

DOVETON POOL IN THE PARK - PLAYSPACE CONCEPT DESIGN

64 Tristania Street DOVETON VIC 3177

PROJECT OVERVIEW

A PLACE FOR THE FUTURE

As Doveton and the surrounding suburbs continue to grow, so does the need for public spaces that support recreation, play and everyday community life. The renewal of Doveton Pool in the Park provides an opportunity to respond to these changing needs while building on the site's long-standing role within the community.

The renewed precinct is envisioned as more than a seasonal aquatic destination. By extending activity beyond the swimming season, the playspace will provide opportunities for recreation, informal gathering and outdoor enjoyment throughout the year, creating a destination that complements the upgraded pool and encourages people to spend more time in the park.

Looking ahead, the renewed playspace seeks to honour the past while embracing the future. It aims to preserve the site's strong sense of identity, respond to the needs of today's community, and create a place where future generations can continue to play, connect and create lasting memories.



Location Map _ Not to scale

A PLACE WITH HISTORY

Established in the early 1970s, Doveton Pool in the Park has long been one of the community's most recognised recreational destinations. For more than five decades, the precinct has provided opportunities for swimming, outdoor recreation and social gathering, becoming a place where generations of local families learned to swim, celebrated summer and created lasting memories.

As one of the earliest public aquatic facilities within the City of Casey, the site has developed a strong local identity. While the aquatic facilities are now being renewed, the site's legacy as a place of recreation, connection and shared community experience remains an important foundation for the future playspace.



Aerial Map _ Not to scale



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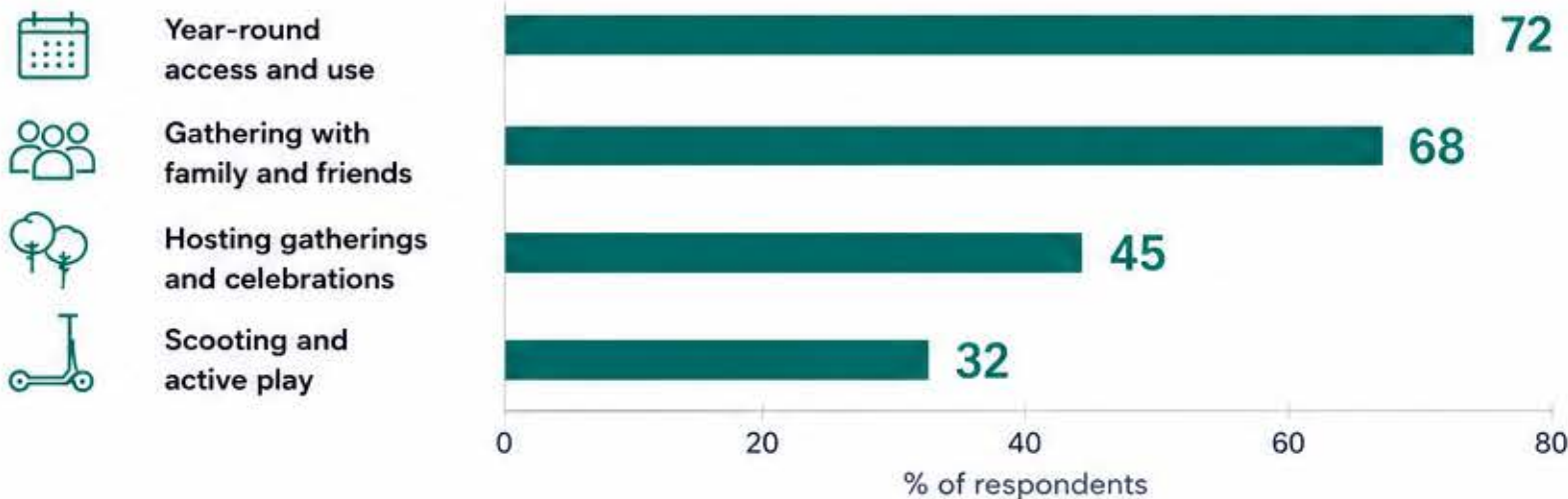
CONSULTATION SUMMARY

Community consultation was undertaken between 17 May and 29 June 2025 to inform the concept design for the Doveton Pool in the Park Playspace Renewal. The engagement process included 105 online submissions, approximately 180 participants at community pop-up sessions and over 200 participants overall. The feedback gathered through this process has directly informed the concept design and helped establish the key design priorities presented opposite.



