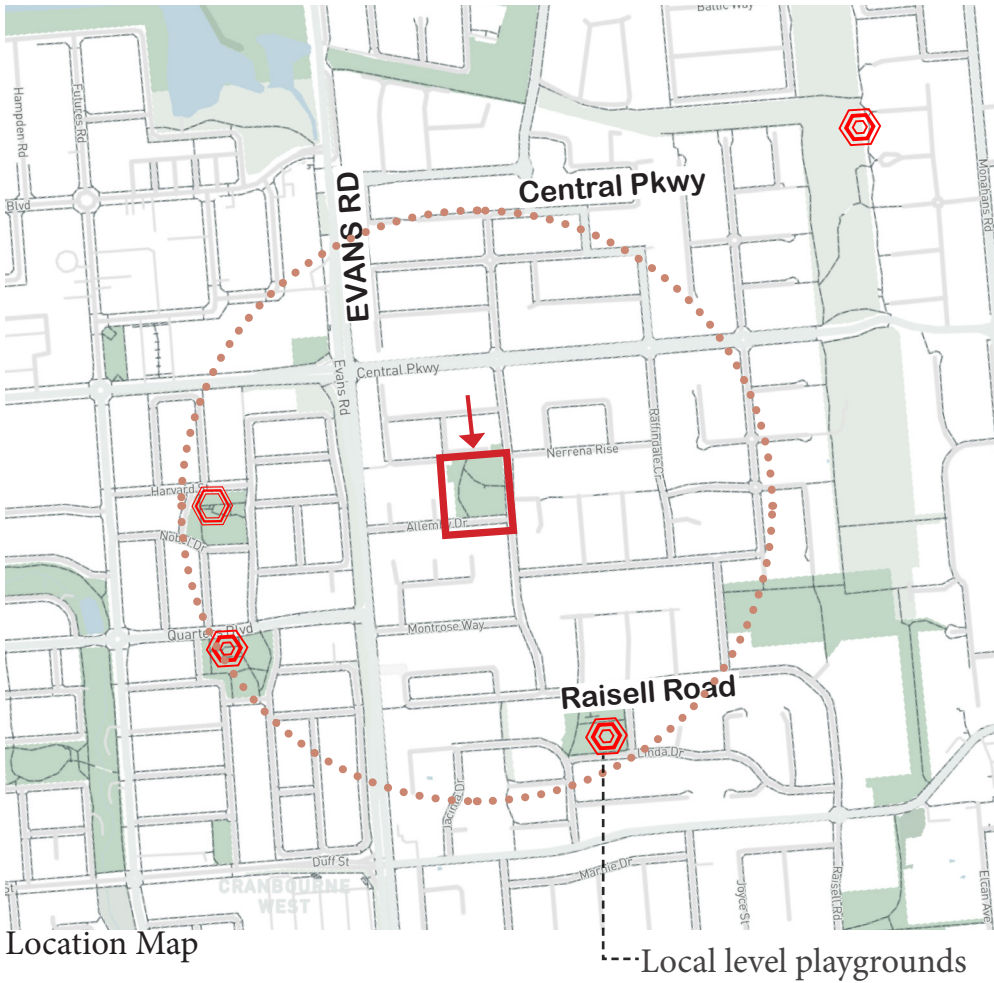


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Location Map

SITE CONTEXT

Bernborough Avenue Reserve is an quiet open space within a residential area of Cranbourne West, surrounded by medium-density housing. It provides an important everyday green space for the local community, supporting casual recreation, play, and informal use.

Within a 500m radius of Bernborough Avenue Reserve are generally local level playspace for neighbourhood-level use. These spaces typically provide basic play equipment such as swings, slides and simple climbing elements, with limited diversity in play experiences.

Bernborough Avenue Reserve is a distinctive open space featuring with a small Ironbark woodland, a winding feature path, and existing giant footprint elements, which together create a calm and slightly mysterious experience for visitors.

The mounding, garden beds and seasonal colour from surrounding planting further enrich the landscape and bring visual interest to the open space.

