

Willaston Cemetery

Master Plan 2026

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The following Vision Statement and Guiding Principles have been developed through consultation with a range of stakeholders and careful consideration of the values and outcomes that are critical to the ongoing preservation and management of the Cemetery.

The Vision and Guidelines are intended to serve as touchstones for the development and implementation of the Master Plan. All proposed works undertaken implementing the Master Plan should refer back to the Vision and Guiding Principles to ensure they are being honoured.

Vision Statement

Willaston Cemetery is a place for memorial and reflection where the community can honour its history. It is a place that welcomes all visitors and provides a sanctuary for the deceased and the bereaved who remember them.

Guiding Principles

- 1. Honour the history of the cemetery and tell it’s stories.**
- 2. Respect the sanctity of the cemetery and it’s role within the community.**
- 3. Balance the need for quiet contemplation with the cemetery’s value as a public space.**
- 4. Protect and enhance the ecosystem of the cemetery and promote its environmental value.**
- 5. Ensure the cemetery can remain in use and support its financial sustainability into the future.**



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
FRANCES ELEANOR WINCEY.
DIED JAN 7TH 1897
AGED 36 YEARS.
Also
WILLIAM FAULKNER WINCEY
SON OF ABOVE. DIED OCT^R 31ST 1894
AGED 57 YEARS.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ANTHONY BRUCE BARNETT
DIED JAN 14TH 1892
AGED 30 YEARS.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
WILLIAM BARNETT SEN.
WHO DIED AT CALEDONIA DECE 9, 1889
AGED 90 YEARS.
Also
MARGARET.
WHO DIED MARCH 4, 1882
AGED 75 YEARS.
Also
CHARLES A. BARNETT
SON OF W^M BARNETT.
WHO DIED FEBRUARY 23, 1888
AGED 31 YEARS.

Also
ROBERT HENRY BARNETT
WHO DIED DECEMBER 1, 1887
AGED 19 YEARS.
Also
EMILY M. BARNETT

IN MEMORIAM
REV. J. H. LEWIS
PASTOR
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
GAWLER.
DIED JAN 1, 1888
AGED 75 YEARS.

1.0 Introduction

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- Planting of a new avenue of trees to replace the Cypress Avenue leading to the central columbarium
- Creation of shaded seating areas at key nodes within the cemetery
- Creation of new inurnment and memorial area
- Creation of a new gathering point at the northern corner of the cemetery
- Reinforcement of Central Columbarium to strengthen the circular cemetery centrepiece, developing increased opportunities for inurnment
- Protection of the remnant vegetation surrounding the cemetery.
- Gradual replacement of the Sugar Gums, prioritising those within or adjacent to the remnant vegetation
- Termination of main axes with visual focal points
- Engagement of an Acoustic Engineer to explore options to mitigate sound impact from Sturt Highway

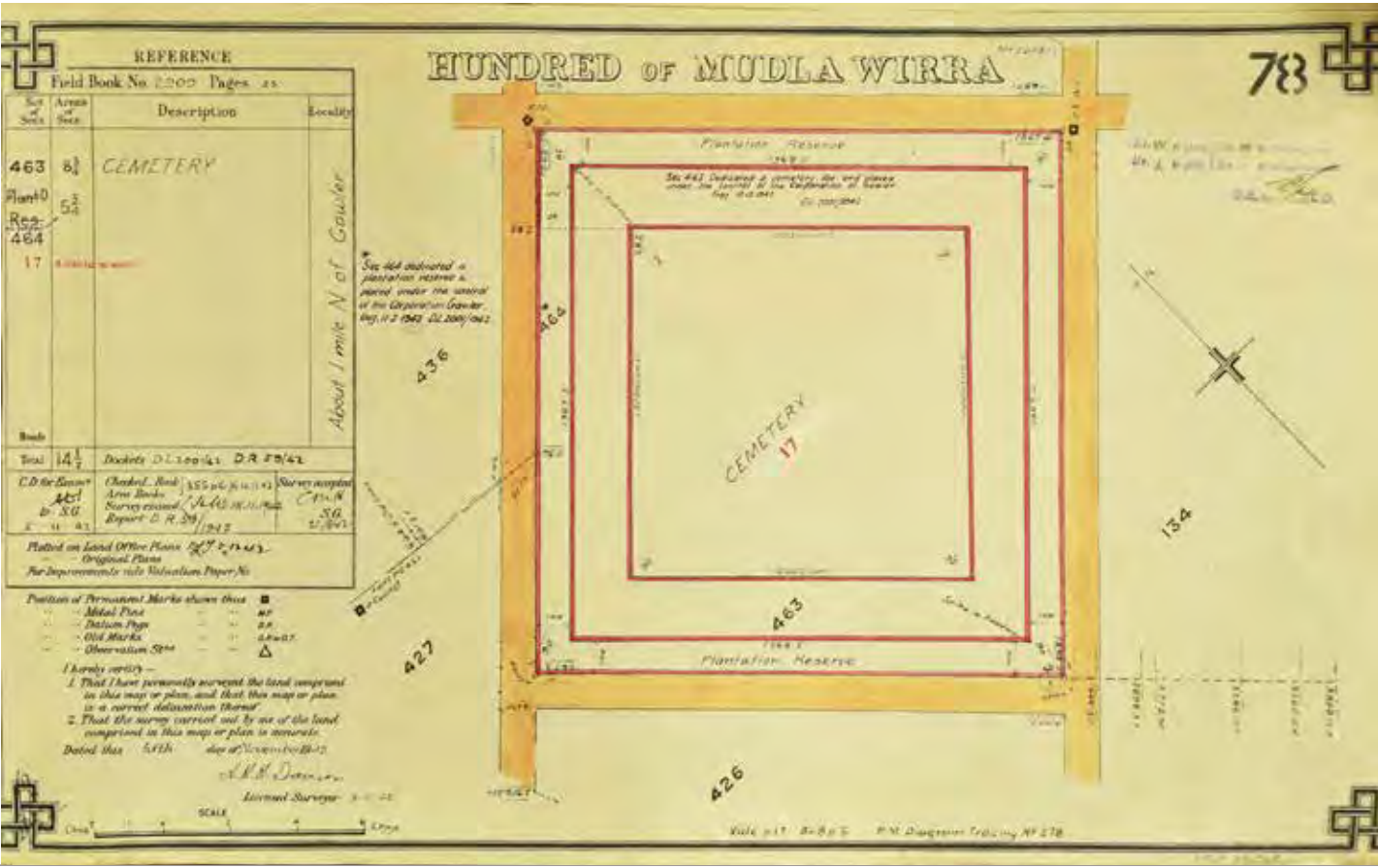


Figure 1.1 Satellite photo showing the relationship of Willaston Cemetery to Gawler [NearMaps, 2024].



Figure 1.2 Satellite photo showing Willaston Cemetery within surrounding context [NearMaps, 2024].

Figure 1.3 Survey of Willaston Cemetery, c.1942 [SRSA, Hundred of Mudla Wirra Survey Diagram Book, page 78.]



1.1 Location

Willaston Cemetery is located between the Sturt Highway and Dawkins Avenue. Chamberlain Road runs along the north-eastern boundary and Cemetery Road defines the south-western edge of the site. The entry to the Cemetery is located on Dawkins Avenue.

The Cemetery site is made up of three parcels of land in the Hundred of Mudla Wirra. The three parcels are:

- Section 464, Crown Reserve 5755/671 (designated in 1942 as “Plantation Reserve”).
- Section 463 Certificate of Title 5721/101 (Cemetery Reserve).
- Section 17 Crown Reserve 5776/101 (Original Cemetery area).

Willaston Cemetery is located in the Local Government Area of the Town of Gawler and is maintained and operated by the Town of Gawler.

1.2 Heritage Status

Willaston Cemetery was entered onto the SA Heritage Places Register on the 8th of November 2001. The State Heritage ID for Willaston Cemetery is 18316.

The description in the Heritage Places Database states that the Willaston Cemetery is:
“One of the first large public cemeteries to be established after the passing of the Regulation of Cemeteries Act in 1862, the [cemetery] reflects contemporary social attitudes towards the location, management and layout of cemeteries in the mid 19th century. It contains the graves of some of South Australia’s most significant industrial figures and is noted for its high quality monuments and outstanding collection of cast iron work, associated with Gawler’s role as an industrial centre”

Willaston Cemetery is currently listed under the following criteria:

a) it demonstrates important aspects of the evolution or pattern of the State’s history.

Formally established in 1866, the Willaston Cemetery is one of the first of the larger public cemeteries to be opened after the passing of the Regulation of Cemeteries Act 1862. This Act addressed issues such as cemetery management, record keeping and health matters which had been of increasing concern to the public since the early 1840s.

The move from the original Gawler Cemetery in Murray Street to the site at Willaston reflected contemporary thoughts that cemeteries were a health hazard, and illustrates the move towards better organised and managed public cemeteries located away from centres of population. For most of the 19th century Gawler and Port Adelaide were the most significant manufacturing centres outside of Adelaide. The Willaston Cemetery contains memorials to a number of significant South Australians associated with the development of South Australia and Gawler, including the explorer John McKinlay, miller Walter Duffield, manufacturers James Martin, May brothers, David Thomson, author and MP E. H Coombe and others.

e) it demonstrates a high degree of creative , aesthetic or technical accomplishment or is an outstanding representative of particular construction techniques or design characteristics.

The Cemetery at Willaston features iron-work and monuments of an exceptionally high quality.

The fine collection of cast iron railings in the Cemetery, as well as the imposing cast iron entrance gate and fence, are associated with the significant industrial history of Gawler, as the Cemetery displays some of the finest iron lacework produced by the significant Gawler foundries. This is appropriate for the burial place of some of the State’s most significant industrial figures, some of whom were associated with significant technical and creative achievements using iron. The Cemetery also contains a good representative selection of 19th century monuments.

In addition, the Cemetery layout is notable for its distinctive diamond pattern with strong diagonal elements, not known elsewhere in large scale public cemeteries.”

The assessment of heritage value submitted to the State Heritage Authority for the cemetery’s listing on 17 May 2001 and contains the following in the Description of Place:
A significant natural feature is the belt of natural bushland around the cemetery.

1.3 Regulatory Framework

A number of regulations and standards influence and guide development at Willaston Cemetery. This section provides an overview of key regulation and standards that apply to the cemetery. Other regulations and standards may also apply to specific types of work or development.

The Burial and Cremation Act 2013

The *Burial and Cremation Act 2013* and the *Burial and Cremation Regulations 2014* sets out the requirements for interment of human remains.

- The Act prescribes the manner in which human remains are to be:
- Identified, handled, stored and transported.
 - Disposed of - either by burial or cremation.
 - Identified and the manner of death confirmed before disposal authorisations and permits are issued.
- The Act also set out requirements for the:
- Establishment, management and closure of cemeteries, natural burial grounds and crematoria.
 - Issue, duration and renewal of interment rights.
 - Ownership, maintenance and removal of memorials.

Heritage Places Act 1993

The *Heritage Places Act 1993* make provision for the identification, recording and conservation of places and objects. The *Heritage Act* sets out the criteria for assessing and describing the significance of State Heritage places such as Willaston Cemetery.

Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016

The *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016* regulates development within South Australia by setting out the rules with respect to the design, construction and use of buildings, infrastructure, facilities and environments. Under this Act, any works at a State Heritage place that involve *the demolition, removal, conversion, alteration or painting of, or addition to, the place, or any other work that could materially affect the heritage value of the place* are considered as development and will require Development Approval.

Referral to Heritage SA

Proposals to undertake development of a State Heritage Place may be referred by the Relevant Authority to the Minister responsible for administering the Heritage Places Act 1993, for consideration of impact on the heritage values of the State Heritage Place.

The Relevant Authority decides if a referral is required. The State Heritage Place Overlay 'Procedural Matters (PM) Referrals', identifies the types of development involving a State Heritage Place that typically require referral.

Officers within Heritage South Australia (Heritage SA) in the Department for Environment and Water are the Minister's delegate for advice on referred development applications. Generally, Heritage SA can support the proposal and direct conditions of approval, or direct refusal if heritage values are unacceptably compromised.

It is anticipated that much of the work proposed in the Master Plan will require Development Approval and referral to Heritage SA, including new structures such as toilets and shade shelters; signage, including interpretive signage; and changes to roads and footpaths. While the Master Plan focuses on infrastructure rather than grave sites, the restoration of historic grave sites is encouraged:

- In relation to grave sites the following works also require referral to Heritage SA:
- Installation of a new headstone that exceeds 1 metre in height.
 - Installation of a new headstone adjacent to a grave or monument of significance.
 - The alteration or conservation of an existing grave of significance. Conservation does not include cleaning with potable water or general maintenance of a grave,
 - Alteration of an existing grave that already exceeds 1 metre in height or will result in the overall height exceeding 1 metre.

Appendix H contains a list of grave sites assessed by McDougall and Vines in their 2003 Willaston Cemetery Conservation and Management Plan used as a reference to determine significance of grave sites.

Regulated and Significant Trees

The definition of regulated and significant trees and the requirements regarding their management or removal are outlined in the Planning and Design Code and governed by the *Planning, Development and Infrastructure Act 2016*.

Native Vegetation Act 1991

The *Native Vegetation Act 1991* provides incentives and assistance to landowners in relation to the preservation and enhancement of native vegetation and aims to control the clearance of native vegetation. The Act generally does not apply to planted native species.

Australian Standard AS 4204-1994 Headstones and Cemetery Monuments

This standard was written with the objective of enabling cemetery authorities and monumental masons to specify minimum structural design criteria, performance, installation and renovation requirements for headstones and cemetery monuments so that these may have a minimum service life of 50 years.

1.4 Project Aims and Scope

Project Aims

- The aim of this Master Plan is to provide a staged implementation strategy for progressive improvements to the cemetery which address current issues, which include:
- Encroachment within the encircling perimeter vegetation zone
 - Uncontrolled vehicular movement throughout the cemetery
 - Poor quality amenities, including visitor toilets
 - Lack of shade and seating opportunities
 - Unsightly dump site adjacent to the visitor entrance for excess spoil from recently dug graves
 - Deterioration of grave sites due to subsidence in part as a result of previous drainage issues
 - Creation of a lawn cemetery at odds with the historic grave sites

- The Master Plan also seeks to address:
- Accommodation of new interments and burial capacity
 - Entrance area, including paving, gates and fencing
 - Stormwater management including impact on native vegetation
 - Services including lighting and security
 - Spoil location and visitor amenity, such as toilets
 - Development of former Pauper’s grave area
 - Signage and row markers
 - Interpretation opportunities
 - Maintenance access
 - Integration of lawn cemetery and Precious Souls
 - Planting and landscape management including the celebration and enhancement of the remnant perimeter vegetation
 - Vehicle and pedestrian movement

The Master Plan does not address individual grave sites, however, guidance for their conservation and preservation is provided in the 2024 Conservation and Management Plan. The 2003 McDougall and Vines Willaston Cemetery Conservation Plan identified grave sites considered to be of significance (refer Appendix H). A site-by-site conservation approach should be adopted for these sites, supported by advice from Heritage SA. This approach should also be applied to other grave sites that may be determined to be of significance in the future.

1.5 Detailed Brief

Project Scope

- The scope is the whole of the cemetery site, which includes:
- The central cemetery area, monuments and landscaping
 - The Cemetery Reserve including monuments and landscaping
 - The outer remnant native vegetation area
 - The surrounding road verges
- Services that are outside of the scope of this Master Plan are:
- Acoustic assessment of traffic noise from the Sturt Highway

Detailed Brief

A detailed brief was prepared in consultation with the Town of Gawler and key stakeholders and is summarised below.

Burial capacity & types of burials

Relevant CMP Policies: 1, 3, 7, 29

- The Master Plan will explore opportunities for accommodating additional burial capacity within the existing cemetery. Evolving trends in burial and memorialisation will also be explored including ways to meet the growing demand for cremation and inurnment. This includes:
- Identification of potential additional burial space through analysis of cemetery landscape, roadways/paths, traffic and maintenance requirements
 - Additional capacity for inurnment provided through proposed works
 - Identification of opportunities for memorialisation (where no burial or inurnment occurs)

Sugar Gums and New Trees

Relevant CMP Policies: 23, 24, 26, 27

- Some sugar gums will be identified for removal as part of proposals within the Master Plan. The Master Plan will provide guidance on appropriate replacement trees for the existing sugar gums within the cemetery area. The Master Plan will also explore ways that material from trees that are removed can be reused and incorporated on site. Outcomes include:
- Removal of sugar gums and non-native pines along south west and south east roadways within the cemetery and replacement with eucalyptus porosa (mallee box)
 - Removal of sugar gums within the area impacted by upgrades to the main entry

- Reuse of timber on site as logs for habitat, seating and edging together with potential for use for fencing and benches

Cemetery Landscape

Relevant CMP Policies: 1, 23, 24, 25, 27

- The Master Plan will provide plans and guidelines for the development of landscape improvements within the cemetery. Landscape proposals will enhance the existing historic layout of the cemetery, improve amenity within the cemetery by providing additional shade and seating, and assist with managing storm water and salinity on the site. Landscape proposals will include identification of appropriate materials and plant species.
- Identification of focus areas for landscape improvements to deliver value for money outcomes
 - Selection of appropriate, durable, low maintenance materials and plants that reduce ongoing maintenance and costs
 - Enhancement of the ecological value of the cemetery through water management, appropriate plant selections and use of sustainable materials

Pedestrian and vehicle movement

Relevant CMP Policies: 1, 8, 11, 12, 13

- Pedestrian and vehicle movement within the cemetery will be considered within the Master Plan in order to improve safety, reduce maintenance issues and improve amenity within the cemetery.
- Restrict vehicle access into unsuitable areas that have potential to cause damage to burial sites or injury to the public
 - Create clear delineation between vehicle and pedestrian areas through surface treatment, landscaping and discrete signage

Storm water management

Relevant CMP Policies: 1, 12, 13, 28

- The Master Plan will consider ways to improve storm water management and drainage within the cemetery to enhance amenity, reduce maintenance, and provide environmental benefit.
- Retain water within site where possible through Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) principles and reduce run off and erosion
 - Reconfigure storm water to remove side entry pits, improve drainage, and reduce risk and maintenance

Entrance upgrades

Relevant CMP Policies: 1, 8, 25

Improvements to the Main Entry to the cemetery to enhance the visitor experience of arrival at the cemetery, provide interpretive and information opportunities, and clarify vehicle and pedestrian movement through the main entry:

- Formalise car parking on Cemetery Road and the side entry point for vehicle access
- Refurbish the historic gates and fence
- Limit access through gates to pedestrians and ceremonial occasions
- Relocate the spoil bin and replace existing toilet facilities
- Upgrade landscaping and planting around entry

Native/remnant vegetation

Relevant CMP Policies: 29, 30,31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36

Protect and explore opportunities for enhancing the remnant native vegetation within the cemetery site:

- Proposed works are to have minimal impact on the remaining remnant vegetation to the cemetery perimeter
- Proposed landscape improvements within the cemetery can support and enhance the ecological value of the cemetery by prioritising selection of endemic plant species

Site infrastructure and amenity

Relevant CMP Policies: 1, 8, 12, 13

The Master Plan will explore opportunities for improving site amenities and infrastructure such as toilets, bins, taps, seating and shade:

- Replace toilets at main entry in existing location
- Consolidate services such as switchboards, irrigation controllers, etc. within new toilet facilities
- Consolidate bins, taps, signage, etc. around redeveloped key focal pints to reduce visual clutter across site
- Provide guidelines and templates for furniture, bins and other infrastructure items that are in keeping with the historic setting and proposed improvements

Signage and interpretation

Relevant CMP Policies: 18, 21, 35, 37

Wayfinding and general signage should be consistent across the site and in keeping with its setting. The Master Plan will provide guidance on incorporation of interpretive elements into proposed works:

- Develop templates and strategy for new signage within the cemetery
- Develop interpretive design strategy that can be implemented as part of Master Plan works

Noise management

Relevant CMP Policies: 20

The site is negatively impacted by traffic noise from Sturt Highway. Detailed acoustic analysis investigation of potential solutions are beyond the scope of this Master Plan. Detailed analysis by an Acoustic Engineer is required to properly understand the noise impacts of highway traffic and test the feasibility of mitigation strategies.

The Master Plan has been prepared with reference to the Conservation and Management Plan and follows the standards and principles set out in the Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance, the Burra Charter.

Consultant Team

A team of consultants with relevant expertise in heritage, cemeteries and native vegetation has provided input into the CMP. This team includes:

- Stevens Architects (Heritage and Cemetery advice)
- CPR (Civil & Structural Engineers)
- TCL (Landscape Architects)
- Phil Weaver & Associates (Traffic Engineer)
- Mulloway Studio (Signage & Interpretation)
- DCWC (Cost Consultant)

Consultation

Consultation with key stakeholders was an important part of the preparation of this report. Consultation provides important context for the Council and community expectations for the cemetery, as well as insight into the issues that are important to the community.

1.7 Consultation

Summary

Consultation during the Master Plan design phase has focused on engagement with Council staff and the Friends of Willaston Cemetery. An initial consultation session was held with Friends of Willaston Cemetery on 10 November 2025. The consultant team spent a day at the Willaston Cemetery, meeting with Council Management and Maintenance staff. A productive workshop was held on 9 December 2025, with members of the consultant team, Council staff and Councillors, Friends of Willaston Cemetery, and other interested members of the community.

The workshop was a valuable exercise to develop a vision for the Master Plan and to help clarify challenges and priorities. There were some clear common themes regarding the historical value of the cemetery and its value to the community, both as a physical location and through its role in facilitating connections with the past. It is clear that the setting of the cemetery and its layout are important and that all are able to access this unique place and its stories - in person as well as digitally. It is also clear that there is a strong desire to continue to use the cemetery for new burials and memorials. The cemetery does face challenges including how to manage historic elements that require ongoing maintenance, managing capacity, and funding.

A summary of the workshop is contained in Appendix D. The following word clouds illustrate stakeholders' perception of the cemetery and aspirations for its future.



▲ Figure 1.4 Word cloud illustrating stakeholders' perception of cemetery



▲ Figure 1.5 Word cloud illustrating stakeholders' aspirations for the cemetery's future

Draft Master Plan

The draft Willaston Cemetery Master Plan was available for public comment via the Town of Gawler's website through the *Your Voice Gawler Portal* between 1-26 June 2026. A Community Information Session was held at the Gawler Civic Centre on 10 June 2026 which was live streamed and also available to view later on the Town of Gawler YouTube channel.

An online survey was conducted with twenty five respondents.

Written Submissions were received from:

- Gawler Environment and Heritage Association (GEHA)
- Director of Planning and Heritage Department for Environment and Heritage

The public consultation provided valuable feedback on the draft Master Plan and demonstrated the range of activities that the Cemetery supports. The final Master Plan has been amended to capture the majority of suggestions.

Changes incorporated within the final Master Plan include reordering of proposed staging, deletion of proposed new pathways through the remnant vegetation at the centre of Dawkins Avenue and Chamberlain Road together with the identification of sites for different types of signage.

Survey

An online Survey was available during the public consultation period with the community invited to participate. Twenty five people completed the survey which gathered data on respondent's

connection to the cemetery and asked a series of questions about the draft Master Plan. The respondents were typically Gawler residents (80%), female (76%) aged over 25 years with the biggest cohort over 65 years (36%). The majority visited the cemetery to visit graves (60%) with the next highest use being for recreation (28%) followed by funeral/burials (20%) and volunteering (12%).

There was majority support for the Master Plan, with over 90% of respondents supporting the both the Master Plan Vision and the proposals to implement the Master Plan.

Respondents were asked to prioritise works within the Master Plan and provided the following ranking of priorities:

1. New toilet facilities
2. Relocate spoil bin + General Landscape upgrades and improvements + Interpretive and storytelling installations and signage
3. New gathering space and gateway at northern corner
4. New carparking along Cemetery Rd + Wayfinding and general signage improvements
5. Upgrades to main entry not including toilets + Upgrades and parking to central east/west avenue
6. Potential acoustic barrier along Sturt Highway
7. Removal replacement of Sugar Gums + Upgrades to perimeter roadways + Upgrades to central circle + Develop eastern gateway shelter
8. New Inurnment Garden + Upgrades to secondary east/west roadways + Upgrades paving to secondary north/south pathways
9. Upgrades to northern section of main north/south roadway + Upgrades to southern section of main north/south roadway

Survey respondents were also asked to rank the components of the Main Entry project identified as a key project within the Master Plan and responded as follows:

1. Repair Heritage Gates
2. Upgrade Toilets
3. More Shelter
4. Relocate Spoil Bin
5. Landscaping around Gates
6. Carparking
8. Driveway/Vehicle Access

Respondents were asked their views of the lawn burial area which elicited a variety of responses. The introduction of pathways was supported by 40% of respondents with comments made on the challenges of accessing graves for those with mobility challenges including use of mobility devices. Retention of the lawn burial area in its current form was supported by 32% of respondents with 40% in favour of the transitioning the lawn to native grasses.

Respondents were asked for comments including whether there was anything missing from the draft Master Plan. The following suggestions were made:

- Maximising connection with neighbouring Gawler Retirement Cottage Homes with improvements to:
 - Seating
 - Pathways
 - Signage
 - Celebration of perimeter Native Vegetation
 - There is an opportunity for residents to contribute to the cemetery as volunteers
- Create a dry creek bed along Dawkins Road (not at bush track).
- Name all roadways and pathways
- Install more water taps
- Improve management of dogs being walked, with signage to articulate expectations and provision of more bag dispensers (concern that a few irresponsible dog owner could jeopardise future for all dog walkers)
- Expand lawn section
- Create perpetual sites rather than leases
- Introduce nice seating

Concerns

- Avoid undue preference of native vegetation, should be confined to perimeter vegetation only
- Introduction of Indigenous elements
- Informal access points midway along NE and SE bushland detract from ‘remote’ ambiance
- Introduction of carparking along the east west axis roadway intrusive
- Any noise mitigation barrier should retain open views across plains toward coast
- Any changes to lawn area
- Care of heritage graves

- Tree planting near lawn area must not impact lawn area (concern about root impact and leaf litter on headstones)
- Impact on remnant vegetation from Chamberlain Rd access
- Removal of sugar gums and impact on biodiversity
- Should be greater emphasis on native vegetation
- Cutting into native vegetation to increase burials
- Carparking along Cemetery Rd impacting on Kangaroo grass
- Lawn area inaccessible with walker (too spongy and trip hazard)
- Do not stop visitors driving in

A summary of the survey responses together with all completed surveys is included in Appendix C.

Note: The Master Plan does not propose any encroachment into the perimeter remnant vegetation for burials of roadways nor will the proposed parking on Cemetery Road encroach into areas of Kangaroo grass.

Community Information Session

The Community Information Session was held at the Gawler Civic Centre with five community members in attendance and 39 people attending via the live streaming, with the opportunity to view the Session later on the Your Voice Gawler Portal. Phillips/Pilkington Architects gave an overview presentation and sought feedback. A number of observations and suggestions were made which included:

- Create area for picnics to support events such as celebration of birthdays
- Concern about mess that sugar gums make
- Presence of scattered ashes within cemetery particularly around avenue of pencil pines, an indication there is a desire for remains to be at cemetery but unaffordable for some
- First Nations burials
- Proposed removal of sugar gums impact on habitat
- Vandalism/CCTV
- Concern about notifications for reuse of graves
- Maintenance suggestion encourage community groups to ‘Adopt a Row’
- Concerns that War Graves from WW1 being dismantled
- Status of suicide burials, issue with consecrated ground

Note: Artificial flowers located within the cemetery away from grave sites suggest presence of scattered ashes. There is no bar to suicides being buried within Willaston Cemetery.

Written Submissions

Gawler Environment and Heritage Association

The Gawler Environment and Heritage Association were broadly supportive of the Draft Master Plan. They support updating the Heritage listing to acknowledge the significance of the Willaston Cemetery as the original prototype for SA government created cemeteries with a vegetation strip around the cemetery area and the role of George Goyder in the Cemetery survey and layout. They would like to reduce the area of the lawn cemetery and ultimately have it removed. They have offered to assist with plantings from their nursery. Their full submission is included in Appendix B.

Director of Planning and Heritage Department for Environment and Heritage

Heritage SA were generally supportive of the Draft Master Plan, the proposed approach to management of the site, and the identified issues.

- They provided constructive feedback for consideration which included:
- Provide greater emphasis on perimeter remnant vegetation
 - Provide examples of work that require Development Approval and Heritage Referral
 - Reference the 2024 Conservation Master Plan for guidance on the conservation of grave sites
 - Include text on the need for any new structures to obtain Development Approval with any new structures to have a cohesive appearance across the site and blend into the natural environment rather than being visually dominant
 - While supportive formalisation of vehicle movement and carparking, avoid it becoming too formal and impacting on the feel and appearance of the place
 - Provide clarity on location and types of interpretive signage proposed with a plan showing key sites for interpretive signage
- Their full submission is included in Appendix B.

1.8 Site History

The Willaston Cemetery, established in 1866, forms a major part of Gawler's cultural landscape and reflects evolving attitudes toward public health, urban planning, and memorial practices across South Australia. Its origins lie in the limitations of the original Gawler Cemetery, created in the early years of settlement following the 1839 Gawler Special Survey. As Gawler grew through the 1840s and 1850s, driven by mining activity at Kapunda and Burra and the spread of agriculture across the Adelaide Plains, the inadequate condition and location of the original burial ground became a significant public concern.

From Original Cemetery to Public Health Crisis

The Old Gawler Cemetery, situated on elevated land off Murray Street, began to be used for burials from the mid 1840s, with some earlier unrecorded interments. By the late 1840s it had attracted criticism for being unfenced, exposed to animals, used as a thoroughfare, and lacking basic care. These problems, combined with rising health anxieties in the 1850s, prompted a decisive community response; in 1858 Gawler ratepayers petitioned for the cemetery's closure and called for a new burial ground at a safer distance from habitation.

This period also saw important early discussions about cemetery design, landscaping, and land buffers, ideas that would influence subsequent government planning.

Selection of the Willaston Site and Planning Innovations

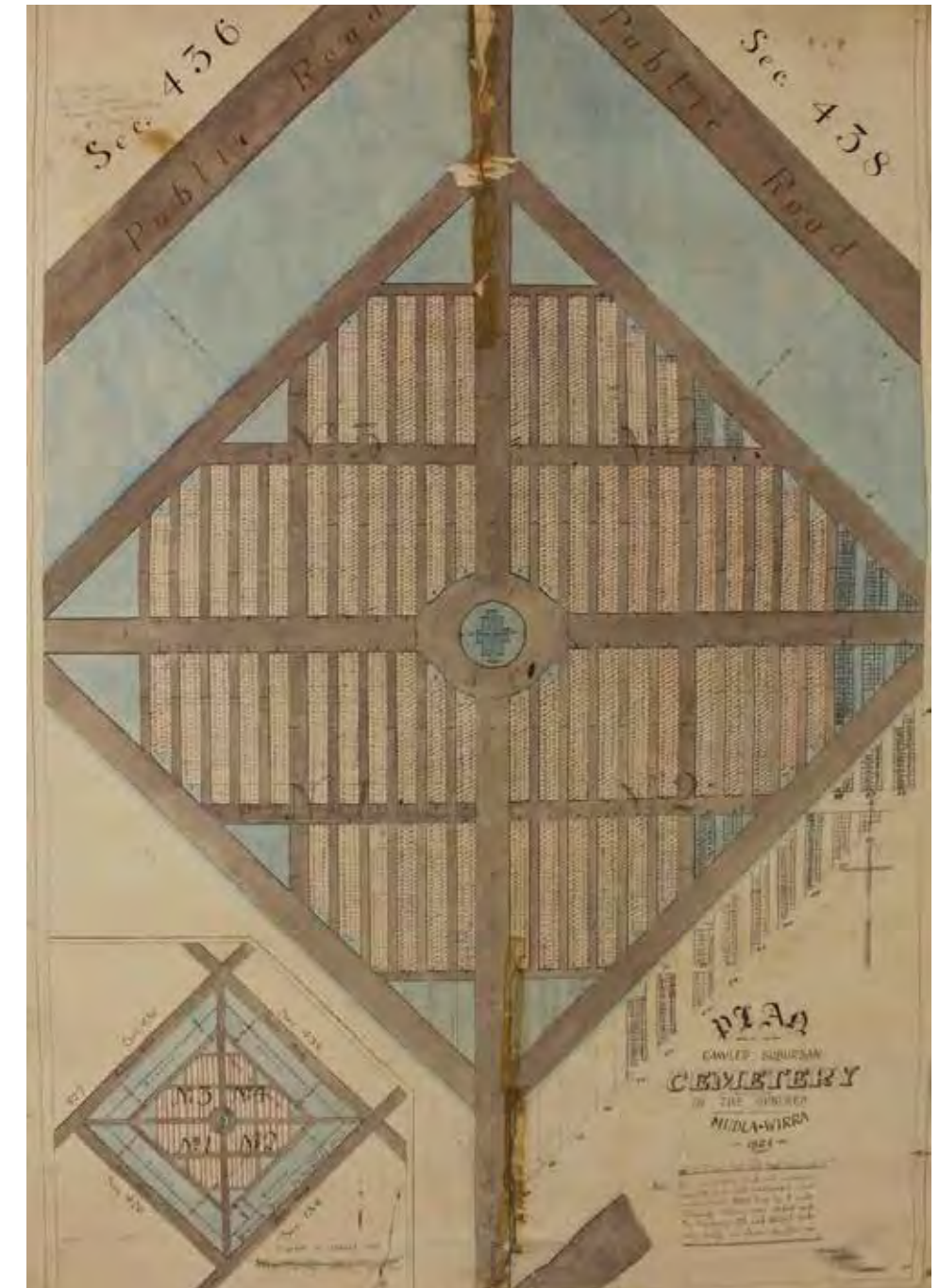
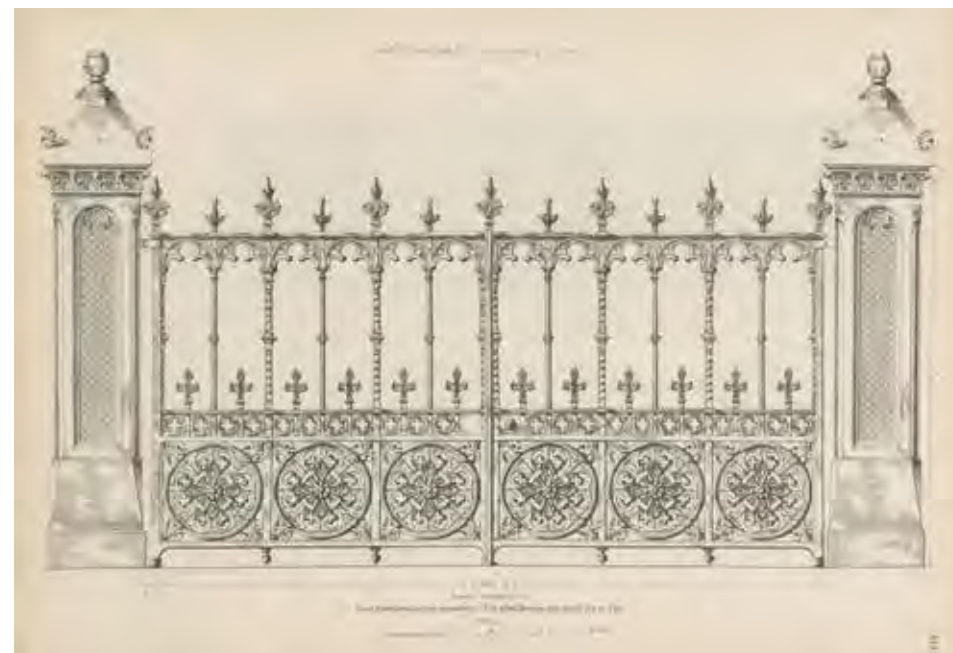
Following the 1858 petition, Gawler Council sought a government land grant near Willaston. After negotiations, the government offered 10 acres for burial purposes, surrounded by a landscaped reserve of approximately 15 acres. This planted buffer, conceived as a health protective measure and a means of ensuring future amenity, became an influential model for subsequent South Australian cemeteries. The site was formally surveyed by George Goyder in 1858, and the arrangement represented a landmark moment in cemetery planning.

Opening and Layout of the Willaston Cemetery

Despite administrative delays, the Willaston Cemetery officially opened on 1 August 1866. The first burial, that of Sarah Clement, occurred later that year. The cemetery's layout (figure 1.6), still largely intact today, is a distinctive diamond shaped plan organised around a central circular focal point. Its design incorporates a consistent module of one chain (66 feet), featuring half chain roads, 20 foot secondary roads, and 10 foot pathways between double graves. The cemetery was divided into four triangular blocks, each with fourteen rows of varying length to accommodate the geometry. In 1868 part of the grounds was allocated for Roman Catholic burials, with other denominational or special purpose sections likely emerging over time.

Closure of the Old Cemetery and Early Development

The Old Gawler Cemetery was officially closed in 1870, except for burial rights attached to existing family vaults. The new Willaston Cemetery underwent steady development during the late nineteenth century. Throughout the 1870s and 1880s, Council invested in forming roads and paths, installing gates (figure 1.7), fencing, constructing a shed, adding seating, improving drainage, and undertaking routine maintenance. The perimeter reserve was valued not only for its protective function but also for recreation; by the 1880s the cemetery had become a place for walking and quiet visitation.



▲ **Figure 1.6** Original Plan, c.1864 [Town of Gawler Heritage Collection]

◀ **Figure 1.7** Gate post design, c.1890 [Walter MacFarlane & Co., Illustrated Catalogue of MacFarlane's Castings, 6th ed., vol. 1, (Glasgow: n.p., n.d.), 315.]

Mid Twentieth Century Expansion and Wartime Preparations

Rapid population growth after World War II placed pressure on burial capacity. In 1942 a portion of the cemetery (rows L–Q in Block 4) was set aside for potential military burials should mass casualties occur, though these provisions were never used. That same year, Council received approximately 8¾ acres of additional land (Section 463) drawn from the plantation reserve to extend burial capacity. The surrounding reserve (Section 464) remained dedicated to plantation and landscaping purposes. This restructuring enabled long term expansion, though clearing occurred gradually.

By the late 1940s and into the 1950s and 1960s, demand surged again due to regional growth. Large areas of the reserve were progressively cleared for new burial rows, especially around Blocks 1 and 2. Aerial photographs confirm that clearing and layout works occurred in stages from the late 1940s through to the 1960s, significantly enlarging the cemetery’s usable area and eroding the perimeter reserve.

Late Twentieth Century Shifts: Cremation, Reuse, and Landscape Change

The late twentieth century brought major changes to burial demand and cemetery management. The construction of a columbarium in the late 1970s reflects the rising popularity of cremation. After the opening of the Smithfield Cemetery in 1987 and broader shifts toward cremation, demand for new burial plots at Willaston decreased.