OVERALL PRIORITIES – WHAT’S MOST IMPORTANT TO THE COMMUNITY

(Top 4 selected by respondents)



CULTURE, ART & IDENTITY (Top 4 selected)



OTHER IDEAS RAISED THROUGH POP UPS

- First Nations culture and storytelling
- Incorporate children’s artwork in the design
- Reflect pool heritage in the park design
- Needs to be safe, well maintained and welcoming

Source: Doveton Pool in the Park – Community Engagement Summary Report, July 2025

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION SUMMARY

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES



Strong community support

83% of participants supported the creation of a safe, inclusive and year-round public space.



Gathering & recreation

The community valued family gathering, celebrations and everyday recreation.



Nature-based play

Nature play and interactive water play were consistently identified as preferred play experiences.



Comfort & amenity

Shade, picnic shelters, BBQs and open lawn areas were identified as essential supporting infrastructure.



Culture & identity

Participants supported incorporating local identity, First Nations culture and the site’s pool heritage.



Safe & accessible design

Accessibility, visibility and ongoing maintenance were considered critical to the long-term success of the park.

Doveton Pool In the Park Playspace

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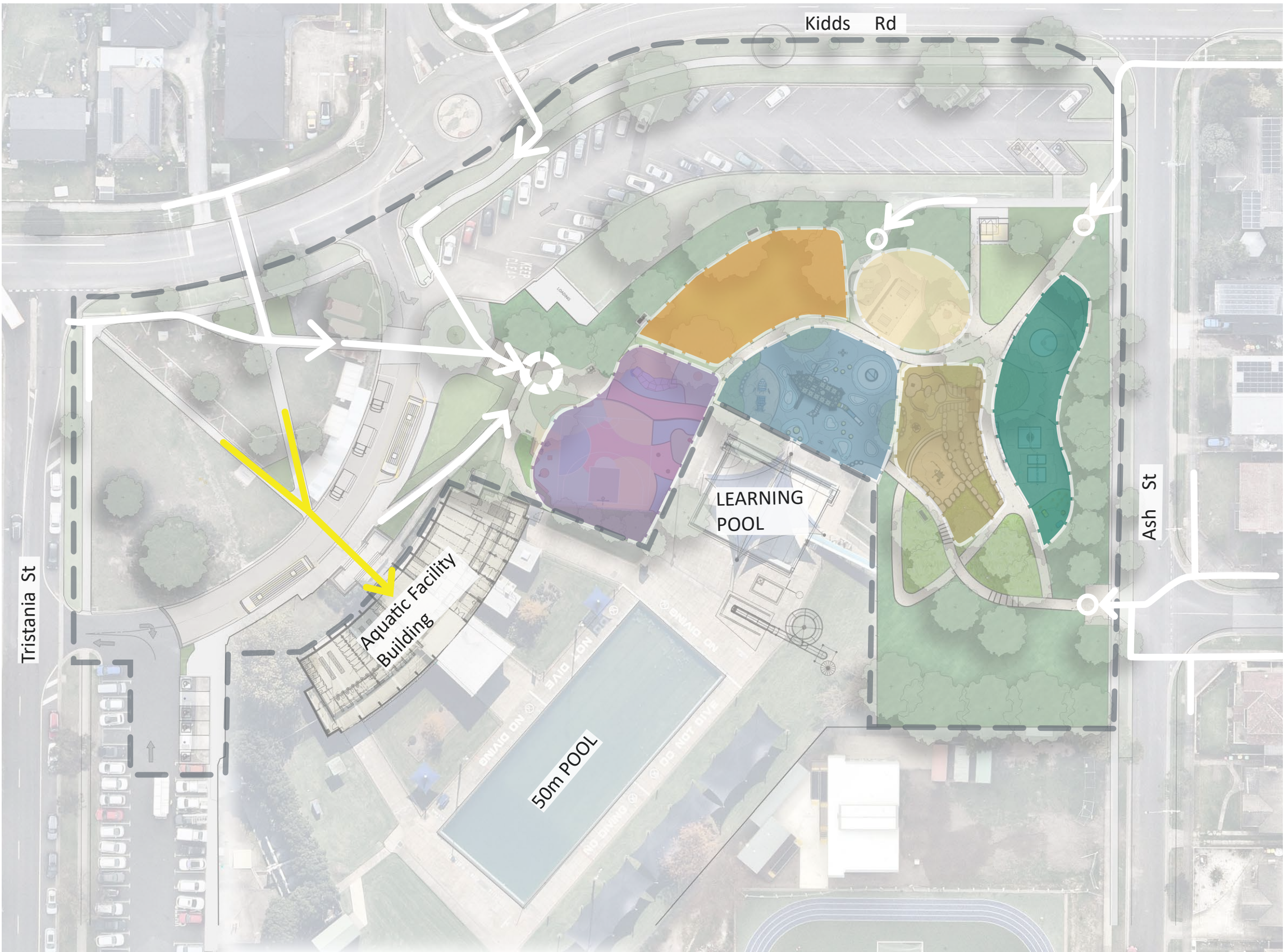
PLAYGROUND ZONING

