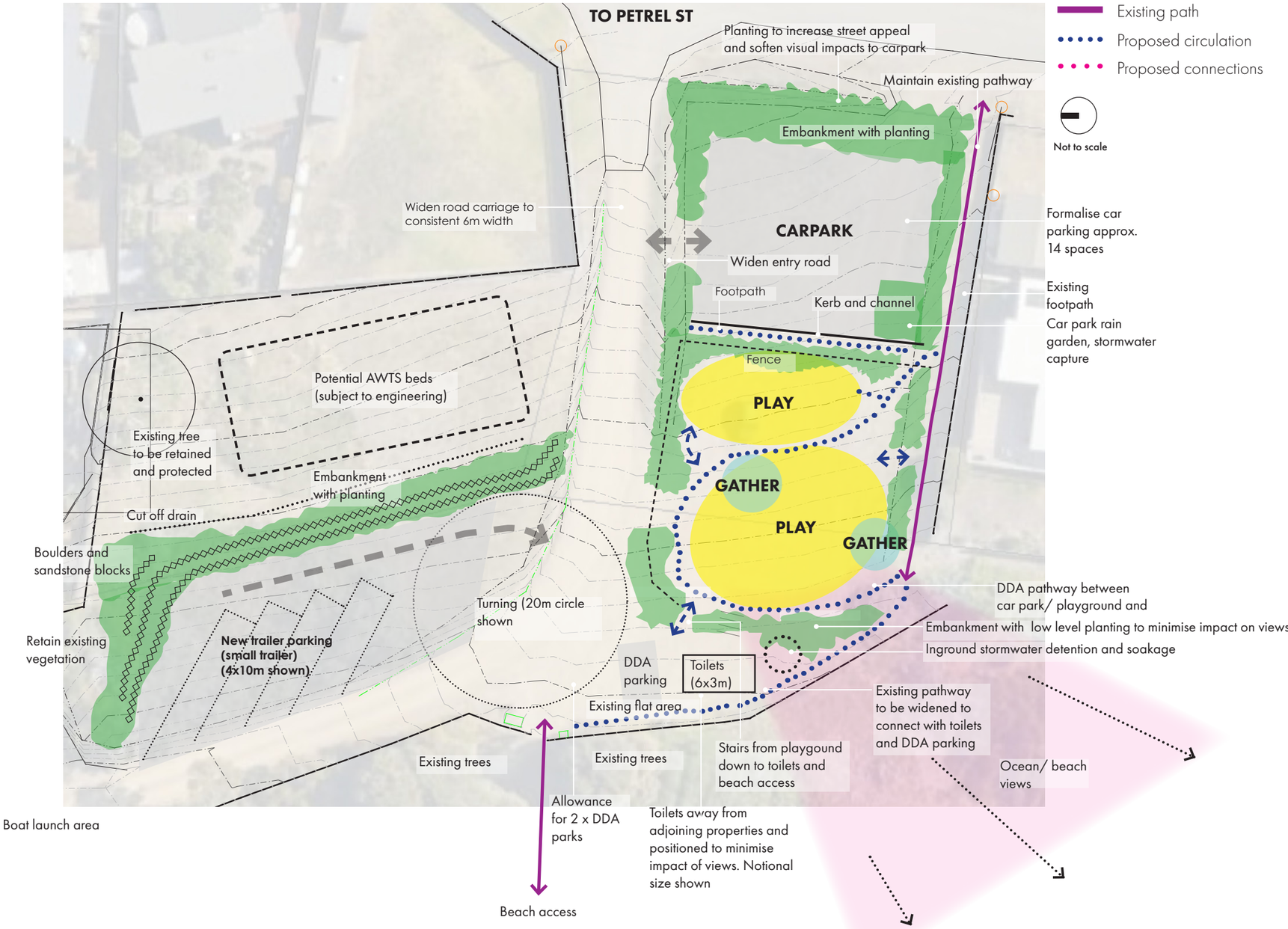
Design Approach

2.1 Framework

The framework establishes a high level schematic design for the site, with a strong focus on play, gathering and recreation. A range of play spaces and supporting pedestrian connections are carefully arranged to create a cohesive and accessible environment that caters to a variety of ages and abilities. The design provides opportunities for both active and imaginative play, while incorporating areas for rest, social interaction and informal recreation.



3.1 Concept

The playspace is inspired by the magical world of mermaids, sea monsters and selkies, creating an imaginative coastal adventure for children of all ages. A large sea monster play piece emerges from the landscape, playfully chasing a timber galleon, while rocky outcrops provide spaces for selkie skins and imaginative play. Warm stone seals are nestled among the sand, adding tactile elements and further bringing the underwater world to life. Together, these elements create an immersive and playful environment that encourages storytelling, adventure and discovery.

Legend

1 Play for All

The playspace is organised around an accessible pathway and divided into two distinct play zones, providing a range of experiences for children of different ages and abilities.

Passive and calm zone: Located above the more active play area, this inclusive space provides opportunities for quieter, imaginative and sensory play. A Chill Time rocker and cubby house create a comfortable retreat, with a mermaid-themed photo opportunity integrated into the retraining wall to encourage imaginative play and interaction.

Active play zone: A galleon forms the centrepiece of the playspace, providing opportunities for climbing, chasing, balancing and imaginative adventure, with lookout points encouraging children to take in views across the surrounding landscape. Lurking in the waters nearby, a large sea monster play piece adds another layer of adventure, offering opportunities for climbing, crawling and imaginative role play.

Sensory elements: Warm stone stroking stones, shaped like seals, are integrated throughout the sand play area to provide tactile and sensory experiences. These elements encourage children to touch, explore and interact with the landscape while reinforcing the coastal and marine theme of the playspace.