To extend the cemetery’s lifespan, Council introduced a burial plot reuse scheme in the 1990s. Rows D, E, and F in Block One, associated historically with pauper burials and many unmarked graves, were selected for reuse. A labelling error during administration resulted in row D becoming row G (and the actual G became row G1). Significant lawn burial areas and rose garden developments also occurred during this period, together with road upgrades and drainage works.

Historic headstones relocated in the 1990s from the Old Gawler Cemetery to Willaston were later removed (2020) for conservation following surface deterioration.

Twenty First Century Conservation, Community Involvement, and Memorials

Several major memorial initiatives have strengthened the cemetery’s cultural and community role. The Babies Memorial Garden (2007) provides recognition for the approximately 190 babies buried between 1877 and 1986 without markers, and the Precious Souls Memorial Garden (2010) (figures 1.8 & 1.9) offers a place of remembrance for infants not buried in the cemetery. Both projects were community driven and reflect evolving attitudes toward grief, remembrance, and inclusiveness.

From 2015, the Friends of Willaston Cemetery have been central to heritage education, maintenance, and promotion, including historical walking tours that now form part of Gawler’s heritage tourism offerings. Continued expansions to lawn burial areas (2016–2020), roadway upgrades, heritage conservation projects, and initiatives such as the Headstone Project, identifying and commemorating WWI veterans buried in unmarked graves, demonstrate the ongoing stewardship of the site.

In 2022 the restoration of the 1885 Hiskey grave site highlighted the cemetery’s role as a catalyst for local history research, community connection, and heritage conservation.

Today

With approximately 11,000 interments and more than 180 years of associated local history, Willaston Cemetery remains an important heritage place, a valued community landscape, and a growing tourism asset. Its layered development, from early colonial planning to modern memorial practices, demonstrates the ongoing evolution of Gawler’s cultural identity.



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Figure 1.8 Commemorative plaque in the Precious Souls Memorial Garden, c. 2010

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Figure 1.9 Individual memorial plaques in the Precious Souls Memorial Garden



2.0 Site Analysis

Willaston Cemetery is a large site with thousands of individual grave sites and monuments constructed in a variety of materials. It is also a complex landscape with multiple natural and human made layers. A detailed analysis of the condition of each individual grave site and the complex interactions between geology, water, weather and vegetation and their effect on the site, are beyond the scope of this report. However, through historical research, site visits, consultation and specialist consultant input, it is possible to obtain a general impression of the current condition of the site and some of its particular elements.

In general, the condition of Willaston Cemetery, particularly the historic sections, appears reasonable considering the age of the cemetery and its monuments. However, there are some signs of dilapidation that will require attention in order to maintain the historic value and setting of the cemetery.

This section of the report summarises the general condition of the site and it’s key features.

Original Layout of the Willaston Cemetery

The Willaston Cemetery largely retains its original layout, as shown on the 1864 plan (figure 1.6). The Cemetery is laid out as a north-south orientated diamond. Burial plots are arranged as a grid and accessed via roads and paths. The basic module of one chain (66 feet or 20.1m) defines the cemetery’s layout. The cemetery diamond is ten chains square (660 feet or 201m). At the centre of the diamond lies a circular area with a diameter of one chain. A road, half a chain wide (33 feet or 10.05m), encircles this central feature. The original plan appears to indicate that a structure was intended for this central location. Today it is the location for the columbarium.

The main roads consist of two types: wider half-chain roads for the central cross roads and the boundary roads, and a grid of secondary roads at 20 feet wide (6.1m). The pathways between the double grave plots are 10 feet wide (3.1m).

Individual burial plots measure 10 feet long by 5 feet wide (3.1x1.5m) and are arranged in double rows. The cemetery plan is divided into four triangular ‘blocks.’ Each block is subdivided into fourteen rows with gradually decreasing lengths, accommodating the diamond shape. These rows are assigned alphabetical designations radiating outwards from the centre. Plot numbering starts at the southernmost end of each row, progressing north, then reversing back south.

The Cemetery is bordered by a designated ‘reserve’ area that is 283 links (187 feet or 57m) wide.

It appears that the Willaston Cemetery did not originally designate specific burial areas based on religious affiliation. However, there was an area assigned for Roman Catholic burials in 1868 after a petition from the Church. It is possible there were also assigned designated areas for other denominations, military graves, pauper burials and stillborn babies.

Cemetery Landscape

The landscape of Willaston Cemetery can be divided in to two parts. The landscape of the central burial area and the landscape of the remnant vegetation surrounding the cemetery.

The landscape within the central burial area has been highly impacted by human intervention and is defined by the formal layout as originally planned in 1864.

All of the main roadways within the cemetery have been paved with concrete unit pavers with wide in situ concrete borders. This work has been coordinated with extensive storm water drainage upgrades that includes underground stormwater pipework, swales, side entry pits and grated inlet pits.

North-south aisles between burial plots have been treated with compacted gravel stabilised with bitumen. Some areas around burial plots and along verges are left as natural dirt.

Plantings within the cemetery tend to represent stylistic trends of respective eras, maintenance, availability and selections pertaining to the particular sub-area and landscape sentiment. These vary from mature stands of column pines, stone pine specimen trees, central exotic shade trees of a more recent origin and rows of sugar gums of varying condition.

Structural plantings within the cemetery are ageing and exhibiting signs of, if not full, senescence. Three specimens of aleppo pine were recently removed from the northern corner of the cemetery following deterioration in their health apparently due to long-term dryland (rising) salinity.

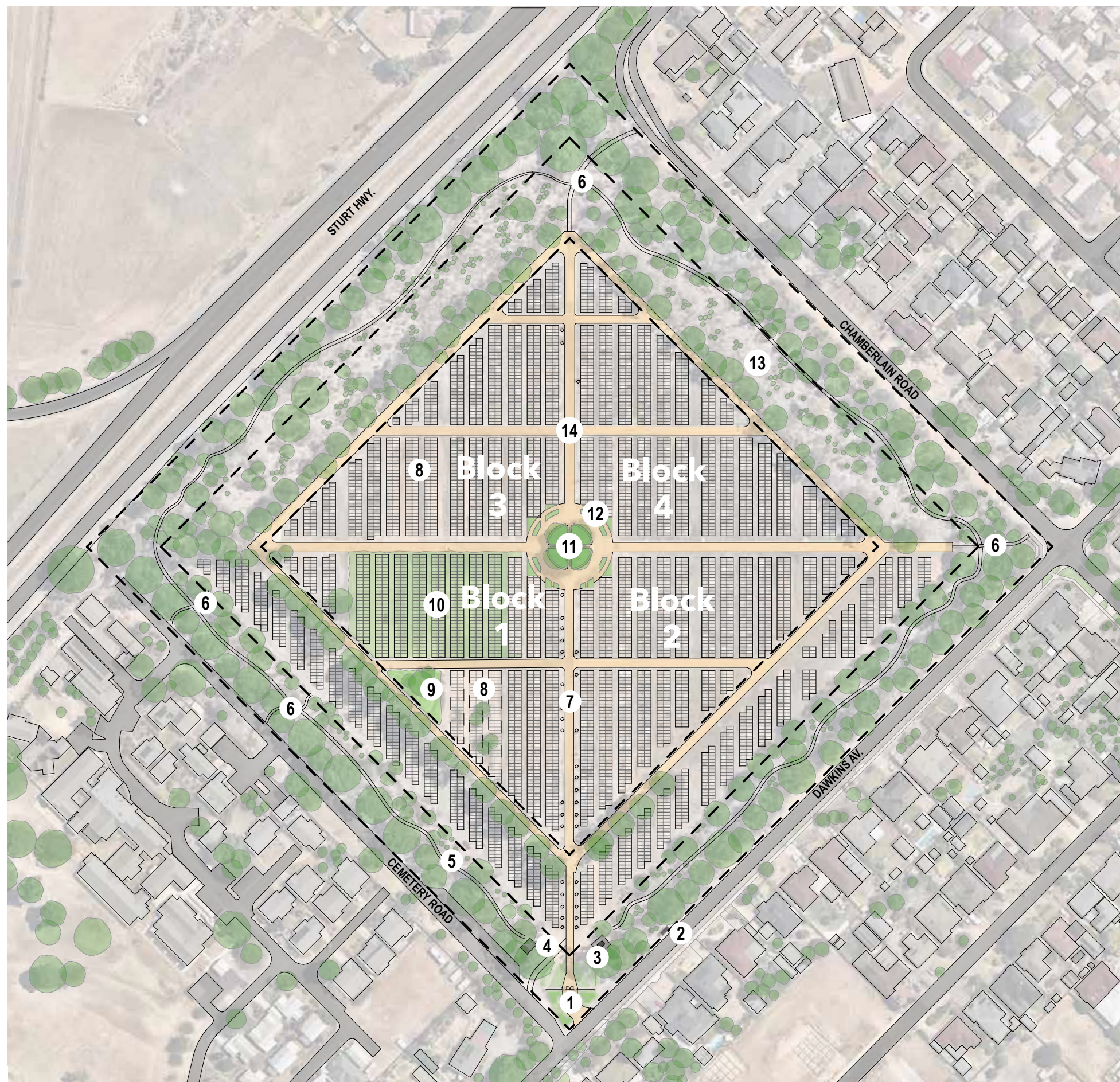
The Main Avenue and central columbaria plantings are reflective of historical trends in cemetery plantings, that of species which evoke ritual significance such as roses and evergreens.

Fixtures on-site are highly variable and include items that may be considered unsympathetic to the heritage setting. Materials include *Replas* recycled plastic bollards, exposed PVC and poly tap risers (and tap assemblies), side entry and grated inlet pits (figure 2.5). In order to conserve and reinforce heritage character, it is recommended that a material heritage palette is developed to guide future material (and product) selections throughout the cemetery.

Remnant Vegetation

The Vegetation Conservation Management Plan attached in Appendix B of the 2024 Willaston Cemetery Conservation Plan provides a detailed analysis of the current condition of the remnant vegetation surrounding Willaston Cemetery. The key findings of this report are summarised below:

- The remnant vegetation is an important example of this habitat with only 3% of pre-colonial native vegetation remaining within a 5km radius of Willaston Cemetery. Twenty two regionally threatened plant species were observed on site including six vulnerable, nine rare and seven near threatened plants
- In general the condition of the remaining remnant vegetation is good and appears to have a high capacity for natural regeneration if suitable management strategies are put in place. However, signs of stress were noted. An assessment of the existing endemic mallee box and native pine trees on site indicates that 40% of these trees have died
- One of the main factors affecting the health of the remnant vegetation is the presence of the sugar gums that have been introduced to the site. Introduced aleppo pines and swamp oaks, to a lesser extent, are also an issue. Weeds such as bridal creeper, soursob and olive trees are an ongoing problem
- The report also suggests the possibility of reintroducing small scale cultural burning practices to assist regeneration. Cultural burning methods concentrating on cool burns, could reduce much of the exotic annual grass thatch that has accumulated in some areas allowing more light to reach the soil surface enabling small plants to be observed that may normally be hidden by annual grasses. Potentially, seeds lying dormant in the soil will be stimulated to germinate, including species that have not been seen in the cemetery for some years. Native grasses are likely to respond positively to cultural burning practices and become more productive.
- The Vegetation Management Plan provides seven recommendations that have been incorporated into the Policies & Implementation section of the 2024 Willaston Cemetery Conservation Plan.



Legend

1. Historic Gates and Main Entrance to Cemetery
2. Bus Stop
3. Toilets
4. Spoil Bin
5. Path Through Vegetation Reserve
6. Pedestrian Access Paths
7. Paved Cemetery Roadways
8. Cleared Burial Area (believed to be the site of former Pauper Burials)
9. Precious Souls and Babies Memorial Gardens
10. Lawn Burial Area
11. Central Columbarium Niche Walls
12. Landscaping and Rose Gardens
13. Remnant Vegetation

▲ **Figure 2.1** Existing Site Plan

Traffic and Roadways

The main roadways within Willaston Cemetery have been paved over a period of time beginning in the 1990’s with the paving of the central north-south avenue, and continuing up to the present day with the outer roadway to Blocks 1 and 3 being recently completed. Roadways are paved with interlocking concrete unit pavers with a wide concrete flush kerb to the edges. Storm water infrastructure was also installed and upgraded as paving works have been completed.

The condition of the roadways varies depending on the age of the paving. The older roadways are showing signs of significant deterioration in the surface of the paving as well as to the concrete edging. Newer sections of paving are in very good condition. There is no clear definition of publicly accessible areas or parking. The entry is confusing and the location of the spoil bin creates potential clashes between public and maintenance vehicles. Roadways within the Cemetery are currently shared between pedestrians and vehicles which creates a potential risk of conflict. Pedestrian movement into and within the Cemetery is currently informally managed with several access points through the outer reserve and via the main entry. Access into the native vegetation area is restricted by fencing.

Any vehicle management strategy will need to carefully consider the ongoing requirements for operations and maintenance vehicles as well as vehicle access for people with disabilities or mobility restrictions together with access for emergency vehicles.

Any plans or works regarding pedestrian and vehicle movement must consider the needs of people who have disabilities or mobility restrictions.



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Figure 2.2 Main north-south roadway looking north towards centre of circle.



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Figure 2.3 Existing paving and concrete kerb of main north-south roadway.



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Figure 2.4 Existing spoil bin at main entry to cemetery.

Noise

Cemeteries are places of reflection and remembrance and a calm peaceful environment helps facilitate this. The impact of traffic noise from the Sturt Highway that runs adjacent to the north western boundary of the cemetery has been identified as a concern due to its detrimental influence on the peacefulness of the cemetery. The highway is a main arterial route between Adelaide, Gawler, Barossa Valley, agricultural regions to the north of Adelaide and the Riverland to the east. It is an important freight route and as traffic increases over time the impact on the cemetery will also increase. Maintaining the value of the cemetery as a place of quiet remembrance will require consideration of strategies for noise reduction.

Managing the impacts of traffic noise requires specialist acoustic advice and would require coordination with State Government and the Department for Infrastructure & Transport.

Potential solutions include installation of a solid wall between the highway and the cemetery which could provide interpretive opportunities and enhance awareness of the presence of the cemetery for passing traffic. An earth berm or mound could also be a viable solution and could provide landscaping opportunity and potentially expand the area of remnant vegetation. Any acoustic interventions need to be located to avoid impact on the remnant perimeter vegetation.

Storm Water Management

Storm water management on site currently largely consists of redirection of run-off through shallow swales and collection in side entry pits spread across the site to the sides of paved roadways. The site falls gently from north-east to south-west so any water not captured runs to the south-western side of the cemetery.

A detailed survey of the storm water infrastructure has not been undertaken, but it appears that some of the storm water collected through side entry pits is discharged to a basin at the western corner of the site. Remaining storm water presumably discharges into the mains infrastructure in Dawkins Avenue.

Run-off has caused some scouring to occur across the site, particularly on the south-eastern side of the cemetery where the burial area meets the remnant vegetation and at the main entry around the toilet building. There is evidence of some ponding within the cemetery in flat areas which become muddy in wet weather and contributes to the development of pot holes. The issues add to maintenance requirements across the site, have the potential to cause damage to grave sites and impact on vehicle and pedestrian access.

Signage & Wayfinding

Existing wayfinding signage at Willaston Cemetery is limited to a map at the main entrance to the cemetery. This is complimented by an online map that gives detailed information on the location of burials. A QR code that links to this online map is also available at the cemetery entrance. There are currently no row markers or other wayfinding elements within the cemetery.

There is a brief historical summary of the cemetery at the main entry alongside the map, but no other interpretive elements on the site. Other signage includes notifications of Council works, 'Dog on Leash' signs, 'Bush for Life' signage and warning signs. This signage is generally of an adhoc nature and there is currently no cohesive strategy.

Other Site Infrastructure

Other existing infrastructure on site such as bins, taps, lighting, fencing and bollards is generally practical and fit for purpose. Amenities such as bins and taps are scattered around the site for convenient access. Bins are mostly plastic wheelie bins on stands. The bin adjacent to the toilet block is in a standard metal cover. Taps are mounted on stakes. Opportunities to integrate this infrastructure in locations such as seating nodes would assist in de-cluttering the cemetery together with the development of a suite of urban furniture that complements the cemetery (contemporary contextual design is recommended, not historicist).

Toilets

The existing toilet building at the main entrance is old and in need of significant upgrade or replacement. The visual amenity of the toilet building is negatively impacted by services, signage and a bin, all located on the side of the structure facing the entry gates. The surrounding landscaping consists of a small concrete skirting around the toilets with gravel beyond.



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Figure 2.5 Side entry pit

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Figure 2.6 Cemetery entrance map
signage

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Figure 2.7 Toilets at main entry



3.0 Master Plan Strategies

Following site analysis, several site strategies have been developed to provide a framework for the Master Plan and proposed works on the site. These strategies build on the policies developed in the 2024 Conservation Management Plan (CMP) and address issues and opportunities identified through the site analysis and consultation.

- The three site strategies are:
- Focal Points
 - People & Vehicles
 - Connecting the Landscape

Focal Points

The formal and generally symmetrical diamond shaped layout of Willaston Cemetery creates a strong geometry and natural points of focus. This is reinforced by the hierarchical grid layout of roadways and paths.

Currently the main focus within the cemetery is the central circular columbarium space with the trees and grass planted there providing a green beacon in an otherwise fairly sparse setting. The main entry also currently provides a point of focus as it is the main point of access for most visitors and the gates have a strong physical presence.

The Master Plan aims to reinforce these existing focal points, as well as provide alternative points of interest and amenity that strengthen the formal qualities of the cemetery.

This strategy also enhances amenity by linking with existing access points and circulation routes within the cemetery. Overleaf figure 3.1 demonstrates the proposed hierarchy of focal points within Willaston Cemetery. Existing key focal points at the main entry and centre are highlighted. Upgrades to these spaces should aim to enhance the existing features and reinforce them as key anchors within the site.

Key threshold points at the corners of the diamond are also identified. Development in the areas should aim to create markers that visually reinforce the geometry of the cemetery, also act as gateways into the cemetery and provide much needed shade, seating and opportunity for wayfinding and interpretive information.

Secondary nodes within the cemetery have been identified at key intersections between roadways. These points create opportunity within the cemetery to provide additional shade, seating and visual amenity located to further reinforce the formal geometry of the cemetery.

People & Vehicles

The existing vehicle access and circulation is largely uncontrolled with the general public able to enter the cemetery via the main gates or the adjacent minor entry on Cemetery Road with access to all roadways and pathways within the cemetery. There is also evidence of vehicle movement through area of unmarked burials. There are no marked formal parking areas within the cemetery.

Consultation has highlighted the challenges associated with managing larger numbers of cars within the site when there are large scale funerals and burials at the cemetery.

Pedestrian access currently occurs via the main gates or access points at the north and east corners, as well as pathways through the native vegetation reserve on Cemetery Road. The cemetery is effectively a shared vehicle and pedestrian zone with little distinction or hierarchy between pedestrian access and vehicle access.

The aim of the traffic and pedestrian strategy as shown in figure 3.2 is to provide clearer demarcation between trafficable areas and non-trafficable areas and introduce a level of hierarchy between pedestrian, vehicle and ceremonial paths and roadways. Public access to the site by vehicle is not restricted, but clearer circulation and parking will make managing traffic during peak times easier and reduce maintenance and the risk of damage to grave sites. Formalising parking along Cemetery Road with appropriate signage will encourage people to park here, reducing the vehicular impact within the cemetery.

The development of parking bays is proposed along the east-west roadways and the perimeter roadway to improve access for visitors with mobility challenges attending burials and visiting grave sites.

The design approach to the redevelopment of roadways and parking areas should be low-key to maintain a sense of informality, retaining the character of the cemetery.

Stormwater management needs to be integrated into the redevelopment of roadways and paths to eliminate the need for unsightly side-entry pits.

Connecting the Landscape

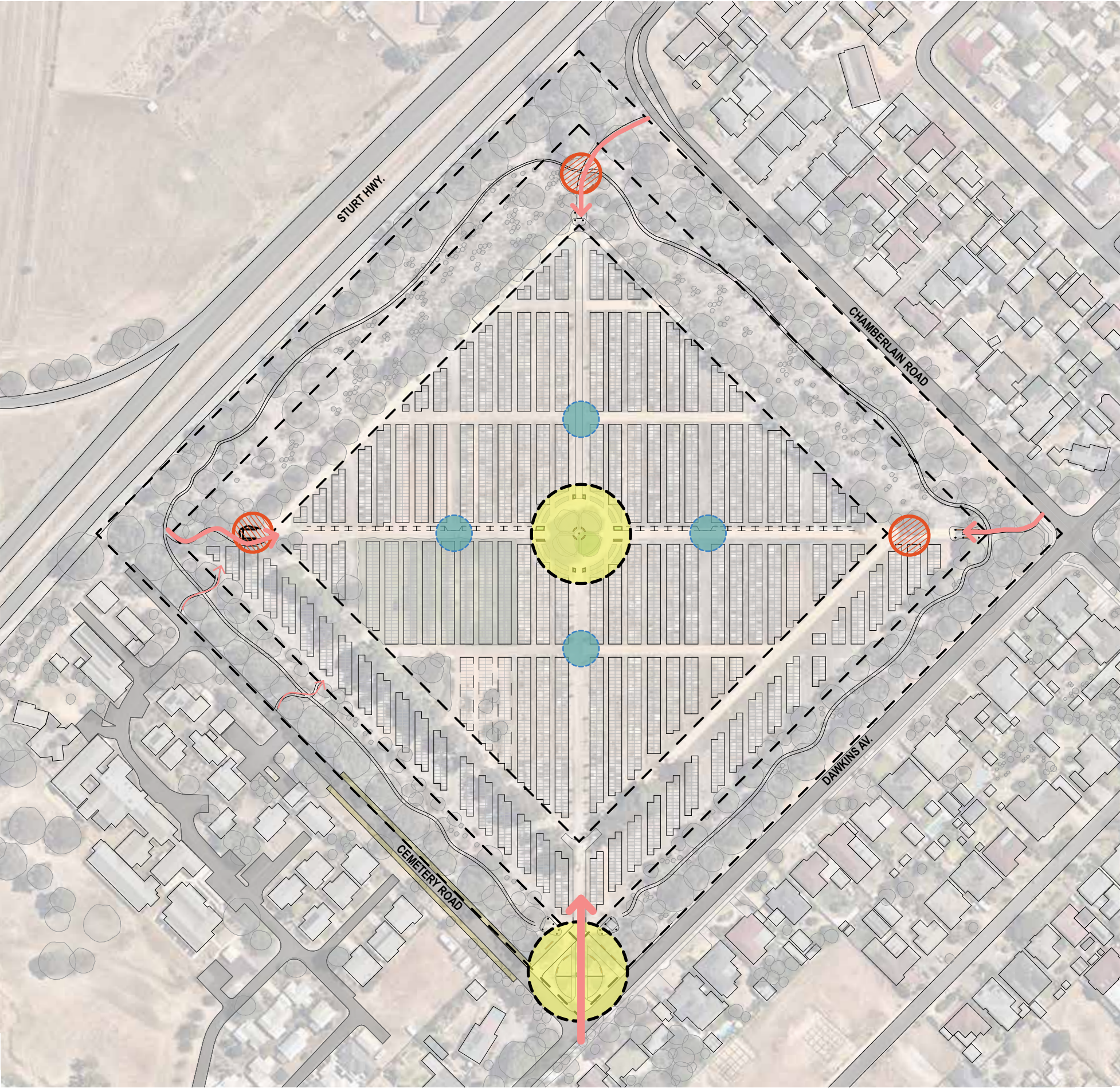
Existing cemetery landscape is currently dominated by the native vegetation reserve around the perimeter of the cemetery, sugar gums along the south west and south east road ways, the cypress avenue, and the established trees and rose gardens at the centre. The lawn burial area also currently stands out in the sparsely vegetated central diamond. The Precious Souls and Babies Memorial garden provides some relief and valuable green space on the south western side of the cemetery.

These areas are currently disconnected with large parts of the cemetery dominated by hard paved and gravel surfaces and containing little or no planting.

The landscape strategy focusses on enhancing what is already there as well as connecting these areas with strategic interventions.

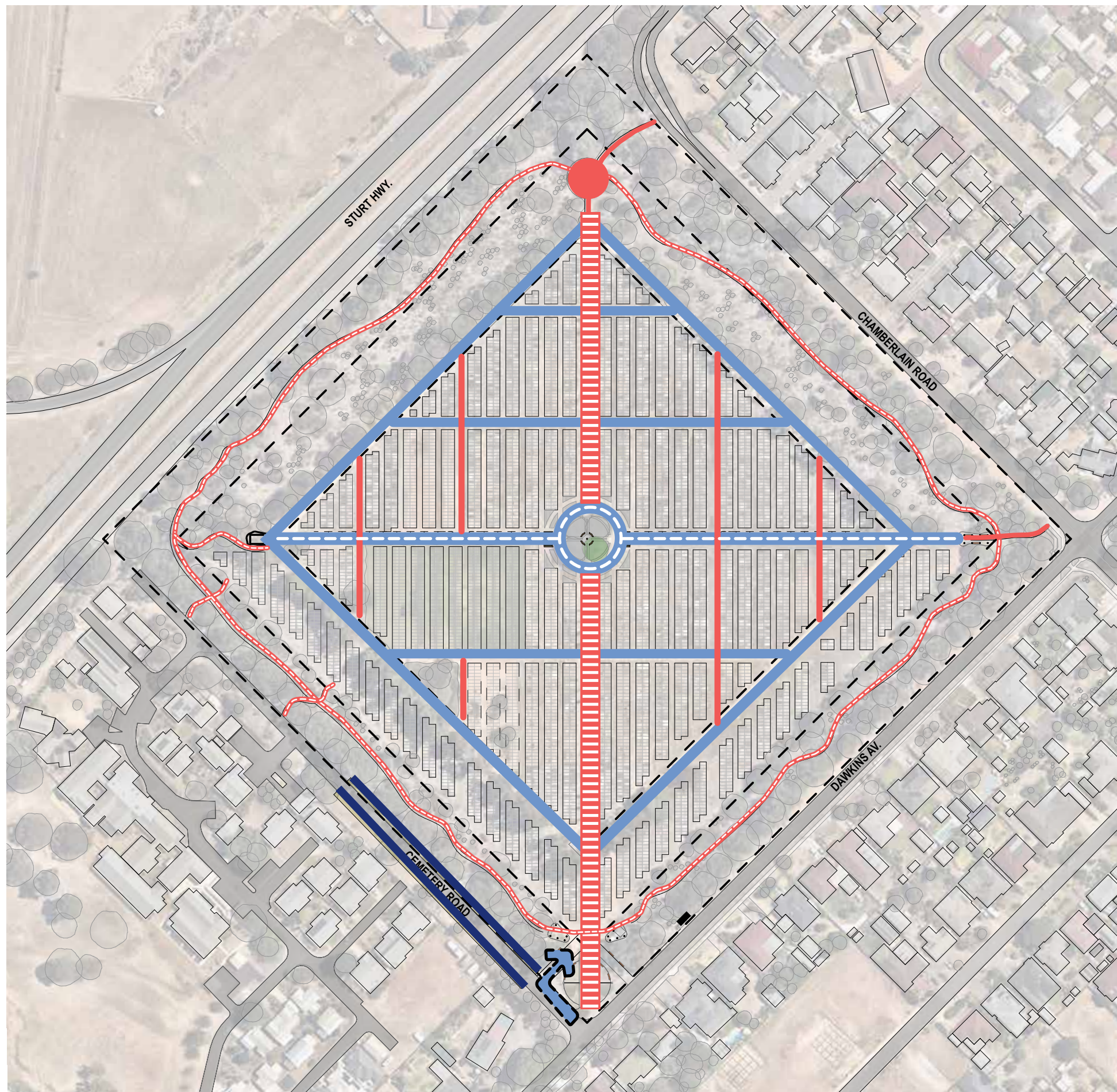
As shown in figure 3.3, the focus for new landscape works is to the central north-south and east-west roadways to connect the perimeter green space to the central columbarium space. There is also potential to introduce areas of re-wilding into the south-eastern and south-western sections of the cemetery where the burial area has encroached on the original vegetation reserve.

New plantings should comprise endemic species, preferably propagated from seed collected on site. The Gawler Environment and Heritage Association has offered to assist and maintains its own nursery, which grows appropriate plant species.



- Legend**
- Existing Upgraded Focus Points
 - Key Thresholds
 - Secondary Nodes
 - Pedestrian Access Points

▲ **Figure 3.1** Focal Point Hierarchy

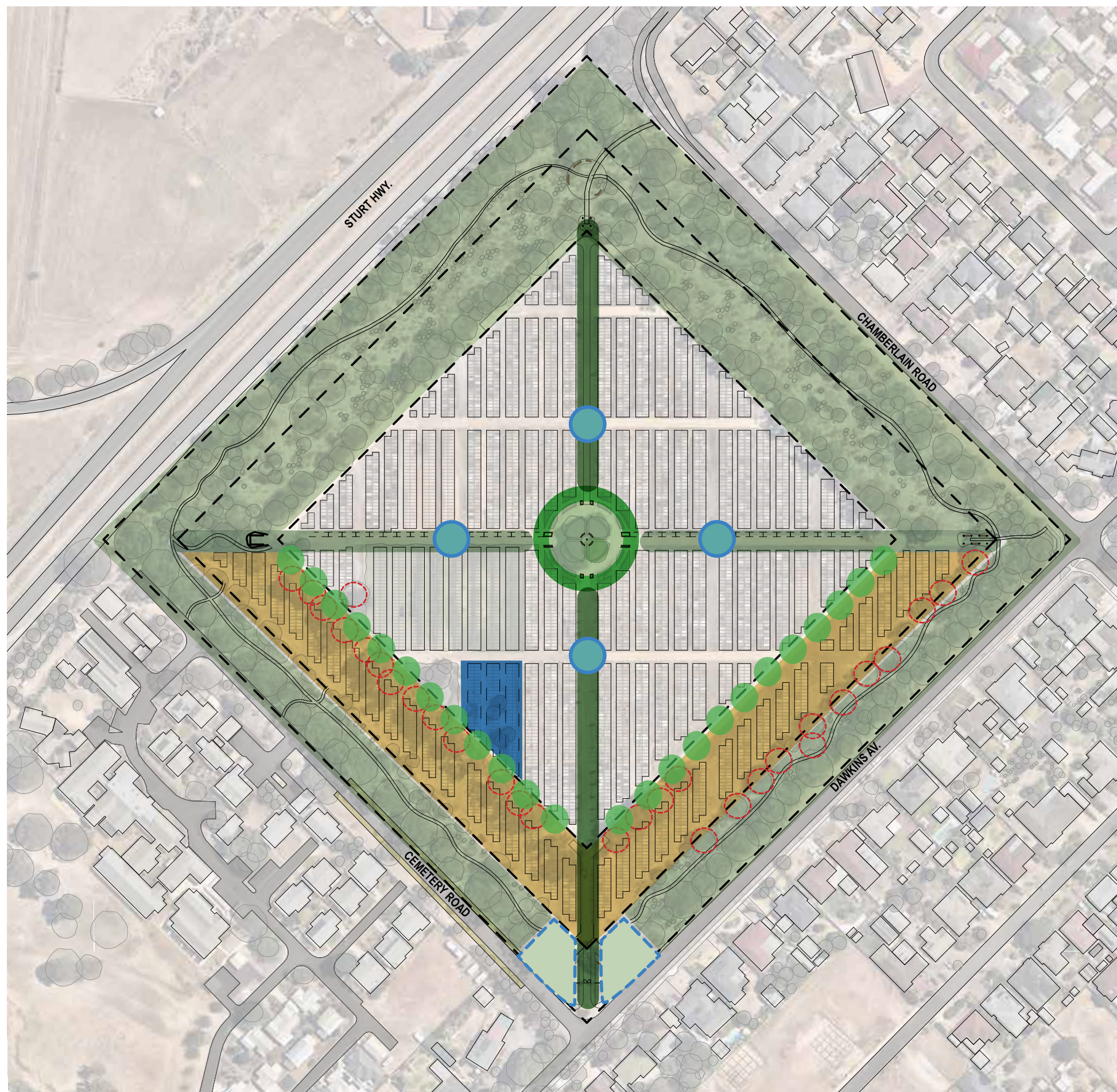


Legend

- Formalised Pedestrian Path
- - - Secondary Pedestrian Access Path
- ||||| Pedestrian & Ceremonial Vehicle Access
- Shared Vehicle + Pedestrian
One-way (clockwise)
- - - Secondary Shared Vehicle + Pedestrian and Parking
- New Parallel Parking
- ↗ New Vehicle Entry

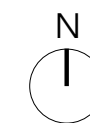


▲ **Figure 3.2** Vehicular and Pedestrian Hierarchy



Legend

- Enhance Ecological Reserve
Promote 1836 vegetation & ecological regeneration
- Ceremonial Spine and Plantings
Infill Avenues with salt tolerant and endemic native pine (*callitris gracillis*)
- Green Links Within Site
Increase tree canopy & passive shading
- Phased removal of *Cladroxylon* sp.
Introduce successive replacement planting of *eucalyptus porosa* (mallee box)
- Secondary Nodes
Introduce inner ring of tree planting
Increase tree canopy & passive shading
- Contemporary Inurnment Garden
New plantings + low walls connect 'Lost souls' + formal landscape character
- Re-wild the Cemetery Landscape
Indigenous, low plantings to reserve pathways and plots + small trees to triangular spaces at ends of rows
- Central Arbour + Pavement Upgrade
Climbing species tbc
- Connected and Comfortable Entrance Landscape
Lawn, Shelter and amenities suitable for gathering



▲ **Figure 3.3** Proposed Landscape Master Plan for Willaston Cemetery

3.1 Proposed Master Plan

The proposed Master Plan shown in figure 3.4 provides a cohesive vision for works at Willaston Cemetery in line with the Conservation Management Plan (2024) and the brief. The Master Plan addresses issues and opportunities that have been identified through site analysis, consultation with stakeholders and collaboration with our team of specialist consultants.

Figure 3.4 illustrates the overall site plan of the cemetery at the completion of all stages of the Master Plan.

Section 3.3 describes the proposed staging strategy to achieve the completed Master Plan with more detail of design ideas provided in Section 3.7.

A brief overview of the major interventions proposed is summarised below.

Entrances

Main Entrance Garden

The redevelopment of the main entrance is the largest project proposed and will significantly upgrade the entrance experience. The entrance roadway is reconfigured by relocating the spoil bin enabling the main entrance to be accessed from Cemetery Road. The historic cast iron gates are celebrated with a new shared pedestrian and funeral cortège entrance on axis with the cemetery's central spine.

New toilets and a matching shelter structure flank the entrance at the transition from perimeter remnant vegetation to the diamond cemetery layout.

Formal and mirrored arrangements of eucalyptus leucoxylon reinforce the ceremonial spine, and axial pathway for pedestrian access and ceremonial occasion. A central no-mow lawn has the heritage entrance gates as a centrepiece, surrounded by drifts of loose plantings of native and hardy Mediterranean species which provide a mix of form, scale and texture.

Axial Entries

Flanking structures announce north and east entrances as a gateway to the formal cemetery layout from pedestrian access via Chamberlain Rd and provide a focal point for the terminus of the north-south and east-west axes. These structures will provide shaded seating and interpretive opportunities with linkages to the pathways within the perimeter native vegetation zone.

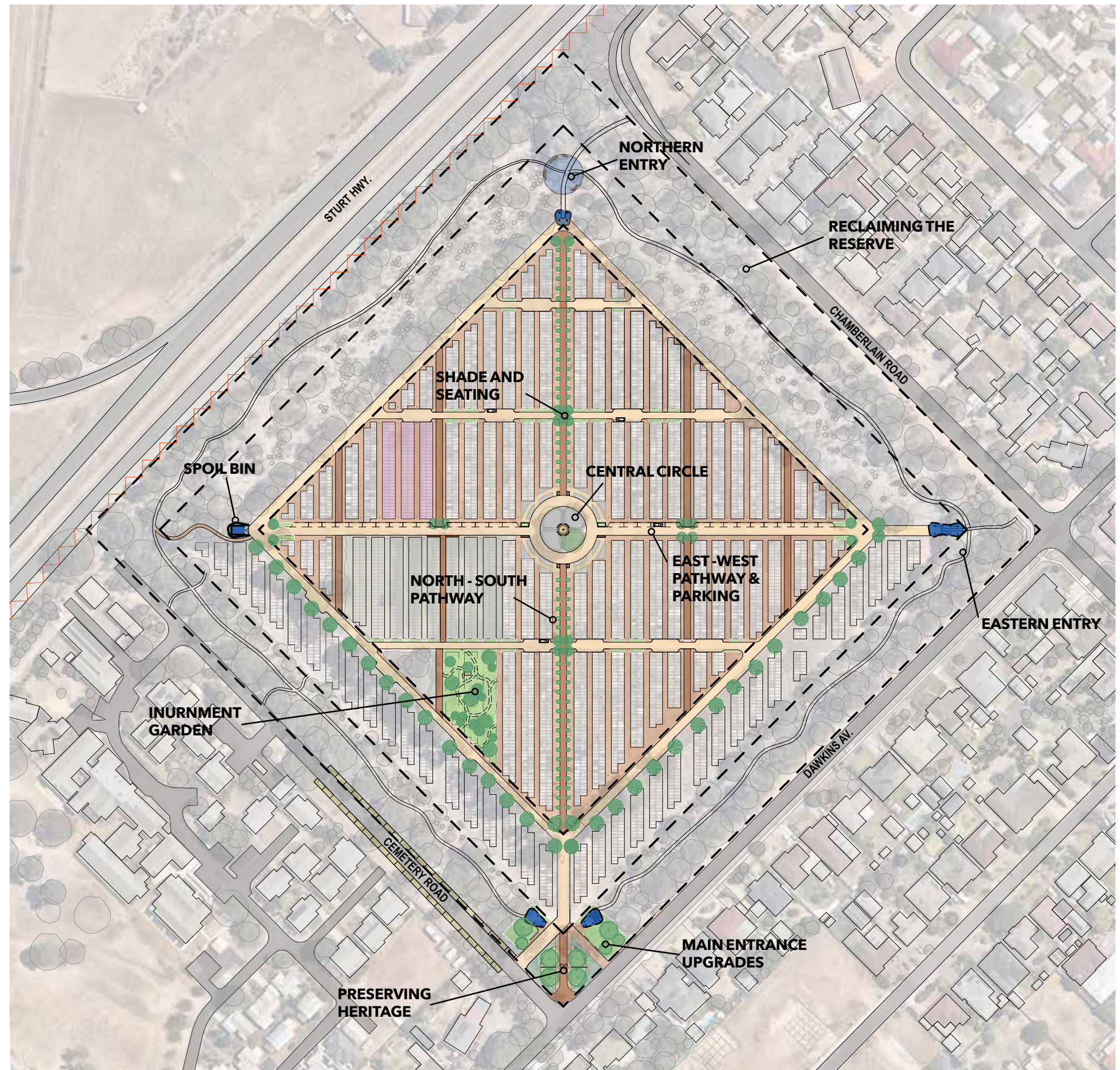


Figure 3.4 Proposed Master Plan for Willaston Cemetery

The development of the design for the main entrance and axial entry structures needs to be approached as a coordinated family of structures that relate in terms of design scale, materiality, finish, and colour. It is anticipated that the two entrance structures will be of a symmetrical design to complement the axial nature of the cemetery and will be larger than the proposed northern and eastern entry structures. The structures sit within the original perimeter reserve and need to connect with the natural environment. They should be minimalistic and elegantly detailed to avoid visual prominence.

