

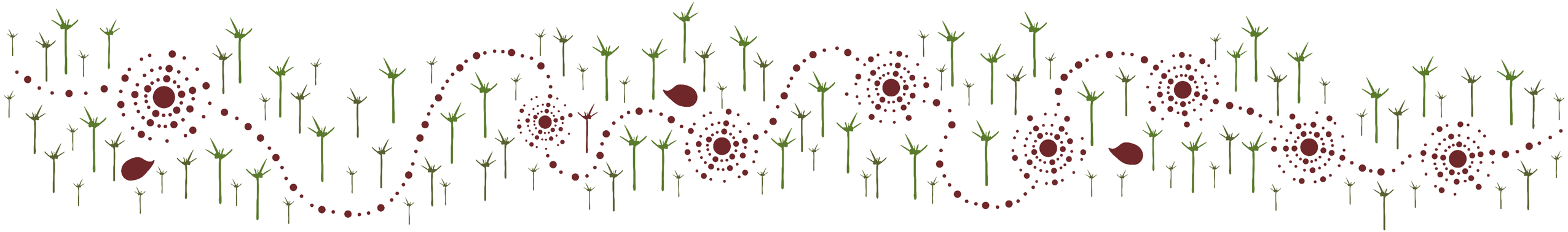
Welcome to the Paracombe Community Forum

Planning for the future of the Hills

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Acknowledgement of Country

Council acknowledges that we meet on the traditional Country of the Peramangk and Kaurna people. We pay our respects to Ancestors and Elders past and present as the Custodians of this ancient and beautiful land.



Forum Agenda –
Roberto Bria, Acting CEO

5.30pm – 6.15pm – Putting, networking, food and drinks

- Putting green and bar open

6.15pm – 7.10pm - Council and community presentations

- Paracombe Primary School
- Council update
- HIPERS Redi Communities
- Houghton Hub
- Houghton CWA

