



DARWIN CIVIC & STATE SQUARE

Master Plan

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Darwin Civic and State Square Masterplan

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Introduction

Darwin's Civic and State Square precinct is a place familiar to every Darwin resident and is visited by the great majority of tourists that come to the city. This historic public park in the heart of Darwin holds many memories and stories, it is a place of celebration and reflection, revelry and rest.

Commissioned by the Northern Territory Government, a new Masterplan for the Civic and State Square will seek to tell the stories of the landscape and its human history and be a highly memorable, rejuvenating and everchanging place for people. Importantly, it will also strengthen the connections between Darwin locals and their civic and cultural institutions; it will be a gateway for visitors and physically connect the harbour and the city; and it will be a cool retreat reflecting both its urban setting and the unique natural environment of the Top End.

The development of a new Masterplan for the Civic and State Square is highlighted in the 2018 Darwin City Deal, endorsed by the Federal and Territory governments and the City of Darwin, as a potential catalyst project and key driver to revitalise Darwin, attract new residents and encourage broader investment in the city. It was also considered a high priority demonstration project in the 2015 Darwin City Centre Masterplan.

The Masterplan Update Report includes the following:

- Stakeholder Consultation - a summary of consultation with key stakeholders including a matrix identifying issues, concerns and aspirations for the development, also includes stakeholder feedback on the draft Masterplan
- Key Moves - a set of guiding principles to inform the Masterplan
- Updates to the original Masterplan
- Masterplan - the preferred Masterplan with the following elements:
 - › Central Heart - a playful, shaded, flexible and active centrally located space for event as well as the everyday
 - › Art Gallery - located adjacent the Central Heart with a generous grand veranda with cafes and room for events and festivals
 - › Tropical Tree Walk - a pedestrianised Smith Street with tall shelters for all year sun and rain protection
 - › Expansive Events Lawns - fully serviced for a vast array of festivals and events. Harry Chan Avenue is converted into a lively hub for both community and commercial development
 - › A Series of Tropical Avenues and Gardens - including a Sculpture Garden above the new underground carpark
 - › Forecourts - generous pedestrianised forecourts to Parliament House and Supreme Court with welcoming and cooling water-features
- A Movement and Access Plan - indicates how service, emergency and ceremonial vehicles can access the site, along with the accommodation for equal access and service parking and cycle routes.
- Events Infrastructure Plans - indicates existing and proposed event layouts including Darwin Festival, Italian Festival and a generic large concert. GleNTi representatives were consulted regarding functionality of space in relation to possible future events.



Stakeholder Consultation

Matrix

No.	Stakeholder Issues and Aspirations	City of Darwin	Department of Chief Minister	Department of Tourism & Culture	Intragovernmental Group	Parliament House	Supreme Court	Tourism Top End	Darwin Festival	Anglican Diocese	Activate Darwin	NTG Transport	NT Government Heritage Branch
1	Security Issues												
2	Attracting Young People												
3	Toilets												
4	Sense of Arrival												
5	Use of Reserve Bank & Other Buildings												
6	Pop-ups & Markets												
7	Art Gallery Plus												
8	Services, Event Services, Infrastructure + Management												
9	Bus Interchange Relocated												
10	Link to Waterfront & CBD												
11	Green, Cool, Plants, Shade												
12	Sustainable & Environmental												
13	Equal Access												
14	Protest Space / Large Events / Gathering Spaces / Stage / Shelter												
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16	Bold & Iconic Vision												
17	Local Character Offerings												
18	Play / Children's Spaces												
19	Varied Large Events on Site												
20	Commercial Activities												
21	Larrakia Representation & Visibility												
22	Varied Park Areas (Both Active & Passive)												
23	Holistic Approach												
24	Night Time Use												
25	Safety + CPTED												
26	Vehicle Access												
27	Wayfinding												
28	Water Features												
29	Pedestrian Access												
30	Commercial / Community Development												
31	Big Screen												
32	Importance of Trees												
33	Aboriginal Art												
34	Natural Local Habitat												
35	Seasonal Change												
36	Public Art												
37	Children's Activities												
38	Compliance for Events												
39	Shade Structures												
40	Food Venues / Cafes												
41	Bush Tucker Garden												
42	Issue of multiple Land Owners												
43	Free Parking / Parking												
44	Noise, Light Bleed												
45	Ethnic Diversity												
46	Public Transport												
47	Purpose Built Music Venue												
48	Connect Government House to Precinct												

