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WHITLAM LOCAL CENTRE

REPORT BACK



We acknowledge the Ngunnawal people, the traditional custodians of the lands and waters where we live and work, and pay our respects to the elders past, present and future.





ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

AGENDA

WELCOME

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WHAT WE HEARD AND EMERGING THEMES

- recap
- place direction

HOW THAT IS BEING REFLECTED IN THE

DESIGN & PLACE THINKING

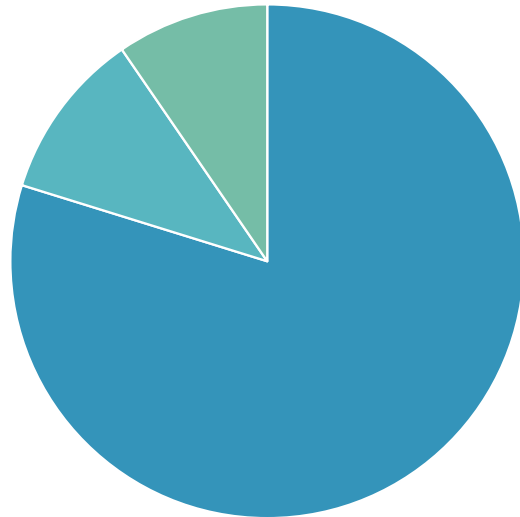
- design thinking
- place design framework

Q&A

YOURSAY INPUTS

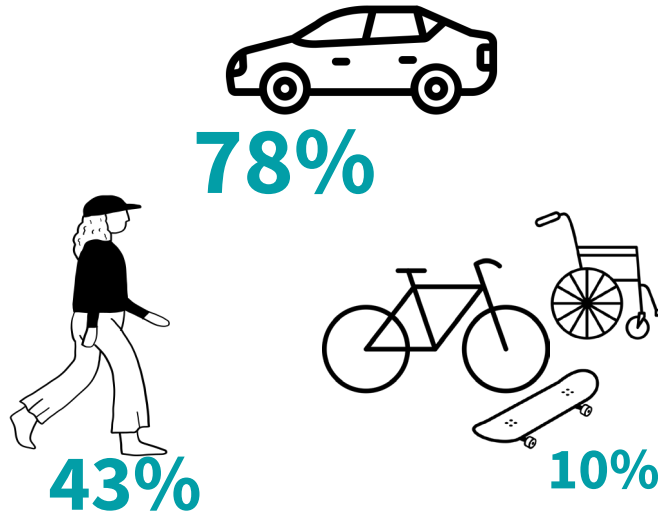
180 survey responses

Living arrangements



■ Couple or children under 12 ■ Alone ■ Other adults

Nearly **75% lived as either a couple or with children under 12 years of age**, nearly 10% lived alone and 9% lived with other adults or extended family.