7.10pm – 7.55pm - Break out session

- Community networking and discussion time
- Engagement activities

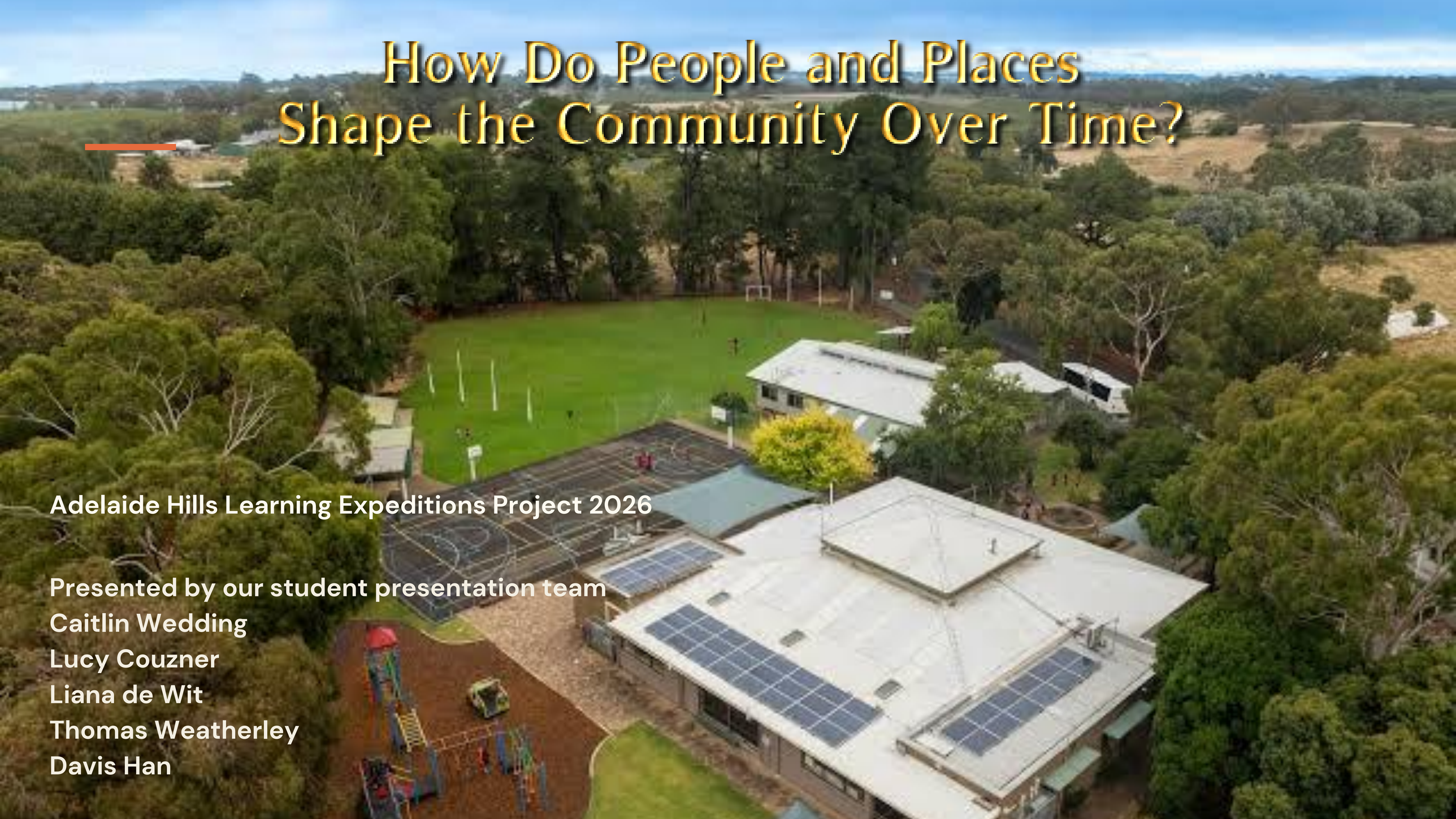
7.55pm – 8.00pm - Discussion close out



Students from Paracombe Primary School

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How Do People and Places Shape the Community Over Time?



Adelaide Hills Learning Expeditions Project 2026

Presented by our student presentation team
Caitlin Wedding
Lucy Couzner
Liana de Wit
Thomas Weatherley
Davis Han

What makes a community?

A community is a group of people who share a place, connections and a sense of belonging. They might live, work, learn and spend time together.

The Adelaide Hills is special because country, towns, farms, schools and stories are all connected.

How do people and places shape the community over time?



What we wanted to find out

What makes a community a special place to live?

We wanted to notice the people and places around us, understand why they matter, and discover how yesterday's choices shape life today. Our curiosity guided every observation, question and conversation.

Who helps our community thrive?



Rohan Gilmour



Barry Merritt



Melanie Walker and Ashley Wedding



CFS and Paracombe Wines



"I wonder which stories are hiding in places we pass every day?"

Investigating change over time

We compared local stories, observations and images — looking for what changed, what stayed, and how care for Country continues.



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NOW

Learning from real people

Books can give us facts. People help us understand what those facts felt like.

