DRAFT DESIGN FOR CONSULTATION

The draft design for the playground upgrade includes:

- A kangaroo themed nature play trail
- New playground equipment (play multi station, choice of swing, and rocker or see saw)
- Refurbished existing practice basketball court
- New drink fountain
- Increased seating opportunities
- New irrigated garden beds
- Biodiversity planting surrounding the playground

SITE HISTORY

The kangaroo has appeared throughout the site's history as a reoccurring theme which has been incorporated into the playspace design and play experiences.

Pre-settlement: The site was located close to a small stream that connected into the Sturt River called Viaduct Creek. These waterways were important habitat for the Western Grey Kangaroo.

1830-1870s: The Kangaroo Inn was a landmark located directly east of Graham Watts Reserve. It was one of the only public houses along South Road at this time hosting public events and providing a rest stop for settlers making the journey from Adelaide to Willunga.

1870s: Henry Daw was a butcher who purchased the land and named it "Kangaroo Grove" in memory of the old Kangaroo Inn.

1955-1996: Marion High School was established on this site. It was the only bi-lingual school in the state at the time for migrant children. The high school had a zoo which was home to different native animals including kangaroos to help students learn about native fauna.

2007: The existing playground was opened and named after former City of Marion councillor, Graham Watts, to honour his service over two decades and his contributions to the community.

BIODIVERSITY

The site provides a great opportunity to increase biodiversity by reintroducing plant species that were once present creating habitat opportunities for small native bird species that are thought to be in decline.

OPTIONS FOR COMMUNITY CONSIDERATION

1 

See saw

OR



Kangaroo junior rocker

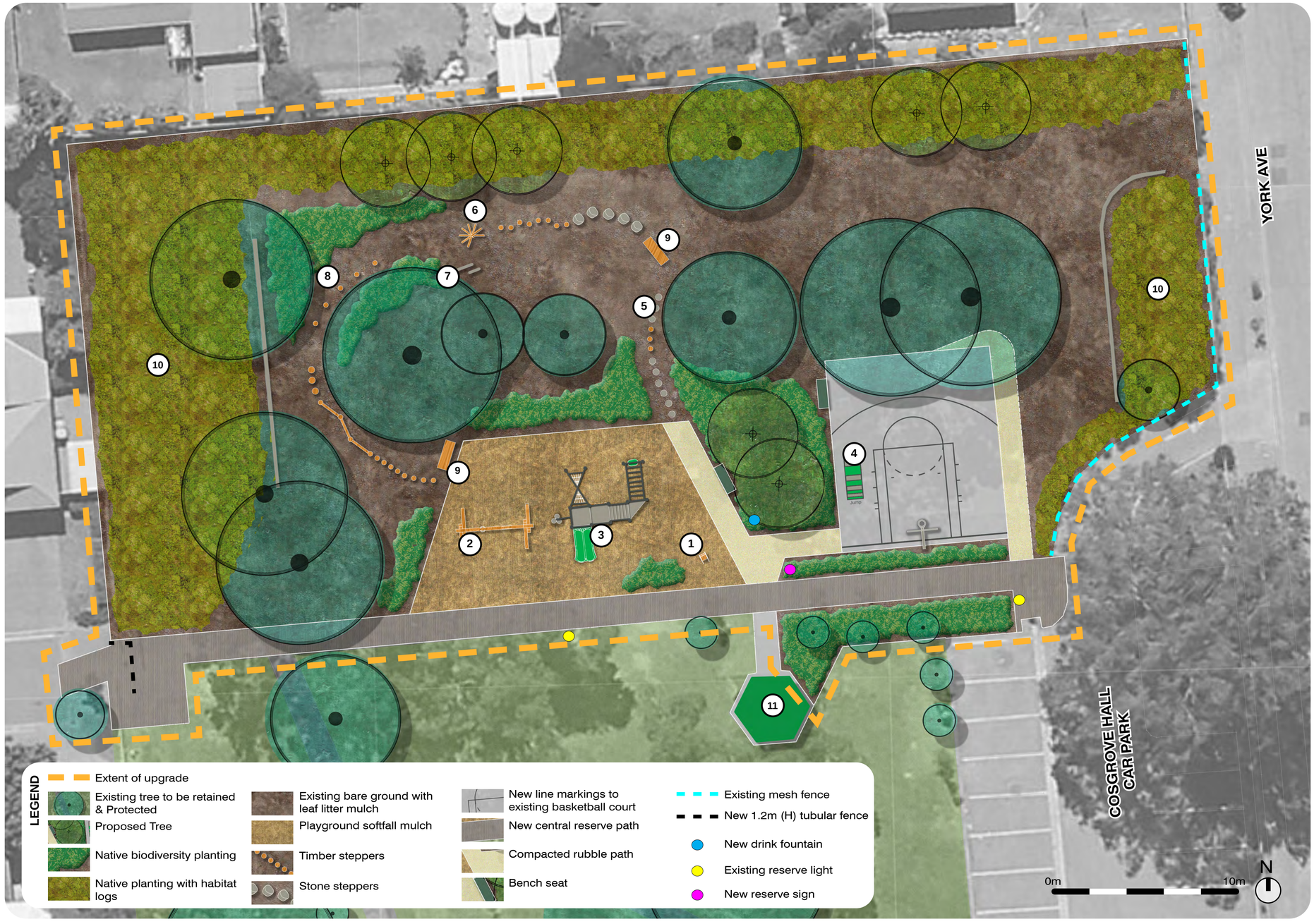
2 

Basket swing

OR



Standard swing with toddler seat



3 

Combination play unit with slide, monkey bars and climbing net

4 

Kangaroo long jump

5 

Kangaroo themed nature play trail - hopping & balancing

6 

Nature play cubby

7 

Kangaroo sculpture

8 

Nature play trail - kangaroo jump hurdles

9 

Seating/ balancing logs

10 

Native planting with habitat logs

11 

Retain existing shelter and picnic setting

GRAHAM WATTS PLAYGROUND - DRAFT CONCEPT PLAN

Concept design is for illustrative purposes only. Council retains the right to modify the design in consideration of unknown site conditions, cost management, internal approvals and consultation responses.

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