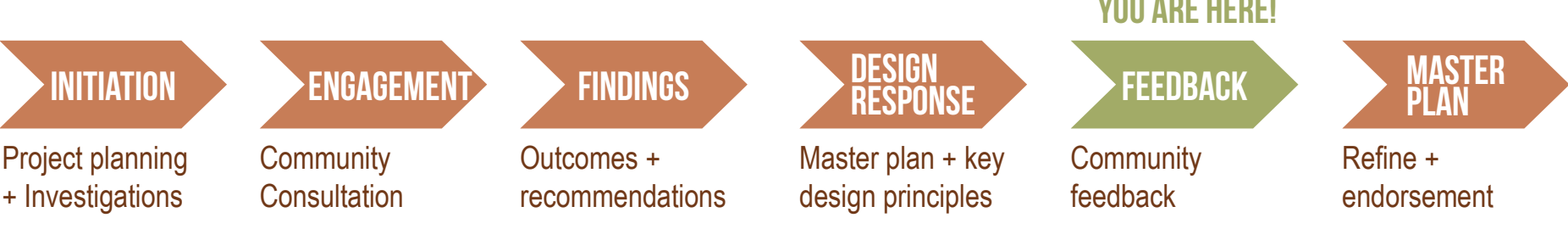


PROJECT TIMELINE



WHAT WE’VE DONE

Through a format of structured workshops, passive engagement, interviews and a youth drawing competition, over 220 insights were gathered across Council, community, Kunja, sporting / recreation clubs, local business / organisation and youth stakeholder groups. The consultation focussed on small interventions to John Kerr Park and larger scale interventions to the Cunnamulla Pool.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR VALUED FEEDBACK!

WHAT WE HEARD, WHAT YOU TOLD US

The feedback from the community aligned to 10 key themes, which included an identified shift from structured / team sports to increased passive recreation and individual sporting pursuits, a desire to maximise usage during extreme seasonal weather and to view the park as a cohesive and connected precinct. What we heard and what you told us:

The Big Shift – Structured team sports are declining while passive and individual recreation is rising. Football is no longer the dominant park use, which the design supports a wider mix of activities.

Seasonality – The design must handle extreme local weather. Shade, water temperature, opening hours, and weather-proof structures are priorities to keep the park usable year-round.

Resourcing and Operations – It was broadly felt that there is a need for a dedicated council role to manage funding, implementation, and ongoing operations. Volunteer fatigue is high, pool operations hinder access, and better council–community communication is essential.

Connection and Cohesion – The park and pool should function as a unified precinct rather than separate sites, encouraging shared facilities and stronger links between spaces.

Physical Improvements – Key upgrades required include toilets, fencing, shade, lighting, seating, grandstand, bike racks, a running track, and general beautification.

Infrastructure – The pool building needs a significant change to quality and functionality. Park toilets should be replaced with more accessible, better-located facilities.

Celebration of Local Identity – Re-establish ‘welcoming back to place’ and ‘cnnection to place’ through incorporation of Indigenous art and plantings, historical displays, and tributes to local sports figures (Rams etc) to foster community pride and attract visitors.

Leveraging Locality – The central location is ideal for events, but current football-focused layout of park limits broader use.

The Wishlist – Desired features include a splash pad, heated pool expansion, covered multi-courts, playgrounds, slides, handball courts, BMX track, running track, stage, community garden, and decorative lighting.

Diversity of Age Groups and Interests – Facilities should serve all ages—from small children to older adults—and reflect both current and aspirational community interests.

THE SWIMMING POOL, THE WATERING HOLE, THE PARK, A PLACE FOR GATHERING AND CONNECTION.
SHARING OF PUBLIC SPACE.
SHARED EXPERIENCE.
A VIBRANT COMMUNITY.
CONNECTION TO THE LANDSCAPE.

DESIGN RESPONSE

EXAMPLE IMAGES ONLY - NOT THE PROPOSED DESIGN.

Insights and associated prevailing key themes have been considered and utilised (where possible, practical and relevant) by the design team and Council as critical design and decision-making tools to help guide the development of the draft JKP and Pool/ precinct master plans.

Key design principles include:

CONNECTIVITY



Physical permeability: Soften boundaries to allow informal movement while keeping essential fences.

