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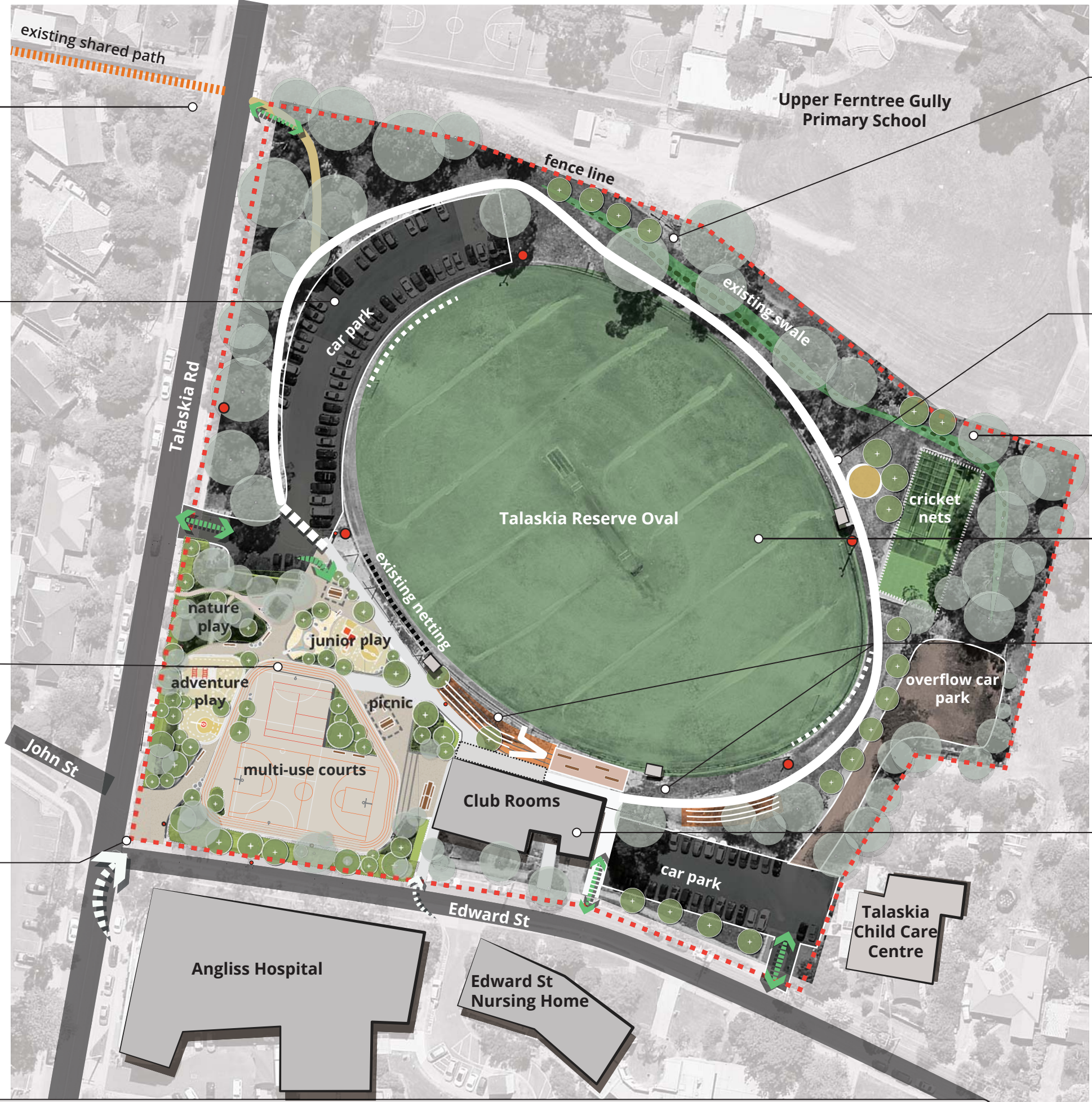
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- potential to extend the existing amphitheatre seating
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  - improve club rooms presentation to Edward street
  - investigate opportunity to improve access to oval from club rooms
  - investigate access to public toilets as part of future works on club rooms