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No.	Stakeholder Issues and Aspirations	Donna Jackson (Horticulture/ Aboriginal Ethnobiology)	Administrator's Office and Government House	NTG Police	Deckchair Cinema	GOCNA -Glenti	Italian Festival	Brown's Mart	Darwin Waterfront	Larrakia Nation	NTG Protocol	PWC	Happy Yess	Property Council
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Key Moves



Provide Tropical Shaded Promenades and Walkways

Prioritise pedestrian movement with clear sheltered walkways and keep public roads and vehicles to the site edges.



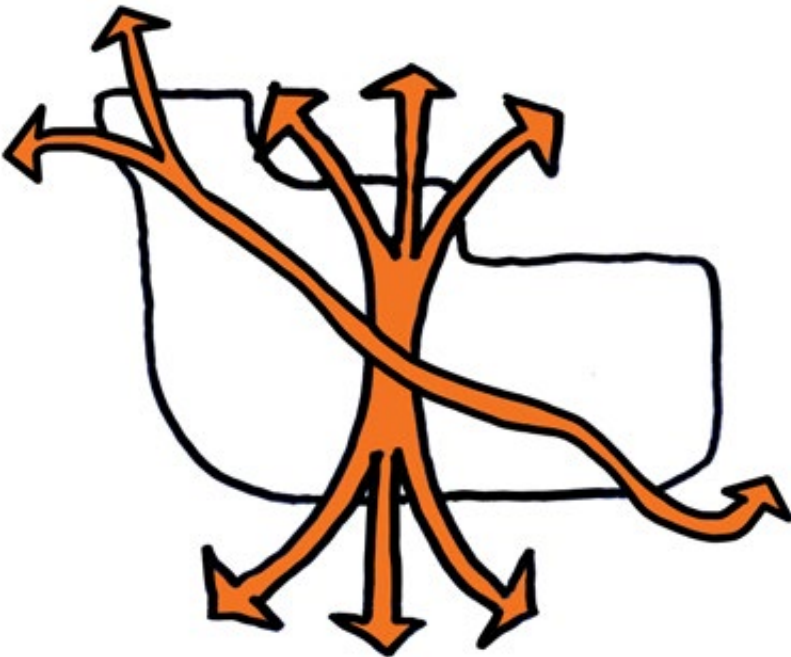
Enhance the Existing Sense of Pavilions in the Park

Locate any additional buildings within a generous amount of landscaped green space.



Create an Activated Central Heart

Encourage both tourists and locals to stay and experience an everchanging multitude of events, facilities, activities and experiences in the casual tropical style that is Darwin.



Link and Connect to the Esplanade, Waterfront and CBD

Ensure views and safe connections in and out of the square are maintained and enhanced day and night with clear wayfinding, lighting and pathways.



Develop a Lush, Cool, Tropical Park

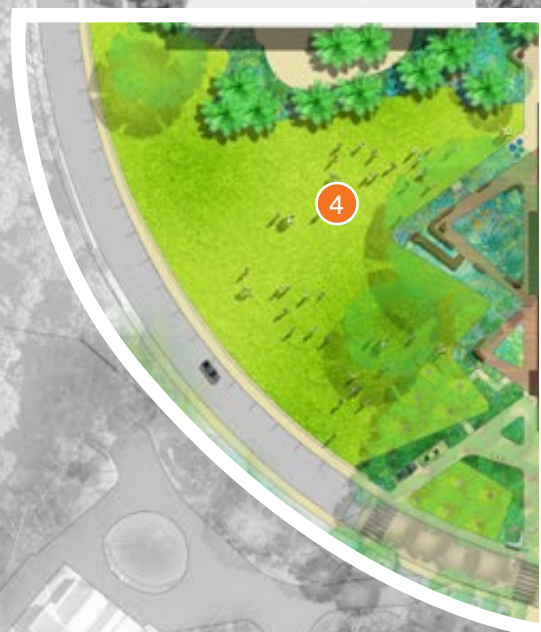
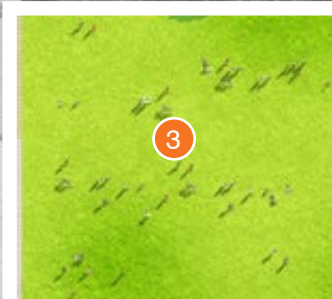
Create a highly memorable and site-specific park and garden setting of green, seasonal colour and shade. Make the area a refuge from the heat with shade structures, planted arbours, additional trees, vegetation and lawn, as well as cooling playful water features. Augment the Square's landscape with more vestiges of remembrance: as the Darwin plateau, as a tropical savannah, as a Larrakia place.



