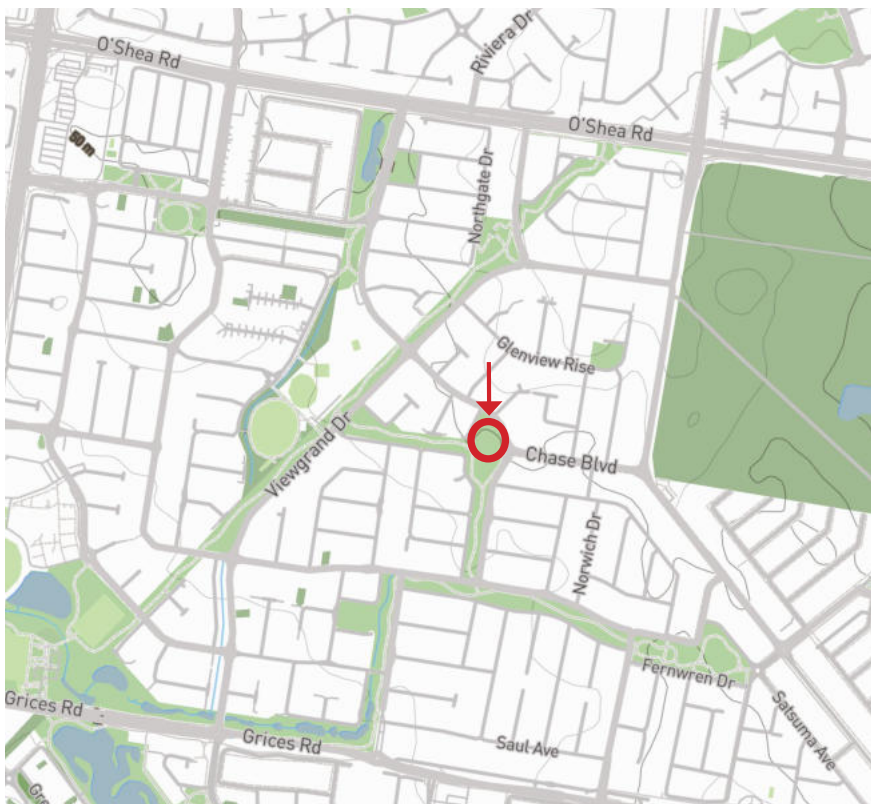


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Location Map

SITE CONTEXT

The Chase Reserve is a local open space located in the heart of Berwick’s residential neighbourhood, adjacent to Bridgewater Boulevard. Surrounded by medium-density housing, the reserve features open lawns, scattered mature trees, and a looped concrete path network that supports walking and passive recreation. It provides essential green space for the local community and serves as a key node within the broader open space network in the area.

Currently, the site contains two small, disconnected play areas, limiting opportunities for engaging play experiences. A dry creek bed neither serves as effective drainage nor provides opportunities for nature-based play.

The reserve is equipped with a generously sized pergola, multiple benches and picnic settings, and BBQ facilities, offering sufficient amenities for families and gatherings. However, it lacks compelling activity opportunities to encourage diverse and active use. While the site offers a spacious, green setting with natural elements, its current layout does not fully support inclusive, dynamic, or imaginative experiences across all age groups.



Aerial Map

PROJECT SCOPE

The playground renewal project aims to transform the existing space into a more inclusive, accessible, and engaging environment that responds to local community needs. The upgrade supports users of all ages and abilities, promoting everyday play, movement, and social connection. Key aspects of the project include:

- Replacing outdated play equipment with engaging and inclusive elements suitable for children, youth, and families.
- Enhancing the reserve’s natural character through new plantings and nature play features that support creative and sensory experiences.
- Introducing improved movement routes integrated with active play and sport-based challenges, encouraging physical activity across all age groups.
- Improving passive surveillance through layout refinement and clear sightlines.
- Providing and upgrading site furniture such as benches, picnic sets, and drink fountain to support comfort, usability, and increased community activity.