**key**

proposed amphitheatre seating	site boundary	proposed multi-use hardstand	investigate pedestrian access point	existing lighting	proposed access
proposed paths	proposed play elements	proposed furniture	proposed tree	existing netting	existing access
existing path	existing building	existing swale	existing tree	proposed netting	proposed exercise station

# Talaskia Reserve Masterplan

June 2016



**nature play and sensory walk**

- include wheelchair accessible sections
- proposed additional planting acts as buffer to the road
- opportunity for sculptural art element with nature theme

**adventure play**

- include social hang-out areas
- proposed climbing and incremental challenges for a range of ages

**multi-courts and loop track**

- proposed multi-courts with basketball/netball hoops
- include social hangout and spectators area
- proposed new hardstand surface with line markings and rebound wall
- proposed planting areas with shade trees

**main access**

- proposed new accessible connection from Talaskia Rd and Edward St corners including pram crossing

**junior play area**

- proposed upgrade and expansion of junior play area
- include accessible play elements
- proposed sand and water pump play with natural play elements
- shelter and seating adjacent to junior play area

**social area**

- proposed seating, shelter, BBQ and picnic tables
- accessible connections to the street, wider path network and club rooms

**stepped seating**

- proposed new connection from club rooms to multi-courts
- steps for access to multi courts double as seating edge with good sight lines over multicourts and social areas

**club rooms**

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- consider existing views over Talaskia Reserve and Dandenong Ranges
- potential to update the existing deck area
- north facing aspect- possible awnings for shade and shelter
- improve access and interface from Edward St to club rooms
- update and extend existing amphitheatre seating between club rooms and oval

**key**

proposed furniture	proposed planting	proposed rubber	proposed shelter	existing fence	proposed rocks
proposed play elements	existing tree	proposed multi-courts	retaining edge	existing netting	proposed rebound wall
proposed tree	existing path	proposed accessible path	proposed access ramp	proposed BBQ	existing lighting

# Talaskia Reserve Playspace & Social Area Plan

June 2016



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## getting your comments back to us

If you are unable to attend the community consultation session but would like to provide your thoughts, please fill in the survey enclosed and send it to Council by close of business on **Friday 29 April 2016**.

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### Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS)

## where to from here?

Following review of your feedback, a draft masterplan will be produced to guide improvements to the park. We will seek your feedback on the draft masterplan prior to it being finalised.



Find out what's happening at Talaskia Reserve, Upper Ferntree Gully and how you can be involved in planning for the future of this community space.



## The Masterplanning Process...

Council is preparing a Masterplan to improve Talaskia Reserve, located at the corner of Talaskia Road and Edward Street, Upper Ferntree Gully.

Council is looking at ways to improve the park and invites you to share your thoughts on the preliminary investigations and participate in the design for the Talaskia Reserve Masterplan.

When complete, Talaskia Reserve will be a place that:

- Is a vibrant, active and an open public space which encourages community activities.
- Has better connections between the various areas within the park and beyond.
- Provides additional facilities for youth and family oriented activity.
- Is suitable for all ages and abilities and is a place for relaxation, active recreation and play.
- Is more attractive and more inclusive.

## Have Your Say

### Free hot drink & Plant voucher

Come along to the onsite community feedback session at Talaskia Reserve.

#### When?

Anytime between 9.30 - 10.30am on Saturday 16 April 2016.

#### Where?

Near the playground at Talaskia Reserve, Upper Ferntree Gully.

#### Why?

To talk to Council representatives about the project and share your thoughts.

