Landscape Design Proposal

A site wide access strategy will reinforce connectivity of pedestrian and cycle links to adjacent open space and streetscapes, with signage, seating, bicycle parking and related amenity elements to encourage passive access to, and around and across the site. This access network is to be coordinated with upgraded site open space amenity, as well as with The Wahroonga Estate access network to create a highly accessible precinct integrated with open space corridors, local community and public transport.

Proposed new landscape design features include new pathway as part of access network; seating; interpretive signage referencing the natural ecology; exercise equipment as part of a circuit arrangement; and play amenity through lawn arrangement and equipment (Flying Fox or play equipment in keeping with natural setting). A low retaining wall supporting the new road edge will have suitable screen shrub planting, with design and management to ensure new planting is suitable in terms of bio-diversity, habitat, and bushfire safety requirements.

The Jacaranda Lodge is to have a new feature wall installed into the landscape along the eastern road edge, to provide a buffer against light, noise and views. This is to provide a focal element for views along the Loggia walkway on the northern side of the CSB buildings, and will create a narrow private courtyard space against the building. Parking along the road edge is to be removed to allow for improved pedestrian pathway access. Relocation of the Bethel Building into the open space south of the Lodge will require considerable attention to providing a suitable landscape setting.

Landscape design proposals include: upgrading the wide lawn / open space area against the forest edge with additional seating and shelters in order to increase and passive recreation amenity; interpretive signage referencing the Sanitarium original landscape, as well as the natural ecology; exercise equipment as part of a circuit arrangement; and play amenity through lawn arrangement and equipment. Pathway links are to be provided, completing links to the upgraded path network so that this upgraded area is easily accessed. Temporary and new ongrade parking areas are proposed to the west of the Beattie Complex and Stores Building.

The new parking structure in this part of the site reflects a substantial change in function of this precinct, with the carpark serving the new main building entry. The elevated podium arrival has a large plaza space associated with the main set-down and pickup location alongside the Concourse – being the major covered access corridor being created through the centre of the complex of buildings. The plaza overlooks a stand of large Eucalypts, with their canopy close to the large seating area, and framing views to the bushland beyond. A broad canopy tree, planters with seating edges, interpretive sculptures, and a 'green wall' treatment of the carpark adjacent will create an appropriate high quality forecourt environment. Lush understorey landscape will be visible in the the ground level space against the San

The new built forms across the western part of the central site will result in some of the trees that occur in the sundry spaces between existing buildings being removed. New tree planting proposals will aim to provide a cohesive planting strategy that correlates with seating areas and pathways, and creates a series of connected courtyard spaces that provide a logical sequence when moving through the spaces. The pavement treatments will encourage pedestrian priority and high quality courtyard character rather than service vehicle access spaces which is currently