At the centre of the reserve, the existing fenced playground is constrained, limiting its usability and flexibility, and offering limited play opportunities. In addition, the shade sail is currently positioned over two picnic sets and does not provide coverage over the play area.



Aerial Map

PROJECT SCOPE

The playground renewal project aims to transform the existing space into a more inclusive and engaging public place that responds to 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- Replacing outdated play equipment with engaging and inclusive elements suitable for children, youth, and families.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.
- Extending the site's existing design language to reinforce its identity and create a seamless integration between new and existing design.
- 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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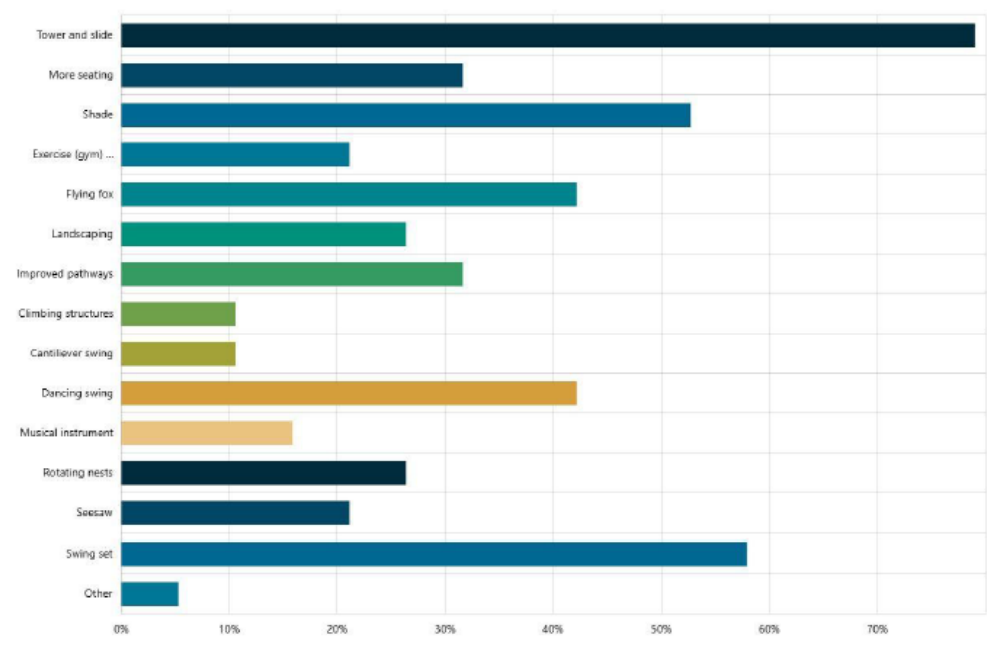
INITIAL CONSULTATION - KEY FINDINGS

Playground upgrades were the most mentioned topic

Play equipment was the most frequently raised topic in the feedback. There were strong mentions for:

- Tower and slide (15 mentions)
- Swing sets (11 mentions)
- Flying fox (8 mentions)
- Dancing swings (8 mentions)

This shows a strong desire for more engaging and active play opportunities.



Play spaces for different age groups

There were **multiple mentions** calling for the playground to cater for a wider range of ages (**several mentions**). Feedback highlighted the need for:

- Dedicated toddler play areas
- Play opportunities for older children and teenagers
- Better planning to avoid focusing only on under-five play

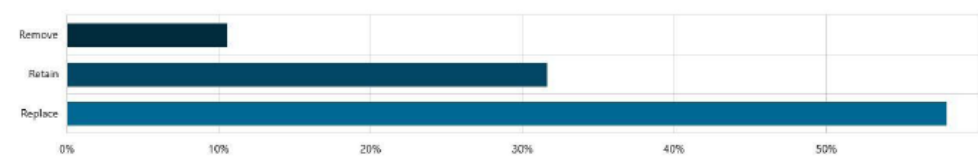
Overall, the feedback shows a clear desire for inclusive play that suits toddlers, children and teens.