Deliver a beautiful space for events, festivals and gatherings

Create a precinct alive with a broad spectrum of art and cultural facilities, events and programs for locals and tourists of all ages and interests. Tell stories of the whole of the Northern Territory, and emblematically respect and privilege the living history of the Larrakia people and their continuing connection to and expression of spirit and country, of land and sea.

Progress Update



- 1 Native Garden - construction of the garden above the State Square Underground Car Park (shown dash) is completed. Artworks in future stages will be guided by the Public Art, Interpretation & Wayfinding Masterplan which is currently being developed.
- 2 90-Bay Car Park Redevelopment - the concept design is completed to replace the existing carpark with an event space, pedestrian pathway, planting, and a new vehicle entry to Parliament House. Detail Design and Construction Documentation is currently in progress.
- 3 Demolition of the Chan Building and placement of grass as an interim measure.
- 4 Liberty Square - the concept design of the square has been completed. The design provides a clear link to the proposed Skybridge and Government House, a drop off zone for Supreme Court, enhanced seating areas particularly for Supreme Court visitors/staff/attendees, retention and protection of the significant Banyan tree, and associated planting. It also includes possibilities for Aboriginal and non-aboriginal interpretation.
- 5 Art Gallery - the footprint of the gallery has been updated to reflect the current preliminary design. The Central Heart structure has been updated to accommodate an increase in the gallery's size.
- 6 Dual naming of the whole precinct is currently being investigated with Larrakia.

Masterplan

Original Masterplan

- 1 Central Heart with Shelter, Amphitheatre and Water Play
- 2 Art Gallery
- 3 Art Gallery 'Grand Verandah'
- 4 Cooling Billabong Garden
- 5 Play Space
- 6 Supreme Court Water Feature
- 7 Ceremonial & Service Vehicles
- 8 Supreme Court Garden
- 9 Parliament Forecourt & Water Features
- 10 Parliament Lawn
- 11 Old Town Hall Ruins
- 12 Parliament
- 13 Supreme Court
- 14 Palm Walk
- 15 Bennett Park
- 16 Old Reserve Bank with Artwork on Roof
- 17 Native Plant and Sculpture Garden
- 18 Trees and Lawn with Path to Esplanade
- 19 Liberty Square & Garden Nooks
- 20 Tropical Tree Walk
- 21 Screen Tower
- 22 Large Scale Sculpture
- 23 Multipurpose Buildings
- 24 Brown's Mart
- 25 Beauty Leaf Walk
- 26 Tree of Knowledge
- 27 Future Building
- 28 Christ Church Cathedral Darwin
- 29 Administrator's Office
- 30 Existing Sky Bridge
- 31 Proposed Skybridge to Hotel
- 32 Thin Sheet of Water (Can be Turned off)
- 33 Mitchell St / Bennett St Intersection
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Central Active Playful Heart



- Expressive grand green shade structure
- Cooling interactive waterplay, when turned off becomes a flexible event space
- Playful elements for kids and adults too
- Iconic tall 'screen in the round'
- Informal terrace amphitheatre
- Space for pop-ups and markets
- Night time NT themed lighting



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Central Heart - Day Time



- Artwork on Shelter Ceiling : PET Lamp Ramingining: Bukmukgu Guyananhawuy (Every family thinking forward) Designer: Alvaro Catalán de OCON Weaver: Lynette Birriran, Mary Dhapalany, Judith Djelri, Joy Gadawarr, Melinda Gedjen, Cecily Mopbarrrmorr, Evonne Munuyng
- Artworks on Art Gallery Terrace: Yalangbara, art of the Djang'kawu, Mawalan 1 Marika, Wanyubi Marika & Mathaman Marika