01 Choose people with different experiences

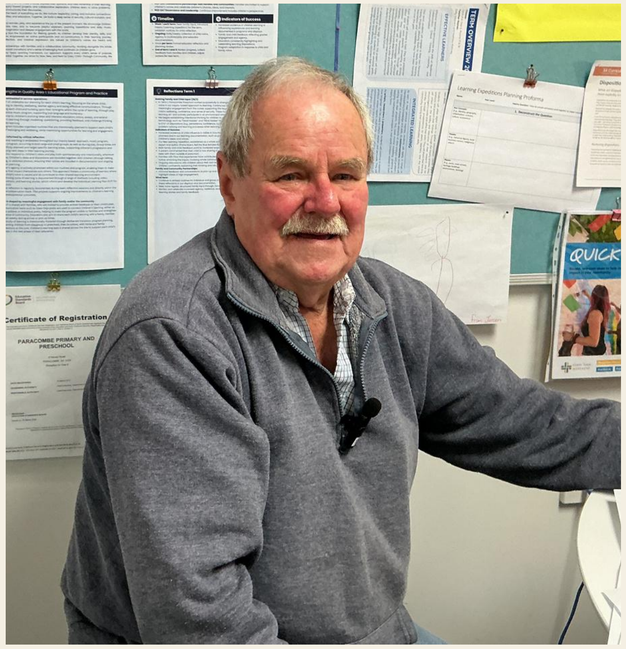
02 Prepare open, respectful questions

03 Record carefully on iPads — with permission











A story we won't forget

“The orchard changed, but neighbours still show up when someone needs a hand.”

One interviewee described generations helping through fire, drought and harvest. We expected a story about farming; we discovered a story about trust.
Listen to the real audio on the QR codes in our display for a first hand account from the community voices.

Sharing our stories

Our Learning Expeditions Team turned interviews into an invitation to explore.

PORTRAITS

to honour each person

POSTERS

to make ideas visible

QR CODES

to hear voices directly









What have we learnt about community?

Our learning goes beyond the information we collected.

PAST	PRESENT	FUTURE
Stories + memory	**Support + belonging**	**Care + contribution**



Farmers, artists, volunteers and neighbours contribute differently — but community thrives when people support one another.

Our community.
Our stories.
Our future.

People, places, stories and experiences shape community together. Everyone has something valuable to contribute — and listening helps us understand our shared future and the community that we live, play and work in.

Thank you for listening — and for playing your part.







Nathan Daniell

Mayor

Adelaide Hills Council

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Setting the scene

- Community Forums are held throughout the year in community facilities around the Hills and are an opportunity for:
  - Council and local residents to communicate with each other.
  - Hearing about activities being undertaken by local community groups and organisations.
  - Finding out about our latest council projects and updates.

- **2027 Community forums** – dates and locations for community forums will be shared in early 2027.

Draft Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP)

Our updated LTFP 2026-36 is out for consultation.

The updated plan:

- Is part of Council's suite of Strategic Management Plans.
- Provides a sustainable financial roadmap for the next 10 years.
- Includes short term investments to reduce costs, improve efficiency and support better decision-making.
- Prioritises existing assets and facilities.
- Reduces spending on new assets to strengthen our long-term financial position.
- Includes exploration of alternative revenue streams.



Draft Long Term Financial Plan (LTFP)

Assumptions:

- Assumptions are required for interest rates, increases in costs, service levels, and other factors.
- Made based on the best information currently available.

Risks:

- Planned updates to asset management plans may result in changes that arise.

The updated plan contains actions and priorities to help us on our path towards financial sustainability.

Sharing your feedback:

Numerous ways that you can share your feedback on our Draft LTFP.

Community engagement is open until **Sunday 22 November 2026**.





Optimising Our Community Spaces

- Council manages a large and ageing network of community assets, and this is one of our largest ongoing costs.
- We are exploring strategic and sustainable approaches to asset management to help reduce pressure on rates.
- We need your input on future options including:
  - Shared use partnerships.
  - Commercial activation opportunities.
  - Grant and external funding.
  - Rationalisation or disposal, where appropriate.
- We look forward to working with our clubs and community members to meet local needs into the future.

