MILDURA SOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTIVITY CENTRE- VILLAGE GREEN

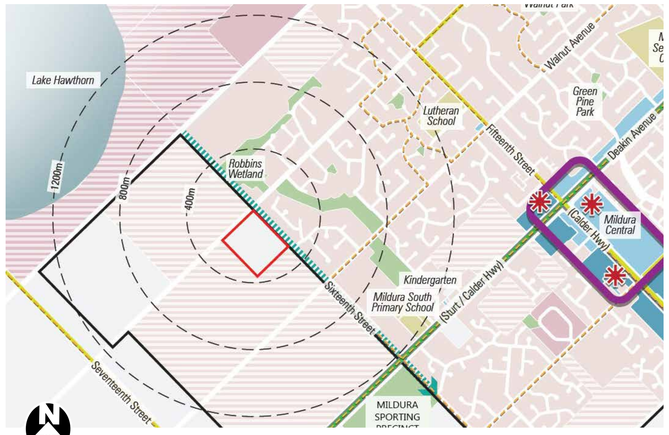
The Village Green will form the civic and landscape heart of the Mildura South Neighbourhood Activity Centre (NAC), providing a welcoming, green and highly accessible public space for the growing Mildura South community. It will connect the Community Hub, Commercial Heart, surrounding housing, Main Street and Sixteenth Street Greenway, bringing everyday community life, services, recreation and social activity together within a walkable neighbourhood centre.

The Village Green will be designed as a flexible, climate-responsive and inclusive public landscape supporting informal recreation, nature play, community gathering, markets, events, exercise, picnics and quiet relaxation. A civic plaza adjoining the Community Hub will provide a focus for programmed activity, while shaded lawns, gardens, canopy trees and connected paths will support everyday use.

The landscape will respond to Mildura's hot, dry climate through generous shade, resilient planting, efficient water use, suitable soils and integrated stormwater management. Clear sightlines, accessible routes and active interfaces with adjoining buildings and streets will support safety, comfort and passive surveillance.

As Mildura South develops, the Village Green will provide an enduring place for people to meet, participate and establish a shared neighbourhood identity. It will function not simply as a park, but as the central public meeting place and community destination for Mildura South.

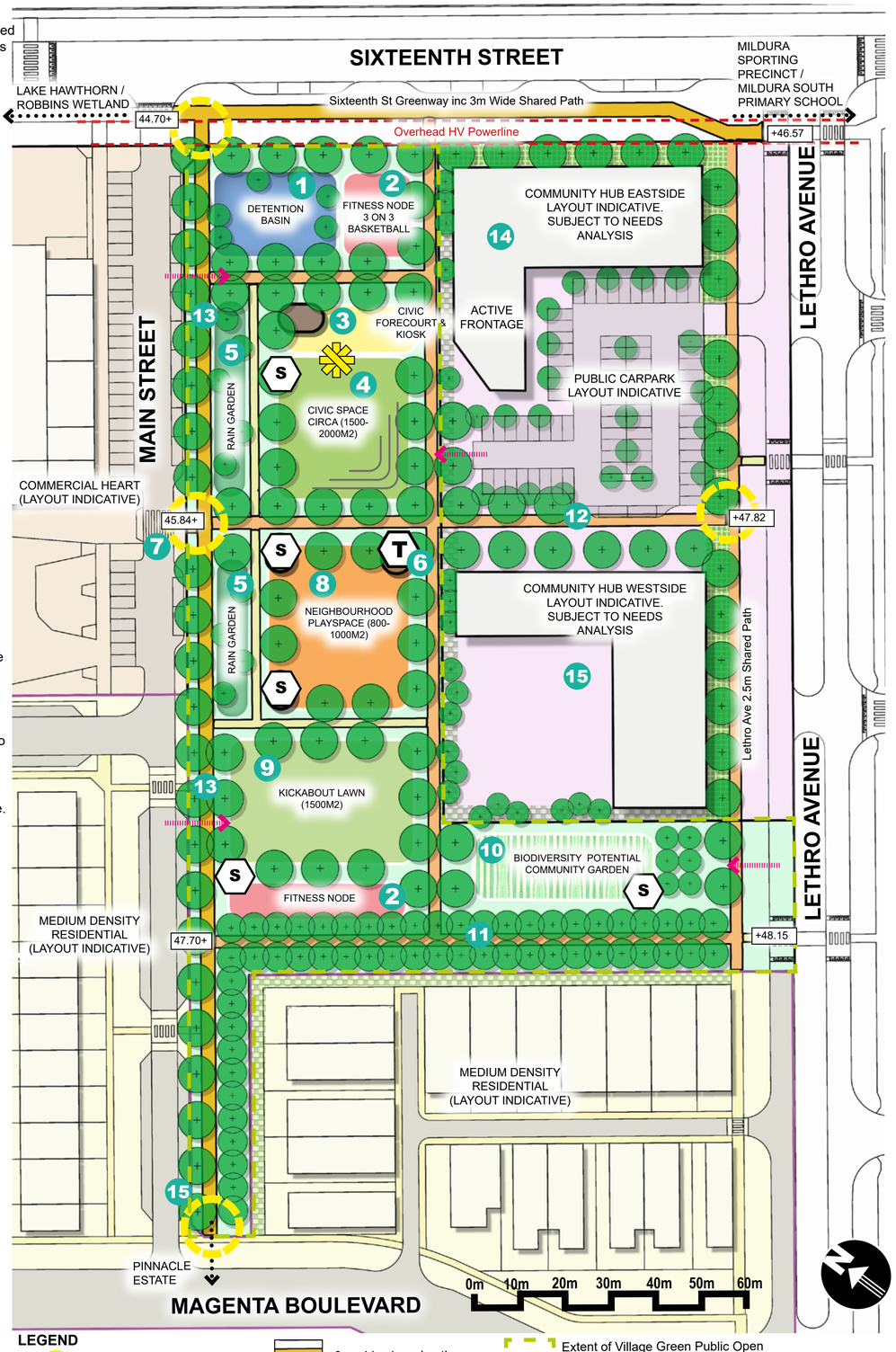
The adopted masterplan identifies the Village Green as an inviting and highly accessible public open space providing recreation, a community garden, canopy vegetation, shade and capacity for community events. The broader NAC is intended to serve Mildura South's growing population through coordinated commercial, residential, community and public open-space precincts

