

Community & Environment Committee Agenda



Agenda: *Community & Environment Committee*

Date: *Monday 7 September 2015*

Time: *6.00pm*

Outline of Meeting Protocol & Procedure:

- The Chairperson will call the Meeting to order and ask the Committee/Staff to present apologies or late correspondence.
- The Chairperson will commence the Order of Business as shown in the Index to the Agenda.
- At the beginning of each item the Chairperson will ask whether a member(s) of the public wish to address the Committee.
- If person(s) wish to address the Committee, they are allowed four (4) minutes in which to do so. Please direct comments to the issues at hand.
- If there are persons representing both sides of a matter (eg applicant/objector), the person(s) against the recommendation speak first.
- At the conclusion of the allotted four (4) minutes, the speaker resumes his/her seat and takes no further part in the debate unless specifically called to do so by the Chairperson.
- If there is more than one (1) person wishing to address the Committee from the same side of the debate, the Chairperson will request that where possible a spokesperson be nominated to represent the parties.
- The Chairperson has the discretion whether to continue to accept speakers from the floor.
- After considering any submissions the Committee will debate the matter (if necessary), and arrive at a recommendation (R items which proceed to Full Council) or a resolution (D items for which the Committee has delegated authority).

Recommendation only to the Full Council:

- Such matters as are specified in Section 377 of the Local Government Act and within the ambit of the Committee considerations.
- Matters which involve broad strategic or policy initiatives within responsibilities of Committee.
- Matters requiring the expenditure of moneys and in respect of which no Council vote has been made.
- Matters delegated to the Council by the Roads and Maritime Services.
- Matters not within the specified functions of the Committee,
- Matters reserved by individual Councillors in accordance with any Council policy on "safeguards" and substantive changes.
- Parks and Reserves Plans of Management (Strategies, Policies and Objectives).
- Residential Parking Schemes - Provision and Policies.

Delegated Authority:

- Community Services and Programs.
- Library Services
- Health.
- Licensing.
- Liquor Licences.
- Regulatory.
- Fire Protection Orders.
- Residential Parking Schemes (surveillance and administration).
- Traffic Management (Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Recommendations).
- Waste Minimisation.
- To require such investigations, reports or actions as considered necessary in respect of matters contained within the Business Agendas (and as may be limited by specific Council resolution).
- Confirmation of the Minutes of its Meetings.
- Any other matter falling within the responsibility of the Community & Environment Committee and not restricted by the Local Government Act or required to be a Recommendation to Full Council as listed above.
- Statutory reviews of Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan.

Committee Membership: 7 Councillors

Quorum: The quorum for a Committee meeting is 4 Councillors.

Woollahra Municipal Council

Notice of Meeting

3 September 2015

To: Her Worship the Mayor, Councillor Toni Zeltzer ex-officio
Councillors Anthony Marano (Chair)
 Peter Cavanagh
 Greg Levenston
 Andrew Petrie
 Matthew Robertson
 Susan Wynne (Deputy Chair)

Dear Councillors

Community & Environment Committee – 7 September 2015

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1993, I request your attendance at Council's **Community & Environment Committee** meeting to be held in the **Council Chambers, 536 New South Head Road, Double Bay, on Monday 7 September 2015 at 6.00pm.**

Gary James
General Manager

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Items to be Submitted to the Council for Decision with Recommendations from this Committee

Nil 'R' items

Item No: D1 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 24 AUGUST 2015**
Author: Sue O'Connor, Secretarial Support - Governance
File No: 15/120897
Reason for Report: The Minutes of the Community & Environment Committee of 24 August 2015 were previously circulated. In accordance with the guidelines for Committees' operations it is now necessary that those Minutes be formally taken as read and confirmed.

Recommendation:

THAT the Minutes of the Community & Environment Committee Meeting of 24 August 2015 be taken as read and confirmed.

Item No: D2 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **WOOLLAHRA LOCAL TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MINUTES - 1
SEPTEMBER 2015**
Author: Aurelio Lindaya, Manager - Engineering Services
Approver: Tom O'Hanlon, Director - Technical Services
File No: 15/120831
Reason for Report: For the Committee to consider the recommendations of the Woollahra
Local Traffic Committee

Recommendation:

THAT the Recommendations Y1-Y9 contained in the minutes of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee held on Tuesday 1 September 2015 be adopted.

Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes

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Woollahra Local Traffic Committee Minutes

The meeting of the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee was held in the Thornton Room (Committee Room), 536 New South Head Road, Double Bay, on 1 September 2015 at 10.00am.

1. Attendance

Committee Members:

Present:	Mr Aurelio Lindaya Mr Karessa Cullen Snr Const Corinne Dawes	(Woollahra Municipal Council) (Chair) (Roads and Maritime Services) (Rose Bay Police)
Staff:	Mr Stephen Calderon Mr Frank Rotta Ms Qian Liu Ms Stacey Bulloch Mr Tom O'Hanlon	(Woollahra Municipal Council) (Woollahra Municipal Council) (Woollahra Municipal Council) (Woollahra Municipal Council) (Woollahra Municipal Council)
Observer:	Mr Chris Ryan	(Transport NSW – State Transit)
Apologies:	Mr Alex Greenwich MP Mr John Giblin Mr Colin De Costa	(Member for Sydney) (Gabrielle Upton MP Representative) (Woollahra Municipal Council)
Also in Attendance:	Cathie McKell Nick McKell Dale Eru Ben Priest Rebecca Angus Tyson Penelope Fischer	(Business Owner)– Item Y7 (Business Owner) – Item Y7 (Resident) – Item Y7 (Bower Projects) – Item Y7 (Business Owner) – Item Y7 (Resident) – Item Y7 (Resident) – Item Y4

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of Meeting No.7/15 held in Council Chambers, Double Bay, on Tuesday 4 August 2015 were confirmed by Corinne Dawes and Stephen Calderon.

3. Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meetings

Nil

4. Woollahra Local Traffic Committee recommendations not adopted or amended by Woollahra Council Community & Environment Committee

Nil

5. Extraordinary Meetings

Nil

6. Late Correspondence

- i. Item Y7: 20 Bellevue Road, Bellevue Hill – Approval for CMP and Relocating of Pedestrian Crossing

Late Correspondence submitted by Dale Eru objecting to the Works Zone being located at the front of 22 Bellevue Road, Bellevue Hill.

- ii. Mr John Giblin, the Representative for Gabriel Upton MP did not attend the meeting.
 - iii. Mr Roy Bishop, the Representative for Alex Greenwich MP did not attend the meeting.
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Items to be Recommended to the Community & Environment Committee by the Woollahra Local Traffic Committee for Consideration

Item No: Y1
Subject: ARTHUR STREET, BELLEVUE HILL - PARKING CONDITIONS (SC1240-02)
Author: Stephen Calderon, Traffic & Transport Team Leader
Approver: Aurelio Lindaya, Manager - Engineering Services
File No: 15/109917
Reason for Report: To seek approval to alter the existing line marking and install parking restrictions
Recommendation:

That:

- A. The existing unbroken centrelines be realigned, modified and 'No Stopping' parking restrictions implemented as detailed in the concept plan titled 'Arthur Street, Bellevue Hill – Revised Plan' (Annexure 1) for a 6 month trial.
- B. Traffic speeds be monitored following the introduction of the changes.
- C. All the affected residents be notified of the changes to the existing parking and line marking situation.
- D. A further report be considered by the Traffic Committee at the conclusion of the trial period detailing the outcomes of the traffic changes in Arthur Street.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Item No: Y2
Subject: **QUEEN ROAD, PADDINGTON - PARKING RESTRICTIONS (SC1240-02)**
Author: Stephen Calderon, Traffic & Transport Team Leader
Approver: Aurelio Lindaya, Manager - Engineering Services
File No: 15/110055
Reason for Report: To seek approval for the alteration of an existing parking restriction

Recommendation:

That:

- A. The existing 25 metre length of 'No Parking' located on the eastern side of Queen Road, Paddington, between the boundary of No. 23 and No. 25 Queen Road and the rear boundary of No. 65 Paddington Street, be replaced with 'No Stopping'.
- B. Council's Rangers and NSW Police be requested to patrol this area.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Item No: Y3
Subject: **NORWICH ROAD, ROSE BAY - PEDESTRIAN REFUGE (SC1240-02)**
Author: Qian Liu, Traffic & Transport Engineer
Approvers: Stephen Calderon, Traffic & Transport Team Leader
Aurelio Lindaya, Manager - Engineering Services
File No: 15/110015
Reason for Report: To install a pedestrian refuge that will improve pedestrian safety

Recommendation:

That:

- A. A pedestrian refuge and associated kerb extensions be approved on Norwich Road, Rose Bay, immediately south of New South Head Road.
- B. That the detailed design be referred to Local Traffic Committee members for approval under delegation.
- C. This project be considered for implementation as part of Council's Future Traffic Capital Works Program.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Item No: Y4
Subject: **WAIMEA AVENUE, WOOLLAHRA - APPLICATION FOR A DISABLED PARKING ZONE (SC1240-02)**
Author: Frank Rotta, Traffic & Transport Engineer
Approvers: Stephen Calderon, Traffic & Transport Team Leader
Aurelio Lindaya, Manager - Engineering Services
File No: 15/113678
Reason for Report: Response to a Resolution of Council

Recommendation:

- A. That a 5.4m 'Disabled Parking' zone be installed on the eastern side of Waimea Avenue, generally in front of No.1 Waimea Avenue, Woollahra.
- B. That the applicant be advised of Council's Procedure and conditions for Disabled Parking zones, including the requirement to renew these zones annually.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Item No: Y5
Subject: **NEW MCLEAN STREET, EDGECLIFF - TRAFFIC SIGNALS (SC1240-02)**
Author: Stephen Calderon, Traffic & Transport Team Leader
Approver: Aurelio Lindaya, Manager - Engineering Services
File No: 15/109976
Reason for Report: To request RMS investigate proposed changes to traffic signal phasing

Recommendation:

- A. That RMS be requested to investigate improving traffic flow at the intersection of New McLean Street and New South Head Road, Edgecliff.
- B. That the petition recently received by Council requesting consideration of a one way loop through Darling Point Road and Mona Road be investigated and reported to the Local Traffic Committee Meeting to be held in October 2015.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Item No: Y6
Subject: **RICHMOND ROAD, ROSE BAY - PROPOSAL FOR ONE-WAY MOVEMENT (SC1240-02)**
Author: Frank Rotta, Traffic & Transport Engineer
Approvers: Stephen Calderon, Traffic & Transport Team Leader
Aurelio Lindaya, Manager - Engineering Services
File No: 15/111156
Reason for Report: To respond to a Council Resolution

Recommendation:

That no action be taken to change the direction of travel in Richmond Road, Rose Bay as the development has only had a minor impact on traffic volumes, which are well within the predicted increases indicated when the development consent was granted.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Item No: Y7
Subject: **20 BELLEVUE ROAD, BELLEVUE HILL - APPROVAL FOR CMP AND RELOCATION OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSING (SC1240-02)**
Author: Frank Rotta, Traffic & Transport Engineer
Approvers: Stephen Calderon, Traffic & Transport Team Leader
Aurelio Lindaya, Manager - Engineering Services
File No: 15/112578
Reason for Report: To approve the relocation of the Pedestrian Crossing in Bellevue Road, east of Riddell Street and to approve the CMP for the development site

Recommendation:

That this matter be deferred pending further discussions with the developer and affected community members to determine a suitable proposal that will facilitate construction works associated with the approved DA 389/2011 to occur on-site (as much as possible) whilst minimising impacts on the surrounding community.

Note: Late Correspondence was tabled from Dale Eru.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Item No: Y8
Subject: VAUCLUSE ROAD, VAUCLUSE - CHANGE TO LINEMARKING (SC1240-02)
Author: Qian Liu, Traffic & Transport Engineer
Approvers: Stephen Calderon, Traffic & Transport Team Leader
Aurelio Lindaya, Manager - Engineering Services
File No: 15/111933
Reason for Report: To modify the existing centre lines along Vaocluse Road, Vaocluse

Recommendation:

That an approximate length of 150 metre of BB lines located on Vaocluse Road, Vaocluse between New South Head Road and Gilliver Avenue be removed, as detailed in Annexure 1.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

Item No: Y9
Subject: VAUCLUSE ROAD, VAUCLUSE - EDGELINE IN FRONT OF NO. 5A VAUCLUSE ROAD (SC1240-02)
Author: Frank Rotta, Traffic & Transport Engineer
Approvers: Stephen Calderon, Traffic & Transport Team Leader
Aurelio Lindaya, Manager - Engineering Services
File No: 15/114205
Reason for Report: Request by resident of Vaocluse Road

Recommendation:

That an unbroken edgeline be installed in Vaocluse Road from the southern side of the driveway serving No.7 Vaocluse Road to the southern side of the driveway serving No.5A Vaocluse Road, while ensuring that the lane width (distance between the centre of the unbroken centreline and the centre of the edgeline) between these 2 driveways is maintained at 3.2m.

Committee Vote: Unanimous Support

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 10.30am.

Aurelio Lindaya
Chair

Item No: D3 Delegated to Committee
Subject: **SKATEBOARDING FACILITIES PADDINGTON (SC850)**
Author: Caitlin Moffat, Team Leader Open Space & Rec Planning
Approvers: Paul Fraser, Manager - Open Space & Trees
Tom O'Hanlon, Director - Technical Services
File No: 15/99245
Reason for Report: To report on previous resolution.

Recommendation:

- A. THAT Council undertake public exhibition of the concept design for a skate / youth plaza at Rushcutters Bay Park.
- B. THAT upon public exhibition, a further report is presented to the Community and Environment Committee regarding the outcome of the exhibition.

1. Background:

At the Council meeting of 8 April 2013 a local resident group named Skatecraft presented a study and their ideas to Councillors regarding the identification of suitable locations for skateboarding in the Paddington area.

It was identified in the presentation that the 8-14 age group is growing within Paddington and the facilities for play are limited. It was expressed that children of this age are not independent enough to travel to facilities in other areas on their own, such as cinemas, shopping centres and playgrounds for older children. Skateboarding is a popular activity with children in this age group however, without a designated facility or space, children skate regularly on Paddington's steep streets to the detriment of their own safety and the safety of pedestrians, vehicular traffic and residents. The study identified potential sites including Trumper Park and Rushcutters Bay Park.

The following Notice of Motion was adopted on 22 April 2013:

That a report be brought to the Community & Environment Committee considering the implementation of skate-boarding facilities in Paddington, to cater for children in the 8-14 years age group.

That the report examines, but not be limited to, the following:

- a) *Identification of a suitable site/s in Paddington and/or its surrounds, with respect to:*
 - i) *Noise and amenity impacts on local residents*
 - ii) *Safety impacts for children using the site*
 - iii) *Capacity for site/s to enjoy passive surveillance and adequate policing to ensure child safety from undesirable characters loitering at the site.*
- b) *The range of skate-boarding facilities available and indicative construction costs*
- c) *Other potential facilities that could be installed or that are pre-existing, that could be utilised by this same age group within the site or at other locations.*

A report was presented to the Community and Environment Committee on 9 September 2013 and concluded that due to the complexity and differing opinions surrounding skate facilities it is

recommended that we engage a professional skate designer to consult with the wider community to determine the need of the facility, concept designs and a suitable location.

As a result, the following was resolved:

- A. That Council engage a skate facility designer to prepare a site analysis for Rushcutters Bay Park and 2 other locations that would service the Paddington area. In addition to the site analysis concept drawings be produced.*
- B. That consultation with the local community is undertaken to determine the community need for a possible skate facility.*
- C. That a further report is presented to the Community & Environment Committee discussing the community consultation and various design options and locations.*
- D. That Council seek joint funding for the project from the City of Sydney Council.*

2. Proposal:

Council engaged Convic to prepare a suite of documents including site investigation, community needs analysis and a design report on the potential sites as identified in the site investigation. Convic are experienced youth space and skate park consultants that provide an integrated approach of both landscape architecture and skate design. This approach produces a unique set of skills and has led them to produce some of Australia's largest and well thought out skate facilities including Freemantle Esplanade Youth Plaza, St Kilda Skate Park and Geelong Youth Activities Area. They are currently working with City Of Sydney on a skate plaza along the Glebe Foreshore and have also gained international recognition with projects in Singapore and China.

As part of the site investigation report, Convic looked at the municipality holistically before focusing in on the Paddington area. Potential locations throughout the municipality were identified based on certain criteria for good skate park design. The report includes analysis on the demographics of the municipality, public transport routes and education establishments.

Within the Paddington area it was identified that Rushcutters Bay Park and Trumper Park were most appropriate to service the area based on key criteria, including but not limited to:

- Physical site conditions and technical considerations;
- Access/transport;
- Natural and passive surveillance, security and safety;
- Proximity to amenities (water, toilets, shade, food and drink);
- Impact on existing facilities, adjoining uses and users;
- Distance from housing and incompatible land use;
- Context and amenity; and
- Consistency with strategic objectives.

The majority of Council managed open space in Paddington are pocket parks within very close proximity to residential homes which are not considered appropriate for a skate park. Trumper Park and Rushcutters Bay Park are the largest of Council's parks in Paddington.

Edgecliff and Paddington are the most densely populated suburbs in the Woollahra Local Government Area ranging from 72.68 to 81.27 persons per hectare. The statistics from the Australian Bureau of Statistics shows that Paddington has had a significant increase in the 5-24 year old age group from 2006 to 2011, the highest growth in the youth precinct in the Municipality.

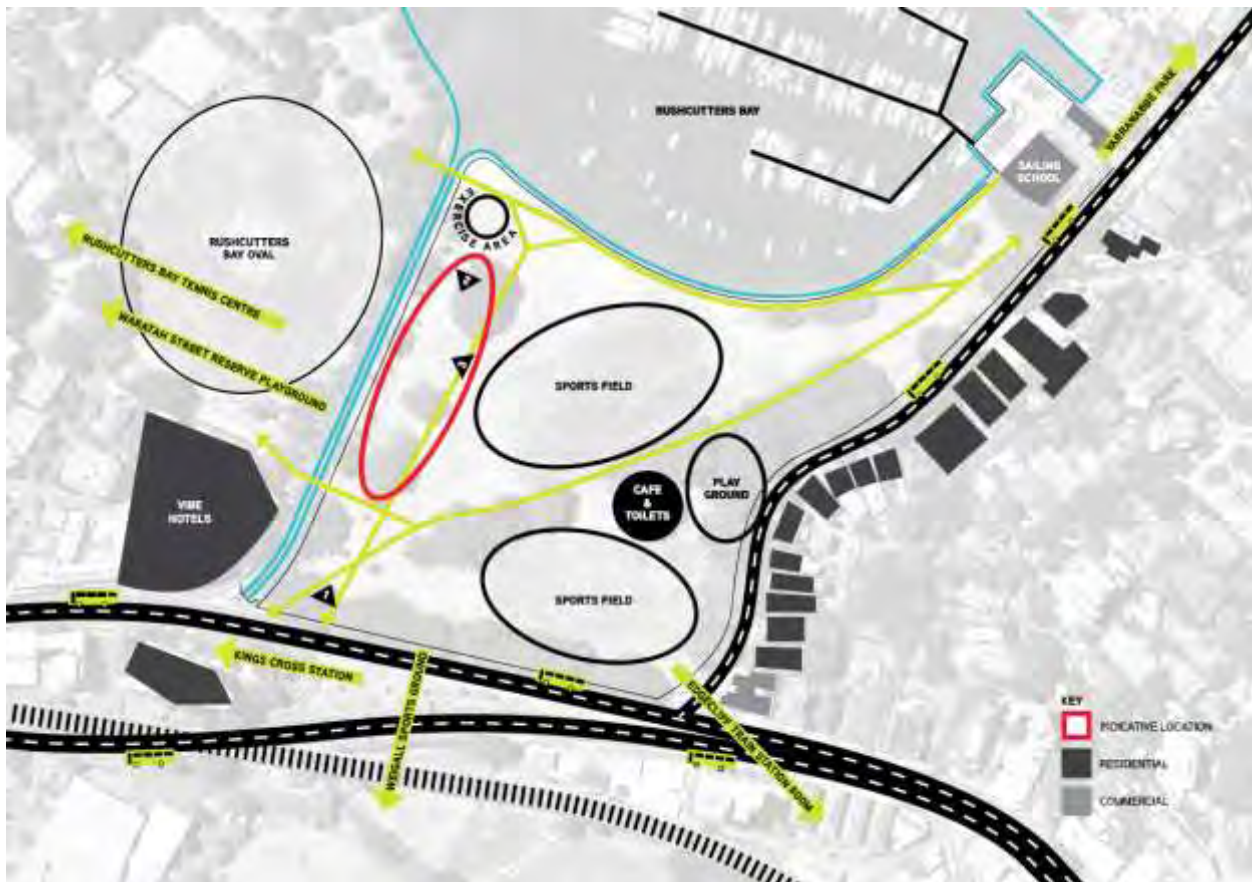
The Paddington area is well serviced by public transport with major bus routes located along New South Head Rd and Oxford St and serviced by Edgecliff and Kings Cross train stations. It is also within walking distance of other high density areas beyond the Woollahra Council boundary including Sydney City and Darlinghurst.

Rushcutters Bay Park – Proposal

Convic have concluded that Rushcutters Bay Park is an ideal location for a Skate Facility. The park is situated on New South Head Rd which is serviced regularly by State buses and is close to major train stations, Edgecliff and Kings Cross. The close proximity to regularly serviced public transport makes the location easily accessible. The Park is large, flat and has a number of passive and natural surveillance opportunities. There are a number of ancillary facilities including passive lighting, toilets, playing fields and kiosk. The area earmarked for a skate park within Rushcutters Bay Park is not within the vicinity of residential properties.

The Rushcutters Bay Park, Yarranabbe Park and Plantation Reserve Plan of Management 2005 list the following objectives:

- Provide continued opportunities for impromptu and informal recreation in Rushcutters Bay Park and Yarranabbe Park.
- Maintain and improve facilities which support the Parks' informal meeting place functions.
- Increase opportunities for children's play in the Parks.



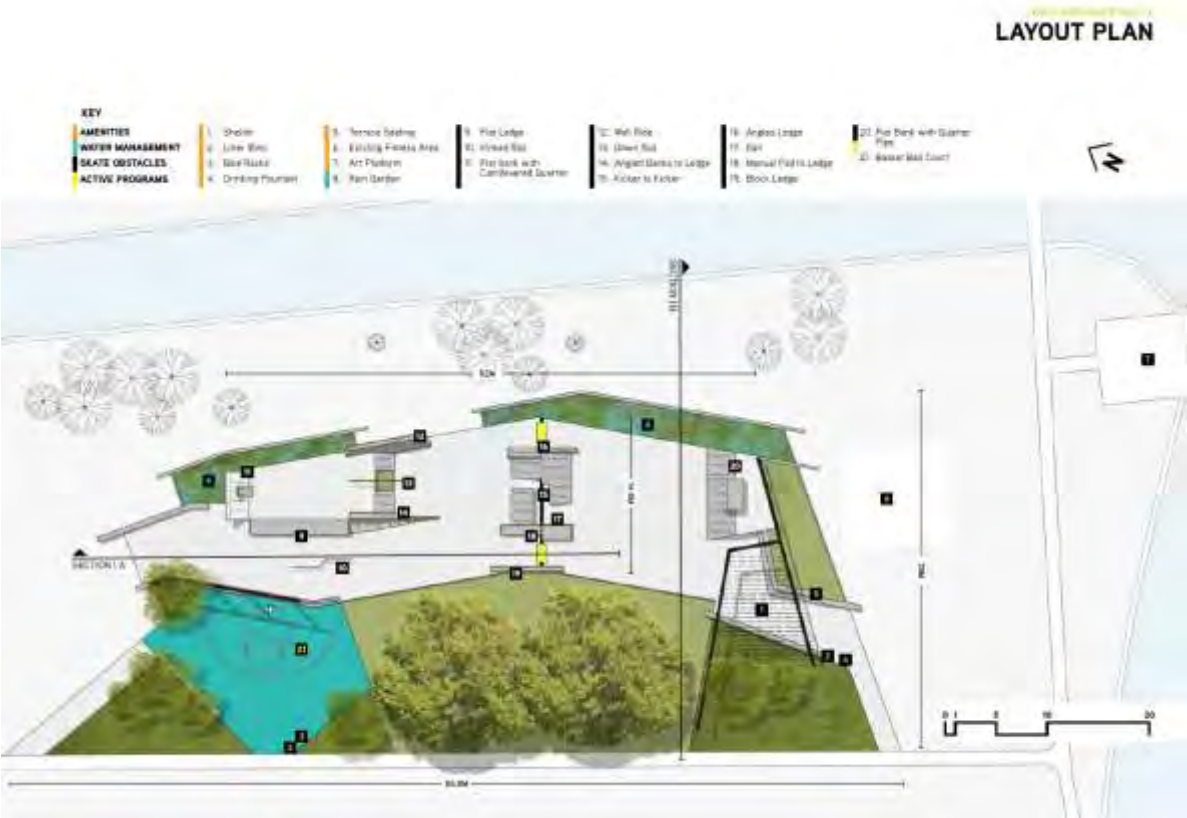
Location of proposed skate park in Rushcutters Bay Park

Convic undertook consultation with the skating community to understand and ascertain the use demand to then inform the conceptual design. Further information on the consultation will be explained later in this report. The outcomes from the consultation which have been incorporated in the concept design include:

- The facility should be focussed around the beginner to intermediate skill level. However it should allow for continual challenge and natural progression.
- The site favours a street plaza style allowing for open views into and through the site. This reduces the need for in ground excavation that may have potential conflicts with tidal water levels.
- Basketball was favoured over all the possible options for ancillary activities and has been included within the design in the form of an informal half basketball court.
- An architectural shade shelter was developed within the SKATECRAFT design workshop and this has been reflected within the proposed design in the form of shade shelter and arbor structure. The shade shelter not only provides an architectural statement but vital shade amenity, a structure to fix a basketball ring and park signage to, a gateway feature into the park and also a screen between the basketball court and skate plaza.

The facility proposed by Convic is a ‘youth plaza’ as opposed to a skate park to ensure wider community benefit and acceptance. It is important that the facility seamlessly integrates into the park context and maintains the parks open aesthetic. The landscape surrounding the plaza will be vital to this objective. The planting will draw from the rich landscape of the Park softening the addition of the hardscape, providing texture, colour and movement. There is provision to maintain existing trees and plant new trees. Reed planting will reflect the sites historic natural landscape in the form of a feature rain garden to filter water run-off. Planting will align with the CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) principles by allowing sight lines into the plaza.

The proposed plaza has both a skate facility and basketball court, which will result in high usage. General day to day usage will ensure the development of a safe and well maintained space.



Trumper Park – Proposal

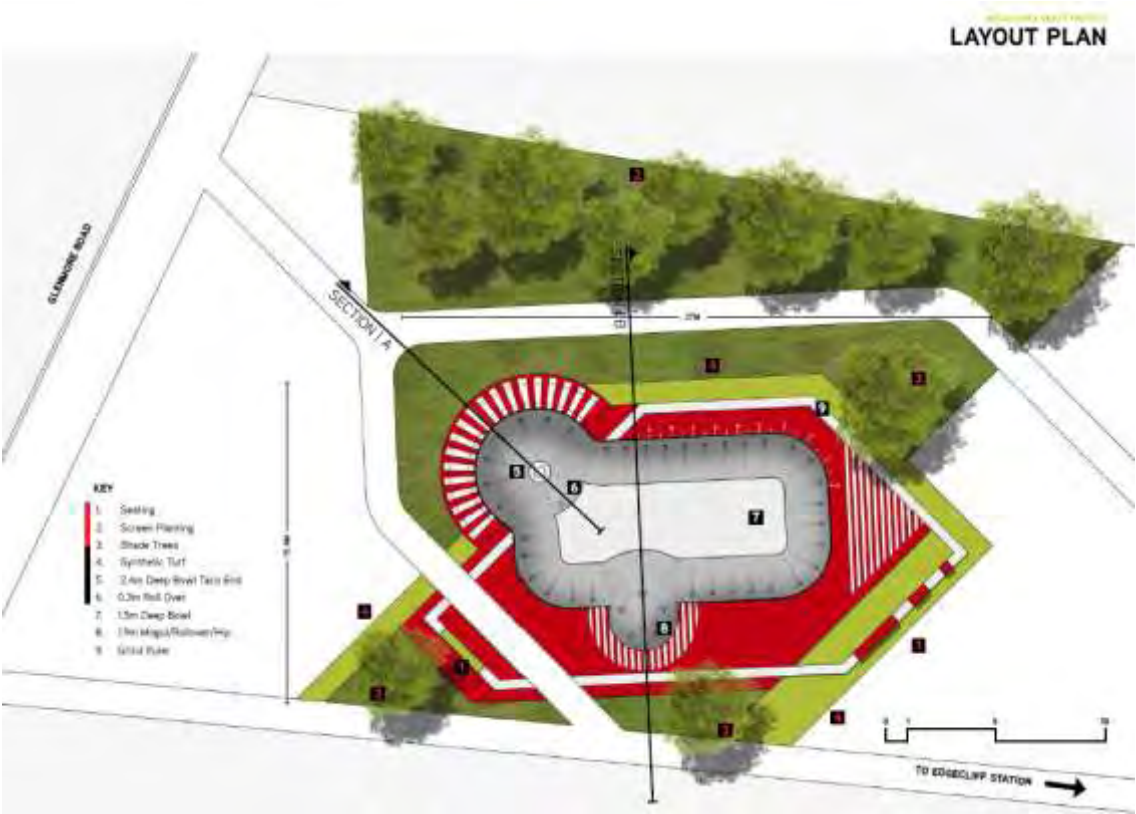
Located within Paddington and Edgecliff, Trumper Park has existing community recreation infrastructure including a sports oval, playground, cricket nets, toilets and bushland. There is limited large open space in Trumper Park to locate additional infrastructure like a skate facility. The Park and Oval are used on a regular basis and offer existing lighting providing good on site surveillance. The Park is in close proximity to the transport interchange at Edgecliff train station.

This site is located within the highest population growth area for youth and close to Glenmore Road Public School. This site was identified as an ideal site by the community group ‘Skatecraft’ and also by Council in the 2006 Recreational Needs Assessment and Strategy Report.

The site falls within the Paddington Heritage Conservation Zone under the Woollahra Local Environment Plan 2014 and is subject to a development application. The development application will need to consider the effect of the skate facility on the heritage significance of the site.



Location of proposed skate park in Trumper Park



Although no consultation workshops were directly focused around the Trumper Park site, the information collected has been utilised to inform the development of the design. The key design principles include:

- The facility should be focussed around the beginner to intermediate skill level. The bowl favours beginner to intermediate skill level.
- Particular skate obstacles that were developed through the community consultation design workshops have been included within the bowls design.

The location is close to established pedestrian routes creating clear circulation and access to the bowl and surrounding facilities. The proximity to popular pedestrian links, Glenmore Rd and Trumper Oval provide opportunities for passive surveillance into the facility.

Planting could be used to soften the hard surface providing additional buffer planting to the boundary edge of the space, whilst emphasising the natural character of the park.

Staff have reviewed Convic's proposal for Trumper Park and do not believe it is feasible due to the lack of available open space in the Park and its close proximity to residences.

3. Consultation:

Convic undertook consultation with the skate community to understand the need for a facility and user demand, and to inform a conceptual design for the youth/skate facility to be located within the Municipality.

In May 2015, Convic facilitated five consultations among the local community at Woollahra and Bondi. Consultations were held to inform the community and users about the development of the youth/skate facility and to provide the opportunity for the community to input into the design process.

The youth demographic in Woollahra is increasing and it will be important for Council to provide facilities. There is currently a gap in Council's provision of facilities as this demographic is too old for playgrounds but not old enough to go to places on their own. A skate facility including a half basketball court in Rushcutters Bay Park starts the process of bridging this gap.

A consultation plan was developed to guide all interactions with community members regarding the design process for the youth/skate facility. Council was particularly interested in involving young people, particularly 8-14 years of age, to understand demand for such a facility and for community members to feel a sense of ownership of the process. This is premised on the belief that those who are affected by a decision should have an opportunity to provide input.

To promote ideas and determine a need in the community for the project, consultations were held during May - June 2015. As part of this engagement process, Convic facilitated five consultations based on the proposed youth/skate facility including:

- Three days of on-site visitor questionnaire surveys at Bondi Beach Skate Park.
- A design consultation workshop with "SKATECRAFT" (Paddington resident group) at Cottage Child Care, Woollahra.
- A design consultation workshop with Waverly Action for Youth Services (WAYS) at Bondi Beach.

A representative from Convic attended the Bondi Beach Skate Park on 3 occasions to survey the users of the skate park. The users were introduced to the project and provided with some background on what Council was proposing. The questionnaire was then distributed to participants to build an understanding of user profiles, including skill level, facility type preferred and usage. The questionnaire asked about user interests and the types of things which could be provided in the youth / skate facility as well as identify demand for a facility within Rushcutters Bay Park.

Typically youth / skate facility provision aims to target the age groups from 5 to 20. These are well represented within the questionnaire participants. Council has highlighted the need to target users from 8-14 years of age who are also well represented within the results. The questionnaire was well received with 101 participants taking the time to fill out the survey. The results indicated and reinforced that Rushcutters Bay Park is an ideal location for a youth / skate facility. Almost 100% of participants indicated they would use the facility and the majority of users on a weekly or daily basis.

Workshops were facilitated by a representative from Convic with questionnaires completed to develop user profiles. The workshop proceeded to explore the wants and needs of the users and develop ideas on how it would all fit together. These ideas have been reflected in the concept designs for Rushcutters Bay Park and Trumper Park. The majority of the participants of the workshops were young males between 11 -15 years old. The Skatecraft workshop was well attended; however the WAYS workshop only attracted two attendees.

Parallel to this process, Council has been undertaking the review of the 2006 Woollahra Recreational Needs Assessment and Strategy. This has involved extensive consultation with the community including local residents, schools, open space users and community groups. The draft is currently being prepared, however the consultant has provided some feedback from the survey in regards to the recreational needs of the youth.

The survey received over 400 responses, 15 of those were aged under 25 years old. The key results are as follows:

- An activity undertaken in their spare time and away from home, football was the most popular, then indoor soccer and basketball. Skate boarding did not get a mention, however this could be due to the lack of facilities in the area. Barriers to participation did include facilities being too far away.
- Activities they would like to participate include skate boarding and a basketball hoop in Rushcutters Bay.
- Favourite places included Trumper Park and Rushcutters Bay Park as they were convenient and close to home.
- Dissatisfaction in Council's lack of skate and BMX facilities was expressed. It was also felt that the Bondi Skate facility was overcrowded.

Whilst the feedback from the survey was not overwhelming for the age group, the need for facilities to cater for youth was strongly expressed.

The final part of the resolution states '*That Council seek joint funding for the project from the City of Sydney Council*'. Council staff have discussed the skate park project in Rushcutters Bay Park with City of Sydney who have expressed in principle support for a skate park project but would like to see the outcome of community consultation before considering the proposal formally.