Central Circle

The cemetery’s centre piece is upgraded with new circular seating to support small gatherings and provide respite. Perimeter plantings at the junction with the north-south and east-west spine are proposed to create a threshold to the central circle. Exposed concrete carriageway and columbarium pavements connect the north-south spine and harmonise the centre. Reinvigoration of the heritage rose garden, with clipped hedge under-planting to match the existing, will enhance the central circle.

Main North-South Pathway

The commemorative spine and heritage entrance gates reinforce the cemetery’s historic plan. The arrival landscape and columbarium are connected with upgraded pavements bound by flush concrete edging with exposed local aggregate. Avenue plantings of southern slender pine with cushions of hardy Mediterranean succulents, symbolic plantings and silver foliage perennials are proposed. Nodes at main intersections offers opportunities to pause, sit, and offer relief with shaded tree plantings.

East-West Shared Pathway

Slowed traffic movement on existing paved axis is proposed with parking opportunities for up to 30 cars to facilitate easy access to grave sites. This axis is punctuated by inline garden beds at secondary nodes, with shade trees of locally appropriate species to shade new seating.

Spoil Bin

The spoil bin is to be relocated to the western corner in an existing clearing. Screening to the spoil bin can integrate interpretation.

Reclaiming (Re-wilding) the Reserve

Reinstating the perimeter remnant vegetation reserve landscape, with low plantings of indigenous and endemic shrubs and grasses propagated from locally collected seeds to restore this important historic landscape is proposed. Plantings will be self-regenerating, colonising areas of the landscape with minimal maintenance required.

There are opportunities for new plantings around the perimeter of the cemetery, with the removal of sugar gums and replacement with eucalyptus porosa along roadways. Ends of grave rows provide opportunities for taller plantings (such as bursaria spinosa and eucalyptus porosa).

Inurnment Garden

A new contemporary inurnment garden is proposed adjacent to the Precious Souls Babies Memorial Garden. This garden will provide new opportunities for inurnment with existing memorials/graves to remain and be incorporated into the design and will transform a largely barren section of the cemetery.

Meandering rubble pathways, connecting the cemetery avenues and Precious Souls garden and perimeter landscape are proposed with low local stone walls for inurnment and memorialisation, whilst honouring and retaining the existing and restored burial sites. The Friends of Willaston Cemetery have prepared a list of known burials in this area, (refer to Appendix G) which should be integrated with the design. Breakout spaces offer places to sit and reflect. A mix of native and symbolic planting species will extend the Precious Souls garden in a contemporary manner.

3.2 Interpretation Strategy

Introduction

The following section outlines the emerging framework for interpretive opportunities for the Willaston Cemetery. It aims to provide a map of specific tactics and spatial layouts for a story-telling overlay that can elevate the experience of being in the place and reveal its significance as a state heritage site.

Visitors

It is important to have some understanding of who the visitors are: who are we designing for and who are we telling stories to. While historical facts are immutable, the way stories about them are told and how they are presented can vary, and be tailored to specific audiences.

Current Visitor Profile

Most visitors to Willaston Cemetery fall into the following categories:

- Those attending burial events
- Relatives
- Descendants
- Local residents - for general recreation and dog walking
- Casual visitors with a general interest in history
- Community members/friends group interested in managing the place

Less frequent, but important groups that visit the cemetery include:

- Genealogical researchers - some of the needs of this group may well be served by off-site means such as on-line databases
- Tourists - local, interstate and international - who are generally more inclined to spend money on experiences
- School/education groups

Target Audience

One of the aims of the broader development strategy is to develop a place / experience that will appeal to a broader audience. The decision to develop contemporary interpretive strategies is partly rooted in this aim. The target audience therefore, can be said to be all encompassing and while incorporating the current groupings and their expansion - i.e. building on the existing visitor interests, can start to consider more general tourism and cultural heritage visitors.

Although the stories to be told are predetermined by the place, the way in which each visitor group expects to understand those stories vary significantly - both conceptually and pragmatically. The strategies will reflect these differences.

Multiple Attractions

Multiple attractions offering diverse experiences are often the key to accessing a range of audiences. At the Willaston Cemetery, however, the scope for multiple attractions is limited. That said, it is possible to focus the same narrative in different ways, catering for the varying interests of different visitor groups. While the place is an operational cemetery, it is also a heritage site, and a type of natural environment conservation reserve.

Both event or tour-based experiences could be developed alongside expanded interpretation aimed at the self-guided experience.

School & Education Groups

School groups are seen as a particularly important visitor group, not just in terms of visitor numbers but because of the importance of assisting the next generation to understand and value our cultural heritage. That understanding and valuing is essential to the continued conservation of Willaston Cemetery.

Curriculum can be developed around the cemetery's history and the environmental importance of the remnant vegetation reserve. Interpretation should not only be accessible to students, providing stimulation, challenge and being thought provoking, but it should also be something they can relate to and enjoy.

One current difficulty for school groups is the lack of a sheltered gathering place.

Issues & Opportunities

The Willaston Cemetery offers a number of interpretive opportunities as a place of historic interest, together with some identified constraints.

Issues:

- Interpretation at entry zone is disparate and confused with risk management signage dominating
- There are no destination points or facilities at the termination of the main axes
- There is no overview history or narrative context

- Limited interpretation of the natural vegetation perimeter zone
- Limited shaded/protected gathering area for groups
- Carparking is ill-defined
- Noise from the adjacent highway detracts from the experience
- The identity of the place is confusing: Operating cemetery, Historic site, Natural environment conservation zone
- While the location of the toilets near the entry and orientation point is appropriate, they are intrusive and negatively affect the experience
- The current layout of the central location at the cross-axes point offers limited opportunity for resting or general review

Opportunities:

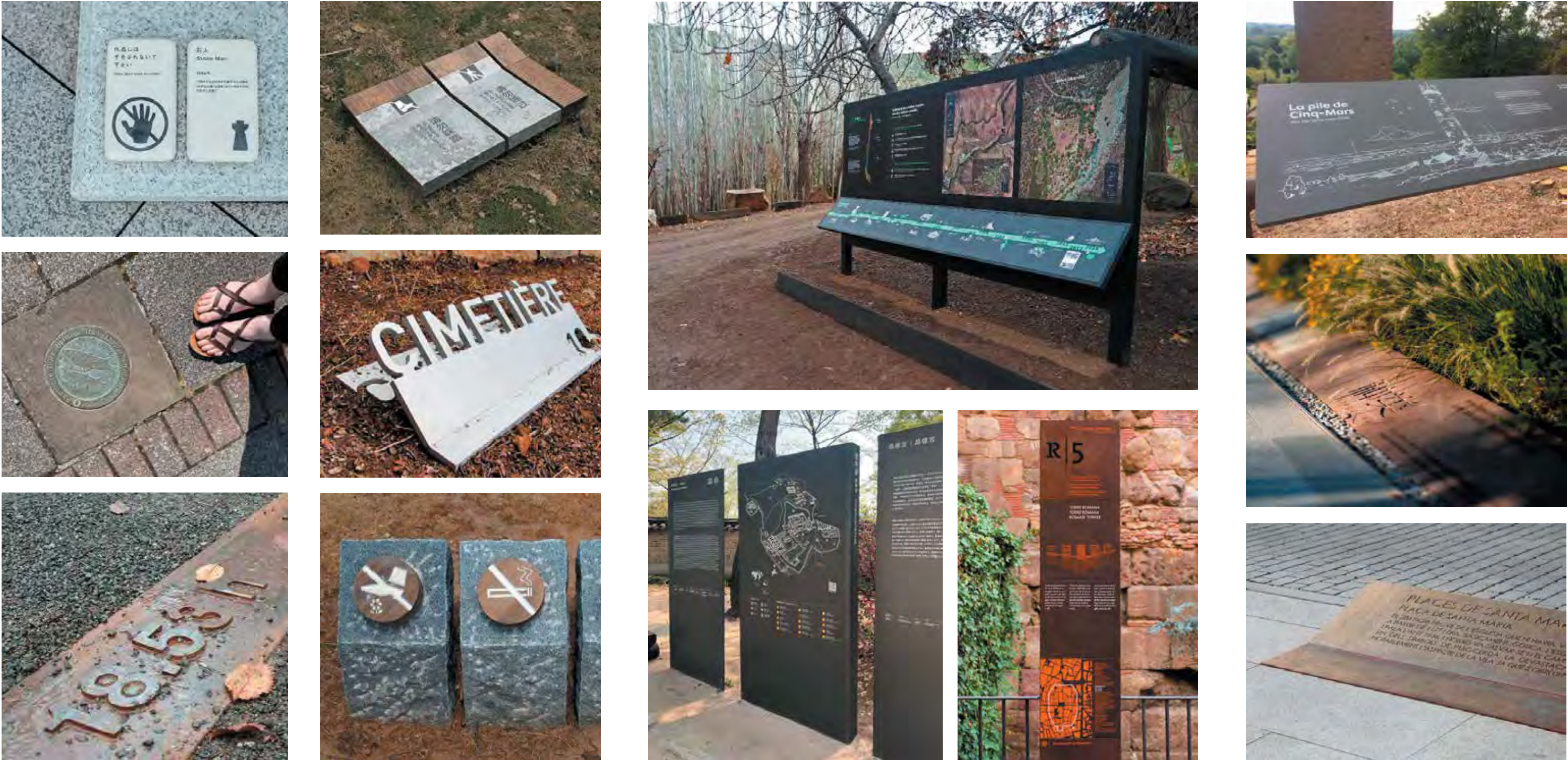
- Resolve the mixed identities through organised interpretation. Identities vary for different audiences but there needs to be a stronger sense that encompasses all
- Improve and extend the existing on-site interpretation to encompass more contextual material
- Develop online opportunities to provide more detailed information about particular groups, individuals, elements, or related events
- Look toward connecting the site to other sites (cemeteries) across the Barossa/Light area as a broader but stronger experience. These connections are not envisaged as a formalised trail, but simply setting this Cemetery within the broader context of regional historical sites and illuminating any specific connections
- Improve amenity throughout (shade, seating etc.) for a stronger sense of place, reflection and connection
- Improve the spatial narrative presentation by relocating/re-framing toilet facilities
- Develop destination points at the termination of both ends of the major axes
- Improve and formalise secondary entry points
- Provide shelter within the redevelopment, to support school group visits and other visitor group gatherings

Key Themes

The key themes to be communicated to the visitor to Willaston Cemetery arise directly from the statements of significance and the investigation of the physical evidence of the place. Consideration has also been given to the views expressed by stakeholders in consultations.

Proposed Signage Types

Three levels of signage are proposed with precedent images for each illustrated below.



Sign Type A - Wayfinding and Risk Management

Wayfinding and labelling related to operations, generally ground-based and using limited text and robust materials. These elements would identify rows and corridors, while also providing QR codes for cross-connection to the website.

▲ Figure 3.5 Precedent interpretation and signage

Sign Type B - Orientation and Connectivity

Provides general orientation maps with information about the history of the site, its layout, significance, and potentially other cemeteries or connected places within the locality. Likely to be totem elements and potentially integrated into walls or structures. Likely to comprise two levels: a major sign at the entry, with smaller versions located at the centre and at the north node.

Sign Type C - Incidental, Provocative/Story

Interpretative incidental elements and poetic in nature. They provide snippets of information that points towards its significance without full explanation.

The following key themes to be communicated in the interpretation of Willaston Cemetery have been identified. They are not listed in any particular order of importance and reference the Australian Heritage Commission (AHC) Australian Historic Themes:

- A. The natural environment provides the foundation upon which all the stories of human occupation of the place rest. (AHC Themes 1.1 – 1.4)
- B. Aboriginal people have had a long and continuing association with the area now covered by Willaston and Gawler, an association dramatically altered by European settlement with its attendant conflict and dispossession. (AHC Theme 2.1)
- C. The cemetery represents, in physical form a biographical index of early European settlement. It particularly reflects the development of industry in Gawler, including its foundries, monumental masons, and undertakers. (AHC Themes 3.2 – 3.16, 8.7, 8.8)
- D. Religion, in its various denominational forms and changing relationships to the secular state, was an important factor in colonial life. (AHC Themes 8.6)
- E. The disposal of bodies was not just a religious concern but also a highly practical one. (AHC Themes 4., 4.2, 9.7)
- F. The various burial practices, funerary rites and monumental designs reflect differences between cultures, religions and denominations as well as their changes over time. (AHC Themes 8.6, 9.7)
- G. The memorialisation of the dead can be both a private and a public enterprise. Although it primarily occurs shortly after the death it can be ongoing, often interspersed with periods of forgetfulness and neglect
- H. Willaston cemetery has been in continuous use since it was founded. (AHC Themes 8.7 – 8.9)

Interpretation Policies

The following interpretation policies articulate the core principles and procedures which should be followed when interpreting the Willaston Cemetery:

- The primary purpose of interpreting the place is to transmit to the public the heritage significance and values of the place
- All interpretation should be consistent with the conservation policy as set out in the conservation plans and respect the integrity of all extant fabric.
- The interpretation should acknowledge the prior occupation and custodianship of the place by Kaurna people and reflect the strength of their culture prior to European settlement and their

ongoing connection to the Place

- The location of unknown graves should be marked in a simple, unobtrusive and uniform manner
- All grave sites should continue to be recorded using a single numbering/location system
- Wayfinding and grave identification systems should be clear but remain subtle and not distract from the existing aesthetic character
- Consolidate the orientation and interpretive overview close to the main entry
- Interpretation of existing monuments and headstones should be ancillary and ‘removed’; i.e. in brochures, on the web, by guided tours, or located within the redeveloped entry area
- Any re-memorialisation should occur away from the historic grave sites
- The interpretation should focus not just on the remaining monuments and the ‘well known’ figures of history, but extend to the stories of those lesser-known people buried there as well as the missing monuments and unmarked graves
- Identification of particular groups such as WWI veterans can be undertaken, primarily via the orientation information on-site or via a digital overlay app
- The interpretation should identify links between this cemetery and others
- The interpretation should not simply repeat old myths but challenge visitors to rethink what they might normally take for granted
- The stories told should never be considered fully told. The interpretation should contain within itself mechanisms, such as ongoing evaluation and information gathering, for its own continuing development
- Facilities for larger visitor groups should be incorporated
- On-line interpretation can be expanded and improved/ upgraded as resources become available

Interpretation Strategies

From the identified policies, the following is a list of emerging strategies or specific projects that aim to improve the experience:

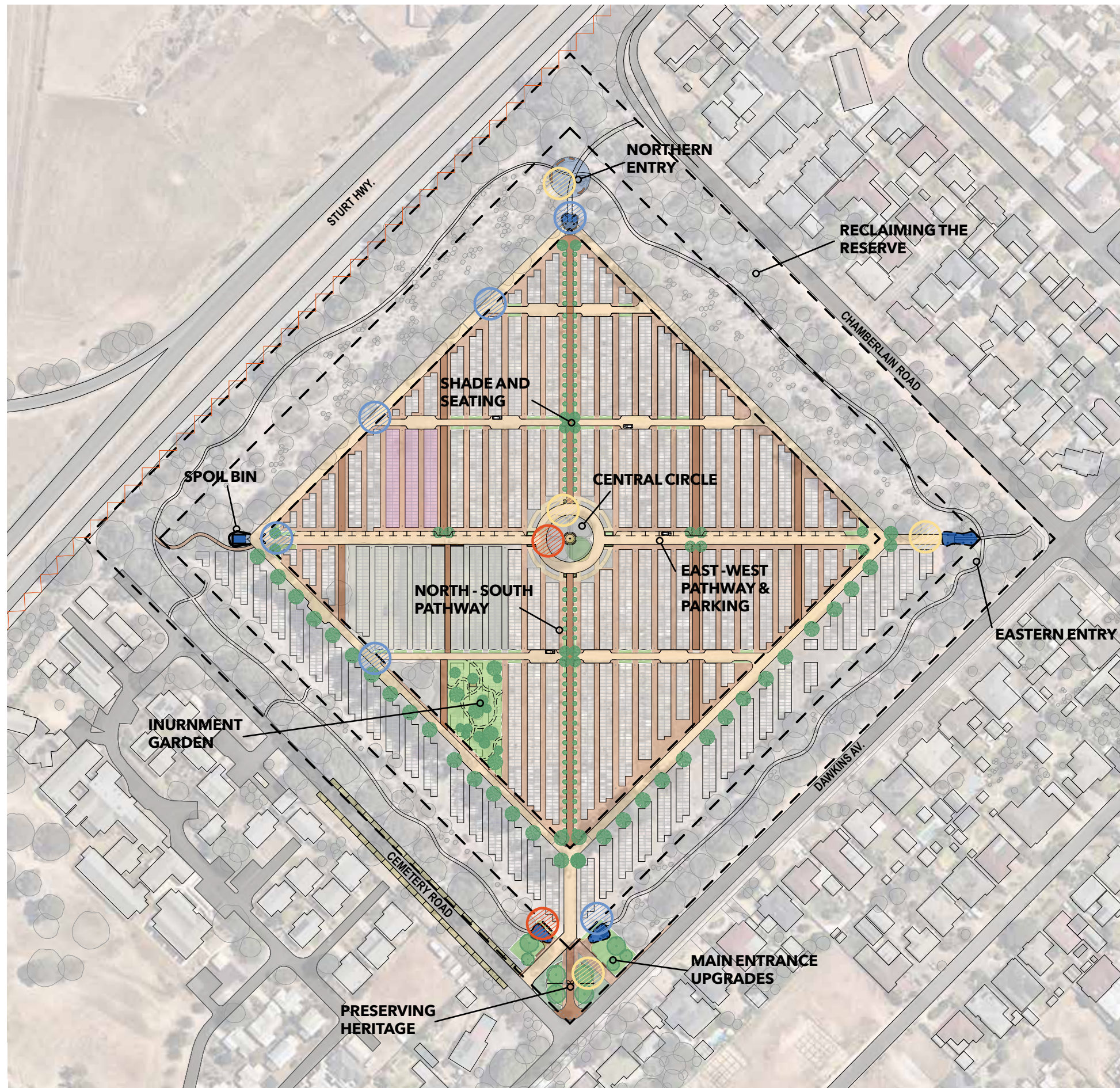
- Establish interpretive nodes at the termination of the two main axes: End points – corners should be developed as reflective spaces and destinations – focussing on particular aspects of the story. Interpretive material used here should be considered as

incidental or poetic as indicated in Type C - Figure 3.5

- Update and upgrade the entry and arrival area including interpretive material (interpretive signage Type B - Figure 3.5) which should be integrated into a more seamless presentation format. Upgrade the toilet facility and redesign its immediate context to be more sympathetic to the experience
- Provide a shelter structure for groups of visitors including school groups as an orientation point within the redeveloped entry area
- A series of grave site trails could be developed, each with its own theme appealing to a different audience group. Such themes could be based on an almost limitless number of concepts including:
 - Headstone styles and iconography
 - The development of the colony
 - Exploration
 - Causes of death
 - Religious differences
 - Particular families and associations
- Develop a multi-level wayfinding system that is aesthetically appropriate with row markers built in at paving and ground level. Refer to interpretive signage Type A - Figure 3.5
- Develop/redesign the central zone as a key destination and interpretive location
- Stories presented could incorporate references to other cemeteries within the Light and Barossa regions

The Friends of Willaston Cemetery have undertaken a significant amount of research around stories and the general history associated with the Place, and continue to do so. As mentioned in the policies, the stories are considered to never be completely told and the aim is to continue to build on these through that ongoing research. These form the basis of experiences that have resonance and are accessible to a range of audiences. These storylines might include:

- The story of the creation of the cemetery in 1858, its surveyed layout incorporating a perimeter vegetation reserve
- The design became the template cemetery design throughout the state replicated in the region at Freeling, Dutton, Goyder, Strangways
- Surveying and layout
- Original flora and fauna and changes over time
- Geology
- Cemeteries management and regulatory framework



Legend

-  Signage Type A
-  Signage Type B
-  Signage Type C

3.3 Master Plan Staging

Introduction

A staging strategy has been developed proposing ten stages over a ten year plus period to achieve an orderly implementation of the Master Plan with the timing subject to the availability of funding. The expectation is that Council will allocate funding to enable a project or projects to occur on an annual basis. The scope of projects varies with larger projects such as the construction of new toilets potentially able to be assisted by grant funding. Larger projects may need to be constructed over two financial years. The following pages illustrate the proposed staging with preliminary concepts illustrating some of the key projects proposed.

Landscape, signage and infrastructure illustrated in the diagram after Stage 10 will be implemented progressively throughout each stage within the corresponding areas of the site.

The development of noise mitigation measures to reduce the impact of traffic noise from the Sturt Highway requires further investigation and would need substantial grant funding from the State or Federal Government for implementation of an acoustic barrier.

S1 Relocate Spoil Bin & New Parking On Cemetery Road



S2 Upgrades to Main Entrance Area



S3 Main Entrance Area Structures



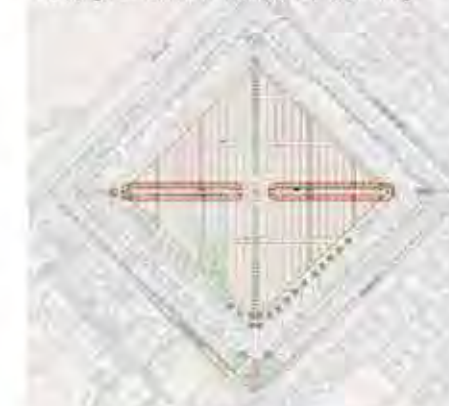
S4 New Gathering Point & Entry Point



S5 Develop Inurnment & Memorials Area



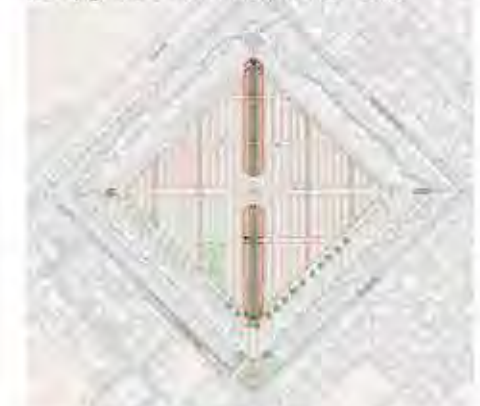
S6 Upgrade Main East /West Roadway



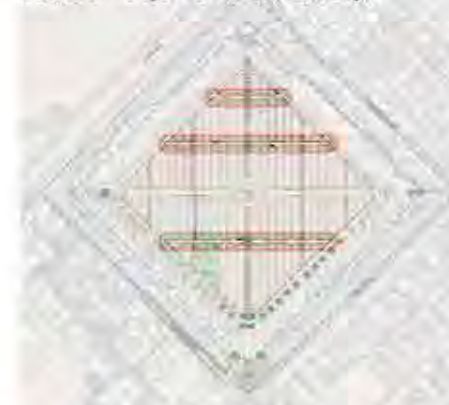
S7 Works To Central Area & Pedestrian Paths (North/South)



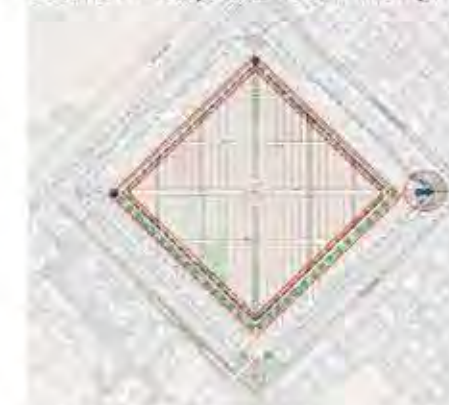
S8 Upgrades To North/South Avenue



S9 Secondary East/West Roadways



S10 Eastern Entry & Perimeter Roadways



Landscape, Signage & Infrastructure Work



Future Considerations - Acoustic



Stage 1



Stage 1 - Relocate Spoil Bin & New Parking On Cemetery Road

- Relocate spoil bin to the existing cleared space at the end of the intersection of the existing roadways at the western corner of the cemetery
- Remove 3 sugar gums in western corner adjacent grave sites
- Install screen around spoil bin to 2.1 m with weathering steel or material that blends in with the surrounding natural environment
- Incorporate interpretive design elements into the screen if funding permits
- Provide new single gravel pathway linking existing path in native vegetation reserve to western corner of cemetery
- Planting around spoil bin to extend native vegetation and develop new path
- Provide new bench seating incorporated within landscape
- Create approximately 40 new parking spaces on Cemetery Road
- Detailed survey and traffic engineering is required to confirm exact configuration and number of car parks
- Parallel parking to both sides of Cemetery Road is indicative only

Stage 2



Stage 2 - Upgrades to Main Entrance Area

- Realign cemetery driveway and restrict vehicle access through historic gates with removable bollards to enable ceremonial route for funerals
- Widen and pave vehicle access from Cemetery Road into cemetery to make it the main vehicle entry point
- New landscaping around gates
- New seating incorporated within landscape
- New wayfinding and information signage incorporated within the landscape
- Upgrades to stormwater catchment and drainage

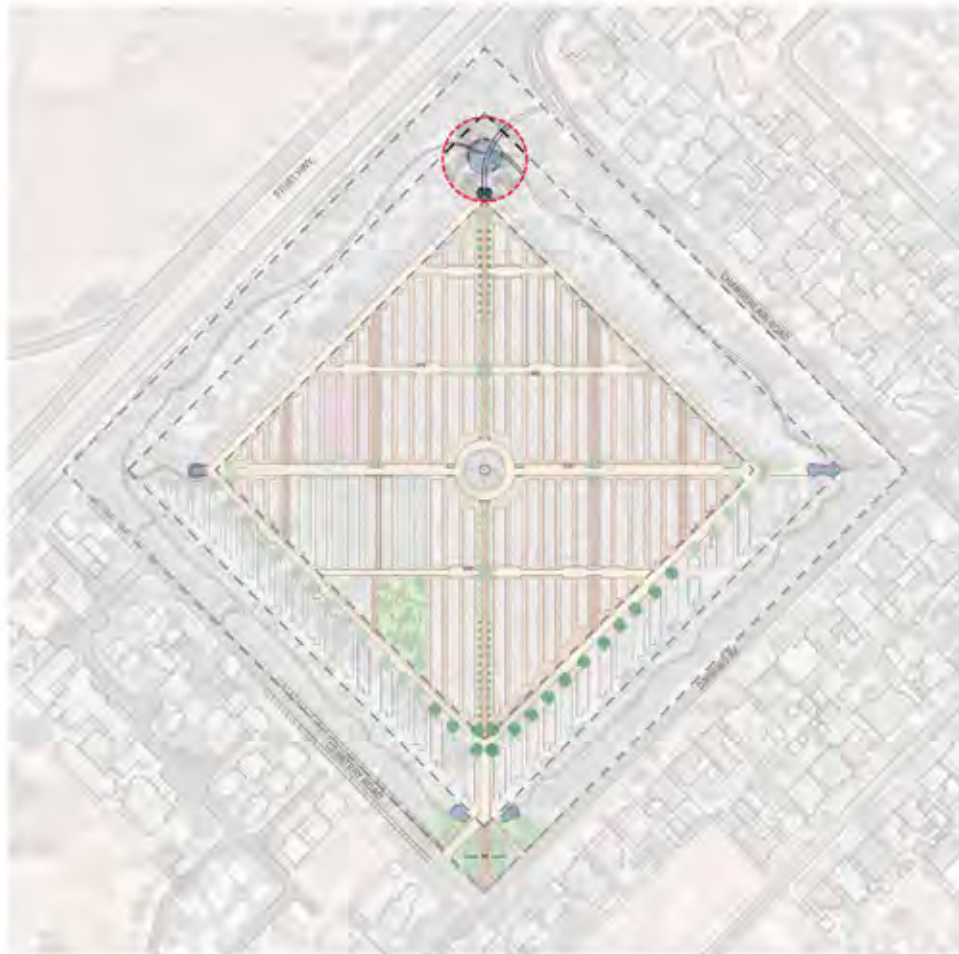
Stage 3



Stage 3 - Main Entrance Area Structures

- New shelter incorporating seating and some information signage and interpretive elements and lighting. Materials to be robust, vandal resistant and low maintenance
- Remove existing toilet building and construct new toilet facilities at main entry, to be located in vicinity of existing toilets to minimise new infrastructure
- Incorporate lighting and site services infrastructure, such as irrigation controls and switchboards, into the new toilet building
- Materials to be robust, vandal resistant and low maintenance
- Structures to be complementary to act as symmetrical gateway on axis to main North/South Avenue, consistent in scale, design materials, colours and blending in with natural environment, complementing the remnant native vegetation

Stage 4



Stage 4 - New Gathering Point & Entry Point

- Retain existing pedestrian entry point from Chamberlain Road at northern corner of cemetery
- Develop a gathering space in existing clearing in native vegetation connected to existing pathways. Size and configuration will require survey and detailed design to avoid impact to native vegetation. Utilise timber logs from felled sugar gums as seating together with rocks and seating with arms (to assist older visitors)
- Incorporate interpretive elements into gathering space design
- Remove non native pines in northern corner of native vegetation reserve. Minimise any clearing of native vegetation. New planting of endemic species to be incorporated into the design
- Install a new entry structure at entry point into cemetery as gateway. Design of entry structure to relate to main entry structures, smaller in scale with consistent materials, colours and detailing. Incorporate wayfinding and informational signage

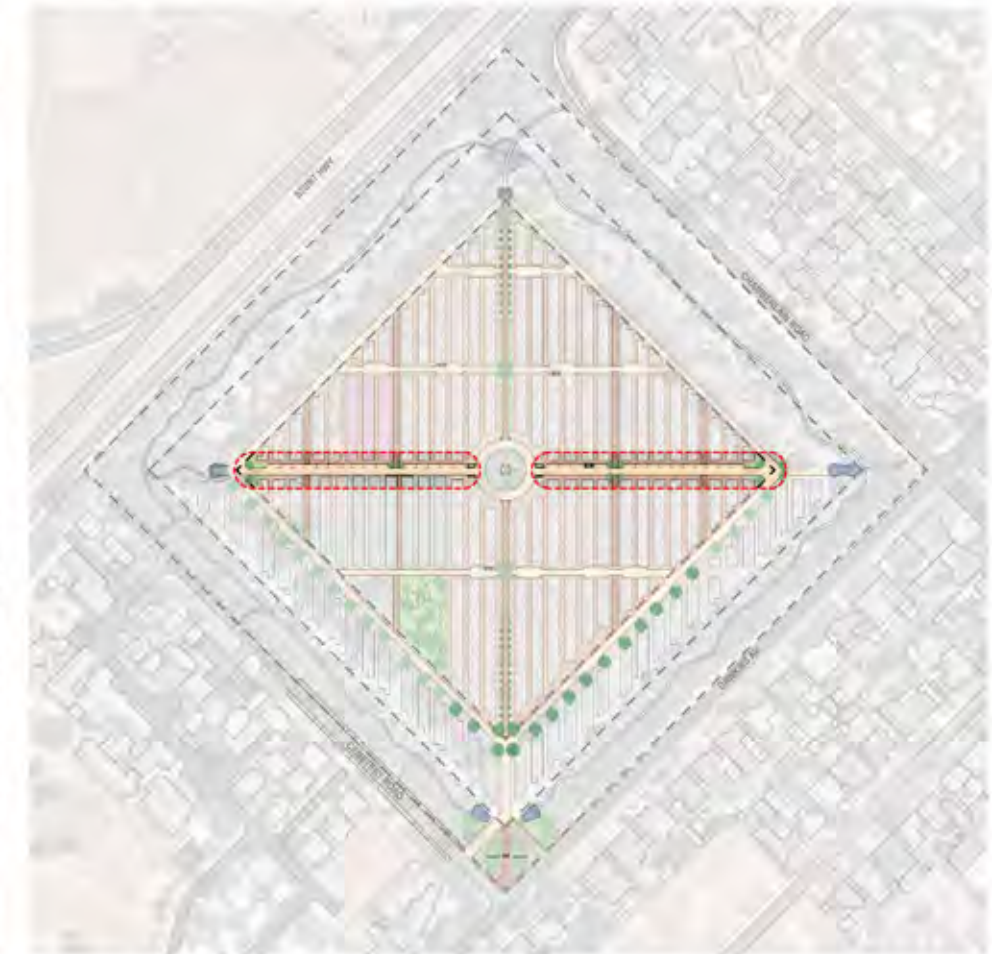
Stage 5



Stage 5 - Develop Inurnment & Memorials Area

- Create pathways and native garden of endemic species in section of mostly unmarked graves to accommodate burial and memorial for cremated remains
- Layout and planting to reflect the style of the Babies and Precious Souls garden
- Existing memorials, including the repaired Hiskey site, to remain and be incorporated into the design. Exact locations of these sites to be confirmed during detailed design
- A general memorial acknowledging previous unmarked burials in the area is to be included in the development
- Provide some nooks for seating for quiet contemplation and reflection
- Wayfinding and signage to be included
- Opportunities for interpretive design elements to be incorporated in landscape

Stage 6



Stage 6 - Upgrade Main East/West Roadway

- Upgrade roadway paving
- Provide 3m wide paved roadway with 2.1m wide parallel parking to side (5.1m total width) to comply with Australian Standards Approximately 30 parking spaces total
- Reconfigure storm water to drain to centre of road and eliminate side entry pits and swales
- Provide larger shade trees and seating at key intersection nodes

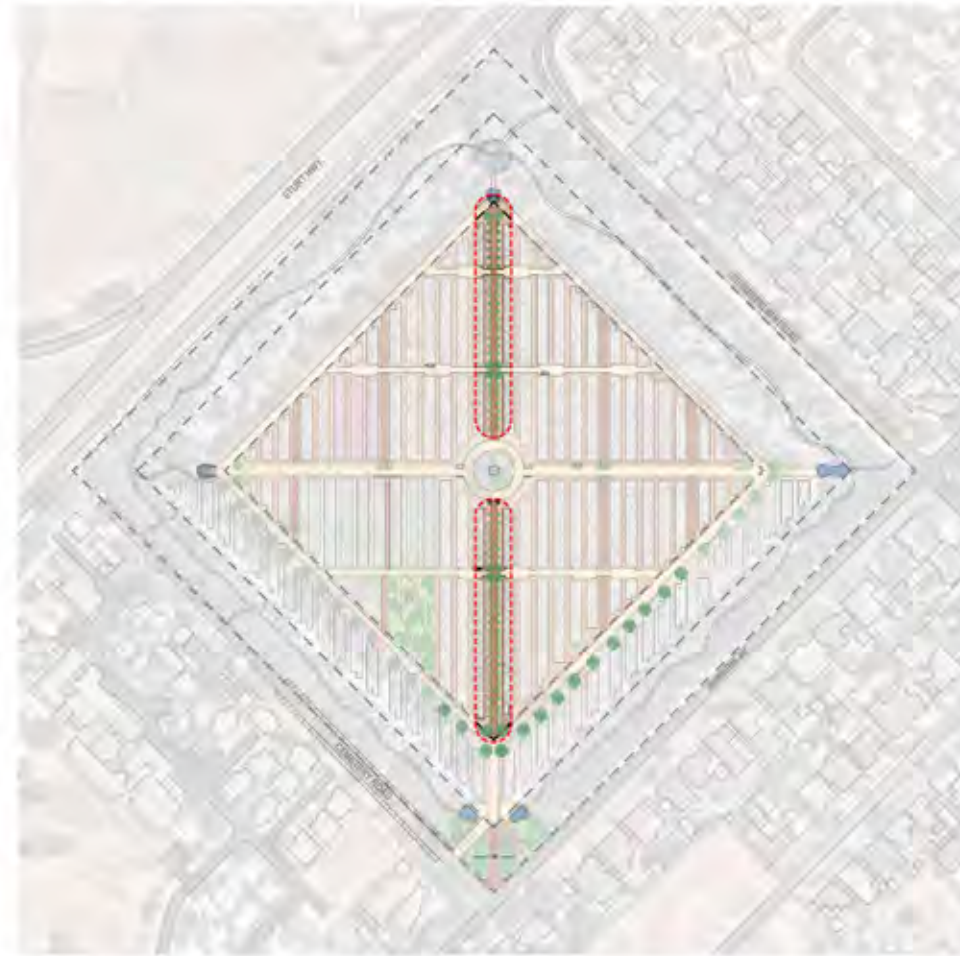
Stage 7



Stage 7 - Works to Central Area & Pedestrian Paths (North / South)

- Redevelop central area of cemetery to rationalise paved surfaces, drainage and garden beds
- Retain columbarium walls. Remove existing seats and develop feature sculptural/interpretive element at centre. Provide circular seating around centre
- Allow space in lawn for additional inurnment including concrete header
- Create 'gateways' at ends of main avenues where they meet centre as landscape elements
- Develop new cement stabilised gravel North/South Pathway through lawn cemetery to align as closely as possible with existing North/South Pathway
- Pave secondary north/south pathways with cement stabilised gravel with maximum 3m width
- Repair and tidy up gravel surfaces adjacent pathways. Material to be selected in line with recommendations of CMP

