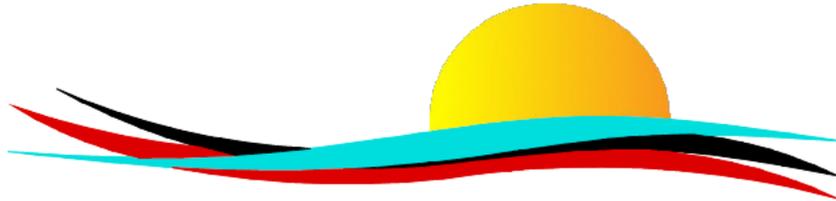


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Expansion of Tourism Within the Shire

Karumba Town Plan



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1 Background

Karumba is in the Gulf Country region of Queensland, 71km by road from Normanton and 2,159km from Brisbane. Karumba is within the Shire of Carpentaria, and as with Normanton, Karumba is heavily reliant on the tourism industry with many businesses operating at their busiest during winter and spring, the dry season.

With significant investment allocated by the Federal Government towards the Savannah Way between Cairns and the Northern Territory Border in the short to medium term, it is expected that the number of visitors either passing through or staying in Karumba will increase significantly as travel becomes more accessible. To entice more visitors to Karumba and extend the length of their stay, it has been identified that improvements to Karumba, such as improved roads, improved parking and additional activities will make it more enticing for visitors and keep them within the Shire.



Figure 1: Savannah Way

2 Project Details

The Karumba Town Plan project will aim to provide more tourism opportunities in Karumba to entice visitors throughout all times of the year. The project will focus on ensuring that Karumba Town has sufficient facilities to accommodate the increase in tourism numbers to Karumba Point. The scope of the project will include:

- Preliminary designs and concept drawings of the “Karumba Point Foreshore” which will include a boardwalk along the foreshore and park facilities. The foreshore will aim to provide additional activities and be targeted at a wider range of visitors.
- Design and drawings of an Esplanade “ring road” which will open up the foreshore and reduce congestion of vehicles travelling down the no through road to access the beach. It will also provide additional parking opportunities for nearby businesses.
- Assess and recommend changes of main intersection from a T intersection into a roundabout to reduce congestion (Refer appendix B).

3 Karumba Point Master Plan

Karumba point foreshore is the hub of Karumba fishing and sightseeing with direct access to the gulf. Karumba Point is primarily tourism based with many businesses operating tours or services for tourists. As the number of permanent and temporary residents in Karumba Point grows there is a requirement to complete some works around the foreshore to provide a less congested and more accessible area. There is limited parking with many dead-end roads that are difficult to manoeuvre especially for vehicles towing caravans and boats. Karumba Point is an extremely popular caravan destination which needs to be accessible.

The tourist traffic volumes on the road network surrounding Normanton has been collated by Cummings Economics (2019) and is summarised in Table 1 below.

Table 1: Tourist Traffic Volumes

Road	AADT	Tourist AADT	Tourist Towing	Tourist Towing %
Burke Developmental Road 89A	126	55	25	20%
Burke Developmental Road 89B	31	12	2	6%
Normanton to Burketown Road	72	30	22	30%
Gulf Developmental Road 92A	265	133	40	15%

An overarching design for the Karumba Point foreshore area has been developed which includes an extension to the road network and landscaping to the foreshore to link the key areas of the point. This design which will include a boardwalk along the foreshore, rockpool and park facilities, will aim to provide additional activities and be targeted at a wider range of visitors. This will also benefit nearby businesses with an increase in traffic flow and additional parking. Refer Appendix A for the Karumba Point Master Plan.

3.1 Ring Road

An extension to the Karumba Esplanade is proposed to create a “ring road” connecting the Esplanade to the North end of Palmer Street. The Sunset Tavern is one of the busiest areas of Karumba Point however with limited parking and a dead-end street the road becomes congested, especially if vehicles towing caravans or boats are turning around.

It is expected that the foreshore improvements will increase the number of vehicles coming to Karumba Point creating more congestion.

The ring road will allow for additional parking opportunities along the esplanade and provide better traffic flow which will also benefit nearby businesses. Added parking will also entice tourists and locals to utilise the facilities including the new rockpool and boardwalk.

Minor land resumption is required from lot 114 on plan SP136519 however there is additional land within the road reserve which could be given back to the landowner so that their lot size does not decrease.



Figure 2: Potential Land Resumption

3.2 Rockpool

A rockpool has been designed adjacent the point boat ramp to provide activities for non-fishing enthusiasts encouraging a wider variety of visitors to Karumba. The rock pool offers a safe swimming environment for all ages and will encourage longer stays for families as well as create an attractive landscape to view the sunset on offer all year round. By providing activities for families, Karumba will open itself to a much larger range of visitors.



