



University of Sydney Regiment Mixed Use Redevelopment Project landscape concept report



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Design Statement

The landscape design for the University of Sydney Regiment Mixed Use Redevelopment Project has been developed with reference to the SEARs requirements and the Stage 1 Consent Conditions, notably landscape conditions B8 and B9. The landscape design is based on the following key principles:

- Creating a series of flexible communal spaces for use by the residents, accommodating a variety of uses over several levels of the development;
- Respecting and responding to the existing heritage walls, Superintendents residence building and surrounds, and historical uses of the site; and
- Integrating Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Culture and Story into the design as part of The University of Sydney's Wingara Mura strategy.

The landscape design draws on the historical uses and forms of the site, notionally Regiment, Farm, Forest and People, in a layered approach that begins to define the character and uses of the various spaces. The following page outlines how this approach translates through to the landscape design.

The design creates a new public plaza space with access from City Road via a new pedestrian entry adjacent to the existing vehicle entry gates. The new entry will provide segregation from vehicles with the existing sandstone pillars from in front of the Darlington Centre reused to help define the pedestrian area against the driveway. Seating and planting frame an open plaza space with new paving and planting, creating a welcoming pedestrian entry experience for the new building as well as the existing heritage buildings to the north.

The Darlington Centre is removed, creating a respectful curtilage around the Superintendents residence building with the existing walls and fig tree retained to the front and additional circulation and access to the rear. The latter will form a 'learning link' with a new raised deck area at the south-east corner of the building with seating edges against the walkway. A new accessible walkway is provided on the north-east side to access the Cottage via the existing verandah with the two existing trees in this area retained.

The secure courtyard for the residents sits between the building and City Road, maximising solar access and providing additional setback and vegetation to the street. A flexible paved space with numerous seating options and gas BBQ areas are carved out of a carpet of native vegetation and sit under a canopy of native trees, both existing and proposed. Access is provided directly off the communal lounge and dining areas of the student housing.

The Darlington Road landscape consists of planting beds between the building and a new fence or the heritage wall to provide a buffer between the street and student rooms.

The landscape design for the secure courtyard, as well as areas of the entry plaza, will incorporate Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Culture and Story into the design as part of The University of Sydney's Wingara Mura strategy. This reflects the University's vision for inclusion of Aboriginal values, art and culture in all developments.

At this stage the form indigenous art and culture is still up for discussion, with the focus on appropriately weaving the story into the design layout, forms and materiality. Gathering areas will be created in each of the main landscape spaces. Additional expression could take the form of text or imagery in landscape surfaces or elements, sculpture, planting or a combination. The expression of indigenous culture will need to be worked through with the university of Sydney and the local indigenous community to insure its sensitive placement, durability, cultural relevance and appropriateness to this project.

A series of accessible landscape rooftop terraces have been provided on the building. The largest rooftop terrace on level 5 at the north end of the building makes the most of northern solar access and provide views across the local area. This terrace includes lawn areas, planting beds, raised vegetable gardens, shaded seating, ping pong tables and barbecue areas. An additional smaller landscape roof terrace is provided on level 6 on the south-west part of the building overlooking Darlington Road. There are two further roof terraces on levels 7 and 8 stepping up from the main terrace on level 5 with paved seating areas intermingled with planting including small trees for shade. The landscape to the perimeter of these terraces will be visible from below and the surrounding streets.