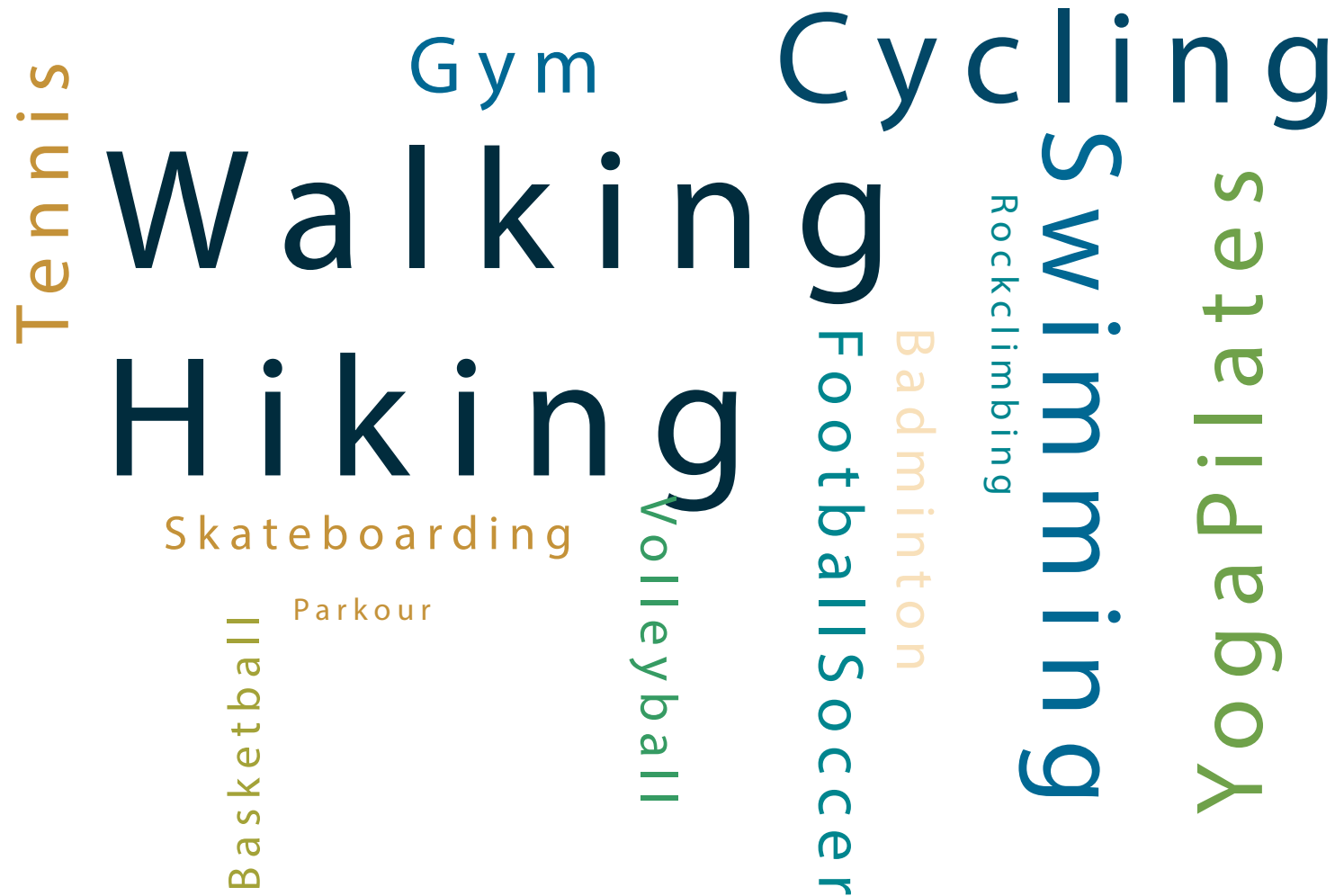


Most people **drove private vehicles (78%) or walked (nearly 43%)** to their existing local centre. Public transport, bikes, scooters /skateboard (electric and non) and wheelchair/mobility scooter ranked under 10% (respondants could select more than one).



Nearly **63% visited the shops 2-4 times a week**, and a further 23% once a week.

YOURSAY SURVEY - SPORTS AND RECREATION



YOUR SAY INPUTS

Elements for people: supermarkets, food & beverage and retail offerings, places for outdoor dining, green and comfortable outdoor spaces, fitness and wellbeing.

Challenges: car parking, traffic impacts, maintaining connection with the natural environment.

Outdoor elements: tree canopy and shade, outdoor eating areas, grassed areas and play spaces, then sitting areas.

Community facilities: health services, children's play facilities, general outdoor space, childcare and community activity centres.

There were also 5 contributions to *Show us your ideas*, two stakeholder submissions and a phone call.

Childcare
Play
Areas
Health
Services
Outdoor
Space
Community Facilities

Spencer, Paddy, Jaime, Keiran, Ollie, Max, Matthew, Joshua, Thomas and Katie want a place to skate

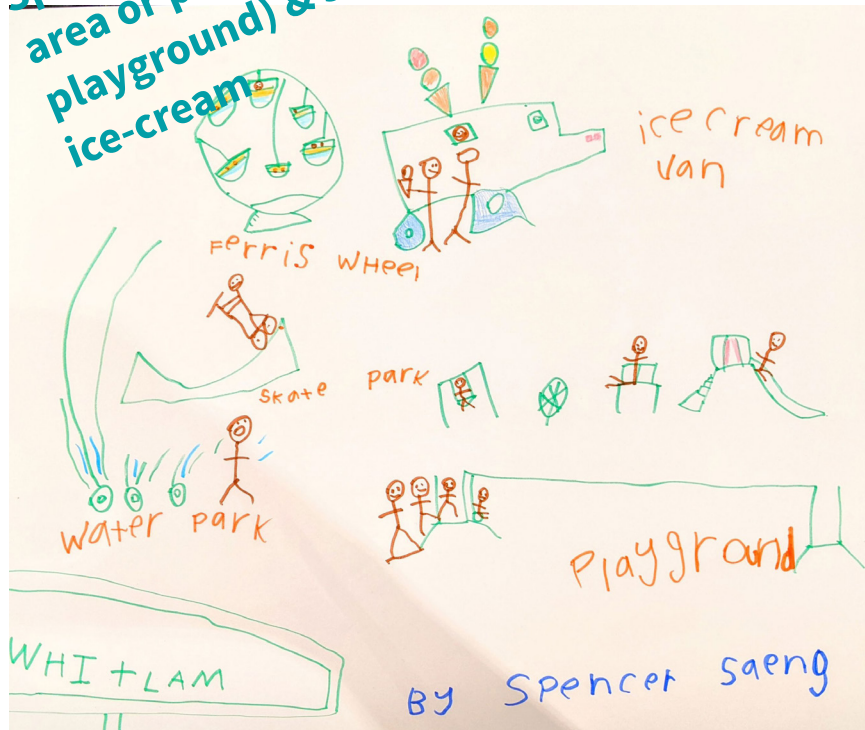
YOUTH DESIGN

13 contributions (online and at MVCF Multicultural Day)