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Central Heart - Night Time



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Art Gallery



- The Gallery footprint respects the hierarchy of the importance of Parliament House and the Supreme Court
- Locating the Art Gallery adjacent the central space strengthens the central active heart
- The grand verandah and podium, provides additional space for a cafe and spill out in a tropical atmosphere
- Billabong garden - immersive, seasonal, alive, and memorable
- Nature play fun



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Tropical Tree Walk



- Tall Linear Shelters
- Immersive Tropical Tree Walk
- Service Vehicles accommodated
- Provides shelter from rain and sun



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Tropical Tree Walk - Smith Street



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Expansive Events Lawns

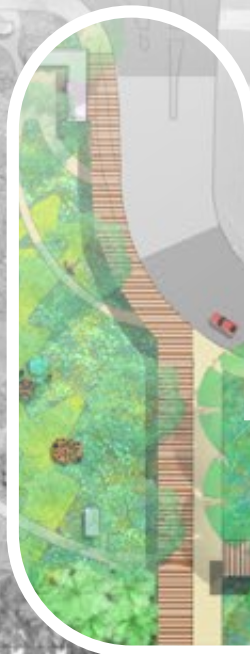


- Shaded large serviced lawn areas
- Level differences on civic side minimised to maximise flexibility
- Balanced need for shade and use of lawns for events