4. Conclusion:

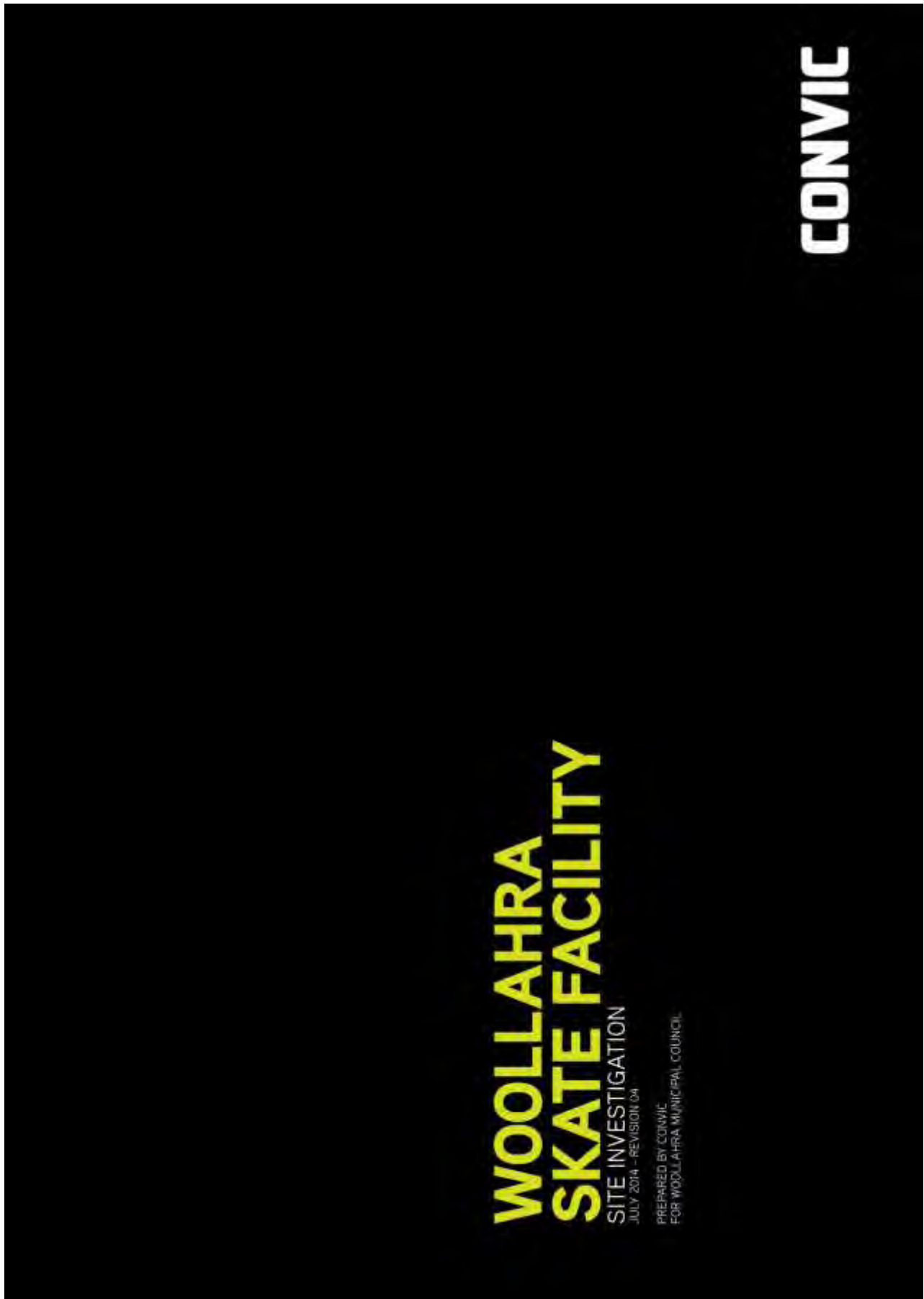
Interest in sports and activities like skateboarding, inline skating and the use of scooters continue to increase with children. Skate facilities and youth inclusive spaces are proving to be a successful solution to getting young people actively engaged in a healthy activity. It is however, important to ensure that the community are heavily invested in a potential facility.

Rushcutters Bay Park is the most suitable site for this facility due to its accessibility, size, typography, proximity to park infrastructures and adjacent neighbours not being residential. Trumper Park is less suitable for a skate facility due to the close proximity to residences and already limited open space in the Park.

The consultation program showed that the youth component of the community are invested, however the whole youth community were not reached. It is recommended that Council undertake wider consultation on the concept design for Rushcutters Bay Park and a further report be presented to the Committee.

Annexures

1. Woollahra Skate Facility - Site Investigation Report
2. Woollahra Skate Facility - Concept Design Report
3. Rushcutters Bay Youth and Skate Facility - Pre-design Consultation Report



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Comvic Pty Ltd, would like to acknowledge the contributions of all those who participated in the development of the Paddington Skate Facility, including Woollahra Municipal Council staff, in particular Paul Fraser, Open Space and Recreation Planner (Team Leader) and residents, community groups and other stakeholders who responded to the various opportunities for input and/or who provided advice and information where required. Base maps, and aerial photographs have been provided by Google Maps and Infra Maps and used by Comvic to present recommended locations.

KEY DEFINITIONS

Repeated terms and organisational acronyms used throughout the Strategy, have been defined for clarity as follows:

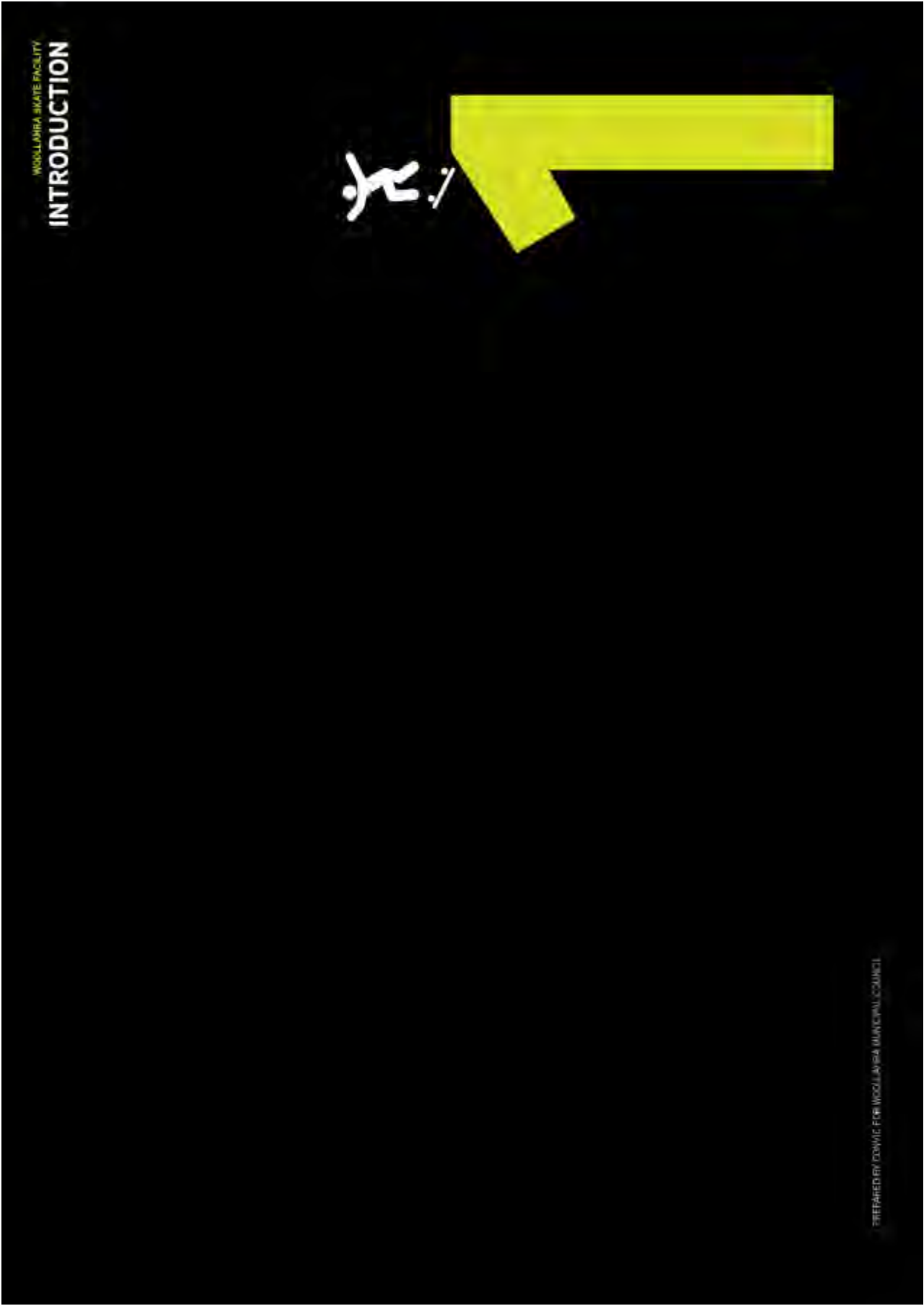
- WMC** - Woollahra Municipal Council
- LGA** - Local Government Area
- CPTED** - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design

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INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION

The objective of this report is to develop a strategic framework for the planning of youth and skate facilities across the Woollahra Municipal Council to enable a sustainable and equitable response to current, community demand and future community needs. This strategic approach will define an approach for an informed conceptual response and design. The conceptual design will then be used as a tool to collect community feedback, ensuring it is in line with council and community expectations. Once this has been gained the conceptual design will be utilized to seek funding for the procurement of a skate facility in the Woollahra Municipal Council.

METHODOLOGY

To achieve the project objective the following methodology will be utilised.

DESK TOP STUDY

Firstly, a desk top study is carried out to establish the current community and predicted growth of WMC community needs to determine the spread and concentration of youth in the city. An analysis of current youth focused facilities and programs will begin to highlight any provision gaps and where potential new facilities can integrate into existing services provided. This will also include assessment of current skate facilities in adjacent councils to WMC. Analysis of public open space will start to build a selection of appropriate sites that are located and equipped to integrate a potential new facility.

Assessment of transport links to ensure sites have good connection and accessibility.

SKATE INFRASTRUCTURE

The report will ascertain current facility trends into defined typologies for the purposes of clear definition of planning and provision.

A model of distribution based on the catchment areas of these typologies will begin to inform appropriate sites. This will then be established in line with the earlier desk top study.

FOCUS AREAS

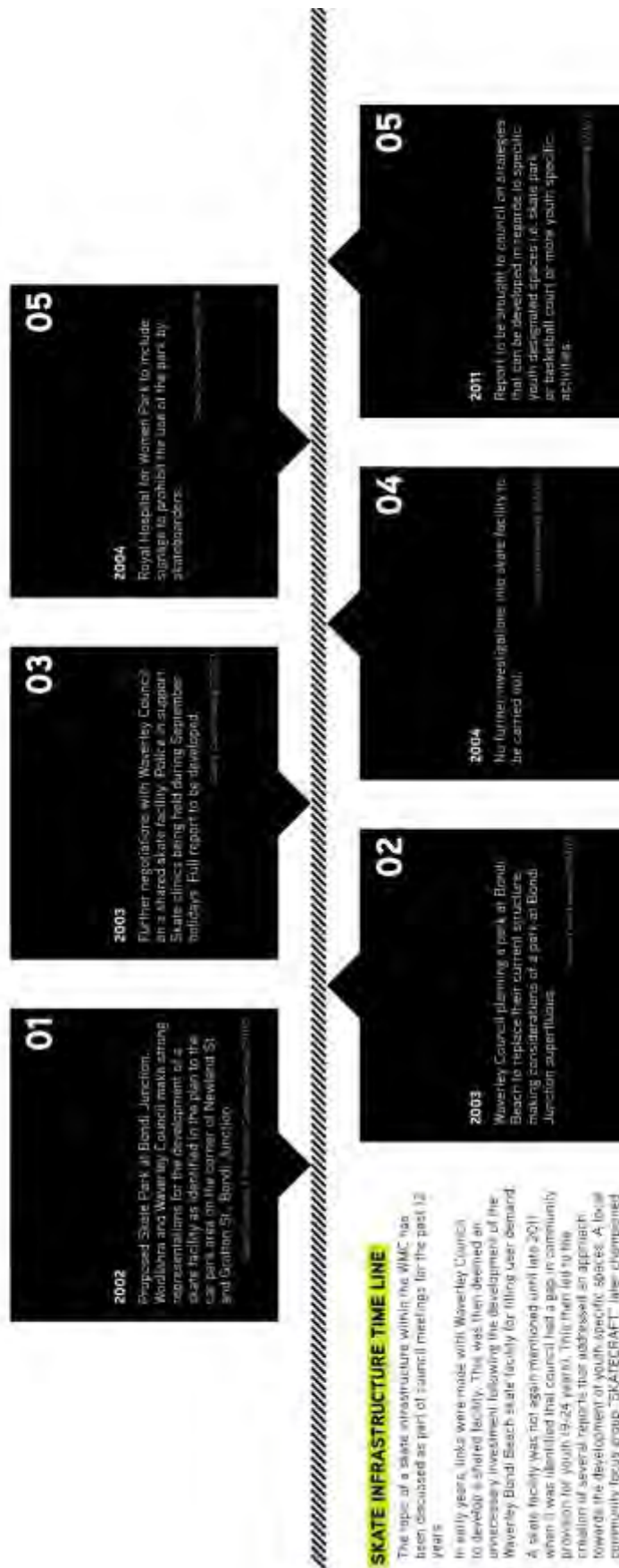
Following the development of an informed network of skate infrastructure, priority sites will be selected as focus areas to formulate a structured implementation strategy.

Selected priority sites will be assessed for further detail, carrying out an onsite survey and analysis to understand opportunities and constraints of each site.

CONCLUSION

All the above analysis will be used to inform a design vision that will guide the preparation of conceptual designs for consultation with community and key stakeholders.

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SKATE INFRASTRUCTURE TIME LINE

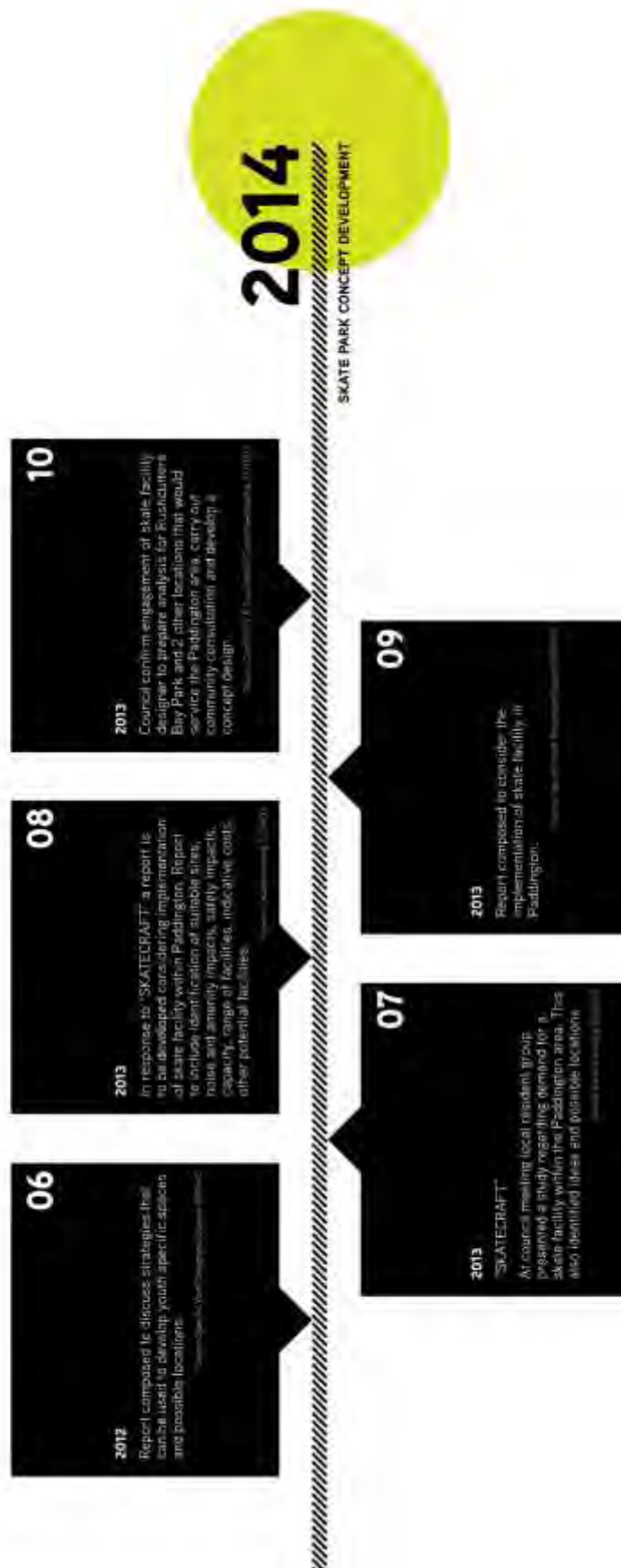
The topic of a skate infrastructure within the WMC has been discussed as part of Council meetings for the past 12 years.

In early years, links were made with Waverley Council to develop a shared facility. This was then deemed an unnecessary investment following the development of the Waverley Bondi Beach skate facility for filling user demand.

A skate facility was not again mentioned until late 2011 when it was identified that Council had a gap in community provision for youth (12-25 years). This then led to the formation of several reports that addressed an approach towards the development of youth specific spaces. A local community focus group "SKATECRAFT" later championed and fuelled the demand for a skate facility within the Woollahra LGA.

Council research and community demand has now led to the engagement of a specialist youth/skate park design consultant (Connect) to develop conceptual plans to understand the project's viability and gain potential funding.

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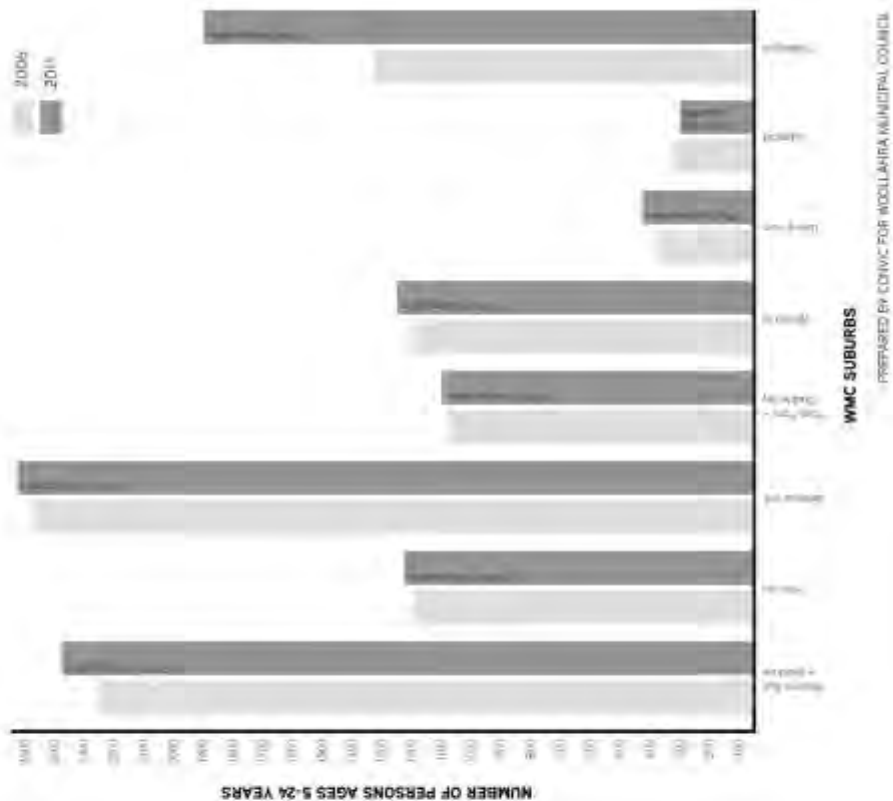
DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS

POPULATION ANALYSIS

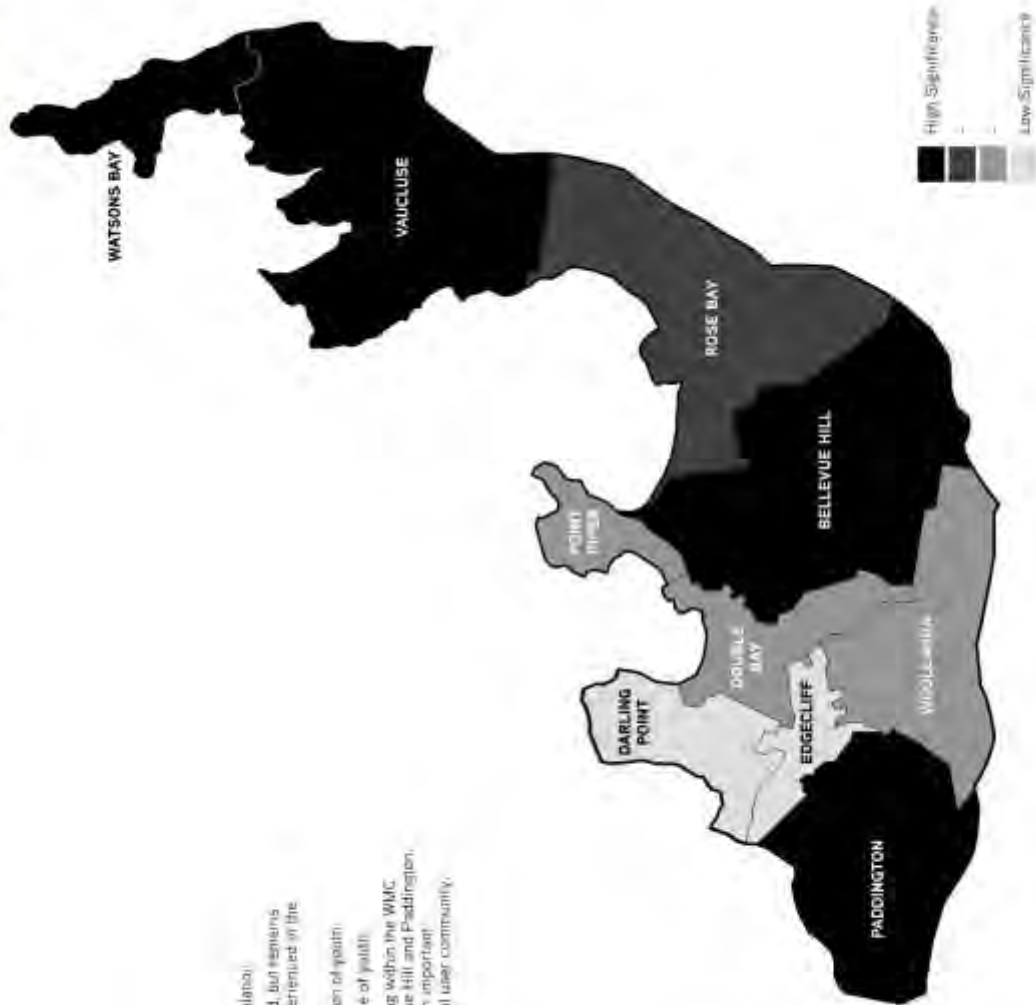
It has been identified that there is a demand for skate infrastructure within the WMC. To help inform current demand and future needs, it is important to analyse the demographic trends of the community. This will aid to appropriately locate facilities in areas with demand, particularly with regards to the target age group 5-24. Whilst there is a wide spread of ages, it is considered appropriate in light of ABS age ranges for skate participation and further support based on previous experience with skate facility user groups. This age spread involves the majority of facility users are covered in the analysis.

Based on data collected from the 2011 ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) Census, Woollahra LGA has an overall population of 57,677 and a land area of 1,228 hectares, giving a 46.98 persons per hectare population density. This is broken down into 8 key areas:

1. Watsons Bay + Vaucluse: 22.29 persons per hectare
2. Rose Bay: 28.07 persons per hectare
3. Bellevue Hill: 44.41 persons per hectare
4. Punt Piper + Double Bay: 55.79 persons per hectare
5. Woollahra: 56.48 persons per hectare
6. Darling Point: 56.57 persons per hectare
7. Edgecliff: 72.68 persons per hectare
8. Paddington: 81.27 persons per hectare



DEMOGRAPHIC ANALYSIS



The main themes to be noted from the analysis of the ABS is that:

- 10,617 persons fell into the 5-24 age group, making up 20.3% of WMC's total population.
- From 2006 to 2011 the proportion of youth within the WMC has slightly increased, but remains reasonably stable. The most dramatic increase in youth population has been experienced in the Paddington area.
- Watsons Bay & Vaughan, Bellevue Hill, and Paddington have the highest population of youth.
- Watsons Bay & Vaughan, Rose Bay, and Bellevue Hill have the highest percentage of youth.

The current demographic profile demonstrates a strong percentage of 5-24 year old living within the WMC boundaries. This is concentrated in three clear areas: Vaughan and Watsons Bay, Bellevue Hill and Paddington. Paddington shows the highest growth in the youth population. This distribution will be an important consideration when establishing the correct facility typology within a well populated local user community.

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OPEN SPACE PROVISION

CURRENT OPEN SPACE INFRASTRUCTURE

WMC has a range of public open space provision. These range from numerous foreshore parks to play/picnic/bushland reserves and historic gardens.

The open space sites in the WMC are divided in the following: 3% regional parks, 24% district parks and 73% local parks. This highlights there are minimal regional scale parks that can integrate a central hub skate facility. A large proportion of smaller local parks do, however, offer opportunities for several small facilities distributed throughout the WMC.

OPEN SPACE DEVELOPMENT

The Open Space Audit, 2000, identifies that demand for access to Woollahra's parks from outside the immediate area needs to be considered. Skate facilities offer a huge draw card for young people not only within WMC but also outside. The development of a skate facility will need to consider identified demand both inside and outside WMC. Users will travel locally, but also regionally to find different skate experiences, with significant parks also attracting international users.

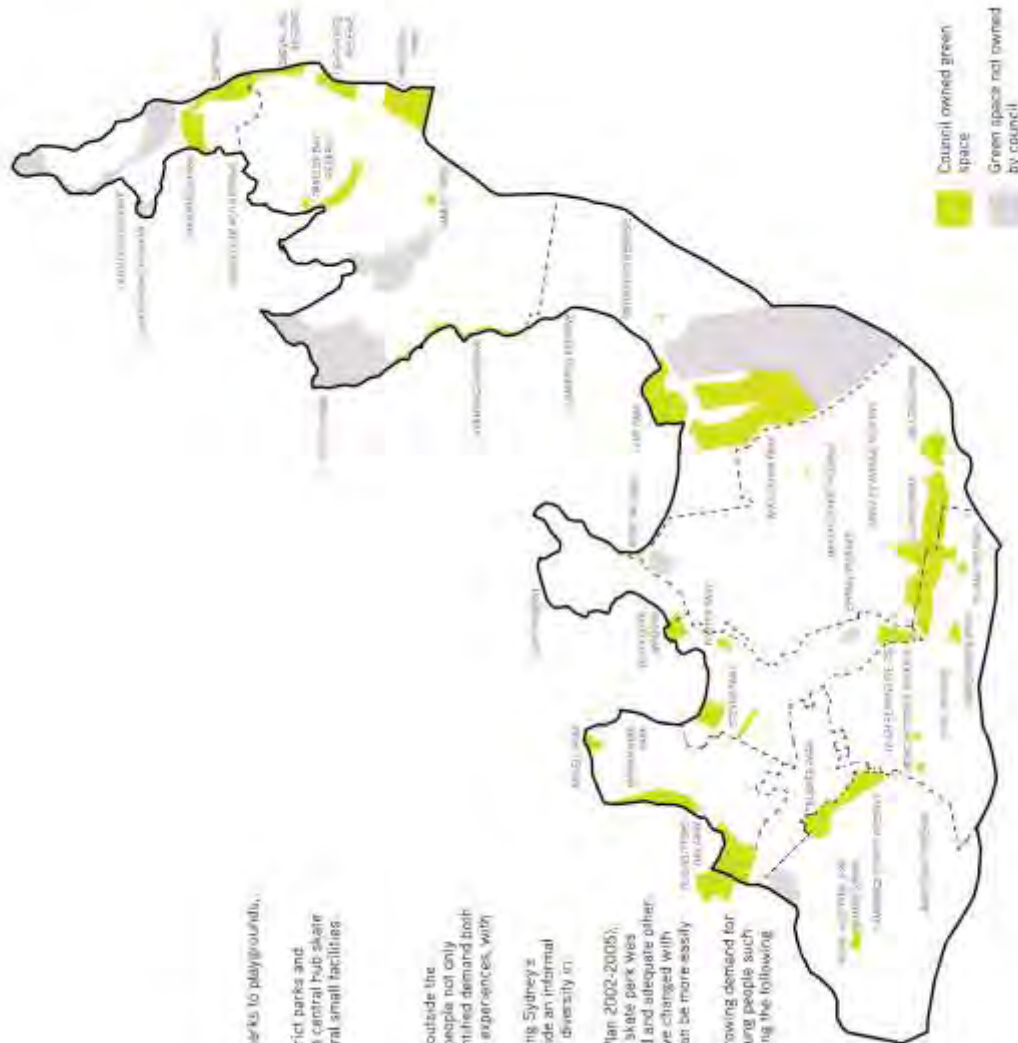
There is a 'high (and growing) demand for informal use of parks' within the WMC (Assessing Sydney's Recreation Demand and Opportunities). Skate facilities provide a great opportunity to provide an informal environment for unstructured recreation. This also helps to deliver a greater flexibility and diversity in provision of recreation pursuits and opportunities.

Sites have previously been assessed for the placement of a skate facility (Council Social Plan 2002-2005), however in the review of WMC's Management Plan 2004-2007 the potential provision of a skate park was withdrawn as a possible project on the basis that a suitable location could not be identified and adequate other facilities existed adjacent to the Woollahra LGA. However, in recent years, skate trends have changed with the development of 'incidental skate spots' allowing for smaller skate infrastructure that can be more easily located and responsive to users and sites.

The Recreational Needs Assessment and Strategy (2006) identifies there is evidence of growing demand for programs, services and facilities for young people and suggest to incorporate areas for young people such as hanging out spaces, basketball half court, tennis, rebound wall and skate elements, proposing the following possible sites:

- Cloister Park,
- Lyne Park and
- Trumper Park

The WMC is currently updating The Recreational Needs Assessment and Strategy.



SKATE PROVISION

EXISTING SKATE INFRASTRUCTURE

The WMC currently has no skate facilities and a small amount of public outdoor youth provision. Within WMC's bordering LGAs, City of Sydney, Waverley Council, and Randwick City Council there are four skate facilities. These should be considered in the development of new skate infrastructure so as to offer a well distributed and varied typology of skate facilities across the WMC and wider Sydney area.

1. FERNSIDE SKATEPARK, WATERLOO.

Council: City of Sydney

Distance from Rushcutters Bay: 4.3km

Style: Street park, consisting of ledges, grind rails, banks, manual pads and mini ramp

Further comments: One of the larger and more prominent skate parks in the wider Sydney area. When built it was considered cutting edge in its style. It is used heavily and is at maximum user capacity most days. Current user habits suggest this park is insufficient in size and typology to cater for the user demand in the Sydney area. Although currently considered a hub for the Sydney area, it lacks certain key credentials to meet the hub criteria (criteria explained in section 3 of this report).

2. RUSSELL CROWE PLAZA, REDFERN.

Council: City of Sydney

Distance from Rushcutters Bay: 3.7km

Style: Street/plaza park, consisting of ledge, bank, and manual pad

Further comments: A small skate space adjoining a half basketball court. The park has an artistic overlay, however poor skate design limits user skate opportunities. Construction quality is poor affecting function and condition. The park is ideal for a skate warm up and would be considered a incidental skate spot.

3. SURRY HILLS BOWL.

Council: City of Sydney

Distance from Rushcutters Bay: 2.1km

Style: Small Bowl and ledge

Further comments: Located within a playground this small bowl offers a good place for beginner users. This would be considered an incidental skate spot with respects to size, location and overall amenity.

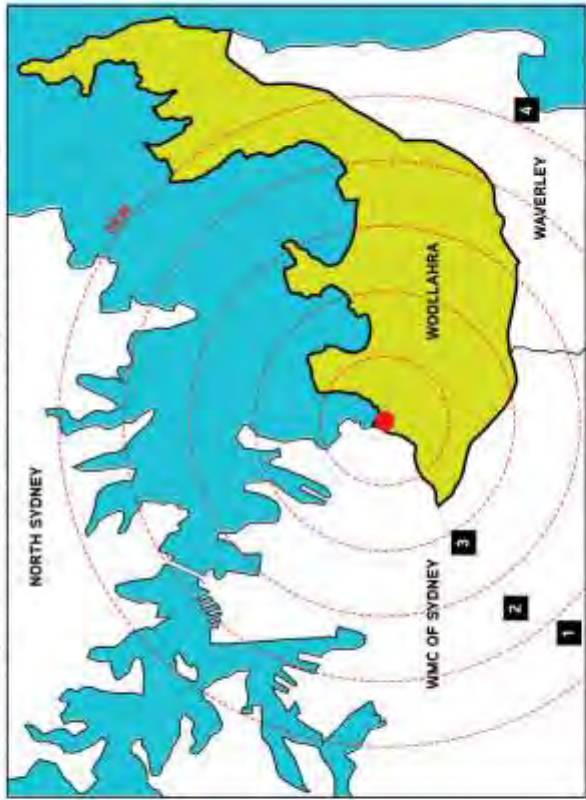
3. BONDI SKATE PARK.

Council: Waverley Council

Distance from Rushcutters Bay: 5.1km

Style: Mixed transition and street park, consisting of large vert pool bowl, unique transitions, with perimeter street section.

Further comments: The impressive location and competition level bowl make Bondi one of the most iconic facilities in Sydney. The design does not align with current best practice skate trends with the design of the street area reducing the parks functionality. However it is hugely popular and well positioned.



Rushcutters Bay has been used as a reference location due to its site prominence within the WMC.

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WOOLLAHRA SKATE FACILITY
SKATE PROVISION



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TRANSPORT PROVISION

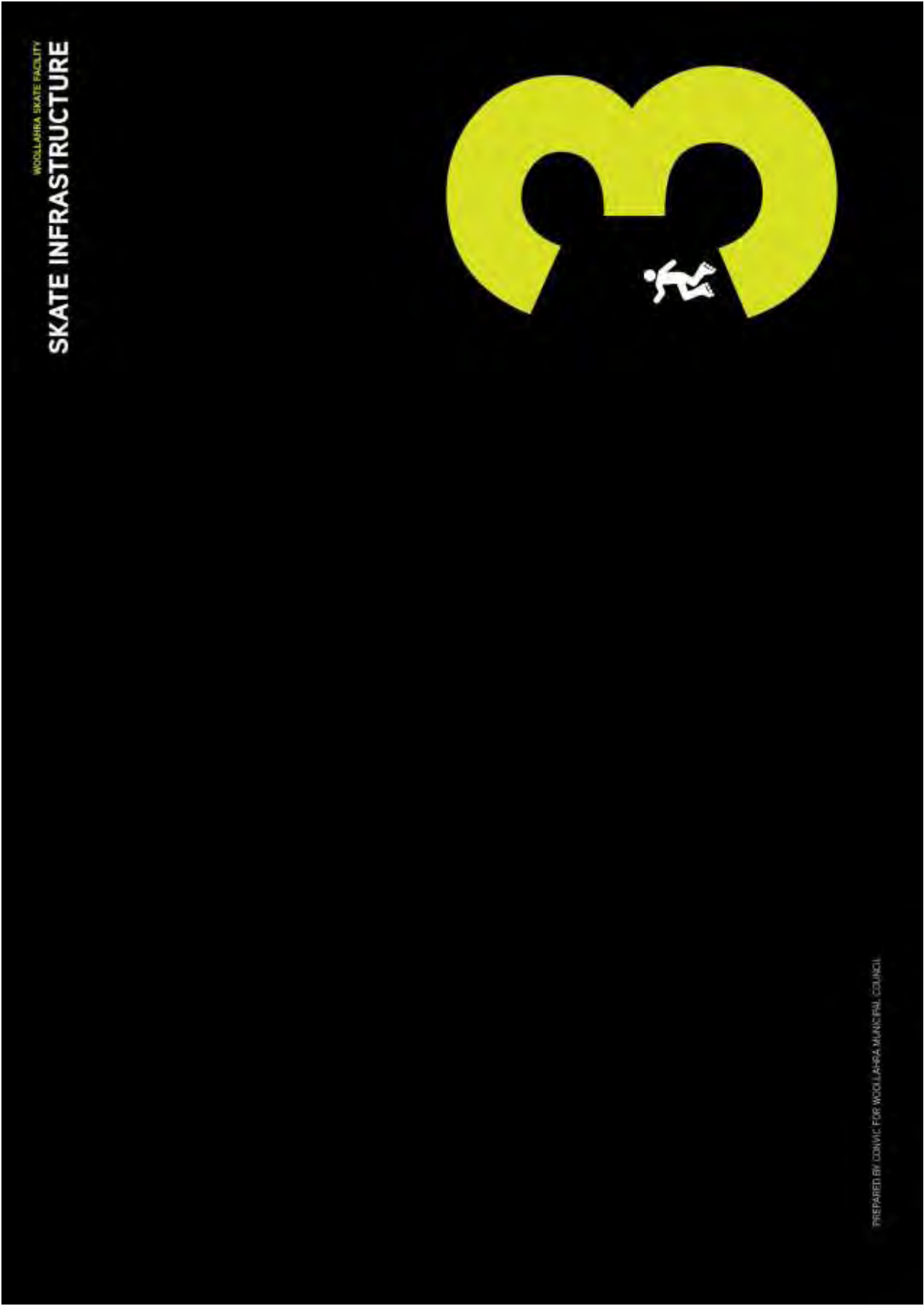
EXISTING TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Woollahra has a range of public transport and road networks covering the extent of the WMC. This well integrated transport network provides an accessible and efficient method of transport through the WMC. These transport features include:

- A direct train line from Sydney Centre to Bondi Junction providing regular public transport service to the western suburbs.
- A comprehensive public bus network servicing all areas of the WMC up to Watsons Bay.
- A linked public ferry network connecting the main Northern bays.
- Arterial Roads, such as New South Head Road, Old South Head Road (South of New South Head Road) and Oxford Street (West of Ocean Street) connecting in a North-Easterly direction.
- Sub-Arterial Roads, such as Old South Head Road (North of New South Head Road), Ocean Street, Boundary Street / Barcom Avenue, O'Sullivan Road, Ocean Avenue / William Street, the majority connect the WMC North to South.