FUNCTIONAL ZONES

In response to the evolving needs of the community, the site's feature topography and its future role as a key community destination, the concept establishes a series of interconnected functional zones that encourage play, connection and shared experiences.

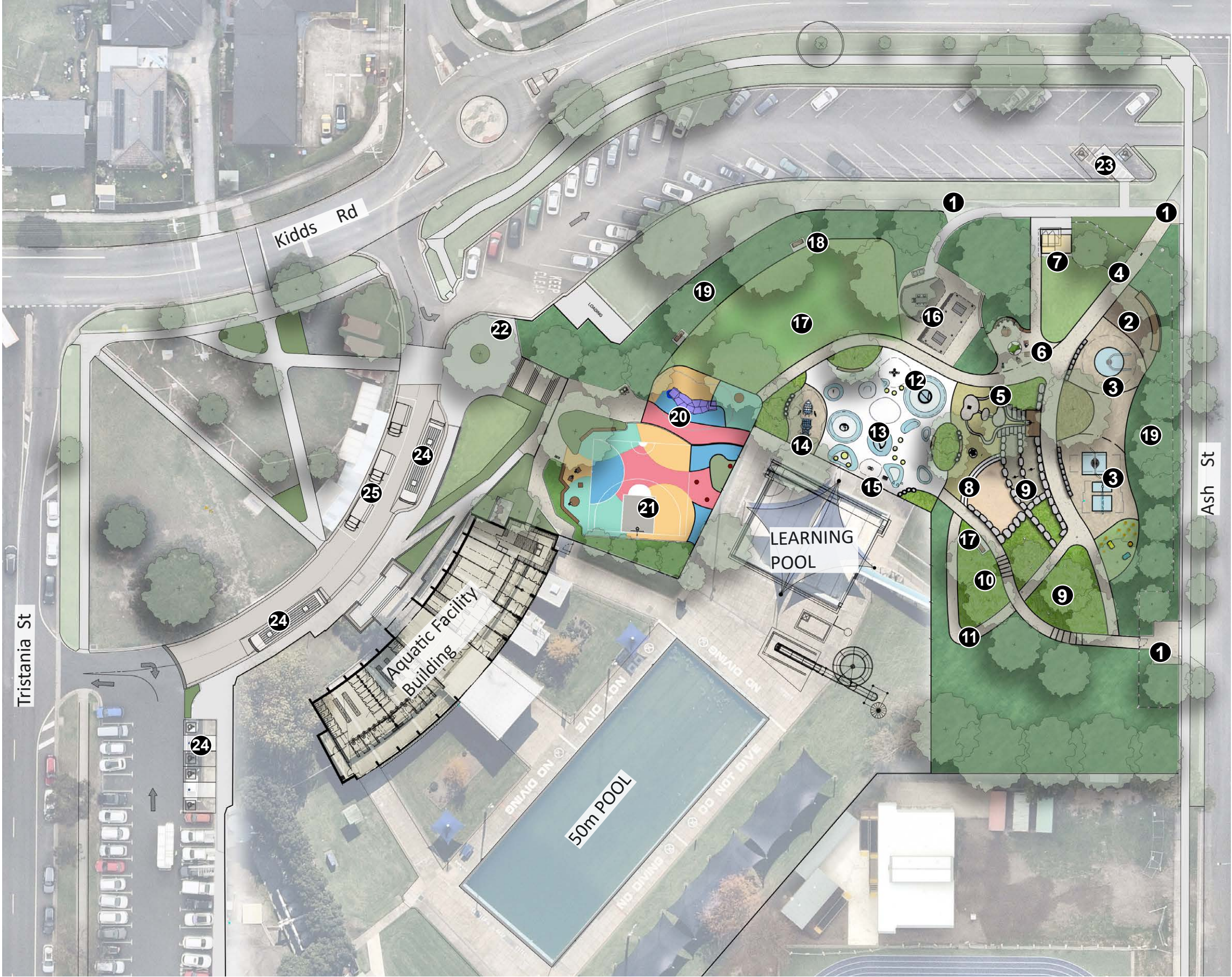
LEGEND

-  **YOUTH ACTIVE ZONE**
Informal recreation & youth gathering
-  **MAIN PLAYSPACE**
Water Ways & Country themed play for all
-  **SENSORY PLAY**
Interactive sand and water experiences
-  **UPPER GROVE**
A shaded retreat with swings, seating and scenic views.
-  **COMMUNITY HUB**
Spaces for gathering, relaxation and social connection.
-  **OPEN LAWN AREA**
-  **SCOPE OF PROJECT**
-  **PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO RESERVE.**
-  **PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO POOL FACILITY.**
-  **PRIMARY ENTRY**