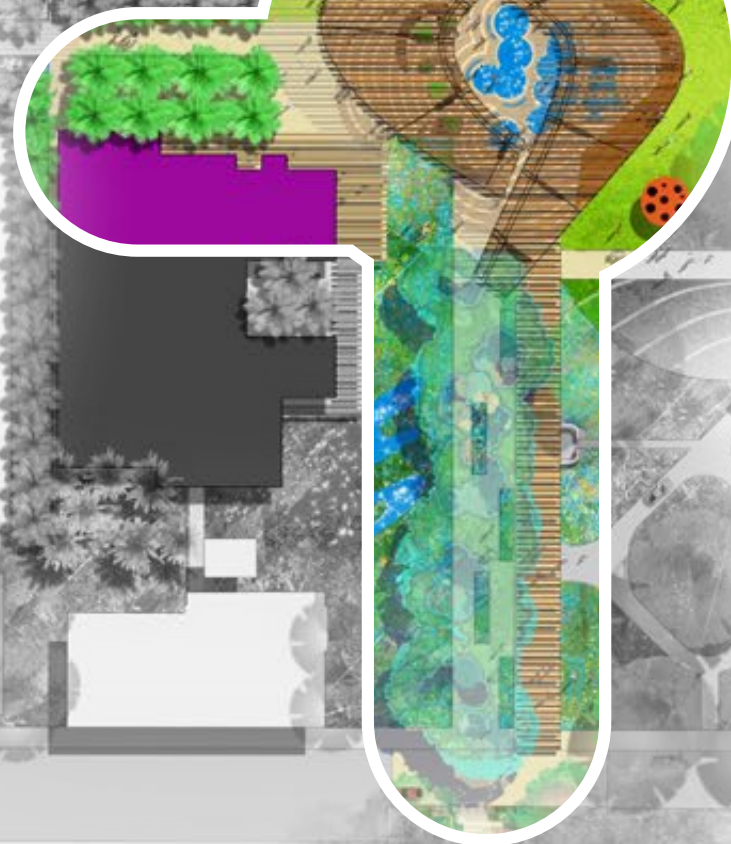


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Sheltered Walkways



- Walkways provide sun and rain shelter



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Multipurpose Buildings

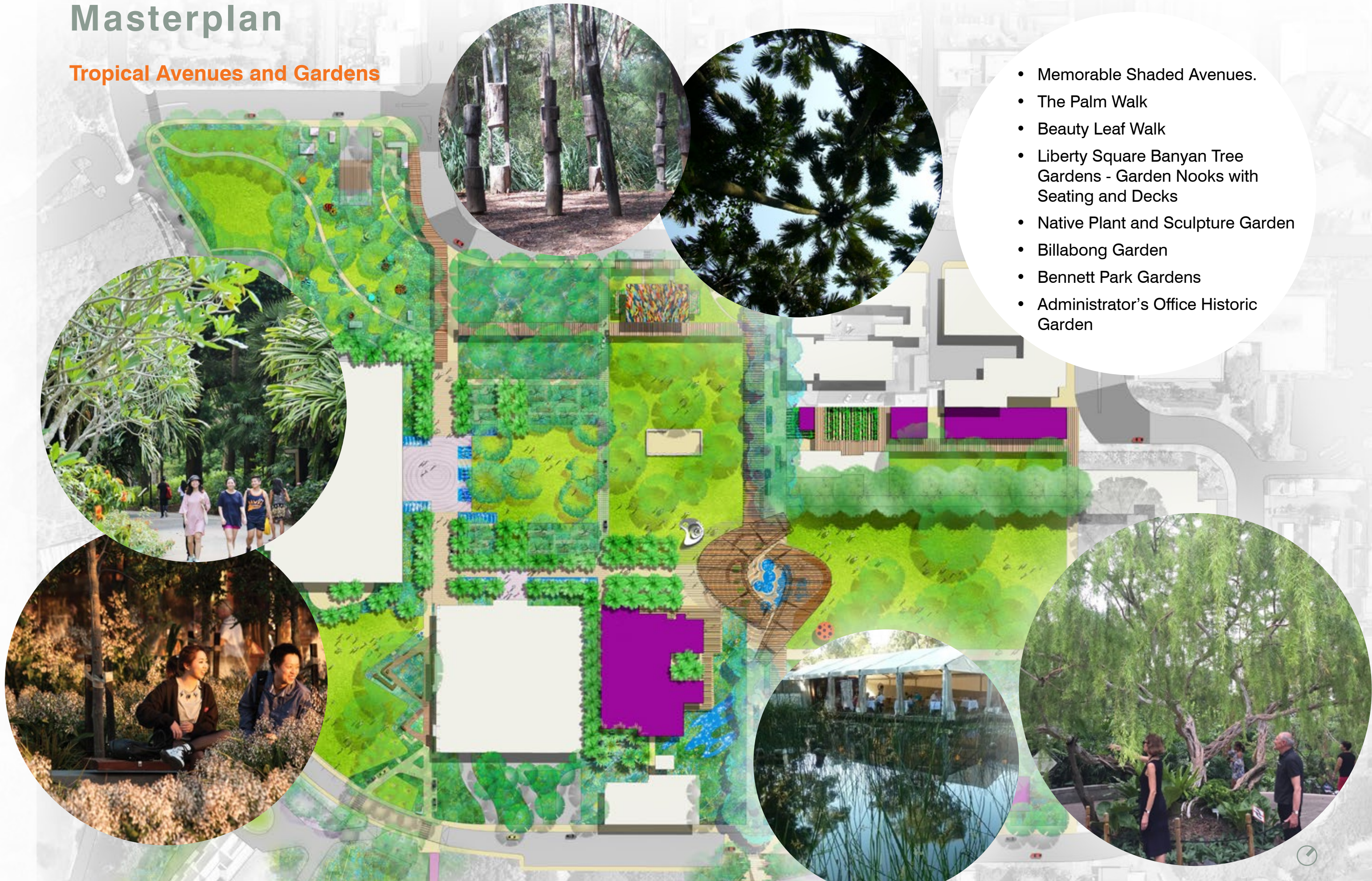
- Convert Harry Chan Avenue into a lively community and commercial hub including innovative start-ups
- Create a sheltered plaza that links to Brown's Mart
- Structures, buildings and other elements could vary depending on future development opportunities



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Tropical Avenues and Gardens

- Memorable Shaded Avenues.
- The Palm Walk
- Beauty Leaf Walk
- Liberty Square Banyan Tree Gardens - Garden Nooks with Seating and Decks
- Native Plant and Sculpture Garden
- Billabong Garden
- Bennett Park Gardens
- Administrator's Office Historic Garden