Public transport is particularly important when considering the location of skate facilities. This assists youth who are not yet old enough to drive, but independent enough to travel with out guardians. The strategy shall consider and aim to align with the current and future transport infrastructure (refer to the Woollahra Traffic & Transport Study, Feb, 2000).





FACILITY TYPOLOGY CLASSIFICATION

APPROACH

To appropriately assess individual sites across the WMC for the potential provision of new skate infrastructures, it is important to determine the types of facilities that should be considered. This section will:

- Describe the approach for the facility typology
- Discuss each typology in detail
- Outline a distribution model
- Specify site selection criteria

The Skate Infrastructure should aim to define an interconnected network of facilities that offer different and varied user experiences, thus creating a diverse range of choice across the broader community. These facilities are divided into three typologies: Hub, Satellite and Incidental.

WOOLLAHRA SKATE FACILITY
FACILITY TYPOLOGY CLASSIFICATION



HUB Hub facilities are defined as a purpose built facility providing ample space and components to enable a variety of different skilled users to frequent the space on a daily basis. Generally within a LGA there is one Hub facility, and this Hub becomes the main focus facility that satellite facilities will complement. It needs to be easily accessible by public transport and cars including the provision of parking for visitors, parents and older users. The development of the Hub facility presents the opportunity to create other recreational and social functions to engage the broader community. Examples include performance spaces, multimedia capabilities, basketball courts and refuge and events areas.

While not area dependent, the hub facility needs to be large enough to accommodate a significant amount of rideable terrain for a range of BMX and skate users from beginner to advanced level. Within this may be specific zones for different user types (e.g. plaza area, transition zone). The facility should contain adequate event space and infrastructure including seating options, power and lighting for events, programming for competitions and demonstrations. There also needs to be provision for appropriate entry and safety signage, refuge areas, including seating and shade, bins, drinking fountains and bike racks. The facility should consider its context and have the necessary landscaping to integrate /complement its surroundings. Toilets and other social amenities nearby or at the site are essential for such a focal youth space.

APPROXIMATE COST: \$700,000+



Woollahra Skate Facility
Site Plan
1. Hub facility
2. Satellite facility
3. Performance space

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FACILITY TYPOLOGY CLASSIFICATION

SATELLITE

A satellite facility is defined as a facility that focuses on the purpose and function of the site, with two types of skate and BMX function. For example these could be a bowl/transition facility catering for bowl skaters and BMX riders, a park style course for BMX, skate riders and scooter riders, an urban plaza configuration that caters for street skaters and in-line users or a BMX jump track designed specifically for BMX only. Satellite facilities should also have a range of different elements to encourage skill progression and development.

This approach does not preclude the use of the space by other styles, it does however create the opportunity to develop a spread of unique satellite facilities to increase diversity of choice across the LGA, rather than the same distribution of facilities trying to cater for all users. Such an approach will assist in minimising over crowding, as users will travel between specific facilities for a different rider experience. Thus it is important to be accessible by public transport and provision of adequate car parking.

The satellite facility may have the capacity to host small events, competitions or demonstrations, and should consider providing seating options and viewing areas. Power and lighting are preferable, but not necessary for the facility to function properly. Other elements to be included are: entry/safety signage, refuge areas with seating and shade, bins and drinking fountains.

The facility should consider its context and have the necessary landscape design to be integrated into and compliment its surrounding context. Toilets nearby or at the site are preferable.

APPROXIMATE COST: \$250,000-\$700,000



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1. Jerrildale Skatepark, NSW
2. Trudgers Skatepark, NSW
3. Lifford Skatepark, NSW

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FACILITY TYPOLOGY CLASSIFICATION



INCIDENTAL

Incidental skate spots are already occurring across municipalities with local skaters using existing urban infrastructure due to their unique skate function e.g. seats, walls and stairs. With appropriate design and management, incidental skate spots can be developed that are significantly safer and more functional to users whilst not impacting on the broader community programs.

Incidental skate spots are not aimed at any specific level of user per se, rather elements located at appropriate scales depending on their broader context for informal appropriation. Incidental skate spaces are focused more on where young people want to be so that recreational opportunity is added at existing interest areas. Access, public transport and ancillary requirements will already be available in most instances given the potential centralised location of these spaces.

Any pathway that is used by skateboarders/cyclists as a thoroughfare has the possibility to have sections of it widened to accommodate skatable norms or undulating terrain to create an incidental skate spot. Many urban spaces contain infrastructure or sculptural components that can be designed to accommodate skate and BMX function and be a cost effective option to provide greater rider diversity in the LGA. While the focus may be on other activities or recreational needs, an incidental skate spot can add value and increase overall function or recreational opportunity to an existing space (such as a basketball court or existing urban square). An incidental skate spot also presents the opportunity to develop educational type elements for users to develop skills but also learn rules, for example scooter/bike paths that help teach road rules.

As incidental skate spots are not facility based, there is no set size constraint so whilst managing activity is still important, there are opportunities to create these incidental elements in areas previously considered either inappropriate or too small for a facility. A incidental skate spot mostly caters for users of a local catchment. Therefore there is no limit to the number or amount of incidental facilities and should be considered in the typical planning process of community infrastructure, much the same as park amenity and playgrounds. For example designing benches and walls to accommodate and withstand skate use.

APPROXIMATE COST: MIN \$100,000 - \$200,000



1. Street Street Level Features and Urban
2. Skateable Surfaces
3. Urban Youth Area, etc.

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FACILITY GUIDE

The following table ranks how essential, preferable, or unnecessary the various requirements are for each facility type. For example, where event space is critical for a club it is not necessary for a residential facility.

<p>Approach site due to cater for specific functional requirements of each type</p> <p>Space for temporary seating & associated infrastructure for events</p> <p>Public transport access available</p> <p>Emergency vehicle access available</p> <p>Motorcycle car parking (drop off available)</p> <p>Shower/toilet</p> <p>Decorated seating and viewing areas</p> <p>Talked for in close proximity</p> <p>Bushy area</p> <p>Drinking fountains</p> <p>Approach area very well safety signage</p> <p>Good natural surveillance</p> <p>At least 10m from housing/residential areas</p> <p>Close proximity of lockdown railway</p> <p>Other recreational youth infrastructure can be accommodated</p> <p>Proximity to youth interest areas (shops, recreation spaces, schools)</p> <p>Proximity to major community centre or community facility</p>	<p>Approach site due to cater for specific functional requirements of each type</p> <p>Space for temporary seating & associated infrastructure for events</p> <p>Public transport access available</p> <p>Emergency vehicle access available</p> <p>Motorcycle car parking (drop off available)</p> <p>Shower/toilet</p> <p>Decorated seating and viewing areas</p> <p>Talked for in close proximity</p> <p>Bushy area</p> <p>Drinking fountains</p> <p>Approach area very well safety signage</p> <p>Good natural surveillance</p> <p>At least 10m from housing/residential areas</p> <p>Close proximity of lockdown railway</p> <p>Other recreational youth infrastructure can be accommodated</p> <p>Proximity to youth interest areas (shops, recreation spaces, schools)</p> <p>Proximity to major community centre or community facility</p>
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Following the definition of facility types, it is important to define principles for their distribution to adequately cater for the established needs of the LGA.

In order to determine the level of distribution required, catchment areas have also been developed based on benchmarking of other LGAs³⁷ and what is fair and reasonable for individuals to travel to a facility.

Based on the classification previously outlined, there should ideally be within the LGMA

One Hub facility. This will service the entire community from beginners through to advanced users, cater for events, and will attract interest from outside the LGA.



A distribution of satellite facilities. These facilities should be located throughout the LGAs to provide a range of varied riding experiences.



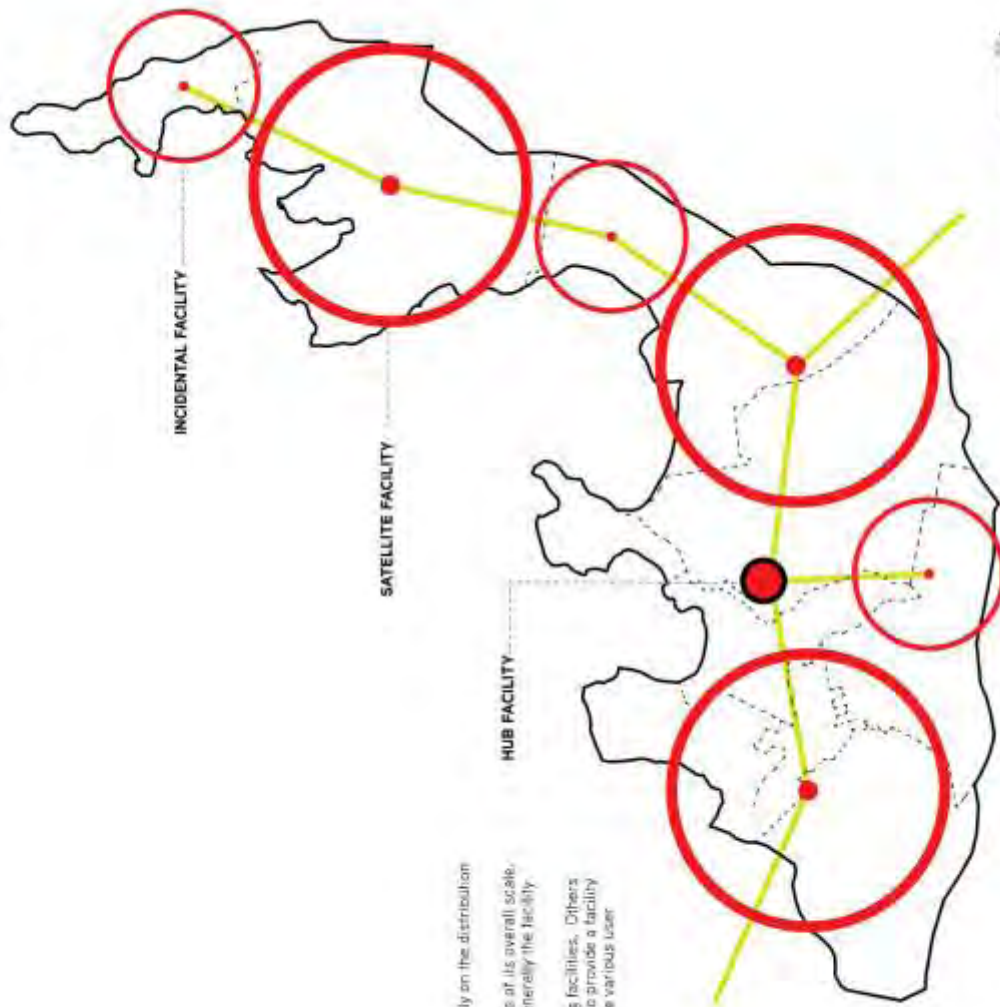
A distribution of incidental facilities. These are located throughout the LGA to provide localised recreation in both residential and urban areas.



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FACILITY DISTRIBUTION



CATCHMENTS

HUB: THE ENTIRETY OF THE WMC

The central focus for users for the LGA and broader region.

SATELLITE: 3KM

Supports and complements the hub and provides users different rider experience.

INCIDENTAL: 800M

Fills gap of provision and provides for local residents and users.

The opposite mapping exercise illustrates the ideal distribution across the WMC based only on the distribution and catchment principles described and not on specific identified sites.

This mapping does not however take into consideration that each LGA is different in terms of its overall scale, transport connections, population distribution and level of services and infrastructure. Generally the facility distribution should be into these different considerations.

For example, some LGAs have a single significant Hub facility with no need for supporting facilities. Others have well distributed satellite facilities, given the lack of space for a Hub facility or need to provide a facility in each township. The key is ensuring there is a range of facilities to properly cater for the various user requirements that meet the required demand.

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SKATE INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY

RECOMMENDED SITES

The distribution mapping carried out previously only considers the basic spatial distribution principle. It is important to now link this distribution to appropriate sites based on the desk top study carried out in Section 3 of this report including:

- Youth population distribution
- Local Community centres, including youth centres, youth specific public spaces, schools, etc.
- Surrounding facilities in and outside the WMC
- Green infrastructure/public open space and
- Transport infrastructure

The methodology for the consideration of appropriate sites that can accommodate the varying typologies explained previously should be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Soils
- Unique character
- Location
- Connectivity to other facilities
- Overall ability to deliver a quality and diverse user experience
- Function
- Usability
- Opportunity
- Site character

As part of this skate infrastructure strategy, the following items are also considered when determining the facility types:

- The potential to design unique environments that embrace and celebrate existing site character and surrounds. Such facilities that are integrated into the landscape can have low impact on surrounding residents, through materials, style, orientation and elevation of the facility.
- The potential to add skate/rider function to existing facilities and community spaces, to add value by creating vibrant and multi-user facilities.
- The potential to create facilities that offer varied and contrasting riding experience, and not focus solely on one type of user or riding style.

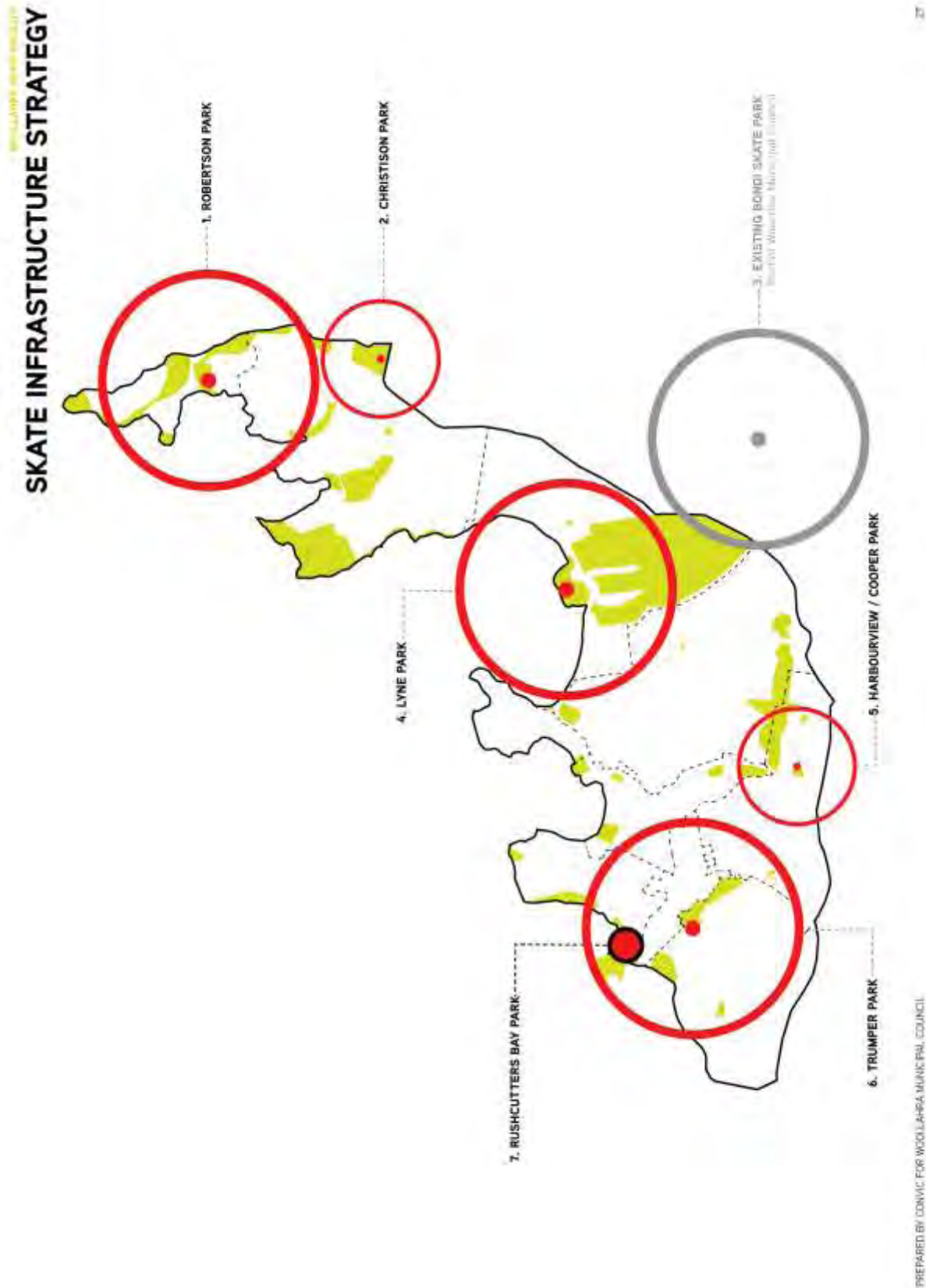
This following mapping aims to create an adaptive facility distribution plan based on the specific needs and requirements of the WMC. This strategy looks to address current and predicted demand. By developing a long term plan for an interrelated network of facilities across the WMC, including a hub, satellite and incidental facilities, the WMC will be able to offer a diverse range of recreational opportunities and experiences for both skate and BMX participants and the broader community.

The following sites and classifications have been selected for the WMC:

1. Robertson Park - Satellite
2. Christison Park - Incidental
3. Existing Bondi Skate Park (Part Of Warringah Municipal Council) - Satellite
4. Lyne Park - Satellite
5. Harbourview / Casper Park - Incidental
6. Trunget Park - Satellite
7. Rushcutters Bay Park - Hub

Catchment areas and locations are shown in the mapping opposite.

Note: These sites are recommendations only. Further on-site specific investigation and consultation is required into the suitability of the suggested sites for youth active spaces and skate parks. It is also important to understand the coordination and timing of other WMC projects and to take into consideration future masterplanning and major projects.



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- Located within a high youth populated area.
- Closely located to Watsons Bay Ferry Wharf.
- Serviced by Old South Head Road
- Local bus network 324, 325, 380.
- Well established park land with existing programs e.g. playground, toilets, shade, etc.
- Nearby shops and cafes.
- Existing community and visitor hub

- Located within a high youth populated area.
- Serviced by New and Old South Head Roads.
- Local bus network 324, 380, 386, 387
- Well established parkland with existing programs e.g. exercise equipment, playground, basketball court etc.
- Opportunity to connect to existing basketball court to create a youth focused zone.



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1. Determine Part - Target Variable (aim to 65) Feature Class 2th, 3th

2. Feature Map - model built from 1

3. Classify, Verify (calculated 3.34 mean APOI from 1 for the element itself) test 1

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SKATE INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY



- 3. LYNE PARK - SATELLITE**
 - Identified within council "Specific Youth Designated Space" report as a suitable site to investigate.
 - Highlighted within "Recreational Needs Assessment and Strategy" for potential youth specific space.
 - Closely located to Rose Bay Ferry Wharf.
 - Serviced by New South Head Road.
 - Local bus network 324, 325.
 - Well established parkland with existing programs e.g. playground, toilets, shade, sports pitches etc.
 - Nearby shops and cafes
 - Existing community and visitor hub including Woollahra Sailing Club and Tennis Centre
 - Nearby parking
 - Close proximity to local schools / colleges
- 4. BONDI BEACH SKATE PARK - SATELLITE**
 - Although a well established hub facility for Waverley Council, it is within close enough proximity to act as a satellite for South Eastern areas of WMC.
- 5. HARBOURVIEW / COOPER PARK - INCIDENTAL SKATE SPOT**
 - Highlighted within "Recreational Needs Assessment and Strategy" for potential youth specific space.
 - Closely located to Bondi Junction Train and Bus Station
 - Serviced by Syd Enfield Drive.
 - Local bus network 327
 - Well established parkland with existing programs e.g. picnic tables, playground, basketball court etc.
 - Existing natural shade.
 - Opportunity to establish a small beginners facility that connects to existing basketball court to create a youth focused zone.



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6. TRUMPER PARK - SATELLITE

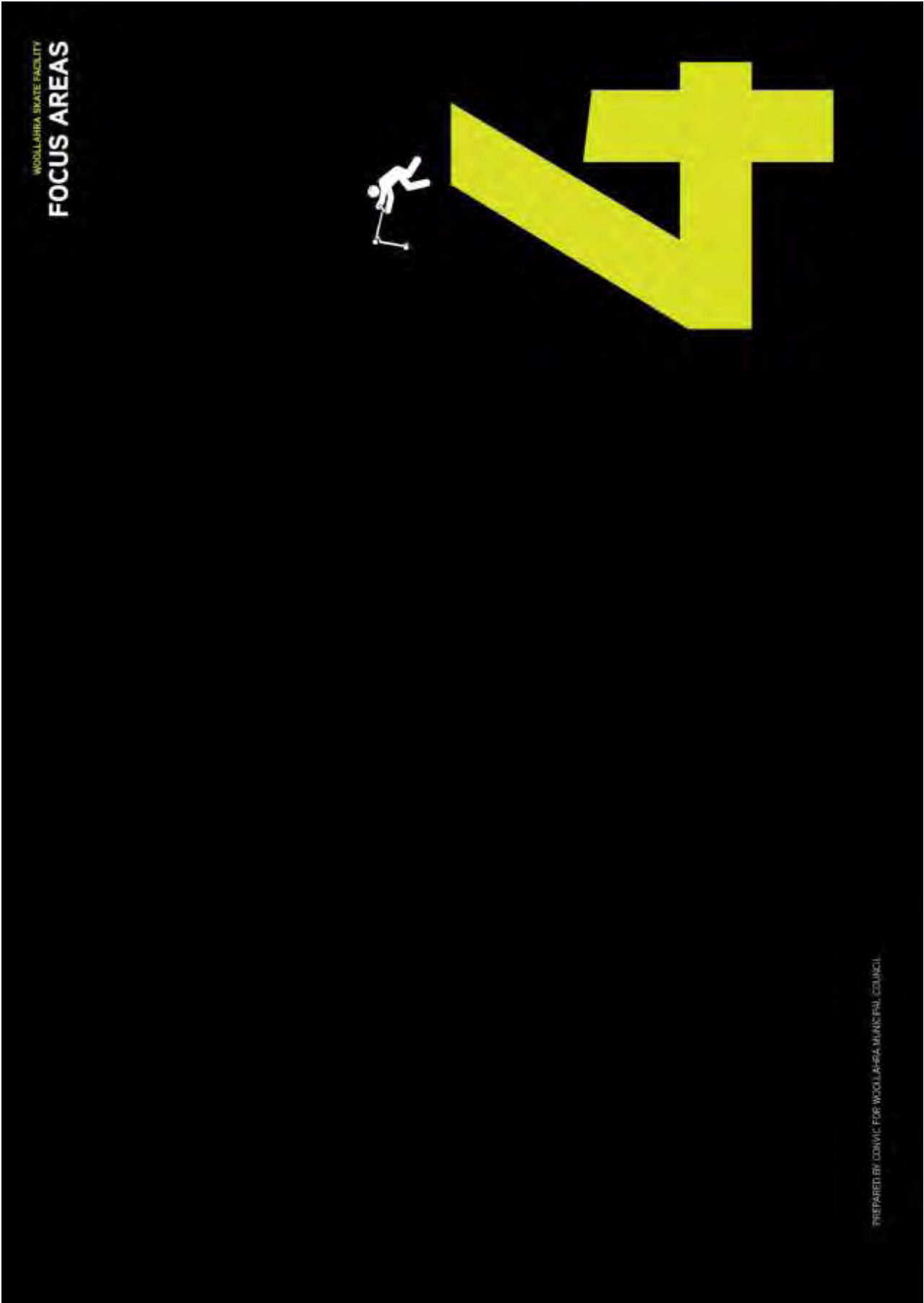
- Located within a high youth populated growth area.
- Identified by community group "SKATECRAFT" as a suitable site to investigate.
- Highlighted within "Recreational Needs Assessment and Strategy" for potential youth specific space.
- Closely located to Edgecliff Train Station
- Serviced by New South Head Road.
- Local bus network 389.
- Well established park land with existing programs e.g. playground, sports pitches etc.
- Nearby shops and cafes.
- Close proximity to local schools and colleges.

7. RUSHCUTTERS BAY PARK - HUB

- Located within one of the most prominent public open spaces within the WMAC.
- Located within close proximity to high youth populated growth area.
- Identified by community group "SKATECRAFT" as a suitable site to investigate.
- Identified within council "Specific Youth Designated Space" report as a suitable site to investigate.
- Park is part owned with the City of Sydney offering potential for a joint funding venture.
- Well positioned to become a draw card for regional users as well as the local community
- Closely located to Edgecliff and Kings Cross Train Station.
- Serviced by New South Head Road.
- Local bus network 323, 324, 325, 326, 327.
- Well established parkland with existing programs e.g. playground, sports pitches, exercise equipment, cafe etc.
- Nearby shops and cafes.
- Close proximity to local schools and colleges.

1	1. Trumper Park - Potential Facility 2. Rushcutters Bay Park - Hub
2	1. Trumper Park - Potential Facility 2. Rushcutters Bay Park - Hub





FOCUS AREAS

RECOMMENDED IMPLEMENTATION

WMC wide skate infrastructure will require articulated and defined implementation over time and in accordance with the availability of resources. As such it is important to determine the main priorities for focus by the WMC.

To best plan for the implementation of skate infrastructure the suggested sites have been selected and developed into further detail for the following reasons:

SITE 1 - RUSHCUTTERS BAY

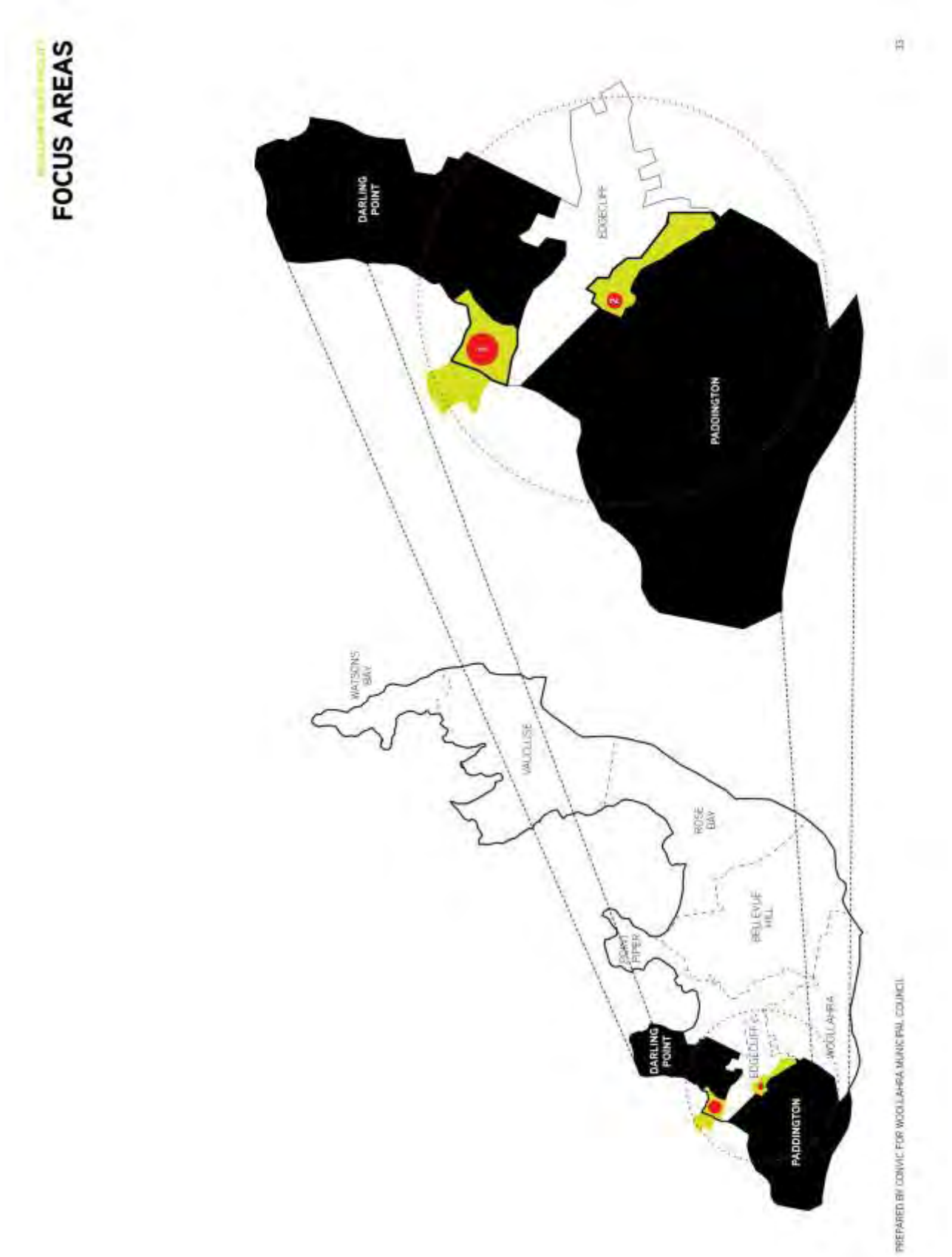
- Creating the centralised hub first as a catalyst for further youth specific spaces.
- Allow users of different ages the opportunity to interact with each other
- Allow users of different abilities the opportunity to learn from each other
- To create strong links with other town amenities

SITE 2 - TRUMPER PARK

- Provide a satellite facility in the highest demand area.

The WMC has the opportunity to develop a youth precinct hub central to the community in Woollahra that together with innovative design and integrated recreational functions can lift the profile of both youth and skate activities within the area.

Together with the development of a satellite facility within Trumper Park this will strengthen provision in an area that is predicted to retain a high proportion of youth as well as encourage skill development and informal activity opportunities.



ON SITE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

SITE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

To understand the opportunities and constraints of preferred selected sites in further detail, each will be assessed using the following criteria:

1. PHYSICAL SITE CONDITIONS & TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

This first broad criterion is based on the physicality of the various sites and whether they can accommodate a facility of the required scale and type required by the LGA. It also considers technical implications such as drainage and soil conditions. Questions asked at each site include:

- Is the proposed site capable to cater for the various different applicable facility types defined previously? (i.e. large enough to cater for events if we are looking for a regional scale park)
- Is the proposed site free of existing land use implications, covenants, easements, service access requirements and/or underground/overhead power lines, water and gas?
- What are the implications of geotechnical conditions, ground water, drainage?
- What are the physical terrain implications of the site?

2. ACCESS/TRANSPORT

This second criterion looks at how easily accessible the site is for users, parents and those viewing the skate park, or events. Questions asked of each site on this criterion include:

- Is there access to public transport at the proposed site?
- Are there pedestrian/footpath connections from transport nodes to the proposed site?
- Is there a safe drop off area of adequate car parking, if applicable?

3. NATURAL & PASSIVE SURVEILLANCE, SECURITY AND SAFETY

Given we are looking at creating a public sporting facility with the main users being below the age of 18 it is critical to ensure the facility is visually open, safe and easily accessed in the case of an emergency. Questions asked for this criterion include:

- Is the site visually prominent with good public and passive surveillance for safety and for the promotion of the facility and skate activity?
- Is the site a short distance from police response calls and does it provide ease of police access on scheduled routes?
- Can the site provide adequate emergency vehicle access (fire and ambulance)?
- Can vehicular access be restricted at the proposed site to prevent skating at night by car light if applicable?
- Can the proposed site provide safe entry to and from the site and safe setbacks from busy roads and intersections?

ON SITE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

7. EVENT SPACE OPPORTUNITIES

With centrally located facilities presenting the opportunity to become a major community activity node, not just for sailing/skate and scooter users but also community events, clinics and competitions, sites must be assessed for their suitability to play such a role. Questions therefore include:

- Is the proposed site adjacent to like/complementary activities to create a greater recreational experience?
- Does the site have the ability to cater for larger crowds and temporary infrastructure during peak use and events?

8. MAINTENANCE

Maintenance is important to ensure the park can be created easily and regularly. Questions therefore asked for this criterion are:

- How readily accessible is the site to regular cleaning for existing council binning and maintenance teams?

9. CONTEXT & AMENITY

The criteria is most applicable to the socialisation that occurs at skate parks and the importance of providing facilities that are where young people want to be and provide important amenity (sun protection, wind etc.). The following questions will be asked for each of the sites regarding context and amenity:

- Is the site location where young people want to be or adjacent to where they currently socialise?
- Is the site in close proximity to existing shopping centres, sports or recreation facilities or interested retailers?
- Is the site within or adjacent to a major community hub or central area?

10. CONSISTENCY WITH STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Sites for consideration need to conform to local planning schemes, embody strategic planning and reflect the current land use zones. Therefore for this criterion the following questions needs to be asked:

- Is the location consistent with the strategic land use, master planning, planning schemes and zoning?

4. PROXIMITY TO AMENITIES (WATER, TOILETS, SHADE, FOOD & DRINK)

An active public sporting facility such as a skate park should have appropriate amenity amenities outlined in the previous sections. This includes shade for viewing and resting, drink fountains and nearby toilets (even users can spend many hours using a skate park in a single session). Questions therefore asked for this criterion are:

- Are associated amenities such as public telephone, toilets, water, shelter and shade existing and available or cost effective to install at the site?
- Is the site close to shops selling food and drink and is there potential for seasonal, peak time and/or event day food and drink outlets?

5. IMPACT ON EXISTING FACILITIES, ADJOINING USES AND USERS

To assess the suitability of a site, one of the main considerations is how much impact will a new facility have on the existing users and use of the space. This can be a contentious community issue and so the following questions have been asked for this criterion:

- Can the site facilitate minimal loss of green space?
- Can the site facilitate minimal impact on ecological systems e.g. wetlands, foreshore and bushland?
- Can the site facilitate minimal loss of mature or significant trees?
- Can the site facilitate minimal impact on pedestrian or road network and access including existing desire lines?
- Will the location of a skate facility on the site not substantially displace existing recreational or other site users?
- Are there any existing heritage items or indigenous people's claims for land title or culture significance at the site?
- Is there a history of 'anti-social' activity of behavior at the site?

6. DISTANCE FROM HOUSING & INCOMPATIBLE LAND USE

Another major consideration for any new public sporting facility is the potential impact of noise and light to nearby housing. It is important that the new skate facility is placed to minimise impact to surrounding residential areas. We have undertaken acoustic assessments of a number of existing skate parks to ascertain an appropriate distance from residential areas and as a guide 50m is considered an acceptable distance for a purpose built skate park. Please note that this is subject to a more detailed acoustic analysis and investigation.

FOCUS AREAS

SITE 1 - RUSHCUTTERS BAY PARK

SITE DESCRIPTION:

- Located on Sydney Harbour's iconic Rushcutters Bay.
- Close proximity of major transport interchanges such as the key transport junction of Edjeilah Train and King Cross Station, regular bus services (line 323, 324, 325, 326, 327), a 20 minute walk from Darling Point Ferry Harbour and sits adjacent to the major New South Head Road.
- Relatively flat site in terms of topography, with maximum passive and natural surveillance opportunities; and
- Public recreation is a core value of the park, with space for both formal and impromptu programs such as sports such as cricket, rugby union, soccer, informal gatherings, picnics, sun bathing, jogging and exercising.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT:

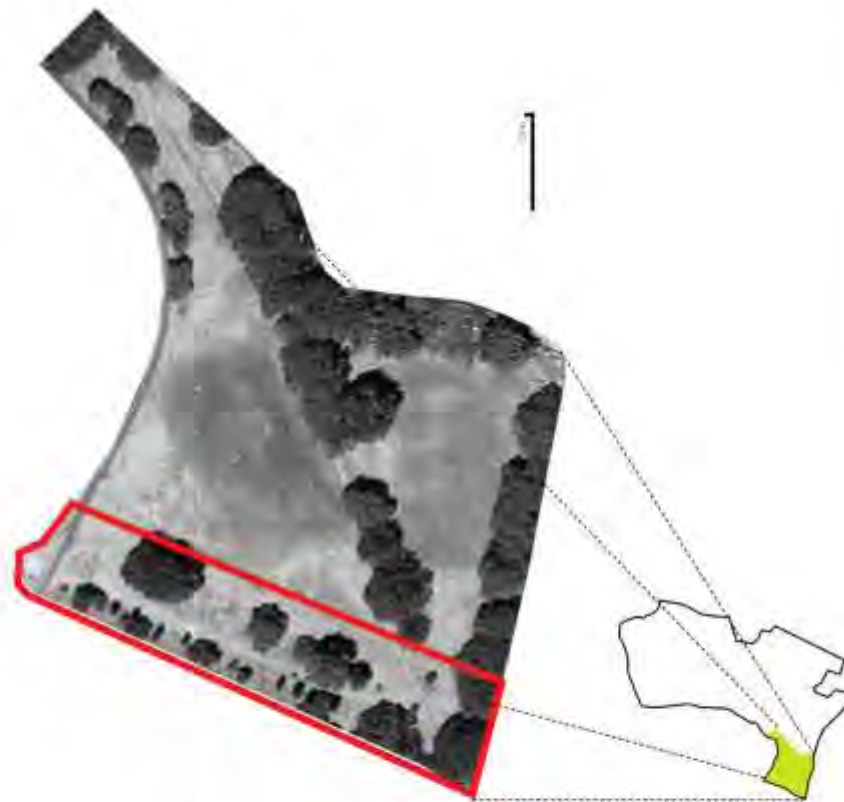
- The Rushcutters Bay Park, Yarrabob Park and Plantation Reserve Plan of Management 2005 identifies the need to increase opportunities for play in the park. A skate facility can provide additional social and recreation need, complementing the parks existing range of community programs.
- The site is in close proximity to current high density housing with proposals for further housing planned locally; and
- Identified as an ideal site by community group "Skatecraft" and also by council within the "Specific Youth Designated Space" report.

