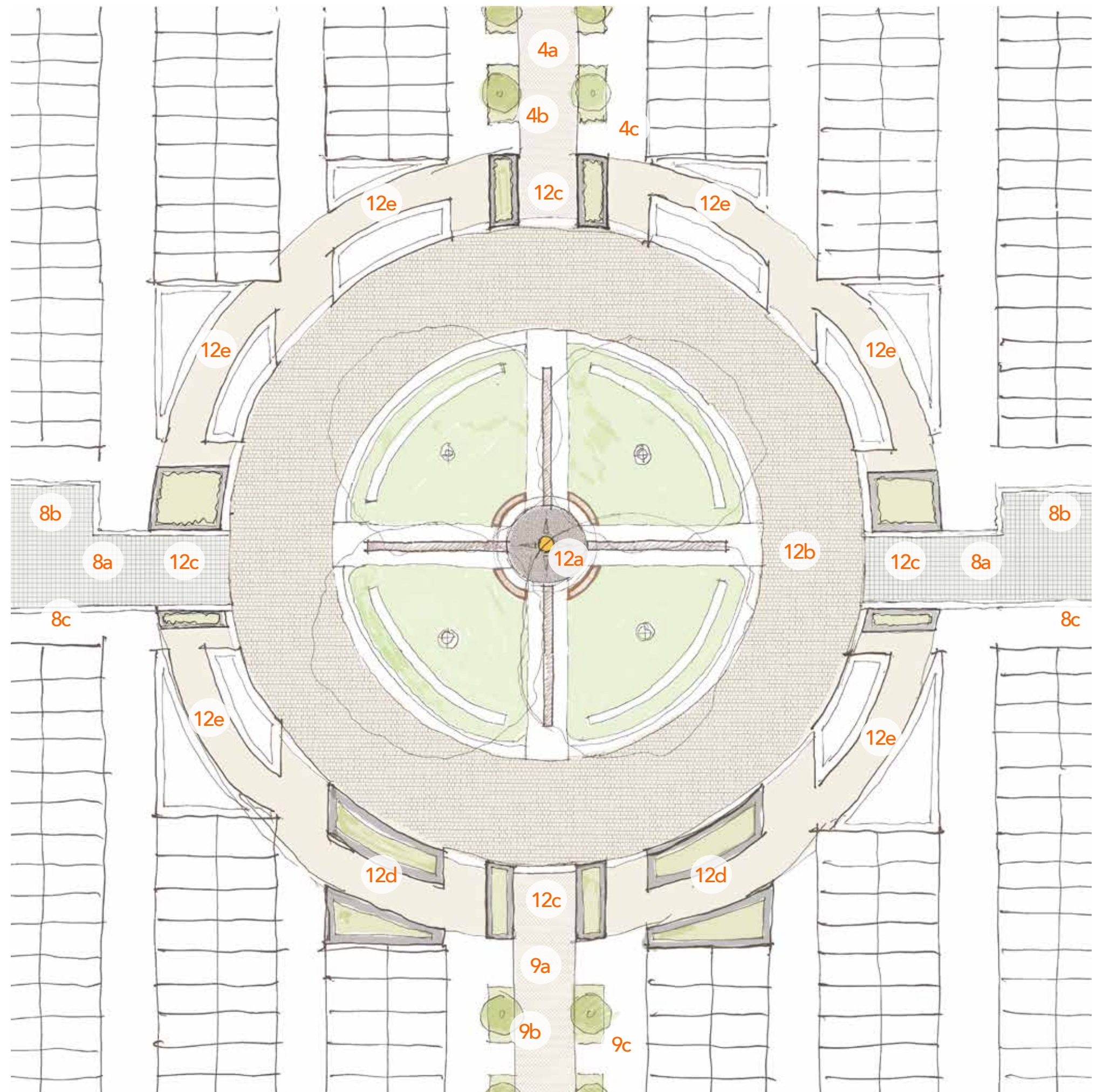
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Stage 12

- 12a. New sculpture/interpretive feature at centre of cemetery with new circular seating between existing columbarium walls.
- 12b. Repave roadway around centre with new permeable paving. Reconfigure storm water to drain to tidy up collection points and integrate with new paths and roadways. Remove existing bollards.
- 12c. Create 'gateways' at ends of main avenues.
- 12d. Reconfigure rose gardens at southern side of centre area to match other rose garden beds and allow for continual circular path around centre.
- 12e. Retain other existing rose garden beds and tidy up paving.

General Landscape Improvements

- L1. General repair and maintenance of gravel aisles between grave sites. Surface material



New Inurnment Garden

Stage 6

- 6a. New native planting to area of mostly unmarked burials.
- 6b. Existing Hiskey grave site to be retained and incorporated with layout of garden. Exact position of grave will require survey.
- 6c. New stabilised gravel paths through garden with inurnment elements incorporated to edges of paths.
- 6d. Existing memorials to remain and be incorporated into layout of garden. Exact positions of grave site will require survey.
- 6e. Seating areas in garden. Incorporate interpretive elements.
- 6f. Include memorial acknowledging existence of unmarked burials.

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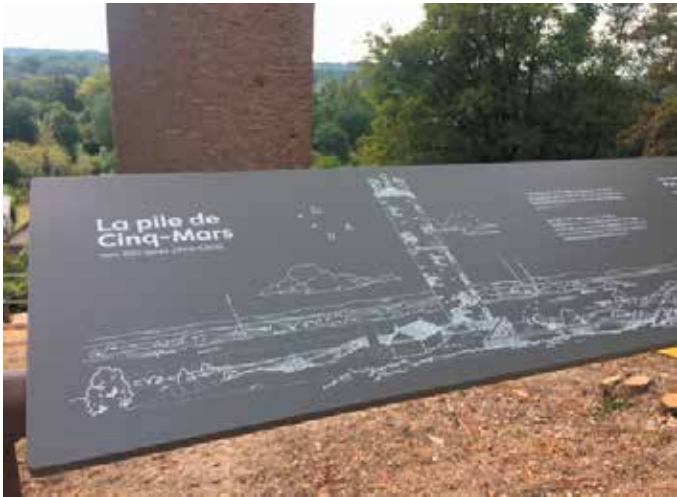
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Signage and Interpretive Design Strategy



Thank You!



Now you can have your say...