As a thank you for attending, the first 50 participants will receive a voucher for a free indigenous plant. The voucher can be redeemed at Knox Environment Society Nursery 1010 Burwood Highway, Ferntree Gully (opposite the Ferntree Gully Library)

**shared paths**

- opportunity to improve shared paths within the Reserve
- connections to the surrounding area and existing bicycle networks
- include infrastructure for cyclists
- connections to the local shopping strip and train station

**car parking**

- maintain existing car parking spaces
- improve connections from the car park to club rooms
- investigate the use and time limit on car park
- ensure maintenance access is provided
- investigate accessible car parking bays

**existing playground**

- existing equipment needs updating
- possibility to retain or refurbish some play elements
- potential to combine existing play space into future social and play hub

**existing tennis courts**

- disused tennis courts as a potential site for social and play hub
- existing power and water connections for possible future use

**social and play hub**

- create accessible connections to the street, club rooms and oval
- opportunity for water play
- create play opportunities for a range of ages and abilities
- integrated social and play areas
- potential for shade trees and greenery

**entrance**

- opportunity for an inviting and accessible entrance point at the corner of Talaskia Rd and Edward St

• existing bus stop for route 732

**hospital**

- improve access to Talaskia Reserve from Hospital
- consider existing views over the Reserve

**key**

	proposed improved connection		site boundary		area of conflict/poor connection
	existing connection		possible future social & play zone		possible future fitness path
	existing site lines		possible future training area		existing swale



**primary school**

- sometimes use the Talaskia Reserve oval
- direct access into Talaskia Reserve from the school grounds
- explore possible future uses of Talaskia Reserve by the school

**sports oval**

- opportunity to install light-weight netting behind the goals

**training area**

- possibility for additional functions and user groups
- look at the opportunity for multi-use sports fitness space

**fitness elements**

- consideration of a possible fitness circuit around the Reserve, including path network and fitness stations

• opportunity to install lightweight fencing

**amphitheatre**

- potential to update the existing amphitheatre
- improve connections to the path network and club rooms

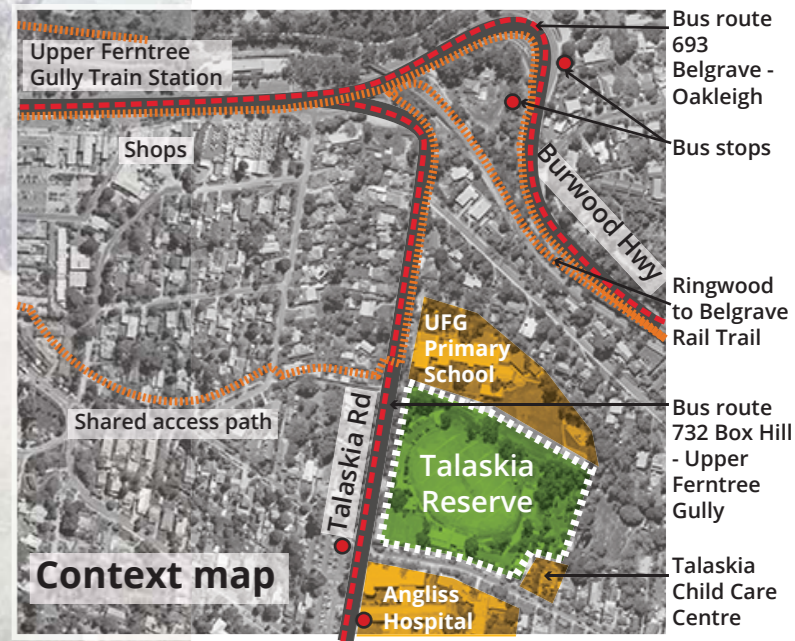
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- improve access and connections to the oval, car park, street, play and social hub
- consider existing views over Talaskia Reserve and Dandenong Ranges
- potential to update the existing deck area
- north facing aspect- possible shade awnings

• opportunity for seating and park furniture throughout the Reserve

**child care centre**

- possible future access between the child care centre and Talaskia Reserve
- opportunities for nature play and other early childhood activities



# Talaskia Reserve Masterplan

## Site analysis & opportunities

March 2016

# Talaskia Reserve Consultation Summary

May 2016

The community values Talaskia Reserve as an open green public space and for its pleasant outlook and the existing significant vegetation. The reserve is used as a place to play, relax and for both organised sport and informal active use.

