

HUAPAI TRIANGLE

CONCEPT DOCUMENT | OCTOBER 2024



1.0 Project Introduction and Context

Project introduction

This document outlines the concept development for Dida Park and Schoolside Road Reserve in the Huapai Triangle. Funding has been allocated to the development of a playspace in Dida Park. This document recommends that Dida Park be developed as a 'back step' passive recreation space, and play at Schoolside Road Reserve be extended to provide for a wider range of ages and play experiences.

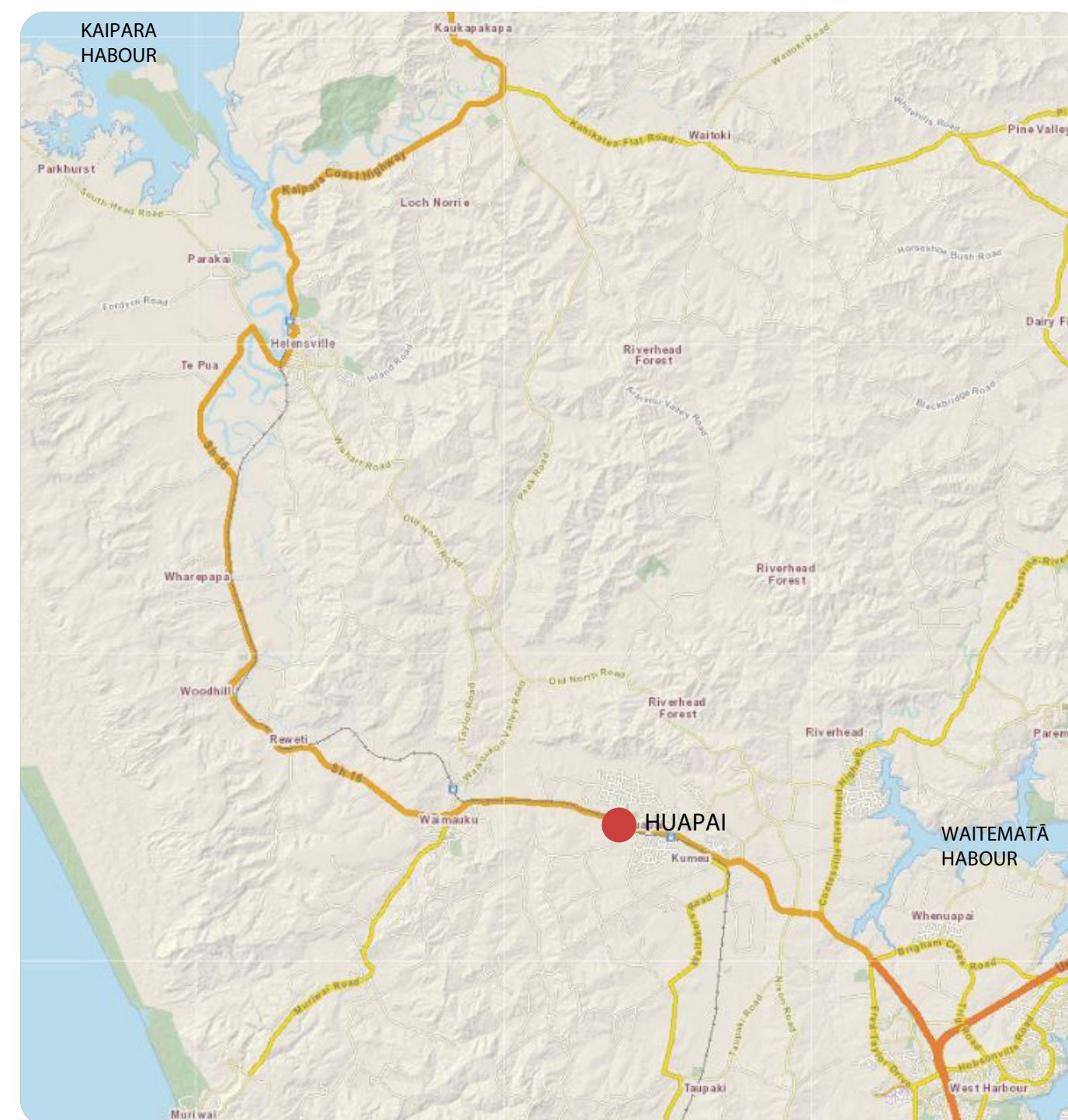
Context

Kumeu-Huapai is located in northwest Auckland, approximately 25km from Auckland CBD. The Huapai Triangle is located in Huapai, on the southern side of Main Road, State Highway 16, and the North Auckland Railway Line.

