

Dunkirk Reserve Fitness Hub Development

Concept Draft - Rev A



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Introduction and Context

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Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board and Auckland Council Parks and Community Facilities are working together to prepare a concept plan for the development of Dunkirk Reserve.

The park currently has existing shared footpath and picnic table which need to be retained. Trees and vegetation need to be protected and maintained as well.

The development of this reserve would result in recreational, social and environmental benefits for the local community. It would include:

- A fitness hub space for all ages and abilities.
- Attractive spaces for informal recreation and picnicking
- Amenity planting

Site context

Dunkirk Reserve, located on Dunkirk Road in Panmure, is a long reserve that runs alongside the Tāmaki Estuary/River. Dunkirk Reserve has many park to park connections with Riverside Reserve directly connected in the north and Mt Wellington War Memorial Reserve in the south and Boundary Reserve East to the West across the road.

Dunkirk Reserve is very popular with residents as well as visitors. The open space, trees, water access and water views make for a passive recreation area that many enjoy.

This is further enhanced that creates a very popular location for socialising, exercising and training, cycling, running and walking.

Location plan



Existing Trees to be protected on site



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Existing Reserve Condition and Values



Existing picnic table



Existing Path



Existing seawall

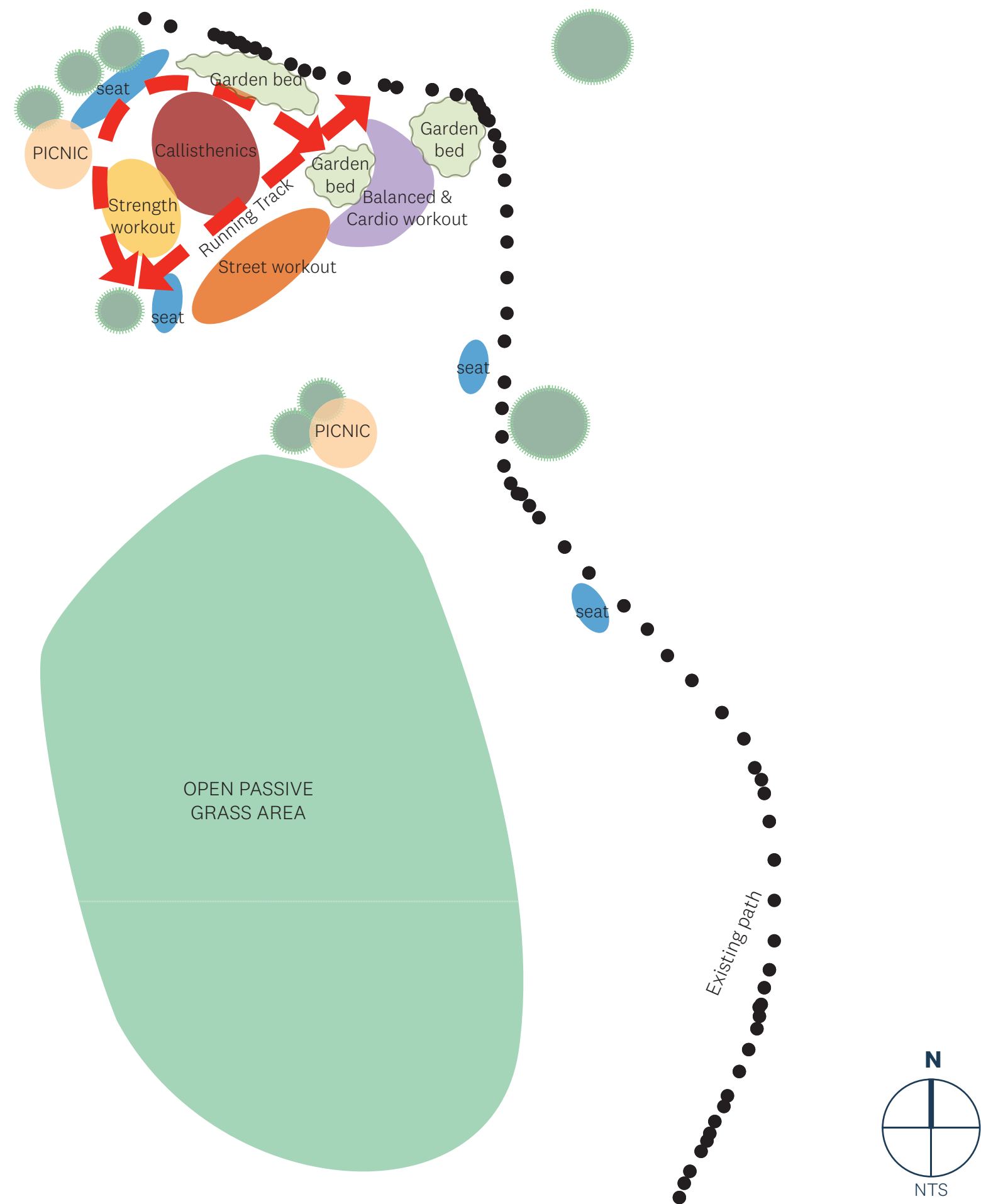


Existing sign

Zoning Plan

Key points

- A range of fitness experience including strength training, callisthenics, and street workout, targeted all users
- Proposed all ages accessible equipments
- Proposed a running track around the training area
- Proposed seats and cycle racks close to the fitness hub
- Providing shade by proposed sail shades
- Providing natural shade by proposing trees
- Proposed picnic area between trees that create a peaceful environment under the trees shade for families
- Proposed one accessible picnic table connected to the path under the proposed tree shade
- Proposed open grass area that can be used as kick-a-ball, informal picnic, training events, and outdoor activities
- Garden beds to soften the environment



Theme and Colour Palette - Precedent imagery

Poi - Poi is a traditional dance instrument that consists of light balls attached to strings, which are swung rhythmically through various patterns. The art of poi involves not only the physical movement of the poi but also the storytelling and cultural significance it holds.

