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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Located an hour south-west of Toowoomba, Millmerran is a town deeply rooted in its pioneering heritage. With a strong commitment to preserving its past, Millmerran is home to the Australian Camp Oven Festival and offers visitors and residents alike a unique experience of Australian culture.

As the "gateway to the outback," Millmerran boasts breathtaking skies and expansive horizons, providing a sense of freedom and adventure. The town's central location on Queensland's Darling Downs, just 82 kilometers from Toowoomba and 213 kilometers from Brisbane, ensures access to necessary civic facilities and a thriving business community.

Millmerran has many attractions and activities to offer for visitors and locals. Millmerran has a rich pioneering history, this can be enjoyed through a series of life-size murals that adorn the town's buildings. For visitors and locals seeking a peaceful experience, the banks of Back Creek offer a serene escape with picturesque picnic spots, birdwatching opportunities, and fishing spots. With a thriving local community, Millmerran also boasts an array of shops, cafes, and restaurants to explore, making it a great destination to live or for a day trip or an extended stay.

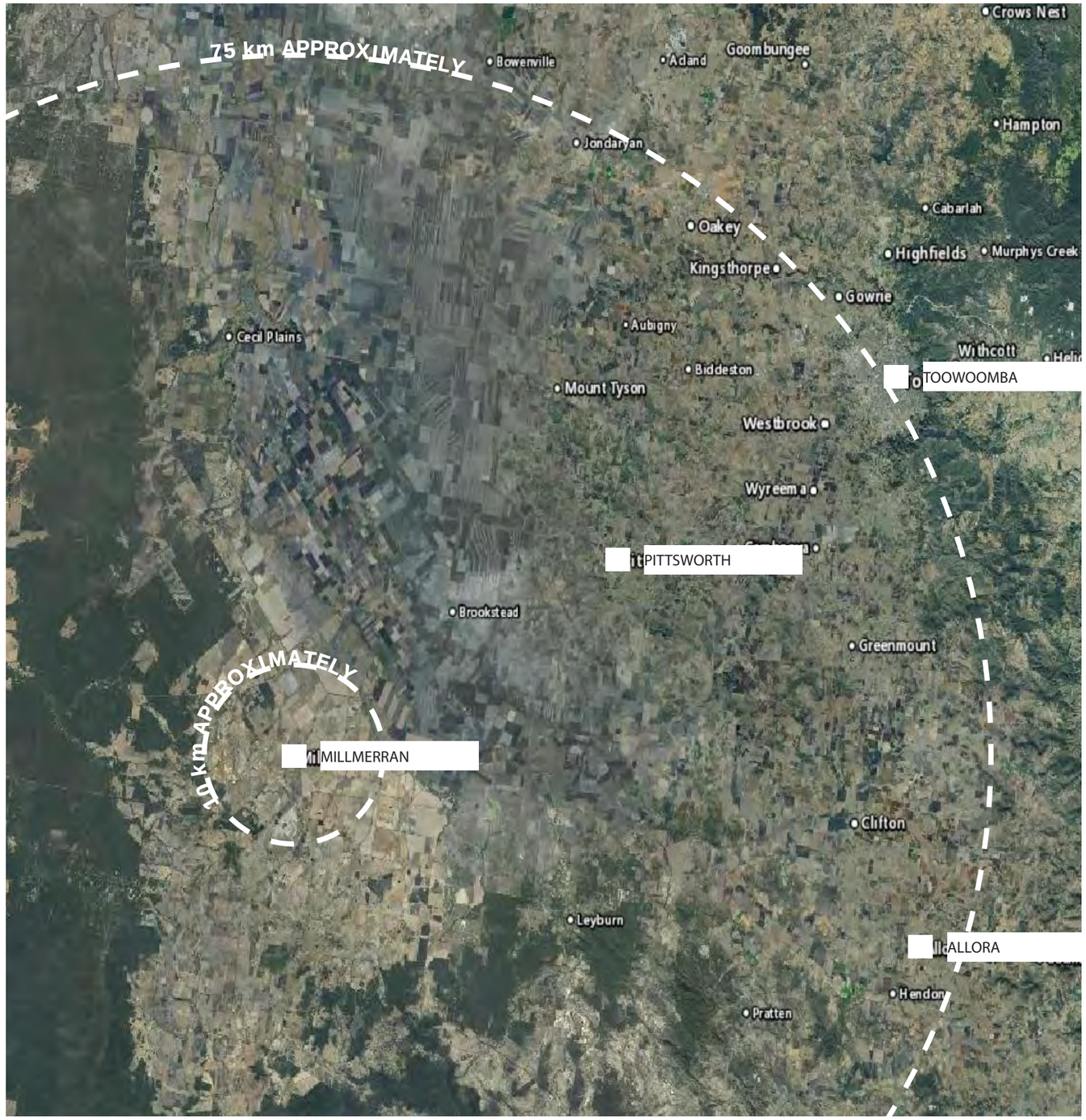
Currently, the project site is underutilised, despite its prime location on the corner of Mary Street (which is part of the highway running through town) and Campbell Street, the main street of the township's community hub. The parkland is located directly across the road from the existing community hub, making it a highly visible location for all tourists traveling along the highway passing through the town.
With the potential to create a strong sense of place and become a must-see destination, the design of the parkland is exceptional and offers a unique opportunity to transform the area into a vibrant community space.