Main arrival into the reserve
-  **SECONDARY ENTRY**
Additional access to the reserve



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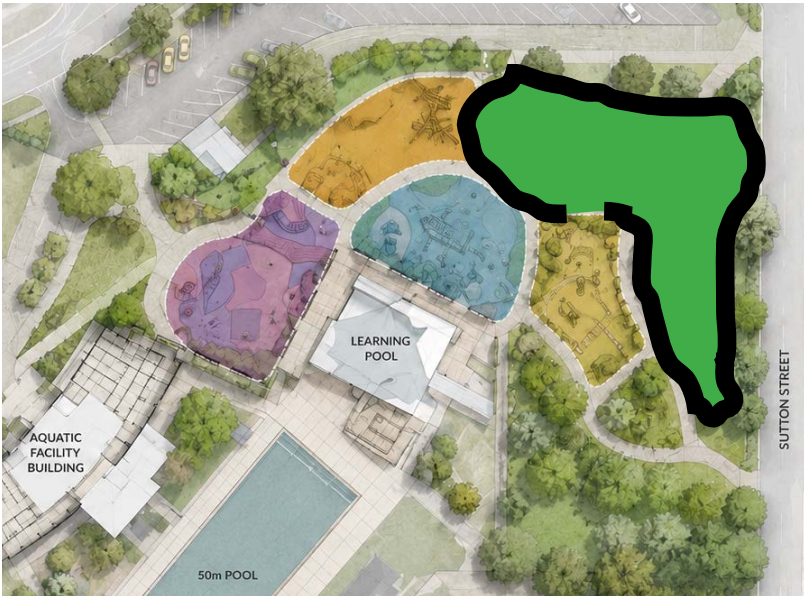
- 1 New park entry
- 2 Seating corner at upper grove
- 3 Swing set at upper grove
- 4 New concrete footpath
- 5 Water way themed play
- 6 Social space with feature seats
- 7 Accessible toilet
- 8 Nature play
- 9 Rock terrace
- 10 Native garden along winding path
- 11 DDA accessible path
- 12 Inclusive carousel
- 13 Tower play structure
- 14 Climbing course
- 15 Instrumental play pieces
- 16 Shelter, picnic set and BBQ
- 17 Open lawn
- 18 Benches along the path
- 19 Boundary buffer garden bed
- 20 Bouldering / rock climbing
- 21 Half court Basketball & netball
- 22 Main entry / art work
- 23 New DDA compliant car parking
- 24 Aquatic centre bus parking
- 25 Food truck event space