The area forms a section of Te Tōangaroa, the historical portage that linked the Kaipara Harbour with the Waitematā Harbour via the Kumeū River.

The area continued to be an important transport corridor during early European settlement between the harbours. There was significant growth in the 1870's and 1880's when the railway was extended to Kumeu and then onto Helensville.

In the early 1900's the area was promoted as a being well suited to fruit growing, the name Huapai was coined, meaning 'good fruit' in Māori. After WW1 the Kumeu/Huapai District was settled by Dalmatian winegrowers who established vineyards in the area.

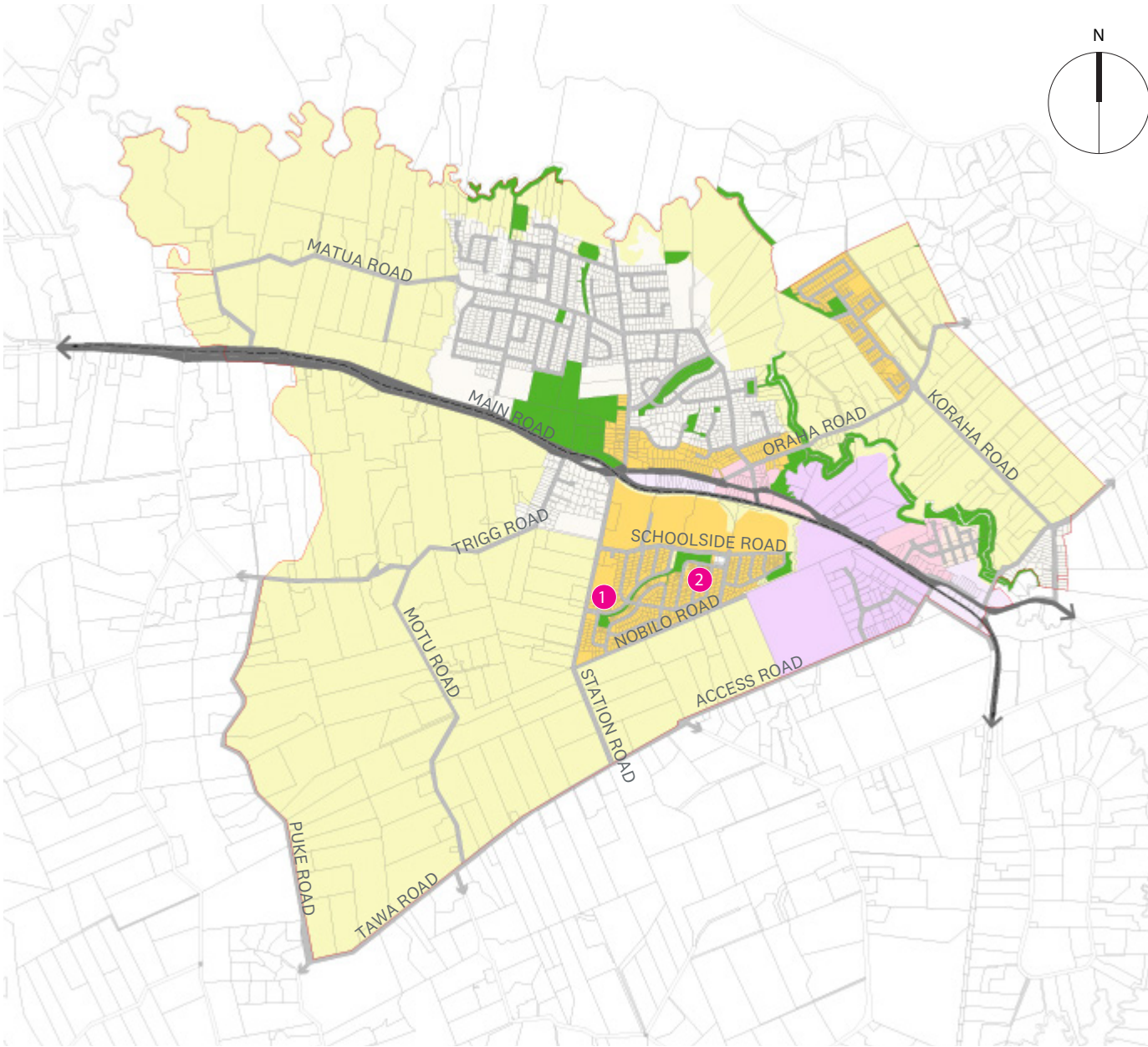


2.0 Surrounding Context

In the Auckland Unitary Plan, the Rural Urban Boundary for Kumeū-Huapai has been set, to enable a large amount of growth to occur over the next 30 years. Over this time, the town is anticipated to grow in stages from around 1,400 residents (2013 Census) to around 25,000.

As the area grows, it is intended that the existing central area of Kumeū-Huapai will continue to be a focal point.

The Huapai Triangle is located in an area of Huapai that is currently under development. The area bounded by Station Road, Schoolside Road, and Nobilo Road has already undergone residential development. The area is zoned Residential - Mixed Housing Suburban, the houses are typically two storey, with a mix of attached and detached houses.



LEGEND

1 Dida Park

2 Schoolside Road Reserve

AUCKLAND UNITARY PLAN ZONING

Rural urban boundary

Future Urban Zone

Residential: Mixed Housing Suburban Zone

Residential: Single House Zone

Business: Light Industry Zone

Business: Neighbourhood Centre Zone

Open Space

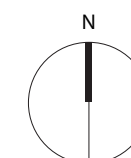
3.0 Immediate Context