SCOPE & PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to provide the the Millmerran Commerce & Progress with a master plan for Domville Place. A plan that will guide future works for parkland and to preserve, promote and rejuvenate the site. This plan aims to provide an appropriate balance between the recreational, environmental, tourism, economic development and commercial aspirations of the local community and visitors.

OBJECTIVES

The primary objective is to create a parkland that balances the community and council's needs. Millmerran is the gateway town to the Toowoomba Region and with a rejuvenated parkland it has the potential to become a feature 'destination' for the Region.

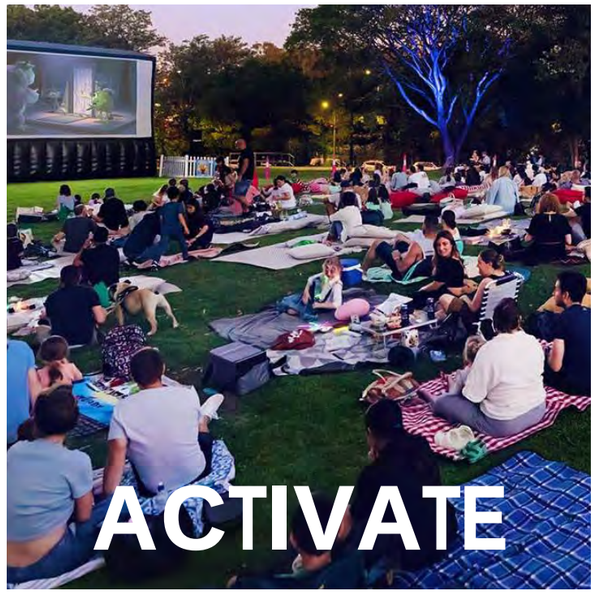


VISION

The vision is to create a vibrant and captivating parkland at Domville Place in Millmerran, serving as a symbol of the town's rich pioneering heritage and providing a unique experience of Australian culture. The rejuvenated parkland will serve as a must-see destination for visitors and locals alike, offering a harmonious balance between recreational, environmental, tourism, economic development, and commercial aspirations.

It will become the gateway to the Toowoomba Region, captivating and welcoming travelers with its breathtaking skies, expansive horizons, and a strong sense of community. The parkland will serve as a centerpiece, preserving and promoting the area's history while providing a dynamic space that fosters social connections, outdoor activities, and a thriving business community.

Through careful planning and design, the project will transform the underutilized site into a vibrant community space that showcases the best of Millmerran and solidifies its position as a captivating and memorable destination.



2.0 MASTER PLAN

DESIGN INTENT

The design intent for the parkland at Domville Place in Millmerran is as follows:

1. Optimize Existing Shade Trees:

The design prioritizes the preservation and utilization of the existing shade trees by strategically placing picnic areas underneath them. This ensures that visitors can enjoy the park while benefiting from the natural shade provided by these trees.

2. Additional Shade Trees:
In addition to the existing shade trees, the design incorporates additional trees strategically placed throughout the parkland. These trees provide ample shade during the summer months and showcase autumn-colored foliage, enhancing the aesthetic appeal of the space.

3. Pathways for Exploration:
The parkland features well-designed pathways that encourage visitors to wander through the open green space. These pathways not only facilitate easy movement but also create opportunities to explore the nearby markets and attractions. They also double as safe tracks for children to enjoy outdoor activities like scooter riding.

4. Nature Play Area:
A designated nature play area is incorporated into the parkland, featuring robust plantings and boulders. This area provides children with a space to engage with nature, fostering their imagination and encouraging physical activity while surrounded by natural elements.