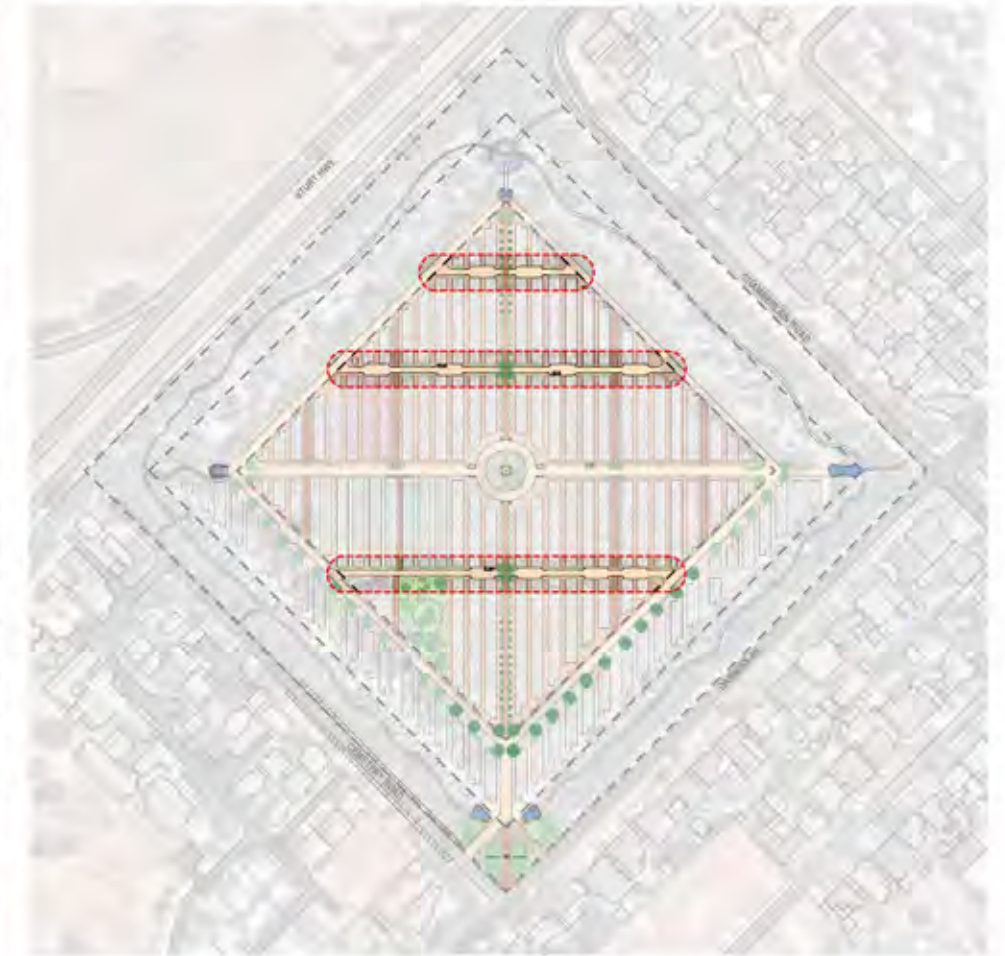
Stage 8



Stage 8 - Upgrades To Central North/South Avenue

- Upgrade path with new trafficable paving. Path to be reduced to 3m width
- Reconfigure storm water to drain to centre of road to eliminate side entry pits and swales
- New avenue planting of native pines (*callitris gracilis*) along edges of path. Allow 1.5m width to leave 2m space in front of grave sites facing path
- Include low native planting of endemic species to garden beds along pathway
- Repair/regrade gravel edges between path and graves
- Provide larger shade trees and seating at key intersection node
- Incorporate general infrastructure such as bins and taps with redevelopment

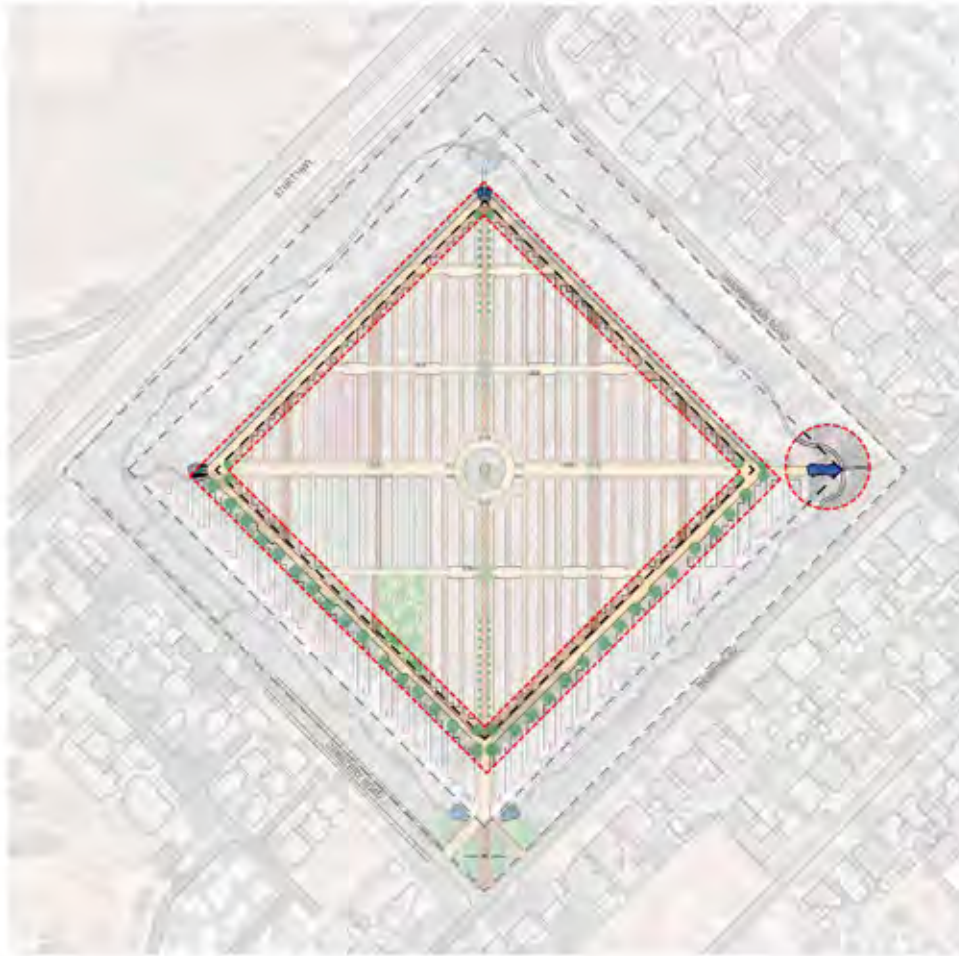
Stage 9



Stage 9 - Secondary East/West Roadways

- Redevelop secondary east/west roadways
- Incorporate additional paved parallel parking bays and passing zones
- Paved roadway width to be 3m with 2.1m wide parking bays to comply with Australian Standards with an emphasis on low key design to minimise impact on cemetery character
- Incorporate low, native planting along edges of roadways where appropriate
- Reconfigure storm water to drain to centre of roadways to eliminate side entry pits and swales

Stage 10



Stage 10 - Eastern Entry & Perimeter Roadways

- Retain existing pedestrian entry point from Chamberlain Road at eastern corner of cemetery
- Install a new entry structure as a gateway at junction of native vegetation and cemetery burials. Design of entry structure to relate to main entry structures, smaller in scale with consistent materials, colours and detailing
- Incorporate seating, wayfinding and informational signage with entry structure
- Redevelop roadways around perimeter of cemetery
- Incorporate additional paved parallel parking bays to south-east and south-west roadways
- Paved roadway width to be 3m with 2.1m wide parking bays to comply with Australian Standards
- Reconfigure storm water to drain to centre of roadways to eliminate side entry pits and swales

Landscape, Signage & Infrastructure Works



General Landscape Minor Works To Be Implemented Across Stages

- Plantation reserve 're-wilding' and Cemetery 're-wilding' of endemic species
- Phased removal of sugar gums with timber to be reused in cemetery for informal seating and paved edging
- Enhancement of vegetation Reserve
- General 'edit' of non-conforming / obsolete infrastructure
- Maintenance / light touch upgrades to pedestrian pathways

Signage/Wayfinding works to be implemented

- Installation of row markers throughout cemetery

General Infrastructure works to be implemented

- Installation of bollards at ends of aisles to restrict vehicle access

Future Considerations



Acoustic Considerations

- Engagement of an Acoustic Engineer to analyse noise impacts from Sturt Highway and investigate possible mitigation strategies
- Potential new acoustic barrier along Sturt Highway pending Acoustic Engineering analysis and design
- Could be part of a larger strategy to mitigate noise impacts for residents along Sturt Highway

3.4 Detailed Area Plans

The following pages show preliminary concept plans of key elements of the Master Plan. They illustrate the Master Plan intent and will need to be developed by a professional design team including architects and engineers to enable implementation. It is critical that all design elements including structures, shelters, seating, bins, signage and landscaping is coordinated to provide a complementary suite of urban design components that enhance the historic cemetery and surrounding perimeter vegetation.

3.5 Main Entry

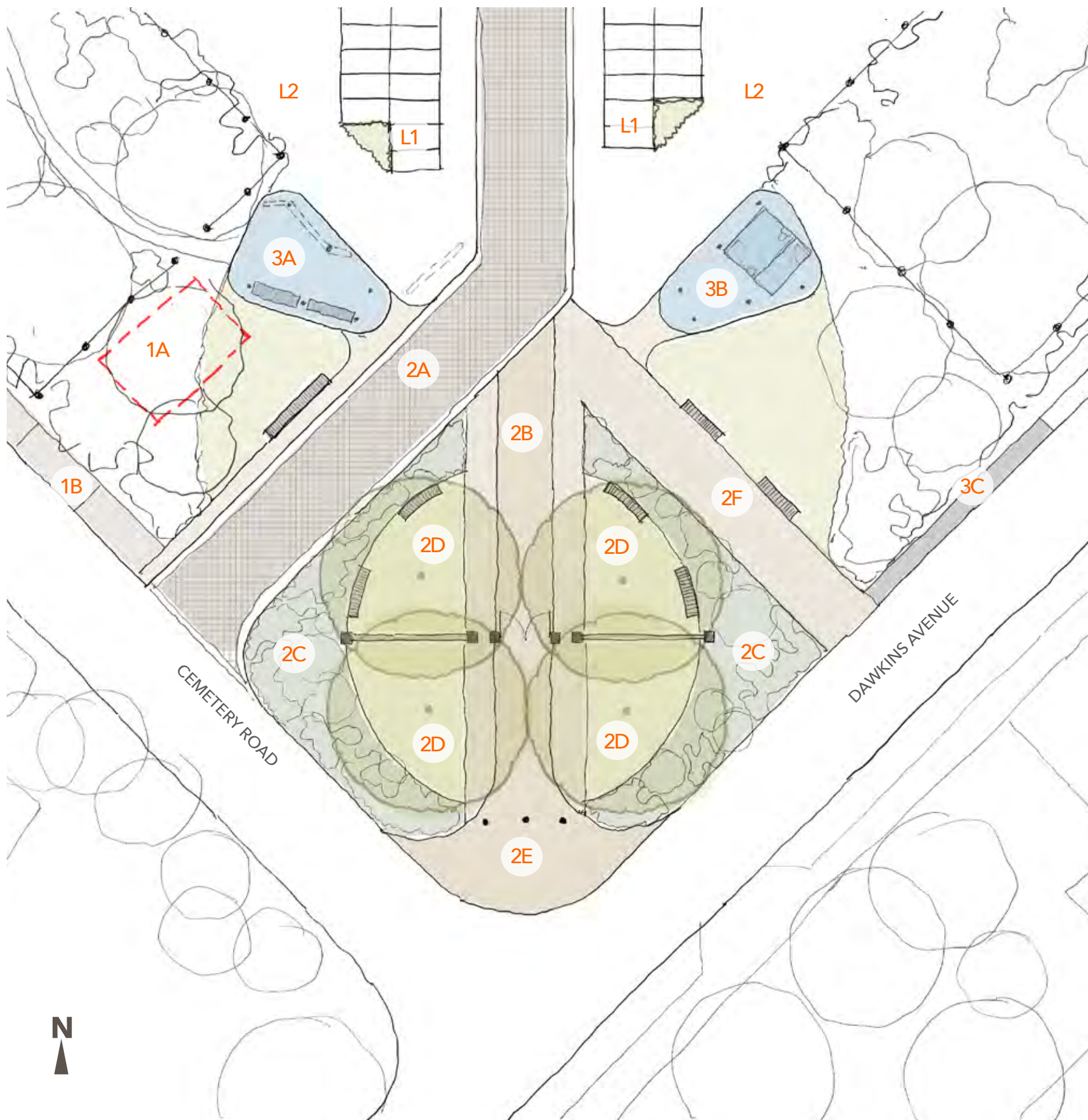
The redevelopment of the front entry is a major project that will transform the entrance experience to the cemetery, setting the tone for all visitors. This project will be capital intensive with the expectation it will need to be delivered over several of stages which are illustrated in the adjacent plan.

The first stage to enable this project to proceed is the relocation of the spoil bin in the western corner of the cemetery utilising an existing clearing bordering the perimeter vegetation. The creation of a new general vehicular entrance is then achievable from Cemetery Road which will enable the reinstatement of the original alignment of the cemetery entrance for ceremonial purposes through the historic cast iron gates. This entrance will be primarily accessible by pedestrians with removable bollards to enable ingress of funeral cortèges.

The garden around the historic gates will be redeveloped with a central no-mow lawn surrounded by drifts of loose plantings of native and hardy Mediterranean species to provide a mix of form, scale and texture.

Symmetrical structures will flank the ceremonial entrance providing a sheltered gathering, interpretive and information point on the western side with new public toilets on the eastern side. The proposed form of these structures references both the formal cemetery layout and the organic landscape of the perimeter remnant vegetation. The structures will require development approval with referral to Heritage SA.





Stage 1

- 1A. Relocate spoil bin to west corner of cemetery.
- 1B. Create new parking on Cemetery Road.

Stage 2

- 2A. New paved vehicle access roadway.
- 2B. New paved pedestrian and ceremonial access through main gates.
- 2C. Informal native and Mediterranean garden beds around central lawn.
- 2D. Eucalyptus leucoxylon rosea planted in circular lawn with seating at edges.
- 2E. Removable bollards at entrance to cemetery to restrict vehicle access.
- 2F. New paved pedestrian access path from Dawkins Avenue into cemetery.

Stage 3

- 3A. New shelter with seating incorporating wayfinding and interpretive signage.
- 3B. New toilet block + shelter
- 3C. New path connecting existing bus stop with main entry

General Landscape Improvements

- L1. New garden beds with native bushy planting
- L2. Rewilding of perimeter burial areas.

3.6 Central Circle

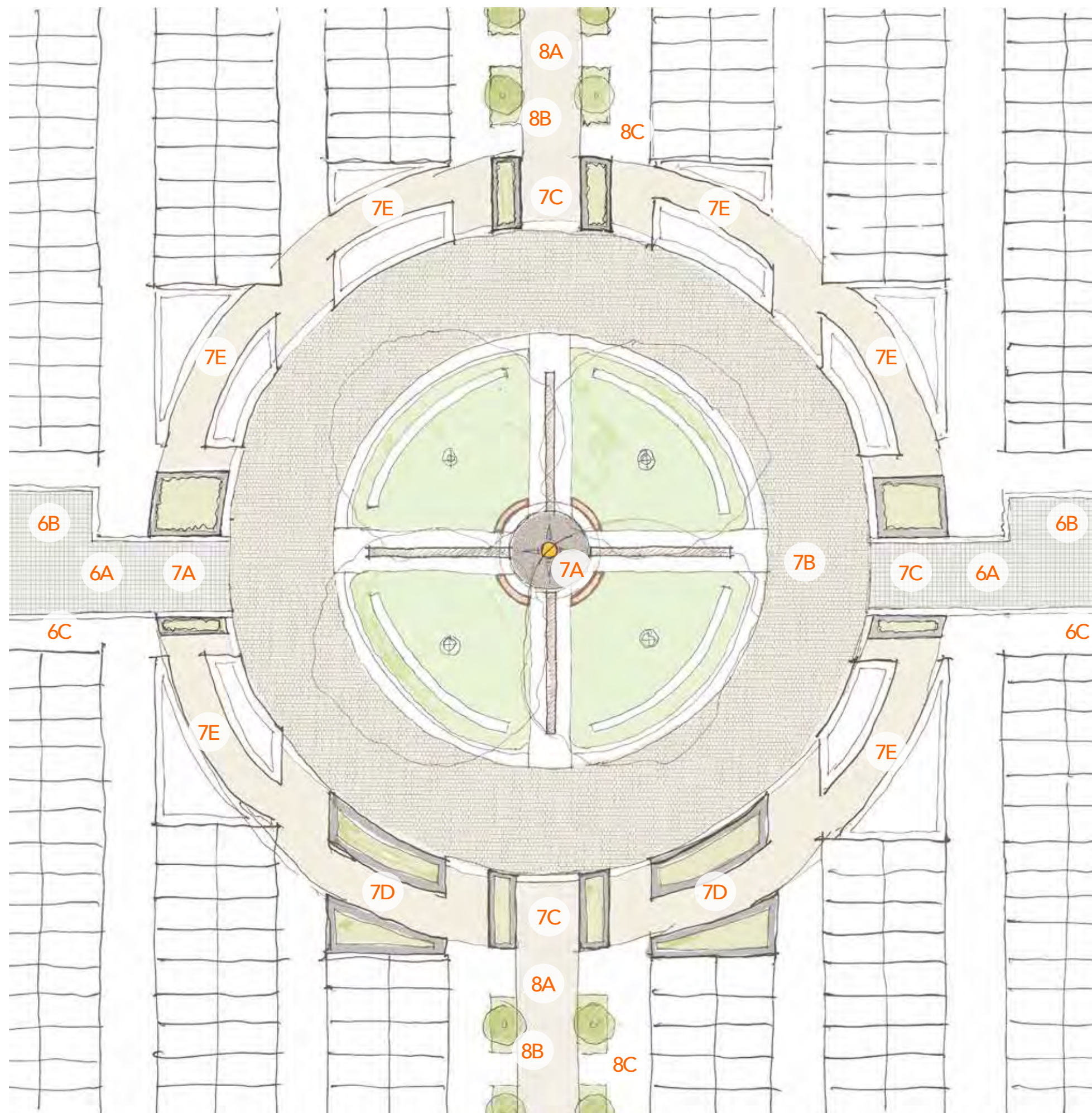
The Central Circle houses the Columbarium and is the focus for the entire cemetery. It provides an oasis of green which will be enhanced with further plantings and the development of a central circular seating area to facilitate small gatherings and quiet remembrance and reflection.

New gateway plantings are proposed at the north / south and east / west entrances to the Central Circle with additional seating.

Reinvigoration of the heritage rose garden, with clipped hedge under-planting to match the existing are proposed.

Exposed concrete carriageway and columbarium pavements will connect the north-south spine and harmonise the centre.





Stage 6

- 6A. New paved roadway (3m wide). Incorporate storm water at centre of roadway.
- 6B. Provide parallel parking spaces to northern side of roadway (2.1m wide).
- 6C. Repair and resurface gravel path between paved pathway and grave sites.

Stage 7

- 7A. New sculpture/interpretive feature at centre of cemetery with new circular seating between existing columbarium walls.
- 7B. Repave roadway around centre with new paving. Reconfigure storm water to drain to tidy up collection points and integrate with new paths and roadways. Remove existing bollards.
- 7C. Create 'gateways' at ends of main avenues.
- 7D. Reconfigure rose gardens at southern side of centre area to match other rose garden beds and allow for continual circular path around centre.
- 7E. Retain other existing rose garden beds and tidy up paving.

Stage 8

- 8A. New paved surface (3m wide). Incorporate storm water drainage at centre of path.
- 8B. Callitris Gracillis avenue planting with low native planting at base in 1.5m wide zone. Ensure access from path to grave sites is maintained.
- 8C. Repair and resurface gravel path between paved pathway and grave sites.

General Landscape Improvements

- L1. General repair and maintenance of gravel aisles between grave sites. Surface material to be selected in accordance with CMP recommendations.

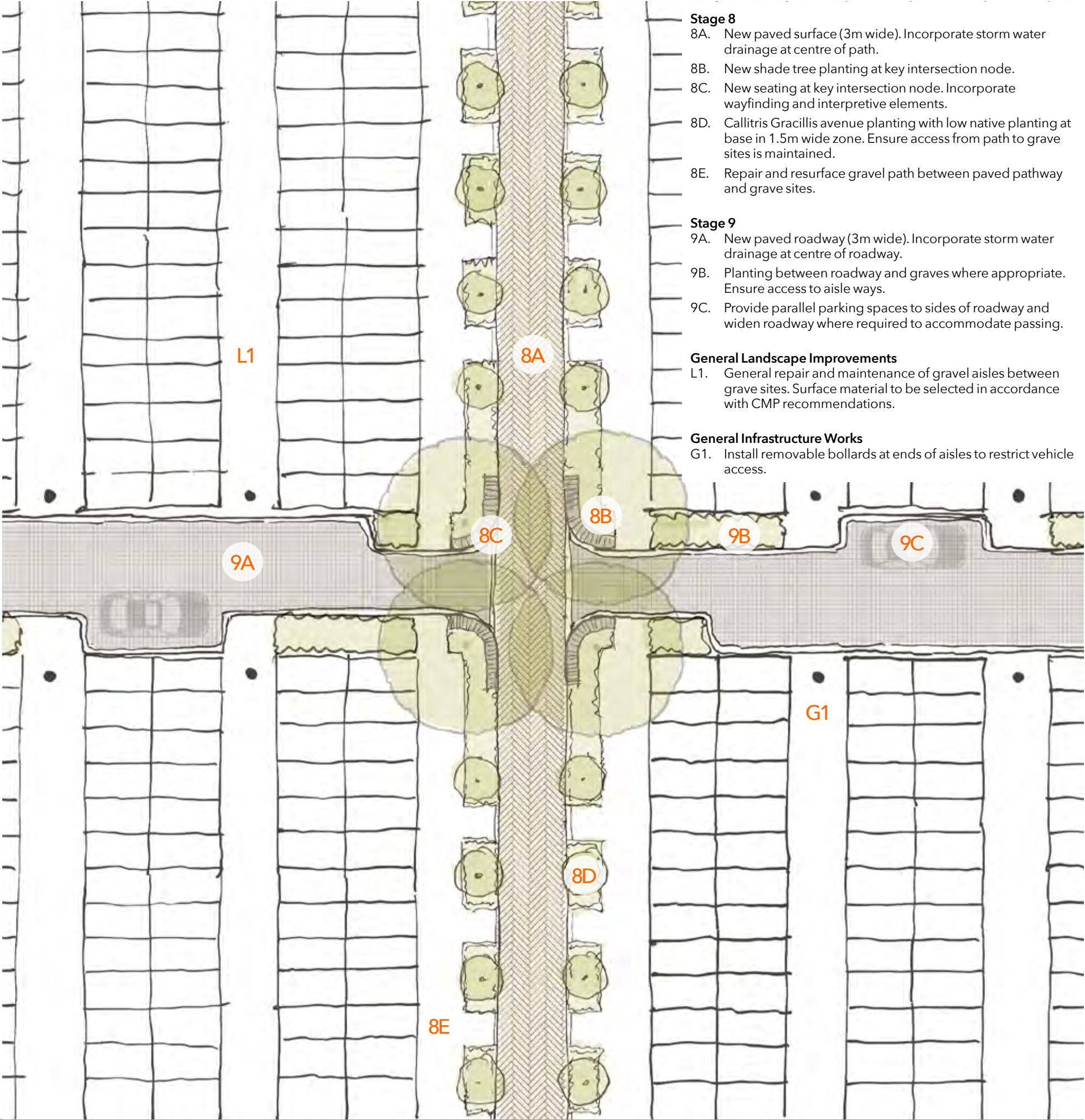
General Infrastructure Works

- G1. Install removable bollards at ends of aisles to restrict vehicle access.

3.7 Main North/South Pathway + Intersection



The Central North/South Pathway forms the main spine of the cemetery. This spine will be prioritised for pedestrians with the roadway narrowed to create greater landscape opportunities. Replacement paving will enable ceremonial vehicular use for funerals and reconfiguration of drainage to enable removal of side entry pits and swales freeing up further space for landscaping.

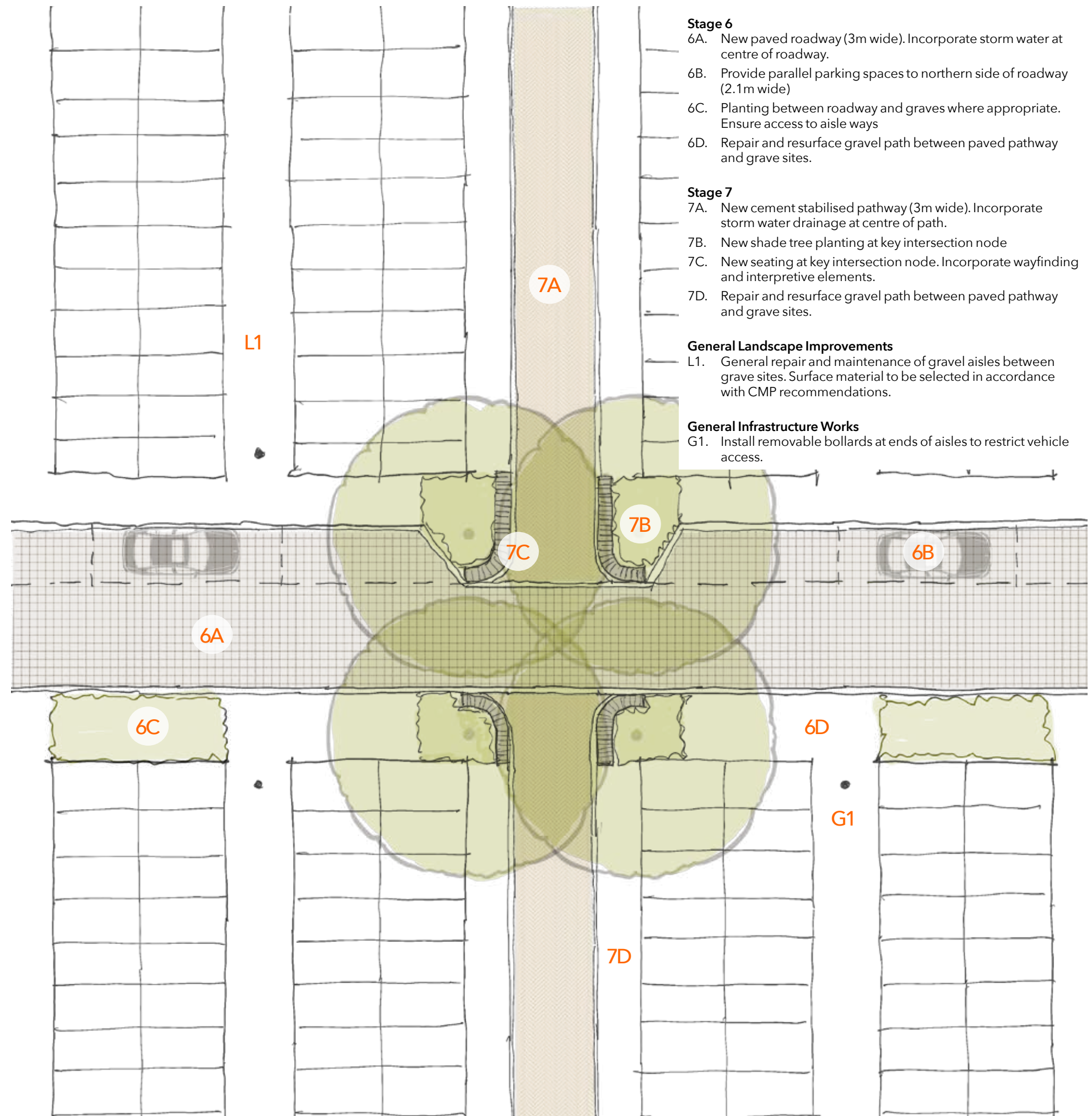


- Stage 8**
 - 8A. New paved surface (3m wide). Incorporate storm water drainage at centre of path.
 - 8B. New shade tree planting at key intersection node.
 - 8C. New seating at key intersection node. Incorporate wayfinding and interpretive elements.
 - 8D. Callitris Gracillis avenue planting with low native planting at base in 1.5m wide zone. Ensure access from path to grave sites is maintained.
 - 8E. Repair and resurface gravel path between paved pathway and grave sites.
- Stage 9**
 - 9A. New paved roadway (3m wide). Incorporate storm water drainage at centre of roadway.
 - 9B. Planting between roadway and graves where appropriate. Ensure access to aisle ways.
 - 9C. Provide parallel parking spaces to sides of roadway and widen roadway where required to accommodate passing.
- General Landscape Improvements**
 - L1. General repair and maintenance of gravel aisles between grave sites. Surface material to be selected in accordance with CMP recommendations.
- General Infrastructure Works**
 - G1. Install removable bollards at ends of aisles to restrict vehicle access.

3.8 Main East/West Shared Pathway + Intersection



The Central East / West Spine bisects the North / South Spine at the Central Circle and is the major east / west roadway. This roadway is proposed as a shared pedestrian and vehicular zone with significant opportunities for carparking (up to 30 spaces) to facilitate easy access for funeral attendees. The treatment will match the north-south axis to manage stormwater and eliminate the need for side entry pits and swales. Carparking bays will be created with large shade trees located at the intersection of the north-south pathways with seating below.



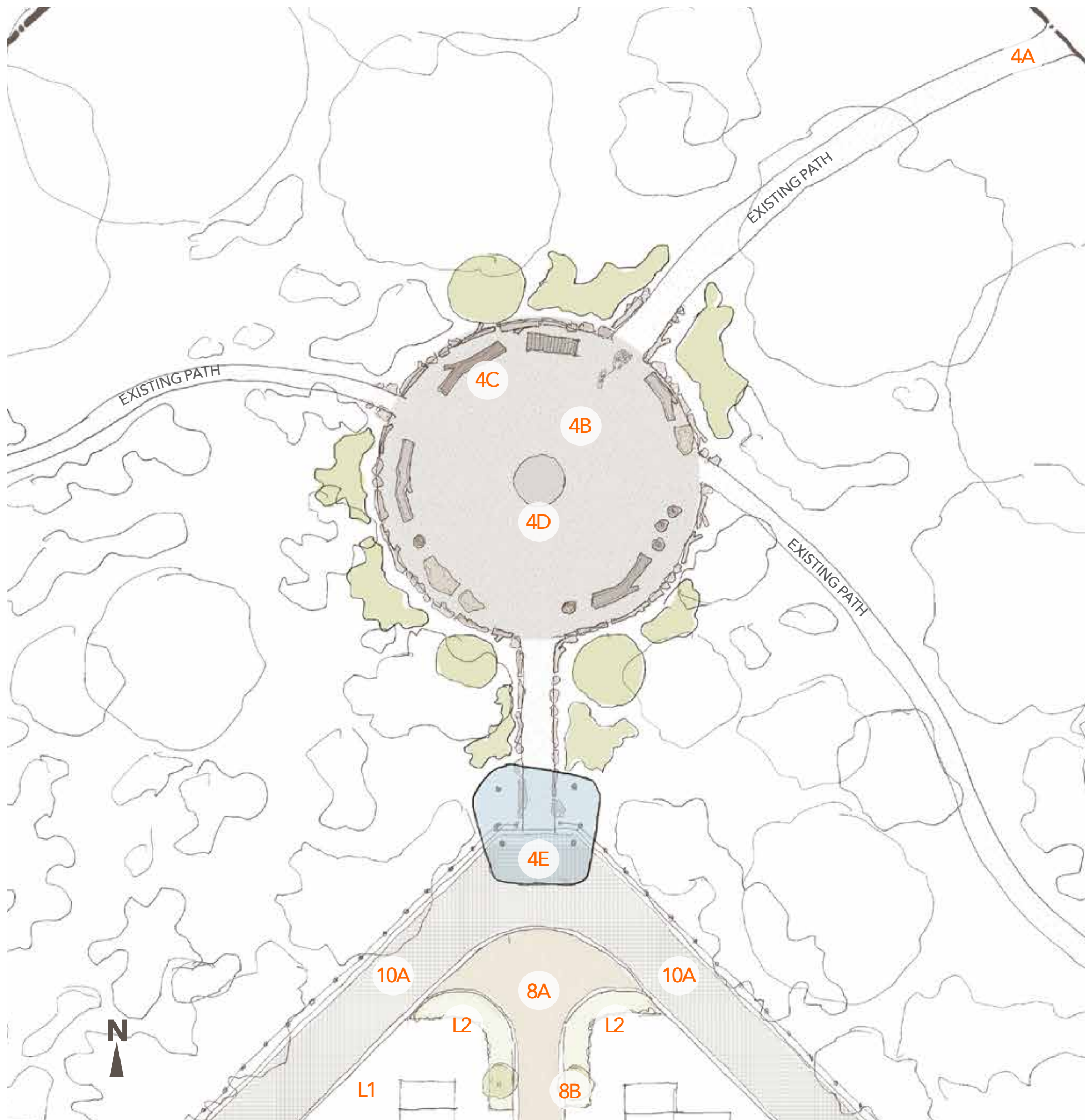
3.9 Northern Gathering Point and Entry

A gathering space in the existing clearing of the perimeter native vegetation is proposed, located at the northern corner of the cemetery. The gathering space provides opportunity for quiet contemplation or space for larger groups on tours and education visits to the cemetery.

Informal seating will be created utilising the timber harvested from the Sugar Gums to be complemented by bench seating to meet the needs of less able bodied visitors.

A gateway structure is proposed at the northern diamond corner of the cemetery as a focal point for the north-south axis to provide shade and interpretative opportunities. Connections to existing pathways provide access. The structure will require development approval with referral to Heritage SA.





Stage 4

- 4A. Retain existing entry and path from Chamberlain Road. Provide new wayfinding signage at entry point.
- 4B. Develop a gathering space in existing clearing in native vegetation connected to existing pathways. Size and configuration will require survey and detailed design. Edge with logs from sugar gums and suitable rocks.
- 4C. Create seating around gathering space. Repurpose logs from felled sugar gums as seating.
- 4D. Incorporate low scale and sensitive interpretive element at centre of gathering space.
- 4E. Install new gateway structure at entry point into cemetery. Incorporate wayfinding and informational sign and interpretive elements.

Stage 8

- 8A. New paved surface (3m wide). Incorporate storm water drainage at centre of path.
- 8B. Callitris Gracillis avenue planting with low native planting at base in 1.5m wide zone. Ensure access from path to grave sites is maintained.

Stage 10

- 10A. New paved surface to perimeter roadways (3m wide). Incorporate storm water drainage at centre of path.

General Landscape Improvements

- L1. General repair and maintenance of gravel aisles between grave sites. Surface material to be selected in accordance with CMP recommendations.
- L2. New garden beds with native bushy planting.

3.10 Eastern Entry

A shelter to provide shade, seating and interpretation is proposed at the interface of burial sites and perimeter remnant vegetation. The shelter will provide a focal point for the east west axis and a gateway entrance into the cemetery for pedestrians entering from the corner of Chamberlain and Dawkins Roads. The linear structure is on axis with the major east-west axis and the organic roof form responds to the perimeter native vegetation landscape. The structures will require development approval with referral to Heritage SA.





Stage 10

- 10A. Retain existing entry point and gravel path into eastern corner of cemetery.
- 10B. Install new shelter structure at eastern corner of cemetery at end of roadway. Incorporate seating, wayfinding, informational signage and interpretive elements.
- 10C. Provide new wayfinding and interpretive signage at access points to native vegetation reserve.
- 10D. New paved surface to perimeter roadways (3m wide). Incorporate storm water drainage at centre of path.
- 10E. Paved parallel parking spaces along southern side of perimeter roadway.

Stage 6

- 6A. New paved roadway (3m wide). Incorporate storm water at centre of roadway.
- 6B. Provide parallel parking spaces to northern side of roadway (2.1m wide).

General Landscape Improvements

- L1. General repair and maintenance of gravel aisles between grave sites. Surface material to be selected in accordance with CMP recommendations.
- L2. New garden beds with native bushy planting.
- L3. New avenue planting of Eucalyptus Porosa along south-east side of roadway.
- L4. Rewilding of perimeter burial areas.

General Infrastructure Works

- G1. Install removable bollards at ends of aisles to restrict vehicle access.
- G2. Potential additional burial plots (shown in red).

3.11 New Inurnment Garden

On the largely empty site of the former pauper burial area, the opportunity to increase capacity in the cemetery is proposed for new inurnments.

This garden will stylistically link with the adjacent Precious Souls Babies Memorial Garden, continuing native and symbolic plantings with organic pathways meandering through the garden.

The existing Hiskey grave site is to be retained as are other existing graves. A memorial acknowledging unmarked graves is to be created at a pathway junction.

Seating nodes bordering pathways are proposed to facilitate reflection and remembrance.

- Stage 5**
- 5A. New native planting to area of mostly unmarked burials.
 - 5B. Existing Hiskey grave site to be retained and incorporated with layout of garden. Exact position of grave will require survey.
 - 5C. New stabilised gravel paths through garden with inurnment elements incorporated to edges of paths.
 - 5D. Existing memorials to remain and be incorporated into layout of garden. Exact positions of grave site will require survey.
 - 5E. Seating areas in garden. Incorporate interpretive elements.
 - 5F. Include memorial acknowledging existence of unmarked burials.
- Stage 7**
- 7A. New cement stabilised rubble (3m wide). Incorporate storm water drainage at centre of path.
- Stage 9**
- 9A. New paved roadway (3m wide). Incorporate storm water at centre of roadway.
- Stage 10**
- 10A. New paved surface to perimeter roadways (3m wide). Incorporate storm water drainage at centre of path.
 - 10B. Paved parallel parking spaces along southern side of perimeter roadway.
- General Landscape Improvements**
- L1. General repair and maintenance of gravel aisles between grave sites. Surface material to be selected in accordance with CMP recommendations.
 - L2. New garden beds with native bushy planting.
 - L3. New avenue planting of Eucalyptus Porosa along south east side of roadway.
 - L4. Rewilding of perimeter burial areas.
- General Infrastructure Works**
- G1. Install removable bollards at ends of aisles to restrict vehicle access.



3.12 Western Corner & Spoil Bin Relocation

The relocation of the spoil bin to existing clear space at the western corner of the cemetery removes this essential piece of infrastructure from the main entry area, freeing up space for additional landscaping and shelter. This position at the end of the main east west avenue provides easy access to the spoil bin. New screening and planting around the spoil bin helps it to blend in with the surrounding landscape and provides an opportunity for interpretive elements and seating. A new path linking the existing path through the native vegetation reserve in to the cemetery enhances connectivity.

Stage 1

- 1A. Relocate Spoil Bin to west corner of Cemetery. Provide new concrete retaining walls to match existing spoil bin.
- 1B. Install screen around spoil bin to 2.1m high with weathering steel or other material that blends in with the surrounding natural environment. Incorporate interpretive design elements into the screen.
- 1C. Remove 3 sugar gums in western corner adjacent grave sites and provide new single gravel pathway linking existing path in native vegetation reserve to western corner of cemetery.
- 1D. Opportunity for planting around spoil bin and new path to extend native vegetation. Provide new bench seating incorporated with landscape and planting.

Stage 6

- 6A. New paved roadway (3m wide). Incorporate storm water at centre of roadway.
- 6B. Provide parallel parking spaces to northern side of roadway (2.1m wide).

Stage 7

- 7A. New paved surface (3m wide). Incorporate storm water drainage at centre of path.
- 7B. Repair and resurface gravel path between paved pathway and grave sites.