Figure 3: Example Foreshore Pool

3.3 Palmer/Ward Street Roundabout

The Palmer and Ward Street intersection is the start of the “town centre” of Karumba Point. It is proposed to upgrade the current T intersection to a roundabout which will act as the “start” of Karumba Point town centre. The roundabout will also reduce vehicle speeds as they enter the high pedestrian volume area.



Figure 4: Ward/Palmer Street Current Intersection

3.4 Palmer Street/Boat Ramp Entry Roundabout

The intersection of Palmer Street and the boat ramp entry is proposed to be upgraded to a roundabout. The roundabout will provide improved delineation for accessing the boat ramp and the sunset caravan park. See Appendix B for proposed roundabout layout.

3.5 Boardwalk

To improve connection between the areas of interest at Karumba Point it is proposed to construct a boardwalk along the foreshore. Stretching around the point, the boardwalk will provide the perfect setting for a walk or an uninterrupted view of the gulf. The boardwalk will also link the parking area at the point boat ramp with the sunset tavern and end of the road motel restaurant. The boardwalk will link with the existing “Karumba Walk” which connects Karumba Town with Karumba Point as seen in Figure 5 below.



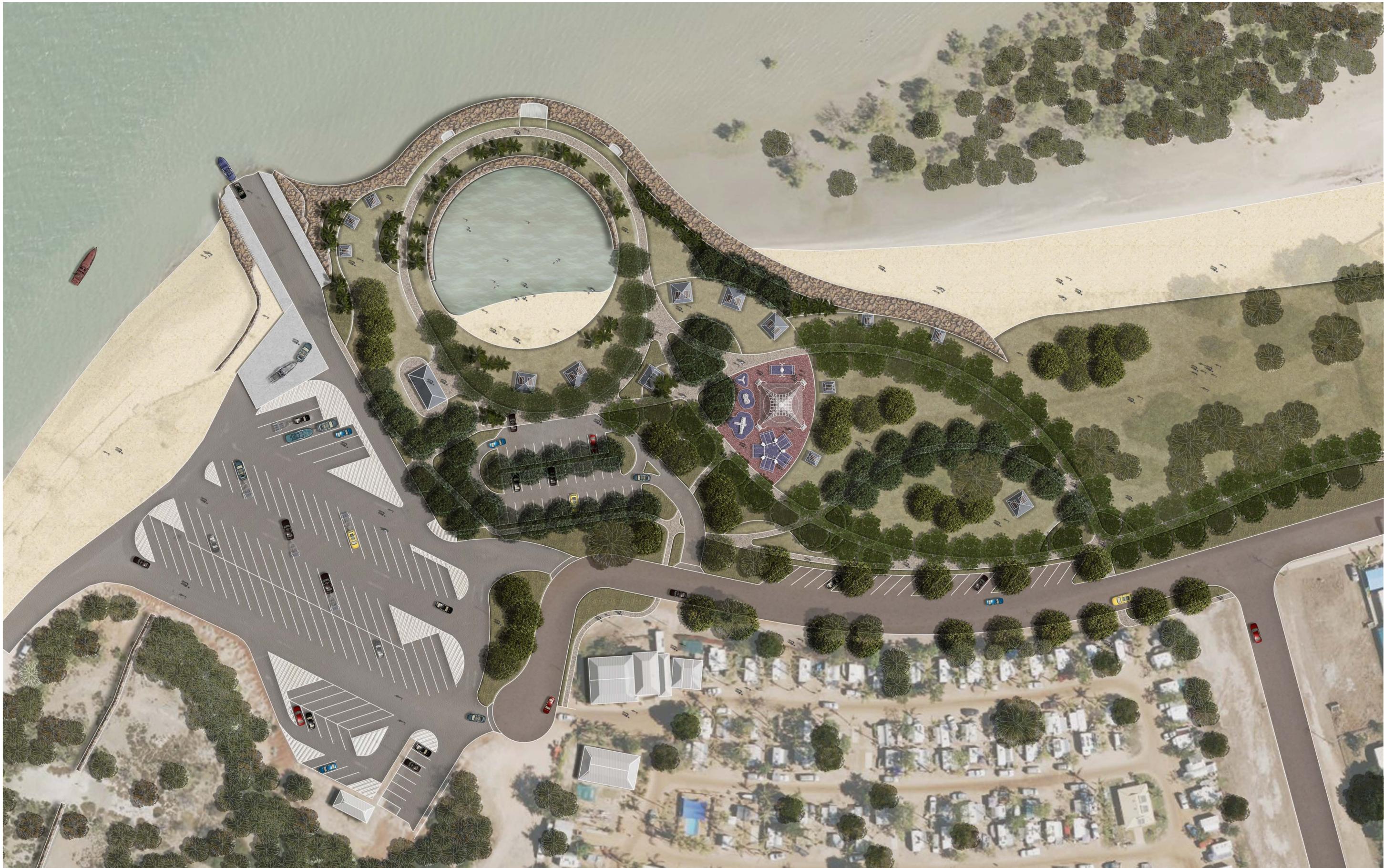
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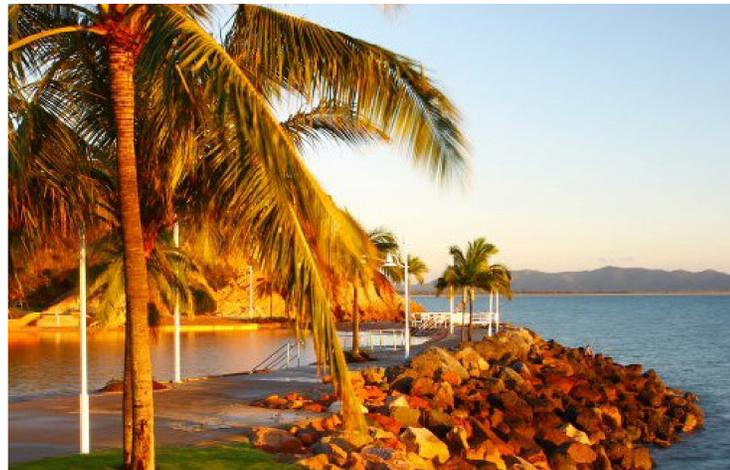