5. Historical Homage:
The pathways within the parkland are creatively shaped like eggs, paying homage to the historical significance of Millmerran's founder, Doug Hall, who was associated with the DA Hall & Co business. This design element adds a unique touch and serves as a nod to the town's heritage.

6. Tourist Attraction:
A photo frame installation is included as a tourist attraction, inviting visitors to take memorable photos within the parkland. This feature not only enhances the visitor experience but also promotes the parkland as a notable destination and encourages social sharing.

7. Covered Picnic Area:
A covered picnic area is provided to cater to the needs of the local community. This space serves as a gathering point for residents to meet, have conversations, and share stories, fostering a sense of community and belonging.

8. Stage for Performances:
The parkland includes a stage that accommodates festival performances, music concerts, plays, poetry nights, and outdoor movie screenings. This feature enriches the cultural experiences within the park, providing a venue for entertainment and community events.

Overall, the design intent aims to create a welcoming, inclusive, and vibrant parkland that caters to the diverse needs of the community and visitors. It optimizes the natural elements, historical context, and cultural experiences to provide a memorable and engaging environment for all.

OVERALL PLAN

1. Relocated camp oven sculpture
2. Bougainvillea motifs painted on road for share zones
3. Additional Bougainvilleas planted in bare patches of median strip
4. Increase width of space between median strip garden islands. Bougainvillea motifs painted on road for share zones
5. Proposed pathway to connect to existing pathway network
6. Retain existing hedge
7. Proposed hedge along Mary Street to join existing hedge
8. All light green trees are existing trees to retain
9. All orange trees are proposed trees
10. Laser cut corten steel screen to screen off services
11. Book sculpture
12. Optional locations of proposed toilet block
13. Wayfinding signage

Overall plan not to scale

DETAIL PLAN

1. Existing street trees
2. Existing footpath
3. Proposed book sculpture
4. Rejuvenate existing garden
5. Existing mosaic to be restored
6. Existing paved pathway
7. All light green trees are existing
8. Irrigated open turf areas
9. Frame sculpture
10. Existing trees with low maintenance garden surround to protect trees from mowing injuries
11. Pedestrian access from Campbell st
12. Picnic tables under shade structure
13. Optional proposed tree within protective garden surround
14. Proposed tree within protective garden surround
15. Disabled access ramp to stage
16. Proposed garden to soften ramp
17. Maintenance pathway behind stage
18. Covered stage raised 450mm
19. Stabilized decomposed granite or concrete pathways 1.5m wide
20. Existing sign placed into protective garden surround.
21. Vehicle access from Mary St
22. Existing light pole
23. Uncovered Picnic tables on concrete slab under existing shade trees
24. Nature play with low maintenance garden and boulders
25. Pedestrian access from Mary St
26. Low maintenance garden bed under existing trees with low hedge

Frame sculpture inspired by the Camp Oven and the Millmerran town logo

Frame sculpture Perspective

Towards Campbell Street Frame sculpture Perspective

Parkland view from Existing paved pathway Perspective

Entry from Mary Street Perspective

Campbell Street Footpath Perspective

Entry from Campbell Street Perspective

The Stage Perspective

Towards the Stage and Covered Picnic Area Perspective

Towards Campbell Street Perspective

Towards Campbell Street Perspective

Towards Campbell Street from the Nature Play Area Perspective

Towards the Picnic Tables Under the Jacarandas from the Nature Play Perspective

Towards Campbell Street Perspective

Birds Eye View Perspective

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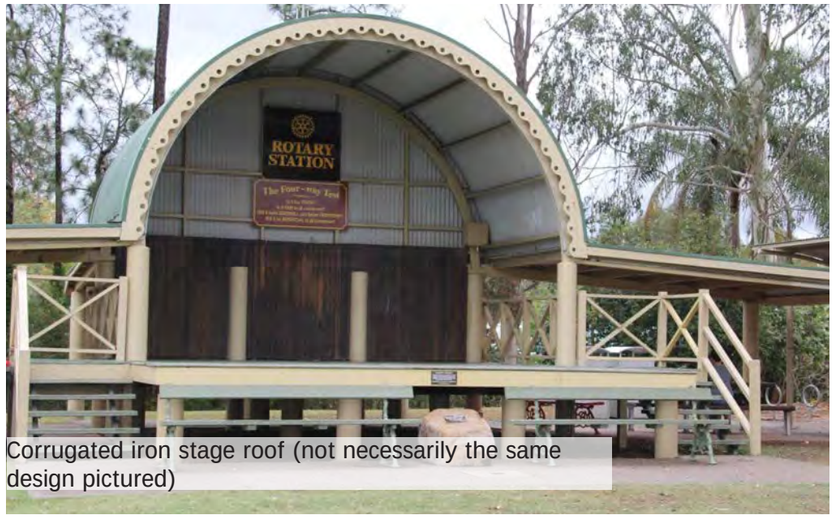
3.0 PRECEDENT IMAGES