Stage 10

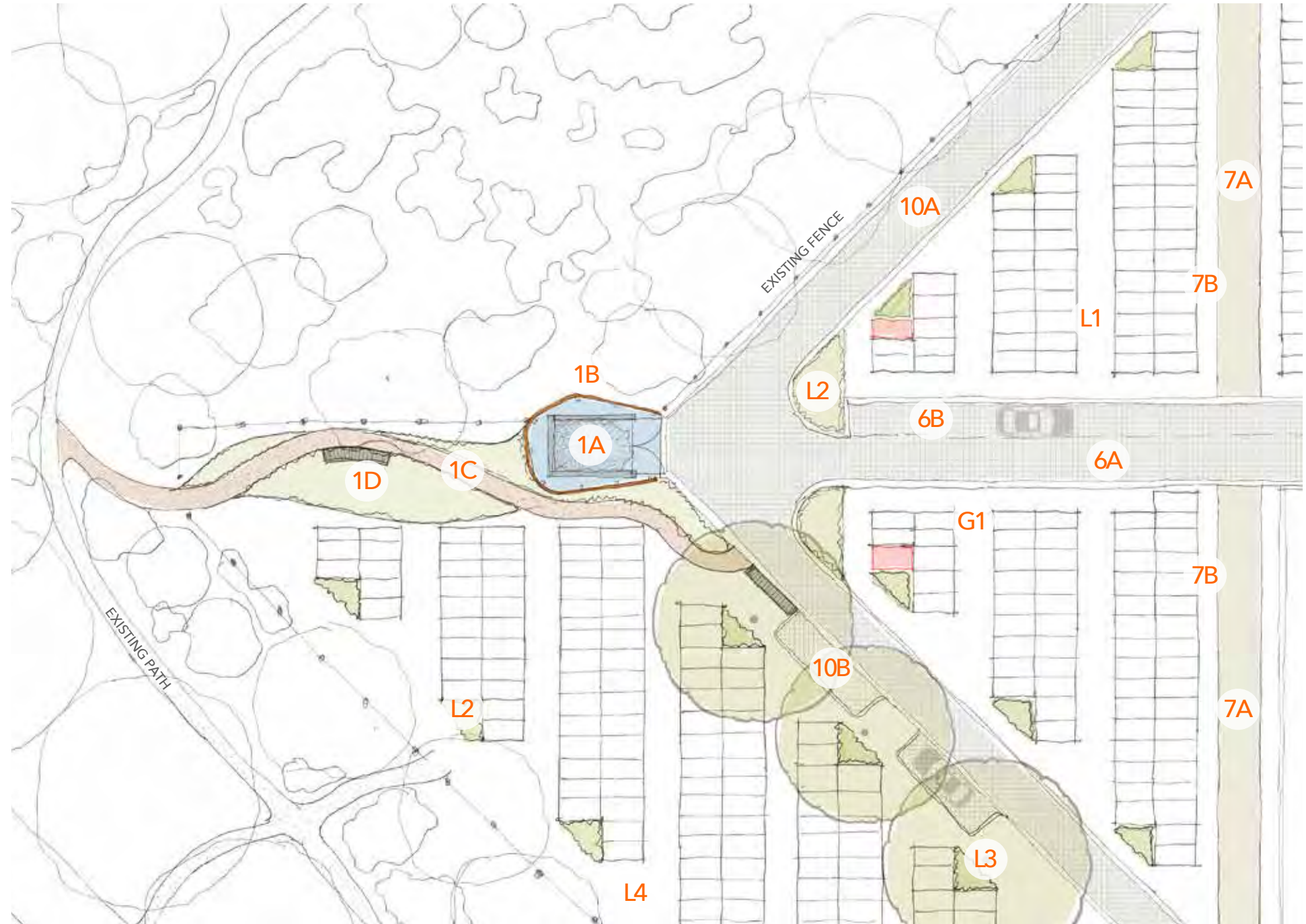
- 10A. New cement stabilised gravel paths.
- 10B. Paved parallel parking spaces along southern side of perimeter roadway.

General Landscape Improvements

- L1. General repair and maintenance of gravel aisles between grave sites. Surface material to be selected in accordance with CMP recommendations.
- L2. New garden beds with native bushy planting.
- L3. New avenue planting of Eucalyptus Porosa along south east side of roadway.
- L4. Rewilding of perimeter burial areas.

General Infrastructure Works

- G1. Install removable bollards at ends of aisles to restrict vehicle access.





4.0 Master Plan Strategies

Cost Consultant Donald Cant Watts Corke (DCWC) have prepared an indicative estimate for each Stage of the Master Plan. Their cost report is included in Appendix A and is summarized below.

Stage 1	Relocate Spoil Bin & New Parking on Cemetery Road	\$230,000
Stage 2	Upgrades to Main Entrance Area	\$375,000
Stage 3	New Toilet Facilities & Main Entry Shelter	\$480,000
Stage 4	New Gathering Point & Entry Point	\$470,000
Stage 5	Develop Inurnment & Memories	\$390,000
Stage 6	Upgrades to Main East/West Roadway	\$905,000
Stage 7	Works to Central Area & Upgrade Pedestrian Paths (North South)	\$1,070,000
Stage 8	Upgrades to Northern/Southern Section of Central North/South	\$985,000
Stage 9	Upgrades to Secondary East/West Roadways	\$680,000
Stage 10	Upgrades to Perimeter Roadways & Eastern Entry	\$1,165,000
	Acoustic Barrier (Rates Only)	Rates Only

Some key exclusions and clarifications include:

- No locality loading
- Discounts to landscaping assuming community service volunteering
- No works to heritage fence and gates at main entrance

Works to the heritage fence and gates were a community priority based on the survey responses. They have been excluded from the estimate by DCWC as the extent of repair works needs further investigate to quantify. Restoration of the fencing and gates will be eligible for funding under the Department of Environment and Water Heritage Conservation Grants Programs with grants of up to \$20,000.00 potentially available.

The estimate is based on Master Plan design proposals which are not detailed designs and will need to be tested once concept designs have been prepared for each stage and need to be commissioned from a suitably qualified architectural and professional design team.

The estimate includes an allowance for landscaping and infrastructure improvements across each stage of the Master Plan. The costs for each stage include an allowance for Professional Fees, Design and Construction Contingencies. The estimate is based on current construction costs and an escalation allowance will need to be added depending on the timing of implementation. DCWC highlight potential risk factors to costings and exclusions to their estimate which can be viewed in their estimate in Appendix A.

4.1 Conclusion

The Master Plan proposes a 10 Stage implementation plan to enable progressive improvements to the Cemetery’s amenity and preservation of its historical, cultural and environmental importance. Larger projects will potentially need to be implemented over two financial years.

- The public consultation process demonstrated the importance of the cemetery to Gawler residents and is highly valued as:
- A place of remembrance
 - An historic site that makes visible Gawler’s development and significance as South Australia’s first country town and major centre of industry in the 19th century
 - An important ecological site with rare survival of pre-colonial vegetation
 - A much loved, recreational asset valued by walkers including dog walkers

- The Cemetery has, a number of dedicated supporter groups interested in its future including:
- Friends of Willaston Cemetery
 - Gawler Environment and Heritage Association (GEHA)
 - Trees for Life through the Bush for Life program
 - Gawler Retirement Cottage Homes
 - RSL

Groups such as the local Bush for Life program care for the perimeter remnant vegetation. GEHA are keen to assist with the landscaping and rewilding of the Cemetery. Gawler Retirement Cottage Homes are interested in volunteering and being involved in the care of the Cemetery. These groups together with other interested Community organisations can play an important role in assisting the Town of Gawler in the preservation of the Cemetery and its perimeter reserve and the implementation of the Master Plan.

The Cemetery is also an important educational asset for local schools and potentially as a training opportunity for conservation trades, particularly stonemason, monumental masons and ironworkers.

The potential to utilise community and educational institutions in the Cemeteries future is encouraged in parallel with seeking grant funding to facilitate capital works projects.

Each project identified in the Master Plan will need detailed design and Development Approval involving referral to Heritage SA.

The implementation of the Master Plan will promote Willaston Cemetery as a tourism destination, an educational resource and a community asset.

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Appendix

Phillips / Pilkington Architects

Willaston Cemetery

Master Plan Estimate Report

15 July 2026

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I PROJECT OVERVIEW

I.1 INTRODUCTION

We have been engaged by you (Phillips / Pilkington Architects) to provide cost management services for the Willaston Cemetery project.

Our current cost management services deliverable is the preparation of a Master Plan Estimate based on the latest drawings and documentation, summarised here within this report.

I.2 PROJECT SCOPE

The project scope of work includes but is not limited to:

- Stage 1 – Relocate Spoil Bin & New Parking on Cemetery Road.
- Stage 2 – Upgrades to Main Entrance Area.
- Stage 3 – New Toilet Facilities & Main Entry Shelter.
- Stage 4 – New Gathering Point & Entry Point.
- Stage 5 – Develop Inurnment & Memorials Area.
- Stage 6 – Upgrades to Main East/West Roadway.
- Stage 7 – Upgrades to Central Area & Upgrade Pedestrian Paths (North/South).
- Stage 8 – Upgrades to Northern/Southern Section of Central North/South Avenue.
- Stage 9 – Upgrades to Secondary East/West Roadways.
- Stage 10 – Upgrades to Perimeter Roadways & Eastern Entry.

I.3 PROJECT BUDGET

We have not been advised of the Total Project Budget at the time of this Master Plan Estimate.

I.4 PROGRAM AND STAGING

The current program anticipates construction works tender and construction commencement thereafter at Q1 2027.

No Early Works Packages are currently being considered at this stage. We note that the anticipated program will eventually need to be reviewed and aligned to the contractor's construction program once the project has been tendered and awarded.

1.5 PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTOR SELECTION

We would propose that the procurement will be via a competitively tendered lump sum contract to a select list of contractors.

The above procurement route and proposed tenderers are key to how our Master Plan Estimate has been generated and if this procurement route and tenderer selection alters, then we would reserve our position on the figures presented in our Master Plan Estimate.

2 MASTER PLAN ESTIMATE

We have produced our Master Plan Estimate on 15 July 2026, which is representative of the documentation developed and issued to us at the time, representing the Master Plan phase milestone with a number of additional details and updates provided by the design team during the course of the estimating process. Details of our Master Plan Estimate are further summarised below.

2.1 BASIS OF MASTER PLAN ESTIMATE

Our Master Plan Estimate has been based on the following supplied documentation:

- 23677_Willaston_Cemetery_CMP-pages-low_res received on 2 June 2026.
- 25715-SK20 East_West Avenue received on 2 June 2026.
- 25715-SK21 Central Circle received on 2 June 2026.
- 25715-SK22 North_South Avenue received on 2 June 2026.
- 25715-SK23 Eastern Entry received on 2 June 2026.
- 25715-SK24 Northern Gathering Space & Entry received on 2 June 2026.
- 25715-SK25 Western Corner_Spoil Bin received on 2 June 2026.
- 25715-SK26 Inurnment Garden received on 2 June 2026.
- 25715-SK27 Main Entry received on 2 June 2026.
- 25715-SK28 Key Plan received on 2 June 2026.
- SK03 PROPOSED MASTER PLAN_LR received on 2 June 2026.
- Willaston Cemetery Master Plan_DRAFT received on 2 June 2026.
- Detailed discussions from various meetings, phone calls, etc with the project team.

2.2 MASTER PLAN ESTIMATE SUMMARY

Table 1 – Master Plan Estimate Summary

Description	Amount
Stage 1 – Relocate Spoil Bin & New Parking on Cemetery Road	\$230,000
Stage 2 – Upgrades to Main Entrance Area	\$375,000
Stage 3 – New Toilet Facilities & Main Entry Shelter	\$480,000
Stage 4 – New Gathering Point & Entry Point	\$470,000
Stage 5 – Develop Inurnment & Memorials Area	\$390,000
Stage 6 – Upgrades to Main East/West Roadway	\$905,000
Stage 7 – Works to Central Area & Upgrade Pedestrian Paths (North/South)	\$1,070,000
Stage 8 – Upgrades to Northern/Southern Section of Central North/South Avenue	\$985,000
Stage 9 – Upgrades to Secondary East/West Roadways	\$680,000
Stage 10 – Upgrades to Perimeter Roadways & Eastern Entry	\$1,165,000
Acoustic Barrier (Rates Only)	Rates Only
Total Master Plan (Excluding GST)	\$6,750,000

Please refer to our detailed Master Plan Estimate included in Appendix A to our report.

2.3 COST RISKS

We have identified the following project specific cost risks:

- Construction industry conditions, rates and price escalation: while we have included current market rates within our Cost Estimate, it is difficult to predict exactly how construction prices may escalate over coming months/years. We are seeing monthly price increases in some materials, and Subcontractors who are unwilling to hold their tendered prices for longer than 30 days, which may have a flow-on effect with tender pricing.
- Global Wars: devastating global wars and conflicts, material supply chain disruptions, rising interest rates, growing insurance premiums, electricity price hikes, fuel price fluctuations, sub-contractor availability constraints (affecting trade package pricing as well as labour costs) and increased preliminary costs generally.
- Asbestos Removal: we have excluded any allowance for Asbestos removal at this stage, and we will monitor this at the next stage of the design process once the Asbestos register becomes available.
- Contamination: we have excluded contamination removal at this stage, and we will monitor this at the next stage of the design process once a soil investigation becomes available.
- Engineering services costs (i.e. mechanical, electrical, fire protection, hydraulic services, etc): we have allowed for engineering services costs; however, this is considered a cost risk as no advise has been provided by an engineering services consultant.
- Site Infrastructure Upgrades: we have allowed for Site Infrastructure Upgrades; however, this is considered a cost risk as no advise has been provided by an engineering services consultant.
- Scope development: addition of project scope beyond what is included in the current design documentation.
- Exclusions and provisional sums: review list of exclusions and provisional sums within the Cost Estimate to ensure that items to be funded from the construction budget are accounted for.
- Escalation: we have excluded escalation to construction commencement up to Q1 2027, any escalation beyond this has been excluded.
- Stormwater Management: the existing stormwater pipe network are to be re-used, any new pits to be connected to the existing network.

3 QUALIFICATIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS

The following assumptions have been made in the preparation of our Master Plan Estimate:

- Construction industry conditions and rates, which we believe are applicable in the South Australian market as of July 2026.
- We have assumed procurement via competitive tender using a Lump Sum AS2124 Contract and that the contract will be let around Q1 2027. We are aware that the South Australian construction industry is currently in a peak of General Building Contractor tendering and specifically advise that while our Planning Study Estimate includes for some price escalation, it is difficult to predict exactly how the market will respond to the increased number of tendering opportunities at this time.
- Contractor and Subcontractors risk-aversion and supply chain issues resulting in Preliminaries and Margins being increased to cover costs of delays, risk, insurances and the like.
- We have assumed the works will be undertaken during standard construction industry working hours (Monday to Saturday, 7am – 5pm), no allowance has been made for working on Sundays or Night Works.
- We have assumed the site will be made free and available to the Contractor for a sequential build with only minor staging and sub-staging required only. We have not considered significant staging with major delays (or possible demobilisation and re-mobilisation) between phases.

4 EXCLUSIONS

The following have specifically been excluded from our Master Plan Estimate, which should be considered when assessing overall financial modelling:

- Items as noted throughout the detailed Master Plan Estimate.
- Extensive Out of hours working, further staging of works out of sequence unless nominated.
- Restricted contract periods necessitating a fast-track design/documentation phase and/or construction phase.
- Works external to the proposed area works.
- Latent conditions including but not limited to striking ground water, unfavourable soil profiles, hazardous materials, services infrastructure risks, etc unless otherwise identified.
- Additional Building Code of Australia upgrades, unless otherwise identified.
- Any repairs/refurbishment of existing graves, statues, monuments, cast-iron works, etc.
- Any heritage conservation works.
- Electronic interpretive systems.
- Site Services Upgrades, unless otherwise identified.
- Land costs, finance costs, legal costs, and fees, tilting costs, unless otherwise noted in our estimate, otherwise identified.
- Escalation.
- Goods and Services Tax (GST).

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APPENDIX A – MASTER PLAN ESTIMATE



Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
<u>MASTER PLAN</u>				
Stage 1 - Relocate Spoil Bin & New Parking on Cemetery Road	1	Item	230,000	230,000
Stage 2 - Upgrades to Main Entrance Area	1	Item	375,000	375,000
Stage 3 - New Toilet Facilities & Main Entry Shelter	1	Item	480,000	480,000
Stage 4 - New Gathering Point & Entry Point	1	Item	470,000	470,000
Stage 5 - Develop Inurnment & Memorials Area	1	Item	390,000	390,000
Stage 6 - Upgrades to Main East/West Roadway	1	Item	905,000	905,000
Stage 7 - Works to Central Area & Upgrade Pedestrian Paths (North/South)	1	Item	1,070,000	1,070,000
Stage 8 - Upgrades to Northern/Southern Section of Central North/South Avenue	1	Item	985,000	985,000
Stage 9 - Upgrades to Secondary East/West Roadways	1	Item	680,000	680,000
Stage 10 - Upgrades to Perimeter Roadways & Eastern Entry	1	Item	1,165,000	1,165,000
Acoustic Barrier (Rates Only)	1	Item	0	0
TOTAL MASTER PLAN COST (EXCLUDING GST)	1	Item	6,750,000	6,750,000

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Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
Stage 1 – Relocate Spoil Bin & New Parking on Cemetery Road				
<u>Relocate Spoil Bin</u>				
<u>Demolition & Site Clearance</u>				
Clear site and demolish any pavements, kerbs, etc.	308	m2	15	4,620
Remove 3x sugar gums in western corner adjacent grave sites	3	No.	3,000	9,000
Demolish Spoil Bin to west corner of Cemetery	1	Item	2,500	2,500
No allowance for removal of contaminated soil		Note		Excluded
<u>External Works</u>				
New single gravel pathway linking existing path	76	m2	60	4,560
Re-vegetate area where spoil bin is removed (Discounted for community services volunteering)	25	m2	60	1,500
Opportunity for planting around new spoil bin and new path to extent native vegetation (Discounted for community services volunteering)	125	m2	60	7,500
Allowance for timber/ steel edging	105	m	50	5,250
Provide new bench seating incorporated with landscape and planting	1	No.	3,500	3,500
New Spoil Bin to west corner of Cemetery including concrete slab	1	No.	30,000	30,000
Supply and install screen around spoil bin to 1.5m high with weathering steel or other similar material	31	m2	750	23,250
Double swing gate	1	No.	4,000	4,000
Allowance to make good existing fence	1	Item	2,500	2,500
<u>Signage</u>				
Wayfinding and interpretive signage	1	Item	500	500
<u>Stormwater Management</u>				
Minor allowance for stormwater management	1	Item	2,500	2,500
<u>New Parking on Cemetery Road</u>				
<u>Demolition & Site Clearance</u>				
Clear site and demolish minor structures	591	m2	15	8,865
No allowance for removal of contaminated soil		Note		Excluded
<u>External Works</u>				
Allowance to reshape existing levels to new proposed levels	591	m2	25	14,775
Create 40x new parking spaces (Compacted Gravel)	591	m2	60	35,460
Allowance for line marking	1	Item	3,000	3,000
No allowance for lighting		Note		Excluded
Allowance for detailed survey and traffic engineering		Note		Included
<u>Signage</u>				
Allowance for traffic signage	1	Item	1,500	1,500
<u>Stormwater Management</u>				

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Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
Stage 1 – Relocate Spoil Bin & New Parking on Cemetery Road				
Upgrades to stormwater catchment and drainage		Note		Excluded
Trade Sub-Total (Excluding GST)	1	Item	164,780	164,780
Design Contingency (5%)	5	%	164,780	9,000
Preliminaries (10%)	10	%	173,780	18,000
Margin (5%)	5	%	191,780	10,000
Locality Loading (%)		Note		Excluded
Escalation to construction commencement @ (%) PA (Considered Q1 2027)		Note		Excluded
Escalation during the construction period @ (%) PA (considered at 3 months discounted for cashflow)		Note		Excluded
Total Estimated Construction Cost (Excluding GST)	1	Item	201,780	201,780
Construction Contingency (5%)	5	%	201,780	11,000
Professional Fees (8%)	8	%	212,780	18,000
Rounding	1	Item	-780	-780
Total Project Cost (Excluding GST)	1	Item	230,000	230,000

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Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
Stage 2 – Upgrades to Main Entrance Area				
<u>Upgrades to Main Entrance Area</u>				
<u>Demolition & Site Clearance</u>				
Clear site and demolish any pavements, kerbs, etc.	1,177	m2	15	17,655
No allowance for removal of contaminated soil		Note		Excluded
<u>External Works</u>				
Allowance to reshape existing levels to new proposed levels	595	m2	25	14,875
Landscaping around shelter including planting and lawn (Discounted for community services volunteering)	75	m2	60	4,500
Informal native and Mediterranean garden beds around central lawn (Discounted for community services volunteering)	223	m2	60	13,380
Eucalyptus Leucoxydon Rosea planted in circular lawn (Discounted for community services volunteering)	208	m2	60	12,480
New paved vehicle access roadway	221	m2	150	33,150
New paved pedestrian and ceremonial access through main gates	189	m2	150	28,350
Widen and pave vehicle access from Cemetery Road into cemetery	111	m2	150	16,650
New paved pedestrian access path from Dawkins Avenue into cemetery	100	m2	150	15,000
Allowance for timber/ steel edging	181	m	50	9,050
Allowance for concrete flush kerb to edges of roadway	89	m	150	13,350
Provide new bench seating incorporated with landscape and planting	30	m	1,500	45,000
Installation of removable bollards	3	No.	650	1,950
No allowance for works to the existing heritage entry fence and gates		Note		Excluded
<u>Signage</u>				
Wayfinding and interpretive signage	1	Item	15,000	15,000
<u>Stormwater Management</u>				
Upgrades to stormwater catchment and drainage	1	Item	25,000	25,000
<u>Site Services Infrastructure Upgrades</u>				
Electrical Services	1	Item	5,000	5,000
BWIC with Site Services Infrastructure Upgrades	5	%	5,000	250
Trade Sub-Total (Excluding GST)	1	Item	270,640	270,640
Design Contingency (5%)	5	%	270,640	14,000
Preliminaries (10%)	10	%	284,640	29,000
Margin (5%)	5	%	313,640	16,000
Locality Loading (%)		Note		Excluded
Escalation to construction commencement @ (%) PA (Considered Q1 2027)		Note		Excluded
Escalation during the construction period @ (%) PA (considered at 3 months discounted for cashflow)		Note		Excluded

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Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
Stage 2 – Upgrades to Main Entrance Area (Continued)				
Total Estimated Construction Cost (Excluding GST)	1	Item	329,640	329,640
Construction Contingency (5%)	5	%	329,640	17,000
Professional Fees (8%)	8	%	346,640	28,000
Rounding	1	Item	360	360
Total Project Cost (Excluding GST)	1	Item	375,000	375,000

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Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
Stage 3 – New Toilet Facilities & Main Entry Shelter				
<u>New Toilet Facilities</u>				
<u>Demolition & Site Clearance</u>				
Clear site and demolish any pavements, kerbs, etc.	203	m2	15	3,045
No allowance for removal of contaminated soil		Note		Excluded
<u>Structures</u>				
New Toilet Block	16	m2	6,500	104,000
New roof/shelter to toilet block	39	m2	1,200	46,800
<u>External Works</u>				
Landscaping around toilet include lawn (Discounted for community services volunteering)	108	m2	60	6,480
New path connecting existing bus stop with main entry	18	m2	150	2,700
New paved pedestrian access to toilet block	9	m2	150	1,350
Allowance for timber/ steel edging	50	m	50	2,500
Provide new bench seating incorporated with landscape and planting	6	m	1,500	9,000
<u>Signage</u>				
Wayfinding and interpretive signage	1	Item	5,000	5,000
<u>Stormwater Management</u>				
Upgrades to stormwater catchment and drainage	1	Item	30,000	30,000
<u>Site Services Infrastructure Upgrades</u>				
Electrical Services	1	Item	25,000	25,000
Hydraulic Services	1	Item	25,000	25,000
Fire Services	1	Item	25,000	25,000
BWIC with Site Services Infrastructure Upgrades	5	%	75,000	3,750
<u>Main Entry Shelter</u>				
<u>Structures</u>				
New shelter	1	No.	50,000	50,000
Allowance for security lighting and CCTV	1	Item	5,000	5,000
Trade Sub-Total (Excluding GST)	1	Item	344,625	344,625
Design Contingency (5%)	5	%	344,625	18,000
Preliminaries (10%)	10	%	362,625	37,000
Margin (5%)	5	%	399,625	20,000
Locality Loading (%)		Note		Excluded
Escalation to construction commencement @ (%) PA (Considered Q1 2027)		Note		Excluded
Escalation during the construction period @ (%) PA (considered at 3 months discounted for cashflow)		Note		Excluded

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Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
Stage 3 – New Toilet Facilities & Main Entry Shelter (Continued)				
Total Estimated Construction Cost (Excluding GST)	1	Item	419,625	419,625
Construction Contingency (5%)	5	%	419,625	21,000
Professional Fees (8%)	8	%	440,625	37,000
Rounding	1	Item	2,375	2,375
Total Project Cost (Excluding GST)	1	Item	480,000	480,000

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Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
Stage 4 – New Gathering Point & Entry Point				
Demolition & Site Clearance				
Clear site and demolish any pavements, kerbs, etc.	369	m2	15	5,535
No allowance for removal of contaminated soil		Note		Excluded
Structures				
New shelter	1	No.	75,000	75,000
External Works				
Develop a gathering space in existing clearing in native vegetation connected to existing pathways; size and configuration will require survey and detailed design (Discounted for community services volunteering)	299	m2	60	17,940
New paved pedestrian access leading from gateway shelter to gathering space	24	m2	150	3,600
Allowance for timber/ steel edging	29	m	50	1,450
Edge to gathering space with logs from sugar gums and suitable rocks	62	m	500	31,000
Provide new bench seating incorporated with landscape and planting; including armrest and backrest	4	m	1,500	6,000
Re-purpose logs	4	No.	500	2,000
Stone boulder seats	3	No.	500	1,500
Wood stump seats	5	No.	850	4,250
Large shade trees	10	No.	850	8,500
Incorporate low scale and sensitive interpretive element	1	Item	15,000	15,000
Retain existing entry and path from Chamberlain Road		Note		Excluded
Signage				
Wayfinding and interpretive signage	1	Item	10,000	10,000
Stormwater Management				
Upgrades to stormwater catchment and drainage	1	Item	25,000	25,000
General Infrastructure Works (Implemented from Stage 4 - 10)				
Landscape minor works to be implemented				
Plantation reserve 're-wilding' and Cemetery-wilding (Discounted for community services volunteering)	497	m2	20	9,940
Enhancement of vegetation Reserve - allowance of 30% area (Discounted for community services volunteering)	1,888	m2	20	37,760
New garden beds with native bushy planting (Discounted for community services volunteering)	82	m2	60	4,920
General repair and maintenance of gravel aisles between grave sites. Surface material to be selected in accordance with CMP recommendations - 50% Allowance	913	m2	60	54,780
Phased removal of large Sugar Gums with timber to be reused in Cemetery	4	No.	3,000	12,000
General 'edit' of non-conforming / obsolete infrastructure (Provisional Sum)	1	Item	10,000	10,000

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Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
Stage 4 – New Gathering Point & Entry Point				
Removal of Sugar Gum to perimeter excluded		Note		Excluded
Signage/Wayfinding works to be implemented				
Installation of row markers throughout cemetery (Provisional Sum)	1	Item	1,000	1,000
Trade Sub-Total (Excluding GST)	1	Item	337,175	337,175
Design Contingency (5%)	5	%	337,175	17,000
Preliminaries (10%)	10	%	354,175	36,000
Margin (5%)	5	%	390,175	20,000
Locality Loading (%)		Note		Excluded
Escalation to construction commencement @ (%) PA (Considered Q1 2027)		Note		Excluded
Escalation during the construction period @ (%) PA (considered at 3 months discounted for cashflow)		Note		Excluded
Total Estimated Construction Cost (Excluding GST)	1	Item	410,175	410,175
Construction Contingency (5%)	5	%	410,175	21,000
Professional Fees (8%)	8	%	431,175	35,000
Rounding	1	Item	3,825	3,825
Total Project Cost (Excluding GST)	1	Item	470,000	470,000

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Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
Stage 5 – Develop Inurnment & Memorials Area				
Develop Inurnment & Memorials Area				
<u>Demolition & Site Clearance</u>				
Clear site and demolish any pavements, kerbs, etc.	731	m2	15	10,965
Exact position of grave will require survey		Note		Included
No allowance for removal of contaminated soil		Note		Excluded
<u>External Works</u>				
New stabilised gravel paths through garden with inurnment elements	137	m2	60	8,220
New native planting to area of mostly unmarked burials (Discounted for community services volunteering)	581	m2	60	34,860
Large shade trees	16	No.	850	13,600
Provide new bench seating incorporated with landscape and planting	26	m	1,500	39,000
Allowance for timber/ steel edging	171	m	50	8,550
Existing memorials to remain and be incorporated into layout of garden.		Note		Excluded
Include memorial acknowledging existence of unmarked burials		Note		Excluded
Existing Hiskey grave site to be retained and incorporated with layout of garden		Note		Excluded
<u>Signage</u>				
Wayfinding and interpretive signage	1	Item	20,000	20,000
<u>Stormwater Management</u>				
Upgrades to stormwater catchment and drainage	1	Item	15,000	15,000
General Infrastructure Works (Implemented from Stage 4 - 10)				
<u>Landscape minor works to be implemented</u>				
Plantation reserve 're-wilding' and Cemetery-wilding (Discounted for community services volunteering)	497	m2	20	9,940
Enhancement of vegetation Reserve - allowance of 30% area (Discounted for community services volunteering)	1,888	m2	20	37,760
New garden beds with native bushy planting (Discounted for community services volunteering)	82	m2	60	4,920
General repair and maintenance of gravel aisles between grave sites. Surface material to be selected in accordance with CMP recommendations - 50% Allowance	913	m2	60	54,780
Phased removal of large Sugar Gums with timber to be reused in Cemetery	4	No.	3,000	12,000
General 'edit' of non-conforming / obsolete infrastructure (Provisional Sum)	1	Item	10,000	10,000
Removal of Sugar Gum to perimeter excluded		Note		Excluded
<u>Signage/Wayfinding works to be implemented</u>				
Installation of row markers throughout cemetery (Provisional Sum)	1	Item	1,000	1,000
Trade Sub-Total (Excluding GST)	1	Item	280,595	280,595

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Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
Stage 5 – Develop Inurnment & Memorials Area (Continued)				
Design Contingency (5%)	5	%	280,595	15,000
Preliminaries (10%)	10	%	295,595	30,000
Margin (5%)	5	%	325,595	17,000
Locality Loading (%)		Note		Excluded
Escalation to construction commencement @ (%) PA (Considered Q1 2027)		Note		Excluded
Escalation during the construction period @ (%) PA (considered at 3 months discounted for cashflow)		Note		Excluded
Total Estimated Construction Cost (Excluding GST)	1	Item	342,595	342,595
Construction Contingency (5%)	5	%	342,595	18,000
Professional Fees (8%)	8	%	360,595	30,000
Rounding	1	Item	-595	-595
Total Project Cost (Excluding GST)	1	Item	390,000	390,000

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Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
Stage 6 – Upgrades to Main East/West Roadway				
Upgrade Main East/West Roadway				
<u>Demolition & Site Clearance</u>				
Clear site and demolish any pavements, kerbs, etc.	1,731	m2	15	25,965
No allowance for removal of contaminated soil		Note		Excluded
<u>External Works</u>				
Allowance to reshape existing levels to new proposed levels	1,584	m2	25	39,600
New paved roadway (3m wide)	1,584	m2	150	237,600
New garden beds with native bushy planting (Discounted for community services volunteering)	148	m2	60	8,880
Repair and resurface gravel path between paved pathway and grave sites	658	m2	60	39,480
Large shade trees	10	No.	850	8,500
Provide new bench seating incorporated with landscape and planting	31	m	1,500	46,500
Allowance for concrete flush kerb to edges of roadway	577	m	150	86,550
Allowance for line marking	1	Item	3,000	3,000
Allowance for detailed survey and traffic engineering		Note		Included
Provide parallel parking spaces to northern side of roadway (2.1m wide)		Note		Included
No allowance for lighting		Note		Excluded
<u>Signage</u>				
Allowance for traffic signage	1	Item	1,500	1,500
<u>Stormwater Management</u>				
Upgrades to stormwater catchment and drainage	1	Item	30,000	30,000
General Infrastructure Works (Implemented from Stage 4 - 10)				
<u>Landscape minor works to be implemented</u>				
Plantation reserve 're-wilding' and Cemetery-wilding (Discounted for community services volunteering)	497	m2	20	9,940
Enhancement of vegetation Reserve - allowance of 30% area (Discounted for community services volunteering)	1,888	m2	20	37,760
New garden beds with native bushy planting (Discounted for community services volunteering)	82	m2	60	4,920
General repair and maintenance of gravel aisles between grave sites. Surface material to be selected in accordance with CMP recommendations - 50% Allowance	913	m2	60	54,780
Phased removal of large Sugar Gums with timber to be reused in Cemetery	4	No.	3,000	12,000
General 'edit' of non-conforming / obsolete infrastructure (Provisional Sum)	1	Item	10,000	10,000
Removal of Sugar Gum to perimeter excluded		Note		Excluded
<u>Signage/Wayfinding works to be implemented</u>				
Installation of row markers throughout cemetery (Provisional Sum)	1	Item	1,000	1,000

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Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
Stage 6 – Upgrades to Main East/West Roadway (Continued)				
Trade Sub-Total (Excluding GST)	1	Item	657,975	657,975
Design Contingency (5%)	5	%	657,975	33,000
Preliminaries (10%)	10	%	690,975	70,000
Margin (5%)	5	%	760,975	39,000
Locality Loading (%)		Note		Excluded
Escalation to construction commencement @ (%) PA (Considered Q1 2027)		Note		Excluded
Escalation during the construction period @ (%) PA (considered at 3 months discounted for cashflow)		Note		Excluded
Total Estimated Construction Cost (Excluding GST)	1	Item	799,975	799,975
Construction Contingency (5%)	5	%	799,975	40,000
Professional Fees (8%)	8	%	839,975	68,000
Rounding	1	Item	-2,975	-2,975
Total Project Cost (Excluding GST)	1	Item	905,000	905,000

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Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
Stage 7 – Works to Central Area & Upgrade Pedestrian Paths (North/South)				
<u>Works to Central Area</u>				
<u>Demolition & Site Clearance</u>				
Clear site and demolish any pavements, kerbs, etc.	1,206	m2	15	18,090
Remove existing seats and bollards	1	Item	1,500	1,500
No allowance for removal of contaminated soil		Note		Excluded
<u>External Works</u>				
Allowance to reshape existing levels to new proposed levels	1,206	m2	25	30,150
Create ‘gateways’ at ends of main avenues; including continual circular path around centre	437	m2	150	65,550
Repave roadway around centre with new paving	445	m2	150	66,750
New garden beds with native bushy planting	236	m2	60	14,160
Reconfigure rose gardens at southern side of centre area to match other rose garden beds	102	m2	60	6,120
Allowance for concrete flush kerb to edges of pathways	315	m	150	47,250
New columbarium walls to match existing; includes footing	29	m	850	24,650
Provide new bench seating incorporated with landscape and planting	10	m	1,500	15,000
New sculpture/interpretive feature at centre of cemetery	1	Item	15,000	15,000
New circular seating between existing columbarium walls		Note		Included
Allow space in lawn for additional inurnment including concrete header		Note		Included
Retain other existing rose garden beds and tidy up paving		Note		Excluded
Retain columbarium walls		Note		Excluded
<u>Signage</u>				
Wayfinding and interpretive signage	1	Item	10,000	10,000
<u>Stormwater Management</u>				
Upgrades to stormwater catchment and drainage	1	Item	25,000	25,000
<u>Upgrade Pedestrian Paths (North/South)</u>				
<u>Demolition & Site Clearance</u>				
Clear site and demolish any pavements, kerbs, etc.	1,269	m2	15	19,035
No allowance for removal of contaminated soil		Note		Excluded
<u>External Works</u>				
Allowance to reshape existing levels to new proposed levels	1,269	m2	25	31,725
New stabilised compacted gravel to perimeter roadways (3m wide)	1,269	m2	60	76,140
Allowance for concrete flush kerb to edges of roadway	898	m	150	134,700
<u>Signage</u>				
Wayfinding and interpretive signage	1	Item	5,000	5,000

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Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
Stage 7 – Works to Central Area & Upgrade Pedestrian Paths (North/South) <i>(Continued)</i>				
<u>Stormwater Management</u>				
Upgrades to stormwater catchment and drainage	1	Item	10,000	10,000
<u>Pathway Through Lawn Burial Area</u>				
<u>Demolition & Site Clearance</u>				
Clear site and demolish any pavements, kerbs, etc.	143	m2	15	2,145
No allowance for removal of contaminated soil		Note		Excluded
<u>External Works</u>				
Allowance to reshape existing levels to new proposed levels	143	m2	25	3,575
New stabilised compacted gravel to perimeter roadways (3m wide)	143	m2	60	8,580
Allowance for concrete flush kerb to edges of roadway	96	m	150	14,400
<u>Signage</u>				
Wayfinding and interpretive signage	1	Item	2,500	2,500
<u>General Infrastructure Works (Implemented from Stage 4 - 10)</u>				
<u>Landscape minor works to be implemented</u>				
Plantation reserve 're-wilding' and Cemetery-wilding (Discounted for community services volunteering)	497	m2	20	9,940
Enhancement of vegetation Reserve - allowance of 30% area (Discounted for community services volunteering)	1,888	m2	20	37,760
New garden beds with native bushy planting (Discounted for community services volunteering)	82	m2	60	4,920
General repair and maintenance of gravel aisles between grave sites. Surface material to be selected in accordance with CMP recommendations - 50% Allowance	913	m2	60	54,780
Phased removal of large Sugar Gums with timber to be reused in Cemetery	4	No.	3,000	12,000
General 'edit' of non-conforming / obsolete infrastructure (Provisional Sum)	1	Item	10,000	10,000
Removal of Sugar Gum to perimeter excluded		Note		Excluded
<u>Signage/Wayfinding works to be implemented</u>				
Installation of row markers throughout cemetery (Provisional Sum)	1	Item	1,000	1,000
Trade Sub-Total (Excluding GST)	1	Item	777,420	777,420
Design Contingency (5%)	5	%	777,420	39,000
Preliminaries (10%)	10	%	816,420	82,000
Margin (5%)	5	%	898,420	45,000
Locality Loading (%)		Note		Excluded
Escalation to construction commencement @ (%) PA (Considered Q1 2027)		Note		Excluded
Escalation during the construction period @ (%) PA (considered at 3 months discounted for cashflow)		Note		Excluded
Total Estimated Construction Cost (Excluding GST)	1	Item	943,420	943,420