Koru - It is based on the shape of an unfurling fern frond. It symbolises creation, new life, growth, strength and peace.



Poi



Poi



Koru, Unfurling fern frond



Metal fitness equipment



Vibrant colour in surfacing and fitness equipment, running track included



Seats around the fitness hub



- Fitness hub to have vibrant colours
- The space could reference the movement, energy and happiness
- A mix use of fitness items
- Open green space for fitness events
- Vegetation to include native plant species



Street-fitness equipment



Green passive space, open grass area

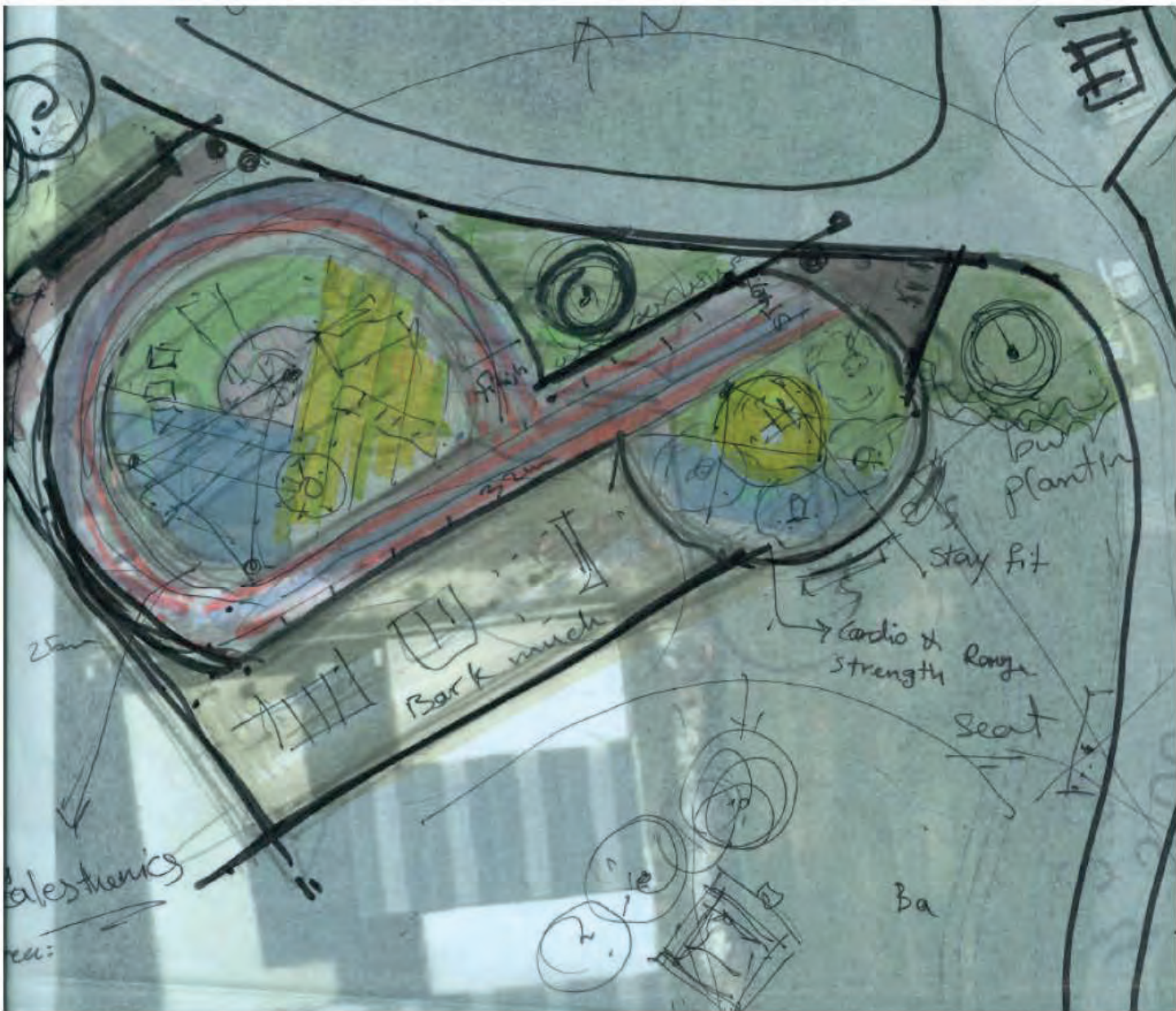


Targeted all ages group

Concept Sketching

Energy, Happiness, Movement

Vibrant colours:



Proposed Concept Plan

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Proposed Fitness Hub

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Strength training

Balance board

Cross Training - Callisthenics

Stay fit range-Street workout

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