Covered picnic tables

Arbour with vines growing over seating areas



Corrugated iron stage roof (not necessarily the same design pictured)

Shade structures for seating

A place for the community to gather

Low maintenance low shrubs, grasses and groundcovers under shade trees

4.0 MATERIALS & FURNITURE PALETTE

Wheel chair accessible picnic table - Civic Picnic setting from Landmark Pro - modwood slats

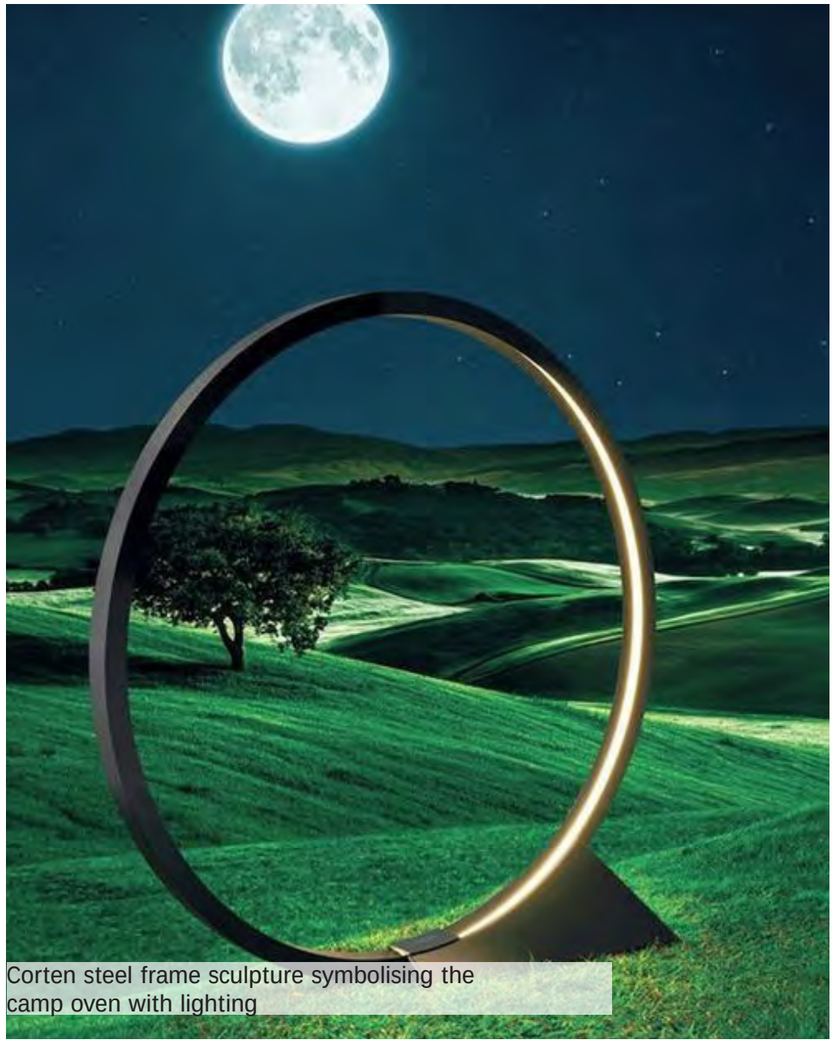
Stabilized Decomposed granite pathways

Boulders in garden for nature play

Wayfinding signage

Painted shared zone on road

Corten steel frame sculpture symbolising the camp oven



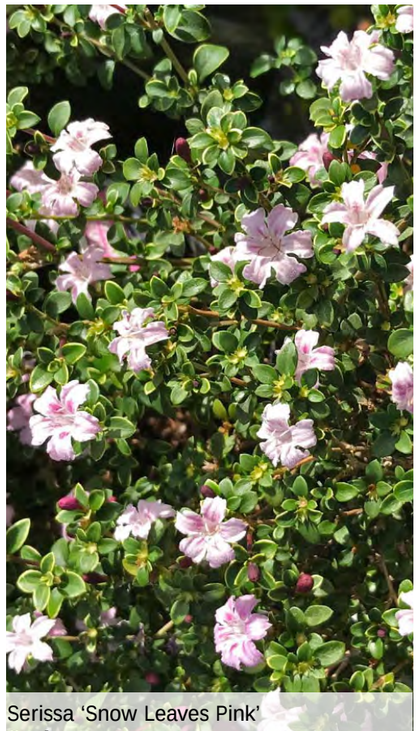
Corten steel frame sculpture symbolising the camp oven with lighting