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Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
Stage 7 – Works to Central Area & Upgrade Pedestrian Paths (North/South)				(Continued)
Construction Contingency (5%)	5	%	943,420	48,000
Professional Fees (8%)	8	%	991,420	81,000
Rounding	1	Item	-2,420	-2,420
Total Project Cost (Excluding GST)	1	Item	1,070,000	1,070,000

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Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
Stage 8 – Upgrades to Northern/Southern Section of Central North/South Avenue				
Upgrades to Northern Section of Central North/South Avenue				
<u>Demolition & Site Clearance</u>				
Clear site and demolish any pavements, kerbs, etc.	632	m2	15	9,480
No allowance for removal of contaminated soil		Note		Excluded
<u>External Works</u>				
Allowance to reshape existing levels to new proposed levels	393	m2	25	9,825
New paved roadway (3m wide)	393	m2	150	58,950
Callitris Gracillis avenue planting with low native planting at base in 1.5m wide zone (Discounted for community services volunteering)	224	m2	60	13,440
New garden beds with native bushy planting (Discounted for community services volunteering)	17	m2	60	1,020
Repair and resurface gravel path between paved pathway and grave sites	807	m2	60	48,420
Small trees	44	No.	650	28,600
Large shade trees	6	No.	850	5,100
Provide new bench seating incorporated with landscape and planting	21	m	1,500	31,500
Allowance for concrete flush kerb to edges of roadway	265	m	150	39,750
Incorporate general infrastructure such as bins and taps with redevelopment	1	Item	5,000	5,000
<u>Signage</u>				
Wayfinding and interpretive signage	1	Item	5,000	5,000
<u>Stormwater Management</u>				
Upgrades to stormwater catchment and drainage	1	Item	30,000	30,000
<u>Site Services Infrastructure Upgrades</u>				
Hydraulic Services	1	Item	5,000	5,000
BWIC with Site Services Infrastructure Upgrades	5	%	5,000	250
Upgrades to Southern Section of North/South Roadway				
<u>Demolition & Site Clearance</u>				
Clear site and demolish any pavements, kerbs, etc.	646	m2	15	9,690
No allowance for removal of contaminated soil		Note		Excluded
<u>External Works</u>				
Allowance to reshape existing levels to new proposed levels	389	m2	25	9,725
New paved roadway (3m wide)	389	m2	150	58,350
Callitris Gracillis avenue planting with low native planting at base in 1.5m wide zone (Discounted for community services volunteering)	241	m2	60	14,460
New garden beds with native bushy planting (Discounted for community services volunteering)	17	m2	60	1,020
Repair and resurface gravel path between paved pathway and grave sites	869	m2	60	52,140

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Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
Stage 8 – Upgrades to Northern/Southern Section of Central North/South Avenue (Continued)				
Incorporate general infrastructure such as bins and taps with redevelopment	1	Item	5,000	5,000
Small trees	46	No.	650	29,900
Large shade trees	6	No.	850	5,100
Provide new bench seating incorporated with landscape and planting	21	m	1,500	31,500
Allowance for concrete flush kerb to edges of roadway	266	m	150	39,900
Signage				
Wayfinding and interpretive signage	1	Item	5,000	5,000
Stormwater Management				
Upgrades to stormwater catchment and drainage	1	Item	25,000	25,000
Site Services Infrastructure Upgrades				
Hydraulic Services	1	Item	5,000	5,000
BWIC with Site Services Infrastructure Upgrades	5	%	5,000	250
General Infrastructure Works (Implemented from Stage 4 - 10)				
Landscape minor works to be implemented				
Plantation reserve 're-wilding' and Cemetery-wilding (Discounted for community services volunteering)	497	m2	20	9,940
Enhancement of vegetation Reserve - allowance of 30% area (Discounted for community services volunteering)	1,888	m2	20	37,760
New garden beds with native bushy planting (Discounted for community services volunteering)	82	m2	60	4,920
General repair and maintenance of gravel aisles between grave sites. Surface material to be selected in accordance with CMP recommendations - 50% Allowance	913	m2	60	54,780
Phased removal of large Sugar Gums with timber to be reused in Cemetery	4	No.	3,000	12,000
General 'edit' of non-conforming / obsolete infrastructure (Provisional Sum)	1	Item	10,000	10,000
Removal of Sugar Gum to perimeter excluded		Note		Excluded
Signage/Wayfinding works to be implemented				
Installation of row markers throughout cemetery (Provisional Sum)	1	Item	1,000	1,000
Trade Sub-Total (Excluding GST)	1	Item	713,770	713,770
Design Contingency (5%)	5	%	713,770	36,000
Preliminaries (10%)	10	%	749,770	75,000
Margin (5%)	5	%	824,770	42,000
Locality Loading (%)		Note		Excluded
Escalation to construction commencement @ (%) PA (Considered Q1 2027)		Note		Excluded
Escalation during the construction period @ (%) PA (considered at 3 months discounted for cashflow)		Note		Excluded
Total Estimated Construction Cost (Excluding GST)	1	Item	866,770	866,770

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Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
Stage 8 – Upgrades to Northern/Southern Section of Central North/South Avenue (Continued)				
Construction Contingency (5%)	5	%	866,770	44,000
Professional Fees (8%)	8	%	910,770	73,000
Rounding	1	Item	1,230	1,230
Total Project Cost (Excluding GST)	1	Item	985,000	985,000

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Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
Stage 9 – Upgrades to Secondary East/West Roadways				
Secondary East/West Roadways				
<u>Demolition & Site Clearance</u>				
Clear site and demolish any pavements, kerbs, etc.	2,057	m2	15	30,855
No allowance for removal of contaminated soil		Note		Excluded
<u>External Works</u>				
Allowance to reshape existing levels to new proposed levels		Note		Excluded
Allowance for general making good existing pavers (say 20%)	348	m2	150	52,200
Planting between roadway and graves where appropriate (Discounted for community services volunteering)	321	m2	60	19,260
Allowance for concrete flush kerb to edges of roadway	936	m	150	140,400
Allowance for new paved car parks	18	No.	5,000	90,000
Allowance for line marking	1	Item	3,000	3,000
Allowance for detailed survey and traffic engineering		Note		Included
Provide parallel parking spaces to sides of roadway		Note		Included
No allowance for lighting		Note		Excluded
<u>Signage</u>				
Allowance for traffic signage	1	Item	2,500	2,500
<u>Stormwater Management</u>				
Upgrades to stormwater catchment and drainage	1	Item	25,000	25,000
General Infrastructure Works (Implemented from Stage 4 - 10)				
<u>Landscape minor works to be implemented</u>				
Plantation reserve 're-wilding' and Cemetery-wilding (Discounted for community services volunteering)	497	m2	20	9,940
Enhancement of vegetation Reserve - allowance of 30% area (Discounted for community services volunteering)	1,888	m2	20	37,760
New garden beds with native bushy planting (Discounted for community services volunteering)	82	m2	60	4,920
General repair and maintenance of gravel aisles between grave sites. Surface material to be selected in accordance with CMP recommendations - 50% Allowance	913	m2	60	54,780
Phased removal of large Sugar Gums with timber to be reused in Cemetery	4	No.	3,000	12,000
General 'edit' of non-conforming / obsolete infrastructure (Provisional Sum)	1	Item	10,000	10,000
Removal of Sugar Gum to perimeter excluded		Note		Excluded
<u>Signage/Wayfinding works to be implemented</u>				
Installation of row markers throughout cemetery (Provisional Sum)	1	Item	1,000	1,000
Trade Sub-Total (Excluding GST)	1	Item	493,615	493,615
Design Contingency (5%)	5	%	493,615	25,000

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Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
Stage 9 – Upgrades to Secondary East/West Roadways (Continued)				
Preliminaries (10%)	10	%	518,615	52,000
Margin (5%)	5	%	570,615	29,000
Locality Loading (%)		Note		Excluded
Escalation to construction commencement @ (%) PA (Considered Q1 2027)		Note		Excluded
Escalation during the construction period @ (%) PA (considered at 3 months discounted for cashflow)		Note		Excluded
Total Estimated Construction Cost (Excluding GST)	1	Item	599,615	599,615
Construction Contingency (5%)	5	%	599,615	30,000
Professional Fees (8%)	8	%	629,615	51,000
Rounding	1	Item	-615	-615
Total Project Cost (Excluding GST)	1	Item	680,000	680,000

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Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
Stage 10 – Upgrades to Perimeter Roadways & Eastern Entry				
Perimeter Roadways				
<u>Demolition & Site Clearance</u>				
Clear site and demolish any pavements, kerbs, etc.	3,679	m2	15	55,185
No allowance for removal of contaminated soil		Note		Excluded
<u>External Works</u>				
Allowance to reshape existing levels to new proposed levels		Note		Excluded
Allowance for general making good existing pavers (say 20%)	736	m2	150	110,400
Allowance for concrete flush kerb to edges of roadway	1,814	m	150	272,100
Allowance for new paved car parks	6	No.	5,000	30,000
<u>Stormwater Management</u>				
Upgrades to stormwater catchment and drainage	1	Item	50,000	50,000
Eastern Entry				
<u>Demolition & Site Clearance</u>				
Clear site and demolish any pavements, kerbs, etc.	89	m2	15	1,335
No allowance for removal of contaminated soil		Note		Excluded
<u>Structures</u>				
New shelter	1	No.	75,000	75,000
<u>External Works</u>				
Provide new bench seating incorporated with landscape and planting	19	m	1,500	28,500
Retain existing entry point and gravel path into eastern corner of cemetery		Note		Excluded
Retain existing pedestrian entry point from Chamberlain Road at eastern corner of cemetery		Note		Excluded
<u>Signage</u>				
Wayfinding and interpretive signage	1	Item	10,000	10,000
<u>Stormwater Management</u>				
Upgrades to stormwater catchment and drainage	1	Item	25,000	25,000
<u>Site Services Infrastructure Upgrades</u>				
Electrical Services	1	Item	25,000	25,000
Hydraulic Services	1	Item	25,000	25,000
Fire Services	1	Item	5,000	5,000
BWIC with Site Services Infrastructure Upgrades	5	%	55,000	2,750
General Infrastructure Works (Implemented from Stage 4 - 10)				
<u>Landscape minor works to be implemented</u>				
Plantation reserve 're-wilding' and Cemetery-wilding (Discounted for community services volunteering)	497	m2	20	9,940

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Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
Stage 10 – Upgrades to Perimeter Roadways & Eastern Entry				(Continued)
Enhancement of vegetation Reserve - allowance of 30% area (Discounted for community services volunteering)	1,888	m2	20	37,760
New garden beds with native bushy planting (Discounted for community services volunteering)	82	m2	60	4,920
General repair and maintenance of gravel aisles between grave sites. Surface material to be selected in accordance with CMP recommendations - 50% Allowance	913	m2	60	54,780
Phased removal of large Sugar Gums with timber to be reused in Cemetery	4	No.	3,000	12,000
General 'edit' of non-conforming / obsolete infrastructure (Provisional Sum)	1	Item	10,000	10,000
Removal of Sugar Gum to perimeter excluded		Note		Excluded
<u>Signage/Wayfinding works to be implemented</u>				
Installation of row markers throughout cemetery (Provisional Sum)	1	Item	1,000	1,000
Trade Sub-Total (Excluding GST)	1	Item	845,670	845,670
Design Contingency (5%)	5	%	845,670	43,000
Preliminaries (10%)	10	%	888,670	89,000
Margin (5%)	5	%	977,670	49,000
Locality Loading (%)		Note		Excluded
Escalation to construction commencement @ (%) PA (Considered Q1 2027)		Note		Excluded
Escalation during the construction period @ (%) PA (considered at 3 months discounted for cashflow)		Note		Excluded
Total Estimated Construction Cost (Excluding GST)	1	Item	1,026,670	1,026,670
Construction Contingency (5%)	5	%	1,026,670	52,000
Professional Fees (8%)	8	%	1,078,670	87,000
Rounding	1	Item	-670	-670
Total Project Cost (Excluding GST)	1	Item	1,165,000	1,165,000

2026.07 MASTER PLAN ESTIMATE – REV.2

Description	Quantity	Unit	Rate	Total
Acoustic Barrier (Rates Only)				
Acoustic Barriers Options				
Blockwork including render to both sides		\$/m	3,000	
Precast concrete (Plain Grey)		\$/m	3,300	
Precast concrete (Brightonlite)		\$/m	2,850	
Rammed earth walls		\$/m	3,750	
Off form concrete		\$/m	3,600	
Exposed aggregate sandblasted concrete		\$/m	4,350	
Exposed aggregate polished concrete		\$/m	4,750	
Walls assumed to be 3000mm high and 300mm wide		Note		
Includes concrete footings		Note		
Note the amounts includes all add-ons such as Design Contingency, Construction Contingency, Escalation, Margin, and Professional Fees, etc however exclude GST.		Note		

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Appendix



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Dear Town of Gawler

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Town of Gawler’s draft Willaston Cemetery Master Plan (the Master Plan) which has been developed to guide future investment and improvements at the Cemetery over the next 10 years.

Heritage South Australia, within the Department for Environment and Water, acknowledges the Willaston Cemetery as a significant place, which is valued for its historical and cultural value.

Ms Kirsty Nield, Senior Heritage Officer from Heritage South Australia, met with consultants Mr Tom Hamper and Ms Susan Phillips of Phillips Pilkington on 16 June 2026 for an overview of the draft Master Plan.

Heritage South Australia have now reviewed the Master Plan and are overall supportive of the proposed approach to management of the site and identified issues. The following feedback is provided for further consideration.

Section 1.2 – Heritage Status

It is noted that the heritage values of the cemetery relate to criteria that cover the following:

- It is one of the larger cemeteries in the State
- It features ironwork and monuments of high quality.

This is covered in the Master Plan. The Heritage Council assessment report (17 May 2001) includes a description of the place (see extract below) that refers to the belt of natural bushland and mature eucalypts throughout the cemetery. This aspect of the site is a key feature in the Master Plan. Section 1.2 (page 3) could also be updated to refer to this description to emphasise how it intends to celebrate and utilise this aspect of the site.



Section 1.3 - Regulatory Framework

It is suggested this section could include examples of works proposed in the Master Plan which would require Development Application and heritage referral. For example, signage, new structures and shelters, road and footpath alterations.

Section 1.4 – Project Aims and Scope

Overall, Heritage South Australia agrees with the project aims and scope, and the range of issues to be addressed.

Section 1.5 – Detailed Brief

It is noted that conservation of graves is dealt with in a general sense in the Willaston Cemetery 2024 Conservation and Management Plan. It should be noted in the detailed brief that this was outside of scope of the Master Plan and a future site by site conservation approach may be required. Conservation of grave sites should be guided by the 2024 Conservation and Management Plan, supported by advice from Heritage South Australia.

Section 3.1- Proposed Master Plan

The design of new structures would be the subject of future Development Applications. In general, the new structures should be consistent in appearance to create a cohesive appearance within the whole site and is a matter that could be addressed in the Master Plan. A short additional section could cover a general approach to building new structures. (E.g.

Design of new structures should be consistent in scale, design, materials and colours and would be subject to future development approval. New structures should seek to blend into the natural environment of the Cemetery and not become a visual feature.

The proposal to formalise vehicle movement and parking is supported, as currently it is unclear. The is a risk vehicle movement and parking becomes too formal and that may change the existing feel and appearance of the place, compromising its heritage values. Final detail of this design would be managed through the development application process.

Lastly, it is also noted there is currently contrast between the formal entrance and the bush surrounds. The Master Plan deals with this by considering all aspects as a whole. This is supported.

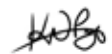
Section 3.2 – Interpretation Strategy

It is noted that precedents for interpretive signage is covered in more detail in Appendix B. However, the pictured array of options (page 24) lacks referencing or explanation. Is it suggested that more detail is needed if this is the intention for future signage. Perhaps another map could be included just showing key sites for interpretive signs.

Heritage South Australia trusts that the above feedback has been useful and wishes the Town of Gawler all the best in finalising the Master Plan.

For further information regarding any of the points raised above, please contact Kirsty Nield, Senior Heritage Conservation Officer, Heritage South Australia, at kirsty.nield@sa.gov.au

Yours sincerely



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Director, Planning and Heritage
Department for Environment and Water

26 / 06 / 2026

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26 June 2026

Town of Gawler

Re: Draft Willaston Cemetery Master Plan 2026

Gawler Environment and Heritage Association [GEHA] is a regional community group (90 members) supporting activities related to history, built and cultural heritage, the natural environment and environmentally sustainable living. GEHA has been in operation since 1980 actively promoting an understanding of the Aboriginal and European history of our region. GEHA has been particularly involved in the protection of heritage buildings and places in Gawler and the heritage character of the town and region.

Summary

GEHA appreciates the efforts of Gawler Council, the consultants and other contributors to what is generally a positive document. GEHA is broadly supportive of the recommendations and priorities set out in the draft Plan.

Historical and heritage significance.

We support the review of the State Heritage listing to include significance of the cemetery as the original prototype for SA government created cemeteries with a vegetation strip around the cemetery area and the role of George Goyder in the Cemetery survey and layout. This could also include rewording the listing description related to native vegetation.

Native vegetation.

GEHA welcomes the good information in the Draft about native vegetation management, including the phased removal of the planted Sugar Gums and some other planted trees having a very deleterious impact on the remnant native vegetation. Also some of these trees in the inner Cemetery square.

GEHA supports the proposal for recreating rows of vegetation marking the original Cemetery boundary, including with Mallee Box Eucalyptus porosa or Native Pine Callitris gracilis as appropriate.

GEHA supports the proposal for planting up suitable areas, such as the triangles on the ends of many of the rows of graves and the area near the Precious Souls Memorial, with native plants including those that have recorded historically in the Cemetery or in the vicinity, but are no longer present. GEHA nursery grows most of the plant species identified as suitable for such planting and will be very happy to assist in this proposal. The proposal has the potential to provide a very interesting addition to the Cemetery landscaping and a valuable educational and interpretive addition to Cemetery information. Also, an ideal project to engage community volunteers in a long-term project.

GEHA supports the additional pedestrian paths through the areas of native vegetation adjacent Dawkins Avenue and Chamberlain Road to assist in encouraging parking on those streets to reduce parking inside the Cemetery. Similarly for the suggested school group etc gathering area at the Cemetery northern end off Chamberlain Road. This will also have some minor impacts on remnant vegetation.

Lawned area

GEHA supports reducing and eventually removing the irrigated lawn area. This area was first commenced just prior to the Cemetery becoming a State Heritage Place. Subsequent expansion occurred without referral to Heritage SA for approval. Generally from a heritage perspective the lawn area is not appropriate. There is an opportunity to replace the irrigated grass with native grasses

Historic grave memorials

GEHA supports relocation of the original Gawler Cemetery [Pioneer Park] headstones back to Pioneer Park.

Central area structure

GEHA supports limited if any expansion of the central Cemetery structure.

Other matters

GEHA supports other suggested changes and works including changes related to spoil site, traffic movement, main entrance and new toilets.

Thank you for the well thought out draft Plan. We look forward to a final version.

Yours faithfully

Judy Ferguson

Convenor, Gawler Environment & Heritage Association

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Appendix

Form Results Summary

Jun 04, 2026 - Jun 29, 2026

Project: Willaston Cemetery Masterplan

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Contribution Summary

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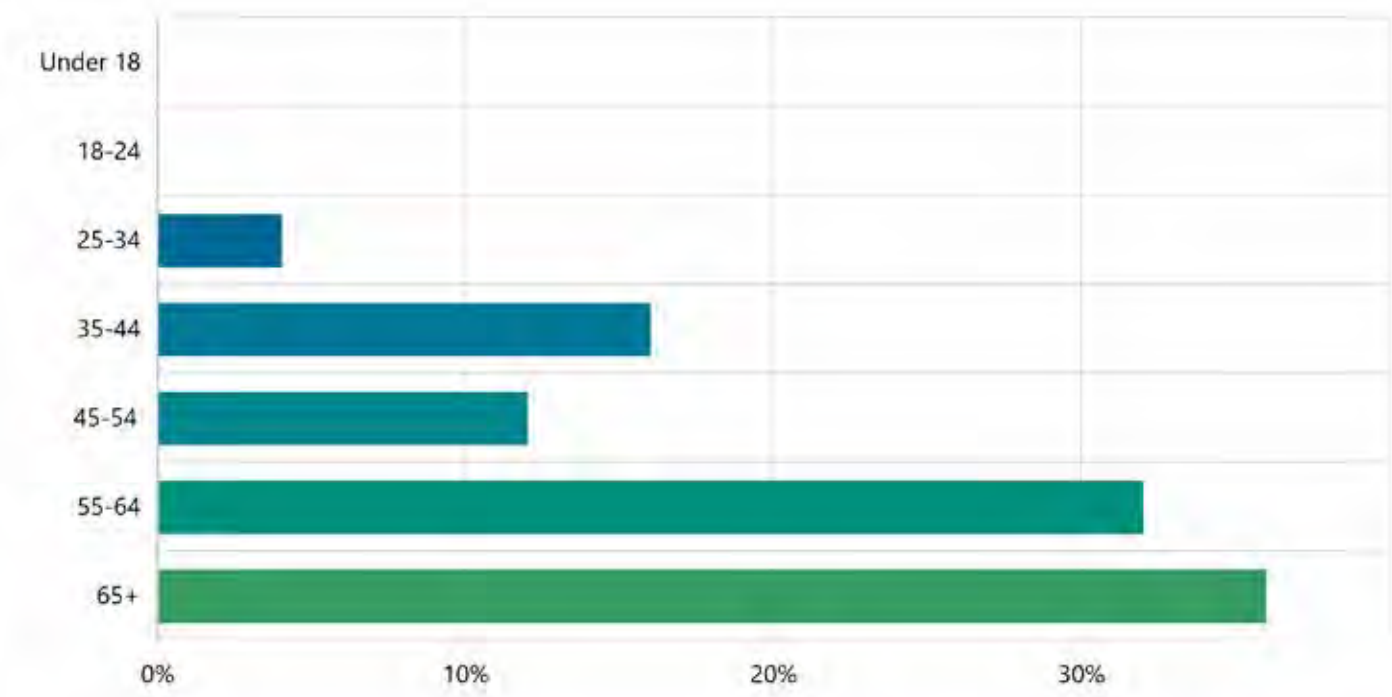
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Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	80.00%	20
No	20.00%	5
Total	100.00%	25

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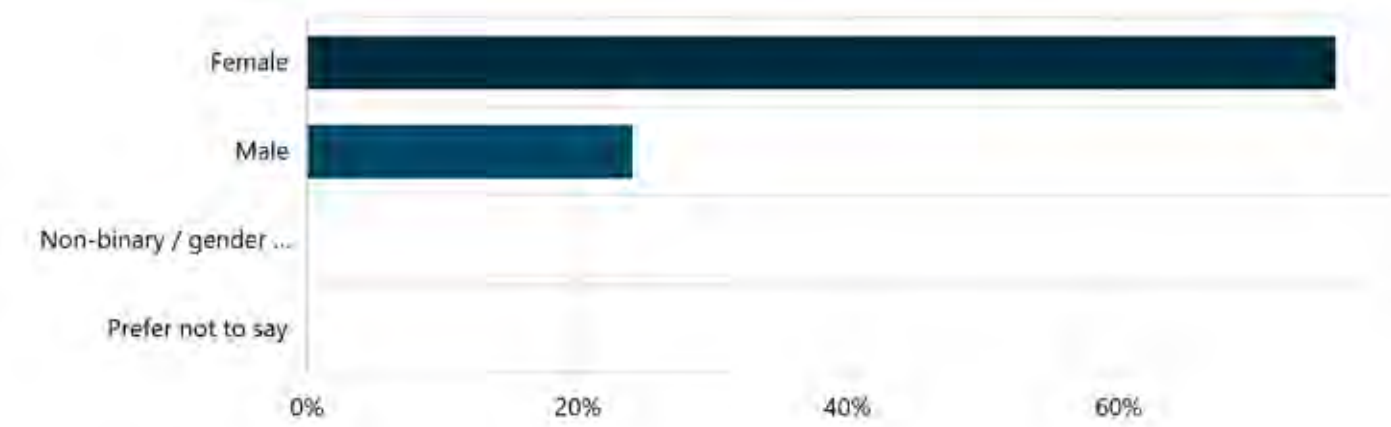
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Answer choices	Percent	Count
Under 18	0%	0
18-24	0%	0
25-34	4.00%	1
35-44	16.00%	4
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55-64	32.00%	8
65+	36.00%	9
Total	100.00%	25

3. Please include your gender

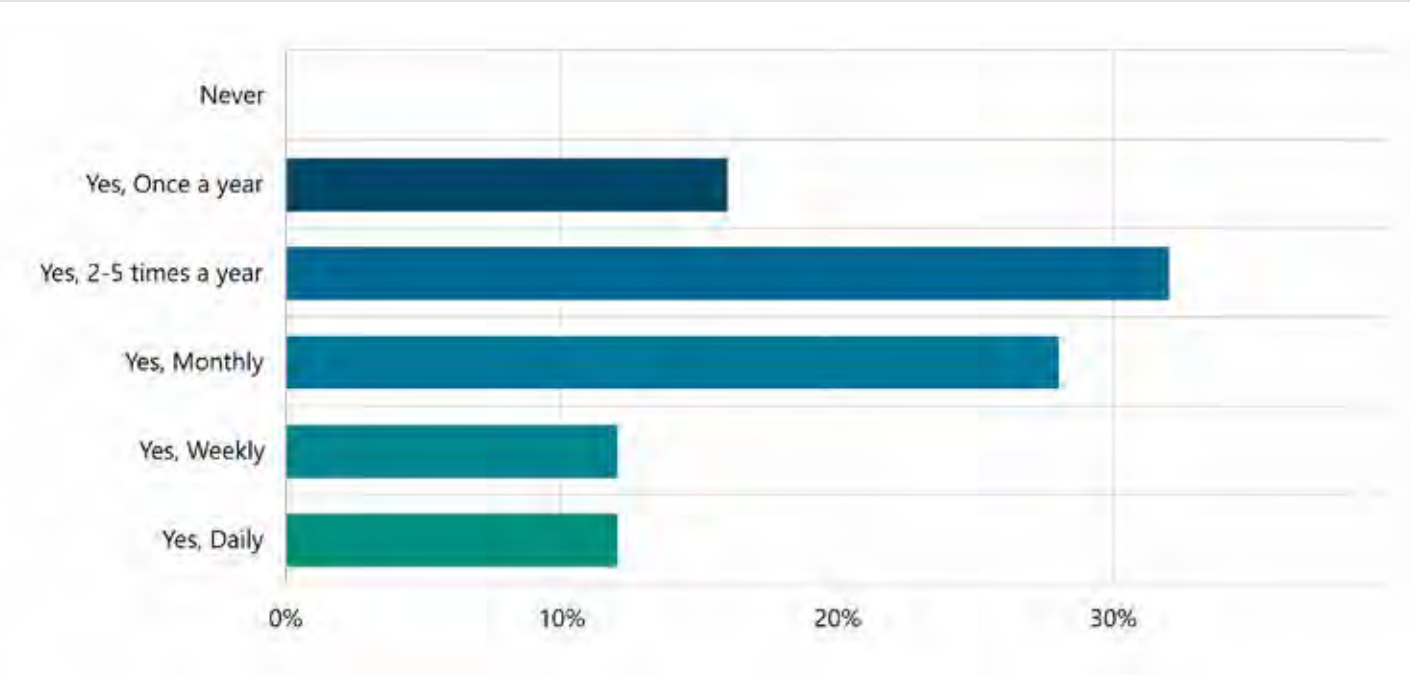
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Answer choices	Percent	Count
Female	76.00%	19
Male	24.00%	6
Non-binary / gender diverse	0%	0
Prefer not to say	0%	0
Total	100.00%	25

4. Do you visit Willaston Cemetery? If yes, how often?

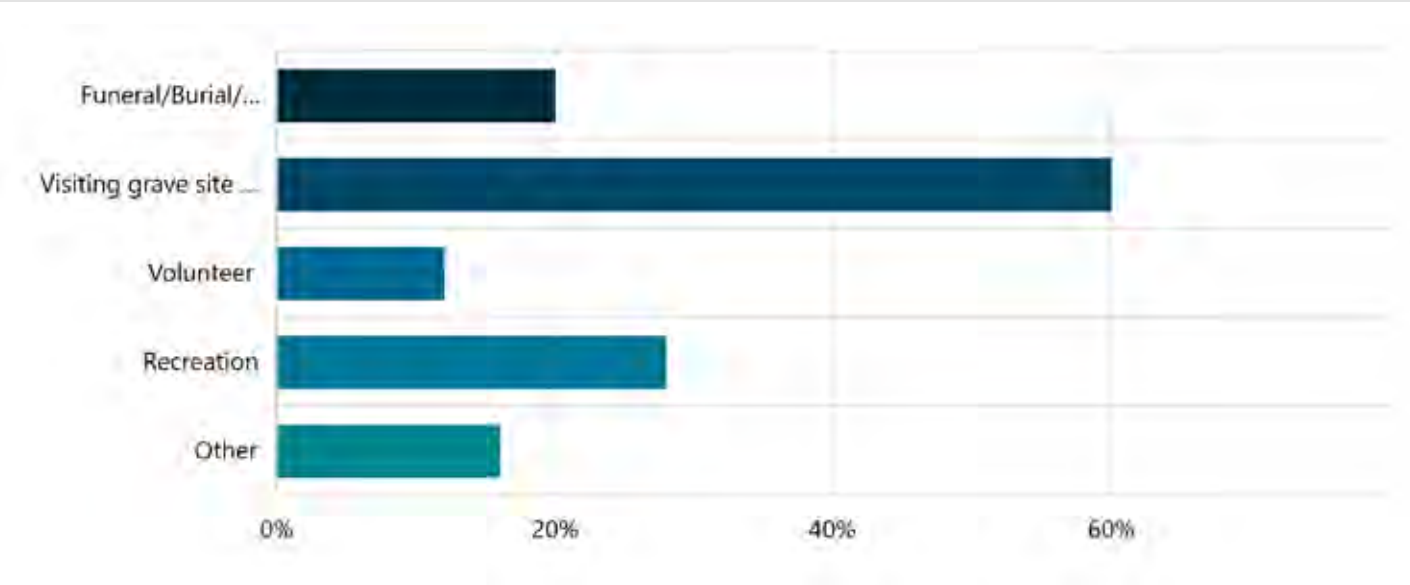
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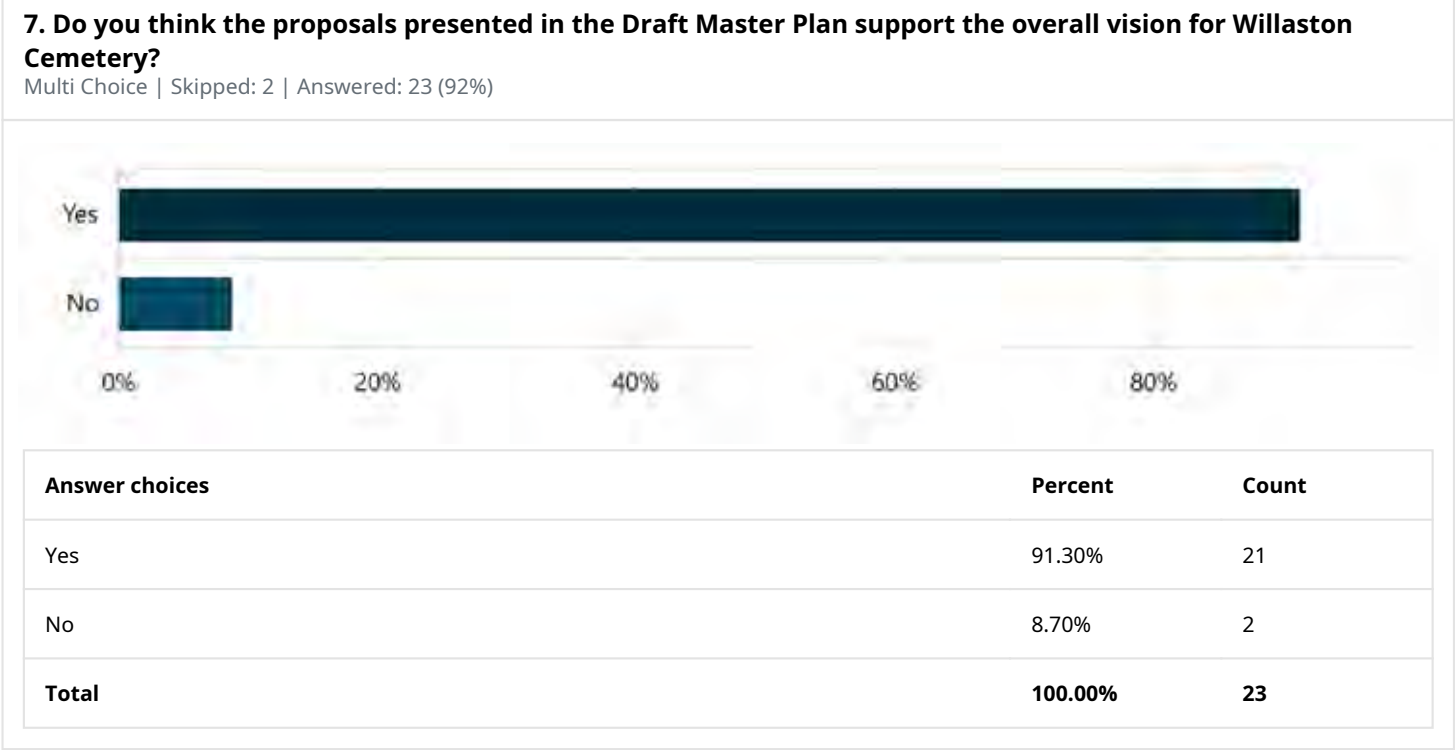
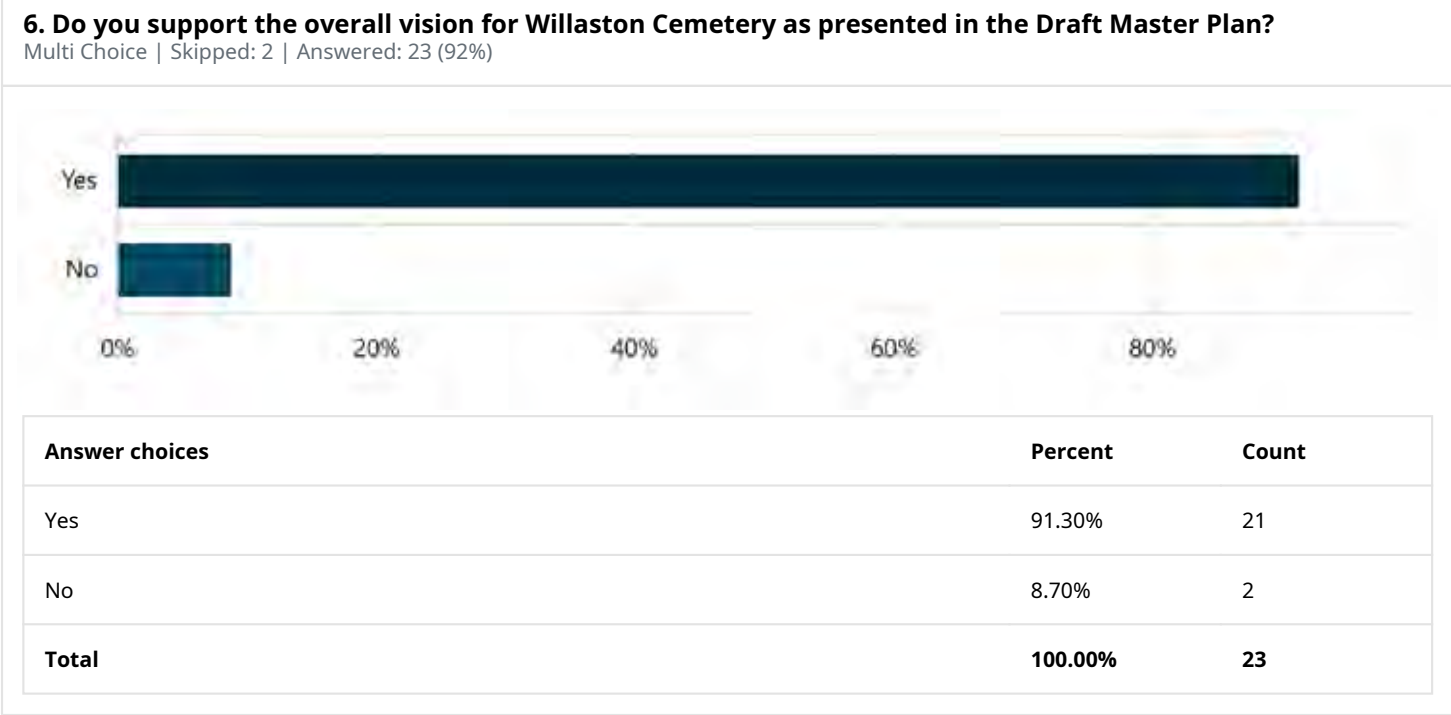
Answer choices	Percent	Count
Never	0%	0
Yes, Once a year	16.00%	4
Yes, 2-5 times a year	32.00%	8
Yes, Monthly	28.00%	7
Yes, Weekly	12.00%	3
Yes, Daily	12.00%	3
Total	100.00%	25

5. If you visit Willaston Cemetery, what are the reasons for visiting? (Select all that apply) Required

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 25 (100%)