There were many suggestions around improving the playspace and increasing amenities such as furniture, shelter, BBQ and hang out areas. Other key suggestions included accessible path connections, including a circuit path around the oval, exercise facilities and improvements to landscaping.

## Who we spoke to?

### community surveys

23 participants

made up of local residents

### community drop in day

10 participants

morning session held at Talaskia Reserve with local residents

### key stakeholders

2 sporting clubs and neighbouring hospital represented

St Johns Tecoma Cricket Club, Upwey Tecoma Junior Football Club and Angliss Hospital including representatives from Edward Street Nursing Home

### primary school workshop

22 students aged 11-12

design workshop with students at Upper Ferntree Gully Primary School

### knox city council

internal departments represented

local laws, stormwater, active communities, parks, leisure planning, traffic, waste, healthy together knox, biodiversity, community safety and development



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## Key comments...

### Issues

Key issues raised in relation to Talaskia Reserve were...

- Maintenance of space (ie. rubbish/graffiti)
- Traffic and parking issues particularly during peak use times of sporting events
- Poor access and pedestrian connections
- Poor playspace- needs updating
- The disused tennis courts- a waste of space and look derelict

### Assets

Key assets valued by the community at Talaskia Reserve were...

- Open green space
- Plantings and trees- for people and animals
- Location and mountain views
- Life it brings to the street for residents and patients of hospital /aged care
- A place for children to play

### Suggestions

Key suggestions for Talaskia Reserve were...

- Update and improve playspace
- Increase/improve amenity including furniture, shelter, picnic areas and public toilets
- Increase active/exercise infrastructure
- Improve path connections and access throughout Talaskia Reserve
- Address car parking issues
- Improve landscaping

*"a place to hang out with friends"*

*"more attractive native plantings that are bird attracting"*

*"there's no connectivity- I see it as a sporting oval and car park with run down club rooms used by hospital staff for smoking area"*

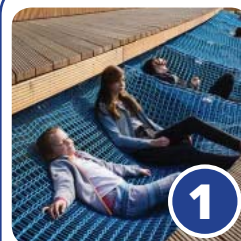
*"I like the sounds coming from it on a summer day (cricket)"*

*"the tennis courts- look derelict and are a waste of space"*

*"it has a country feel -a good place for children to play"*

*"beautiful green space for nursing home residents to look over but no facilities for them there"*

## Top experiences Upper Ferntree Gully Primary School students would like to see at Talaskia Reserve...



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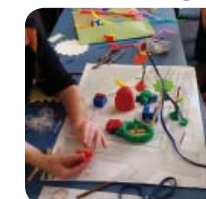
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## What would make Talaskia Reserve more fun for you?

Top 3 suggestions from students were..

- 1 more playground equipment
- 2 a place to hang out with friends
- 3 water play

## Student design workshop models



## your thoughts...

You will find a short survey included with this flyer asking for your thoughts on the Draft Masterplan.

1. What do you like about the Draft Masterplan?
2. What would you do differently to the Masterplan?
3. What do you think we should do first to deliver this Plan?

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## what's next?

We value your thoughts reaching us by close of business on **17 June 2016**. We will use your feedback to finalise the Masterplan and will present the Plan to Council for consideration prior to construction. Construction will be carried out in stages based on available budget.



## thankyou for your input

Last month Council met with the local community at Talaskia Reserve to gather information about the Reserve and discuss what you would like to see and do in this area. Your feedback has informed Council's Draft Masterplan (see overleaf).

## feedback

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- Increase active/exercise infrastructure
- Improve path connections and access
- Address car parking issues
- Improve landscaping

## the masterplanning process...

A Draft Masterplan includes the following facilities and experiences:

- A circuit path around the oval for walking and jogging; shared pathways and better access throughout the Reserve;
- An accessible social and play area with multi-courts, basketball, a tennis hit-up wall, a running track, picnic areas, landscape furniture, an adventure play and nature play areas;
- Improved connections between the club rooms and the Reserve, with better access from Edward Street, and
- More planting of trees, shrubs and groundcovers to provide shade and habitat while ensuring site lines are maintained.