5.0 PLANT PALETTE

Pistacia chinensis
Chinese Pistachio

Juniperus conferta
Shore Juniper

Tulbaghia violacea
Society Garlic



Serissa ‘Snow Leaves Pink’
Serissa

Bouganvillia bambino ‘Zulu’
Dwarf Bouganvillia ‘Zulu’

Lirope ‘Amethyst’
Lily Turf

Lomandra ‘Lime Tuff’
Mat Rush Lime Tuff

Callistemon viminalis ‘Better John’
Better John

Rhagodia spinescens ‘Aussie Flat Bush’
Salt Bush

Leucophyllum frutescens ‘Lavender Lights’ **Texas Sage**

Dieties grandiflora
Fairy Iris

6.0 APPENDIX

6.1 WORKSHOP SUMMERY

WORKSHOP SUMMERY

One workshop was held with the Millmerran Commerce & Progress group. The workshop started with a walk through Domville Place and then continued on at the local Catholic hall. The workshop activities was an introduction and site walk to Domville Place followed with large scale town mapping , parkland scale mapping, gathering ideas for the parkland design, and design zoning. An exciting array of ideas were discussed, bellow is a summary of the main ideas.

WHAT IS MISSING

- Seating.
- Amphitheater.
- Book sculpture.
- Caravan parking.
- Signage.
- Play area.
- Skilled garden staff.
- Drinking fountains for people and dogs.
- Entry statement.
- Bike rack.
- Scooter pathways.
- Buffer planting along Mary Street.
- Rubbish bins.
- Welcoming gardens.
- Feels like a welcoming place.
- Toilets.
- Places to tell stories - camp oven and egg farm.
- Tourist attractions.
- Pathways.
- Shade.
- Comfortable green areas.

WHAT DOES THE COMMUNITY NEED

- Pedestrian footpaths maintained.
- Gardeners.
- Pavers upgrade.
- Art sculpture.
- Art Gallery sign.
- No toilets at factory park and teepee, relocate the toilets to Domville Place.
- Gardens maintained.
- Clean toilets with a mothers change room.
- Library signs.
- Slower speed limit to 40 and stop sign at Elbornes not a giveway.

ACTIVITIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO DO

- Ladies day pampering.
- Listen to motivational speakers.
- Yoga in the park.
- Festivals in the park.
- A place to meet and have a yarn.
- Sit in Domville Place and listen to music / bush poetry / play and eat and drink.
- Light show on the ground from light pole.
- Movies in the park.

Zoining diagram from workshop

6.3 ANALYSIS

LEGEND

- Main pedestrian circulation
- Secondary pedestrian circulation
- Main Vehicle circulation
- Secondary Vehicle circulation

1. Main street village
2. Millmerran Service Centre
3. Historical walk
4. Canopy cover
5. Light Pole
6. Community sign
7. Community Support Service
8. Camp oven sculpture
9. Library and art gallery
10. Library and art gallery parkland