Dida Park is 700m from Schoolside Road Reserve, approximately a 9 min walk. The two parks are connected by a planted drainage channel. The drainage channel is parkland but does not offer any recreation function, it does however soften the built form of the relatively dense surrounding housing development.



LEGEND

- ① Dida Park
- ② Schoolside Road Reserve
-  700m walking route between parks
-  Open Space
-  Open space, planted drainage reserve



4.0 Dida Park - Existing Context

Dida Park is north facing, gently sloping, and measures approximately 3,000m².

The park is bounded by 2 storey attached houses on its southern and eastern boundaries, with road frontage along its western, northern and south-eastern boundaries. These houses sit on small sections, and Dida Park offers an outdoor recreation for residents. The park has great passive surveillance from the neighbouring houses and roads.

Footpaths and lighting have already been established on the park. The footpaths provide a short-cut between surrounding roads. The lighting is located along the existing footpath.

The park is grassland with well established vegetation along the neighbouring drainage reserve. Planting on residential boundaries is patchy and needs infilling. There are specimen trees dotted across the park.



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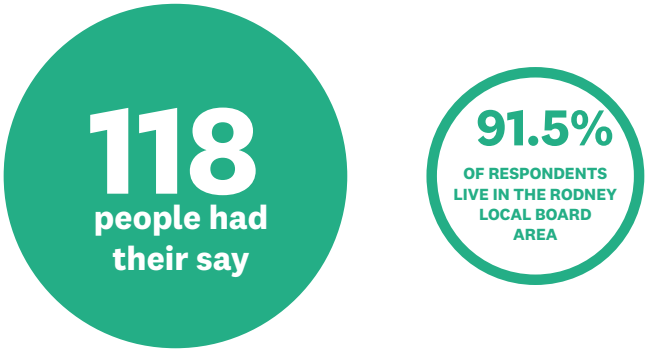
- Dida Park
- Lights
- Transformer
- Stormwater infrastructure
- Specimen trees

4.1 Dida Park - Engagement and Consultation Summary

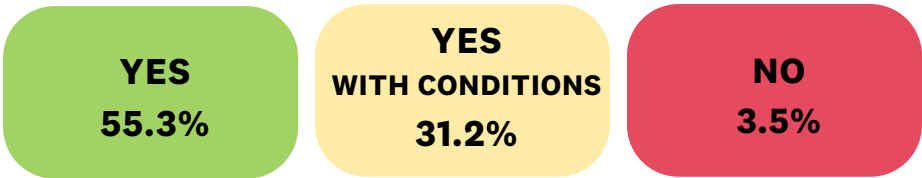
Have Your Say - August - September 2024

Consultation of Dida Park and Schoolside Road Reserve upgrade was undertaken together on 11 August - 9 September 2024 via Have your Say online surveys. The consultation for Dida Park focused on community responses towards the proposed concept plan.