Concept

Regiment



Public garden

- Formal structure and order
- Historical interpretation

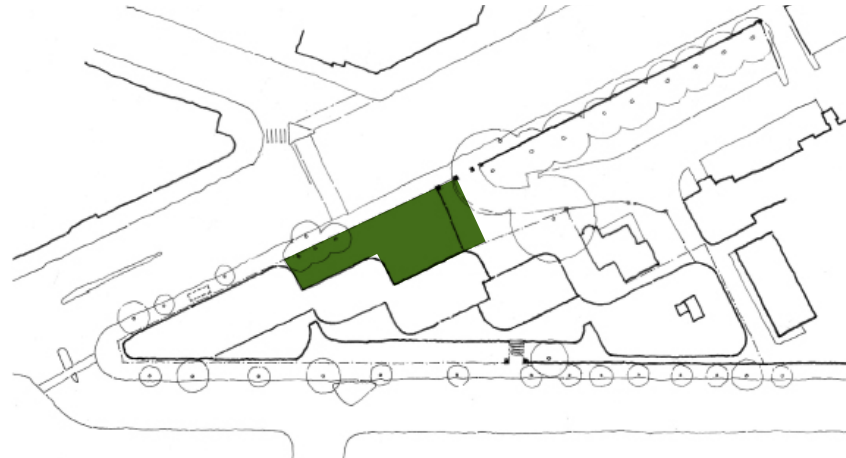
Farm



Rooftop terraces

- Food production and education
- Linear geometry

Forest



Secure courtyard

- Turpentine forest vegetation
- A carpet of green

People