Council	Total population	Play spaces	Courts	Ovals/Pitch	Council operation income
Adelaide Hills Council	40,031	35 (1:216)	128 (1:313)	27 (1:1,483)	$64.5
City of Burnside	44,500	38 (1:176)	59 (1:754)	11 (1:4,045)	$66.8
Mount Barker District Council	31,325	33 (1:197)	49 (1:639)	16 (1:1,958)	$75.1
City of Onkaparinga	166,435	235 (1:132)	163 (1:1,021)	37 (1:4,498)	$242.6
Barossa Council	21,806	23 (1:192)	48 (1:454)	12 (1:1,817)	$52.7
Mitcham Council	65,692	62 (1:183)	90 (1:730)	16 (1:4,106)	$86.4
Industry benchmark	-	**1:300-500 children**	**1:1,875 tennis 1:3,000-4,000 netball**	**1:4,000**	-



Draft Community land Management Plans (CLMPs)

- CLMPs provide the framework for managing community land to meet residents' needs.

- We're proposing a more flexible structure that creates opportunities for Council, community groups and clubs to generate income to help maintain and renew these important spaces.

From one CLMP to six draft categories:

1. Built Form
2. Cemeteries
3. Conservation
4. Emergency Services
5. Operational Land
6. Recreation

Sharing feedback on Draft CLMPs

There are plenty of ways to have your say on the draft CLMPs:

- Talk to our staff tonight.
- Complete our online feedback form.
- Collect a hardcopy feedback form from any of our libraries or customer service centres or print your own.
- Email your feedback to engage@ahc.sa.gov.au, or write to us.
- Attend an engagement session in Gumeracha, Woodside or Stirling.
- Represent a community or residents' group? Invite us to a meeting.

Community engagement is open until **Sunday 22 November 2026**.





Our Homes in the Hills

We're exploring what “home” means in the Adelaide Hills, now and into the future.

Our Homes in the Hills is a multi-stage process where community input:

- Helps define the issues
- Shapes possible solutions
- Contributes to decision-making

This process will inform key strategic planning documents, priorities, and investment decisions.

We are looking for community members who are interested in being part of the Our Homes in the Hills Community Collective working group.

Expressions of interest are open until Wednesday 28 October 2026 at www.engage.ahc.sa.gov.au

2027 Council Elections

- The November 2026 Council Elections have been delayed with voting now closing on 7 April 2027.
- This change was made following a request from the SA Electoral Commission.



Key dates include:

- Roll close: Monday 4 January 2027
- Nominations open: Tuesday 26 January 2027
- Nominations close: Tuesday 9 February 2027
- Close of voting (Polling Day): 5pm, Wednesday 7 April 2027
- Scrutiny and count: 9am, Saturday 10 April 2027



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

South Australia

Nominations open until 20 November.

It’s your chance to celebrate the unsung heroes of our community!

Paul Gunner

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HOPERS - Redi Communities

"Supporting Our Community"

Houghton, Hermitage, Inglewood & Paracombe Emergency Recovery Support

Presentation for Adelaide Hills Community Forum

26th October 2026

Houghton Hub

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Who We Are

HIPERS is a group of like-minded volunteer community members who came together following Red Cross REDi-Community meetings. We saw the need to work together to strengthen our local resilience and provide practical post-disaster support for our community.



HIPERS Volunteers meeting at Paracombe Hall



OUR VOLUNTEER HIPERS COMMITTEE

Paul Gunner
Trevor Cresp
Jenny Cresp
Han Robat
James Rackham
Dianne Hewitt
Jo-Ann Aay
Chris Bird
Stuart Drummond
Andy O'Donohue
Sue Jackson
Sharon Gilmour

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What We Do

* Support each other in times of emergency or natural disaster.
* Share skills, knowledge, and resources across our community.
* Build stronger connections between residents of Houghton, Hermitage, Inglewood & Paracombe.
* Develop a local centre of support to help fill the gap in the first 72 hours after a disaster until formal services arrive (Not During an Event)



Houghton Spring Fair October 2025

Stage One Complete

Emergency Response Trailer – ERT

Sponsors and Community Donations





Fund Raising Mt Pleasant Farmer Market-

February and April 2026





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Why It Matters

Emergencies and disasters can affect anyone. By working together, we can:

* Look after our families and neighbours.
* Be better prepared for fire, storms, power outages and other challenges.
* Recover faster, together.