WHAT HAVE WE HEARD?



SUPPORT of the Concept Plan



ADDITIONAL AMENITIES

(1 = MOST DESIRED, 3 = LEAST DESIRED):



POPULAR ACTIVITIES THAT RESPONDENTS WOULD LIKE TO DO AT THE PARK



4.2 Dida Park - Initial Design Ideas

- An attractive space to overlook
- A space that softens the surrounding built form
- A passive recreation space
- A comfortable space for groups and for individuals
- A 'backyard' for the neighbouring properties
- A space that acknowledges its past



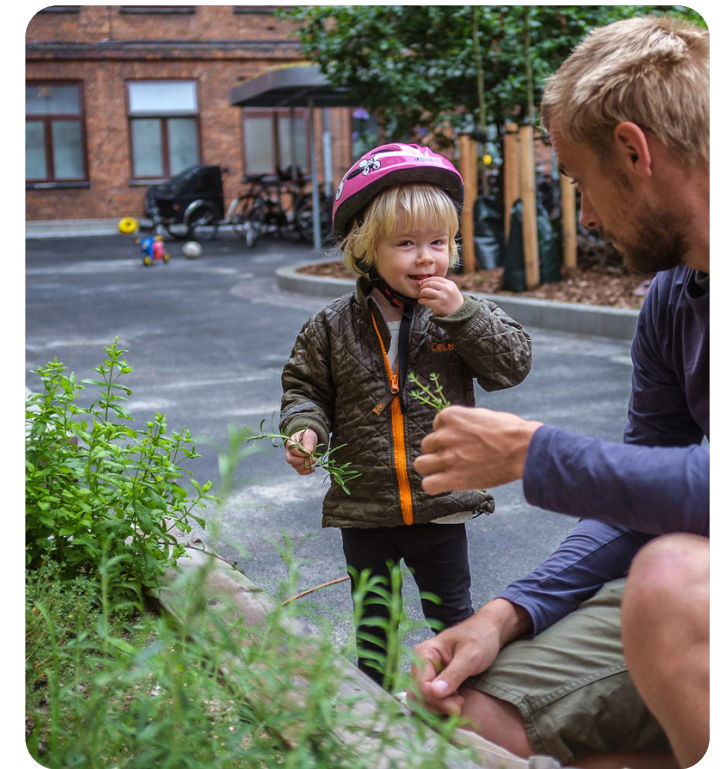
Quiet spaces for young



Fruit trees that reflect the areas past



Informal play and seating spaces



Places to grow and learn



Quiet spaces for all



Attractive spaces to overlook with spaces within for individuals and groups to feel comfortable within

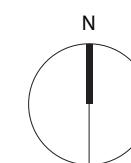


4.3 Dida Park - Concept Plan



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-  Parcel boundary
-  Existing trees
-  Proposed trees (predominately fruit trees)
-  Existing vegetation
-  Proposed shrubs and groundcovers (with flowering and herb species)
-  Existing concrete path
-  Proposed Concrete path
-  Proposed pergola with climbers
-  Proposed picnic table
-  Proposed garden swing seat
-  Proposed nature play
-  Lawn area



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5.0 Schoolside Road Reserve - Existing Context

Schoolside Road Reserve is a flat, and measures approximately 4,900m².

The park is bounded by Schoolside Road and Lumbarda Drive on its northern and southern boundaries. Its eastern boundary comprises an undeveloped section and 2 storied attached houses. The western boundary is the sinuous planted drainage reserve that connects to Dida Park.

Footpaths and a playground have already been established on the park. Three footpaths run between Schoolside Road and Lumbarda Drive. The playground is connected to the western most path and provides play for preschool and junior school children (0-7year olds). There is a small soccer net that has been installed that encourages the users to 'kick a ball around' on the open flat grass.