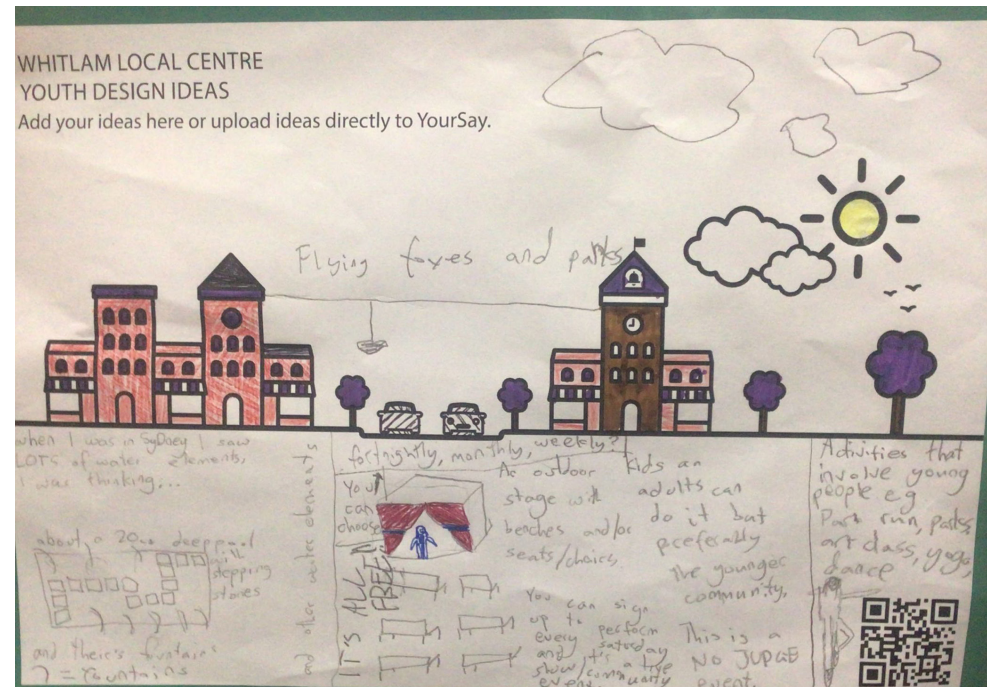


Alaya wants a place to play and a hospital

Spencer would love a skate area or places to play (water or playground) & somewhere to get ice-cream



Ella would love a free stage where people of all ages can perform for free, waterplay, a flying fox, park run, yoga & art classes



WORKSHOP 1

18 people participated in workshop one - a mix of existing and future residents and community interest groups.

We heard about their preferences about local centres, green spaces and how to activate spaces in winter.

WHICH LOCAL CENTRES HAVE THE BEST PUBLIC REALM?

2 way tuckshop with a variety of food / drinks for all ages

Outward facing, engaging shared space

Kingston foreshore with alfresco dining. Aranda with their community garden. New Acton and their great use of pauses.

A community centre is a must- have.

Hackett and Downer are two suburbs that I've loved. The open circle grass at Downer and yoga studio are fond memories.



The Curtin shops, Downer shopping village, new Kingston development (near the IGA); with the trees, a square with public facilities and seats that blend with outdoor cafes. They are very popular and good to visit.

Which elements of green space do you enjoy most?

Calming and accessible areas to relax in the shade

Grassed areas for entertaining and foliage for shade

Community gardens

Large trees with canopy and plants



What ways can we activate outdoor areas during Canberra winters?

Playgrounds and shelter

Use outdoor areas for events and fairs

Usable on sunny winter days as well as the provision for heated areas on winter nights

Seating in main areas along transport routes

North facing, interactive spaces and play areas for sun

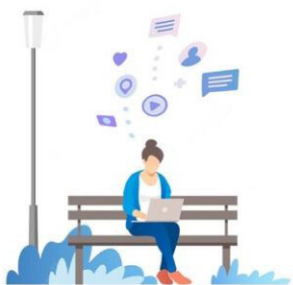


WORKSHOP 2

Across two sessions **24 people participated** in this workshop including existing and future residents, key stakeholders.

We looked at local centres in Canberra and ran three activities:

- likes and dislikes
- personas which helped participants consider the needs of a range of people, and
- a spatial prioritisation task.



GAYA



LANE



HASSAN



DEEPAH & JOHN

LIKES

modern kids play area
access by foot or car
aspect eg view
good cafe
landscaping
parking
convenience
meeting place
proximity to play areas
shady outdoor area