COMMUNITY VALUE:

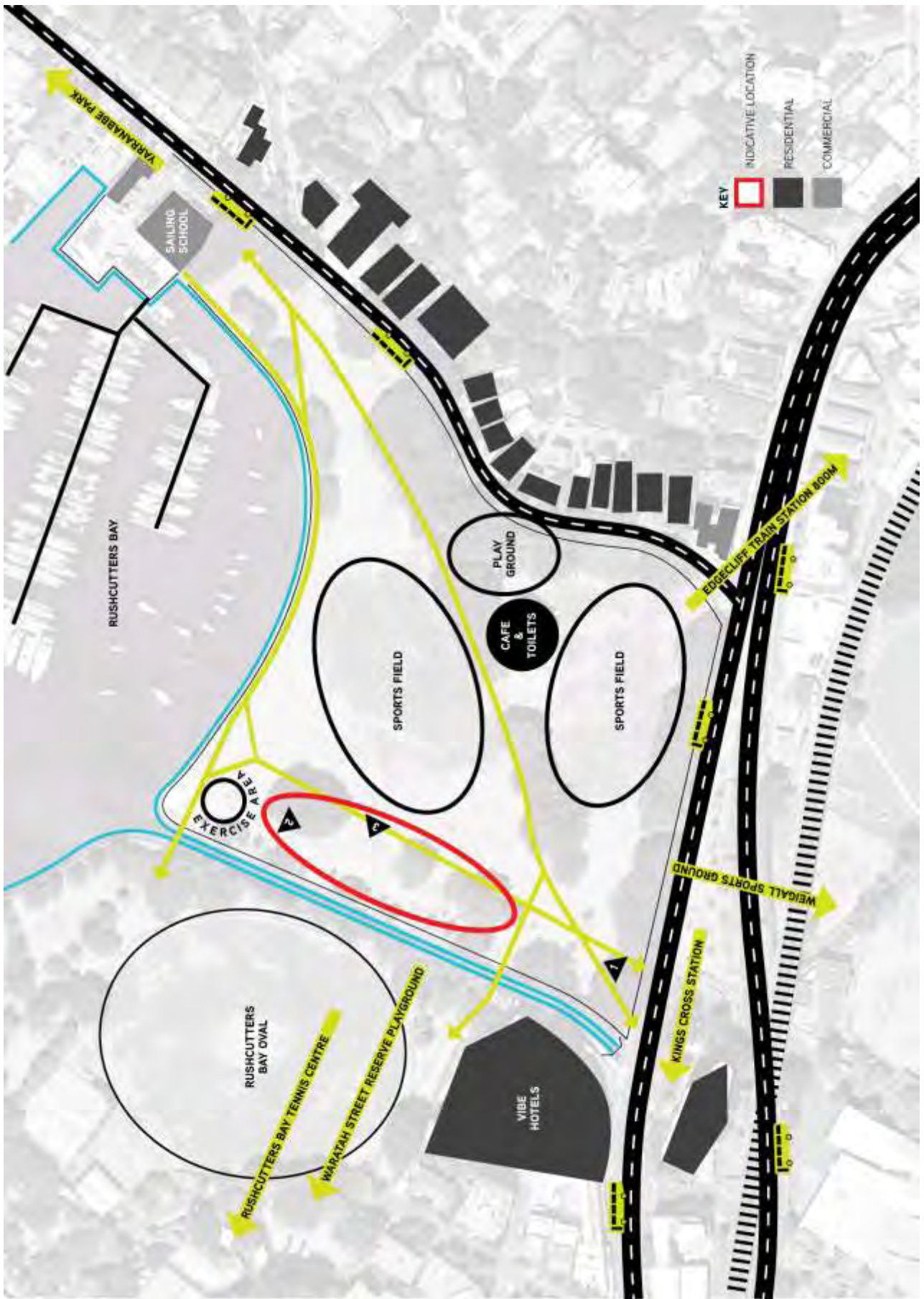
- This location would provide a facility within the heart of Woollahra's major public space. It is easily accessible, in particular with regards to public transport opportunities. It is currently serviced by an on site car. Creating a truly activated community hub and possible youth inclusive spaces.
- The development of Hub facility in Woollahra would create a major draw card for both local and regional users and the broader community in one of the most accessible sites within the WMC.
- The facility could provide another venue for existing community events but also create a new central community cultural and civic precinct.

DESIGN OPPORTUNITIES:

- To create an integrated and visually iconic facility, with spaces for performance and events, together with skate, bmx and scooter functionality, the site favours a plaza style facility.
- To create a facility that encapsulates the value and talents of the youth of Woollahra within a central civic heart.
- Provide facilities for all including spectator viewing, encouraging family gathering and parent engagement, including park amenity such as picnic tables and seating, that aligns with and accentuates current park programs.



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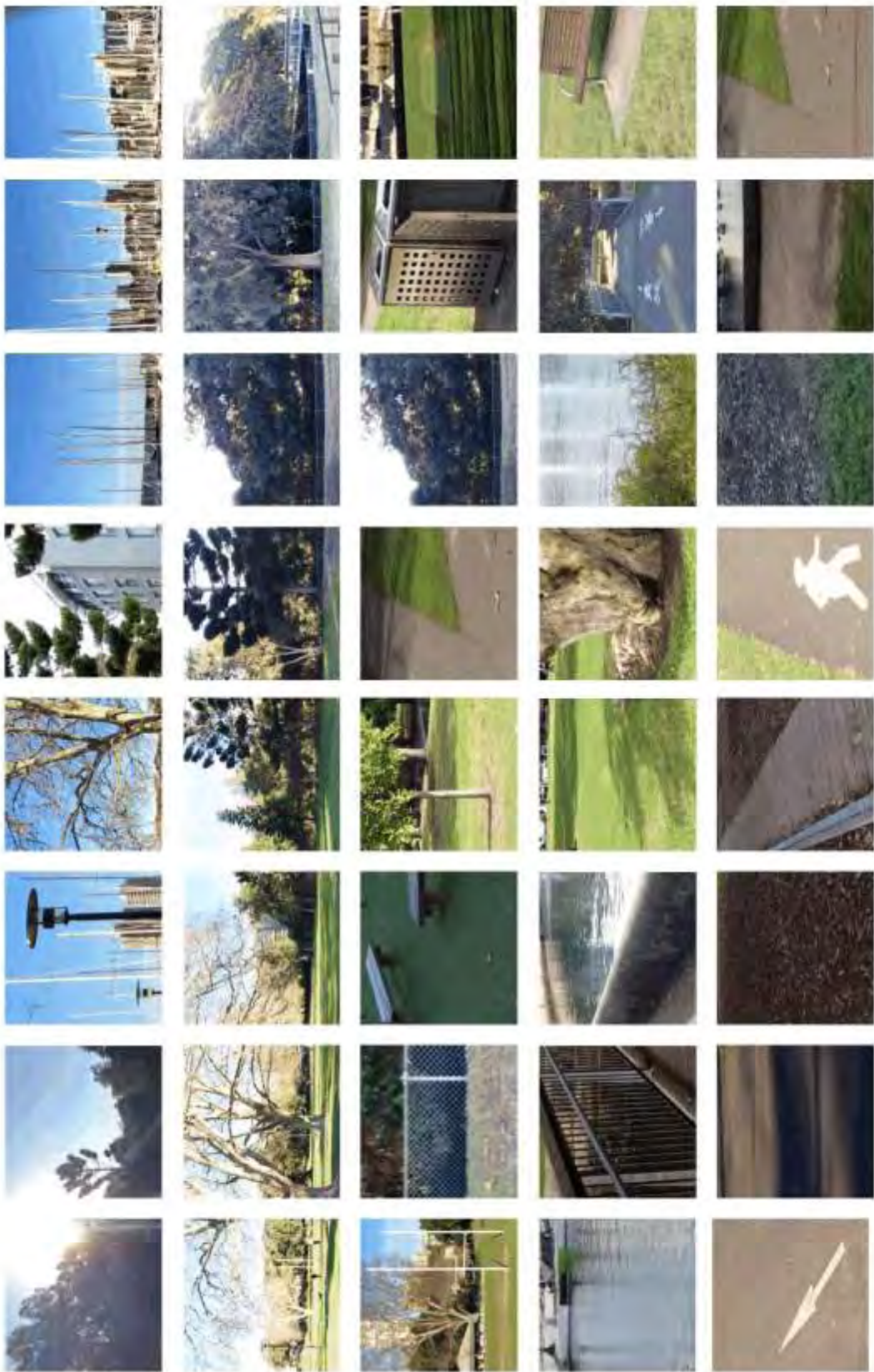
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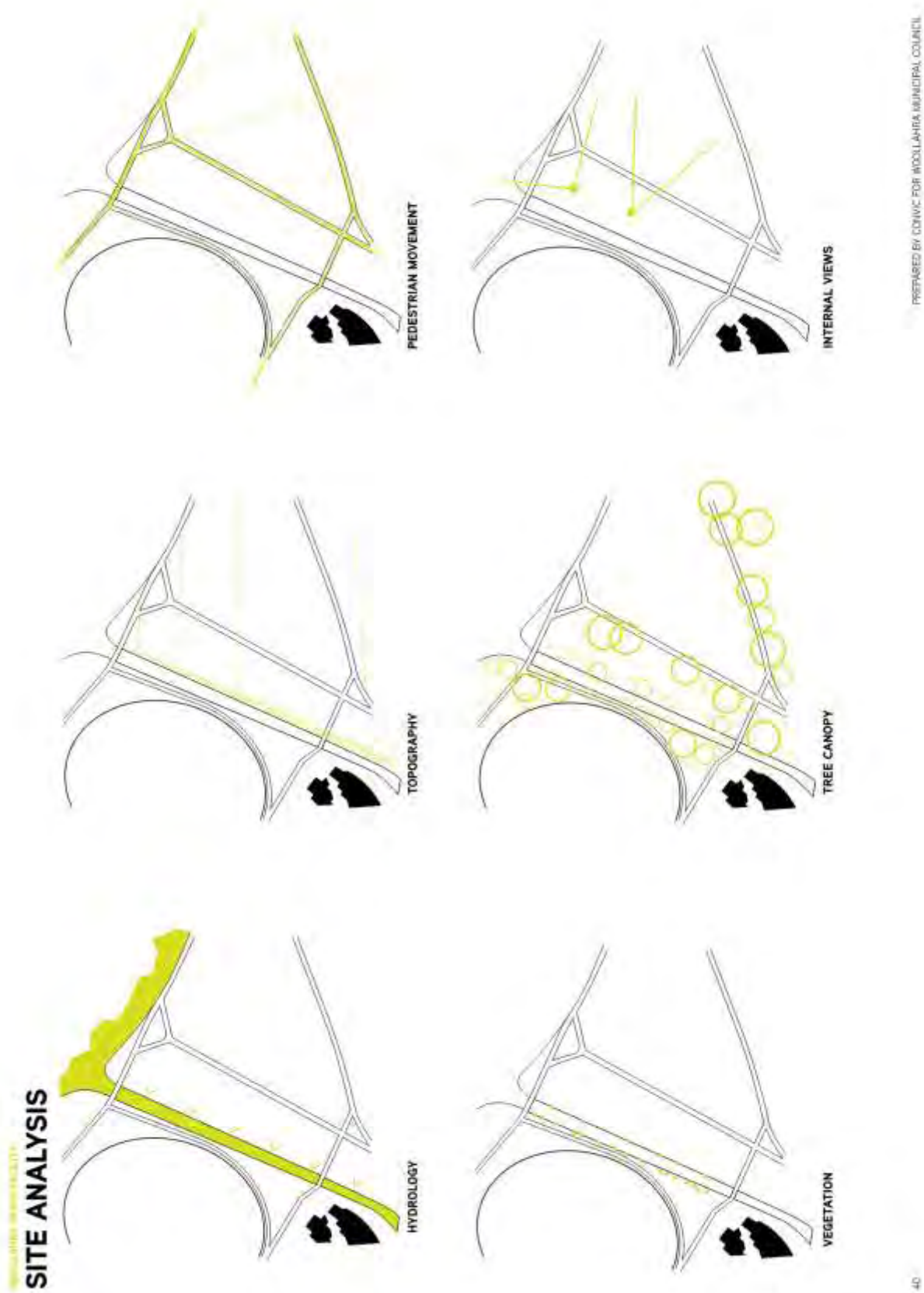


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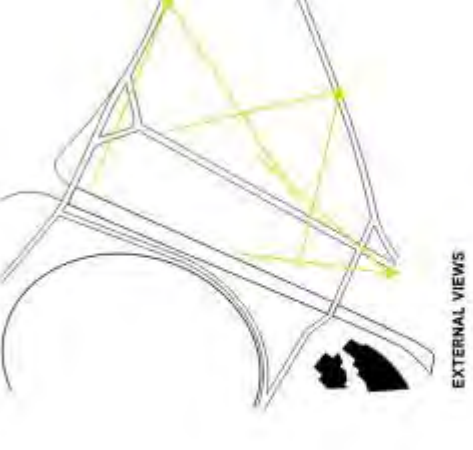
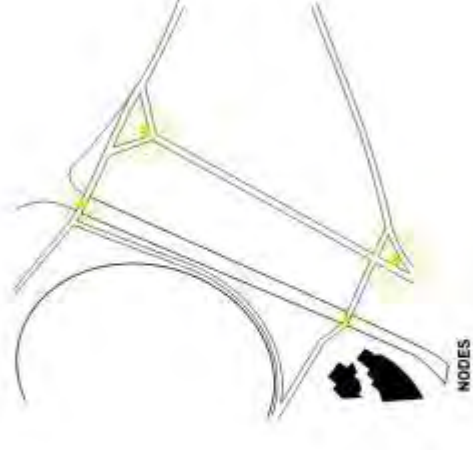
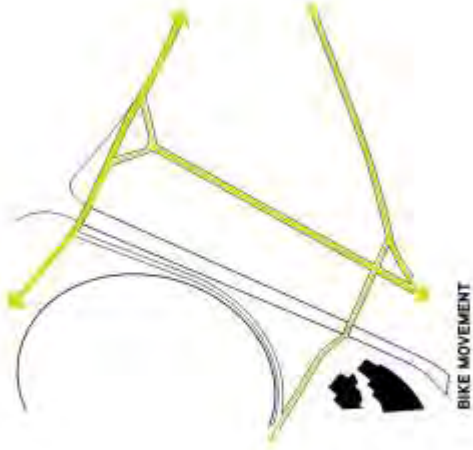
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SITE ANALYSIS



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FOCUS AREAS

SITE 2 - TRUMPER PARK

SITE DESCRIPTION:

- Located within a well established park with existing community recreation programs such as, a sports oval, playground, cricket nets, bushland and clubhouse
- Close proximity of major transport interchanges such as the key transport junction of Edgecliff Train Station, close proximity to 389 bus service and is well serviced by a major road network. On street parking is available.
- Limited large open space, although consists of various potential smaller pockets, such as the oval, outer linear path and small park entrance spaces.
- The park is utilised on a regular basis and offers existing lighting, providing good onsite surveillance. Some areas may need to be cleared and opened up to provide improved natural surveillance into the site.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT:

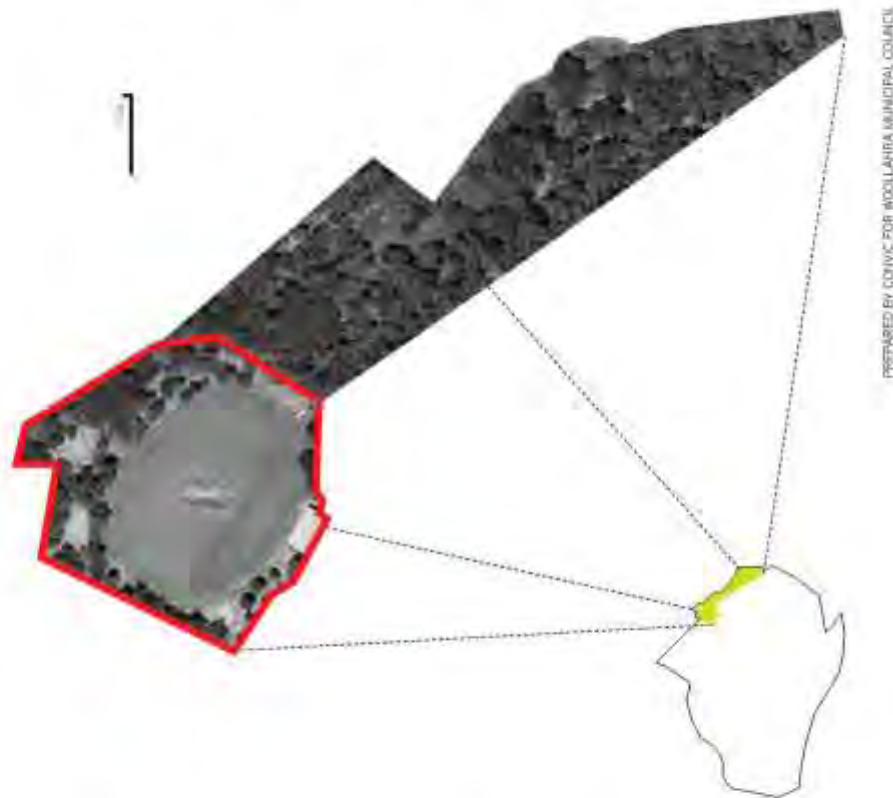
- The site is located within the highest population growth area for youth.
- Located in close proximity to Glenmore Road Public School
- Identified as an ideal site by community group "SKATECRASH" and also by council within the "Recreational Needs Assessment and Strategy" report.

COMMUNITY VALUE:

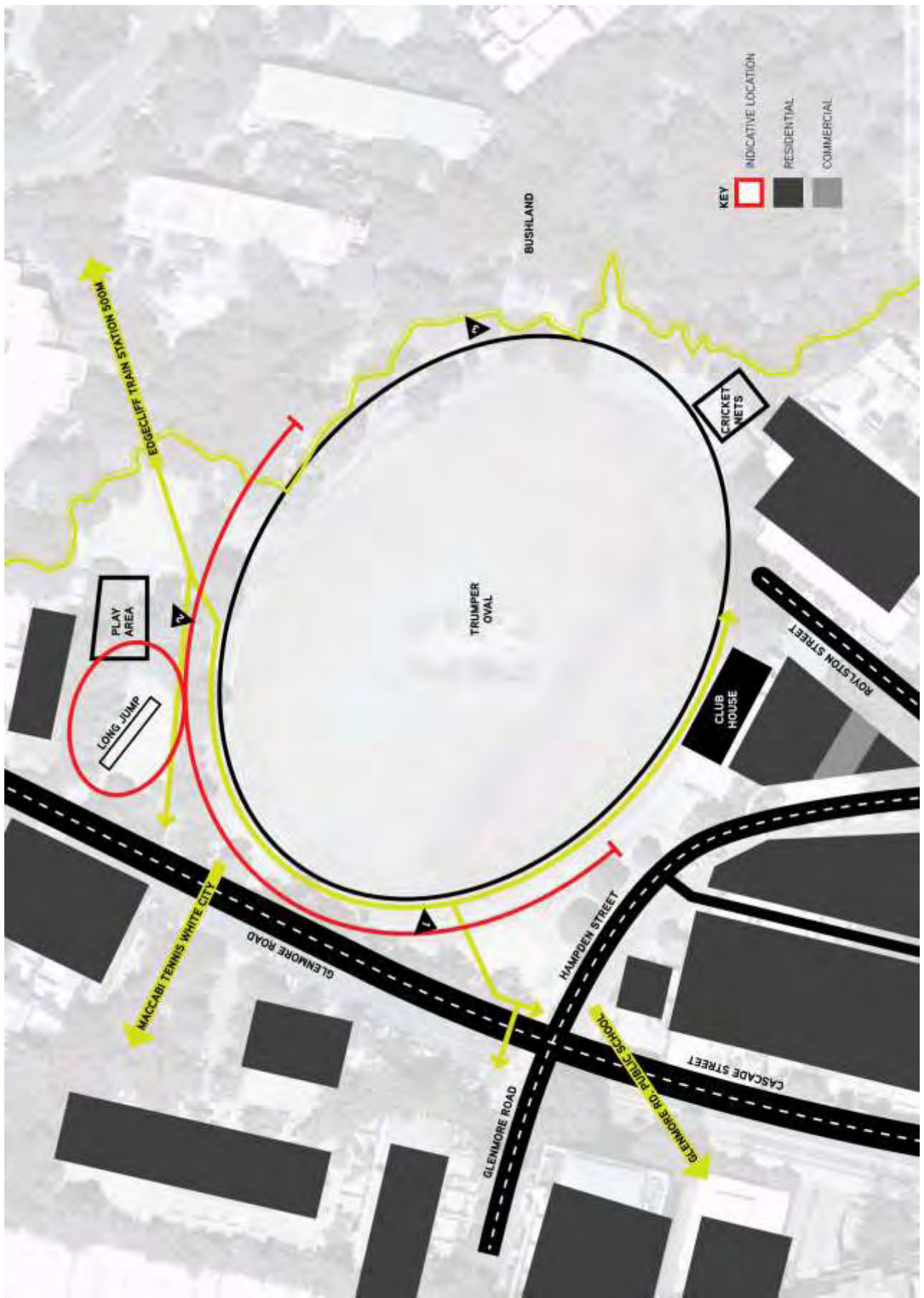
- The opportunity to strengthen links with other existing facilities on site, and provide a greater number of recreational opportunities;
- Provides a ideal neighbourhood skate facility, ideally located far after school use.

DESIGN OPPORTUNITIES:

- To create a beginner's level transition facility, that contrasts in style to the proposed hub and existing surrounding facilities. This would also provide a spring board facility, giving beginners opportunity to learn before riding the experienced level transition at the nearby Bondi Beach Skate Park.
- Integrate the facility with the existing shade trees on site, providing user amenity and comfort.
- Provide facilities for all including spectator viewing, encouraging family gathering and parent engagement with park amenity such as picnic tables and seating.



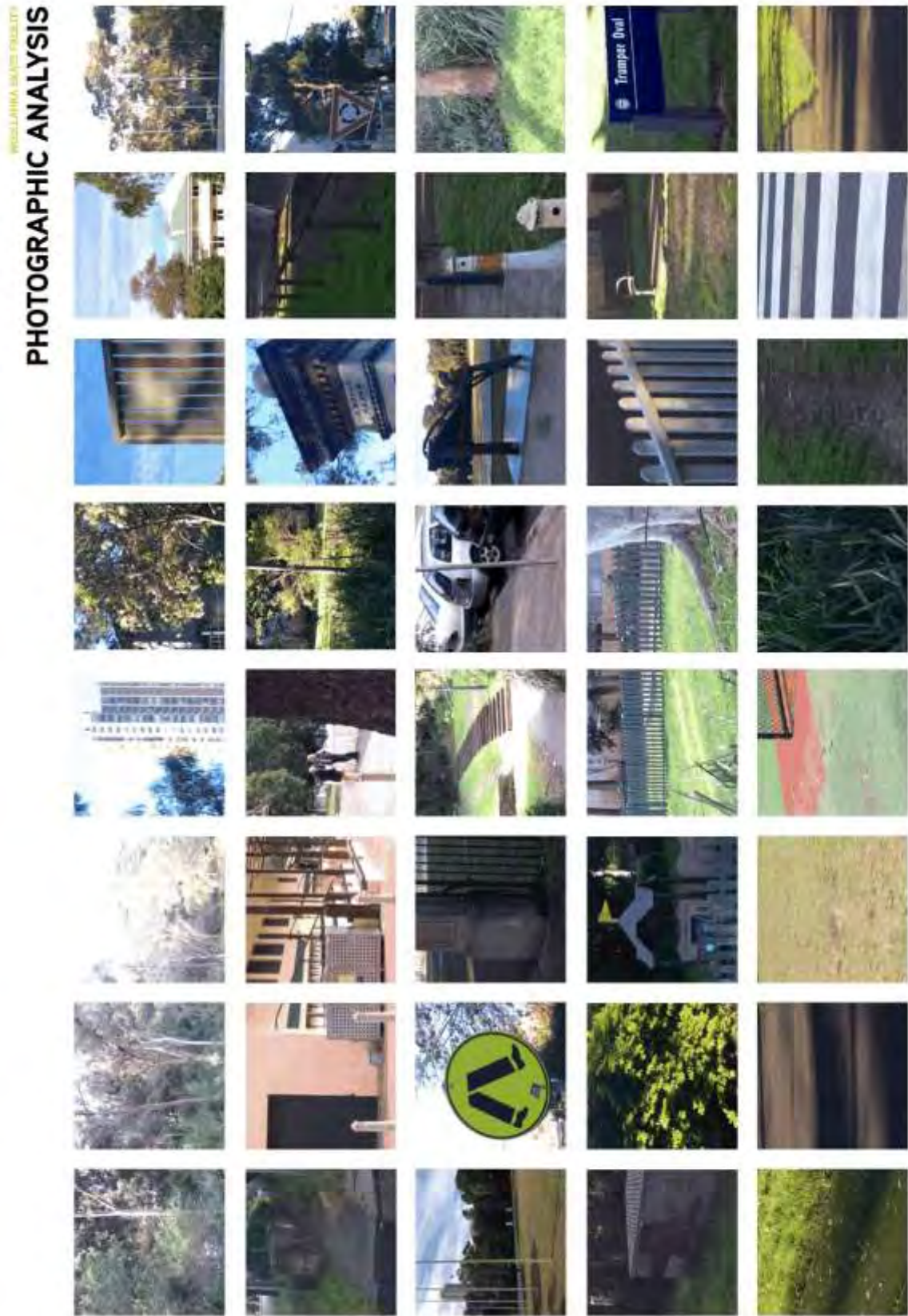
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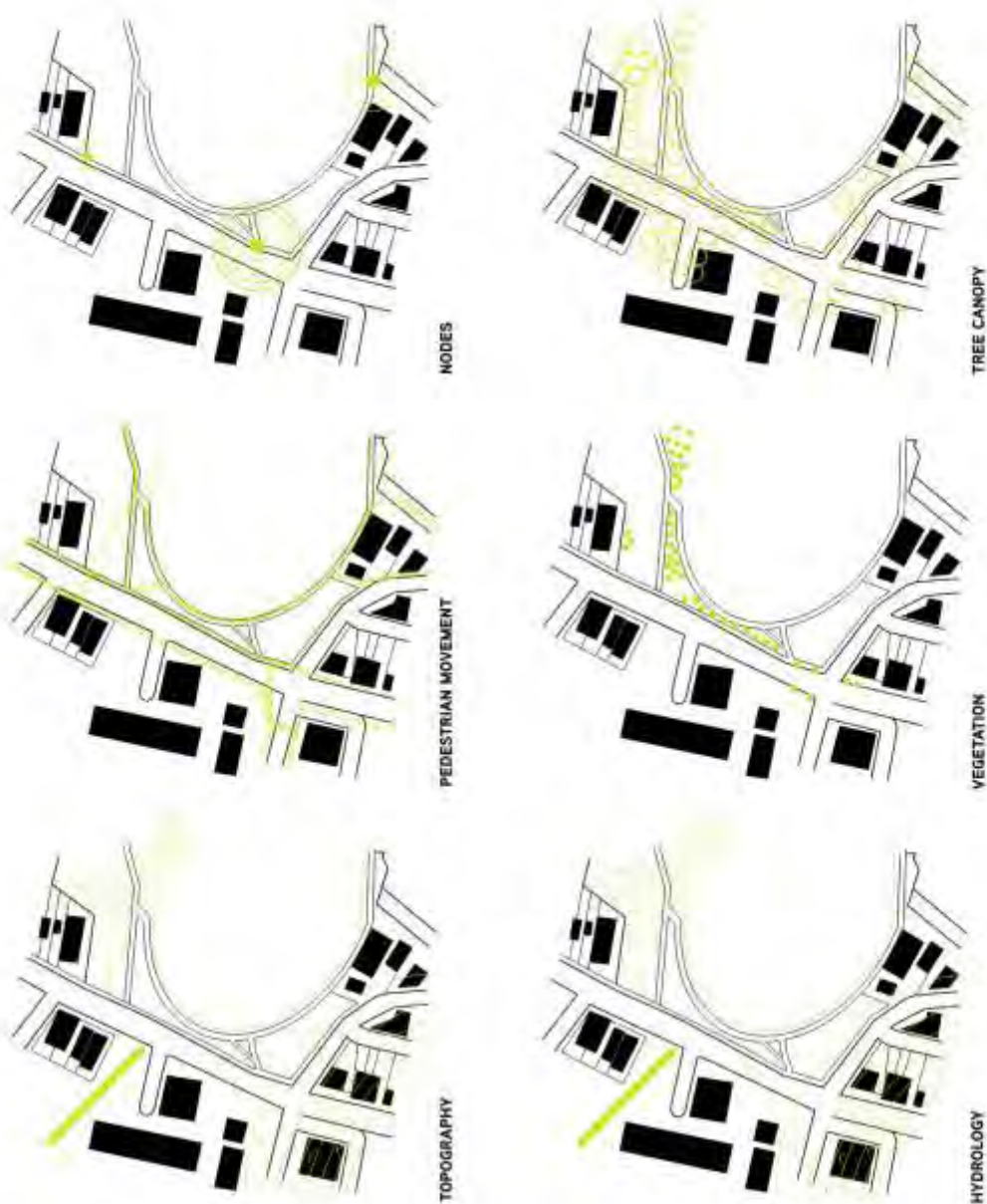


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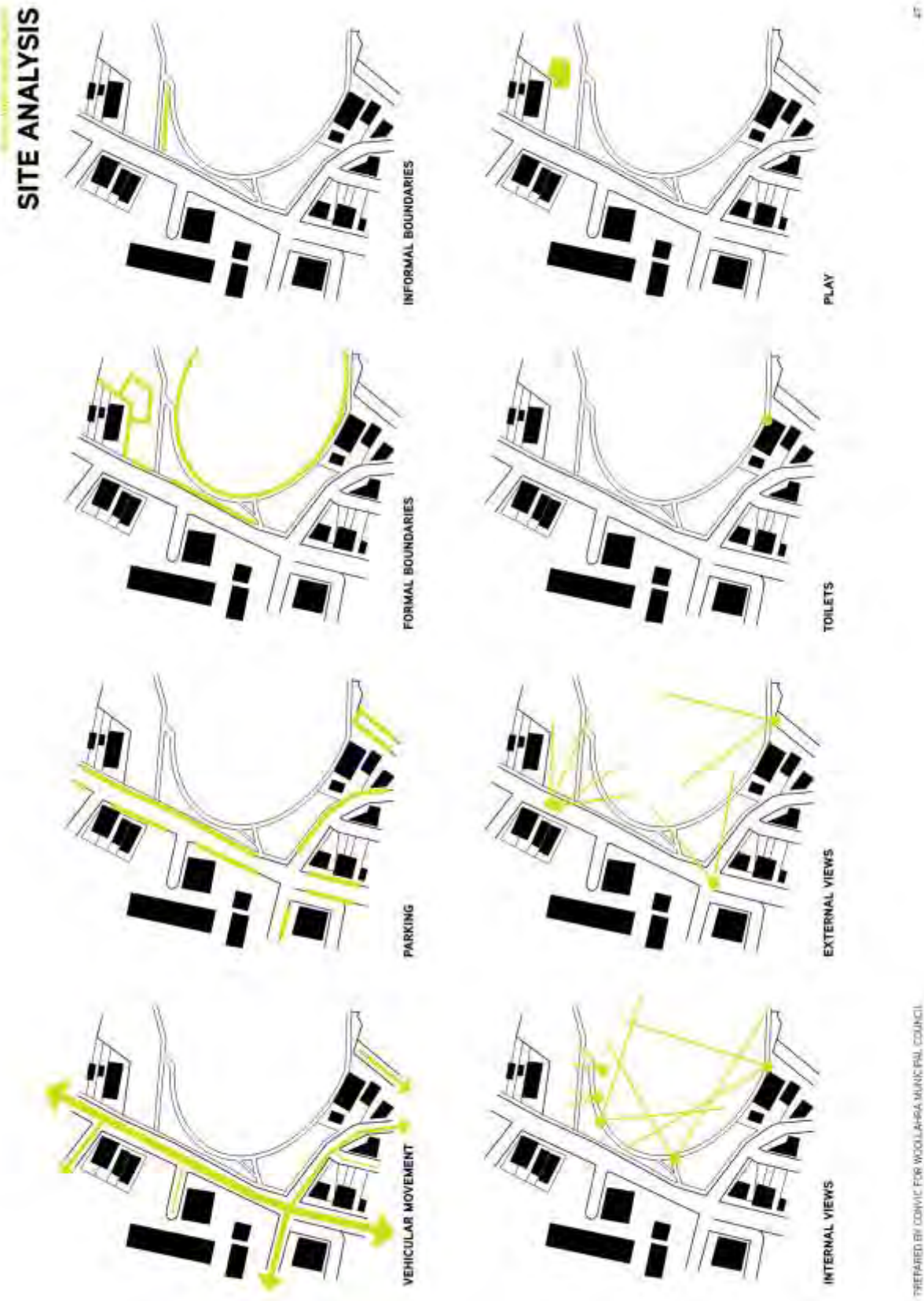


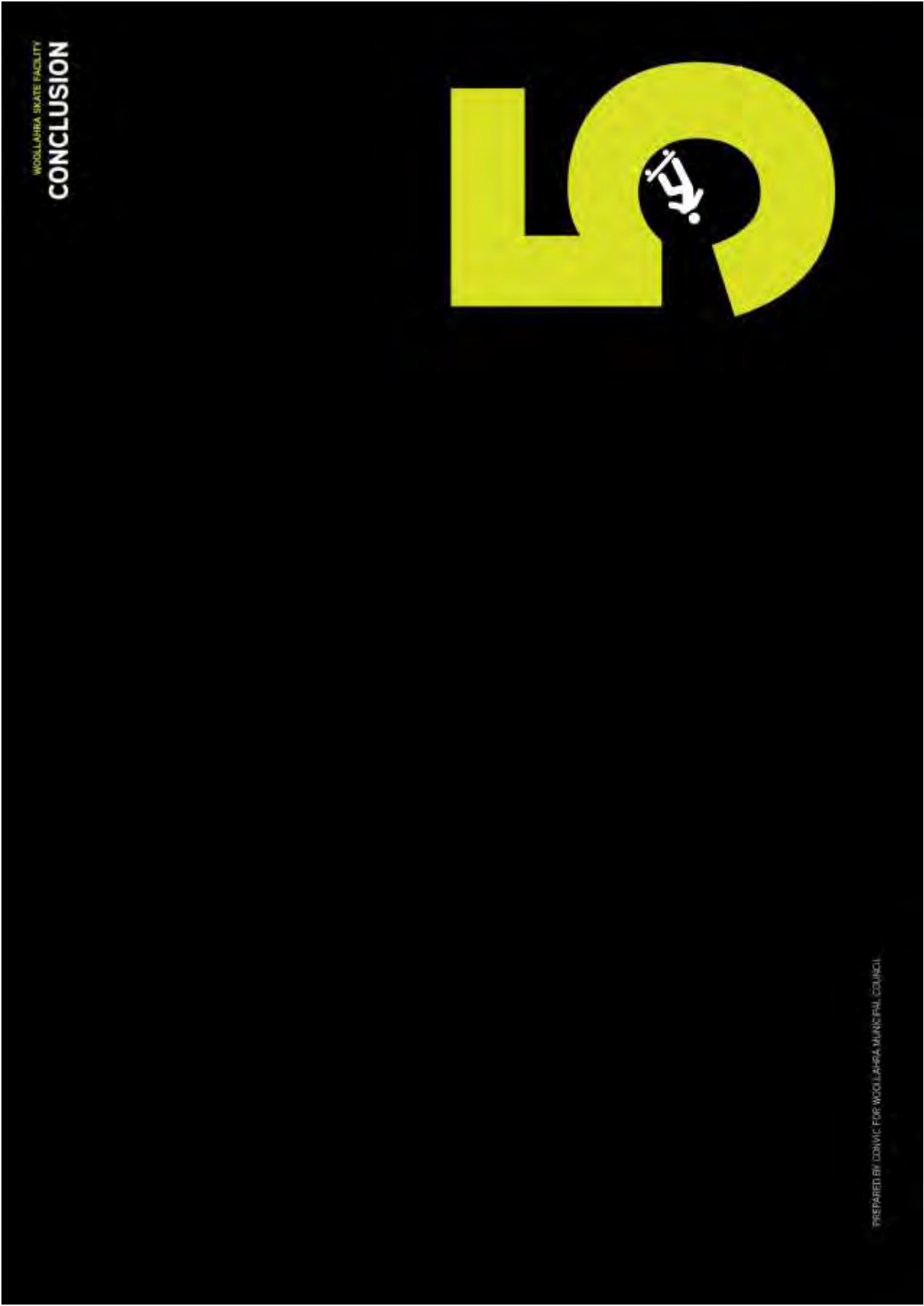
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DESIGN VISION

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Using the key outcomes from the Site Assessment, a design vision has been created to drive the future direction of the Skate Facilities within the Rushcutters Bay area for the WMC.