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Native Garden



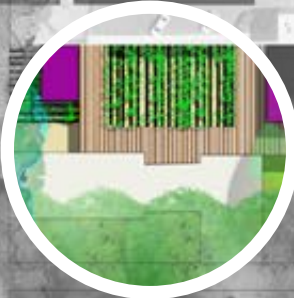


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Forecourts



- Herald Parliament, Supreme Court the Cathedral and other building with prominent forecourts continuing distinctive paving and cooling water features







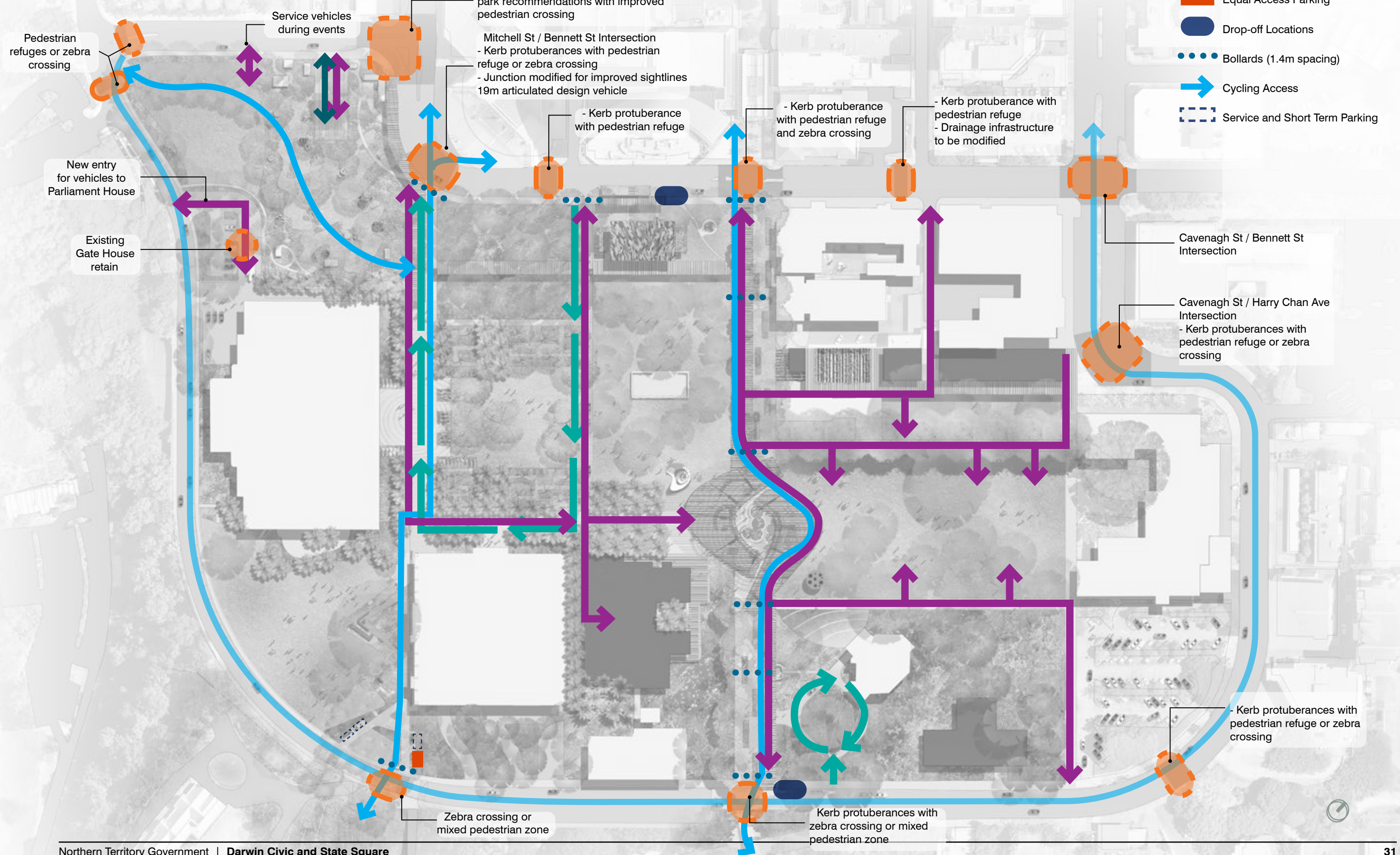






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Movement Access



Events Infrastructure

Darwin Festival

- Project Site
- Event Boundary
- Entertainment, Stage, Bar, VIP Area
- Toilet
- Tables & Chairs
- Back of House & Services
- Box Office
- Smoking Area
- Spiegeltent
- Light House