walkable
safe
scenic
accessible

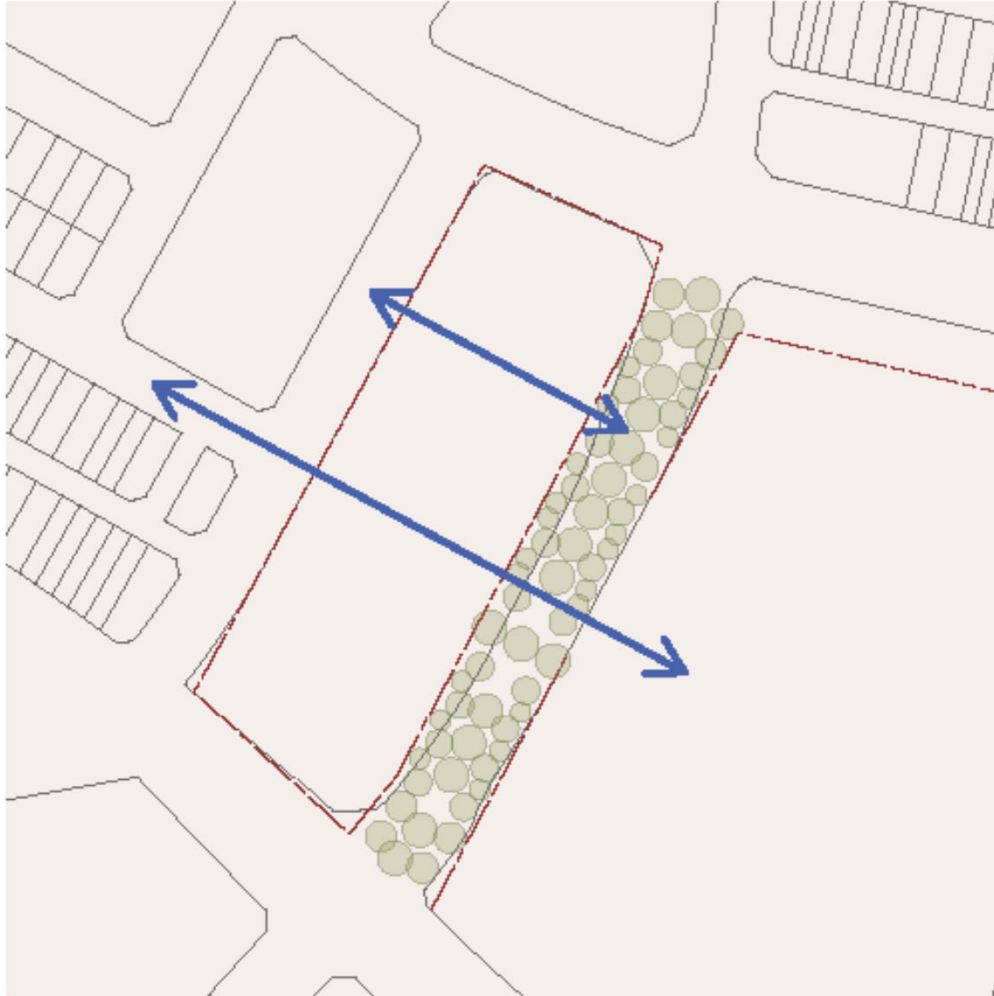
DISLIKES

loud background accoustic
boring concrete spaces
no shaded areas
unentertaining
run-down
limited parking and space
limited facilities
no public space seats
too many apartments
exclusive
no or unclean toilets
looking at car parks
too much concrete



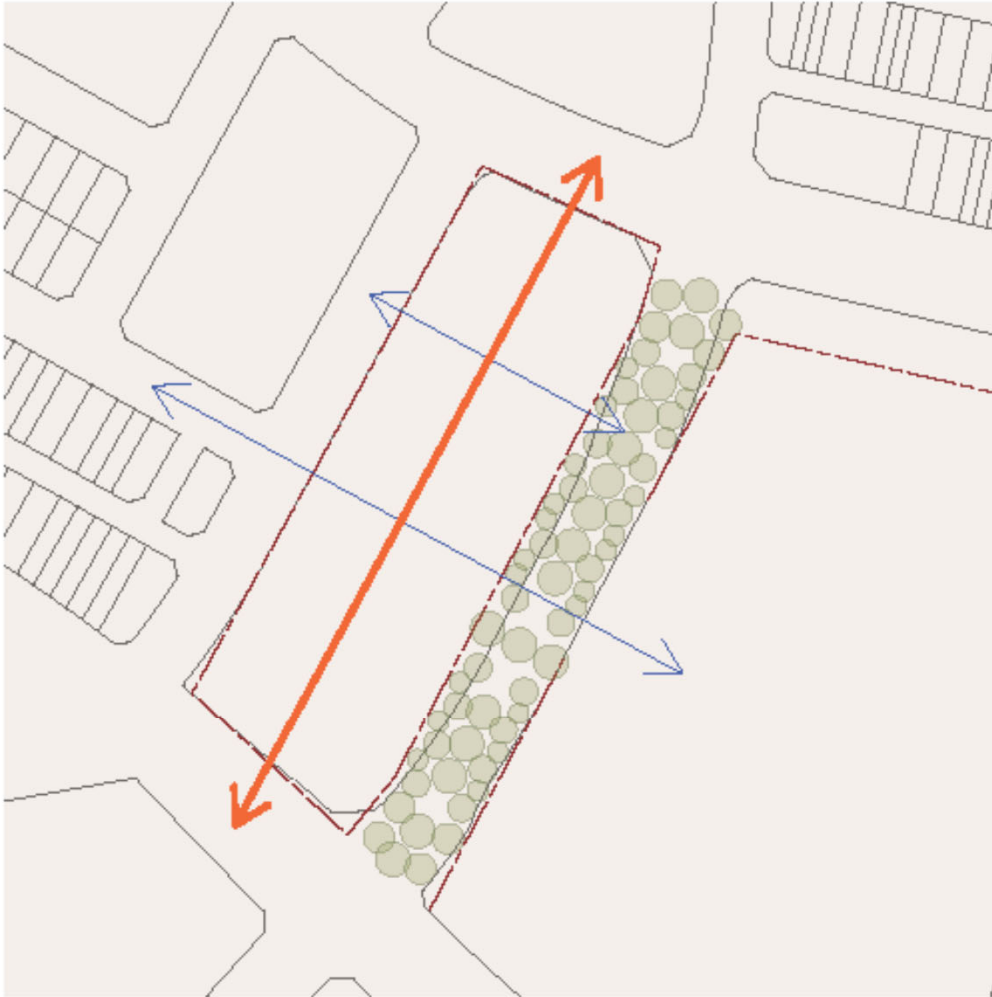
Create a civic and legible main street with pedestrian priority and generous tree canopy

