

Wetlands Park Redevelopment Masterplan



Wetlands Park Overview

The Wetlands Park is an integral part of the Wagin Community life, with locals utilising the area to walk, to exercise their dogs, to take their children to run around and play on the playground and to have family BBQ's.

We also have an estimated 1400 vehicles traveling to and through Wagin on a daily basis, much more during the holiday periods.

It contains one of the towns major attractions, the Giant Ram, which was built in Wagin and put in place in 1985. The Ram - Bart - is 9 metres high, 13 metres long, 6 metres wide and weighs in at a whopping 4 tonnes. Bart is the largest anatomically correct Ram in the known universe.

Thousands of tourists visit Bart throughout the year, making use of the park facilities and ample parking.

Current park facilities include:

- Playground equipment
- 2 shelters with seating
- 1 gazebo - with bench seating
- BBQ
- Ablution Block
- Parking

The current play equipment was re-located to the site around 15 years ago, when new equipment was installed at the sports ground. Estimates are that the current equipment is around 25 years old. The 2 shelters are well designed and set out right next to the BBQ with sufficient seating for the average small birthday party or other event. The Gazebo was re-located from the town park near the rail lines and would be well improved with repairs, new paint and suitable seating. The ablution block is very basic with gated doorways which are locked overnight, bare concrete floors, stall doors to the cubicles and 1 small stainless steel sink - no hand drying options. Parking is amply available at both the shire office and the horseshoe - with the horseshoe parking being ideal for travelers with Caravans & RV's as there is lots of room to move.

Due to the limited size of the current play equipment - which is designed for children aged 3-6 - playground equipment for other ages is not available anywhere in Wagin. Parents have approached the shire requesting more play options for a wider range of children & potentially young adults.

Issues which were highlighted are:

- No public swings in Wagin
- Current equipment is dated and "boring" for older children

- Current equipment is set on a platform creating a fall risk for the very young (toddler or crawling age)
- Current equipment has no protection from the weather
- Water concerns - parents of the active young people are worried about the accessible water nearby
- Some traveler concerns - with a wide range of people stopping at the park for any number of reasons & parents would prefer to separate the playing children from the people stopping only to use the ablutions
- No play equipment for the 0-3 age range

Wagin residents have approached the shire with a preferred location and style of park - which is going to ensure a much higher standard of collaboration for the project going forward. Wagin residents approached the Shire in early 2018 with a request for some new equipment in the parkland area, which has progressed to a large planned design to incorporate various ages and abilities, keeping the initial request for new swings in the loop. The shire has since received a number of emails requesting the upgrade and designs have been made up which incorporate all aspects of the community needs at this time.

Through the Townscape Committee and Council, consultant group ECOSCAPE were engaged to draft a concept plan based on the community ideas and requirements and the Townscape Committee's business Case.

ECOSCAPE met with staff and members of the Townscape Committee on-site to understand our requirements and get a feel for our very unique Wetlands Park. ECOSCAPE have now delivered their Draft Masterplan and this was presented to the Townscape Committee, who recommended Council endorse the Plan.

The Masterplan was endorsed by Council at the March Ordinary Council meeting and we are now inviting submissions and comment from the community regarding the proposed redevelopment.

Copies of the plan are on Council's website or can be viewed or collected at the Shire Administration office. Comments and submissions can be sent via email to: shire@wagin.wa.gov.au or via mail at PO Box, Wagin WA 6315

Comments and submissions must be submitted by 4.30pm Friday 1st May 2020. If you have any questions or queries regarding the Masterplan, please contact Council's Community Liaison Officer - Donna George, on 98 611 177 or admin@wagin.wa.gov.au