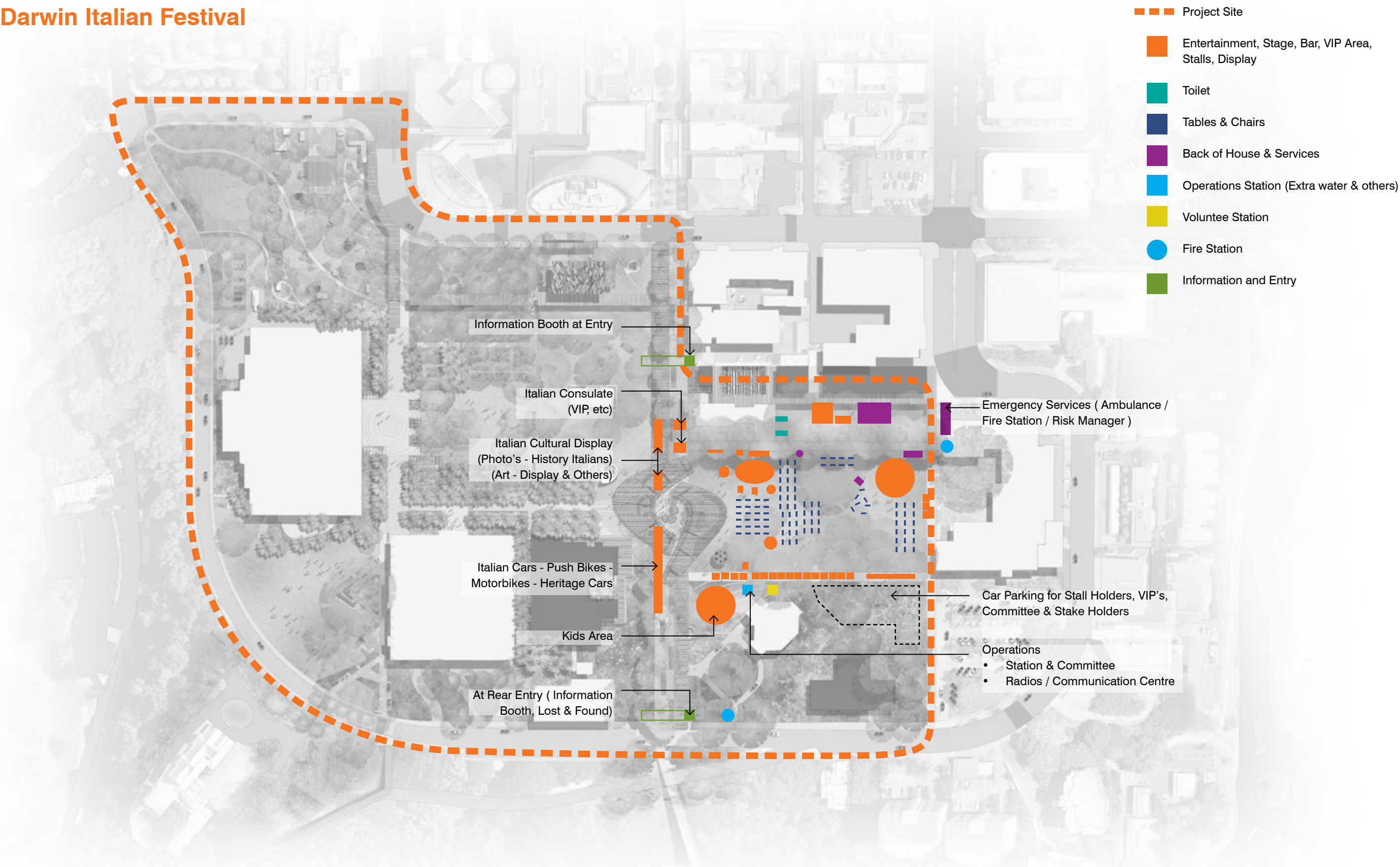
Summary

- Similar location to location for previous Darwin Festivals
- 3 small trees would need to be removed to allow for the tent
- Good location in terms of noise and sound bleed