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HIPERS – Emergency Response Trailer Stage 3



Project – Current

Budget - $35,000.00

Funding Sources – Sponsorship, Grant Fund Applications, Donations, Peoples First Community Lottery & Volunteer Activities e.g. - Modbury Bunnings BBQ, Mt Pleasant Farmers Market Gate.

Plan: To outfit passenger side of ERT with

- Lithium Battery Pack
- Communication devices e.g. UHF radios
- Star Link – Mini & Antenna
- Wireless Router
- Solar Panel & mounting kit
- Generator
- AC/DC Inverter & accessories
- Laptop and data projector
- Speakers
- Charging bases, to receive cords for mobile phones & laptops
- Lighting

Time line: Ideally to have ready for the post disaster Bush Fire Season 2026 – 2027, when funds become available.

Projects:

ERT- Fit out

Fund Raising

Community Events

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HIPERS – Emergency Response Trailer Stage 4



Project – Current

Budget – $14,500.00

Funding Sources – Sponsorship, Grant Fund Applications, Donations, Peoples First Community Lottery & Volunteer Activities e.g. – Modbury Bunnings BBQ, Mt Pleasant Farmers Market Gate

Plan: To outfit the driver side of ERT with

- Generator
- Shelter
- Fridge
- First Aid Kit
- Water
- Water Pump
- Hygiene & personal products
- Post Disaster Resources

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Get Involved

Our current committee of 12 amazing volunteers meet regularly on the third Thursday of each month from 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Paracombe Hall, Paracombe Rd, Paracombe to plan, prepare and strengthen our local community network.

Our intention is to move to the Houghton Hub once the building is completed.

This could be you!

Scan the QR Code and check out our website.

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THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Houghton Hub

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HIPERS Journey – So Far



HIPERS Volunteers meeting at Paracombe Hall





Houghton Spring Fair October 2025

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Emergency Response Trailer – ERT

Sponsors and Community Donations



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Fund Raising Mt Pleasant Farmer Market-

February and April 2026







HIPERS Training for Emergency Response Trailer ERT

Reviewing Stage 2for Shelving & Storage

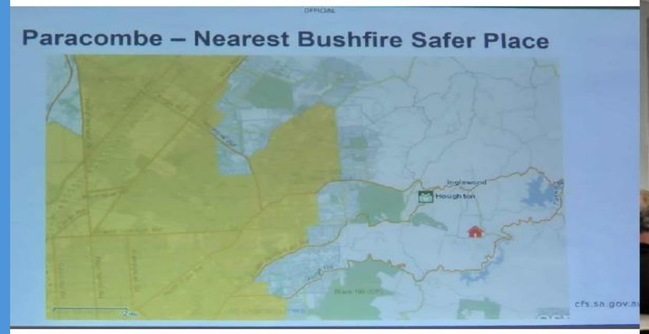


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HIPERS Community Engagement BBQ November 2025 with CFS – Bushfire Ready Preparation for 2025 – 2026 Bush Fire Season











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Paracombe CFS, Hermitage CFS and Cuddle Creek CFS

HIPERS attending Information Night at Paracombe April 2026





HIPERS Stage 2 ERT Fit out - shelving Completed May 2026

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HIPERS – Emergency Response Trailer Stage 3



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HIPERS – Emergency Response Trailer Stage 4