PRINCIPLE 1 – Main Street



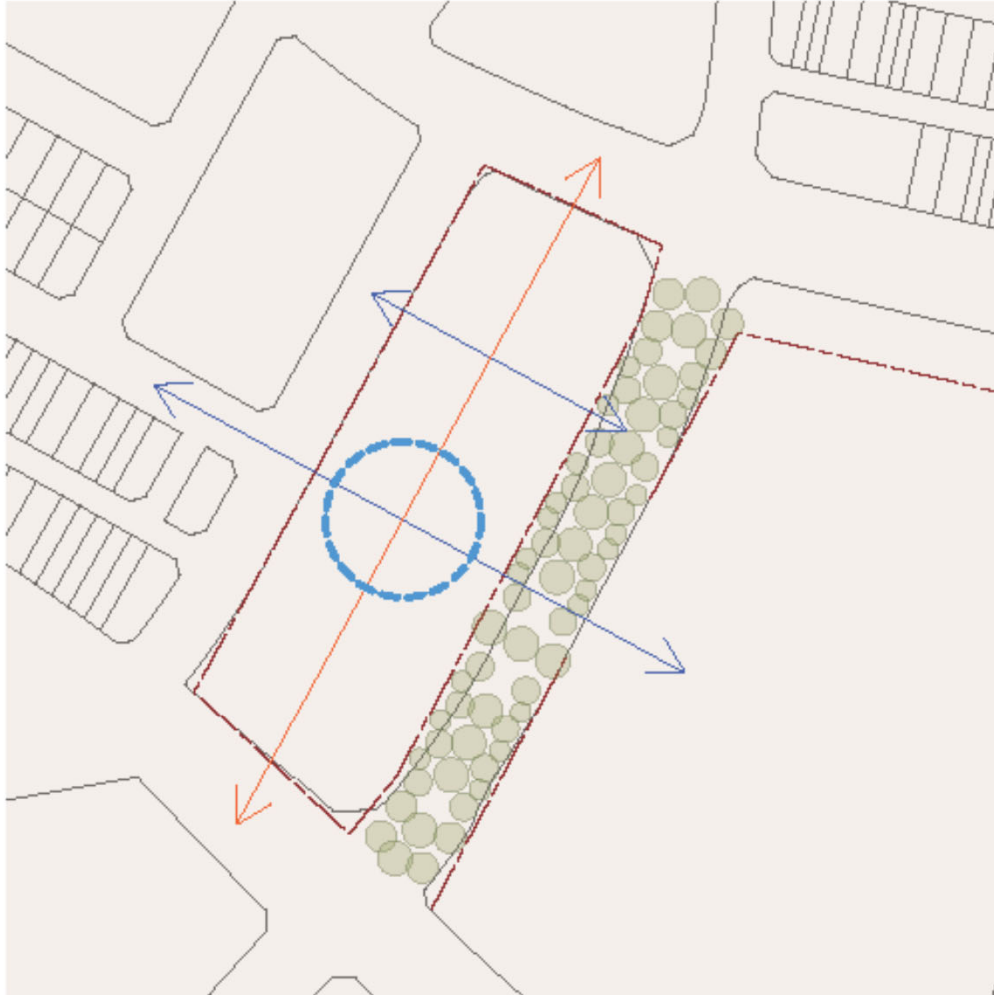
*Provide regular
through-site links to
make walkable
blocks, connecting
centre and school*

PRINCIPLE 2 – Walkability



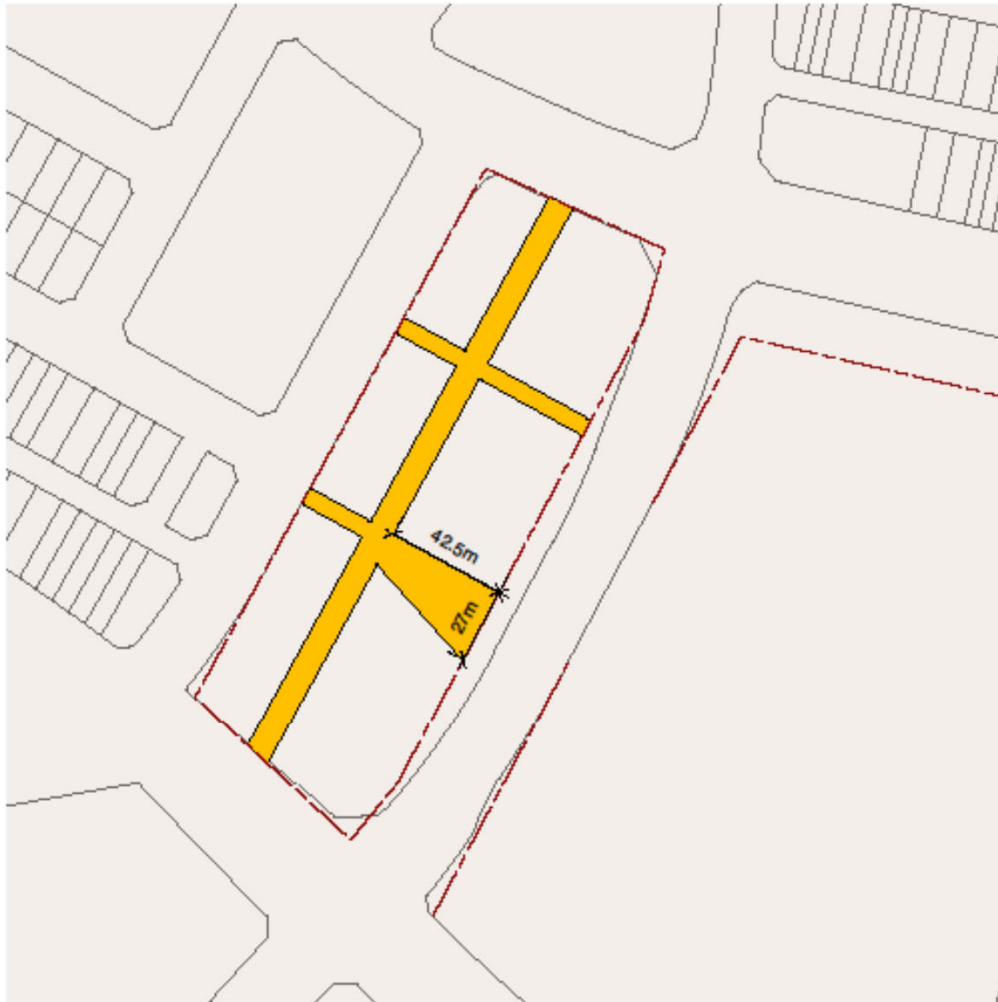
Provide a central lane to support an active main street and provide multiple points of access