The vision is to develop two separate concept designs for facilities with very different typologies, addressing different user skill level and type e.g. skate, BMX, scooters

RUSHCUTTERS BAY PARK

The first facility to consider is the Hub, a space that both amplifies and adds further value to the Rushcutters Bay Park, creating a central social and recreational community hub for young people and the wider community. Rushcutters Bay Park exists at the heart of the community and the facility will activate the young people of Woollahra and embrace youth within this key community space. Embodying principles of social sustainability, the facility will offer opportunities for all participants.

The facility should be developed as a "youth plaza" as opposed to simply a "skatepark" to ensure wider community benefit and acceptance. To achieve this, the facility will require social hangout and events spaces to increase potential for further youth activation.

Acknowledging the prominent status of Rushcutters Bay Park, it is important that the facility seamlessly integrates into the park context. The facility will become a visually iconic space, reflecting the nature of its programming, whilst also creating a respectful juxtaposition with the park's open green aesthetic.

Low level skate obstacles will be selected so as not to impede on the open aesthetic of the park. These will range from beginner level to more technical skate obstacles that cater for a range of abilities, allowing users to progress skills through the facility in developing their ability from beginner to an advanced level in a safe and creative manner. These low level style obstacles such as ledges, banks, rails etc, lend themselves to a more street skate style user group. Transition obstacles for example a skate bowl, are not appropriate at this site due to the sites close proximity to the tidal ground water table. Transition obstacles of this nature are better placed at a more suitable site.

The landscape response will be integral to the design to ensure a well integrated facility. Drawing from the rich landscape of the Rushcutters Bay Park, planting will aim to soften the addition of hardscape within the park, whilst also providing texture, colour, and movement. Utilising existing and proposed trees will also soften the space as well as providing natural shade amenity. All planting and trees must align with CEPTD principles to ensure a safe environment for all. Natural site drainage and sustainable landscape treatments are an essential part of the design process.

With potential for activation through community events, competitions and workshops, it is important that the space is capable of catering to and facilitating varied size social groups from the single user to large social crowds.

It is these events, and the general day to day usage that will ensure the development of a safe and well maintained space embraced by the broader community and empowering and igniting the youth of Woollahra.

TRUMPER PARK

To complement the Hub the Trumper Park Facility will aim to meet all user requirements that are not directly addressed within the scope of Rushcutters Bay Park Facility within a focused satellite facility.

Each satellite facility aims to fulfil a specific user demographic creating a network of facilities that meet all of the varying user profiles. The Rushcutters Bay Park Facility proposes a Youth Plaza focused space that offers a more street skate style, thus Trumper Park will offer a transition style facility, incorporating either a bowl or flow style features and elements. These will aim to cater for a beginner to intermediate level user profile, allowing skill progression on the way to attempting more advanced level facilities such as the nearby Bondi Beach Skatepark.

The well established surrounding landscaping will be established in the design so as to minimise the visual impact of the facility. In some areas planting may require removal to create open views for natural surveillance and to ensure the facility aligns with CEPTD principles. Any trees or planting that are removed should look to be suitably replaced.

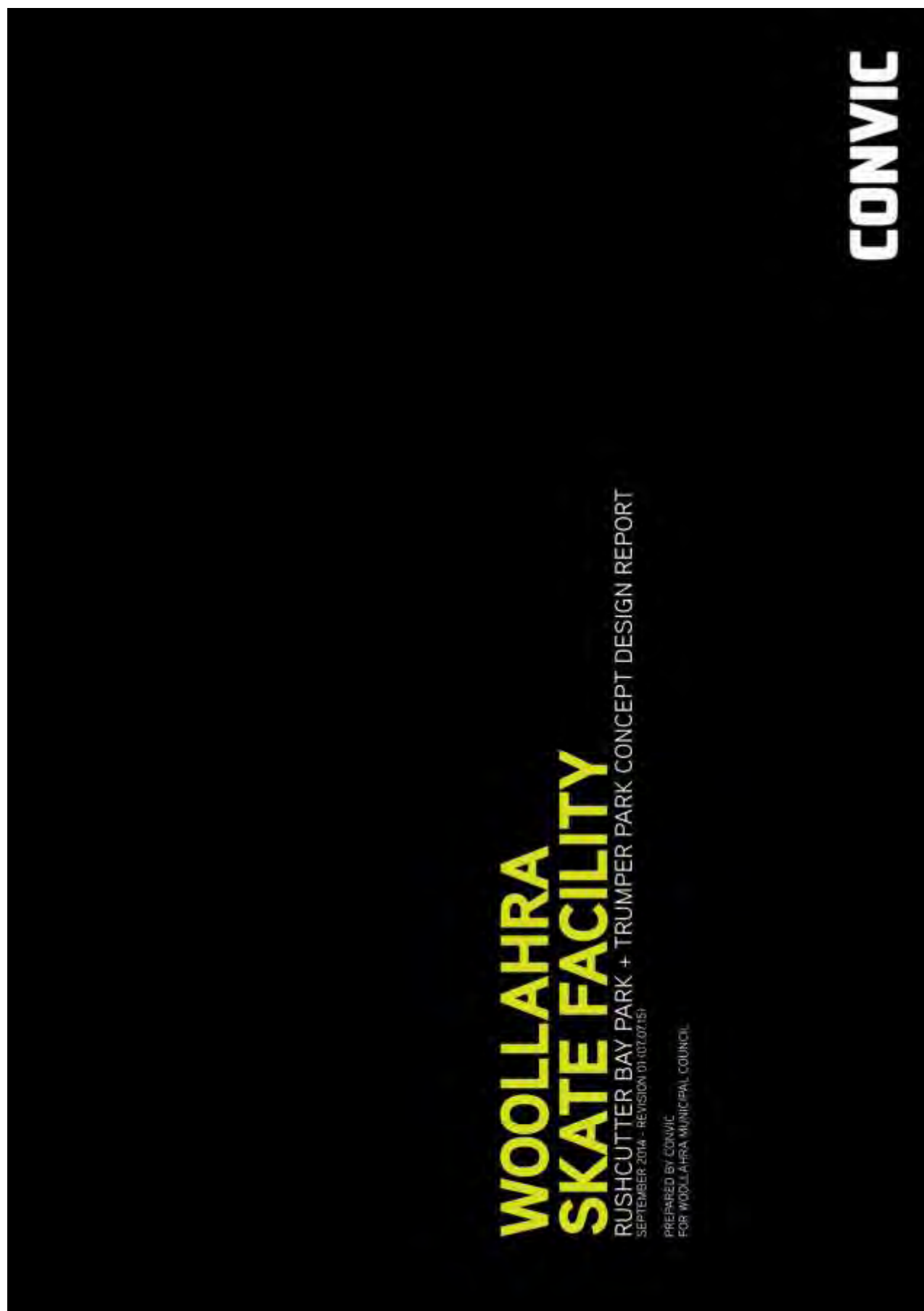
Trumper Park will offer a fully equipped area for skate recreation complementing not only Rushcutters Bay Park facility, but also facilities within the wider context.

NEXT STEPS

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Pending Council endorsement of this report, each site and facility will be finalised in approach and conceptual designs developed to illustrate the potential physicality of each facility. These will then be reviewed internally by council before being presented to the community to gather feedback and input. These comments will then be assessed for integration into the concept design, to ensure a design that aligns with the community and council expectations and needs.

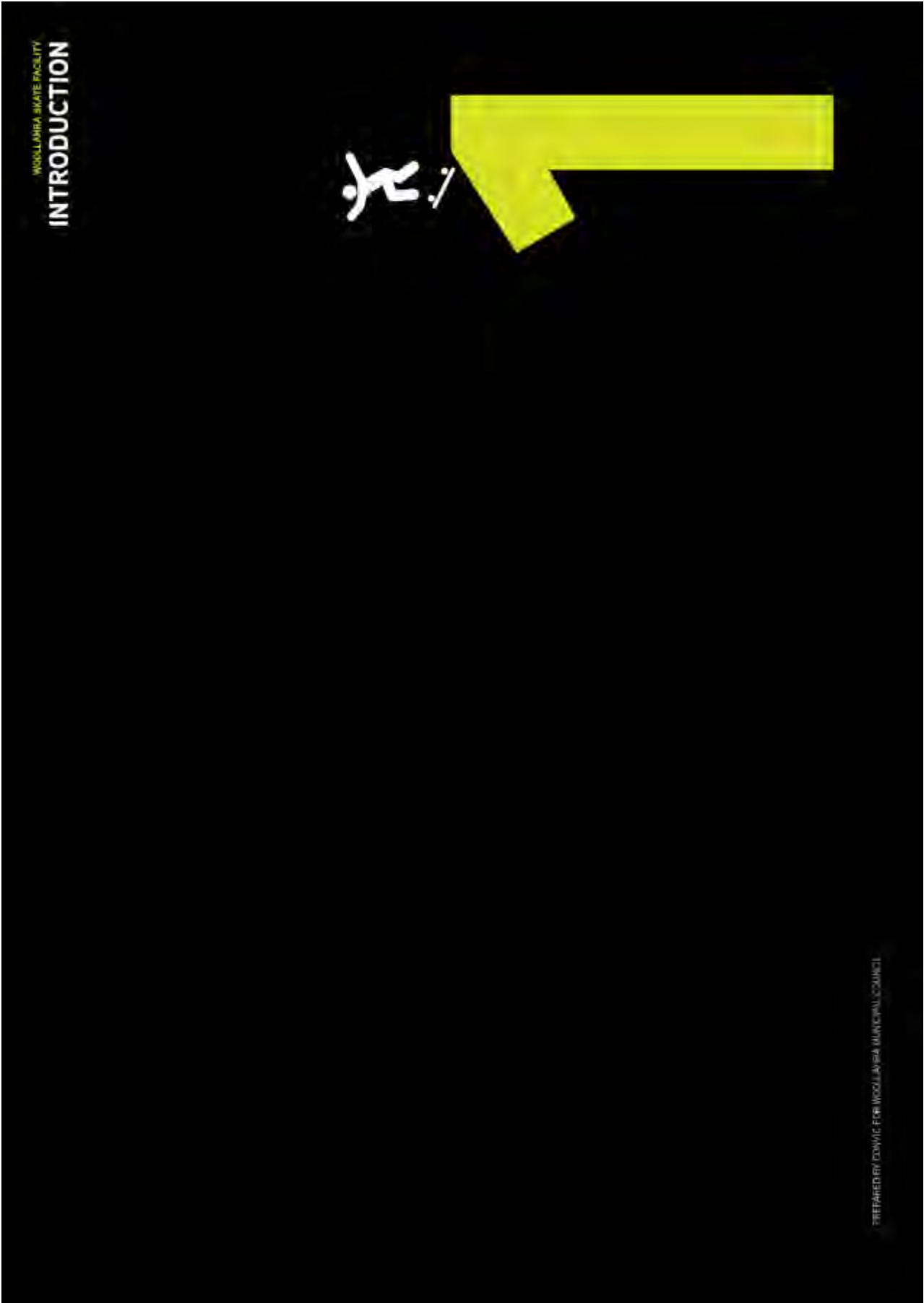




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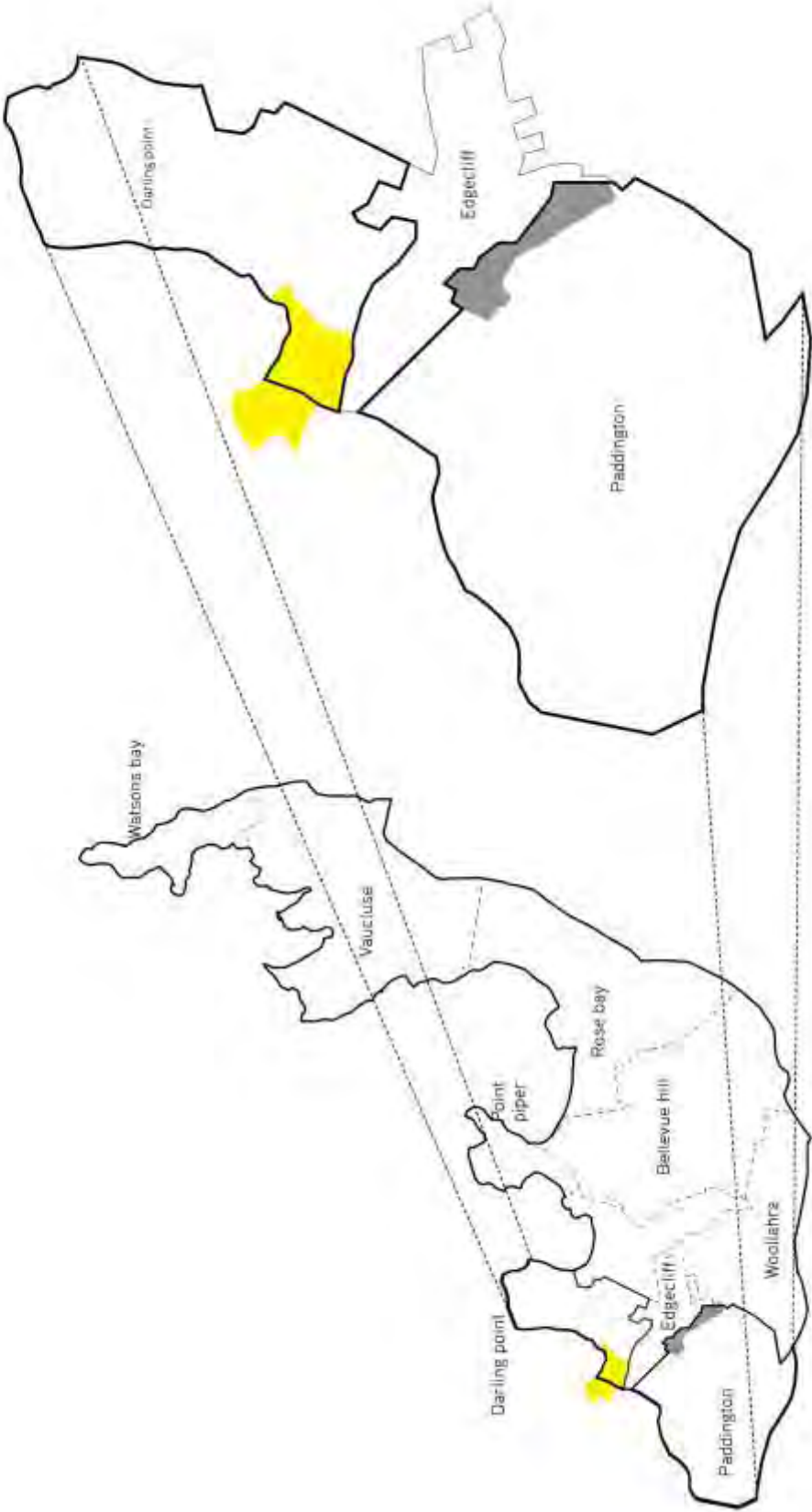


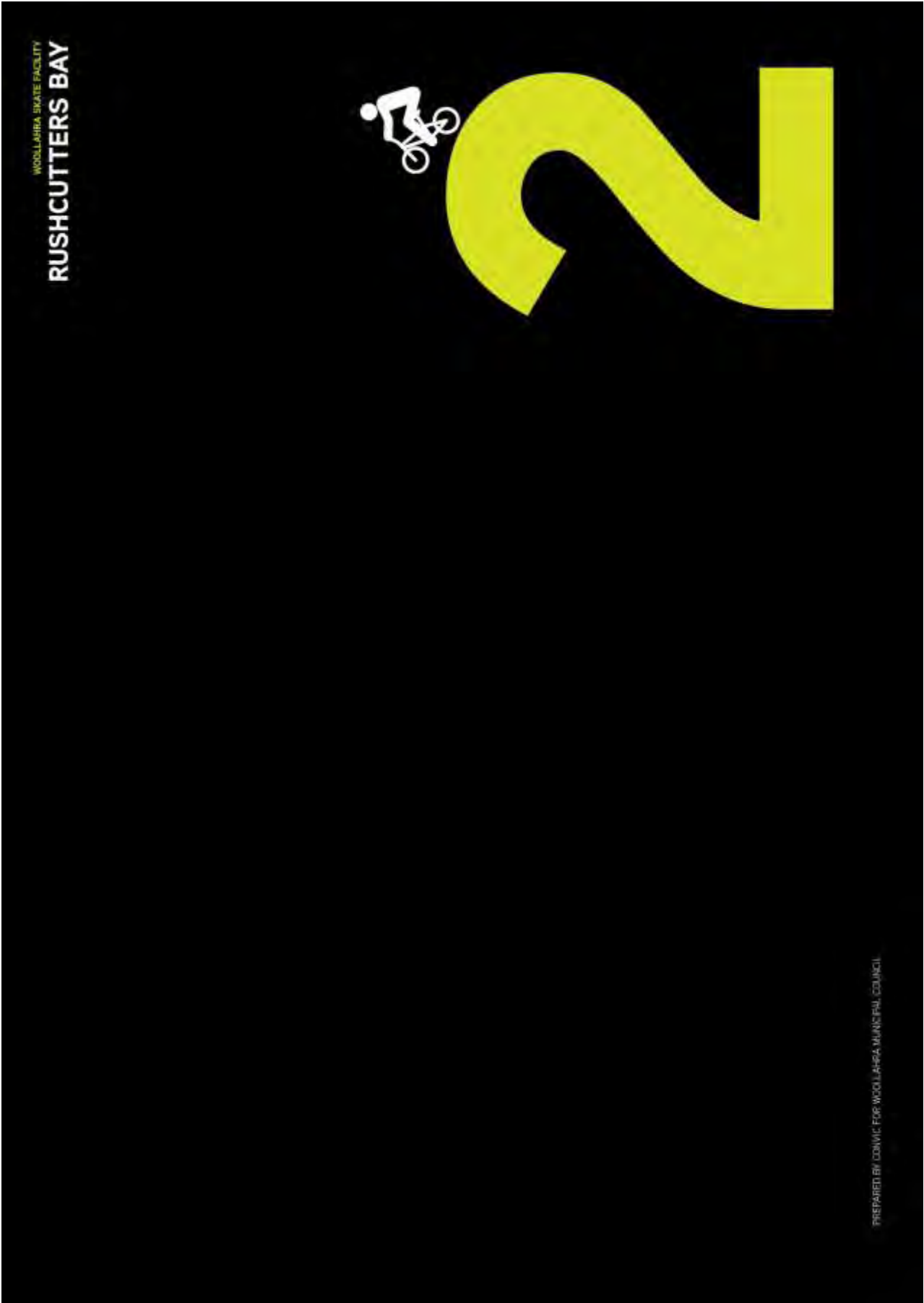
INTRODUCTION

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This report aims to develop upon the focus areas identified within the Woollahra Skate Facility - Site Investigation Report (08/2014) and ideas developed by the community within the Bushculla Bay Youth and Skate Facility. Pre-design Community Consultation Report (19/06/15) into informed conceptual designs. These conceptual designs will then be used as a tool to collect further community feedback, ensuring it is in line with council and community expectations. Once the feedback has been received, the conceptual designs will be used to seek funding for the procurement of a skate facility for the Woollahra Municipal Council.

The following report will explain the approach and principles utilised to create a comprehensive and holistic design response. It will explain the development of the design process and how it is in line with council and community feedback. This will result in a well informed final concept design.

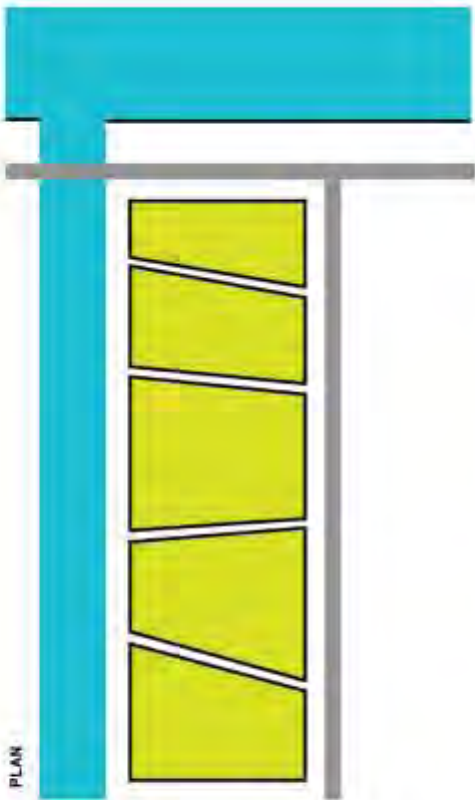




RUSHCUTTERS BAY

DESIGN PHILOSOPHY

TO CREATE A COMMUNITY SPACE ACTIVATED VIA COMMUNITY EVENTS, SOCIAL PROGRAMS AND ACTION SPORTS. ENHANCING AN ICONIC PARK SETTING AND CREATING A FOCAL HUB FOR THE COMMUNITY OF WOOLLAHRA. CAPTURING THE RICH HISTORIC ESSENCE OF THE SITE WITHIN A CONTEMPORARY YOUTH FOCUSED DESIGN.



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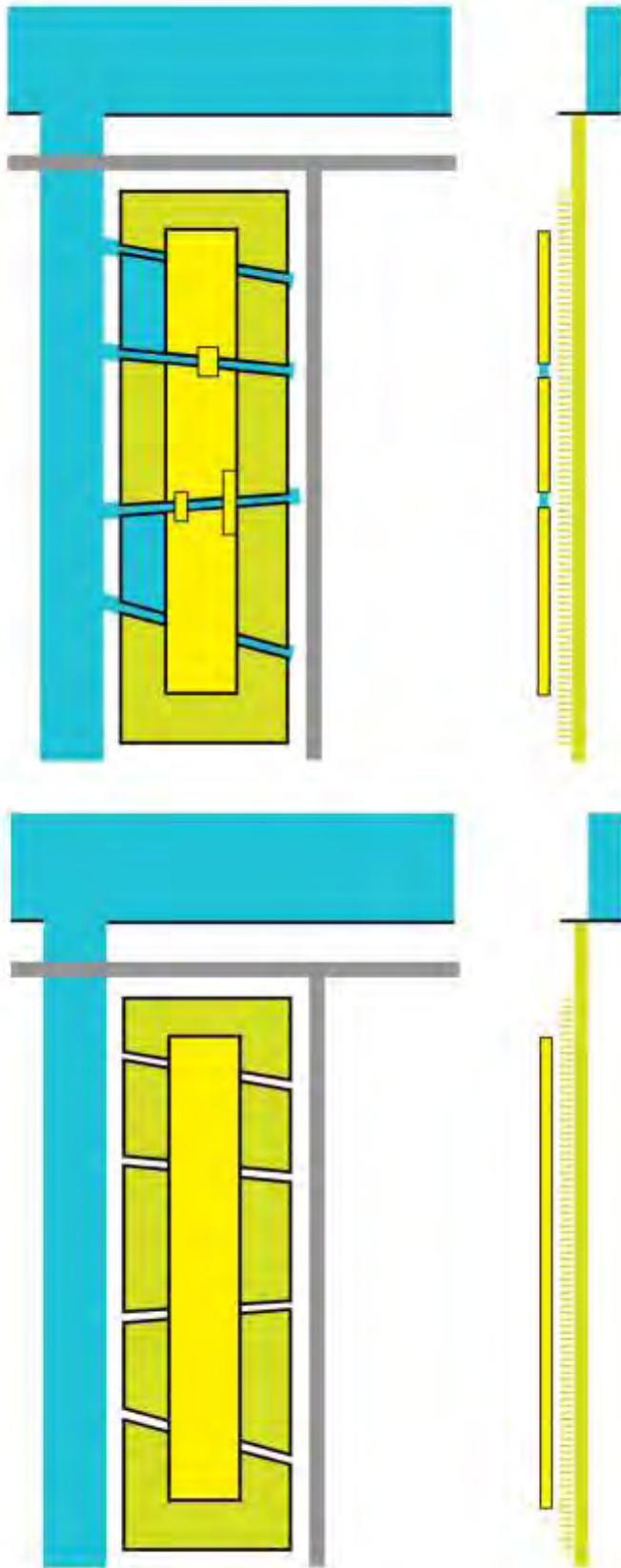


A GREEN LANDSCAPE SETTING

- Reinstate the historic reed beds.
- Plant low grasses to soften the plaza into the green park whilst also providing clear views throughout.
- Additional tree planting to provide natural shade amenity.

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RUSHCUTTERS BAY



BETWEEN THE CRACKS

- Blending the landscape in between the platforms to create a integrated and distinct space
- Connecting the platform fragments through innovative skate objects, creating a varied skate experience

ELEVATING A PLATFORM OF YOUTH ACTIVITY

- Creating a floating platform above the under-playing landscape
- Creating an iconic plinth for youth activity with varying active programs

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RUSHCUTTERS BAY

DESIGN PRINCIPLES

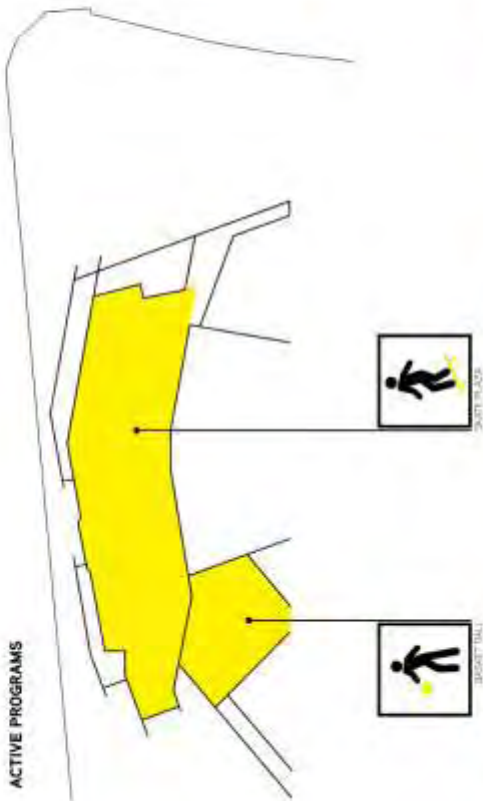
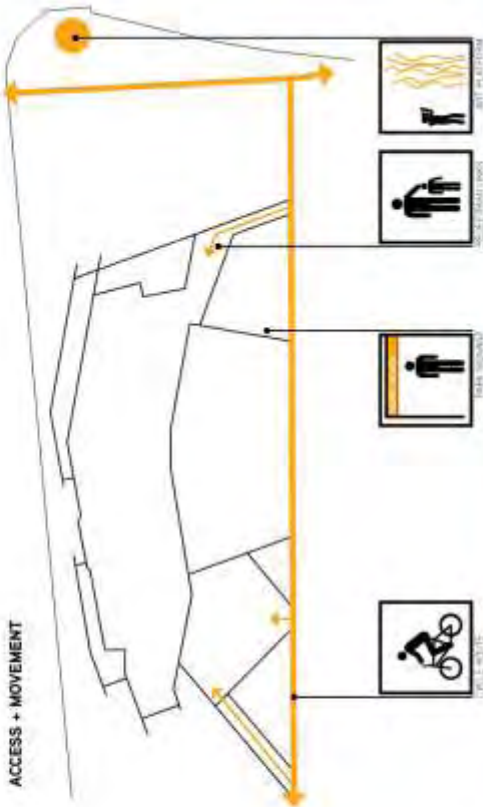
The plaza is animated through two key active programs including skate and basketball. These programed spaces are linked through an arbor/shade structure providing access connections, whilst creating a barrier to conflict between the two activities. These two spaces are interpreted with amenity provision for social and passive recreation use. The existing under utilized slab is reappropriated to become a plinth for the temporary display of sculptural artworks, creating a key visual moment for the wider bay.

Planting softens the hard plaza and blends it into the green parkland setting whilst also defining key junctions and routes through the space. Reed planting echoes the sites historic natural landscape in the form of a feature rain garden, and providing a sustainable drainage system to filter water run-off before being released into bay inlet.

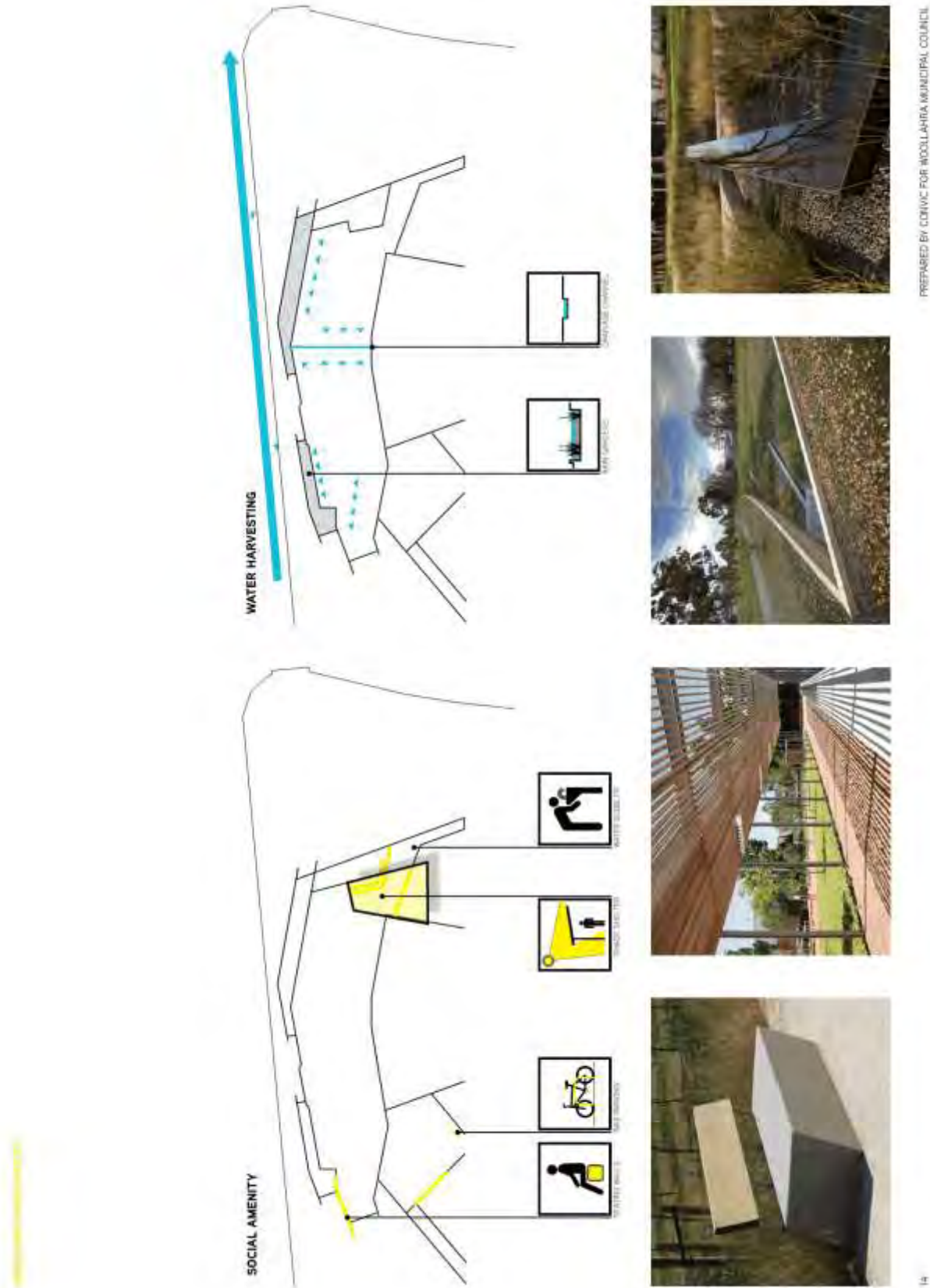
Key design principles included from the community consultation are:

- The majority of skate obstacles are designed to intermediate skill level. However select obstacles allow for continual challenge and natural progression and appeal to advanced level skaters.
- Based on consultation the skate plaza should not favour transition/bowl over street style. The site however favours a street plaza style, in order to keep open views and reduce need for in ground excavation that may potential conflict with tidal water levels. Although a street typology dominates the plaza, transition obstacles are also be utilised to provide continual flow throughout the plaza.
- Other active programs were also explored during the consultation process. Basketball was favoured over all the possible options and has been included within the design in the form of an informal half basketball court.
- Particular skate obstacles that were developed through the community consultation design workshops have been included within the plaza design. These include; sculptural skate ledge with split level, manual pit and rail combination, sculptural skate rail and rollover rail quarter.
- An architectural shade shelter was developed within the SKATECRAFT design workshop and this has been reflected within the proposed design in the form of shade shelter and arbor structure. The shade shelter not only provides an architectural statement but vital shade amenity, a structure to fix a basket ball ring and park signage to, a gateway feature into the park and also a screen between the basketball court and skate plaza.