There are specimen trees dotted across the park, and amenity planting of low native shrubs/groundcovers surrounding around the playground.



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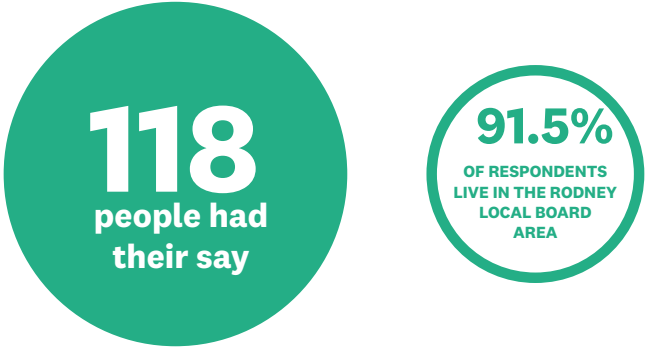
-  Schoolside Road Reserve  Existing playground  Specimen trees

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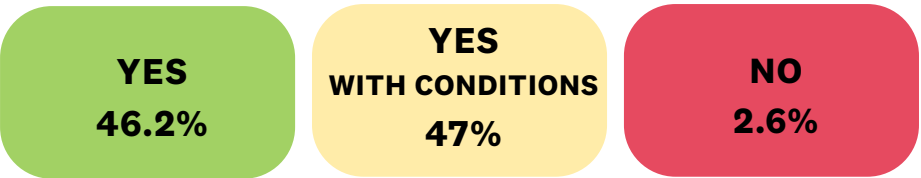
Have Your Say - August - September 2024

The consultation for the Schoolside Reserve, conducted via Have Your Say online surveys, focused on gathering community responses towards the proposed concept plan. The feedback emphasised enhancing the dynamic play experience and maximising the play value of this open space which is aligned with the proposed plan.

WHAT HAVE WE HEARD?



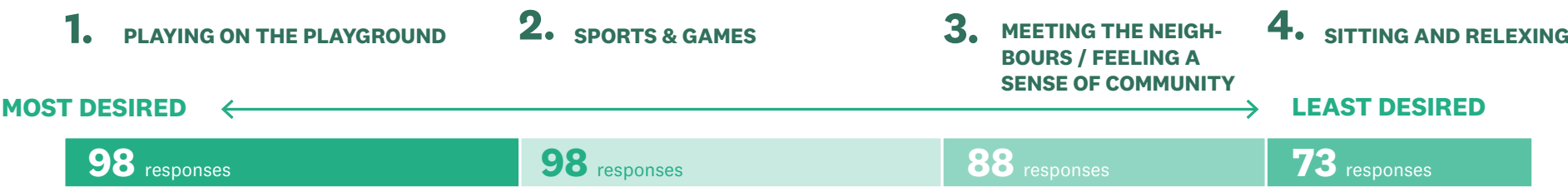
SUPPORT of the Concept Plan



ENHANCED PLAY DYNAMICS (1 = MOST DESIRED, 3 = LEAST DESIRED):



POPULAR ACTIVITIES THAT RESPONDENTS WOULD LIKE TO DO AT THE PARK



5.2 Schoolside Road Reserve - Initial Design Ideas

- A 'local' recreation space
- A 'hub' for the surrounding community
- A space for families and friends
- A space for all ages and all abilities
- A space to learn