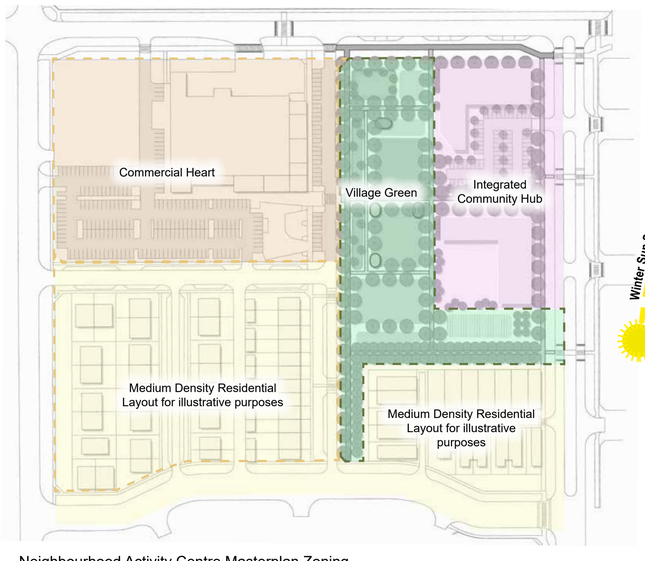


Neighbourhood Activity Centre & Village Green Location Plan

SCHEMATIC DESIGN OPPORTUNITIES

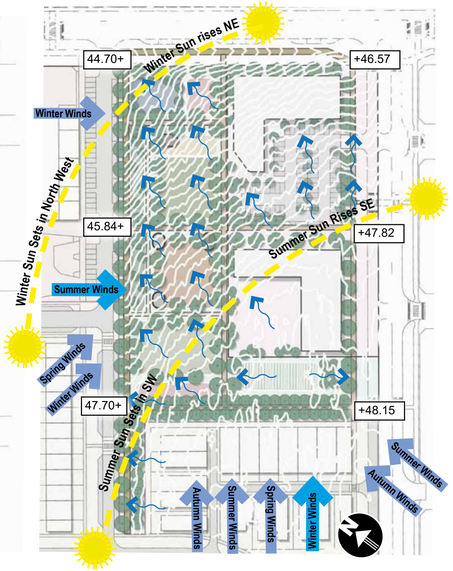
1. Integrated stormwater detention basin located at the lowest level of the site. Ensure an attractive semi aquatic planted landscape that supports water treatment, passive irrigation and biodiversity. Maintain safe edge, visibility and access for inspection and maintenance. Final shape & capacity to be confirmed in collaboration with Stormwater Engineer.
2. Active all abilities fitness nodes at northern and southern location to encourage circuit activation. Located adjacent to primary pedestrian and cycle networks. Provide supporting facilities including drink fountain and shelter. Potential for northern fitness node to contain small sided basketball court.
3. Civic Forecourt & Kiosk. Provide a paved forecourt area to accommodate flexible seating and physical connection to community hub to act as a breakout space. Potential for a standalone cafe kiosk or could be accommodated in Community Hub footprint. Opportunity to include an interactive public art to act as a activation marker and create a sense of place.
4. Flexible grass area to act as extension of civic event space. Combined area of paved and grass area circa 1500-2000m2. Area determined based upon similar project benchmarks. Regrade topography to create a gentle slope of circa 1 in 80 where achievable. Utilise change in levels to accommodate amphitheatre seating.
5. Water sensitive spine adjacent Main Street shared path to capture site runoff. Green infrastructure to passively irrigate and enhance biodiversity. Due to existing grades a series of retention terraces will be required to slow velocity and enhance permeability prior to discharge into detention basin.
6. Accessible public toilet centrally located between Civic space and playspace. Potential to also locate in Community Hub Building.
7. Commercial heart pedestrian & cycle linkages, ensure collaborative design approach with adjacent development to achieve safe passage, legible way-finding and sympathetic aesthetics.
8. Provide a neighbourhood level playspace of approximately 800- 1,000 m² area. Playspace to support a range of ages, abilities and play experiences. Include nature-based and imaginative play, shade, seating, picnic facilities, drinking water etc. Potential to fully fence playspace to provide equitable access across the city to a fully fenced playspace to service southern residents and visitors.
9. Provide circa 1,500 m² open lawn for informal ball games, recreation, picnics. Frame the lawn with canopy trees and seating while retaining an open passive grass area. Location provides direct access from adjacent residents.
10. Biodiversity sensory garden to celebrate and showcase native planting and habitat creation. Potential opportunity for a community garden if supported by community interest. Sensory garden provides an educational landscape that provide synergies with Community Hub.