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UPPER GROVE & COMMUNITY HUB

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BASKET SWING



MULTI SWING INCLUDING INCLUSIVE SWING



SEATING OVERLOOKING PLAY AREAS



WASTE BIN



DRINKING WATER FOUNTAIN



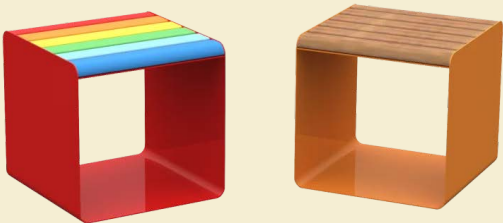
ACCESSIBLE BBQ



SHELTER STRUCTURE



CLUSTERS OF INDIVIDUAL SEATS



BICYCLE HOOPS



PUBLIC TOILET



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SENSORY PLAY AREA



DRY CREEK- WATER WAYS INSPIRED SENSORY PLAY AREA



FISH SCULPTURE



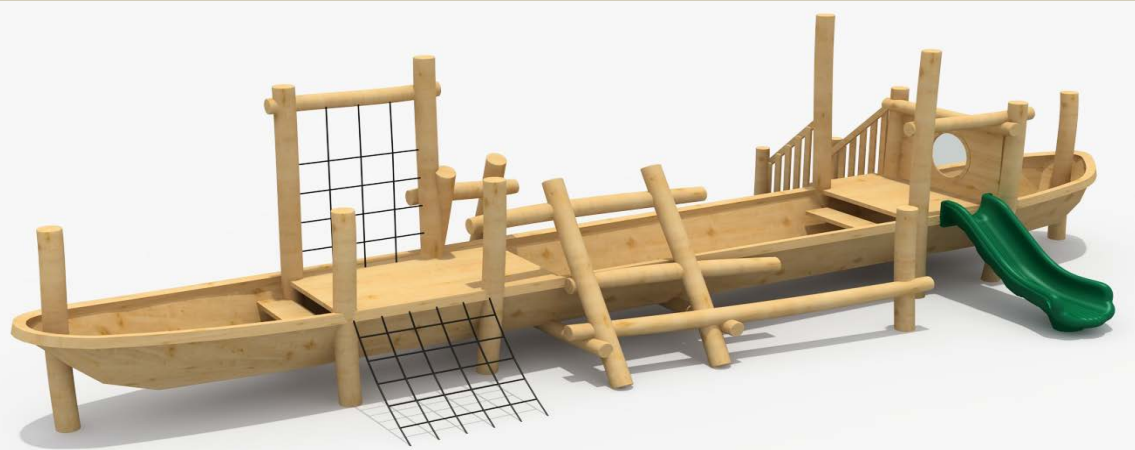
SEA TURTLE SCULPTURE



EEL SCULPTURE



CANOE INSPIRED PLAY ELEMENT



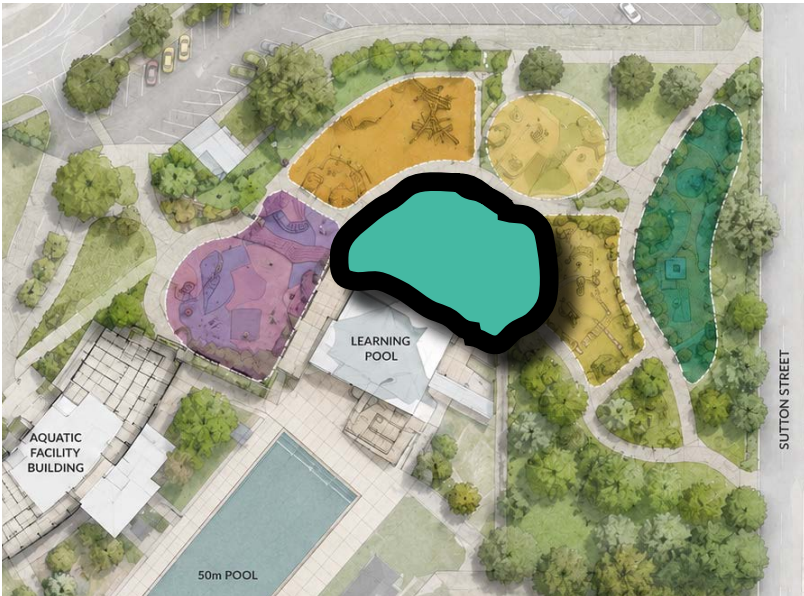