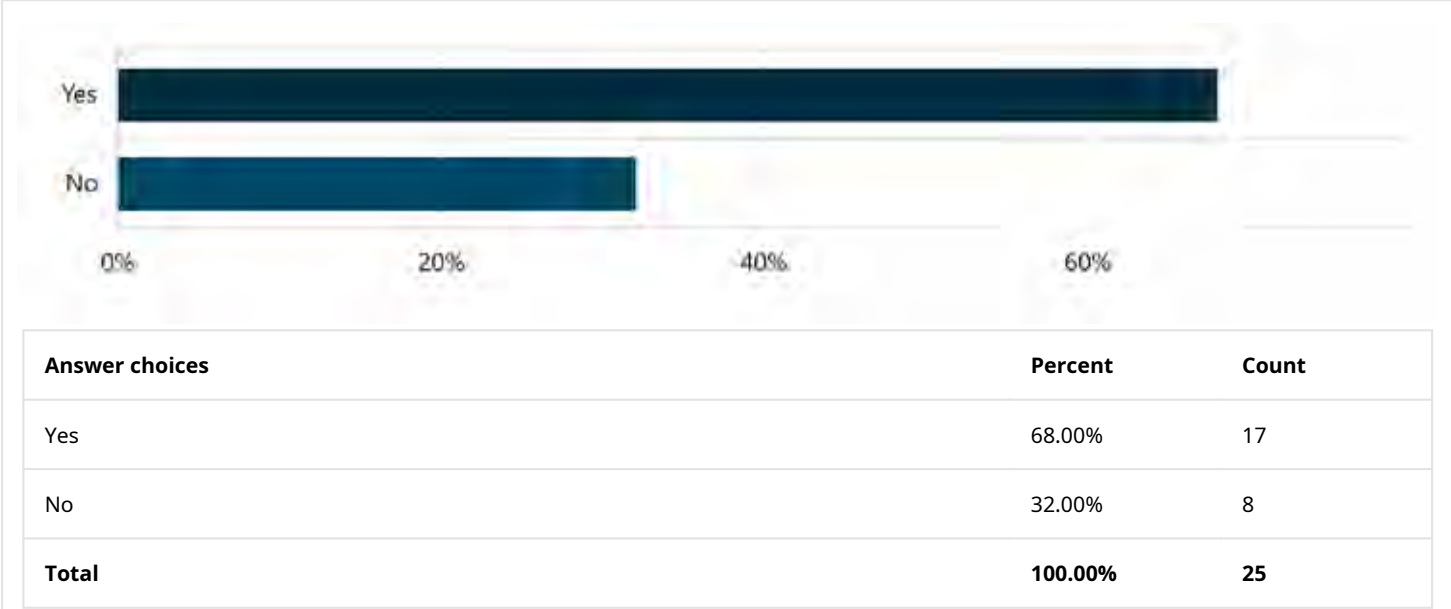


Answer choices	Percent	Count
Funeral/Burial/Memorial Service	20.00%	5
Visiting grave site or memorial	60.00%	15
Volunteer	12.00%	3
Recreation	28.00%	7
Other	16.00%	4



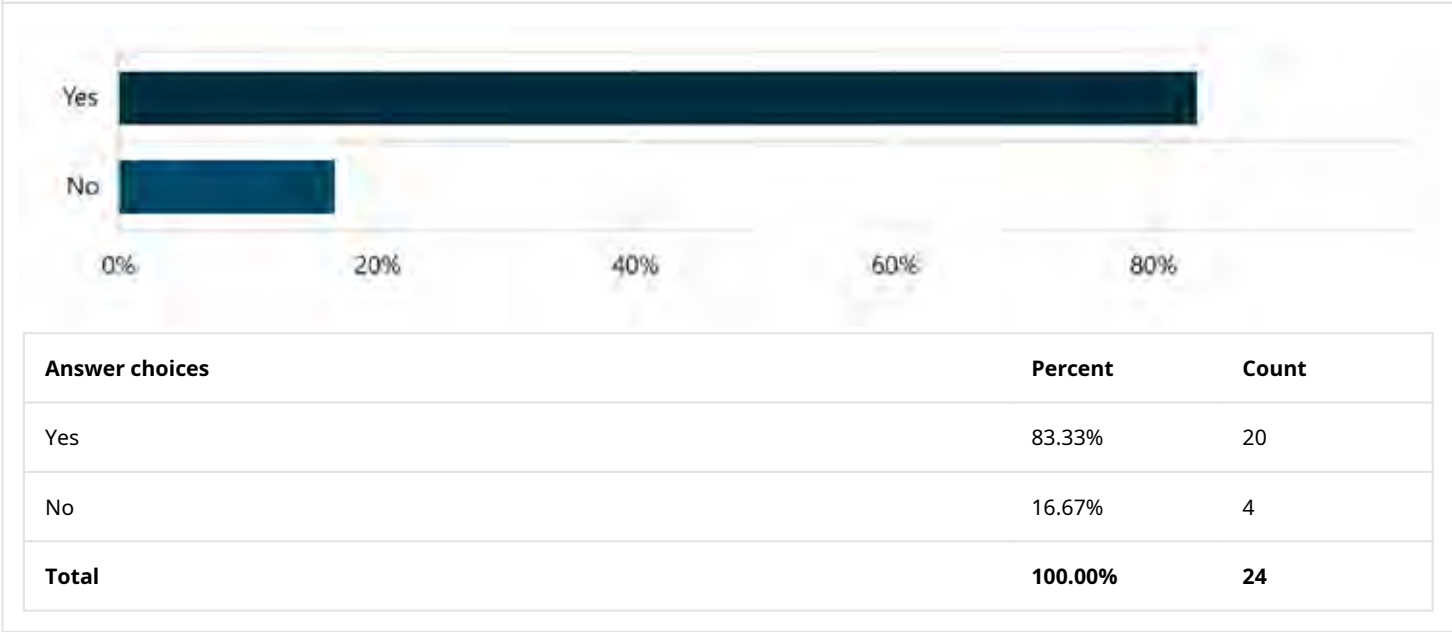
8. Do you support the proposed changes to the main entry to limit vehicle access through the main gate and create a driveway from Cemetery Road?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 25 (100%)



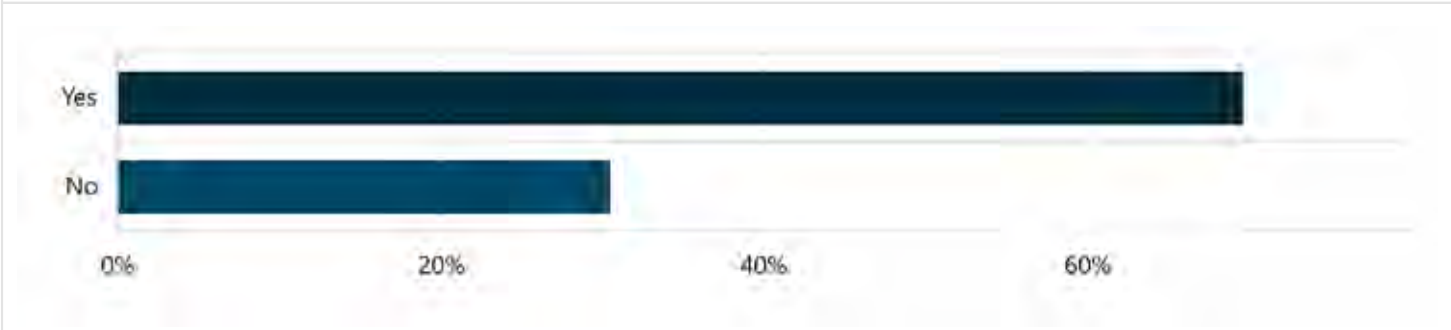
9. Do you support the proposed changes to roadways, pathways and parking within the cemetery?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 1 | Answered: 24 (96%)



10. Do you support the relocation of headstones back to Pioneer Park?

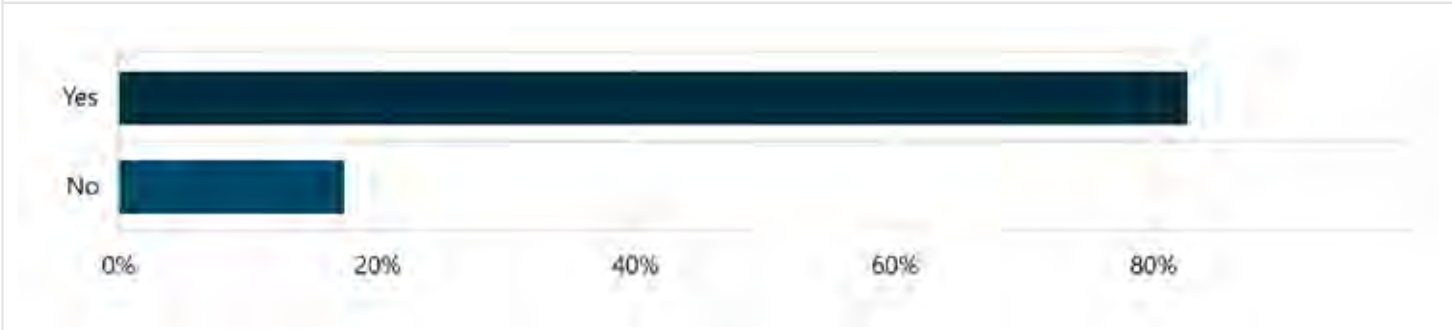
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Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	69.57%	16
No	30.43%	7
Total	100.00%	23

11. Do you support the proposed upgrades to the entry area?

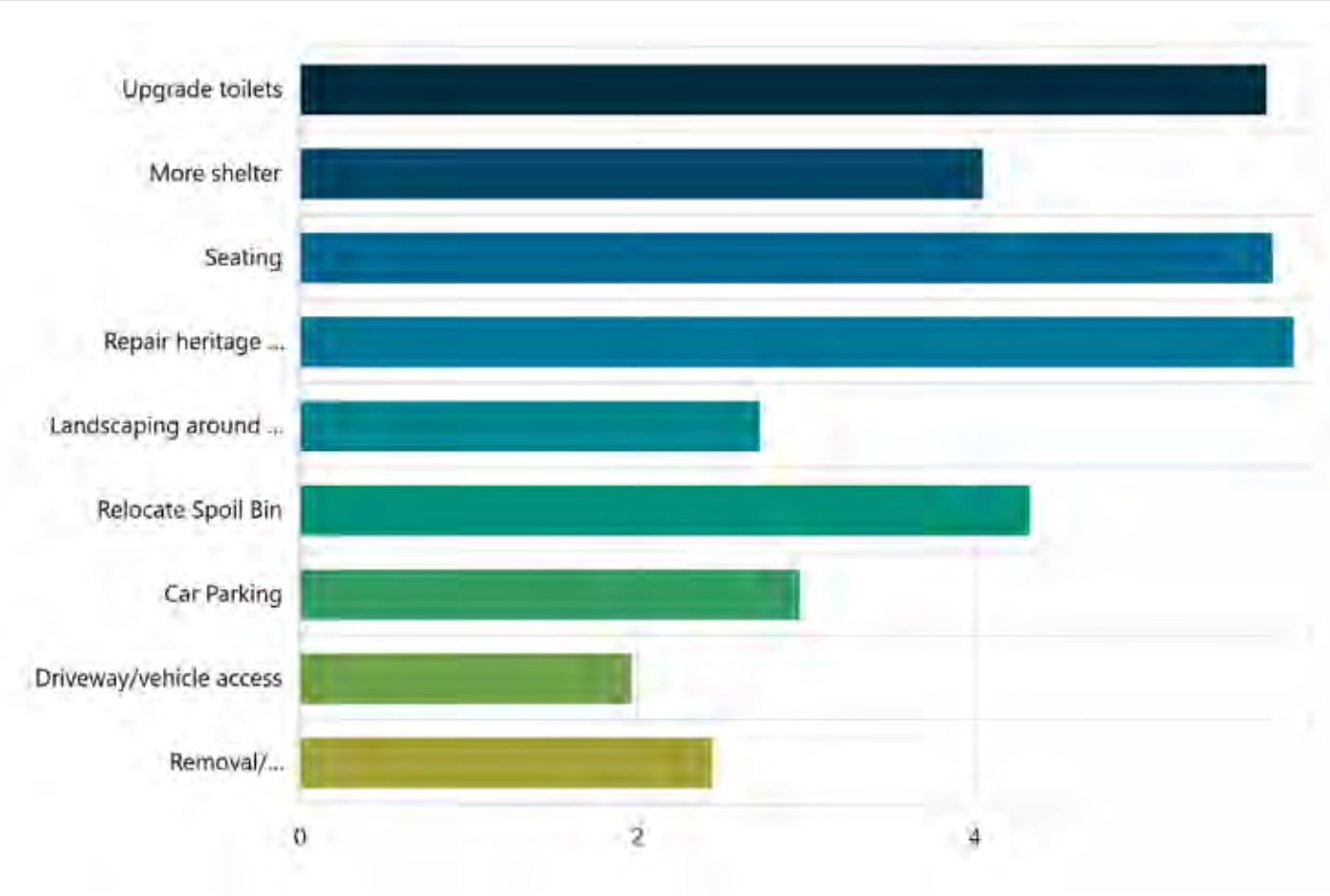
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Answer choices	Percent	Count
Yes	82.61%	19
No	17.39%	4
Total	100.00%	23

12. What do you think are the biggest priorities that require addressing around the main entry? (Rank at least three in order?)

Ranking | Skipped: 0 | Answered: 25 (100%)

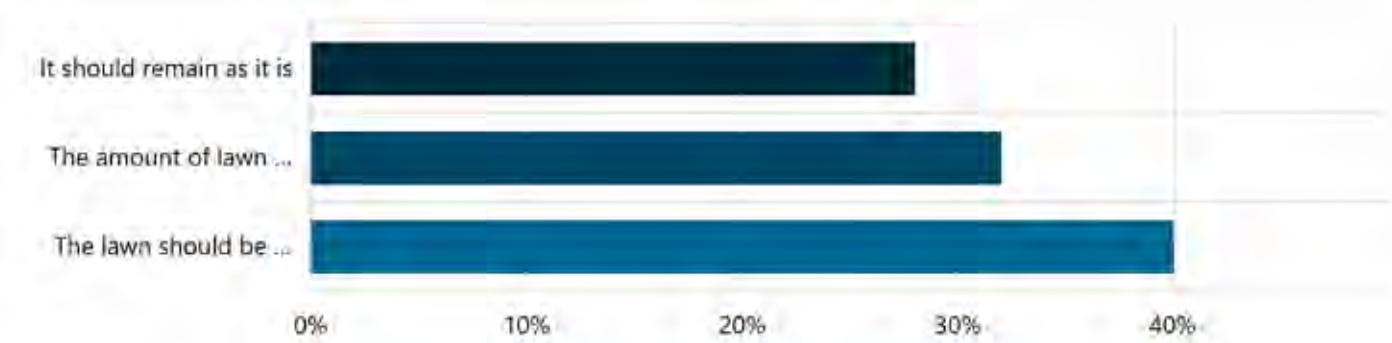


	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Count	Score	Avg Rank
Upgra de toilets	50.00 % 10	15.00 % 3	5.00% 1	10.00 % 2	5.00% 1	0% 0	5.00% 1	0% 0	10.00 % 2	20	5.72	2.85
More shelte r	12.50 % 2	18.75 % 3	12.50 % 2	31.25 % 5	12.50 % 2	0% 0	6.25% 1	6.25% 1	0% 0	16	4.04	3.69
Seatin g	4.76% 1	47.62 % 10	23.81 % 5	4.76% 1	9.52% 2	0% 0	4.76% 1	0% 0	4.76% 1	21	5.76	3.14
Repair herita ge gates and fence	50.00 % 10	5.00% 1	15.00 % 3	5.00% 1	10.00 % 2	15.00 % 3	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	20	5.88	2.65
Lands capin g aroun d gates	0% 0	23.08 % 3	0% 0	7.69% 1	30.77 % 4	30.77 % 4	0% 0	7.69% 1	0% 0	13	2.72	4.77

Reloc ate Spoil Bin	5.26% 1	5.26% 1	42.11 % 8	15.79 % 3	5.26% 1	0% 0	10.53 % 2	15.79 % 3	0% 0	19	4.32	4.32
Car Parkin g	0% 0	6.67% 1	13.33 % 2	20.00 % 3	13.33 % 2	33.33 % 5	0% 0	13.33 % 2	0% 0	15	2.96	5.07
Drive way/v ehicle access	0% 0	0% 0	25.00 % 3	8.33% 1	8.33% 1	0% 0	33.33 % 4	16.67 % 2	8.33% 1	12	1.96	5.92
Remo val/re place ment of Sugar Gums	7.14% 1	21.43 % 3	7.14% 1	7.14% 1	7.14% 1	0% 0	7.14% 1	7.14% 1	35.71 % 5	14	2.44	5.64
Score - Sum of the weight of each ranked position, multiplied by the response count for the position choice, divided by the total contributions. Weights are inverse to ranked positions. Avg Rank - Sum of the ranked position of the choice, multiplied by the response count for the position choice, divided by the total 'Count' of the choice.												

13. What do you think should happen with the existing lawn burial area? (select one option)

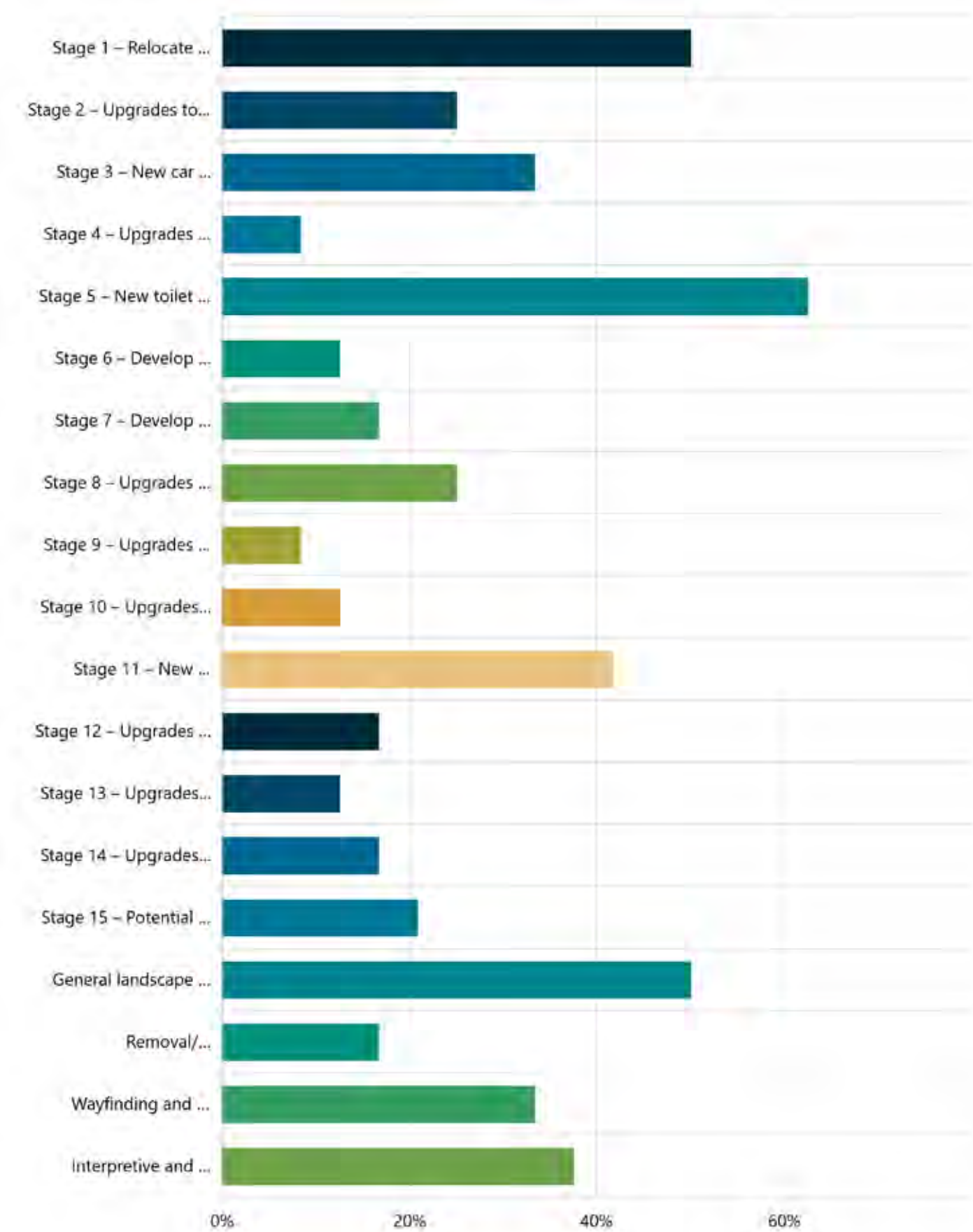
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Answer choices	Percent	Count
It should remain as it is	28.00%	7
The amount of lawn should be reduced by introducing pathways	32.00%	8
The lawn should be replaced with native grasses and pathways	40.00%	10
Total	100.00%	25

14. Of the 15 stages identified in the Master Plan, what do you think are the 5 highest priorities?

Multi Choice | Skipped: 1 | Answered: 24 (96%)



Answer choices	Percent	Count
Stage 1 – Relocate Spoil Bin	50.00%	12
Stage 2 – Upgrades to Main Entry (not including toilet upgrades)	25.00%	6
Stage 3 – New car parking on Cemetery Road	33.33%	8
Stage 4 – Upgrades to northern section of main north/south avenue	8.33%	2
Stage 5 – New toilet facilities	62.50%	15
Stage 6 – Develop inurnment garden in Block 1	12.50%	3
Stage 7 – Develop eastern entry gateway/shelter	16.67%	4
Stage 8 – Upgrades and parking to central east/west avenue	25.00%	6
Stage 9 – Upgrades to southern section of main north/south avenue	8.33%	2
Stage 10 – Upgrades/paving to secondary north/south pathways	12.50%	3
Stage 11 – New gathering space and gateway at northern corner	41.67%	10
Stage 12 – Upgrades to central circle	16.67%	4
Stage 13 – Upgrades to secondary east/west roadways	12.50%	3
Stage 14 – Upgrades to perimeter roadways	16.67%	4
Stage 15 – Potential acoustic barrier along Sturt Highway	20.83%	5
General landscape upgrades and improvements	50.00%	12
Removal/replacement of sugar gums	16.67%	4
Wayfinding and general signage improvements	33.33%	8
Interpretive and storytelling installations and signage	37.50%	9

15. Is there anything missing from the Draft Master Plan?

Long Text | Skipped: 19 | Answered: 6 (24%)

Sentiment
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Tags
No tag data
Featured Contributions
No featured contributions

16. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share? Long Text Skipped: 13 Answered: 12 (48%)
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Tags No tag data
Featured Contributions No featured contributions

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Appendix

Willaston Cemetery Master Plan

Stakeholder Workshop
9 December 2025
Phillips/Pilkington Architects
TCL | Andrew Stevens | Malloway Studio
WORKSHOP SUMMARY



Willaston Cemetery Master Plan

Introduction

This workshop allowed stakeholders with an interest in the future of Willaston Cemetery to provide input into the Master Plan by sharing their views about the cemetery through a series of activities facilitated by PPA with support from Andrew Stevens, Anthony Coupe (Mulloway Studio) and Daniel Hidvegi (TCL). These activities were designed to get participants thinking about the cemetery as it is (its strengths, issues and what they value most) as well as how they see the cemetery in the future (the opportunities). The structured activities also acted as prompts for further discussion.

Through this process some clear common themes emerged. These were focused around the historic value of the cemetery (including its stories), the setting of the cemetery and its landscape (both natural and man made) and its importance as a valued community asset. These themes will be critical in informing the vision, guiding principles and design of the Master Plan.

There were 9 participants including Council staff and representatives from The Friends of the Willaston Cemetery group, Gawler Environment & Heritage Association, RSL and Precious Souls Committee.

The following pages summarise the activities that were undertaken and the participant responses as well as some of the discussion that took place.

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Participants

Meagan Jarmyn	Gawler Council
Shannon Quick	Gawler Council - GIS Specialist
Jacinta Weiss	Gawler Council - Cultural Heritage Centre
Helen Hennessy	Friends of the Willaston Cemetery
Wayne Clark	RSL
Adrian Shackley	Gawler Environment & Heritage Association
Patricia Dent	Precious Souls Committee
Margeret Howe	Friends of the Willaston Cemetery
Janine Hinton	Friends of the Willaston Cemetery (Chair)

Consultants

Susan Phillips	Phillips/Pilkington Architects
Tom Hamper	Phillips/Pilkington Architects
Andrew Stevens	Stevens Architects
Daniel Hidvegi	Taylor Cullity Lethlean
Anthony Coupe	Mulloy Studio

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Program

1.Introduction/overview	5min.	(1:00-1:05)
2.Activity #1 - Key Words	15min.	(1:05-1:20)
3.Activity #2 - Vision	15min.	(1:20-1:35)
4.Activity #3 - SWOT Analysis	20min.	(1:35-1:55)
5.Break	5min.	(1:55-2:00)
6.Activity #5 - Site Planning	20min.	(2:00-2:20)
7.Group Discussion	20min	(2:20-2:40)
8.Entrance Project discussion	10min.	(2:40-2:50)
9.Next Steps & Wrap Up	5min.	(2:50-2:55)

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Introduction
Consultant Team

The consultant team for the Master Plan project is as follows:

Phillips/Pilkington (PPA)	Architects
Taylor Cullity Lethlean (TCL)	Landscape Architects
Donald Cant Watts Corke (DCWC)	Quantity Surveyor
Phil Weaver & Associates	Traffic Engineering
Mulloy Studio	Signage & Interpretation Design
Combe Pearson Reynolds (CPR)	Civil/Storm Water
Stevens Architects	Cemetery & Heritage Architect

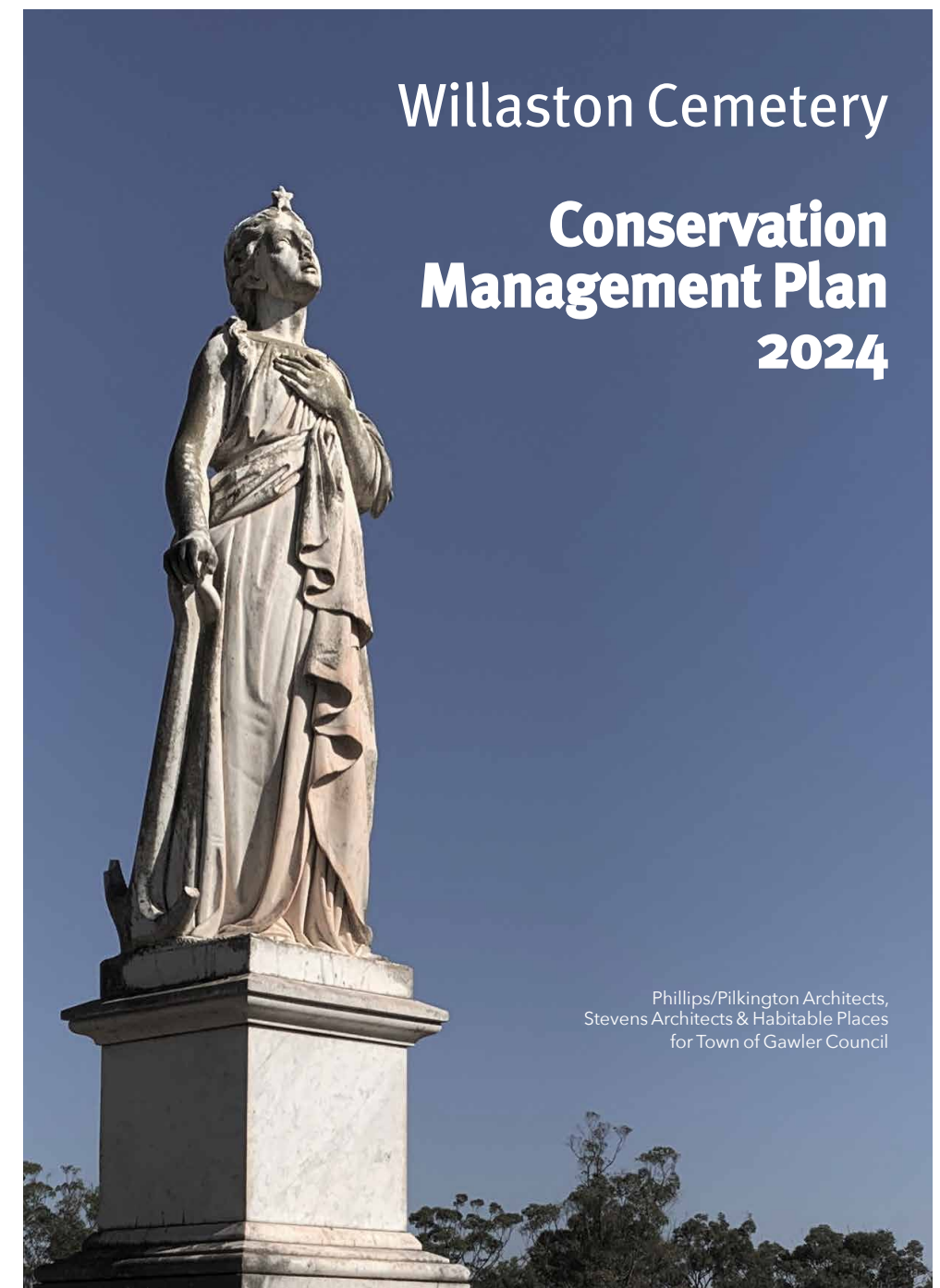
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Conservation Management Plan 2024

The 2024 Conservation Management Plan identifies the following key issues and provides recommendations for addressing these, as well as other issues:

Key Issues

- State Heritage Listed site
- Community value
- Long term management of the heritage value of the site while maintaining an operational cemetery
- Deterioration and management of remnant native vegetation
- Sugar Gums
- Amenity on site (seating, shade, toilets, etc.)
- Car parking and access
- Wayfinding and signage
- Stormwater
- Rising salt



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Conservation Management Plan 2024

Core Priorities

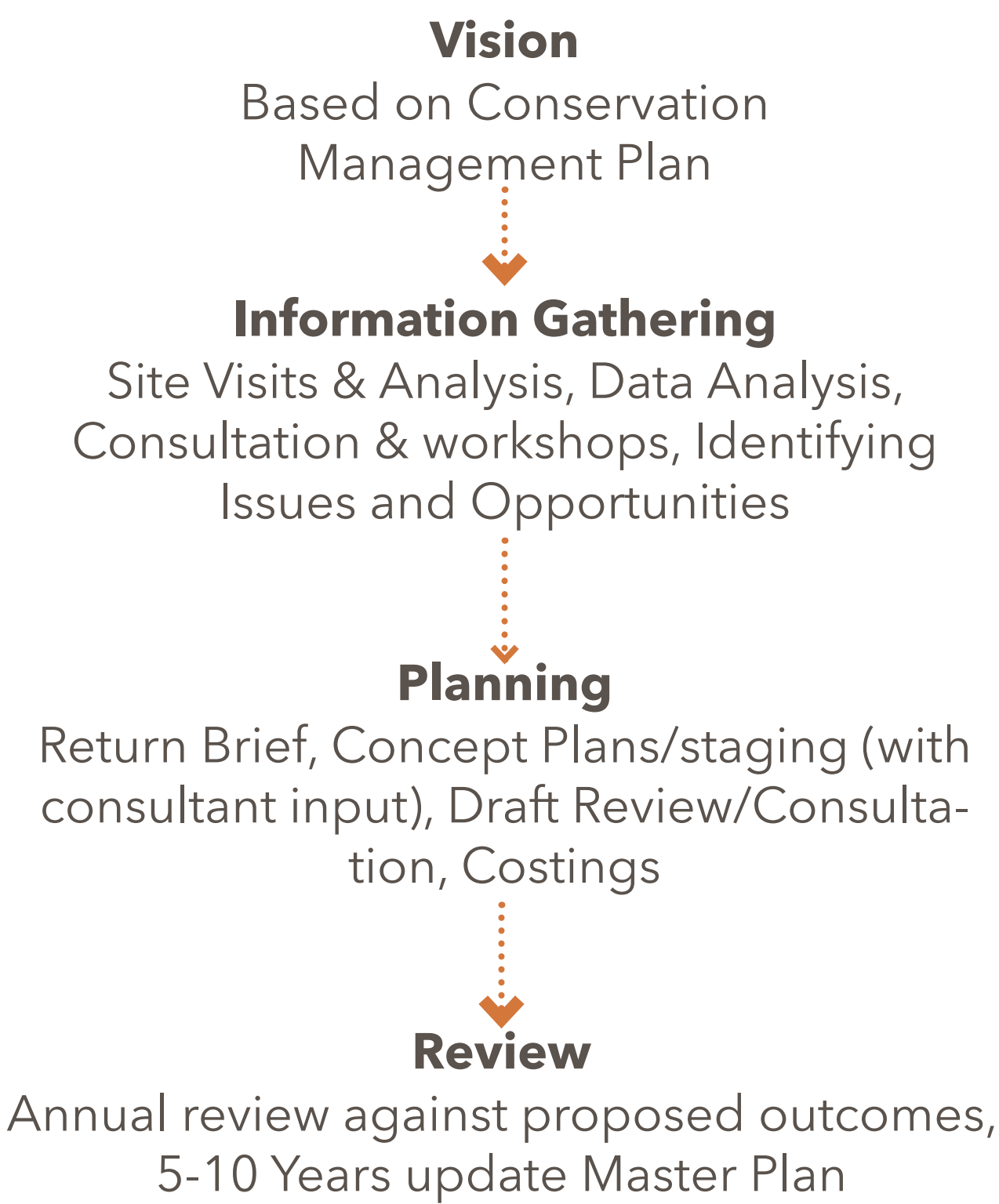
1. Conservation of the **historic core** of the Cemetery is essential to maintaining the cultural and historical significance of the Cemetery.
2. The planning and layout of the Cemetery is important to its significance and must be conserved. Works within the Cemetery should adhere to and reinforce the historical layout.
3. The remnant vegetation surrounding the Cemetery is of great significance and must be protected and conserved with priority given to supporting ongoing regeneration of endemic species.

Note: During the workshop there was some discussion that the reference to the 'historic core' of the cemetery could be perceived as putting too much focus on the elements of the cemetery (such as monumentation) that are considered 'historic' and under values other areas/aspects of the cemetery. We have reviewed this reference and would like to clarify that 'historic core' is intended to refer to the entire burial area of the cemetery as laid out in the original survey and plan and not intended to define particular areas or monumentation within the cemetery.

Potential Action: Minor amendment to the Conservation Management Plan to clarify wording? To be discussed further with Council.

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Master Plan Process



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Group Activity #1

Key Words

Participants were asked to write down three words that they think describe Willaston Cemetery as it is (for example, this could be the 3 things they value most about the cemetery). Each persons response is recorded below:

Significant
Symmetrical
Signage - lacking

Heritage
Monuments
Layout/planning

Historic/distinctive
Significant to Community
Areas of 'Neglect'

Contact Point
Physical Connection
Family Ancestry

Heritage
Statutory
Shape/layout

Continuing historic connections
Highly respected
Seen as a community asset

History
Family
Environment/Locality

Generations
Stories
Heritage

Reflection
Access
Rural

Heritage
Native Vegetation
History

History
Locality/landscape
European/ordered

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Group Activity #1 Key Words - Now

The responses are represented in the wordcloud below:
(generated with a free online word cloud generator)



From the above graphic it is clear that the heritage and historic value of the cemetery are seen as highly important. Family and community are also seen as valuable aspects of the cemetery.

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Group Activity #1 Key Words - Future

Participants were then asked to write down three words that describe how they would like Willaston Cemetery to be in the future. Each persons response is recorded below:

History
Community
Family

Active
Comfortable and accommodating
Retention of quality

Discoverable other world
Contrast between vegetation and highly structured interior
Various levels of access

Interpretable
Amenities upgrade
Living cemetery

Interpretation
Visitor Friendly
Welcoming (access, signage)

Cremations
Plaques
Family plots

Conservative
Viable
Interpretable

Place for seeking ancestry
Tangible physical place for family
Readily accessible

Sacred space
Recognise capacity
Acoustic barrier
Easy to negotiate
Digital story telling

Reflective
Peaceful
Accessible

Visitor friendly
Well maintained
Source of community pride

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Group Activity #1 Key Words - Future

The responses are represented in the wordcloud below:
(generated with a free online word cloud generator)



The above graphic suggests that the aspirations for the future of the cemetery centre around family, access, community and interpretation. This suggests that the Master Plan should aim to build on the heritage values and history of the cemetery to enhance the visitor experience through improved accessibility and amenity as well as interpretation and access to information.

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Group Activity #2 Vision

Participants then worked in small groups to develop a short vision statement for the cemetery using some of the key words from the first activity as a starting point. There were 3 groups and their statements are recorded below:

Group 1

A place for reflection that honours our generations.

Group 2

A place that reflects our responsibility to our past and engages current visitors.

Group 3

- Dignified sanctuary for remembrance
- Maintaining heritage
- Timeless sanctuary, well maintained environment and cares for deceased and bereaved

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Group Activity #3 SWOT Analysis

The same groups then completed a SWOT analysis for the cemetery. The following pages show the responses of each group. Members of the consultant team present also completed a SWOT analysis. Common themes through the different groups included:

Strengths

- History/heritage
- Landscape and setting
- Community value

Weaknesses

- Lack of signage (wayfinding, interpretation, etc.)
- Amenities (toilets, shade, shelter, seating, etc.)

Opportunities

- Interpretation and storytelling (including digital)
- Access and community connections
- Potential for improvement to amenities to enhance visitor experience

Threats

- Financial sustainability
- Ongoing capacity for burials, memorials, etc.
- Maintenance of grave sites particularly older monumentation

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Group 1

Strengths

Active Friends Group that cares.
Physical attractiveness
Distinctiveness
State significance re history.

Weaknesses

Perceived lack of forward action on past
Conservation Plans (just another document on the shelf)
- need to get on with it, with the costs and action
dates.
- with reporting back to the community
Lack of signage / information.

Tourism opportunity - connecting people with their
family history.
Open ^{recreation} space for Willastan
Involvement of community in contributing
towards cemetery

Some safety hazards to people walking through.
Monuments at risk of falling / damage.
Increasing rubbish from plastic flowers
and inappropriate placement.