Shade is a high priority

Shade was raised frequently throughout the engagement:

- Requests for more shade (10 mentions)
- Support for replacing shade sails (11 mentions)
- Support for retaining shade sails (6 mentions)
- Support for removing shade sails (2 mentions)

This highlights the importance of shade and sun safety for people using the reserve and support for removing, retaining and replacing the current shade sails.



More seating and places to rest

Seating was raised consistently:

- Requests for more seating (6 mentions)

Written feedback also included **several mentions** calling for:

- A mix of single seats and small tables
- Seating spread throughout the reserve, including under tree canopy
- Quiet places to sit, relax or socialise

Strong support for keeping trees and greenery

Protecting trees and the natural environment was raised through **multiple written mentions**. Trees were valued for shade, visual appeal and supporting wildlife. While there was **1 mention** suggesting fewer trees, the overall message strongly supported keeping the reserve's green, leafy character.

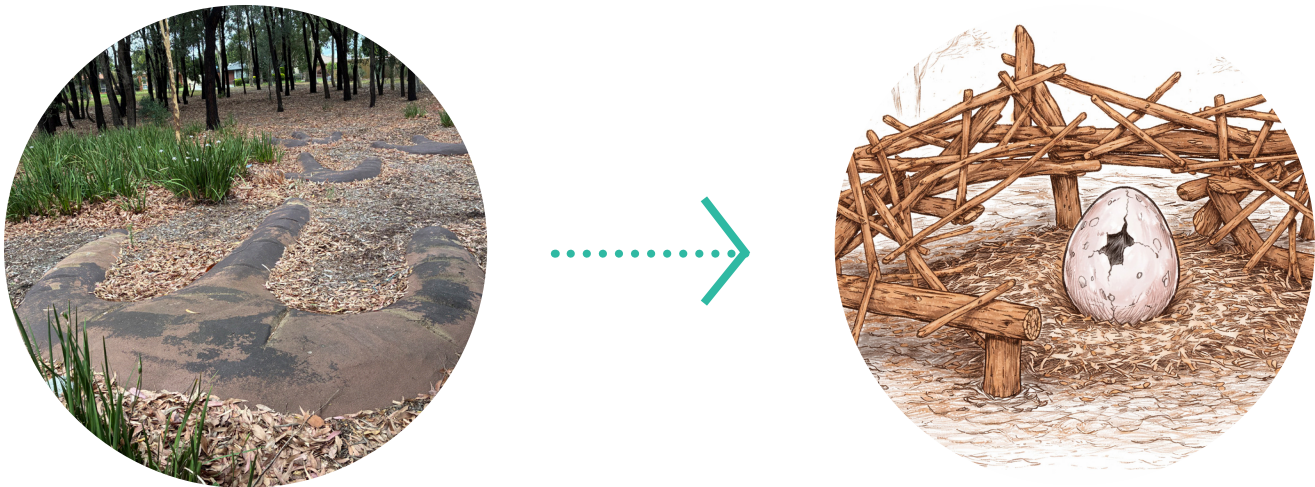
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DEVELOPMENT DIAGRAM