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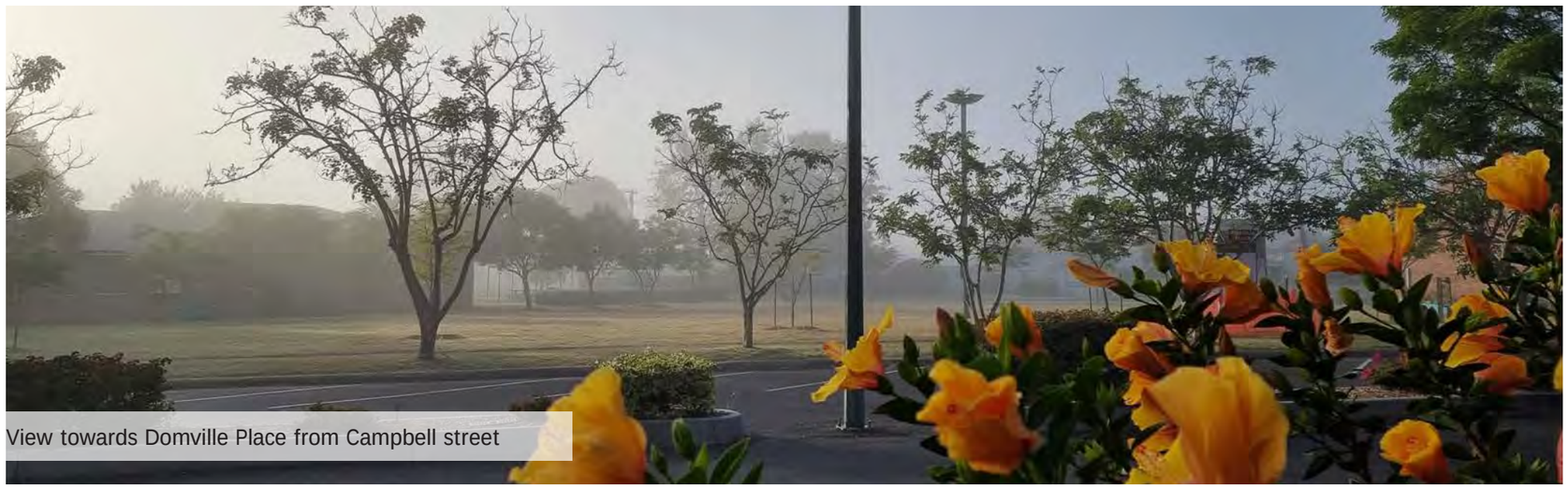
Existing hedges on boundary of Domville Place