EXPLORATORY NATURE PLAY



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MAIN PLAY SPACE



TOWER PLAY-OPTION 1



TOWER PLAY-OPTION 2



ROPE PLAY- OPTION 1- FROG



ROPE PLAY- OPTION 2- DINOSAUR



INCLUSIVE SEE-SAW



INCLUSIVE CAROUSAL



MUSICAL PLAY - AEROPHONES



MUSICAL PLAY - DRUMS



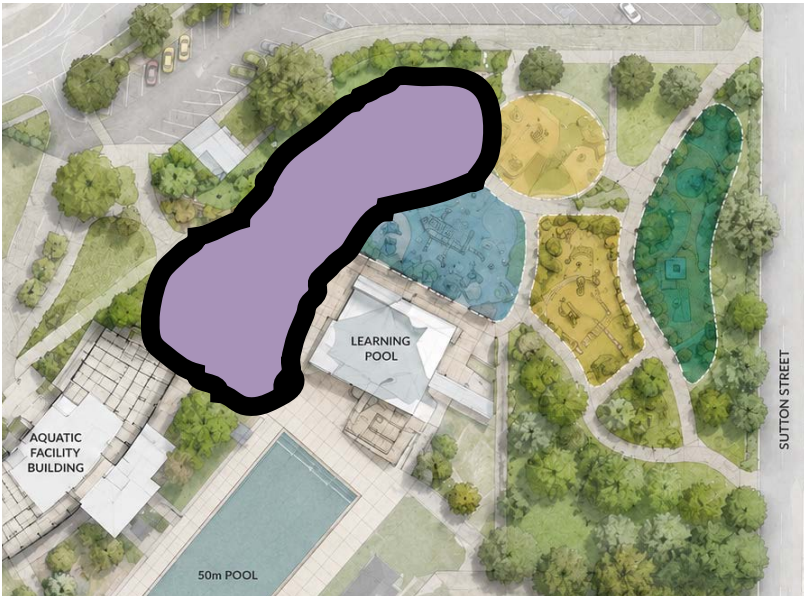
SOFTFALL RUBBER SURFACE WITH ANIMAL PATTERNS



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YOUTH ACTIVE ZONE

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MULTIPURPOSE COURT



MULTI SPORT GOAL POST



REBOUND WALL



GRASSED AREA



OPTION 1- BOULDER CLIMBING WALL



OPTION 2-NINJA WARRIOR COURSE



SEATING FOR SOCIAL INTERACTION