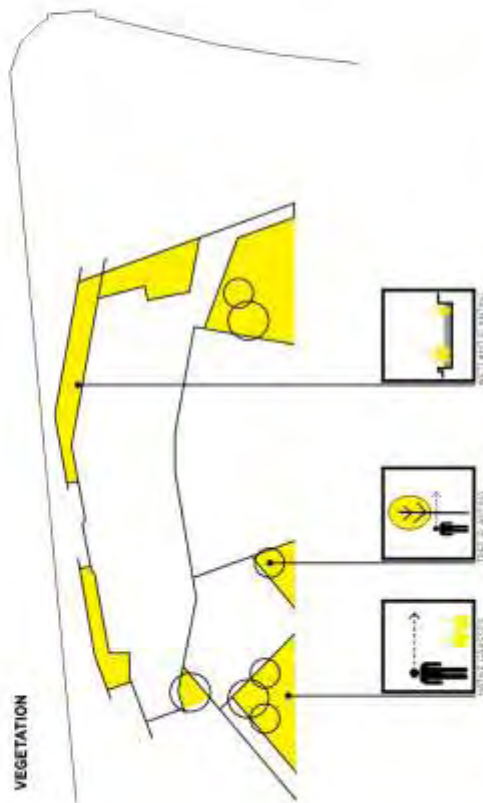
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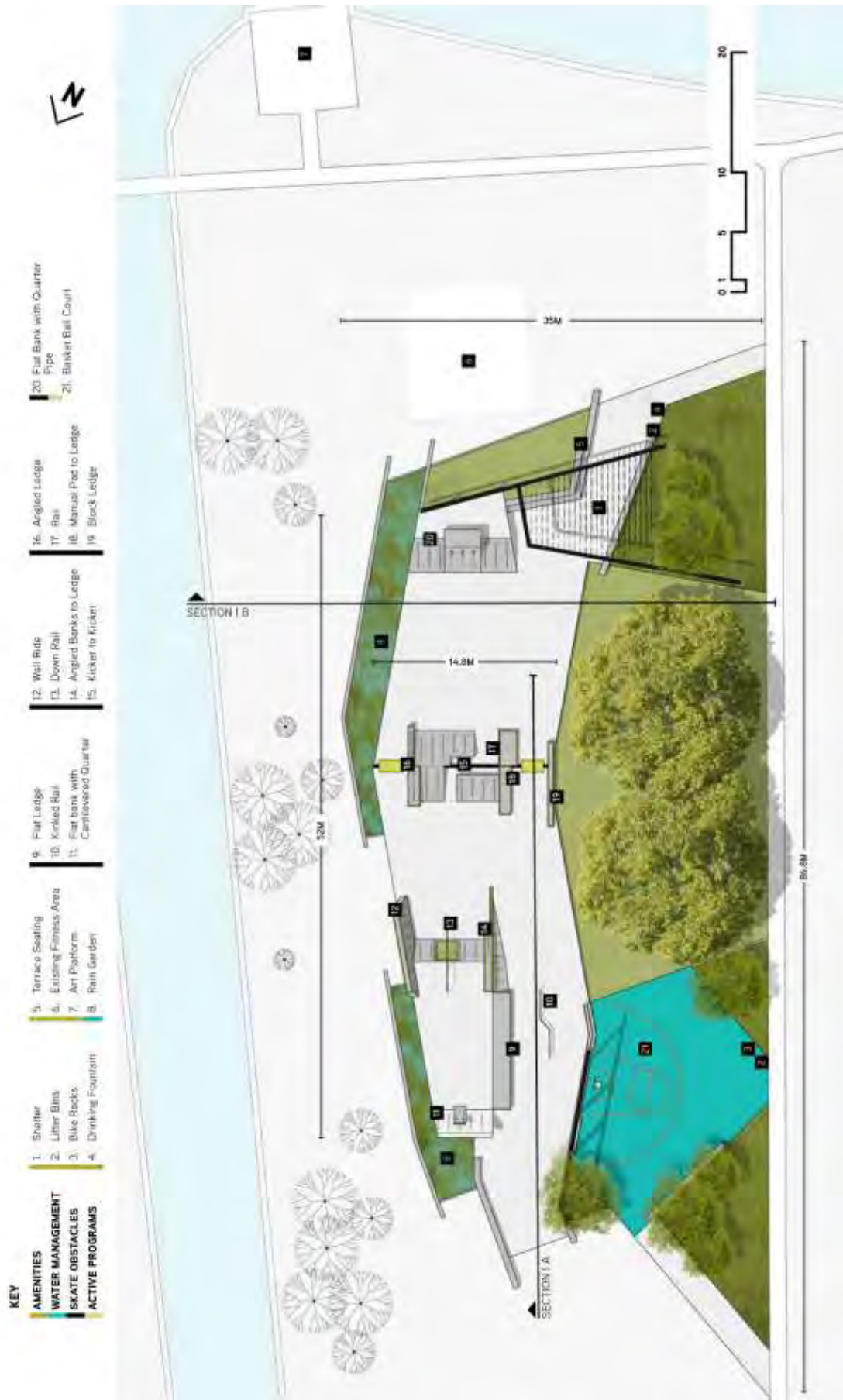
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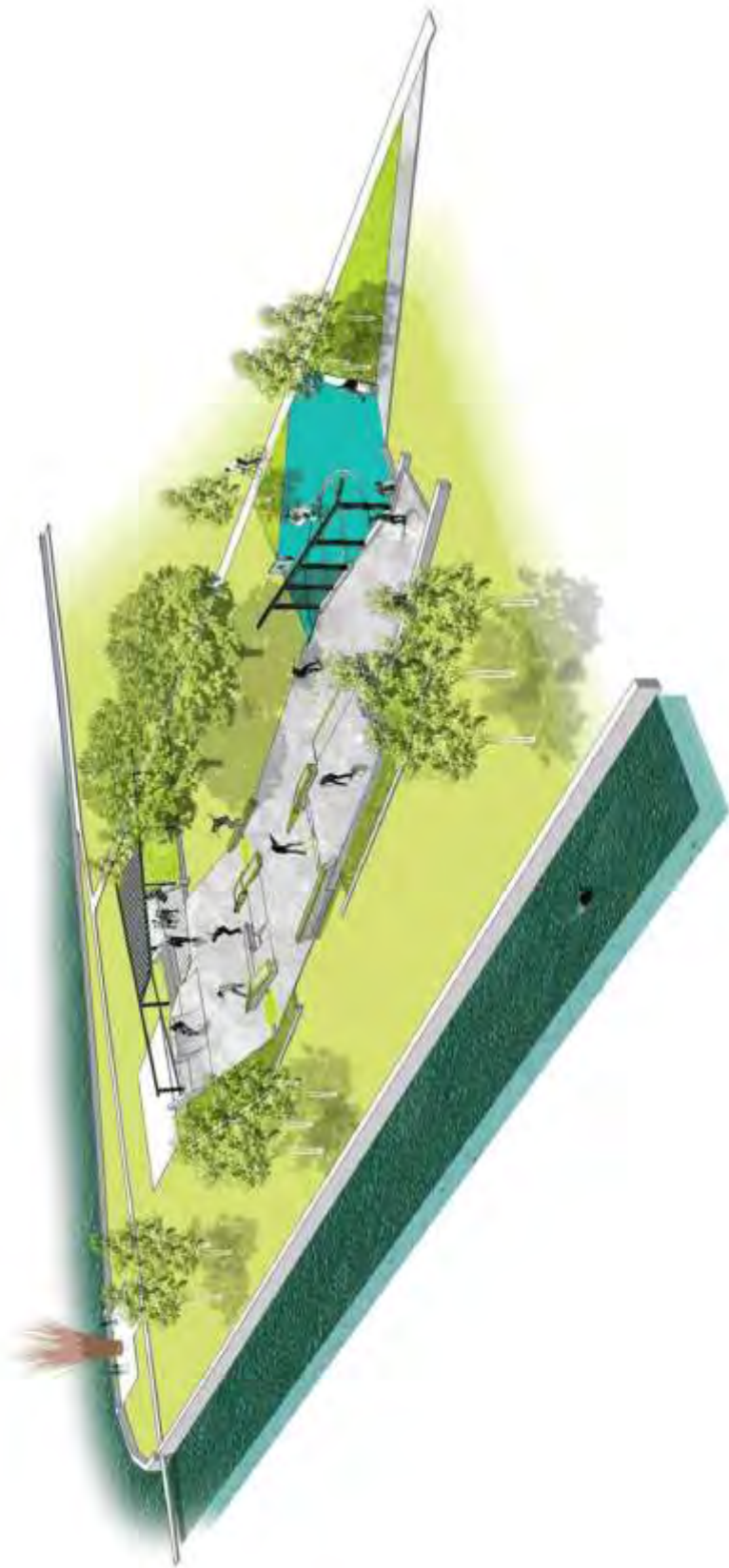
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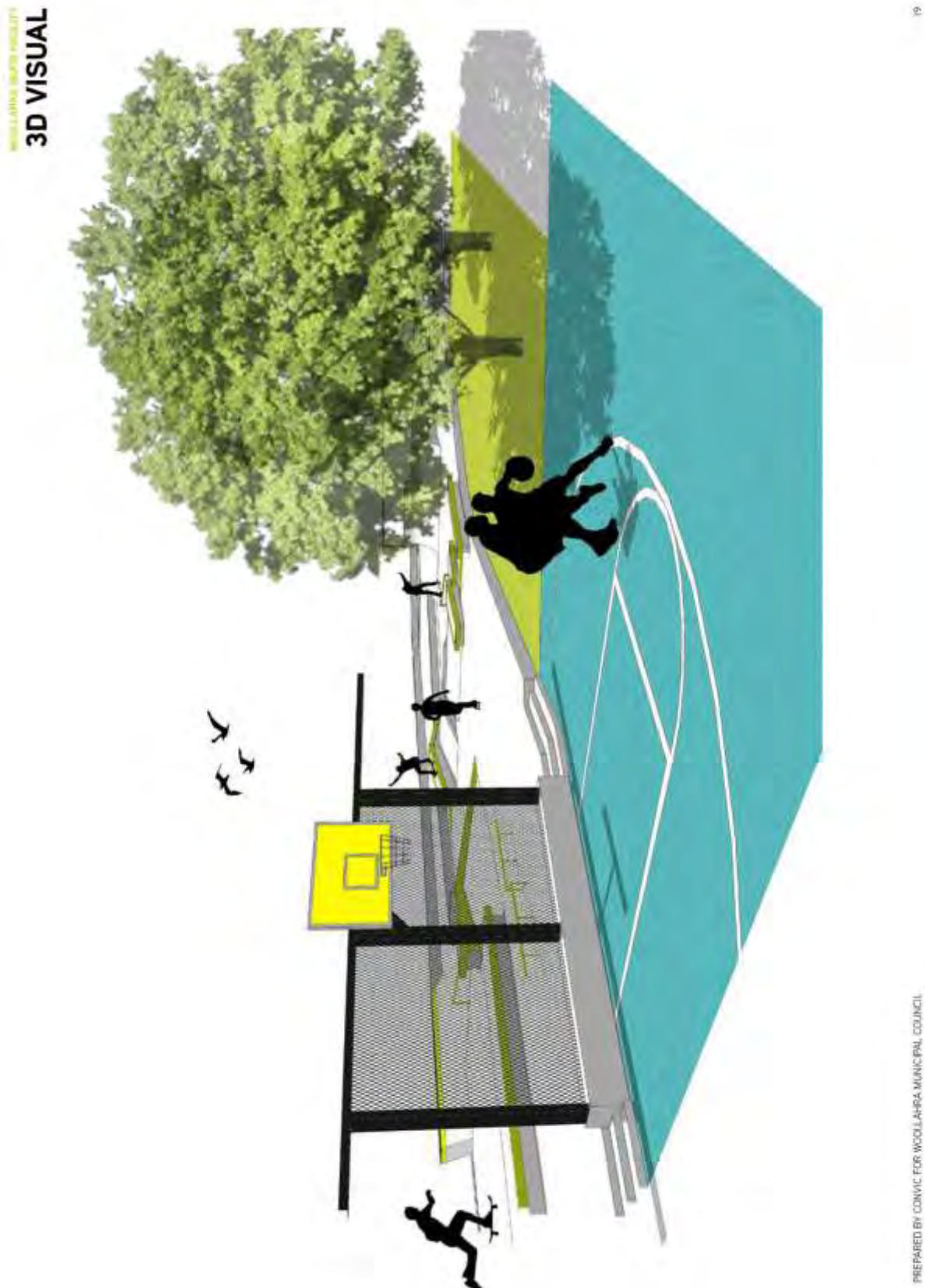


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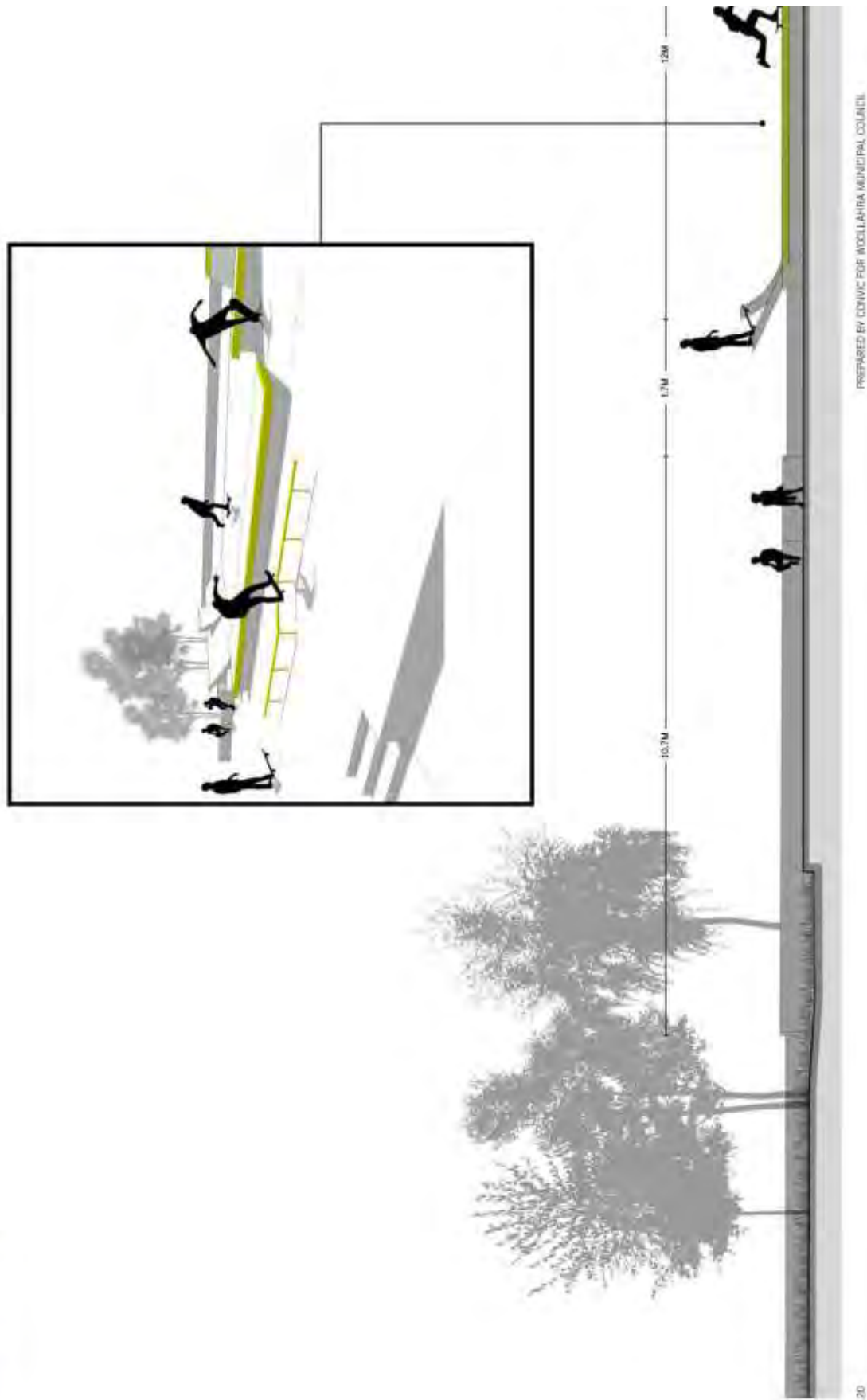


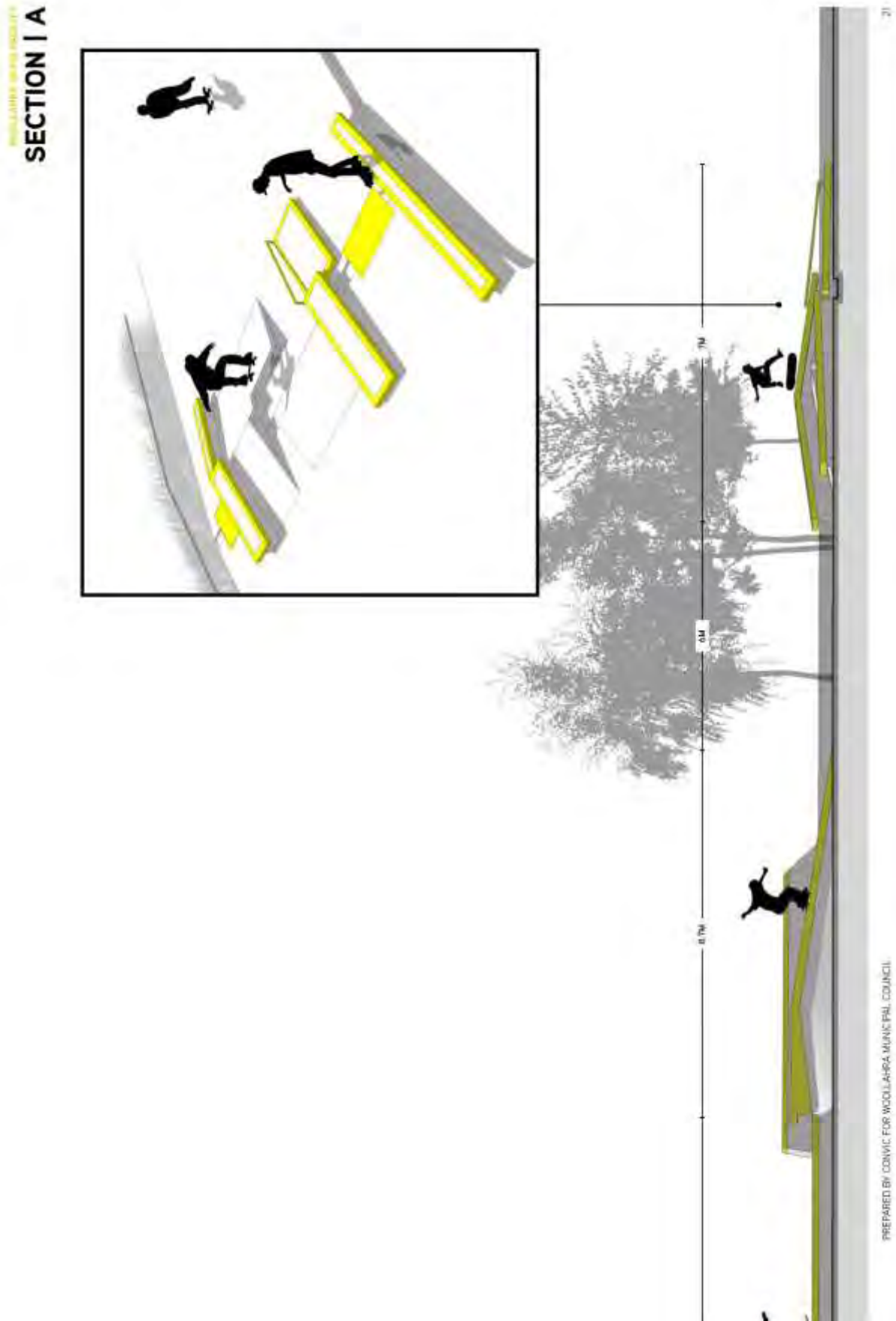
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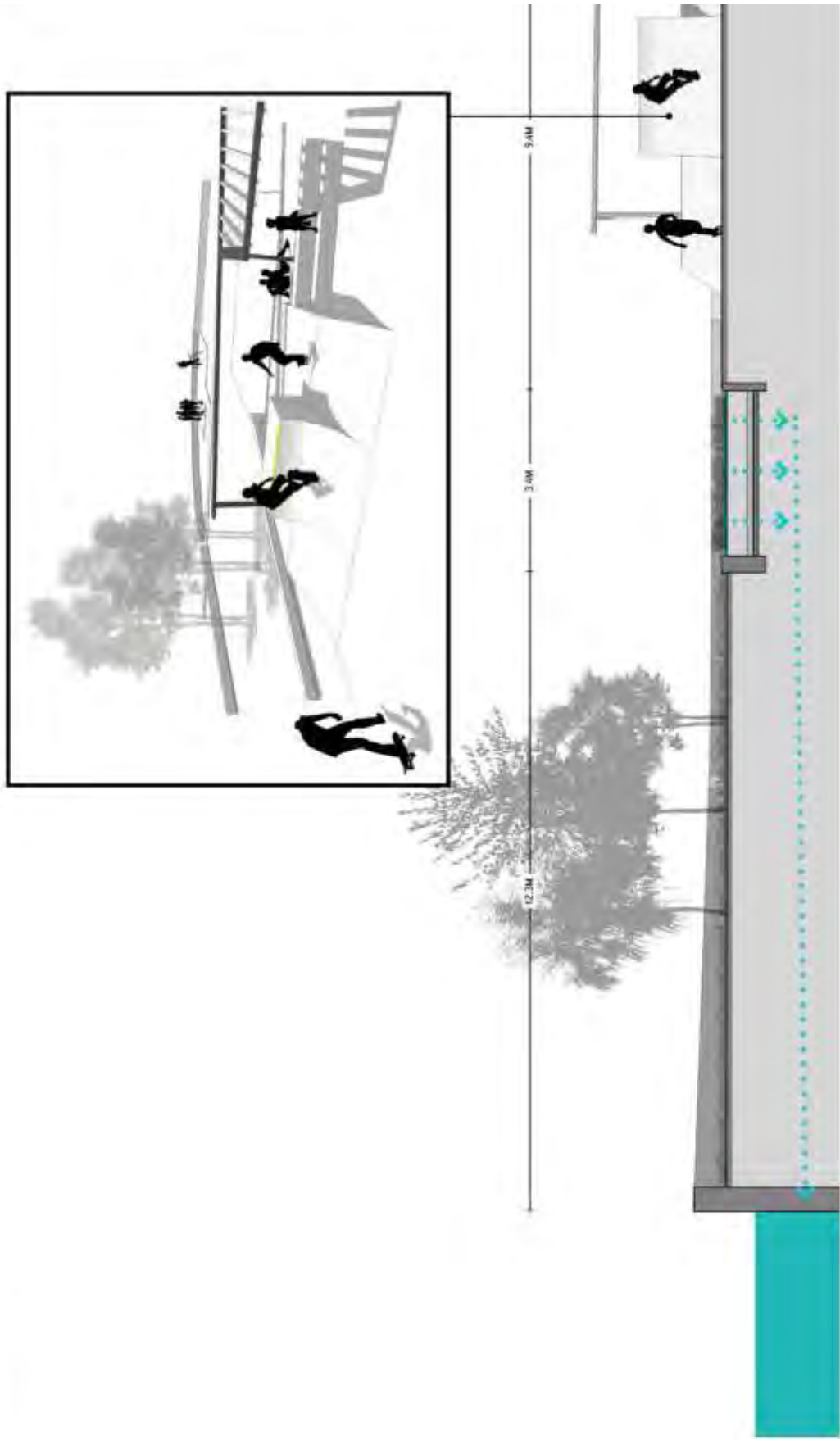


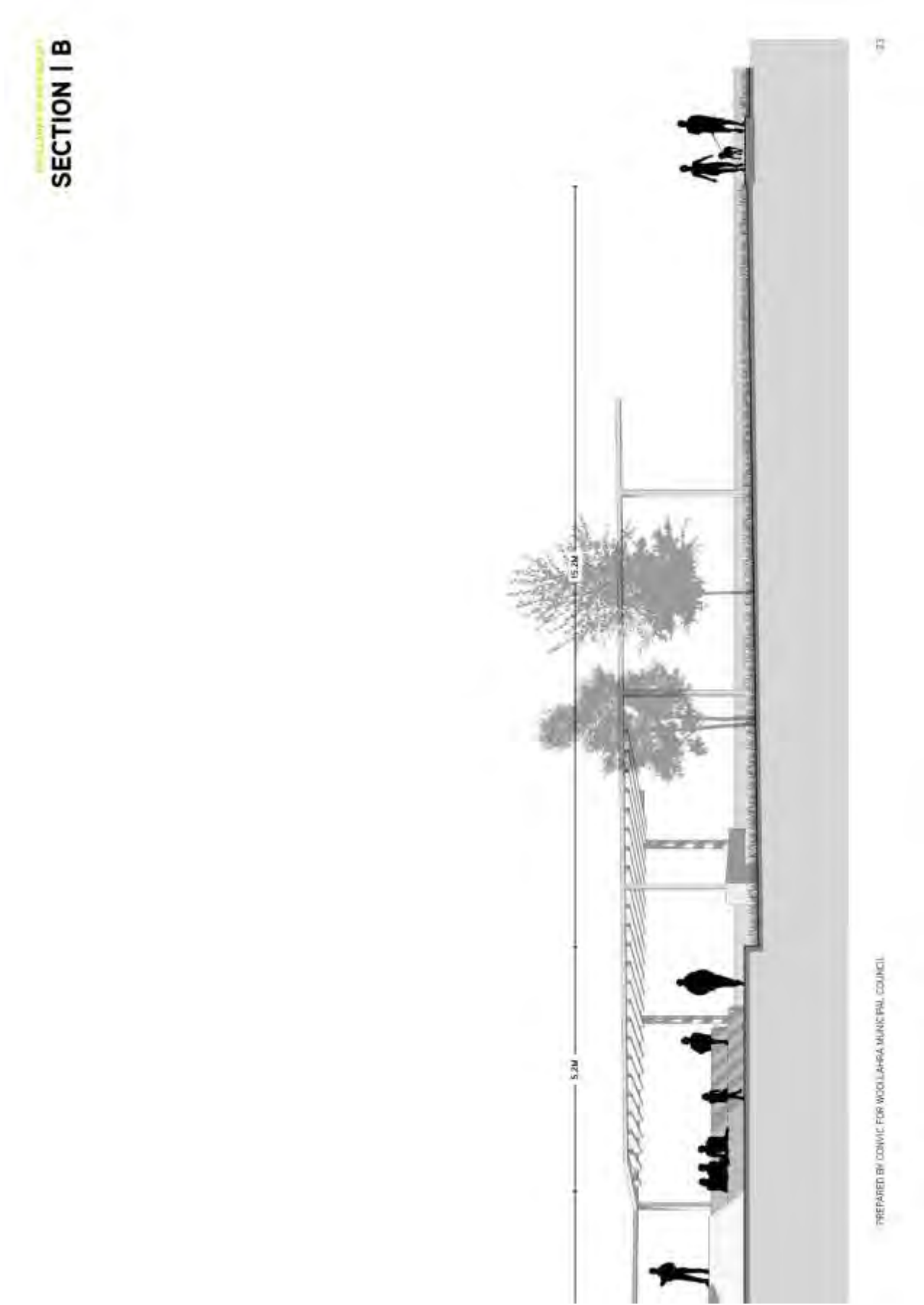
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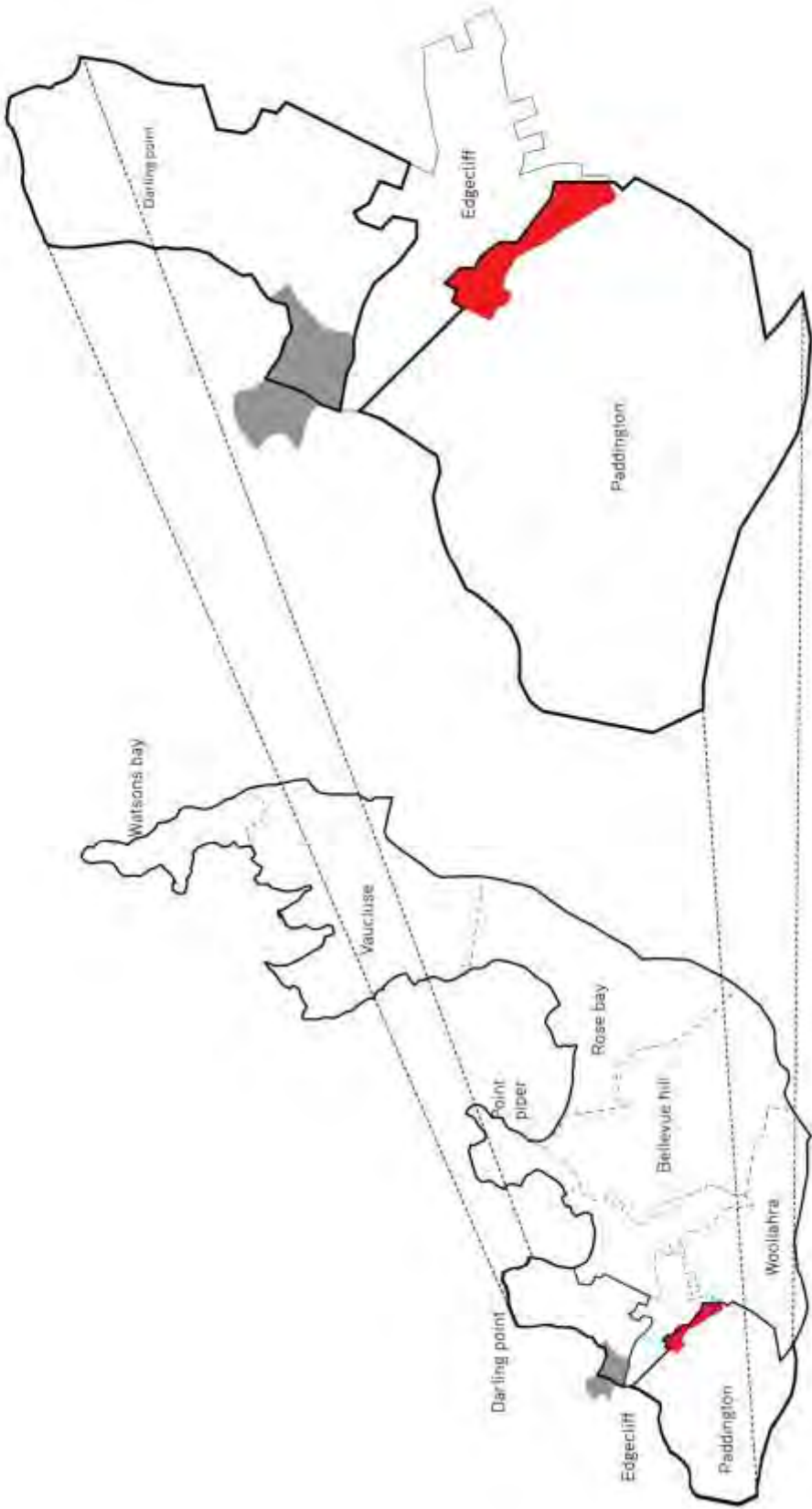


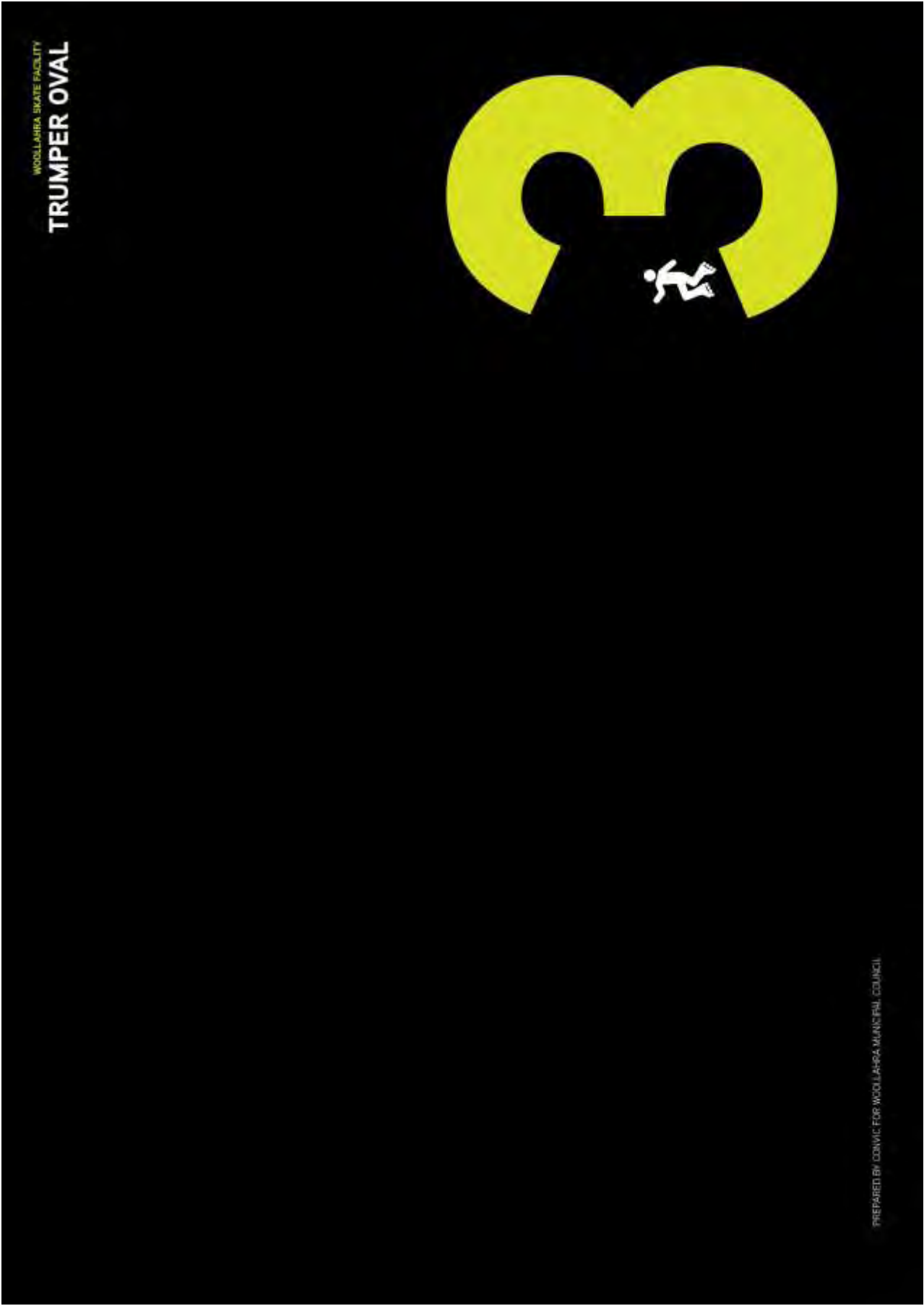


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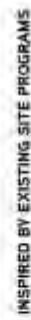






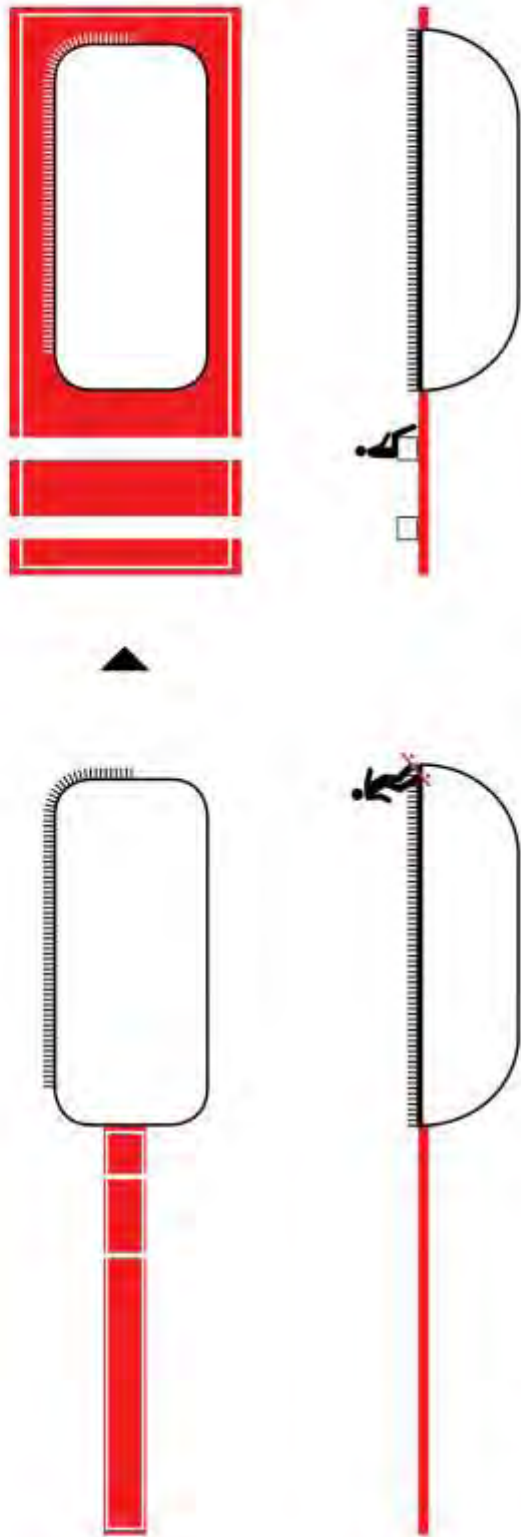
DESIGN PHILOSOPHY

TO CREATE A UNIQUE SKATE BOWL FOR BEGINNERS AND EXPERT LEVEL USERS. THE BOWL CONTRASTS IN STYLE TO THE YOUTH PLAZA OFFERING A HUB FOR TRANSITION STYLE WHEELER SPORTS, SEAMLESSLY INTEGRATED INTO THE TRUMPER OVAL PARKLAND CREATING A HUB FOR SPORT AND RECREATION OF BOTH A FORMAL AND INFORMAL NATURE.



- The site currently features a little jump slip in poor condition and used irregularly.

TRUMPER OVAL



THE SAND PIT - SKATE BOWL

- By transforming the sand pit into a skate bowl to re-vitalise active usage.
- The measuring rule used to previously to measure jump distance now becomes a unique way to measure grids.