Project – Current

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- Post Disaster Resources

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HIPERS – Stage 5 Ongoing

Community Engagement Activities for Funding



Houghton Spring Fair October 2025



Mount Pleasant Farmers Market April 2026





Modbury - Bunnings BBQ 12th September 2026

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People First Lottery

Drawn 15th October 2026

Matt Thomas

President

Houghton Hub

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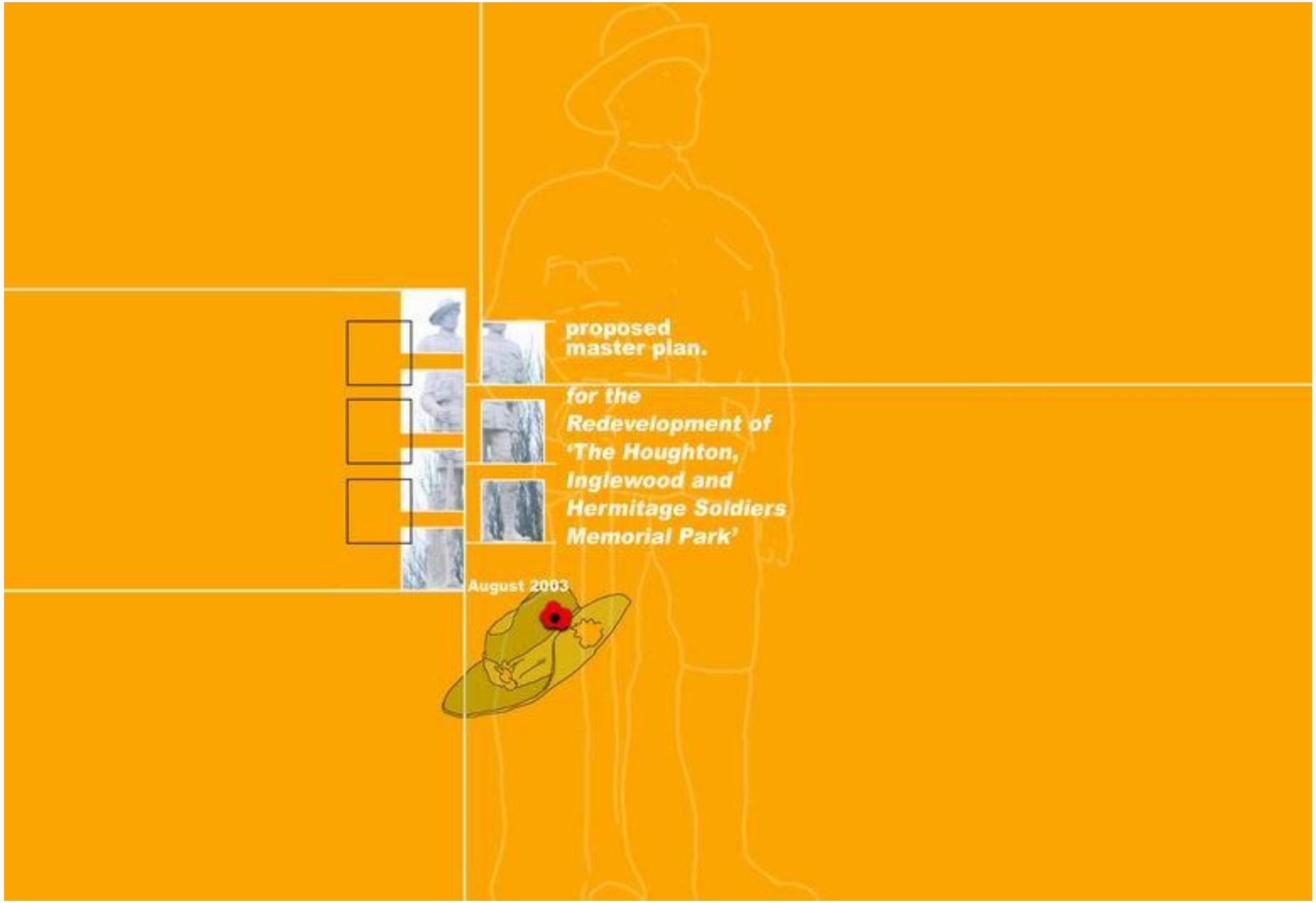


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MEMORIAL PARK INC.