2 Seating and Shade

Seating nooks and an accessible picnic table to be integrated into playspace. A range of trees to provide shade are proposed around the edges and while they are establishing two umbrellas placed for shade over seating and picnic table.

3 Textures and Details

Use a series of etchings/ steel inlays to create a fun pathway though the playspace and on timber logs etc.

4 Entry Gate

Establish a playful gate that can be used throughout Sorell to indicate a playground. Gates can be differentiated with colour or an artwork specific to each playspace.



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3.2 Playground

Accent Colour

- Inspired by the colour of Primrose, Yellow has been selected as the accent colour the Primrose Sands playground.

Guidelines

- Provide opportunities for physical activity that are engaging and challenging with opportunities for all ages and abilities.
- Allow for flexibility of play and creativity.

All Ages Play

- Equipment-based.
- Includes equipment for all ages and abilities.

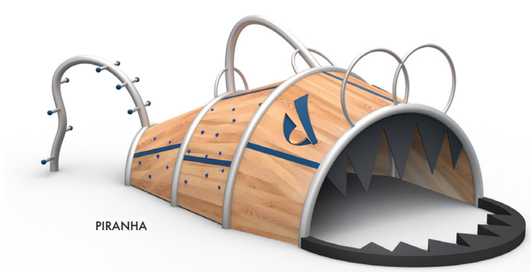
Seating

- A simple, durable seating palette will provide seating for park users at various spots, including accessible picnic table.
- Formal seating elements will be complemented by informal seating elements, such as rocks and logs.

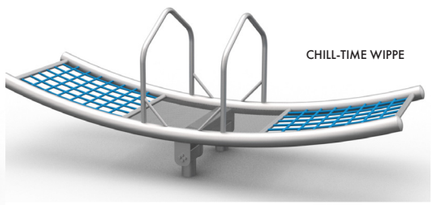
Pathways

- DDA pathway connecting the playground with the carpark, toilets and beach.









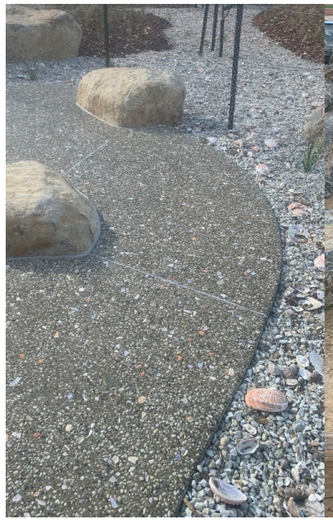
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3.3 Materials Approach

Materials at Primrose Sands Playspace will be selected for their robustness, durability, cost effectiveness and ease of maintenance, ensuring a high quality landscape that can withstand ongoing community use. Drawing on the existing site character and coastal setting, a consistent material palette will be developed through the careful selection of finishes, colours and textures that complement the surrounding landscape.

A strong emphasis will be placed on thoughtful detailing, ensuring that functional elements also contribute to the character and identity of the site. Concrete surfaces and other landscape elements will incorporate finely detailed etched patterns and motifs referencing a local sea animal, creating subtle moments of discovery throughout the playspace and reinforcing its connection to the coastal environment. Where appropriate, the use of local materials will further strengthen the site's sense of place and connection to its unique setting.

Indicative material palette



Exposed aggregate concrete with abalone shells and etchings



Cement stabilised granitic sand



Local stone



Sand softfall



Poured rubber softfall for all abilities access











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3.4 Planting Approach

The Primrose Sands planting palette draws inspiration from local folklore and the distinctive character of the surrounding coastal landscape. Local folklore suggests that the name 'Primrose Sands' was inspired by the presence of Goodenia ovata and its characteristic yellow, primrose-coloured flowers. This provides a strong connection to local identity and forms the basis for the planting palette, with Goodenia ovata complemented by a diverse selection of coastal native species.

Native species have been selected primarily with reference to the NRM South/Understorey Network Sorell Species Plant List, providing a locally appropriate foundation for the planting strategy. A number of native species are common across the broader project sites, providing consistency within the overall landscape approach while allowing the palette to respond to the specific microclimate, site conditions and character of each location.

Together, the planting palette celebrates the local story of Primrose Sands while creating a resilient, biodiverse and seasonally engaging landscape that strengthens the site's sense of place and connection to its coastal setting.

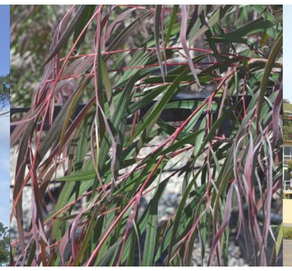
Trees



Allocasuarina verticillata
Drooping Sheoak
10m x 5m



Eucalyptus pulchella
White Peppermint
15m x 10m



Agonis flexuosa
Willow Myrtle
6m x 4m



Banksia integrifolia
Coastal Banksia
6m x 4m



Allocasuarina littoralis
Black Sheoak
10m x 4m



Understorey



Goodenia ovata
Hop Goodenia



Atriplex cinerea
Coastal Saltbush



Bulbine glauca
Rock Lilly



Carpobrotus rossii
Pigface



Chrysocephalum apiculatum
Common Everlasting



Dodonaea viscosa
Sticky Hop Bush



Poa labillardierei
Common Tussock Grass



Austrostipa stipoides
Foxtail Speargrass



Ficinia nodosa
Knobby Club Sedge



Tetragonia implexicoma
Bower Spinach



Lomandra longifolia
Spiny-Headed Mat Rush



Dichelachne crinita
Longhair Plume Grass



Disphyma crassifolium
Round-leaved Pigface



Anigozanthos 'Landscape Gold'
Kangaroo Paw



Banksia marginata 'Coastal Spread'
Silver Banksia