THE TRACK - AMENITY SPACE

- The existing track becomes a platform space to the skate bowl and provides amenity for non-active users and spectators;
- New marking creates a super graphic that reflects both the existing and proposed sport active nature of the site.

TRUMPER OVAL

DESIGN PRINCIPLES

The design incorporates visual links to the sites current usage of an athletic triple jump strip by utilising synthetic turf that delineates social seating areas and line markings to give the space a unique and recognisable identity. An interpretative measuring ruler along the coping is added to measure the length of user groups.

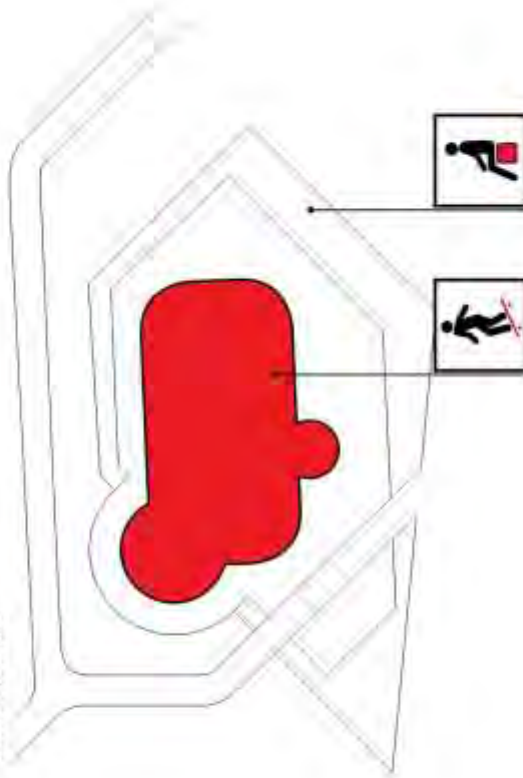
Established routes are provided to create clear circulation and access to the bowl end surrounding facilities, such as the adjacent playground. Gateway signage creates a local entrance feature and welcome to the bowl and wider oval parkland.

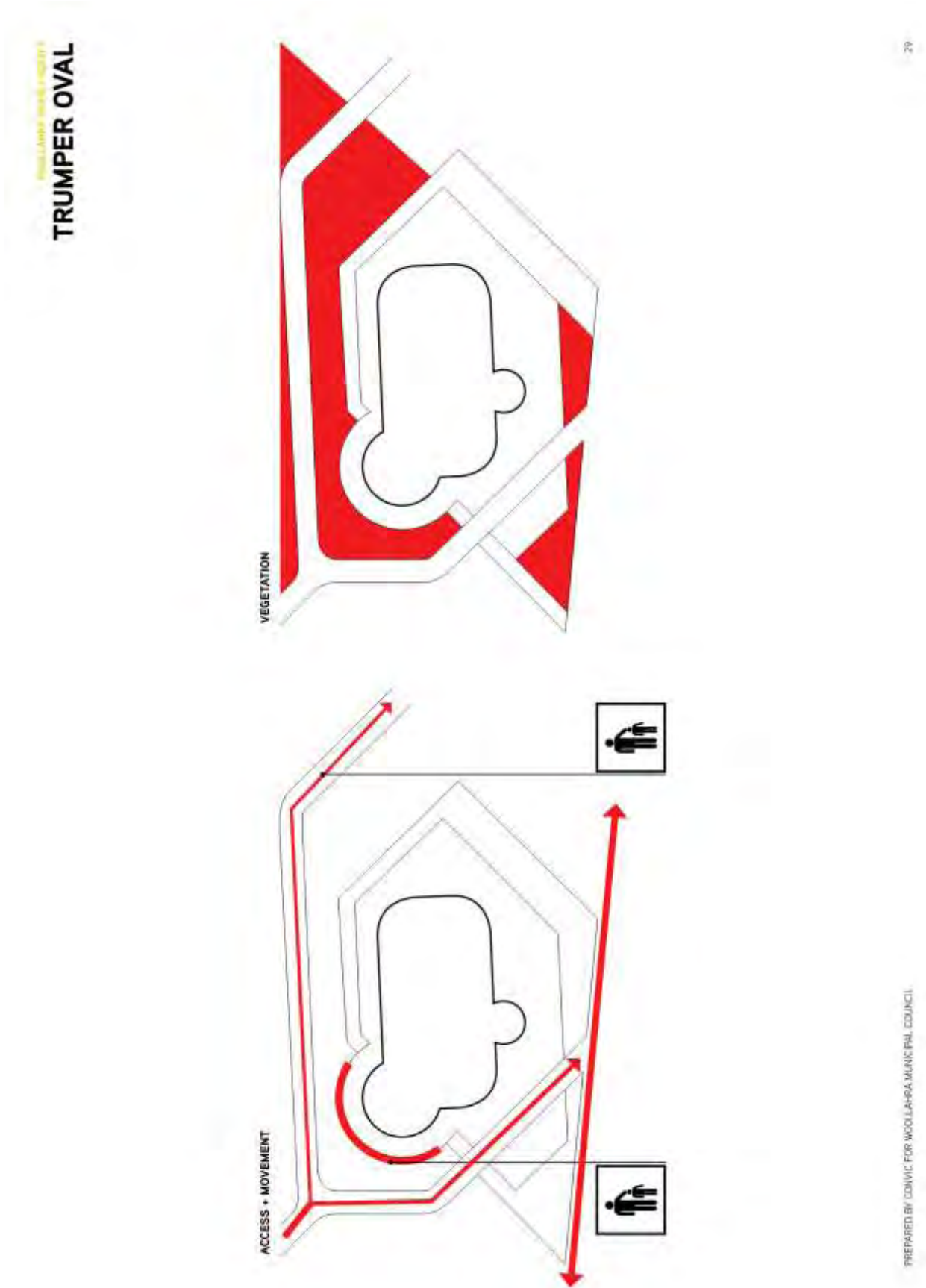
Planting is used to soften the hard surface, with additional buffer planting to the boundary edge of the space. Tree planting provides natural shade amenity.

Although no consultation workshops were directly focused around the Trumper Park site, the information collected has been utilised to inform the development of the design. The key design principles included from the community consultation are:

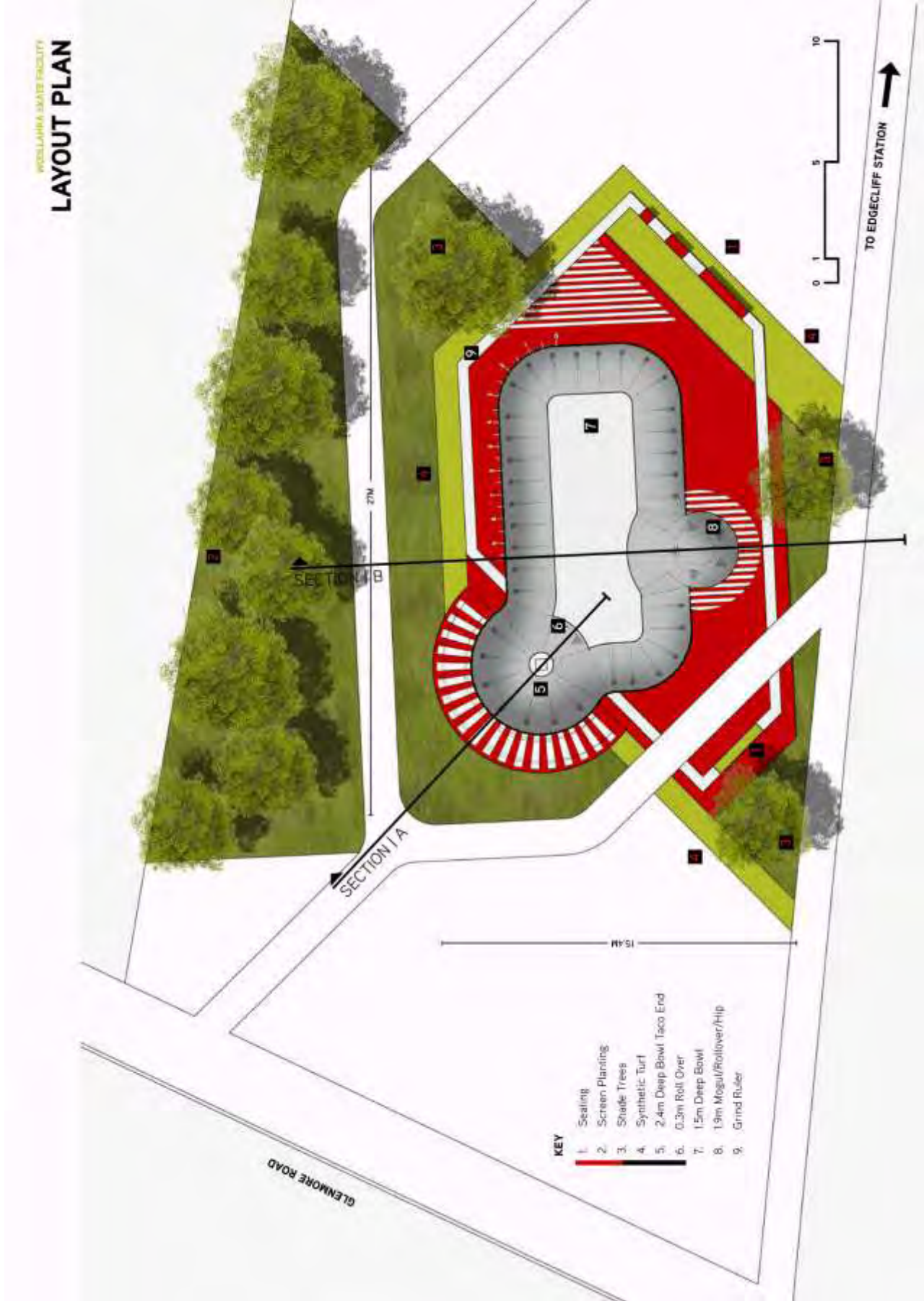
- The bowl favours beginner to intermediate skills level.
- User did not favour transition/bowl over street style skate. The Rushcutters Bay Park Skate Plaza site is deemed unsuitable for this style of obstacles, where as the Trumper Park site does. The Trumper Park Bowl design provides the transition/bowl style skate that is missing within the Rushcutters Bay Park Skate Plaza design.
- Particular skate obstacles that were developed through the community consultation design workshops have been included within the bowls design. These include; roll over/mogul, continuous flow and an enclosed bowl.

ACTIVE PROGRAMS

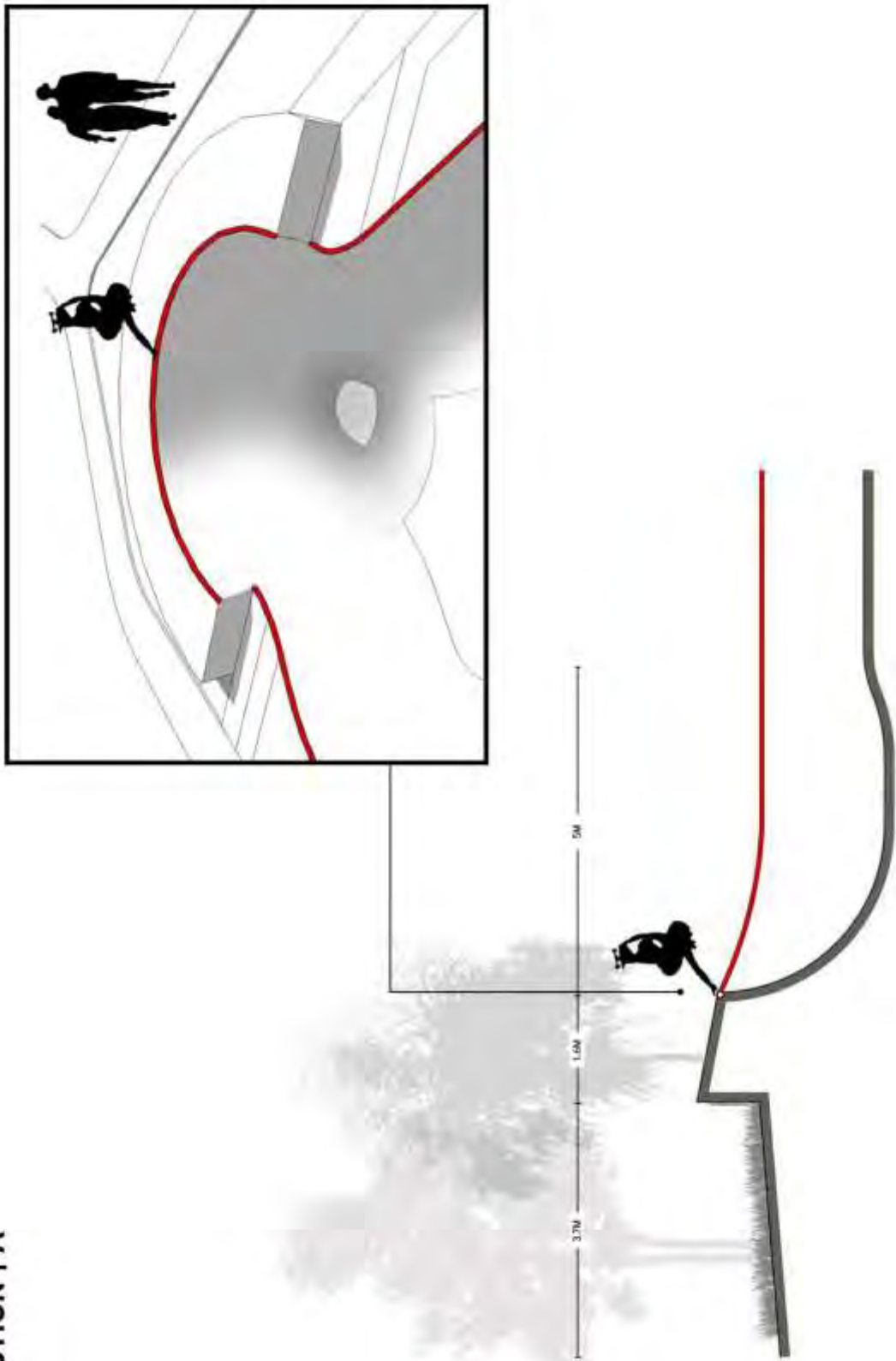




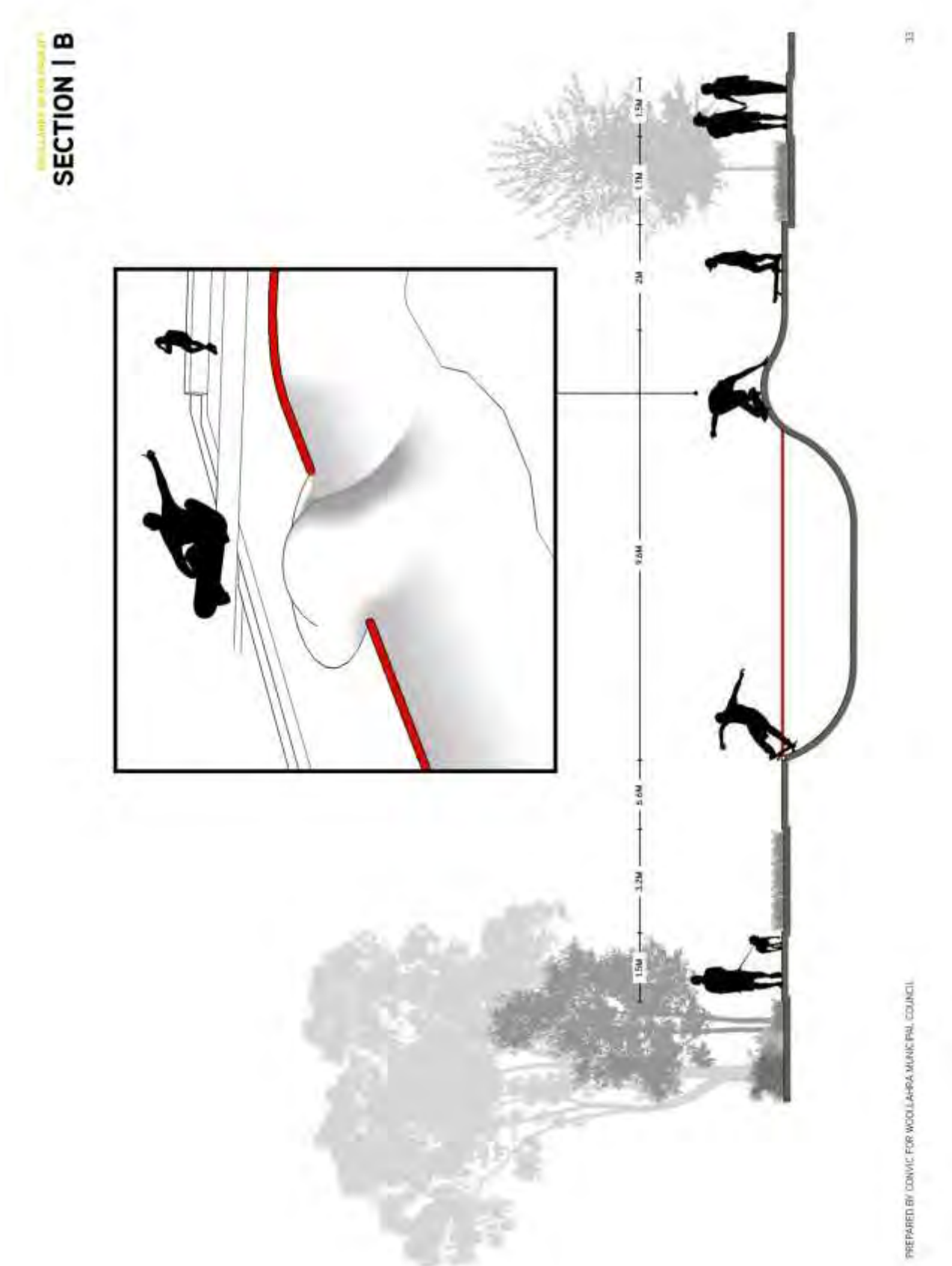




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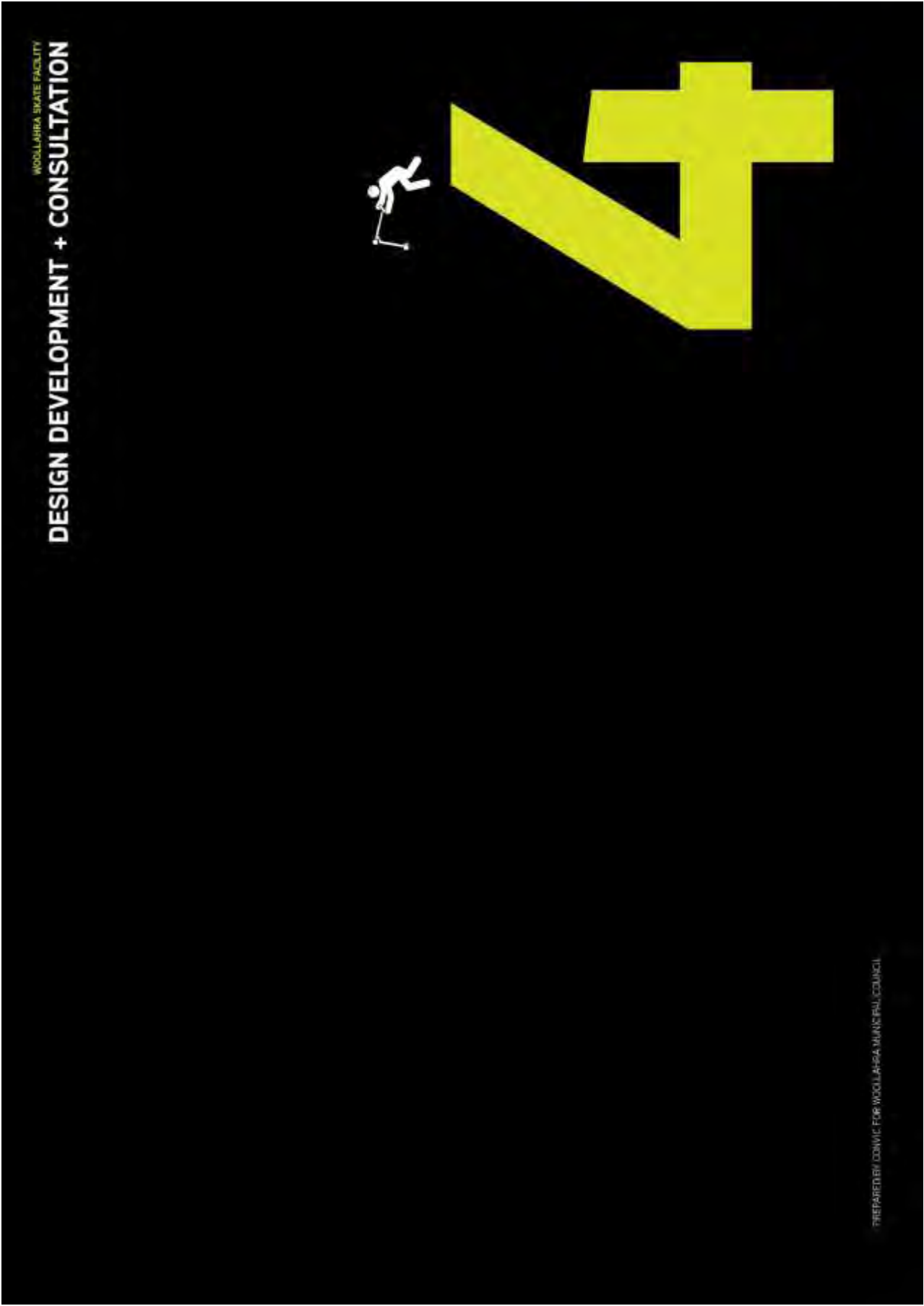


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WOOLLAHRA SKATE FACILITY - CONCEPT DESIGN REPORT

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CONSULTATION APPROACH

AS PART OF THE ONGOING DESIGN PROCESS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WOOLLAHRA SKATE FACILITIES, A DRAFT CONCEPT REVIEW WORKSHOP IS TO BE HELD, AS WELL AS CREATING A TRULY RELEVANT DESIGN, THIS REVIEW WILL ENSURE THE FINAL CONCEPT DESIGN REFLECTS COMMUNITY NEEDS, USER REQUIREMENTS AND PROJECT VISION. THIS CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT CONNECTS THE COMMUNITY WITH THE PROJECT DESIGN PROCESS AND ULTIMATELY HAVING A VESTED INTEREST IN THE FINAL OUTCOME. THIS ENGENDERS COMMUNITY PRIDE AND OWNERSHIP IN BOTH THE PROCESS AND THE PUBLIC FACILITY, CREATING A STRONG SENSE OF STEWARDSHIP OF THE COMMUNITIES PUBLIC SPACES.

It is suggested that the workshop be held over two days, the first targeting community focus groups and the second, allowing for open community consultation.

DAY 1

Day one engages with targeted focus groups through open and intensive design review workshops. Each approach for the individual focus group workshops is structured and communicated specifically towards their interests. This will provide the best outcomes from each group, targeting different and varied project objectives.

The project was originally championed by the focus group "SKATECRAFT". It is recommended that they are engaged and consulted with first as key advocates in the advancement of the project. This will afford this focus group ongoing interest and enthusiasm with the project and demonstrate council efforts in the creation of a youth focused skate space within Woollahra.

Following on from this, it is recommended that school groups are targeted to provide wider feedback from different user typologies outside of wheeled sports. It is key to engage a broad cross section of the youth community (14-24yrs) within Woollahra, to ensure the development of a youth focused public space that meets the needs of this community group as identified by council (12/12/11).

It is recommended that Skate Board Australia (SBA) Sydney branch be identified as a focus group with which to engage. This consultation will provide a much wider feedback response beneficial from a strategic level of Sydney wide facilities. This will ensure the concept design meets with a holistic and integrated approach towards skate provision throughout greater Sydney. With extensive experience and passion they can provide a rational understanding of skate and the ongoing successful development of these spaces.

It is important that a council based focus group should be formed and engaged. Councils understanding of the community, place and ongoing strategies etc. is unparalleled and providing opportunity for this input is crucial to the success of the space into the future.

It is recommended the focus group workshops are led by Council with council representatives present to facilitate and assist in the running of the event.

DAY 2

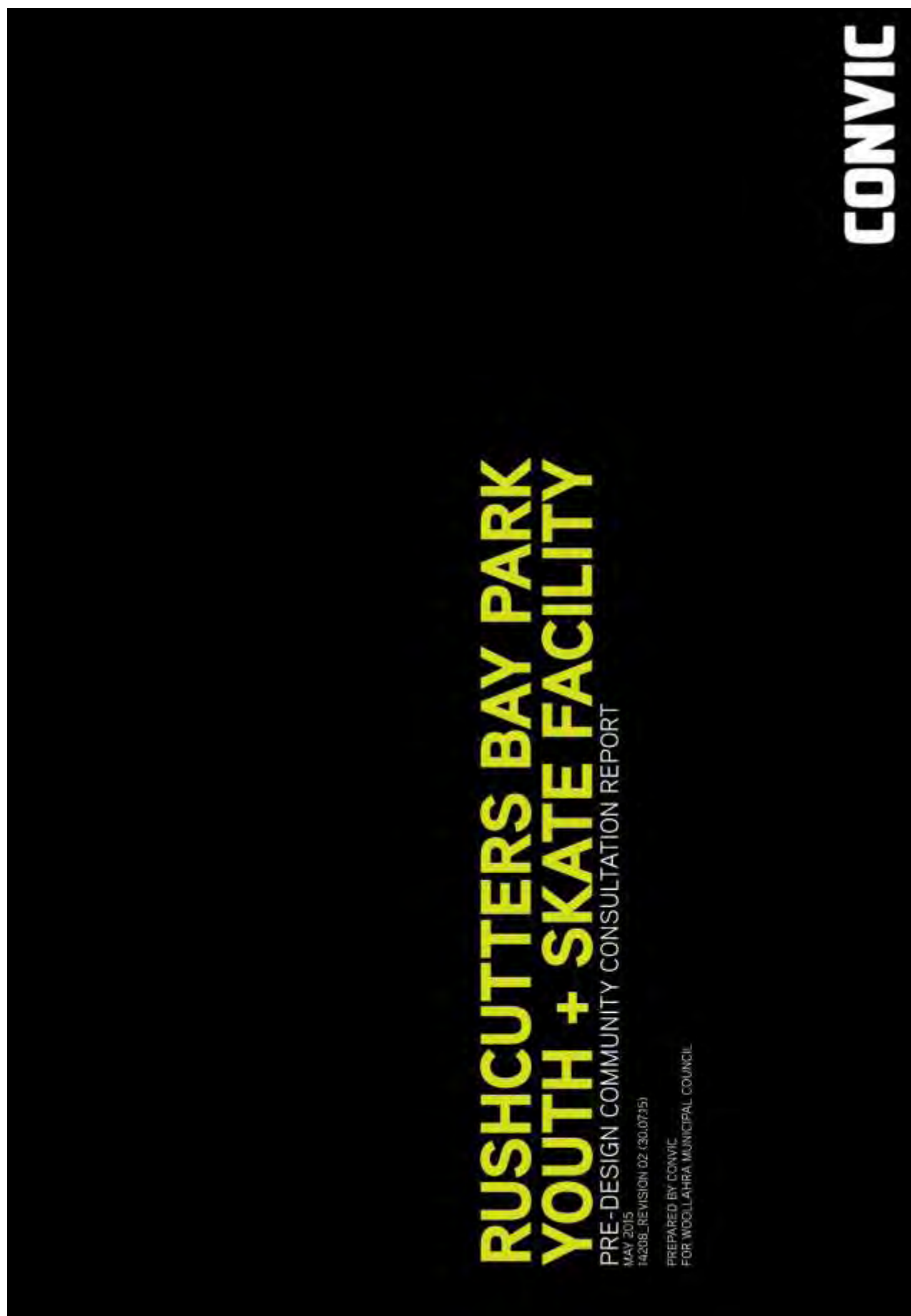
The second day is a event based approach to engagement allowing the wider community to input. By providing an open event allows any interested member of the community the opportunity to provide input and feedback for the project.

The best approach is to provide and present consultation boards for open discussion. The event should be held in a popular and easily accessible location and preferably at the site or in close proximity.

It is recommended that the open consultation is led by Council with invited council input. This will limit the amount of off topic discussion and feedback. As Council will only be able to provide input on topic issues and discussions.

An important consideration for comprehensive consultation is an online forum for those that may not attend the workshops and allows their voices to be heard.







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INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND

Woollahra Municipal Council (WMC) are exploring the feasibility of a youth/skate facility within the Rushcutters Bay Park for members of the growing young Paddington and wider Woollahra community. Within the "Woollahra Skate Facility - Site Investigation Report" July 2014, the Rushcutters Bay Park site was prioritised as a key site for a youth/skate facility.

Strategically located in Darling Point on New South Head Road, a main arterial thoroughfare to the LGA, Rushcutters Bay Park is an existing multi-purpose public reserve, and a central social and recreational community hub for young people and wider community. Rushcutters Bay Park exists at the heart of the community and a proposed youth/skate facility will assist to activate the young people of Woollahra and embrace youth within this key community space. Embodying principles of social sustainability, the facility will offer opportunities for all participants.

Its aim is to be a district level facility catering to the needs of young people of the developing LGA, and be part of the broader network of skate parks/informal youth recreation facilities available in the municipality and wider Sydney area.

CONSULTATION + PROJECT DESIGN

WMC engaged Corvic, an experienced youth space and skate park consultant. As part of the project scope, Corvic undertook consultation with the community to understand community and use demand, and to inform a conceptual design for the youth/skate facility to be located within Rushcutters Bay (refer Figure 1).

In May 2015, Corvic facilitated five consultations among the local community at Woollahra and Bondi. Consultations were held to inform the community and users about the development of the youth/skate facility and to provide the opportunity for community to input into the design process.

The youth demographic and culture will be an important part of WMC as the community develops. The inclusion of a youth/skate facility at Rushcutters Bay Park supports this approach with a public focus on open space that both engages with and is relevant to young people.



INTRODUCTION



CONSULTATION OVERVIEW

A consultation plan was developed to guide all interactions with community members regarding the design process for the youth/skate facility. WMC is particularly interested in involving young people, particularly 8-14 years of age, to understand demand for such a facility and for community members to feel a sense of ownership of the process and promoting stewardship of the facility. This is premised on the belief that those who are affected by a decision should have an opportunity to provide input. (Refer to Appendix A for Consultation Plan)

To promote ideas and generate excitement in the community about the project, consultations were held during May – June 2015. As part of this engagement process, Convic facilitated five consultations based on the future youth/skate facility including:

- Three days of on-site visitor questionnaire surveys at Bondi Beach Skate Park.
- A design consultation workshop with "SKATECRAFT" (Paddington resident group) at Cottage Child Care, Woollahra.
- A design consultation workshop with Waverly Action for Youth Services (WAYS) at Bondi Beach.

Figure 2: Bondi Beach Skate Park a week before the on-site consultations.

WMC (2015) Woollahra Council Report

CONSULTATION METHODOLOGY

AIMS

The consultation process is an essential and integral component of the development of youth spaces and skate facilities. In order to ensure the success and longevity of these key community assets it is crucial to engage with the future users of the space.

The design workshop consultation aimed to:

- Engage with key stakeholders before the design and construction of the new skate facility.
- Inform participants about the project's progress so far.
- View previous exemplar designs from skate facility designer, Convic, to inform and inspire the participants.
- Gather user information and build understanding of user profiles.
- Discuss user requirements to aid the future design.
- Highlight other facilities in the area to identify gaps in provision.
- Indicate the vision for the new facility.
- Have community and users take ownership of the consultation process and outcomes.



PROMOTIONAL SCOPE

Promotional tools to encourage participation, involvement and comments included:

- "SKATECRAFT" group email
- Flyer posted on WAYS Instagram feed. Refer to Figure 3.

Consultation occurred outside the municipality, to determine if Rushcutters Bay Park youth/skate facility would be used by people in neighbouring local government areas.

DATA HANDLING + ANALYSIS

The data handling and analysis was carried out by Convic. The workshop was designed to promote inclusiveness and generate data for analysis into themes.

All participants were initially informed of workshop objectives and how the information provided is then to be used. All responses are treated as confidential, to ensure and respect the privacy of respondents. No individual identifying information is included with any responses for this report.

REPRESENTATION

The views collected in this report are not statistically qualified, however they represent the views of some high user groups and nearby residents. Themes presented in this report are derived from workshop contributions. The reliability and validity of these interpretations are assessed to provide outputs for analysis.

CONSULTATION METHODOLOGY

CONSULTATION APPROACH

Workshop sessions can build a sense of community and are a useful tool to seek the opinions of a small group, allowing many differing contributions. Unlike a survey, they enable the discussion of broader and complex issues and any specific issues.

The workshop was semi-structured to allow the process to unfold freely and invite users to make commitments, suggestions and comments towards a common and collective design vision. Convic hosted workshops of up to two hours with each group, these were structured as follows:

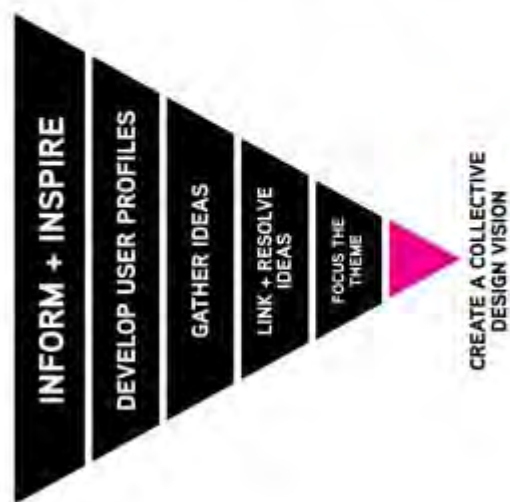


Figure 1: Facilitating a collective design vision created by a3

PRESENTATION (INFORM AND INSPIRE)

- Inform residents and stakeholders of what is included in the project.
- View and assess local parks in order to not replicate existing facilities within the area. Each design should be responsive to location, taking into account its specific geography.
- Present an overview of other skate facilities constructed over the past few years, in a variety of locations, similar to the proposed location.
- Present a selection of skate obstacles and features in order to inspire and inform the potential options and the capabilities that are possible within the new skate facility.
- Illustrate the nature of contemporary skate facilities with a variety of integrated, broader community usage options, opposed to skater-only facilities. This includes a variety of elements such as, social gathering spaces, additional recreational opportunities, potential of activation and iconic and sculptural elements.

QUESTIONNAIRE (DEVELOPING USER PROFILES)

- Create a demographic profile of participants.
- Understand user skill level, facility type and frequency of usage.
- Understand local park usage and user location preferences to understand user needs and requirements based on local current habits.

PICTURE VOTING (GATHER IDEAS)

- Starts the process of decision making and illustrates individual preferences and "wants".

DESIGN WORKSHOP (LINK AND RESOLVE IDEAS)

- Collaboratively explore and resolve individual ideas through group discussion and creativity, resulting in collective group themes by developing spatially located design responses.
- Workshop participation and presenting the results to an open forum and wider group discussion.

PRIORITY VOTING (FOCUS THE THEME)

- Participants vote on the main or common themes as highlighted from the group work, so as to create a group and collective focused design vision shared by all.

By utilising this method ensures the evolution of a highly resolved and informed design outcome unique to the community. The consultation process also encourages the local community to take an active role, upon completion of the project as guardians of the space and most importantly to activate the facility.

CONSULTATION METHODOLOGY

IDEAS PRESENTATION

Convic prepared a presentation detailing other skate facilities; park types (Israel plaza, transitional) skate obstacles and features (such as ramps, hips and kickers), and other considerations – social space, toilets and public art was presented (see Appendix A) along with questions/discussion starters to facilitate commentary of potential opportunities.

The presentation was solely presented at the design consultation workshop for “SKATECRAFT” and at WAYS.

QUESTIONNAIRE SURVEY RESULTS

A questionnaire was distributed to participants to build an understanding of user profiles. The survey assisted to understand skill level, facility type and usage. The questionnaire asked about user interests and the types of things which could be provided in the youth / skate facility as well as identify demand for a facility within Rushcutters Bay Park.

The results are an overview of the community profile of participants. Understanding the demographic patterns and trends within the community via the analysis of this data helps to inform the vision for the proposed skate facility.

By understanding the demographic and demand in the community, via the analysis of the data, enables working collaboratively with the community to further explore themes and develop spatially located design responses.