Figure 6: Example Boardwalk

APPENDIX A
Karumba Point Master Plan







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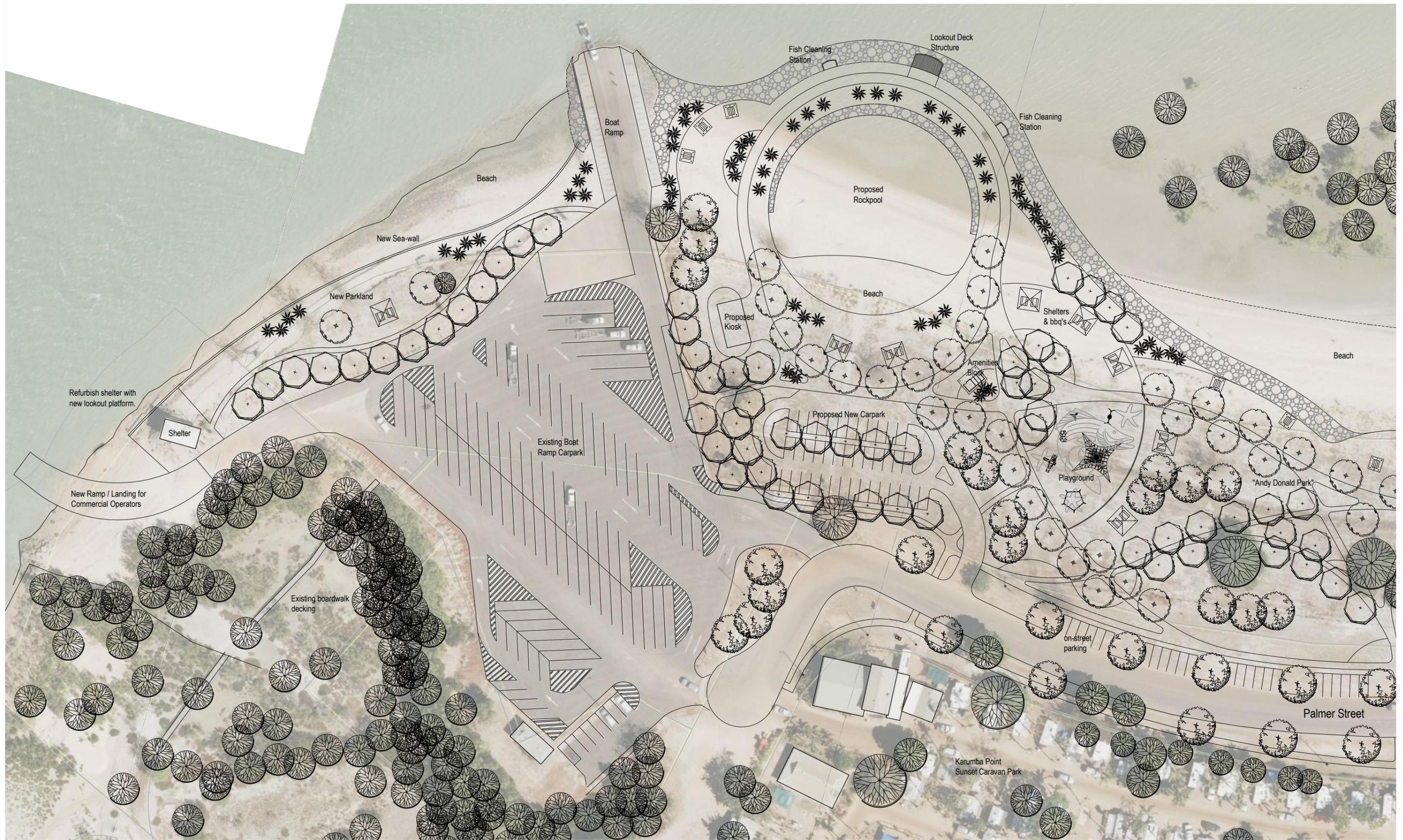
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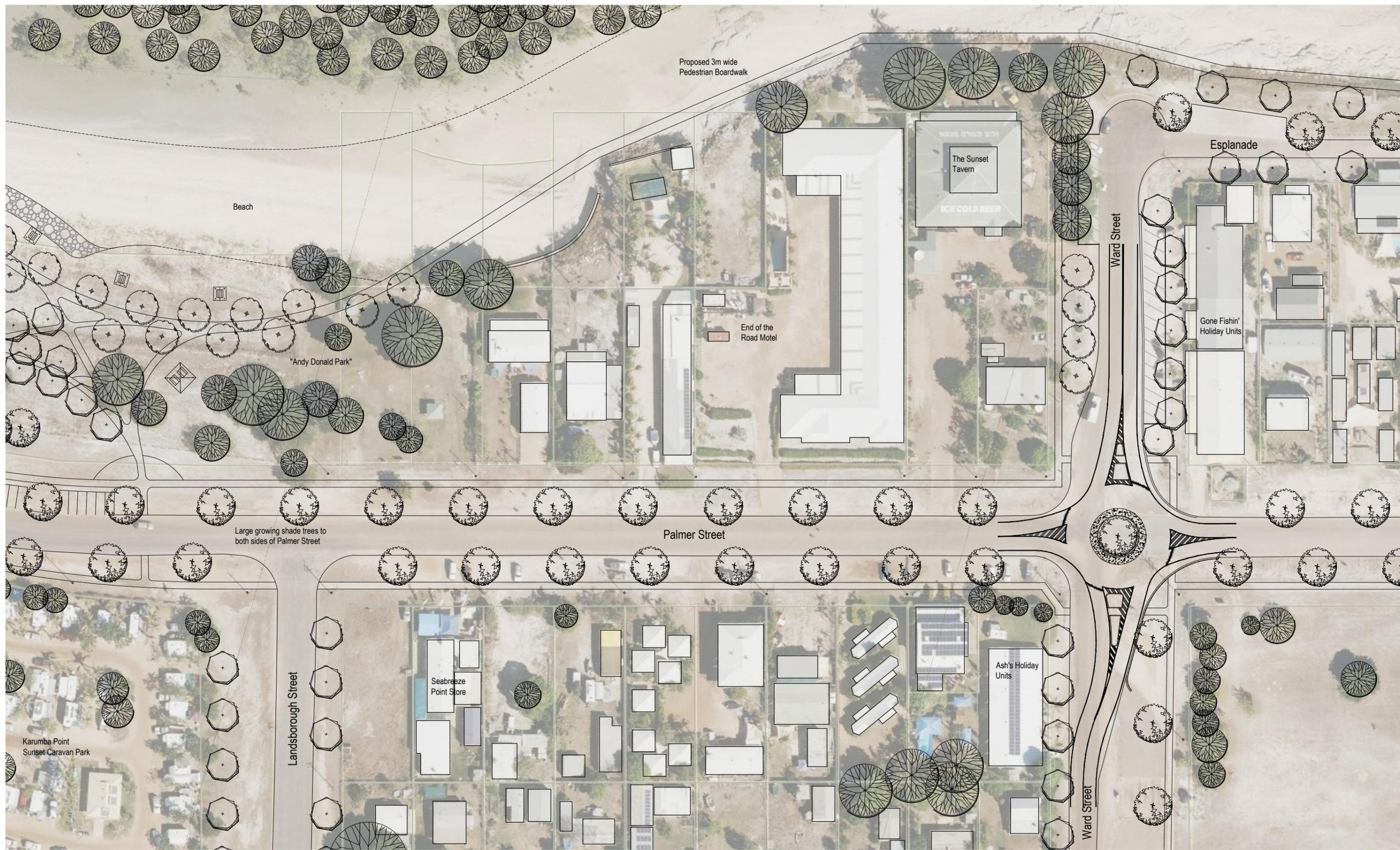