Visual connections: Use openings in buildings and landscapes to provide sightlines, fostering openness and safety even without direct access.

The Precinct: Link all sites into one recreation area with connected paths and consistent design elements such as signage, colors, and vegetation.

ACTIVATION



Vibrancy: Activate the site for all ages with spaces for team sports, individual activities, unstructured play, gatherings, and celebrations, plus cues that promote health and wellbeing.

Safety: Ensure natural surveillance and controlled access through strategic fencing, lighting, landscaping, and pathway placement.

Amenity: Add shade, water features, and wind protection, along with accessible toilets, bike racks, and landscaping. Cluster play areas, amenities, and entrances to boost use.

RESPONSE TO PLACE



Locality: A design which belongs to the place and the region through form and patternmaking. Patterns arise from local geographic, biological and weather influences. New design interventions aim to recognise the well utilised and valued spaces and build on this. This response aims to be a welcome back to place - a place for both locals and tourists.

Built Form: New infrastructure elements are in harmony with the local environment and consider context, character and community need. New buildings aim to improve and active street frontages and connections within the site. The built form will be of appropriate human scale, respond to local climatic conditions and include opportunities for local storytelling through art and incorporating historical elements.

Materiality: The materials will consider a balance of environmental and aesthetic values. Environmentally the structure must be robust climatically and low maintenance. Aesthetic values consider appropriate texture and colours that can influence a person’s cognitive function, emotional state and social behaviour.

LET US KNOW!

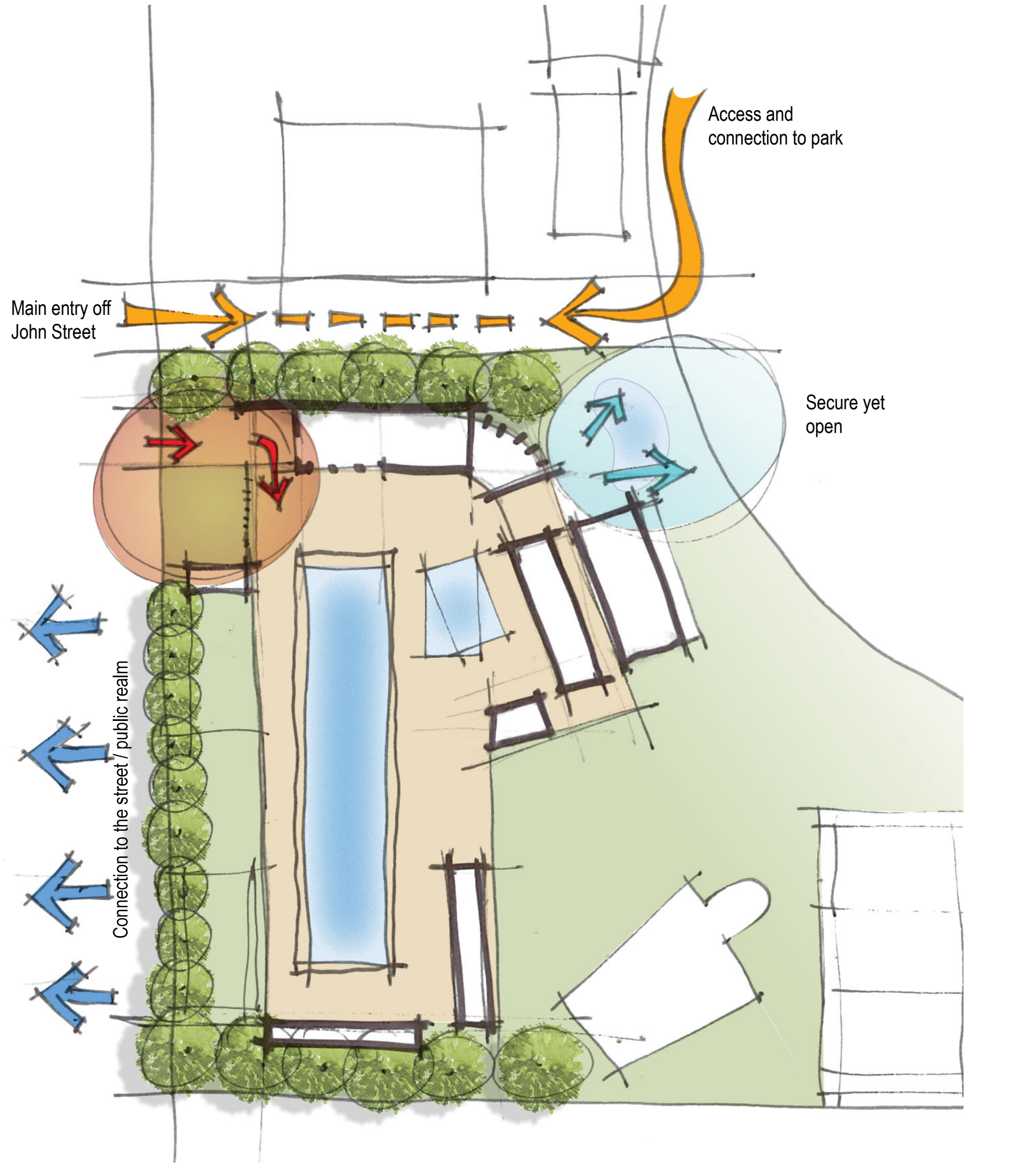
HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE DRAFT MASTER PLAN IDEAS!
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WITH THE SUBJECT ‘MASTER PLAN FEEDBACK’