Picnicking, backyard cricket and football

Games marked in wetpour for everyone

A pendulum swing for more than one

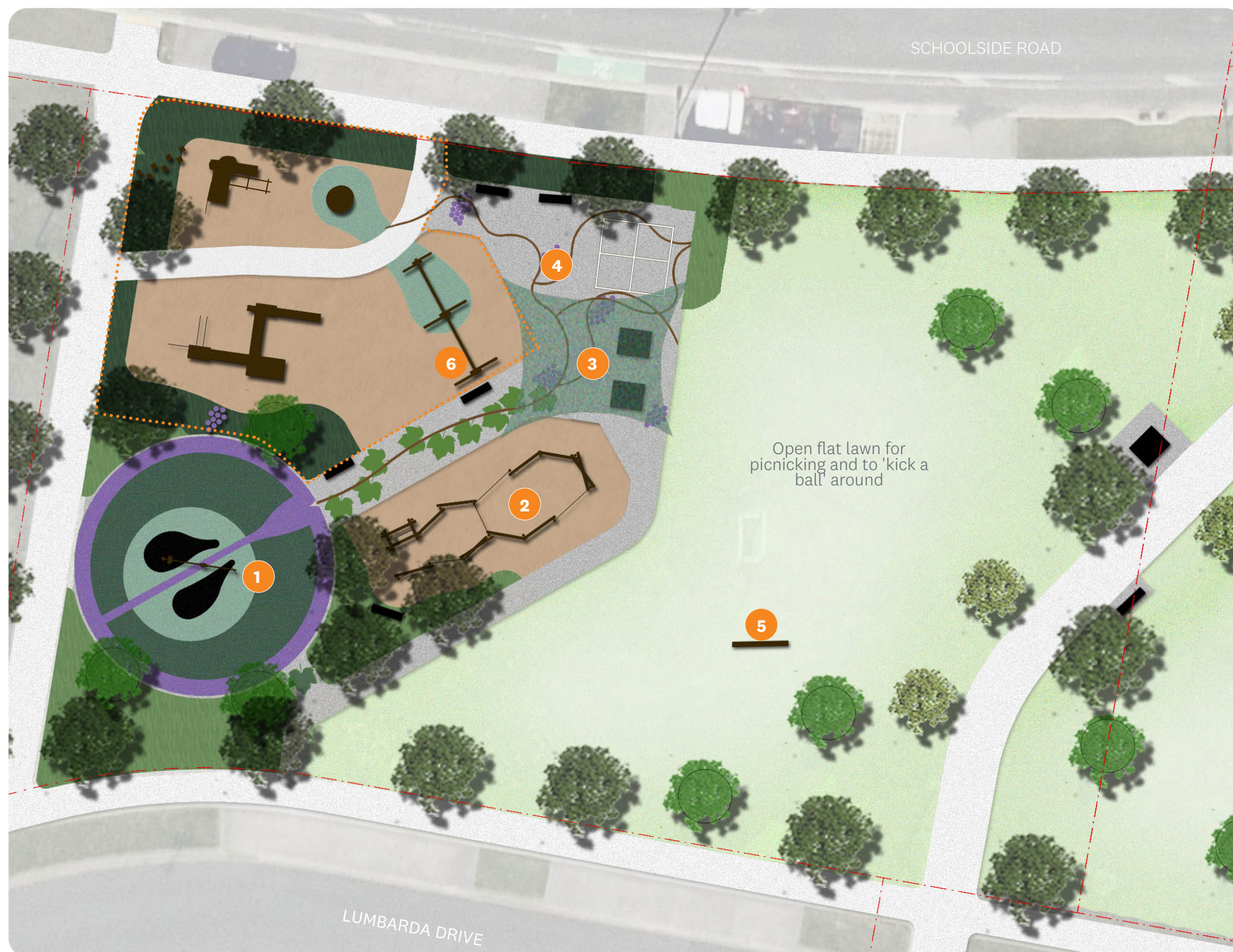


Shade sail



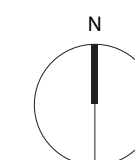
Senior unit / exercise equipment

5.3 Schoolside Road Reserve - Concept Plan



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- Parcel boundary
- Extent of existing playground
-  Existing trees
-  Proposed trees (incl fruit trees)
-  Existing vegetation
-  Proposed shrubs and groundcovers
-  Existing concrete path
-  Proposed concrete path/surfacing
-  Existing and proposed play equipment
-  Proposed picnic table
-  Proposed bench seat
-  Proposed rubber safety surfacing
-  Woodchip safety surfacing
-  Existing rubber surfacing
-  1 Proposed pendulum swing with rubber surfacing in grape pattern
-  2 Proposed combination unit
-  3 Proposed shade sail
-  4 Proposed painting on concrete to create 'four square' games and follow me markings in grapevine pattern
-  5 Proposed multi sports goal screen
-  6 Proposed replacement of the infant swing seat with a 'mum & bud' seat



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