Community sign and wall of community services building

View towards Campbell street from footpath along Domville Place

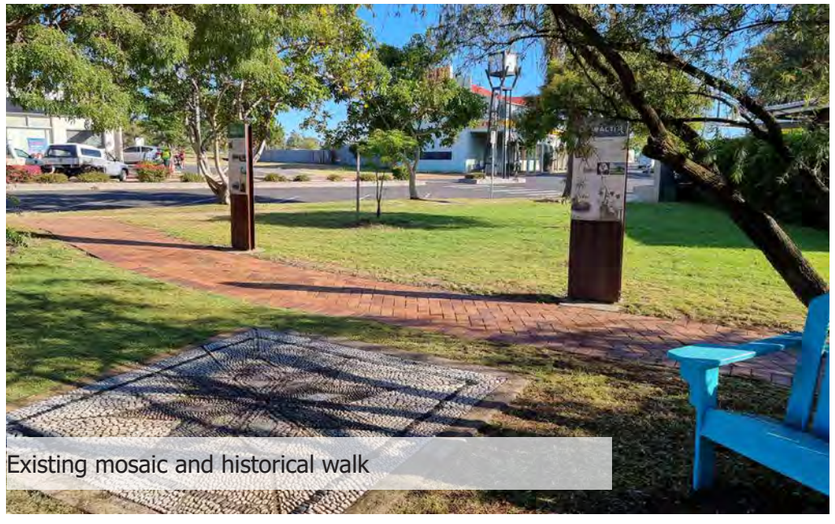
Existing trees in Domville Place



View towards Domville Place from Campbell street

View towards Campbell street from Domville Place

View towards Mary Street from Domville place



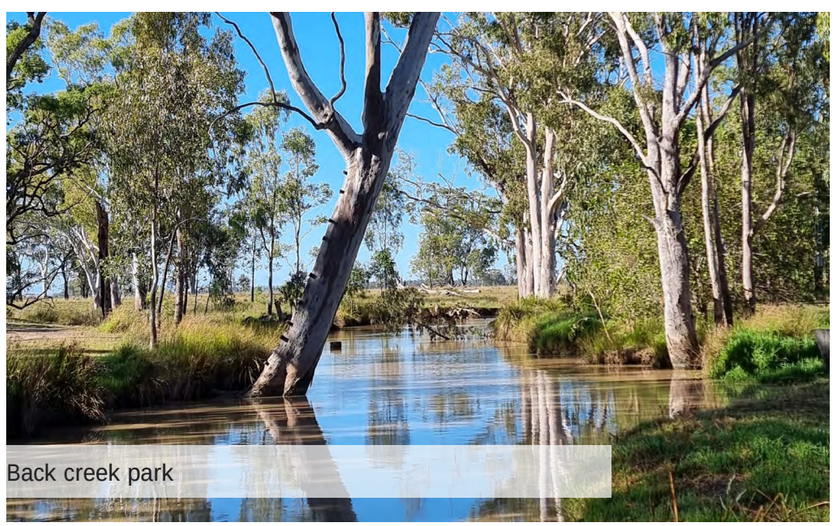
Existing mosaic and historical walk

Gardens along Campbell street

Campbell Street

Muriel art

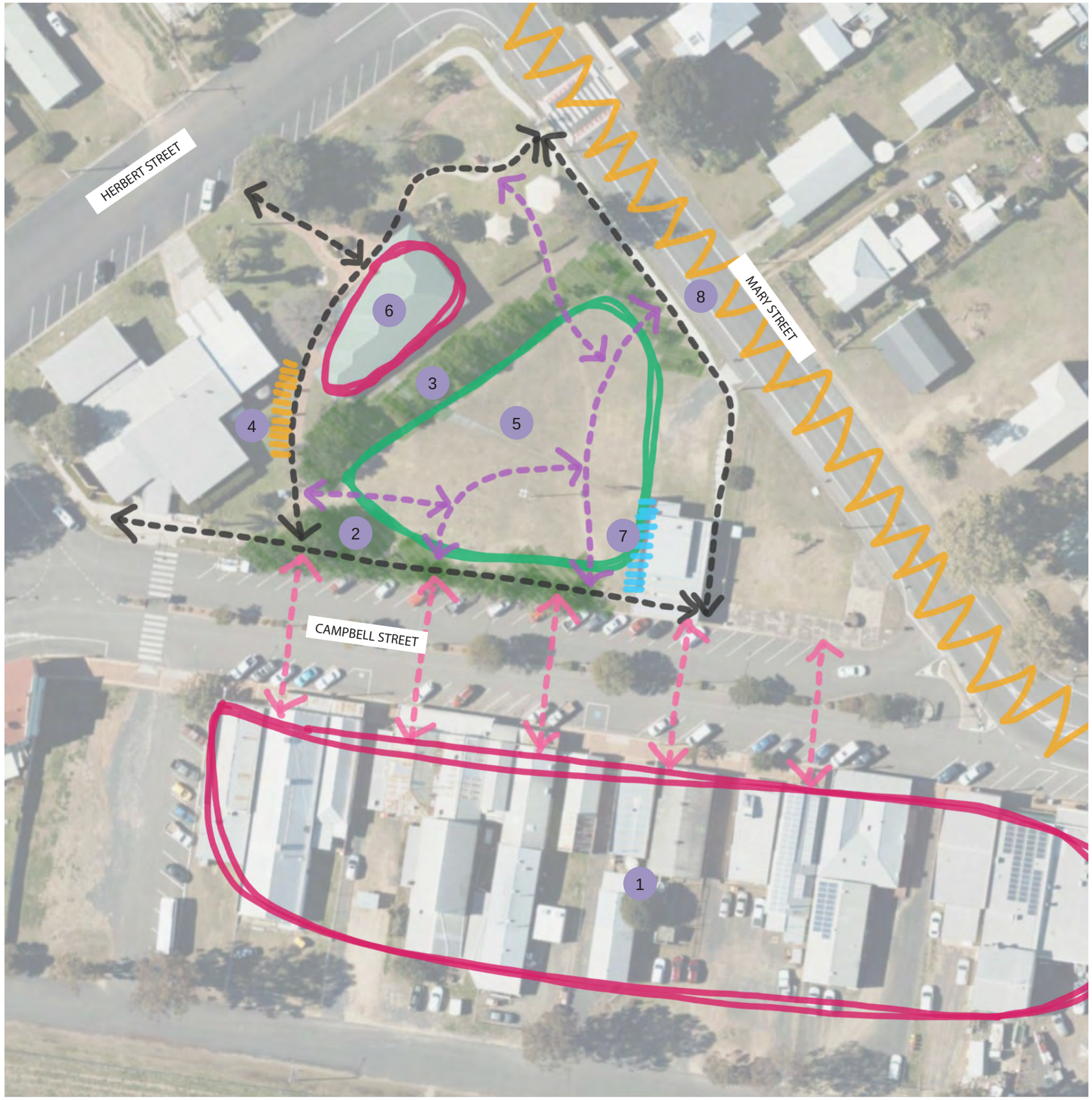
The Big Teepee



Back creek park

Artwork on tourism shirt

6.4 OPPORTUNITIES & CONSTRAINTS



LEGEND

Opportunity to extend current pedestrian pathway network

Opportunity to utilise current pedestrian pathway network

Opportunity to create shared zone crossovers

1 Main street village

2 Opportunity to utilise shade from existing trees to create seating areas

3 Opportunity to utilise shade from existing trees to create seating areas