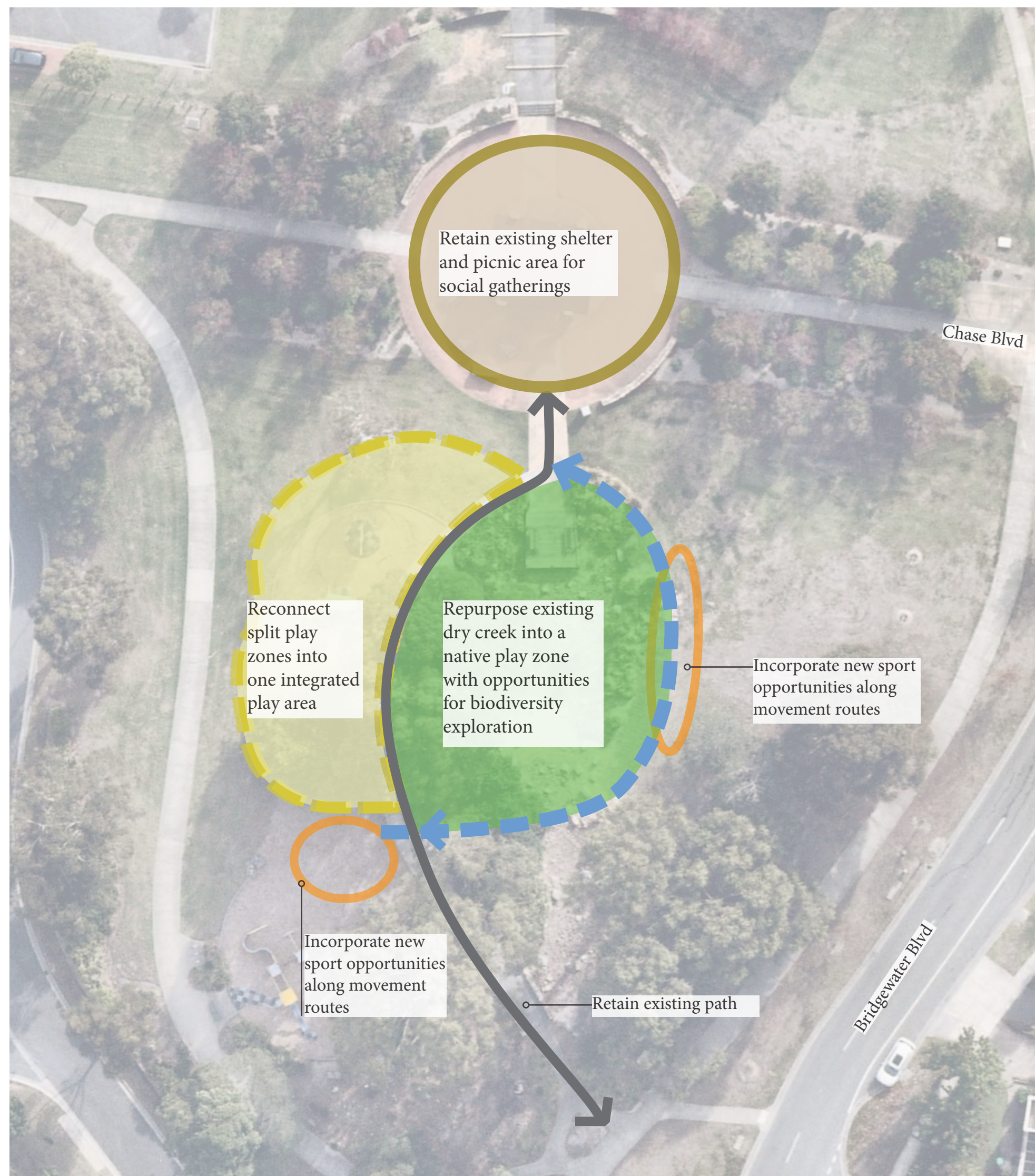


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FUNCTIONAL DIAGRAM

This functional diagram illustrates the spatial intent for The Chase Reserve upgrade, connecting fragmented play areas, retaining the central social hub, and activating movement routes with sport and nature-based play opportunities. The layout responds to community needs by creating a more inclusive, continuous, and engaging open space experience.



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