PRINCIPLE 3 – Central lane



*Create a protected
central plaza for
social life, play and
events*

PRINCIPLE 4 – Central plaza



*Integrated layout of
plaza, lane and
walkways*

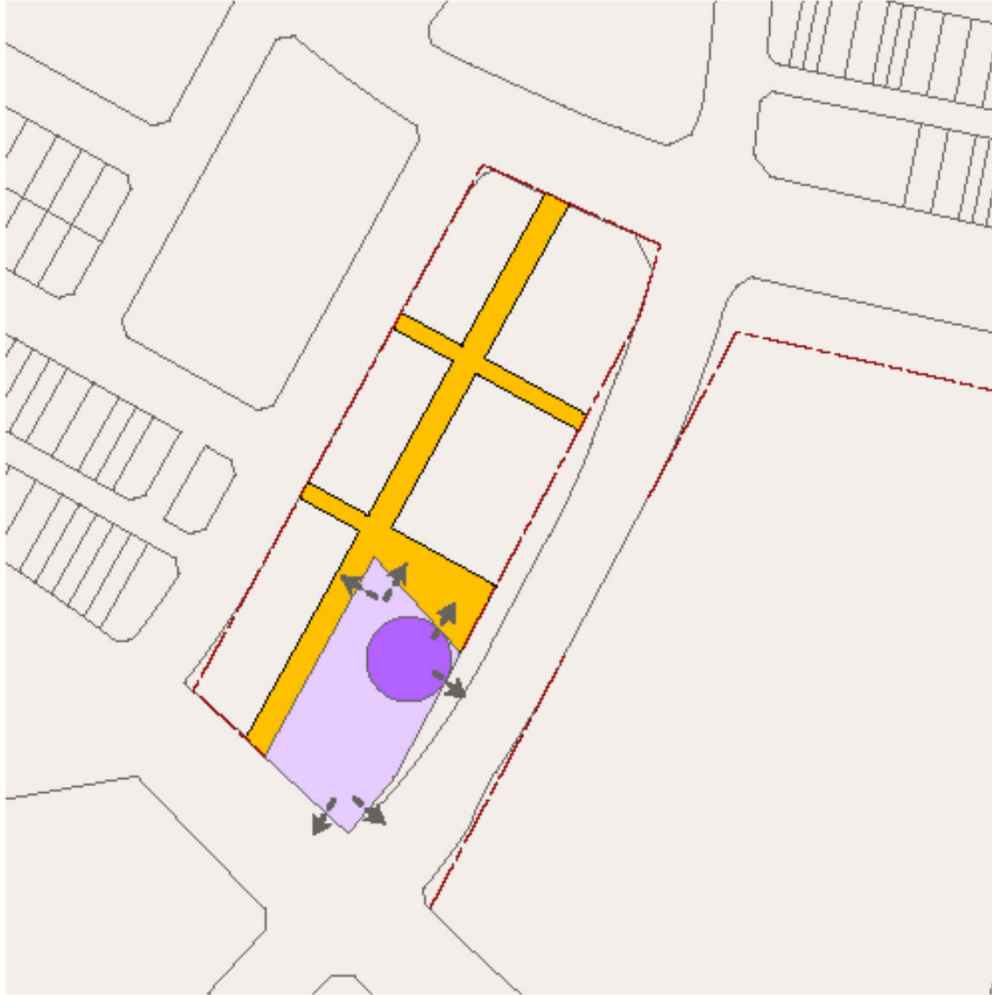


Kingston



Manuka

PRINCIPLE 5 – Public realm



A supermarket and community building to anchor and activate the plaza, with access integrated into the slope.

Significant rooftop exists for community uses and green initiatives

PRINCIPLE 6 – Anchors



*Public Domain
Concept with main
street school entry
and independent
vehicle access.*

*Main Street
maximises parking in
a slow zone and with
active retail and
community edge
opposite the school.*

PRINCIPLE 7 – Integration with school

PLACE DIRECTION

entertainment
engaging
sensory
outdoor dining
modern
waterplay
art
rotating

work from anywhere
community centre

socialize
neighbours
friends
facing
outward
community
connect

future proofing
youth friendly
friday nights

shade
canopy
tree
connect to nature
green
views
nature
molonglo valley
naturalistic
no car park views

gym with creche
yuuuns
cycle connections
walking
fitness
wellbeing
gardens
yoga
community
walk to whitlam local centre

quality supermarket
fresh veg
markets
squares
plaza
events
big name
rotating
multipurpose
skate furniture
end of trip facilities
variety retail
small space
grasses
play space
pass

activation

not empty
nighttime
surveillance
safety
kids
lighting

COMMON THEME

entertainment
engaging
outdoor dining
sensory
waterplay
modern
art
rotating



DISCOVERY

To be inspired, stimulated, and entertained.



RECREATION / PLAY	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL/ RETAIL	STREET NETWORK	OPEN SPACE/ LANDSCAPE	EVENTS
Sensory/water play		An appropriate mix of fine grain, medium and large tenants		Landscaping to include sculpture, play spots and & areas to stop and pause	Rotating local artist showcase space within the public realm

INDICATIVE DESIGN ONLY



PLAZA

WHITLAM LOCAL CENTRE | ENGAGEMENT SESSION THREE

Whitlam Local Centre Indicative Design (SLA)

WHAT IS YOUR PLAY PREFERENCE?