THE MASTER PLAN

The master plan development facilitates a structured pathway for future site improvements and asset replacement / upgrades. Significant physical improvements are proposed to the pool facilities and minor interventions to the park as seen in the plan opposite. Master planned park interventions include shade trees and shelters, amenities, playgrounds, gardens and path networks. All new interventions are considered an opportunity to celebrate local identity though showcasing the town’s history and significance. Ultimately, all the interventions aim to cater for a broader age group and a diversity of interests.

THE POOL

The master plan for the retains the 50m swimming pool and associated plant spaces and upgrades and expands the existing pool offerings. The pool proposal incorporates a new welcoming and accessible entry from John Street and repositions staff areas for improved supervision of two pools. The new ‘learn to swim’ pool is a smaller heated semi-enclosed pool which can be utilised during the cooler months. Toilets and changerooms are in proximity. Shaded spaces for social gathering and watching have been incorporated. Visual connections between the pool and park spaces have been considered in the planning



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JOHN KERR PARK MASTER PLAN
& CUNNAMULLA POOL MASTER PLAN



LEGEND

- 1 ENTRY GATE
- 2 FEATURE ENTRY WALLS
- 3 CHILDREN'S PLAY SPACE
- 4 TREES AND GROUNDCOVER PLANTING
- 5 YARNING CIRCLE AND MEANDERING PATH THROUGH BUSH TUCKER / SENSORY GARDEN
- 6 NEW AMENITIES BUILDING
- 7 SEATING PLATFORM
- 8 RUNNING TRACK / OVAL BOUNDARY
- 9 COVERED AREA AND FOOD OUTLETS
- 10 SPORTS OVAL (CRICKET AND FOOTY)
- 11 HISTORIC GRANDSTAND
- 12 TREE AVENUES
- 13 SHARED LANEWAY
- 14 0 DEPTH WATER PLAY / SPLASH PAD
- 15 MOVEABLE GRANDSTAND
- 16 FLOODLIGHTS
- 17 OUTDOOR EXERCISE AREA AND SHELTER
- 18 EXISTING CRICKET NETS
- 19 UPGRADED POOL
- 20 SKATEBOWL ARTWORK AND 'DWELL' SPACES
- 21 EXISTING MULTIPURPOSE SPORTS COURT
- 22 EXISTING TENNIS COURTS

UPGRADED POOL

- A ENTRY PLAZA
- B KIOSK & KITCHEN
- C OFFICE & FIRST AID
- D STAFF TRAINING
- E COVERED OUTDOOR FUNCTION SPACE
- F LEARN TO SWIM / HEATED POOL
- G EXISTING 50M LAP POOL
- H POOL AMENITIES BLOCK
- I BEACH VOLLEYBALL
- J BBQ AREA
- K LAWN
- L MOVEABLE GRANDSTAND (50 SEATS)
- M ROPES STORE
- N STORAGE
- O EXISTING SERVICES



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