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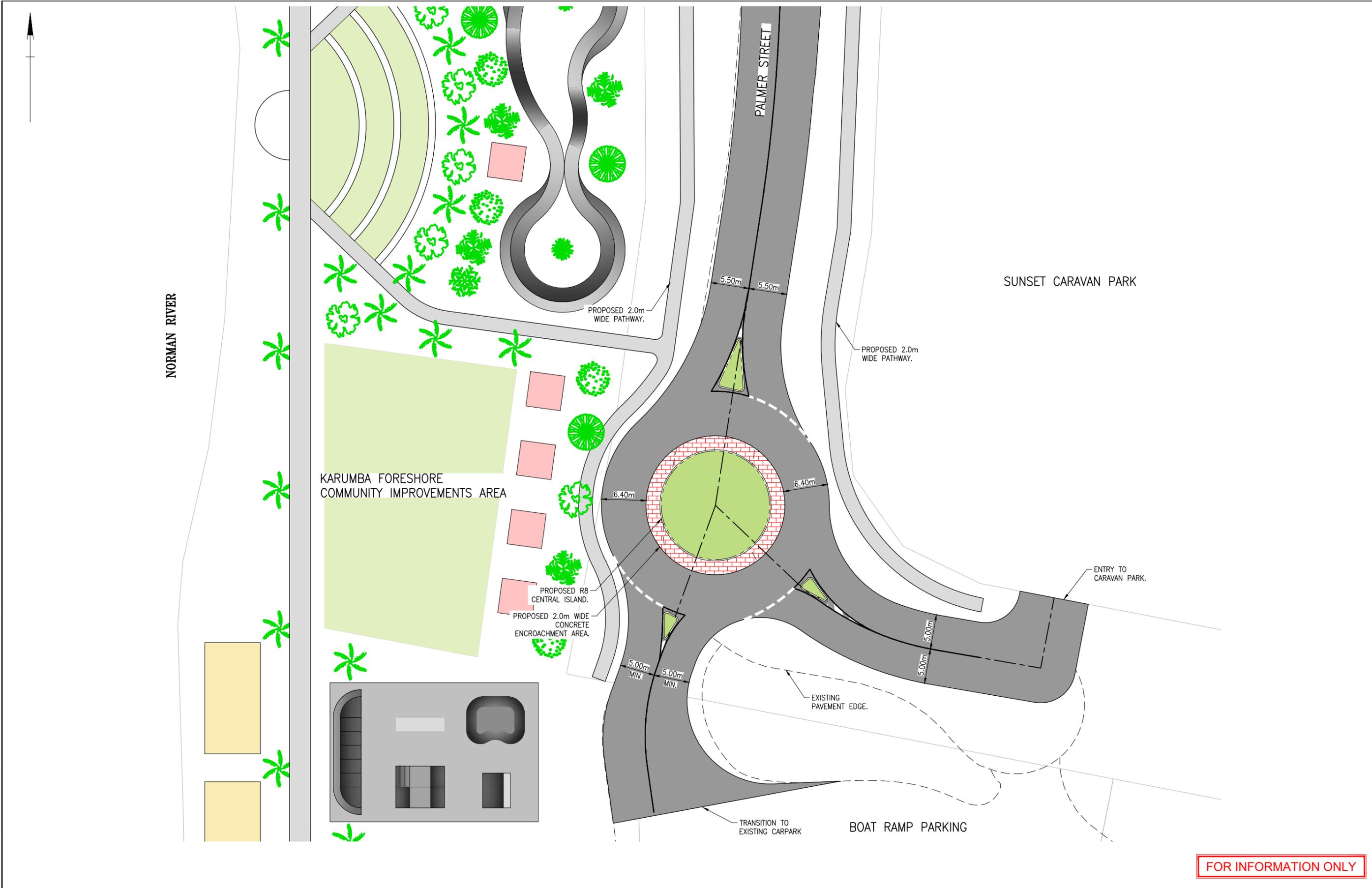






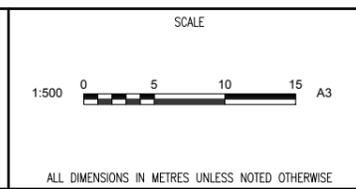
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Palmer Street Roundabout

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