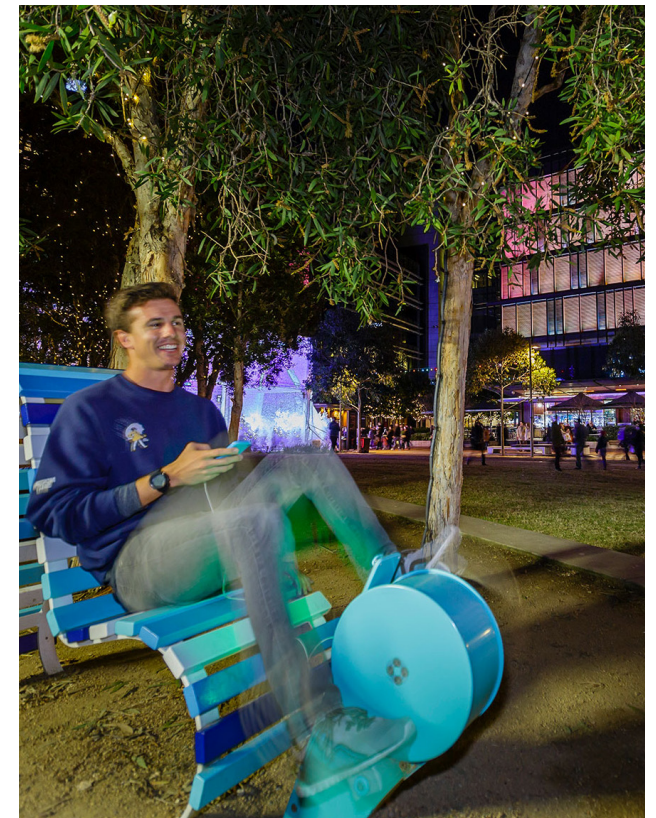
A. WATER PLAY

B. SCULPTURE PLAY

C. TECHNOLOGY PLAY



Gosford Leagues Park (Hatch Roberts Day)



Darling Quarter (DarlingHarbour.com)

COMMON THEME

activation

notempty
nighttime
surveillance
safety
kids
lighting



SAFETY

To feel safe and contribute to the safety of the broader community.



RECREATION/ PLAY	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL/ RETAIL	STREET NETWORK	OPEN SPACE/ LANDSCAPE	EVENTS
Centered and enclosed vs. on the edges	Passive surveillance	Outwardly facing to provide passive surveillance and activation	Active perimeter streets Supplement streets with a permeable network of paths and lanes		Activated place with medium volume of people day and night



PARKING

COMMON THEME

gymwithcreche
yuuns
cycleconnections
walktowhitlamlocalcentre
community
gardens
wellbeing
fitness
walking
hiking
yoga



WELLBEING

To have access to an environment that promotes physical, social and mental wellbeing.



RECREATION / PLAY	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL/ RETAIL	STREET NETWORK	OPEN SPACE/ LANDSCAPE	EVENTS
Provision of a youth centre/ space	Cross ventilation and access to fresh air, fresh fruit and veg and social interaction	A high quality, established supermarket	Naturally calmed streets that balance pedestrians, cyclists, buses and the private vehicle	Productive landscape/ communal garden plots	Consider noise in design setting

COMMUNITY CENTRE



Museum of Ethnography and City Park (Metalocus.com.es)

COMMON THEME

shade
tree canopy
connect to nature
views
nature
green
north facing
naturalistic
no car park views
molonglo valley



CONNECTION TO NATURE

To retain that natural and/or inherent character of Whitlam and the Molonglo Valley.



RECREATION / PLAY	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL/ RETAIL	STREET NETWORK	OPEN SPACE/ LANDSCAPE	EVENTS
Opportunities to understand and learn about nature	Density done well principles (articulated and intentional massing and voids)	Cafes and seated areas to include views of nature	Street trees that contribute to the natural surrounds	Elevated public spaces	

Whitlam Vista (SLA)

SUPERMARKET ROOFTOP





SUPERMARKET ROOFTOP

WOULD YOU RATHER EXPERIENCE?

- A. A COMMUNAL GARDEN
- B. A ROOFTOP BAR/RESTAURANT
- C. VIEWING PLATFORM

COMMON THEME

quality fresh veg
supermarket
multipurpose
markets
squares
rotating
plazas
events
big name
passed
playspace
events
variety retail
skate furniture
end of trip facilities



DIVERSITY

To express our unique selves as our interests, ages, abilities and the seasons change.



RECREATION/ PLAY	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL/ RETAIL	STREET NETWORK	OPEN SPACE/ LANDSCAPE	EVENTS
Street furniture purpose built for play, art, function	Decoupled home/ office opportunities	Community centre	Accessible as a joyful experience/journey. School street as a shared street/ functional entrance to the school and event space (with road closures)	Wi-fi in public spaces	Use slope to create event spaces that are also daily gathering/ reflection spaces

*Beecroft Street re-imagined, with
markets, a new community building,
canopy cafe and water-play*

SHARED ZONE

Beecroft Street Indicative Design (SLA)

WHAT KIND OF STREET DO YOU WANT THIS TO BE?