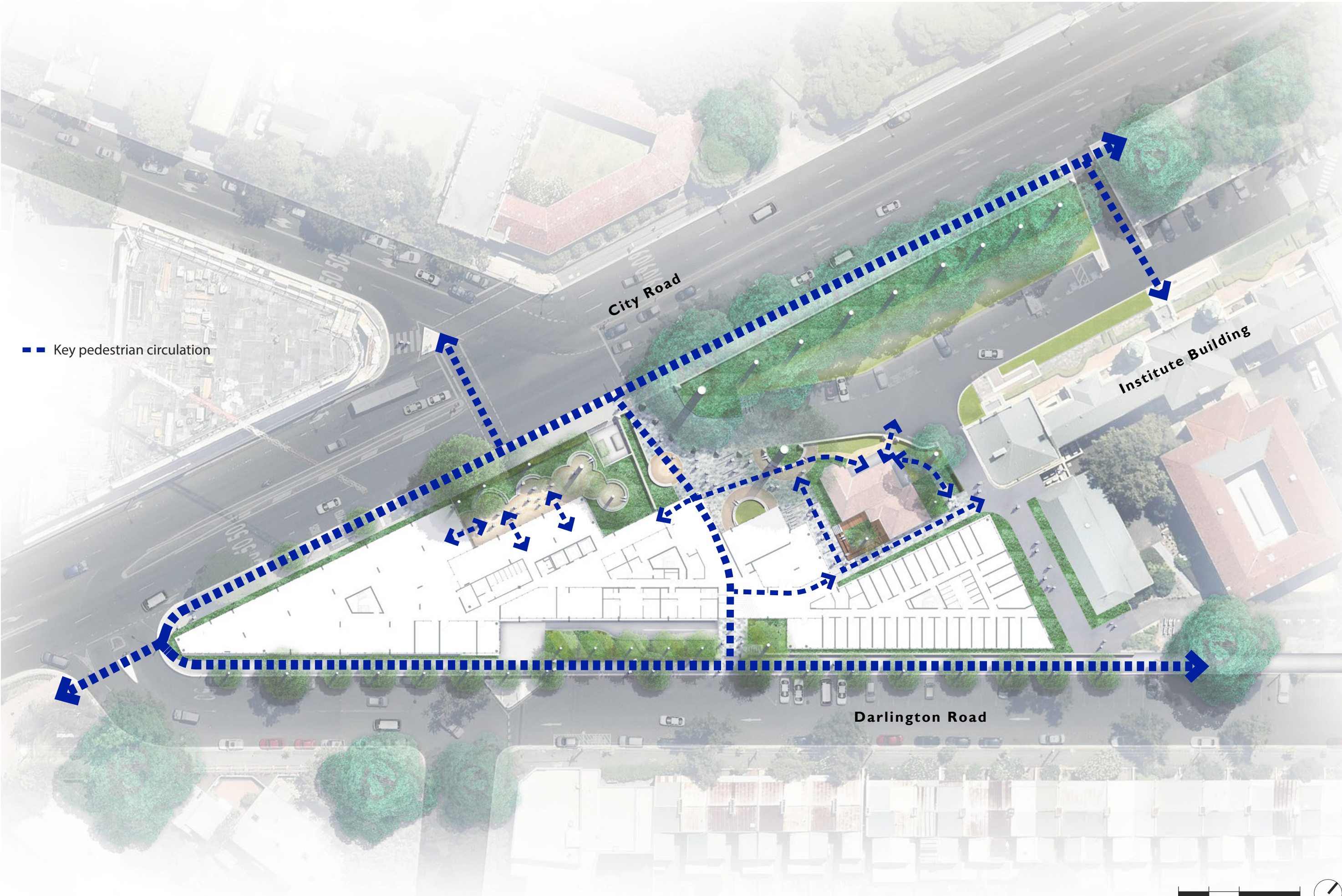
Spatial overlay

- Gathering and socialising spaces
- Indigenous interpretation

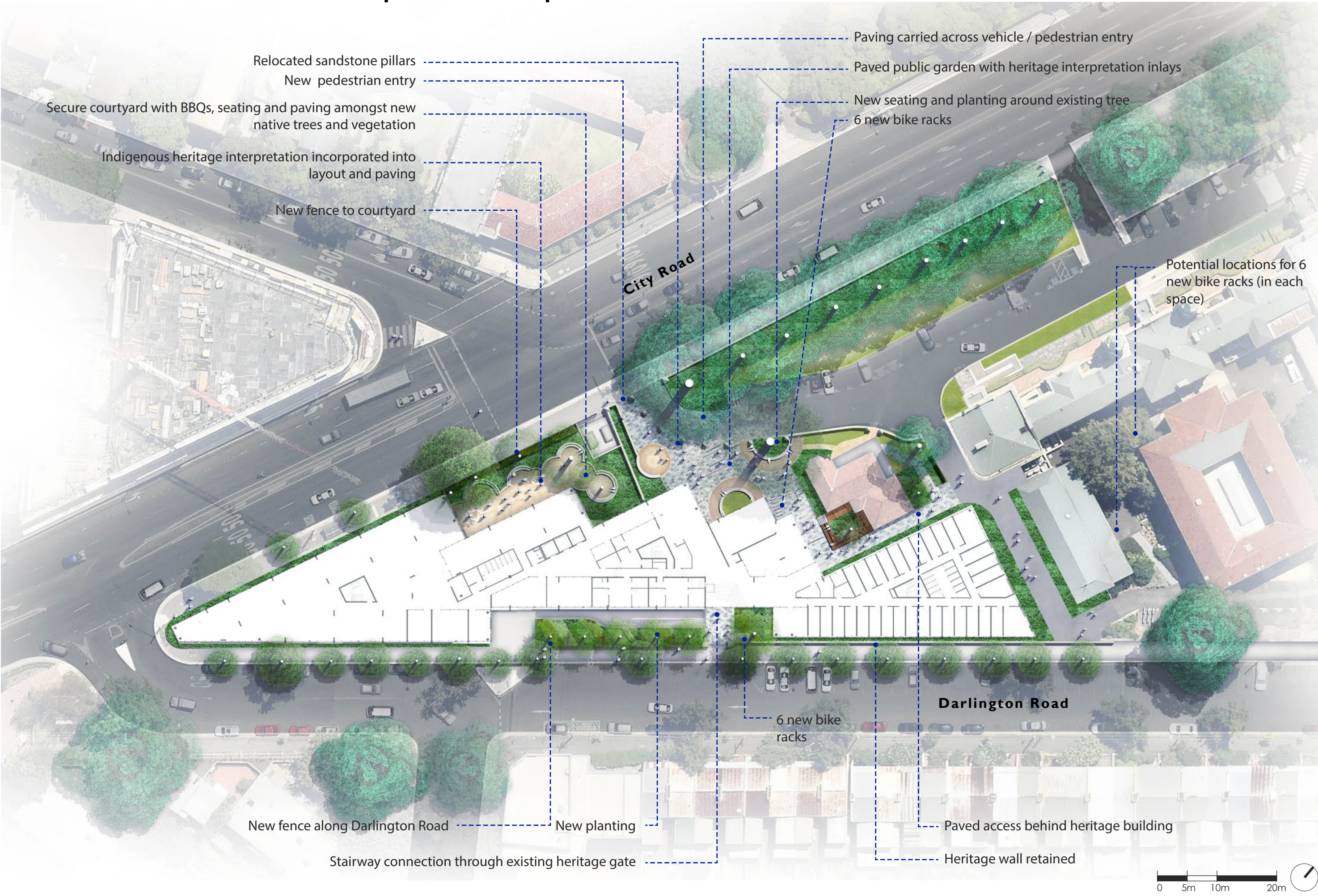
Ground Level - Spaces



Ground Level - Circulation



Ground Level - Landscape Masterplan



Ground Level - Tree Retention & Removal Plan