*Options require consultation with Darwin Festival

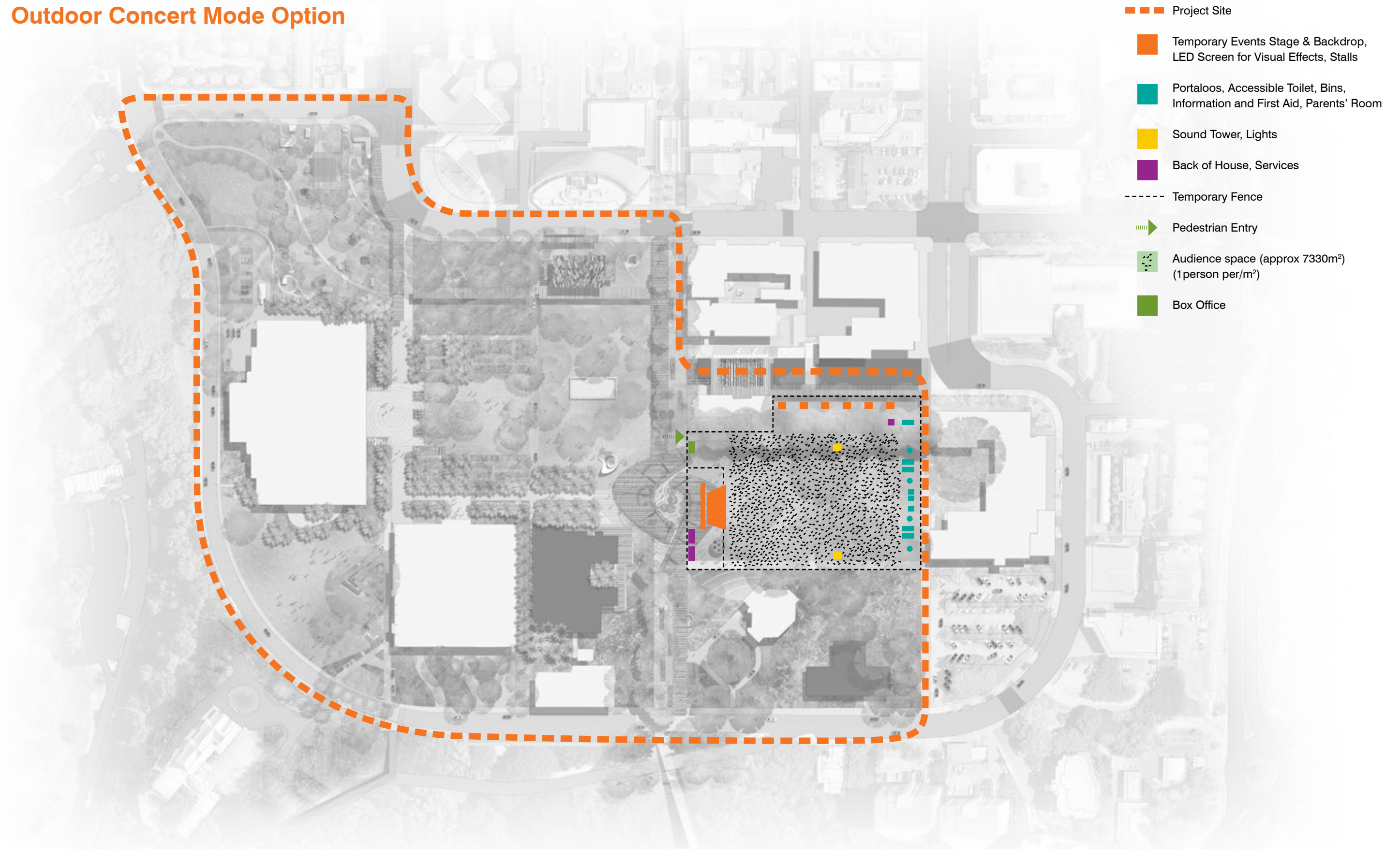
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Darwin Italian Festival



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Outdoor Concert Mode Option



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