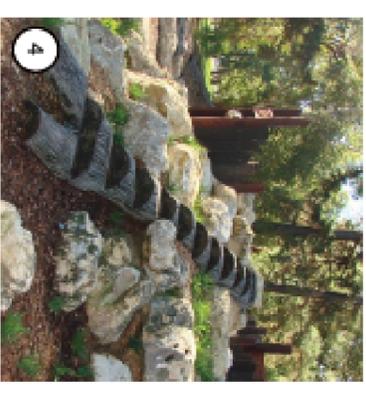
1 **TIMBER CLIMBING STRUCTURE - LYPDA (OFF THE SHELF OR CUSTOM OPTIONS)**



2 **DOUBLE SWING UNIT - PLAYROPE**



3 **CONCRETE SLIDE WITHIN ROCK MOUND**



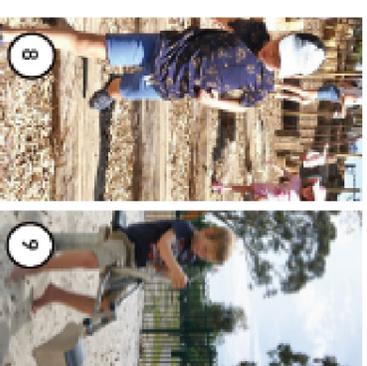
4 **LOG STAIR AMONGST ROCKERY MOUND TO ACCESS SLIDE**



5 **6** **DRY CREEK BED AND WATER PUMP TO PROVIDE SENSORY PLAY - WATER TO BE TURNED ON SEASONALLY AT SHIRE'S DISCRETION**