A. WEEKLY/MONTHLY ROAD CLOSURE EVENTS

B. CAR FREE

C. SHARED ZONE FULL-TIME

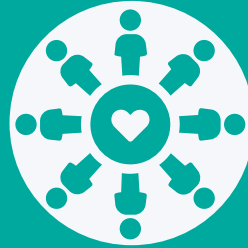


Successful example where local business supports parking and street upgrade – Hibberson St, Gungahlin

Hibberson Street, Gungahlin (SLA)

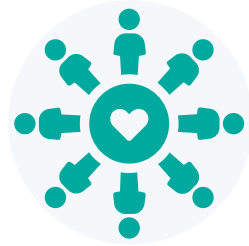
COMMON THEME

workfromanywhere
communitycentre
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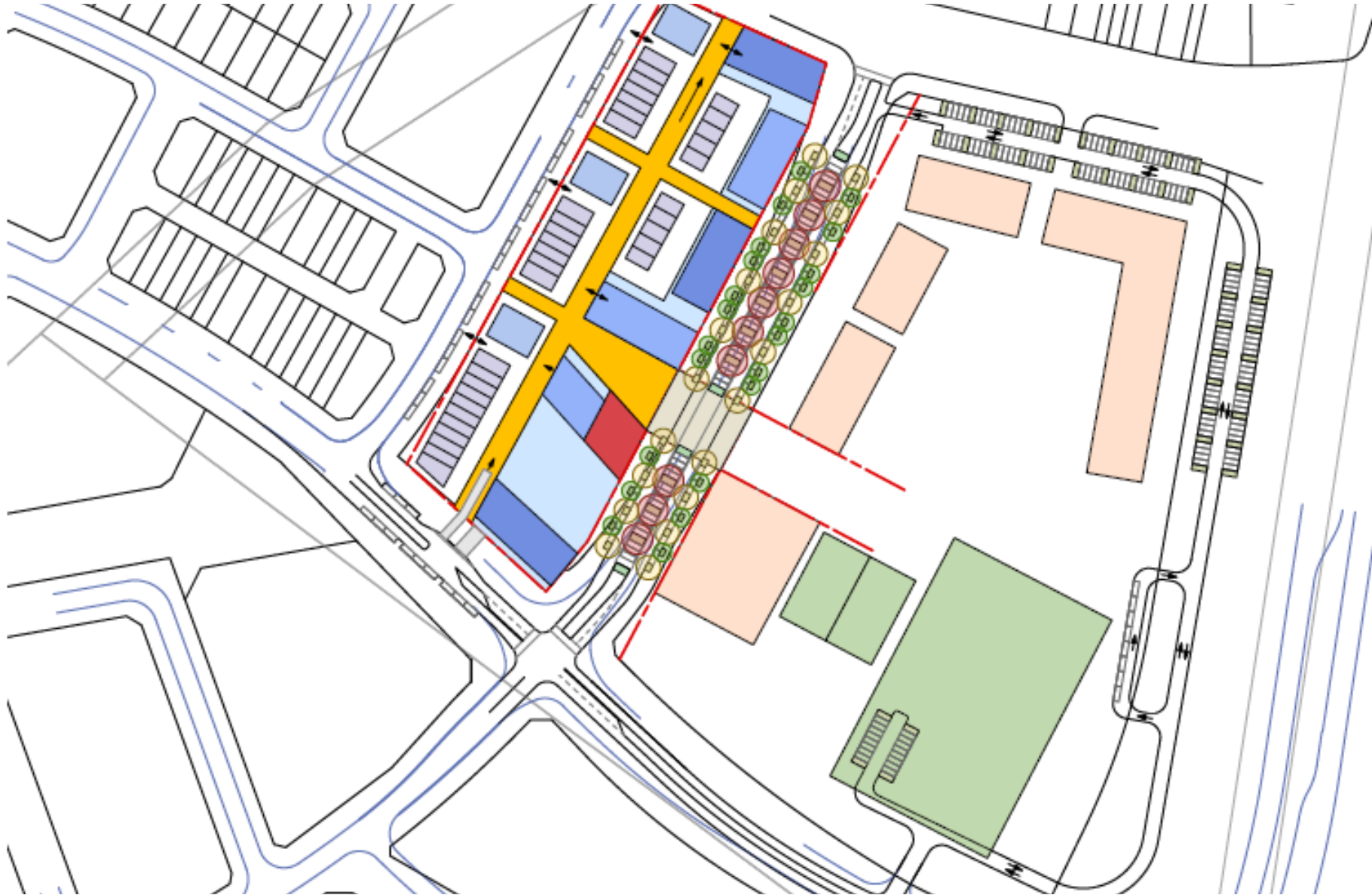


A FREE COMMUNITY --- DESTINATION

To feel welcomed and included in your community.



RECREATION/ PLAY	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL/ RETAIL	STREET NETWORK	OPEN SPACE/ LANDSCAPE	EVENTS
Adequate areas of unprogrammed space for yoga, bootcamp, etc		<p>Tenants agreement (quality control)</p> <p>Provision of after hours tenants and/or alcohol licence agreement</p>	<p>Pedestrian lanes with 70% active frontages</p> <p>Car free time periods</p>	<p>High quality/robust materials</p> <p>Landscape and materials 'palette of the place'</p>	<p>An events program</p> <p>Hire or use SLA as a place manager</p>

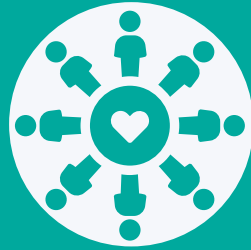


SCHOOL INTERFACE



WHAT IS THE BEST SYNERGY WITH THE SCHOOL?

- A. FORMAL PARTNERSHIP FOR STUDENT ART, PERFORMANCES ETC
- B. SHARED FACILITIES FOR COMMUNITY HIRE
- C. FULLY INTEGRATED - TWO-WAY TUCKSHOP/ CANTEEN



NEXT STEPS