Opportunities

Threats

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Group 2

Strengths

Historical significance
strong volunteer networks
community ties
visually attractive

Weaknesses

- lack of signage / wayfinding
- marking of rows
- lack of transparency - not advising it is a reused grave.
- historic reuse

no plans for Rows L, M, N Sect 1 (un marked)
G, H, I Sect 3

interpretation
not reuse

digital presence - story telling
additional seating
improving landscaping / shade
improving native vegetation
Tourism

- cost to restore - lease fees
- Need to lodge DA's - turns ppl away
- Land scarcity - lack of future capacity.
- Viability
- driving over unmarked graves
- management of unmarked graves

Opportunities

Threats

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Group 3

Strengths	Weaknesses
Landscape Layout Heritage Monuments Gates / entrance Paving / road upgrades	Toilet block Work area Access Lack of shelter & shade Storage
Interpretation Digital storytelling Entrance upgrade Vegetation conservation Bypass sand barrier Create walking access from each road to reduce need for vehicles entering cemetery Acknowledge George Gwyther	Finance - ongoing Council funding The Sgar Gwrs Overdevelopment (no. of burials) Lack of maintenance of historic monuments
Opportunities	Threats

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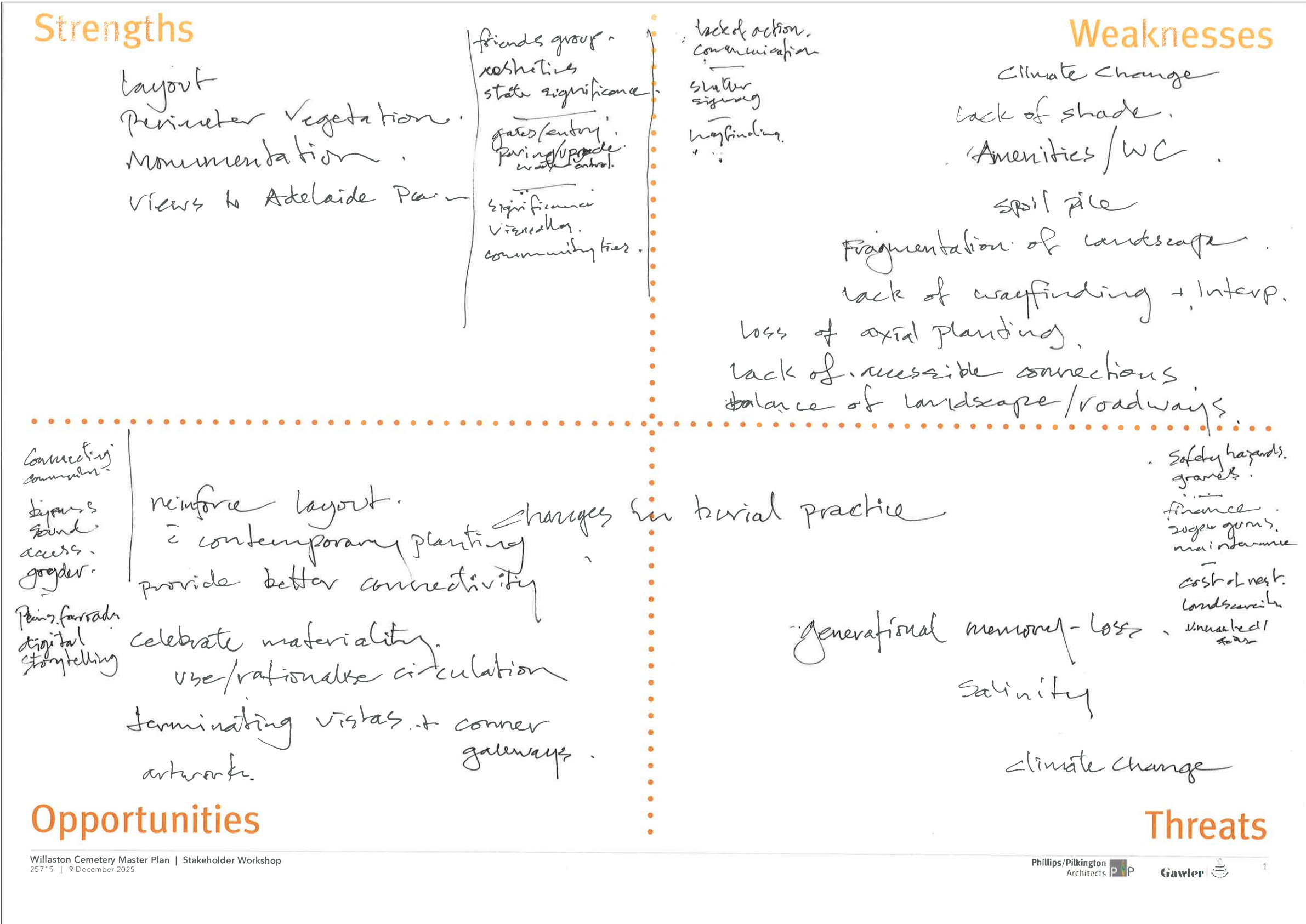
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Group Activity #5 Site Planning

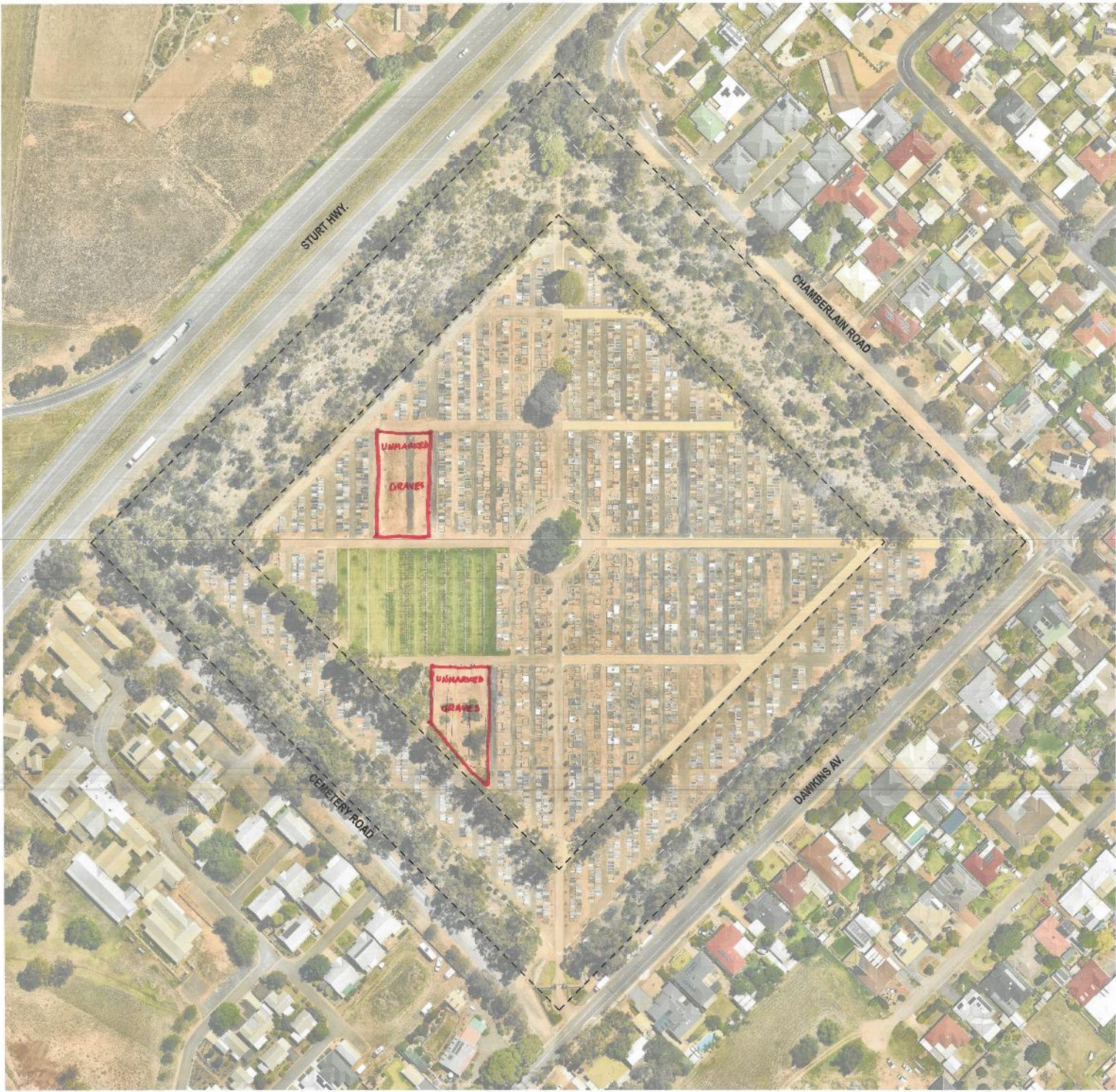
Each group, including the consultant group, worked together to make draw and make notes on printouts of site plans of the cemetery. They were asked to consider:

- positive aspects of the cemetery
- where you think there are particular issues
- where you think there are particular opportunities
- where you think planting should occur
- where you think the spoil bin could be located or accessed
- where you think the toilets are best located
- where you think seating and shade should be prioritised
- how you think cars and parking are best facilitated
- what are the key pedestrian access points and how pedestrian access could be improved

Scans are included on the following pages.

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Group 1



NOTES/COMMENTS:

Spoil Bin - move from entrance
unmarked graves - interpretation not reuse
stop ppl driving over unmarked graves
identify unmarked rows
perimeter car parking
accessible car park near entrance
alternative entrance (Cemetery Rd) - vehicles
chamberlain Rd - pedestrian
walking paths from chamberlain Rd into cemetery
new toilets - with appropriate pictures on outside
(like at clonlea Park) (same location)
Pioneer Park headstones - approx 30 - reinstallation
at Pioneer Park.

Outer rim of graves - sets a precedent
is Nth + West considered future burial sites.

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WILLASTON CEMETERY MASTER PLAN

Dawkins Avenue Willaston SA 5116

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EXISTING SITE PLAN

Scale 1:1000 @ A1



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Group 2



NOTES/COMMENTS:

This is a native vegetation Cemetery - stop watering, remove non native veg. No more grass, roses
↓
Saves money replace with attractive shade trees eg. jacaranda.

↓
Budget allocation needs to be adjusted for other priorities in the plan.

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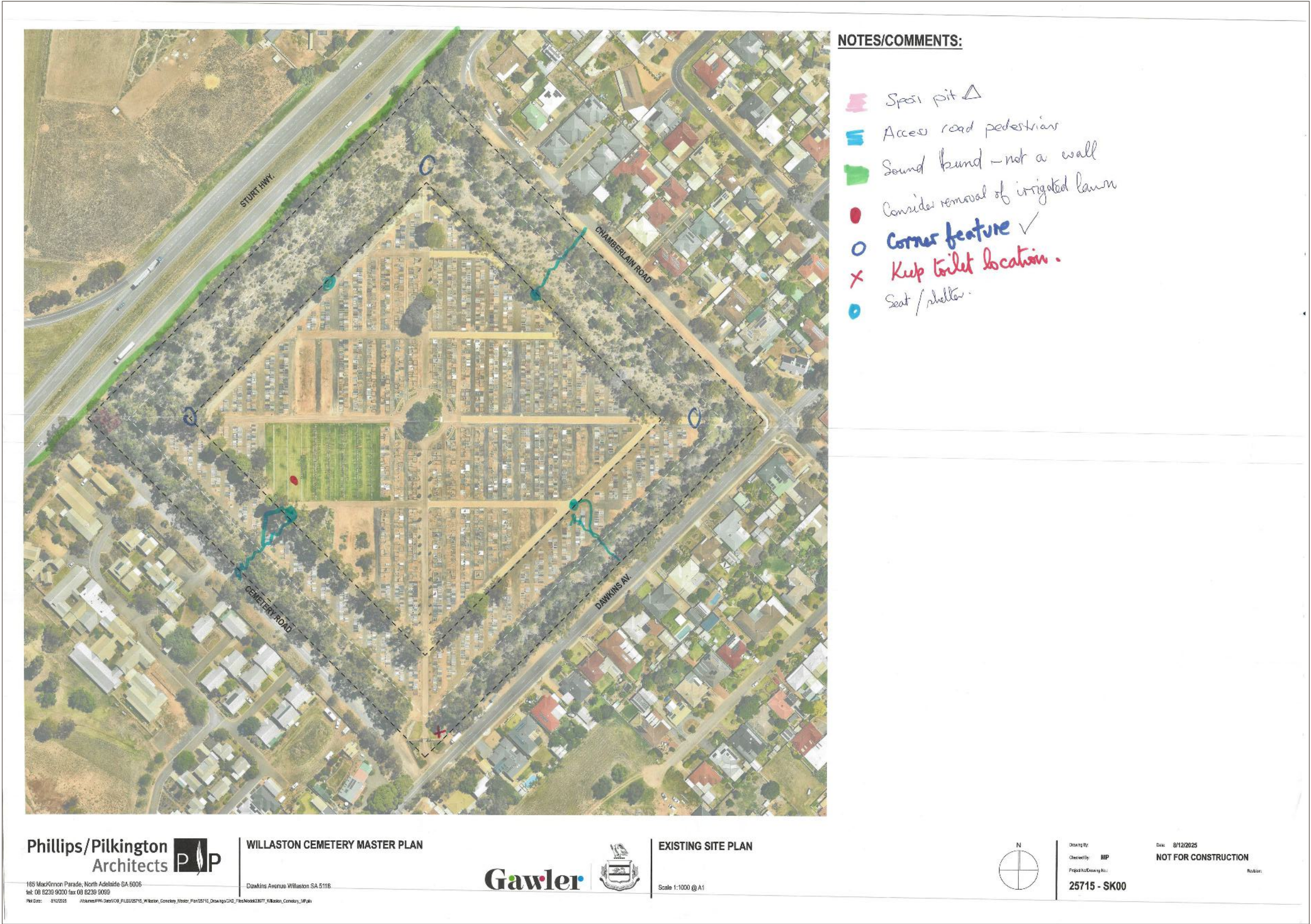


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Group 3



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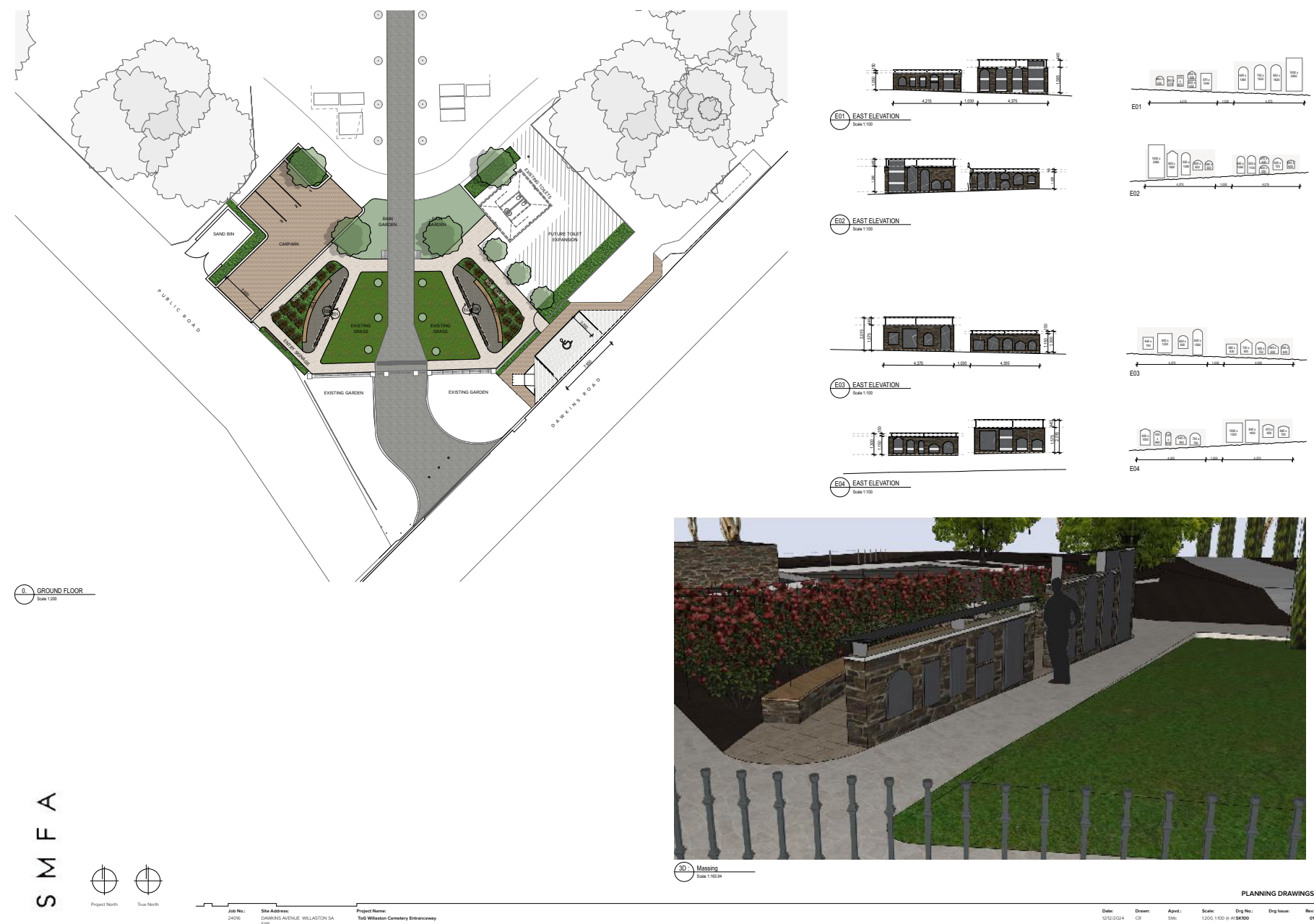
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Entrance Project

The entrance project was briefly discussed. However the Friends Group indicated that they had not previously seen the latest concept plans so weren't able to provide an informed response. The Council undertook to provide the Friends with these plans for them to review and provide feedback.



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Next Steps

Next Phase

January / February

- Confirm Brief
- Development of Draft Master Plan
- Consultation / feedback



- Development of Costings
- Preparation / submission of Draft Report
- Review / feedback

March / April / May



- Preparation of Final Report and presentation to Council
- Master Plan completion

June

The above time frames are indicative and presented to give an overview of the target program and milestones for the project.

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Further Discussion

CMP Implementation

There were some questions raised by the Friends Group about the implementation of the Conservation Management Plan and perceived lack of action by Council. The Council response was that the Master Plan is part of the CMP implementation and will address a number of the policies outlined in the CMP.

Traffic Noise

The issue of traffic noise from Main North Road impacting the experience of being in the cemetery was raised a few times during the workshop. There is a desire that some form of noise mitigation occurs, however this will be a complex issue to resolve given the potential cost and the role of DIT in managing the highway. The consultant team will explore options as part of the Master Plan. An Acoustic Engineer may need to be engaged to provide expert advice.

Lawn Section

There was some discussion about the future of the lawn section within the cemetery. Some present were of the view that the lawn section should be converted back into un-irrigated burial plots. This will likely be a sensitive topic and will need to be approached with caution in the Master Plan. The CMP is clear that there should be no expansion of the lawn area beyond its current boundaries.

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Summary

For the purposes of developing a vision for the Master Plan and helping clarify challenges and priorities, the workshop has been a valuable exercise. There were some clear common themes regarding the historical value of the cemetery and its value to the community, both as a physical location and through its role in facilitating connections with the past. It is clear that the setting of the cemetery and its layout are important and that all are able to access this unique place and its stories - in person as well as digitally. It is also clear that there is a strong desire to continue to use the cemetery for new burials and memorials. The cemetery does face challenges including managing historic elements that require ongoing maintenance, managing capacity, and funding.

The consultant team will take the feedback from the workshop to develop the return brief and initial design responses. This will form the basis of the Master Plan proposals.

There will also be opportunities for further consultation with stakeholders and the community to provide input throughout the process of developing the Master Plan.

Appendix

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Master Plan| Gathering Point



Description

- Utilised existing clearing into gathering point for activity / multi-purpose use
- Establish and develop gateway for North entry point
- Reconfigure and tidy up entry paving and gardens
- Wayfinding signage at gateway



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Master Plan| Toilet Structure



Description

- Replace existing toilet including new feature strcuture
- Develop new shelter to main entry
- Reconfigure and tidy up entry paving and gardens



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Landscape Materiality



Granite Pavers
 Colour: Adelaide Black
 Finish: Light washback finish in compliance with P5 slip rating
 Application: Entry Node/ Around Columbarium



Exposed Aggregate Concrete (Heidelberg Integrally Coloured Concrete)
 Colour: Integrally coloured
 Finish: Light washback finish in compliance with P5 slip rating
 Application: Entry Node/ Around Columbarium



Turf Grid Permeable Paver (Adbri)
 Size: 420 x 315 x 90
 Colour: Charcoal
 Application: Informal Vehicular Access



Dolomite Quarry Sand (Pocock Quarry, Rosedale)
 Size: 8mm
 Colour: Natural brown
 Application: Informal paths



Interpretive edge
 Granite, steel edge with graphic/ text inlay - see interpretive pages following



Steel Edging
 Colour/ Finish: Rusted finish ; HDG
 Application: Garden Edging in Focal Nodes ie. columbarium



Hardwood 38mm Timber Edge Strip
 Colour: Natural
 Application: Path / Garden Bed Edging



Informal Edge



Granite Block Wall with Rusticated Edge
 Colour: Adelaide Black
 Application: Retaining and Seating wall



Timber Batten Seat
 Colour: Natural
 Application: Formalised Seating (under shelter)



Reclaimed Log Seat
 Colour: Natural
 Application: Informal Seating



Reclaim Timber Post, strand wire fence
 Colour: Natural
 Application: Perimeter Reserve (Plantation)

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Preliminary Planting Zones



Eucalyptus leucoxylon



Zoysia Sp



Rosmarinus officinalis 'Tuscan Blue'



Miscanthus sinensis 'Adagio'



Helichrysum petiolare

ENTRY



Callitris gracilis



Aeonium atropureum



Artemisia 'powis castle'



Westringia spp.



Agastache 'Sweet Lili'

NORTH SOUTH CEREMONIAL SPINE



Pistacia chinensis



Bouganvillea 'white cascade'



Eucalyptus pulverulenta



Rhampholepis intermedia



Lomandra sp.

NODES

ARBOUR

INURNMENT GARDEN



Eucalyptus porosa



Pittosporum angustifolium



Chrysocephalum apiculatum



Vittadinia p.



Rytidosperra ssp

REWILDING THE CEMETERY

Willaston Cemetery Master Plan

Interpretation + Signage



entry - orientation signage

interpretation integrated into site furniture

low information signage
leaving clear view

EXAMPLE SIGNAGE

PRELIMINARY



Check and verify levels and dimensions on site prior to commencing work.
Confirm any discrepancies. Do not scale off drawing.

Client
Town of Gawler

Project
Willaston Cemetery
CMP_Interpretation

Drawing Title.
Site Signage Examples

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Interpretation + Signage



in-ground markers

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PRELIMINARY

Appendix

Zone	Species	Common Name
Plantation Reserve		
Site Appropriate species, see:	Species List for Gawler and surrounds, Gawler Regional Natural Resource Centre Inc.	Willaston Cemetery Vegetation Conservation Management Plan, July 2024, Mister Tucker
Plantation Reserve (noise buffer)		
INDICATIVE PLANTINGS	<i>Acacia Cupularis</i>	
	<i>Acacia ligulata</i>	Umbrella Bush
	<i>Acacia notabilis</i>	Notable Wattle
	<i>Acacia pycnantha</i>	Golden Wattle
	<i>Allocasuarina verticillata</i>	Drooping Sheoak
	<i>Bursaria spinosa</i>	Sweet Bursaria
	<i>Banksia marginata</i>	
	<i>Beyeria lechenaultii</i>	Pale Turpentine Bush
	<i>Callitris gracilis</i>	Southern Cypress Pine
	<i>Cassinia arcuata</i>	
	<i>Dodonaea viscosa ssp spatulata</i>	
	<i>Eucalyptus dumosa</i>	White Mallee
	<i>Eucalyptus phenax</i>	White Mallee
	<i>Eucalyptus odorata</i>	Peppermint Box
	<i>Eucalyptus porosa</i>	Mallee Box
	<i>Eucalyptus socialis</i>	Beaked Red Mallee
	<i>Grevillea ilicifolia ssp. ilicifolia</i>	Holly-leaf Grevillea
	<i>Melaleuca lanceolata ssp. lanceolata</i>	Dryland Tea-tree
	<i>Olearia ramulosa</i>	Twiggy Daisy-bush
	<i>Pittosporum phylliraeoides var. microcarpa</i>	Native Apricot
	<i>Santalum acuminatum</i>	Quandong
	<i>Senna artemisioides ssp. coriacea</i>	Broad-leaf Desert Senna
Rewilding the Cemetery		
TREES	<i>Eucalyptus porosa</i>	Mallee Box
INDICATIVE PLANTINGS	<i>Pittosporum angustifolium</i>	Native Apricot
	<i>Acacia cupularis</i>	Cup Wattle
	<i>Beyeria lechenaultii</i>	Pale Turpentine Bush
	<i>Cassinia arcuata</i>	
	<i>Grevillea ilicifolia ssp. ilicifolia</i>	Holly-leaf Grevillea
	<i>Olearia ramulosa</i>	Twiggy Daisy-bush
	<i>Santalum acuminatum</i>	Quandong
	<i>Cullen australasicum</i>	Tall Scurf pea
	<i>Maireana brevifolia</i>	Small-leaved Bluebush
	<i>Malva behriana (Lavatera plebeia)</i>	Australian Hollyhock
	<i>Senna artemisioides ssp coriacea</i>	Broad-leaf Desert Senna
	<i>Clematis microphylla</i>	Old Mans Beard
	<i>Enchylaena tomentosa (shrub form)</i>	Ruby Salt Bush
	<i>Arthropodium fimbriatum</i>	Nodding Vanilla lily
	<i>Arthropodium strictum</i>	Common Vanilla lily
	<i>Calostemma purpureum</i>	Purple Bells or Garland Lily
	<i>Calocephalus citreus</i>	Lemon Beauty-heads
	<i>Chrysocephalum apiculatum</i>	Common everlasting

Zone

Species

Chrysocephalum semi-papposum
Convolvulus erebescens
Helichrysum leucop-sideum
Lotus australis
Ptilotus spathulatus
Vittadinia cervicalis
Vittadinia gracilis
Atriplex semibaccata
Austrostipa blackii
Austrostipa drummondii
Austrostipa elegantissima
Austrostipa eremophila
Austrostipa curticoma
Austrostipa platychaeta
Boerhavia dominii
Bulbine bulbosa
Caesia calliantha
Cheilanthes austrotenuifolia
Chenopodium desertorum ssp. microphyllum
Chloris truncata
Comesperma volubile
Convolvulus angustissimus
Convolvulus remotus
Correa reflexa
Cotula australis
Crassula colorata var. acuminata
Cymbopogan ambiguus
Cymbopogan obtectus
Cryptandra sp. Floriferous (W.R.Barker)
Dampiera rosmarinifolia
Daucus glochidiatus
Dianella revoluta var. revoluta
Dichanthium sericeum
Dysphania pumilio
Einadia nutans ssp. nutans
Enneapogon nigricans
Enteropogon acicularis
Eremophila glabra prostrate Roseworthy form
Erodium crinitum
Euphorbia drummondii
Eutaxia microphylla
Gahnia lanigera
Galium gaudichaudii ssp. gaudichaudii
Goodenia arguta
Goodenia pinnatifida
Goodenia willisiana
Grevillea huegelii

Common Name

Clustered everlasting
Australian convolvulus
Satin Ever-lasting
Austral Trefoil, Native Clover
Pussy Tails
Waisted New Holland daisy
Wooly New Holland daisy
Berry Saltbush
Crested Spear-grass
Cottony Spear-grass
Elegant Spear Grass
Rusty Spear Grass
Short crest spear grass
Flat-awn Spear-grass
Tar-vine
Bulbine-lily
Blue Grass-lily
Annual Rock-fern
Small-leaf Goosefoot
Windmill Grass
Love Creeper
Australian Convolvulus
Grassy Convolvulus
Common Correa
Common Cotula
Dense Crassula
Lemon grass
Silky Lemon grass
Pretty Cryptandra
Rosemary Dampiera
Native Carrot
Black-anther Flax-lily
Silky Bluegrass
Small Dysphania
Climbing Saltbush
Black-heads
Curly Windmill grass
Emubush
Blue Heron's-bill
Caustic Euphorbia
Common Eutaxia
Black Grass Saw-sedge
Rough Bedstraw
Toothed Velleia
Cut-leaf Goodenia
Silver Goodenia
Comb Grevillea

Zone	Species	Common Name
	<i>Grevillea lavandulacea</i> ssp. <i>lavandulacea</i>	Spider-flower
	<i>Hyalosperma semisterile</i>	Orange Sunray
	<i>Hypericum gramineum</i>	Small St John's Wort
	<i>Isoetopsis graminifolia</i>	Grass Cushion
	<i>Rytidosperma</i> (<i>Austrodanthonia</i>) <i>auriculata</i>	Lobed Wallaby grass
	<i>Rytidosperma</i> (<i>Austrodanthonia</i>) <i>caespitosa</i>	Common Wallaby grass
	<i>Rytidosperma</i> (<i>Austrodanthonia</i>) <i>setaceum</i>	Small-flower Wallaby grass
	<i>Themeda triandra</i>	Kangaroo grass
	<i>Enchylaena tomentosa</i> (<i>prostrate form</i>)	Ruby Salt Bush
	<i>Kennedia prostrata</i>	Running Postman
	<i>Kunzea pomifera</i>	Muntries
	<i>Lepidosperma viscidum</i>	Sticky Sword-sedge
	<i>Leptorhynchos elongatus</i>	Lanky Buttons
	<i>Lomandra densiflora</i>	Soft Tussock Mat-rush
	<i>Lomandra effusa</i>	Scented Mat-rush
	<i>Lomandra micrantha</i> ssp. <i>micrantha</i>	Small-flower Mat-rush
	<i>Lomandra multiflora</i> ssp. <i>dura</i>	Hard Mat-rush
	<i>Maireana enchylaenoides</i>	Wingless Fissure-plant
	<i>Microtis arenaria</i>	Onion Orchid
	<i>Minuria leptophylla</i>	Minnie Daisy
	<i>Olearia ciliata</i> var. <i>ciliata</i>	Fringed Daisy-bush
	<i>Olearia rudis</i>	Azure Daisy-bush
	<i>Ophioglossum lusitanicum</i>	Austral Adder's-tongue
	<i>Oxalis perennans</i>	Native Sorrel
	<i>Panicum effusum</i> var. <i>effusum</i>	Hairy Panic
	<i>Pauridia glabella</i> var. <i>glabella</i>	Tiny Star
	<i>Pimelea micrantha</i>	Silky Riceflower
	<i>Podolepis aristata</i>	Grey Copper-wire Daisy
	<i>Podolepis jaceoides</i>	Showy Copper-wire Daisy
	<i>Podolepis rugata</i>	Pleated Copper-wire Daisy
	<i>Prasophyllum odoratum</i>	Scented Leek-orchid
	<i>Prasophyllum pallidum</i>	Pale Leek-orchid
	<i>Prasophyllum pruinatum</i>	Plum Leek-orchid
	<i>Pterostylis robusta</i>	Large Shell-orchid
	<i>Rhodanthe corymbiflora</i>	Paper Everlasting
	<i>Rytidosperma carphoides</i>	Short Wallaby-grass
	<i>Senecio glossanthus</i>	Annual Groundsel
	<i>Stackhousia subterranea</i>	Creamy/Grasslands Candles
	<i>Swainsona behriana</i>	Behr's Swainson-pea
	<i>Swainsona stipularis</i>	Orange Swainson-pea
	<i>Teucrium racemosum</i>	Grey Germander
	<i>Thysanotus baueri</i>	Mallee Fringe-lily
	<i>Thysanotus patersonii</i>	Twining Fringe-lily
	<i>Trachymene pilosa</i>	Dwarf Trachymene
	<i>Vittadinia australasica</i> var. <i>australasica</i>	Sticky New Holland Daisy
	<i>Vittadinia blackii</i>	Narrow-leaf New Holland Daisy
	<i>Waitzia acuminata</i> var. <i>acuminata</i>	Orange Immortelle

Zone	Species	Common Name
Entrance Landscape		
TREES	<i>Eucalyptus leucoxylon</i>	South Australian Blue gum
	<i>Callitris gracilis</i>	Native Pine
PLANTATION INTERFACE	<i>Acacia Cupularis</i>	Cup Wattle
	<i>Hardenbergia violacea</i>	Native Violet
CENTRAL BED	<i>Westringia</i> spp.	Coastal Rosemary
	<i>Miscanthus sinensis</i> ‘Adagio’	Chinese Silver Grass
	<i>Artemisia</i> 'powis castle'	Wormwood
	<i>Helichrysum petiolare</i>	Licorice plant
	<i>Salvia</i> spp.	
	<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> ‘Tuscan Blue’	
	<i>Carpobrotus rossii</i>	Pigface
	<i>Chrysocephalum apiculatum</i>	Everlasting
	<i>Tulbaghia violacea</i>	Society Garlic
LAWN	<i>Zoysia</i> Sp	Lawn Grass
North- South Ceremonial Spine		
TREES	<i>Callitris gracilis</i>	Native Pine
BEDDING	<i>Aeonium atropureum</i>	Purple Tree Aeonium
	<i>Artemisia</i> 'powis castle'	Wormwood
	<i>Agastache</i> ‘Sweet Lili’	Sweet Lili
	<i>Gaura lindheimeri</i>	Butterfly Plant
	<i>Westringia</i> spp.	Coastal Rosemary
	<i>Helichrysum petiolare</i>	Licorice plant
Secondary Tree Nodes (on Spine)		
TREES	<i>Pistacia chinensis</i>	Chinese Pistachio
	<i>Eucalyptus leucoxylon rosea</i>	Red Flowering Yellow Gum
East- West Green Links		
BEDDING ON NODES	<i>Rhaphiolepis intermedia</i>	Indian Hawthorn
	<i>Westringia</i>	Coastal Rosemary
	<i>Artemisia</i> 'powis castle'	Wormwood
Arbour and Surrounds		
CLIMBERS	<i>Wisteria sinensis</i>	Chinese Wisteria
	<i>Bougainvillia</i> 'white cascade'	
BEDDING	Rosa sp. To match existing	
	Low hedge to match existing	
Inurnment Garden		
TREES	<i>Eucalyptus pulverulenta</i>	
	<i>Eucalyptus porosa</i>	
BEDDING	<i>Rosmarinus officinalis</i> ‘Tuscan Blue’	
	<i>Myoporum parvifolium</i> ‘Ground Hug’	
	<i>Lomandra</i> sp.	
	<i>Poa</i> sp.	
	Other	



Appendix

Identified Graves in Block 1 within area proposed to be developed as Inurnment and Memorial Area. List prepared by Friends of Willaston Cemetery.

John Chapman	died 1890	70	L35
Joanne Carmichael* Recorded in register as the stillborn child of Geoff & Elaine but this should be Faye not Elaine	died 1981	6 months*	presently sitting on L7*
Willaim Hiskey (no gravestone but restored grave)	died 1885	38 years*	L5
Mary Small	died 1879	40 years	M48
Gabriel Bulloch with her is Elsie May Bulloch who does not appear to be marked on the gravestone	died 1881 died 1915	34 years 7 years	M42 M42
Robert MacKay	died 1881	26 years	M38
Kay Beatrice Wagstaff	died 1965	5 days	N56
William Stark	died 1868	49 years	N53
*Discrepancy with online register – sourced from alternate records			

Appendix

LIST OF GRAVES ASSESSED

BLOCK ONE

	Plot	Row	Block
• Thomas Adamson	1		1
• Ernest Neville	1		1
• John Jones	7	A	1
• Sarah Woodward Clement	20	A	1
• Nicholas Goodman	38	A	1
• Benjamin Edward Deland	42	A	1
• Charles Jacobs	14	B	1
• George Sheriff	15	B	1
• Thomas Hutchinson	29	B	1
• Martha Fisher Templar	31	B	1
• John Henry Coles	32	B	1
• Samuel Springbett	41	C	1
• Thomas Henry Hutchins	50	C	1
• Oliver Raglass	60	O	1
• Thomas James Wilkinson	21	P	1
• John Finch	30	P	1
• Frederick Thomas	33	P	1
• Alexander & Alexander Philip Forgie	56	P	1
• Phillip Cheek	61	P	1
• James Short	2	Q	1
• John Riggs	10	Q	1
• John Smith	16	Q	1
• John Wilkinson	24	Q	1
• Frank & William Henry Wilkinson	25	Q	1
• James Davies	32	Q	1
• John James Peek	42	Q	1
• Gavin Scoular	44	Q	1

BLOCK TWO

• Eardley Thomas Heywood	2,3,4,5 & 38,39,40,41	A	2
• Charles McDonald	16,17,26,27	A	2
• John Mitchell	20,21,22,23	A	2
• Thomas Fotheringham	34, 35	A	2
• James Rogers	2	B	2
• George Nott	26	B	2
• Herbert Dean	27	B	2
• George Evers	10	C	2
• George Warren Rowe	24	C	2
• Henry Rowe	25	C	2
• Charles Henry Annells	31	C	2
• James Davey	38	C	2

• Ephraim Coombe	42	C	2
• James Busbridge	44	C	2
• John Rogers	59	C	2
• James Gordon	32	C	2
• David Collier	25	D	2
• John Annells	38	D	2
• James Fergusson	40	D	2
• Alexander Stewart	43	D	2
• Richard Triglar	3	E	2
• George Long	10	E	2
• Charles Potter	13	E	2
• David Thompson	30	E	2
• Stephen Finch	33	F	2
• John Parker Ford Pearson	49	F	2
• James Beasley	17	H	2
• James Forgie	62	I	2
• Evan Gwynne	10	L	2
• Phillip Guy Gawler Guy (Private)	17	L	2
• James Robinson	25	L	2
• John Edward Summerton	29	M	2
• Joshua Finch	30	M	2
• Edward Luxon	48	M	2
• James Martin	1	N	2
• John Alexander	18, 19	N	2
• Phillip James Marchant	21	N	2
• Henry Bright Junior	27	N	2
• Theodore Gerhardt Graue	41	N	2
• Carl August Linke	49	N	2
• William Smith	52	N	2
• Thomas Udy Treleaven	19	O	2
• James Edward Arnold	32	O	2
• John Crosbie	39	O	2
• Sarah Hall	43	O	2
• Abraham Pope	56	O	2
• Edward Summerton	21	P	2
• William Greenwood	28,29	P	2
• McKinlay/Pile	1,2,3,4,59,60,61,62	Q	2
• Christopher Cox	7,8,9&54,55,56	Q	2
• Ann Causby	15	Q	2
• Henry William Ayling	16,17?	Q	2
• Frederick & Mary Anne May	21,22,41,42	Q	2
• John James	23	Q	2
• Henry Bruce Moody	48,49	Q	2
• Alfred May	63, 64, 65	Q	2
• James Dawson	74	Q	2

BLOCK THREE

• John McEwen	2	B	3
• Owen Lynch	27	B	3
• Philip Lynch	29	B	3
• Michael M Lynch	62	O	3
• Thomas Stephan Tuohy	47	Q	3

BLOCK FOUR

• Joseph Wicks Chegidden	4	A	4
• Hon. Henry Edward Bright (sr)	6	A	4
• David Kerr	30	A	4
• William Gilbert Payne	11	B	4
• Thomas Parker	31	B	4
• John Allen	33	B	4
• William Faulkner Wincey	50	B	4
• James Sim	4	C	4
• John & Lt. Arthur Limb	40	C	4
• Hon. Walter Duffield	44	C	4
• Robert Henry Barnet	54	C	4
• William Barnet (Junior)	55	C	4
• Edward Potter	61	C	4
• Hermann Bischof (Senior)	61	C	4
• Andrew Riggs	9	D	4
• Robert King Thomson (Junior)	14	D	4
• Sarah Laycock	14	D	4
• David Thomson (Junior)	16	D	4
• Daniel Thomson	20	D	4
• Henry (Herman) Day	36	D	4
• Henry John Riggs	54	D	4
• Albert Henry Riggs	55	D	4
• Philippa Dean	61	D	4
• Frederick Evers	27	E	4
• William Dawkins	57	E	4
• Henry Haydock	57	G	4