4 Opportunity to connect design with historical walk

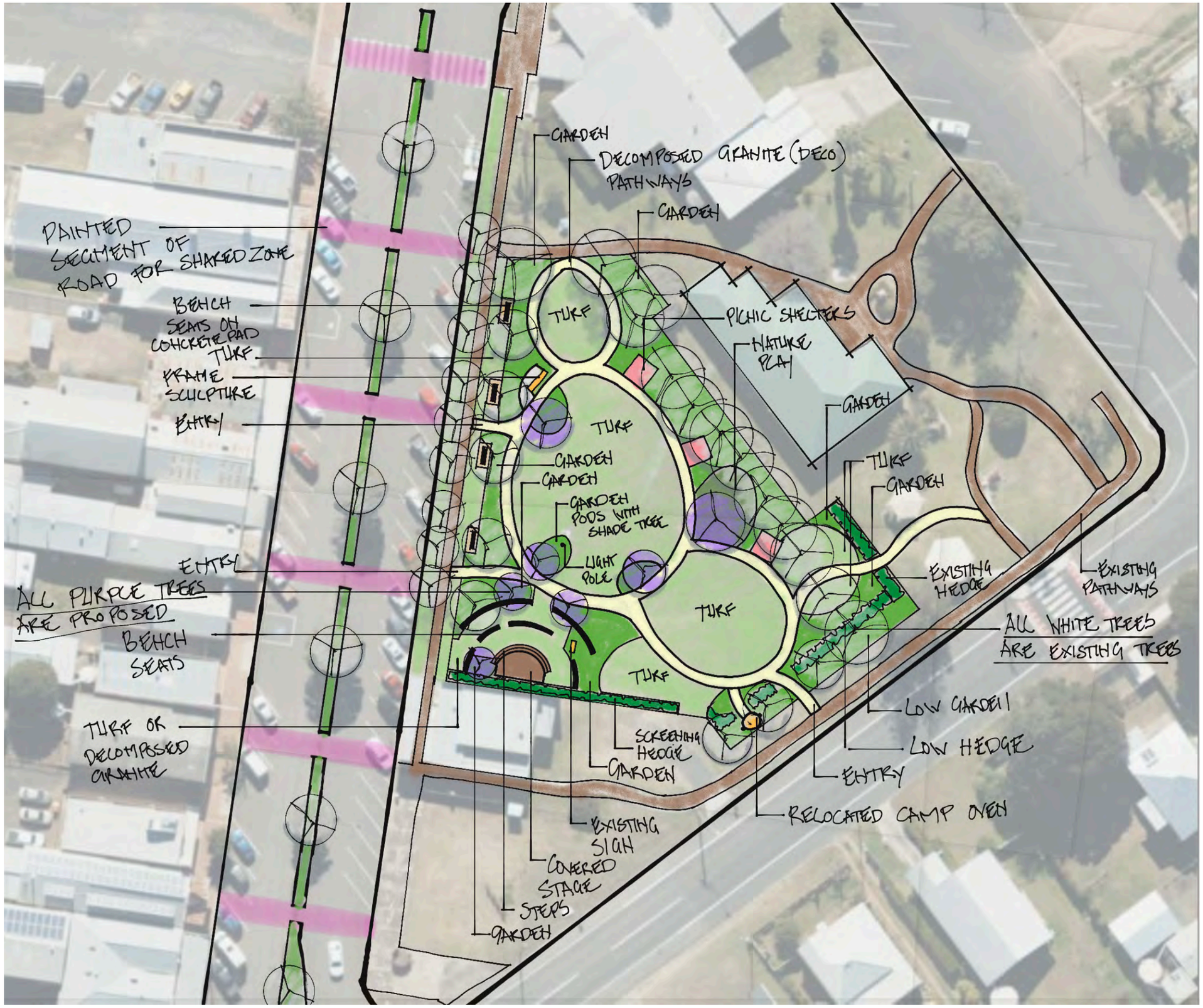
5 Opportunity to use open space and create more shade

6 Opportunity to link library and art gallery into the parkland

7 Opportunity to use wall of building for a projector screen

8 Constraint of the traffic flowing through Mary Street and the noise it creates in the space. Opportunity to create planting along Mary Street to buffer noise but retain visibility for crime prevention through environmental design.

6.5 SKETCH DESIGN



The sketch design sent to the Millmerran Commerce and Progress project team for review and input. After the sketch was sent a video meeting was held to discuss the design in more depth and to alter and change where needed.

“Designing parkland spaces is an opportunity to weave the tapestry of nature, culture, and community into a beautiful and functional whole.”
-Michael Van Valkenburgh