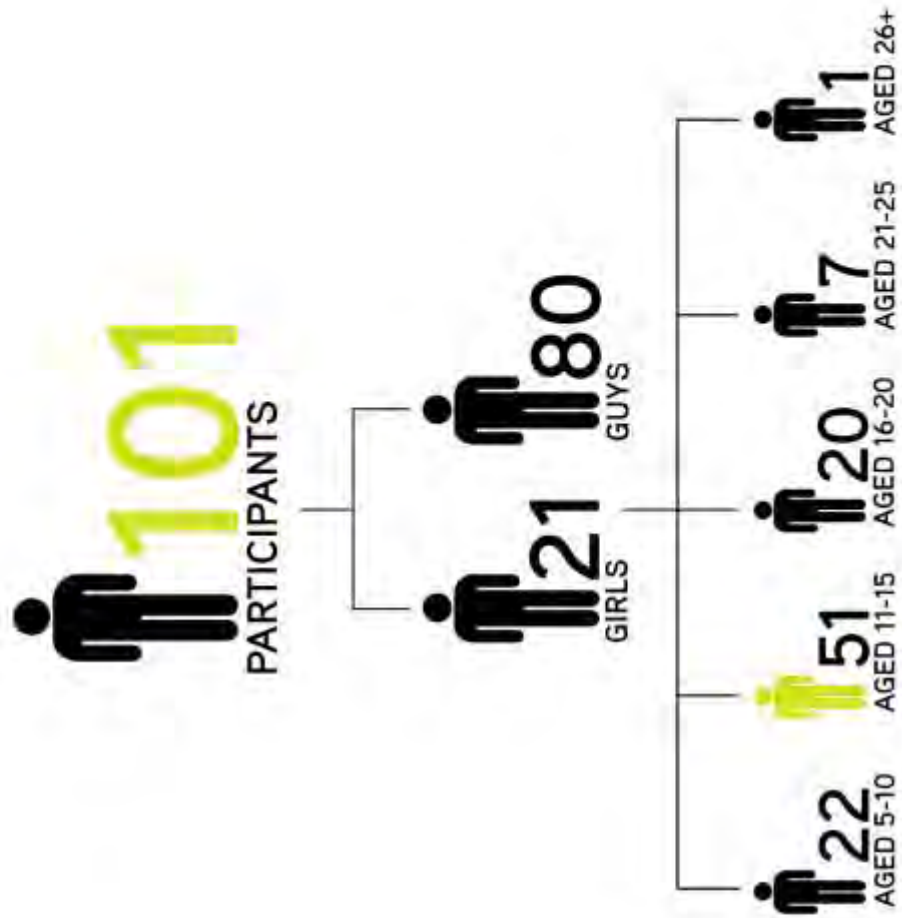
The key results from the Questionnaire Survey as undertaken as part of the pre-design workshop are shown as infographics.

For the five individual consultation session questionnaire results refer to Appendix B.

The image shows a digital questionnaire form for 'RUSHCUTTERS BAY PARK SKATE PARK'. The form is divided into several sections with icons and checkboxes. The sections include: 'NAME', 'AGE', 'GENDER', 'HOW WELL DO YOU SKATE?', 'WHAT DO YOU LIVE?', 'WHAT DO YOU ROLL WITH?', 'WHAT DO YOU RIDE?', 'WHAT TIME DO YOU RIDE?', 'WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE PLACE TO RIDE - WHY?', 'HOW OFTEN WOULD YOU GO TO RUSHCUTTERS BAY PARK?', and 'IF THERE WAS A SKATE PARK @ RUSHCUTTERS BAY PARK WOULD YOU USE IT?'. The form is branded with 'CONVIC' at the bottom.

Figure 3.2 Sample survey questionnaire

DEVELOPING USER PROFILES



WHO WAS INVOLVED

SUMMARY:

The workshops engaged with a broad number of young people with the majority of participants being young males between 11-15.

Typically youth / skate facility provision aims to target the age groups from 5 to 20. These are well represented within the questionnaire participants. WMC highlighted the need to target users from 16-14 years of age who are also well represented within the results.

DEVELOPING USER PROFILES

RUSHCUTTERS BAY YOUTH & SKATE FACILITY

WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

SUMMARY:

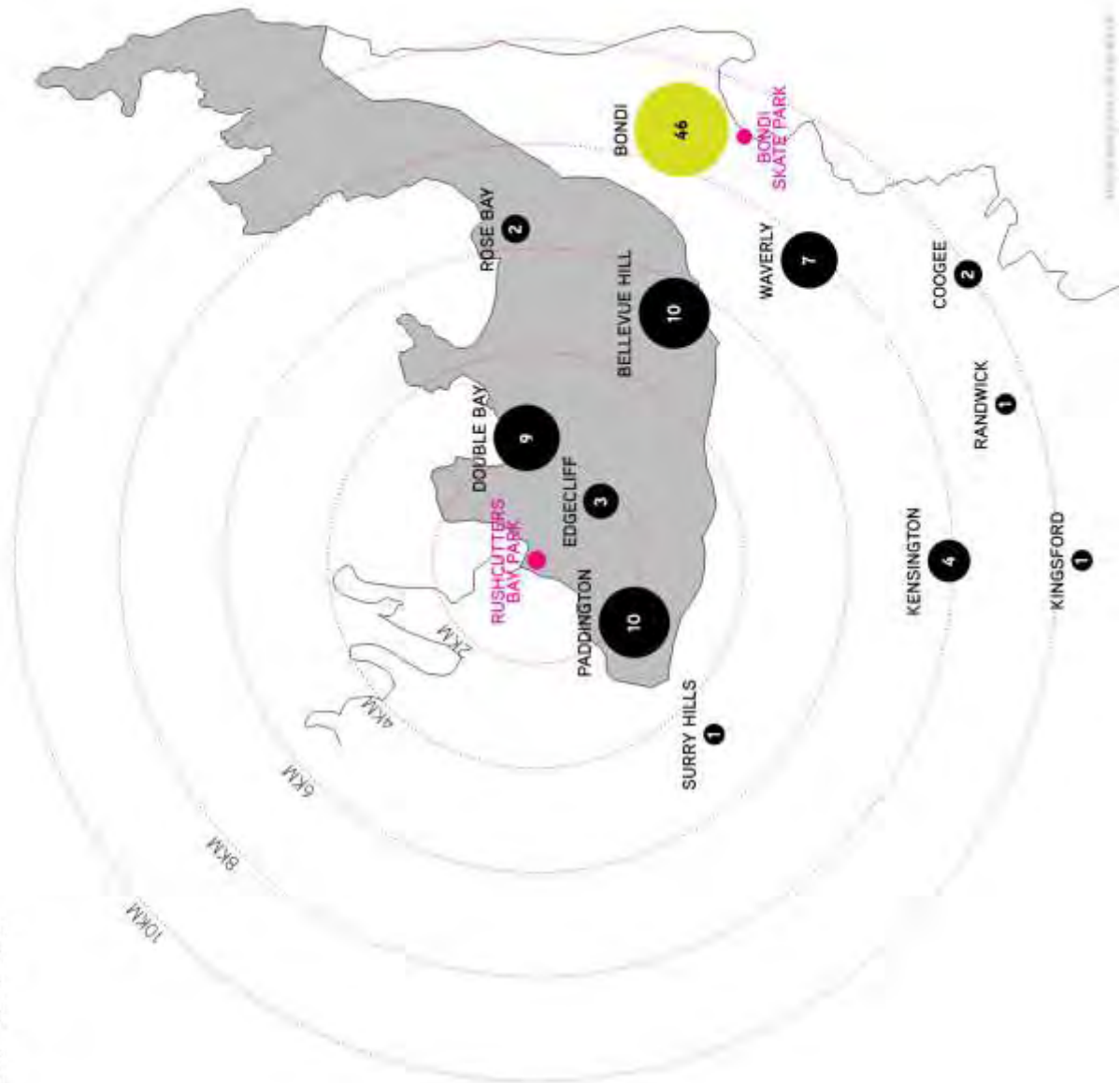
The majority of participants live in and around Bondi area and live within a close enough distance to the proposed site for it to become a space that will be utilised on a regular basis. Several other participants live within a 10-15min drive of the space and users further a field illustrated they would travel to utilise the facility. For a number of participants the new facility will become their closest local facility.

Further away than 10KM

Blacktown - 1

Manly - 2

Haberfield - 1

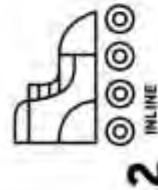


DEVELOPING USER PROFILES

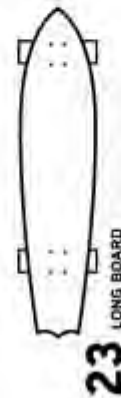
WHAT DO YOU ROLL WITH?

SUMMARY:

Different parks (and indeed different riders) riders, for example (with boxes more often appeal to scooter and BMX riders, where as ledges and rails often appeal more so to skateboarders. With this understanding, the questionnaire identified a high level of skateboarders. This indicates the park should take on a style that appeals to and meets the majority user needs. Further feedback will be gathered to identify the level of street and transition style skateboarders within the community group. This does not preclude other riders being considered through the design process.



16 BMX



19 SCOOTER

WHY DO YOU ROLL?

SUMMARY:

This "word cloud" gives greater prominence to the words that appeared most frequently within the participants' answers. Most answers included 'fun', 'hang with friends' and 'relax and de-stress'.

This illustrates that participants not only enjoy the sporting and fitness aspects of action sports, but also value the social interaction and friendships they build around youth / skate facilities. This indicates the need for social space such as 'hangout zones'.

FUN THRILLS ADRENALINE
SPORT + FITNESS
HANG WITH FRIENDS
RELAX + DE-STRESS
MAKE NEW FRIENDS
FREEDOM
ESCAPE FROM REALITY
KEEPS ME OUT OF TROUBLE
'CAUSE IT'S COOL

DEVELOPING USER PROFILES

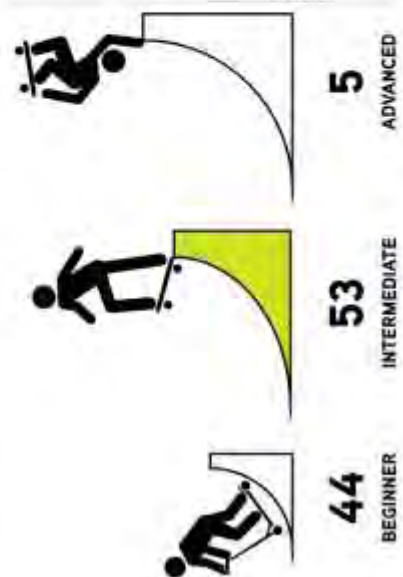
WHAT WOULD YOU SAY YOUR SKILL LEVEL IS?

SUMMARY:

A large proportion of the participants are of an intermediate skill level. This is a consideration for the design of the new skate facility and identified as responses for obstacles that appeal to the identified user groups, for example low to mid height transitions, 3-5 glass sets, etc. Would be more appropriate for the new skate facility, to cater to the existing user group.

A large number of beginners were identified, indicating that a separate beginners area may be appropriate, so users are able to build their riding confidence in a comfortable and safe environment.

It is however, key to provide for skill progression within any skate facility. This is to allow for the beginner level user to continue ongoing progression up to an advanced level user. This is achieved by providing a number of features and obstacles that cater for advanced users.



WHERE IS YOUR FAVOURITE PLACE TO RIDE?

SUMMARY:

This "word cloud" gives greater prominence to the words that appeared most frequently within the participants answers. Most answers included:

- Bondi Beach Skate Park which is a local park, with a traditional transition style for advanced to intermediate level users.
- Street spots within the surrounding area, that identifies a lack of interesting and challenging street style facilities within the area, thus users are searching and seeking for skateable spots within the area.
- Other popular items include parks such as Five Dock, Waterloo, Surry Hills and Port Macquarie. This indicates that users are prepared to travel longer distances to skate particular skate facilities.

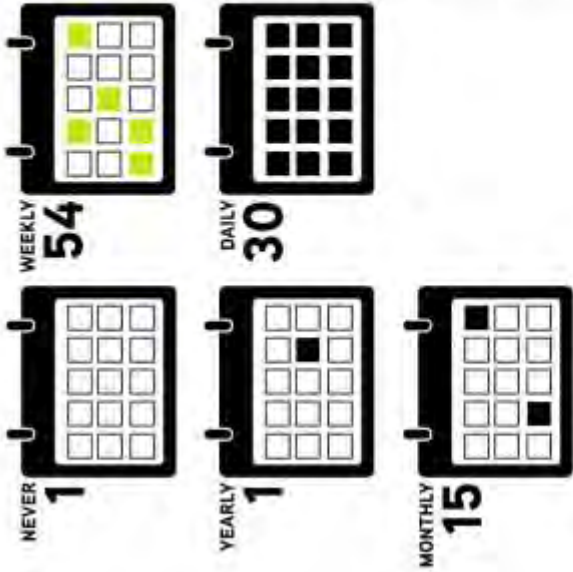
This illustrates there is a strong need for a contemporary facility of a mixed style, to cater for a wide range of users typologies



DEVELOPING USER PROFILES

HOW OFTEN DO YOU RIDE?

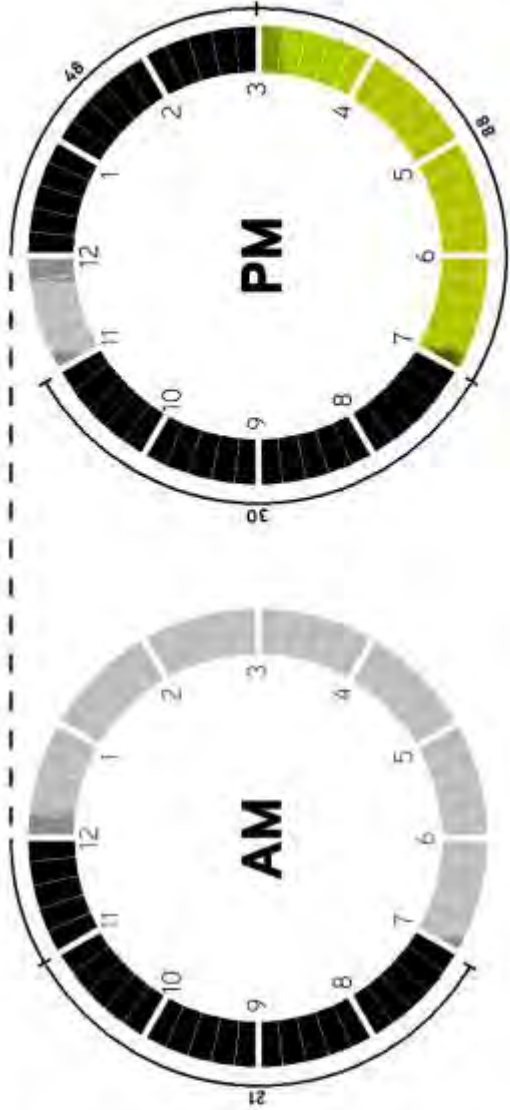
SUMMARY:
The majority of participants have been identified as active users, with several riding on a weekly or daily basis. This illustrates a high number of participants that will directly utilise the proposed skate facility regularly in the future.



WHAT TIME DO YOU GO TO THE SKATE PARK?

SUMMARY:
The results show that participants utilize skate facilities through the majority of the day and evening. This illustrates that the proposed skate facility design will need to consider amenity provision that supports functionality throughout the day, especially with regards to midday sun in the summer months.

The most popular use time was identified as 3-7pm. In order to extend activation beyond these hours, particularly in winter months, consideration should be made with respect to event and user lighting in the skate facility.



Please consider your demographics when in more than one answer

RUSHCUTTERS BAY YOUTH AND SKATE FACILITY
DEVELOPING USER PROFILES

WHAT DO YOU PREFER TO RIDE?

SUMMARY:
The majority of the participants preferred to ride a skate facility that had classic skate features. The new facility should aim to offer a classic skate facility with high skate function, whilst also ensuring a setting that is unique to Rushcutters Bay Park and thematically contemporary.

When asked what style users prefer to ride, the majority indicated they enjoyed both transition and street style elements. The design should look to incorporate an equal proportion of both style and potentially integrate both styles, to create something unique and multifunctional.



47
CLASSIC



31
SCULPTURAL



23
ICONIC



19
STREET / PLAZA



49
A BIT OF BOTH



33
BOWL / TRANSITION

IDENTIFYING FACILITY DEMAND

IF THERE WAS A SKATE PARK AT RUSHCUTTERS BAY PARK WOULD YOU USE IT?

SUMMARY:
Almost 100% of users indicated they would utilise a youth / skate facility at Rushcutters Bay Park, indicating that there is a huge demand for a facility within the municipality and wider. It also highlights the 800 in provision of youth facilities.

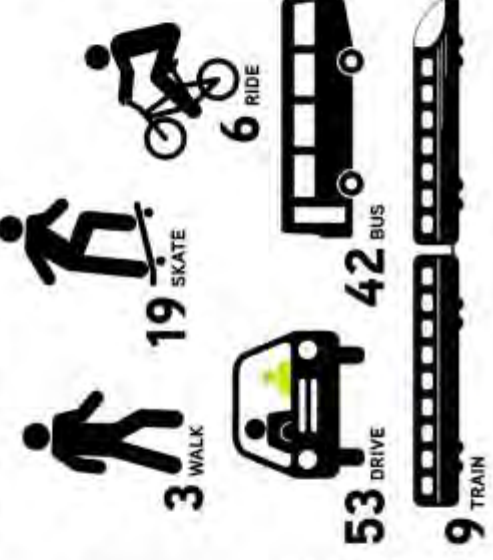


HOW WOULD YOU GET TO RUSHCUTTERS BAY PARK?

SUMMARY:
Driving was seen as the most common method of transport if travelling to Rushcutters Bay Park, either with parents or independently for older users. Parking and drop-off points at Rushcutters Bay Park will need to be assessed to ensure sufficient provision is allowed for.

Public Transport featured highly within the results. This highlights the importance of public transport to young people if assets that are not yet old enough to drive, but independent enough to travel without guardians.

The majority of questionnaire surveys were carried out in Bondi which may explain the low number of participants that would be walking, riding, or skating to the facility.



HOW OFTEN WOULD YOU GO TO RUSHCUTTERS BAY PARK?

SUMMARY:
The majority of participants indicated they would actively use the proposed facility, with several suggesting they would ride on a weekly or daily basis. This illustrates a high number of participants that will directly utilize the proposed skate facility into the future.



RUSHCUTTERS BAY YOUTH & SKATE FACILITY
GATHERING IDEAS

PICTURE VOTING RESULTS

Following on from the workshop presentation and questionnaire, the participants voted on a range of visual choices (as seen in the workshop presentation) of inspirational images, based around 4 different sketch design options of different styles. This allows participants the opportunity to vote on their favourite ideas, features and elements by attaching stickers to their chosen favourite idea.

The participants were given three stickers - they could put all on one choice or spread the stickers around if they had more than one 'favourite' response.

The following tables show the results of the participant selections and where the stickers were placed. The results start to build a pattern of elements that may be included in the new skate facility. As a guide, items with over 10 votes are to be given greater consideration for inclusion as part of the design of the new facility.

Picture voting was only carried out at the two design workshops. The following key illustrates the votes made at each individual workshop:

- WAYS
- THE COTTAGE



Figure 6. Participants voting on their favourite design images

GATHERING IDEAS

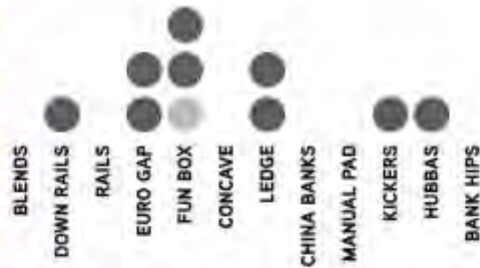
TRANSITION SKATE OBSTACLES



TOTAL VOTES: 14

COMMENTS:
Transition obstacles have received a higher vote count in total than street skate obstacles. This indicates a demand for a transition style skate park. There were also many votes for a mini ramp within the facility.

STREET SKATE OBSTACLES



TOTAL VOTES: 12

COMMENTS:
Street obstacles have received a slightly lower vote count in total than transition skate obstacles. There was a desire for a fun box, ledges and a bank gap, highlighting these as possible features to be included in the design.

AMENITIES AND MATERIALS



TOTAL VOTES: 8

COMMENTS:
Sculptural skate elements and art work were identified as instances of high priority. The reference to amenities was considered low in priority.



LINK + RESOLVE THE IDEAS

DESIGN WORKSHOP

The design workshop is an integral component of the community consultation and engagement process at this point. Participants are immersed in the consultation process and directly involved in creating, formulating ideas and presenting them. This builds a community based response to the process and develops a sense of value in their ideas, opinions and feedback that engenders ownership of the process.

Participants were divided into groups and asked to work collaboratively together to create their idea of a new skate facility. The design workshops centred around the question, 'What do you want the Skate facility to be?' The aim was for participants to take the selected items and obstacles from the picture voting session and to develop creative design ideas and solutions, developing a space and linking obstacles together towards a collective thoughtful response, as well as other considerations such as integration of shade, sculpture and other activities and spaces.

The results saw an extensive range of creative and innovative responses, whether written, drawn or created from plasticine modelling. Each group then presented their site plan to the room. After the completion of all presentations, everyone then had the opportunity to vote for their favourite idea(s).

This process ensures the forum of participants is involved in the collective decision making.



Figure 3 Community Pre-design Workshop Model

100% Community Consultation and Engagement

WHAT CAME OUT OF THE WORKSHOPS

SUMMARY OF IDEAS FROM EACH WORKSHOP

The workshops revealed that there is enthusiasm and excitement among young people about the future skate facility in Rushcutters Bay Park.

In each workshop, participants produced creative and unique ideas. Following is a description of the ideas that came from of the different workshops.

RUSHCUTTERS BAY YOUTH + SKATE FACILITY
LINK + RESOLVE THE IDEAS

**SKATECRAFT - THE COTTAGE WOOLLAHRA
4 MAY 2015**

At this event The participants were split into two groups, both of which created very similar style parks.

Both parks were heavily dominated with plaza style obstacles. They did however, also introduce some transition elements such as a mini ramp or mini bowl, jumps box, and moguls that appealed more so to scooter and BMX. These were cleverly linked into the street obstacles in order to create flow between both styles. One group positioned a skateable shade structure as an iconic feature. The other group designed a totally unique split level block that could be easily developed into a one off skate element within the new design.

This response demonstrated the passion the group has for skate and good understanding of multiple user types and skill levels.

FAVOURITE IDEA: UNIQUE BLEND LEDGE



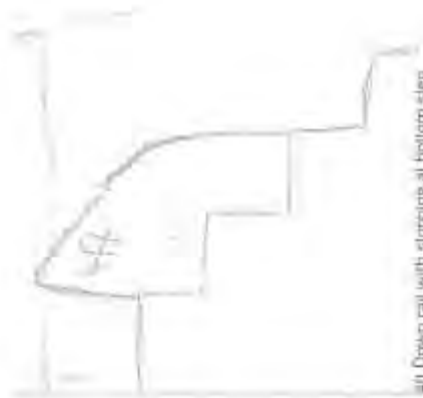
Figure 8 Participants model making at The Cottage

LINK + RESOLVE THE IDEAS

WAYS - BONDI BEACH 4 JUNE 2015

As a single design workshop, this design group focused on individual skate elements rather than creating a holistic skate park response. These elements again, had an even balance of transition and street style. These included a twist on a down rail, a quarter pipe with coping gap and a linear run including a kicker to kicker gap, spine and quarter pipes.

FAVOURITE IDEAS: QUARTER PIPE COPING GAP



Left Down rail with slopping at bottom step



Quarter pipe with tunnel coping gap

CONCLUSION

SITE INVESTIGATION VISION

As part of the site investigation an initial design vision was created to drive the direction of the Rushcutters Bay Park youth/skate facility. This was as follows:

RUSHCUTTERS BAY PARK DESIGN VISION

The first facility to consider is the Hub, a space that both amplifies and adds further value to the Rushcutters Bay Park, creating a central social and recreational community hub for young people and the wider community. Rushcutters Bay Park exists at the heart of the community and the facility will activate the young people of Woollahra and embrace youth within this key community space. Embodying principles of social sustainability, the facility will offer opportunities for all participants.

The facility should be developed as a "youth plaza" as opposed to simply a "skatepark" to ensure wider community benefit and acceptance. To achieve this, the facility will require social hangout and events spaces to increase potential for further youth activation.

Acknowledging the prominent status of Rushcutters Bay Park, it is important the facility seamlessly integrates into the park context. The facility will become a visually iconic space, reflecting the nature of its programming, whilst also creating a respectful juxtaposition with the park's open green aesthetic.

Low level skate obstacles will be selected so as not to impede on the open aesthetic of the park. These will range from beginner level to more technical skate obstacles that cater for a range of abilities. This will allow users to progress skills in the facility and develop their ability from a beginner to an advanced level rider in a safe and creative manner. These low level style obstacles such as ledges, banks, rails etc. lend themselves to a more street skate style user group. Transition obstacles for example a skate bowl, may not be appropriate at this site due to the sites close proximity to the tidal ground water table. Transition obstacles of this nature may be better placed at a more suitable site.

SITE INVESTIGATION COMMUNITY INPUT

To progress the design vision developed as part of the Woollahra Skate Facility Site Investigation report, several questions were put to community to assess the demand and suitability of a youth / skate facility in the proposed Rushcutters Bay Park site.

The results indicated and reinforced that Rushcutters Bay Park is an ideal location for a youth / skate facility. Almost 100% of participants indicated they would use the facility and the majority of users on a weekly or daily basis.

Based on the investigation report, the site meets all design and site selection criteria. This has been further endorsed by the community further strengthening the endorsement of the sites suitability.

The landscape response will be a key aspect of the design to ensure a well integrated facility. Drawing from the rich landscape of the Rushcutters Bay Park, planting will aim to soften the addition of landscape within the park, whilst also providing texture, colour, and visual contrast. Utilising existing and proposed trees will also soften the space, add verticality, as well as providing natural shade amenity. All planting and trees must align with CEPTD principles to ensure a safe environment for all. Natural site drainage and sustainable landscape treatments are an essential part of the design process.

With potential for activation through community events, competitions and workshops, it is important that the space is capable of catering to and facilitating varied age social groups from the single user to larger social gatherings.

It is these social events and the general day to day usage that will ensure the development of a safe and well maintained space to be embraced by the broader community and empower and ignite the youth of Woollahra (WMC).

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COMMUNITY DESIGN VISION

Building on the previously developed design vision the community design vision incorporates the key design outcomes from the consultation. This collates the information from the questionnaire, picture voting and the group presentations, as well as conversations had with users. These are all outlined thematically and will be used to as the foundation for the development of the concept design for the youth / skate facility.

The Rushcutters Bay Park Youth/Skate Facility is to become a unique and site responsive multipurpose, multi-generational facility that complements the wider park users. The facility will become the central hub for the young people and broader community of Farringham and Woollahra LGA. To achieve this the following design vision has been developed to represent the direct input of community knowledge and creativity.

ICONIC SKATE AREA

Skaters/BMX/moped riders in both sessions acknowledged both the aesthetic and technical aspects of skate elements. They saw the opportunity for the skate areas to contain a variety of sculptural and unique rideable pieces. This often included the idea of sculptural skate elements and abstract shade structures. The skate facility should be an iconic space by developing a strong theme that represent the enthusiasm and creativity of the young local community.

SKATE LEVEL PROVISION

A key item that emerged from the consultations is the number of intermediate and beginner level skaters identified. This will influence the design through the provision of obstacles that reflect these user skill levels. It is also important that the facility caters for natural progression of skills and continual challenge and development.

SKATE TYPOLOGY

The skate area is to consist of a mix of both transition/bowl and street style obstacles. To enable users to further grow and develop their own individual style. It was identified that many users preferred a mixed style of obstacles, and did not favour transition bowl over street.

USER + SPECTATOR AMENITIES

To ensure a central community space with comfort for users and spectators, the facility is to offer a number of social opportunities. The provision of areas of refuge and shade through this day is to be considered. As well as ongoing activation potential for community events and workshops.

The inclusion of timed lights is to be a priority for the facility. This will assist in activating the facility during the summer, to avoid the heat of the day and to maximise potential activation in the shorter days of winter months.

LANDSCAPE INTEGRATION

The skate facility design should be integrated and seamless with the anticipated wider landscape and precinct of Rushcutters Bay Park. Consideration is to be given to the physical and aesthetic links between the skate facility and the landscape in order to create a holistic integrated facility for the use by the whole community.

OTHER RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Throughout the consultation other active recreation pursuits were freely explored with participants naturally enthused about the prospect of incorporating parkour elements and basketball into the design, allowing the facility to cater for a number of different active and passive users.

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MOVING FORWARD

Engaging young people and the broader community in consultation programs can be difficult. However, it is important to continually review the progress to date and identify opportunities to increase the quality and quality of outcomes. The following actions will be incorporated into the next stage of the consultation program.

INCREASED ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN

In order to reach a wider audience, there will be an increased emphasis on advertising for future rounds of consultation. This will facilitate community engagement process understanding and project support. The following methods are suggested:

- Advertising in school newsletters;
- Attendance at school assemblies;
- Advertisement in local paper;
- Posters in Edgell shopping centre;
- Posters in Rushcutters Bay Park;
- Posts in skate blogs;
- Flyers distributed through Council networks; and
- BBQ at community event.

CONTINUED DESIGN INPUT

The consultation process has clearly highlighted the demand and feasibility of the implementation of the skate / youth facility within Rushcutters Bay Park. However creative community input into the design as been limited, with only 15 out of the 101 participants have opportunity to have direct input into the development of design.

Once a concept design has been developed it is recommended that community engagement be open for further creative input into the design. This will allow the design to develop in a direction that is endorsed and suited to the local user community.

LESSONS LEARNT

Feedback and experience has shown that there are a number of ways that consultations may be improved in the future for optimum engagement and output.

Consultations must be advertised ahead of time and through different media methods. It is advantageous to speak to people in addition to distributing written communications. Identifying key contacts and focus groups in the community (school contacts, other skate centres). Council will help to spread word of the events, independent of written communications.

Engaging active skaters has proved successful at Bondi skate park, however as an intermediate to advanced skate facility it does not attract many beginner level users. Moving forward this should be taken into consideration to ensure a fair representation of the community.

RECOMMENDATIONS

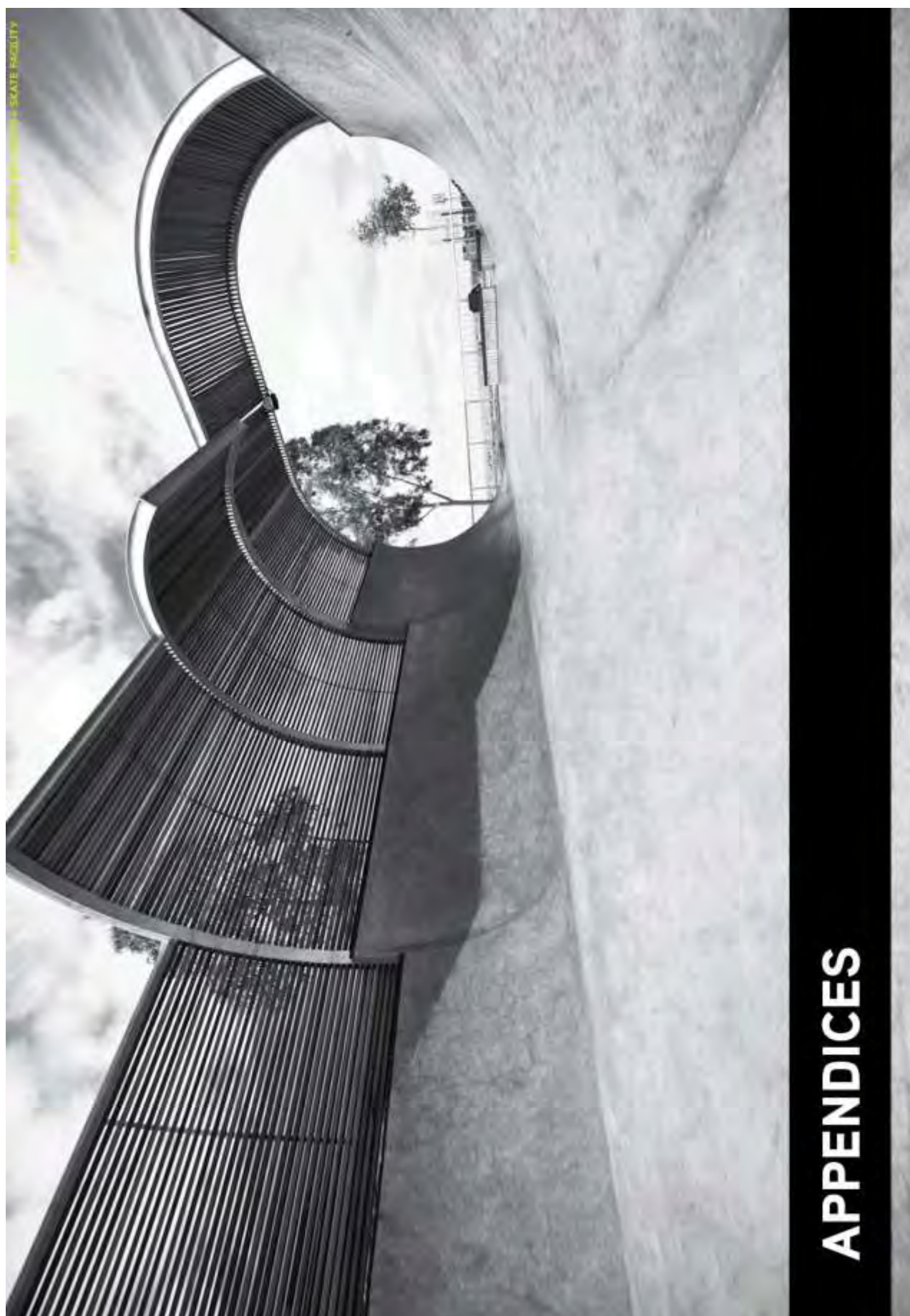
In light of the above findings, the following recommendations are made with respect to communication during future rounds of consultation:

- Increase advertising campaign for future consultation events
- Find new and interesting ways to engage;
- Piggy back off existing events to ensure consultations are well attended;
- Consult with the local community and focus groups; and
- Consult further with beginner level users.

NEXT STEPS

The next steps for the project will involve Council preparing a draft concept plan for the Rushcutters Bay Park youth/skate facility. To do this, Council will consider feedback from the consultations to date to ensure the community views have been accommodated where possible, in the design of the facility. In late July 2015, the draft concept design will be presented to the community and WMC.

The outcomes of this consultation will be used to refine the draft concept design ahead of the final concept design.



APPENDICES

APPENDIX A CONSULTATION PLAN

STAGE	PROGRAM	LOCATION	GROUPS	OBJECTIVE	TOOLS/PROCESS	OUTCOME
SKETCH DESIGN Creative Workshop	DAY 1: 02.05.15 TIME: 11:00 - 12:00pm	BOYD BEACH SKATE PARK 2 x Courts	Community Wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create a working relationship with the Community and Council that will drive the design process and deliver placable design solutions Educate, inform and inspire stakeholders, the community and students of the potential options of a skate park in place Create ideas, concerns and draw on the community and council knowledge and experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questionnaire to understand community demographics 	Report outlining the key outcomes of consultation design workshop phase
	DAY 2: 03.05.15 TIME: 13:00 - 15:00pm					
	DAY 3: 04.05.15 TIME: 15:00 - 17:00pm					
	DAY 3: 04.05.15 TIME: 19:00 - 20:15pm	SKATEPARK THE COTTAGE WOOLLAHRA 1 x Court	Theme Group		7-HOUR WORKSHOP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Topics: 1. Community Workshop presentation with precedent images, examples of other facilities and step by step workshop activity Topics: 2. Questionnaire to understand community demographics Topics: 3. 4 options of various styles and layouts for skate park design. In this workshop participants will present their ideas and concerns. These will be presented to the community and council for consideration Topics: 4. Focus group discussion (10-15 participants per group) Topics: 5. Carry out a sketch design workshop including: Modelling Clay/Drawings Paper/Pens/Markers/Scissors/Other Tools Topics: 6. Individual group/parent design to other focus group Topics: 7. Participants vote for their favourite design to create a shared vision Topics: 8. Summary 	
CONCEPT DESIGN Presentation of Draft Concept to Community	DAY 1: TBC		LEATHERBARK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To allow the Community opportunity to provide feedback on the direction of the concept to ensure the design meets their needs and requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation Board for Workshop Concept Design presentation Feedback worksheets and open discussion 	Update Design Report Adding feedback received from the Design Workshop and community comments and the future direction of design development
	DAY 2: TBC		Community Wide			

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