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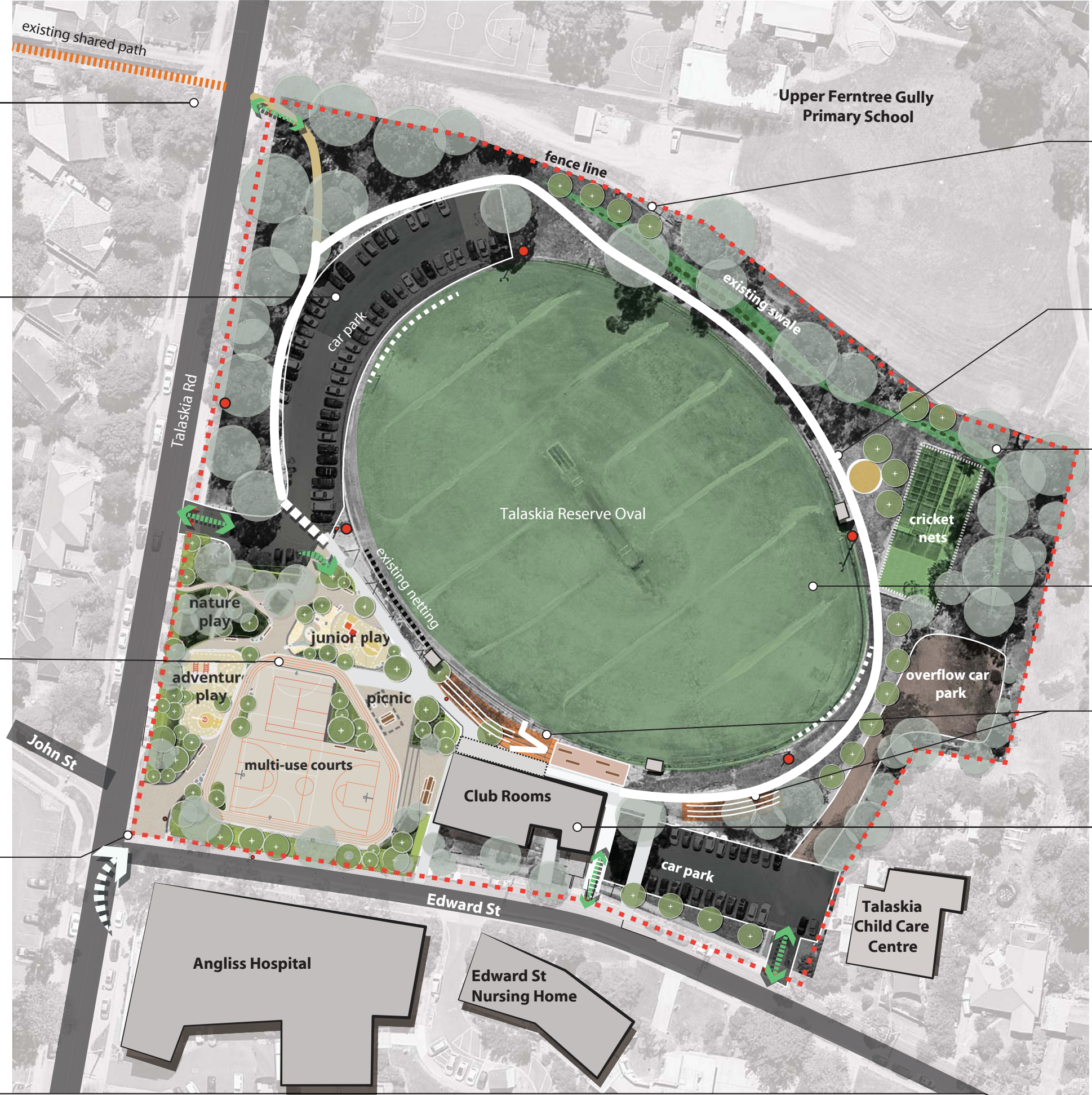
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# Talaskia Reserve DRAFT Masterplan

May 2016

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