11. Create a generous planted edge between the Village Green and medium-density housing, incorporating canopy trees @ 5m spacing as per masterplan recommendation. Maintain passive surveillance and avoid creating a dense visual barrier.
12. Primary cross-precinct connection: Provide a clear east-west pedestrian and cycling connection between Lethro Avenue, the early learning centre, public car park, Community Hub, Village Green and Main Street. The route should be shaded, accessible and legible through changes in paving and way-finding.
13. Provide a 3 m shared-user path along the Main Street boundary, connecting the Sixteenth Street Greenway with the southern neighbourhood and key Village Green destinations. Separate the path from activity areas using planting and min 2.5m verge space while maintaining visibility. Tree spacing @ 10m as per masterplan recommendation.
14. Indicative Community Hub Northside to provide active frontage overlooking the Village Green and civic space. Provide accessible entries and outdoor-use areas that allow community programs to extend into the public realm. Maintain the minimum landscaped setbacks identified in the masterplan. Community Hub is indicative and subject to a future community infrastructure needs and demand analysis.
15. Indicative Community Hub Westside, final design subject to community infrastructure needs and demand analysis. The final design should provide a safe, shaded and nature-rich outdoor environment, controlled access, visually permeable boundaries and appropriate connections with the Community Hub, sensory garden and public playspace.





Neighbourhood Activity Centre Masterplan Zoning

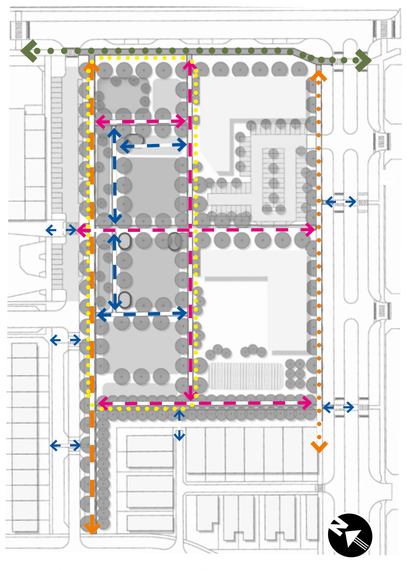
- Alternative Medium Density Residential
- Commercial Heart
- Integrated Community Hub



Village Green - Land & Environmental Influences

- 47.70+ Existing & Proposed Levels
- Natural Drainage Overland Flow
- Seasonal Prevailing Winds
- Secondary Winds

*Contours Shown at 100mm interval. Gradients range from 1 in 40 to 1 in 100 across the site.



Village Green - Pedestrian & Cycle Network

- Sixteenth Street Pedestrian & Cycle Greenway
- 3m wide Shared Path Lethro Avenue
- 3m wide Shared Path
- 2.5m wide Shared Path
- Pedestrian Linkages
- Exercise Loop (460 Lin m approx)

LEGEND

- Key entry node
- Potential park shelter
- Potential public toilet
- Proposed tree
- 3m wide shared path
- 2.5m wide shared path
- 1.8m wide pedestrian path
- Interactive Themed Art Installation
- Extent of Village Green Public Open Space
- 5m min Landscape Buffer to Lethro & Sixteenth St (NAC Masterplan)
- 3m min Landscaped Building Setback from Open Space (NAC Masterplan)
- Maintenance/ service access

NOTE: THE FINAL OUTCOME IS SUBJECT TO CONSULTATION, CONCEPT DESIGN, COUNCIL APPROVAL, FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES, DETAILED DESIGN & TENDER.

Help inform the design of the Village Green

Mildura Rural City Council is seeking feedback from key stakeholders and the community to update the Mildura South Village Green public open space. What ideas do you have that can improve its potential

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