7 **LOG CROSSING POINT AT DRY CREEK**



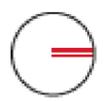
8 **TIMBER LOG PATH TO PLAY AREAS**

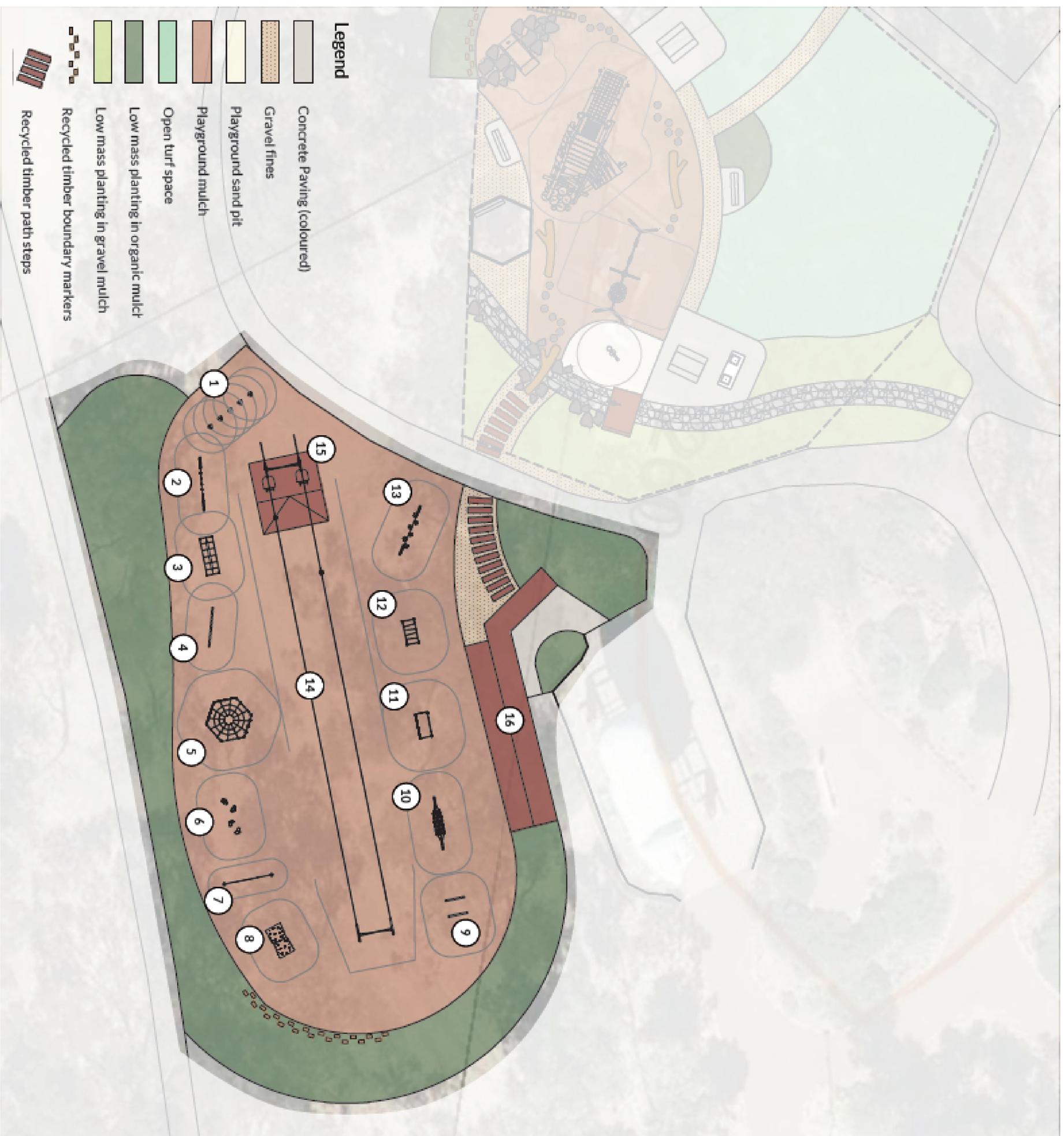


9 **LOW TIMBER AND LINK FENCING AND RECYCLED TIMBER BOUNDARY MARKERS AT PLANTED EDGE**



9 **SAND DIGGER**

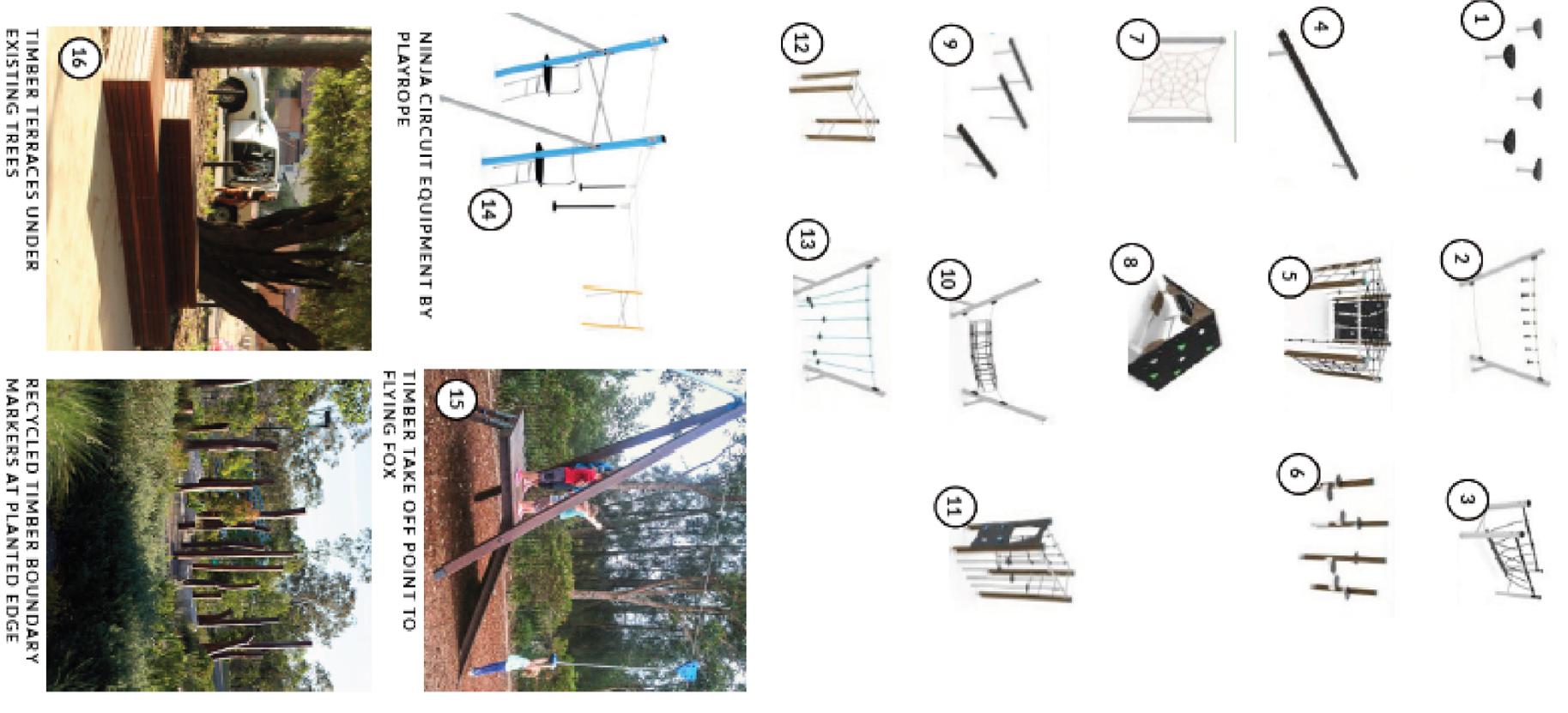




- Legend**
- Concrete Paving (coloured)
 - Gravel fines
 - Playground sand pit
 - Playground mulch
 - Open turf space
 - Low mass planting in organic mulch
 - Low mass planting in gravel mulch
 - Recycled timber boundary markers
 - Recycled timber path steps

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WAGIN WETLANDS PARK
 SHIRE OF WAGIN

STAGE 2 & 3 - SENIOR PLAY AREA & TERRACES
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