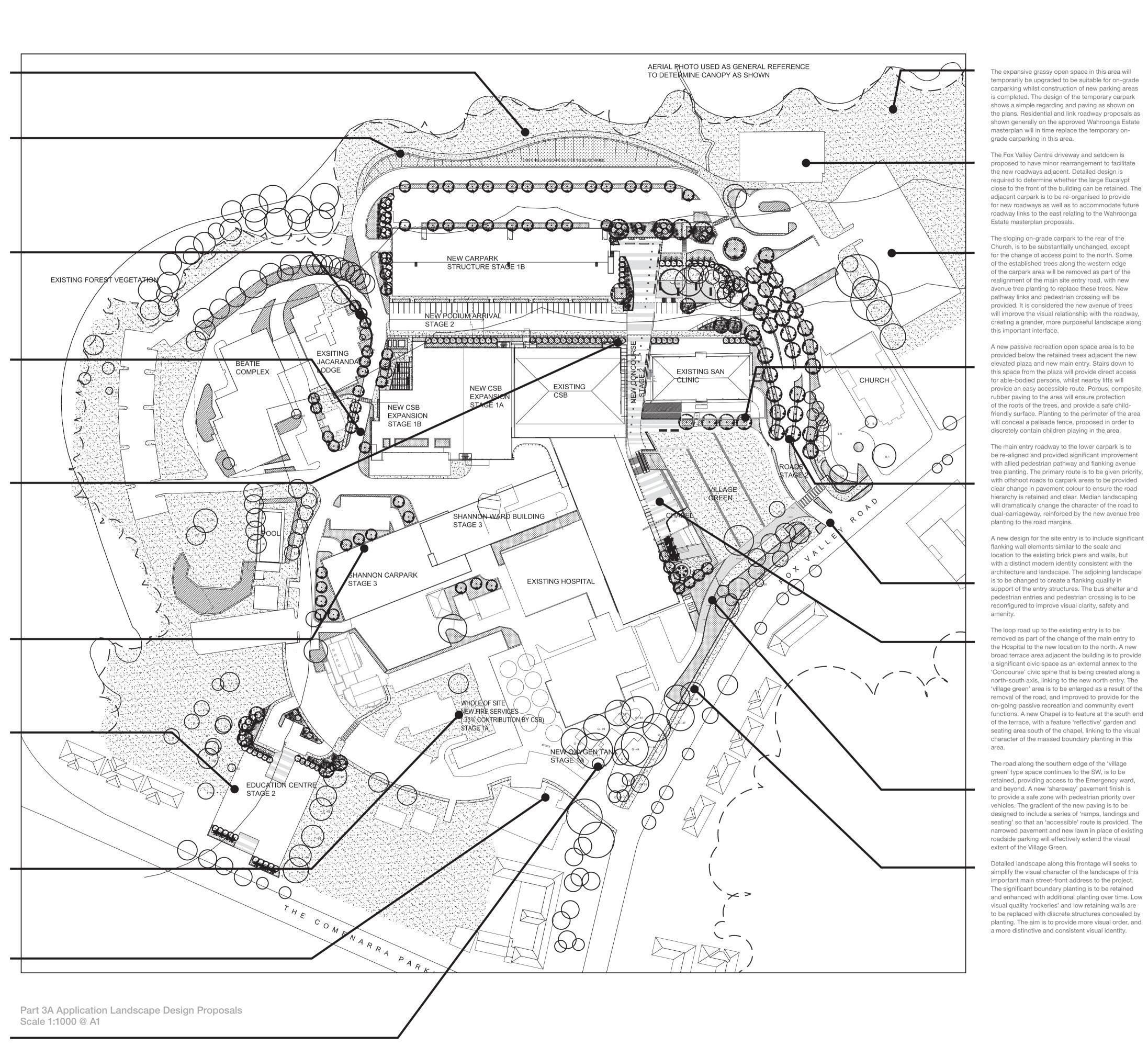
A new Education Centre is proposed in this part of the site, replacing two of the existing residences along this boundary and occupying a small portion of the grassy open space. The large adjoining landscape area is to be redesigned to increase the passive recreation amenity and accessibility to the area. The scattered large Turpentine trees are retained, and their large scale will assist in integrating the new building into the landscape. New pedestrian and cycle links will be provided to link the building to the main site and overall pathway network. The new building will create potential for new links to the Comenarra Parkway, which would benefit the access network overall.

The landscape of this existing open space corridor is to be upgraded, with the Robinia trees retained, and flat seating areas installed to replace portions of the sloping lawn area to increase the level of amenity. The southern end of the space is to be redesigned to improve access and linkage to the site wide access network. It is acknowledged that the slope of this space may not permit this as an 'accessible' link.

Upgrading of the identity signage for the Hospital site at this entry will improve the wayfinding and identity of the site. Improvement of access for pedestrians and cyclists will improve connectivity and wayfinding into and around the site. Upgrading of the Medical Centre building, and landscaping of adjoining vacant open space will enhance the entry and provide increased useable passive open space.

New landscape treatments will upgrade the identification of this Hospital entry, and wayfinding signage will assist visitors to their destination. New Oxygen tanks will be accommodated in the landscape, with specific design detail of location and treatment to occur when detail of requirement is available. Tree removal is likely required given the

density of trees in this area.



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The contractor shall check and verify all work on site (including work by others) before commencing the landscape installation. Any discrepancies are to be reported to the Project Manager or Landscape Architect prior to commencing work. Do not scale this drawing. Any required dimensions not shown shall be referred to the Landscape Architect for confirmation.

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