LEGEND

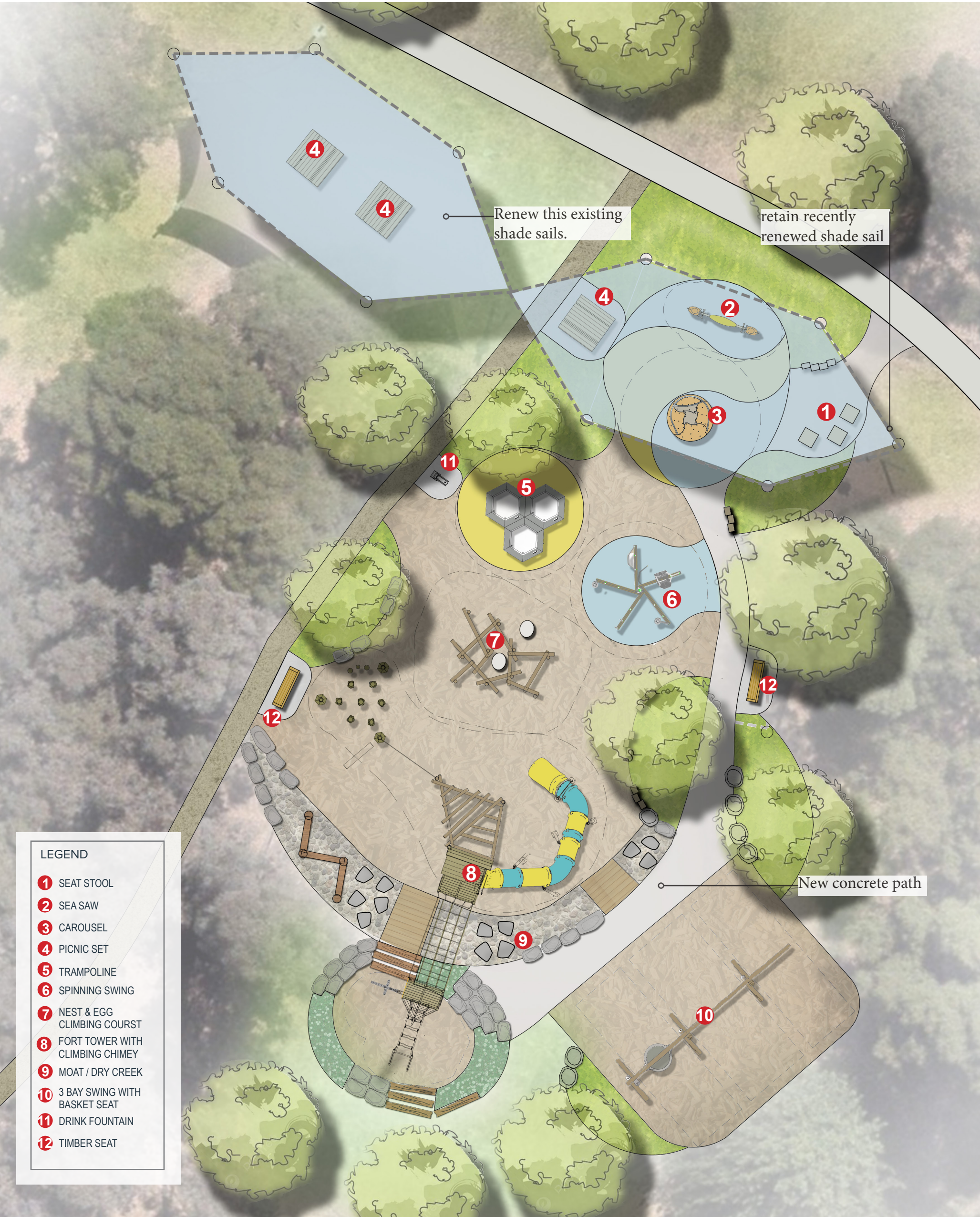
- 1 Upgrade and formalise existing gravel path to improve surface condition and usability.
- 2 Retain existing path alignment and extend to connect to the new path.
- 3 Provide shade along the new concrete path to improve user comfort.
- 4 Provide new all-ages playspace with inclusive and engaging play opportunities under existing & new shade sails.
- 5 Create seating zone under shade sail.
- 6 All-ages multi-play area that is inspired by and reinforces the dragon-themed design concept.
- 7 Incorporate sensory play elements with diverse materials to enrich children's play experiences.
- 8 Retain and enhance existing vegetation, including established trees and garden beds.



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CONCEPT PLAN - OPTION 1 - RENEW EXISTING SHADE SAIL

In terms of shade, this concept focuses on retaining and renewing the existing shade sail structure to provide additional cover for the toddler play space and a quiet seating zone for visitors.



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CONCEPT PLAN - OPTION 2 - NEW SHELTER OPTION

The second concept replaces the existing shade sail structure with a larger shelter that provides both shade and all-weather protection. The shelter also creates a more defined gathering space with picnic settings and seating to support longer stays and year-round use of the playspace.



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