Adelaide Hills Council Presentation

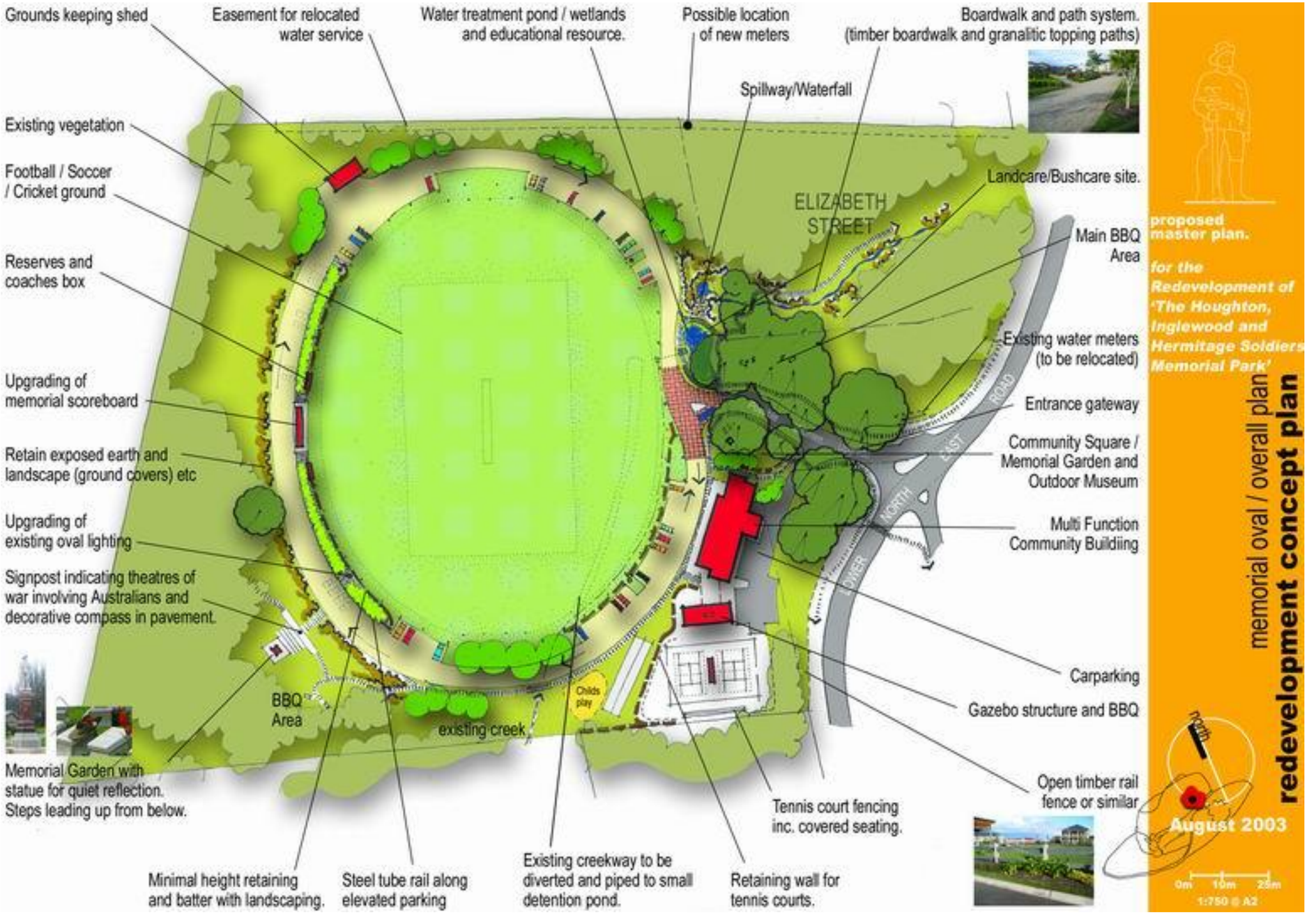
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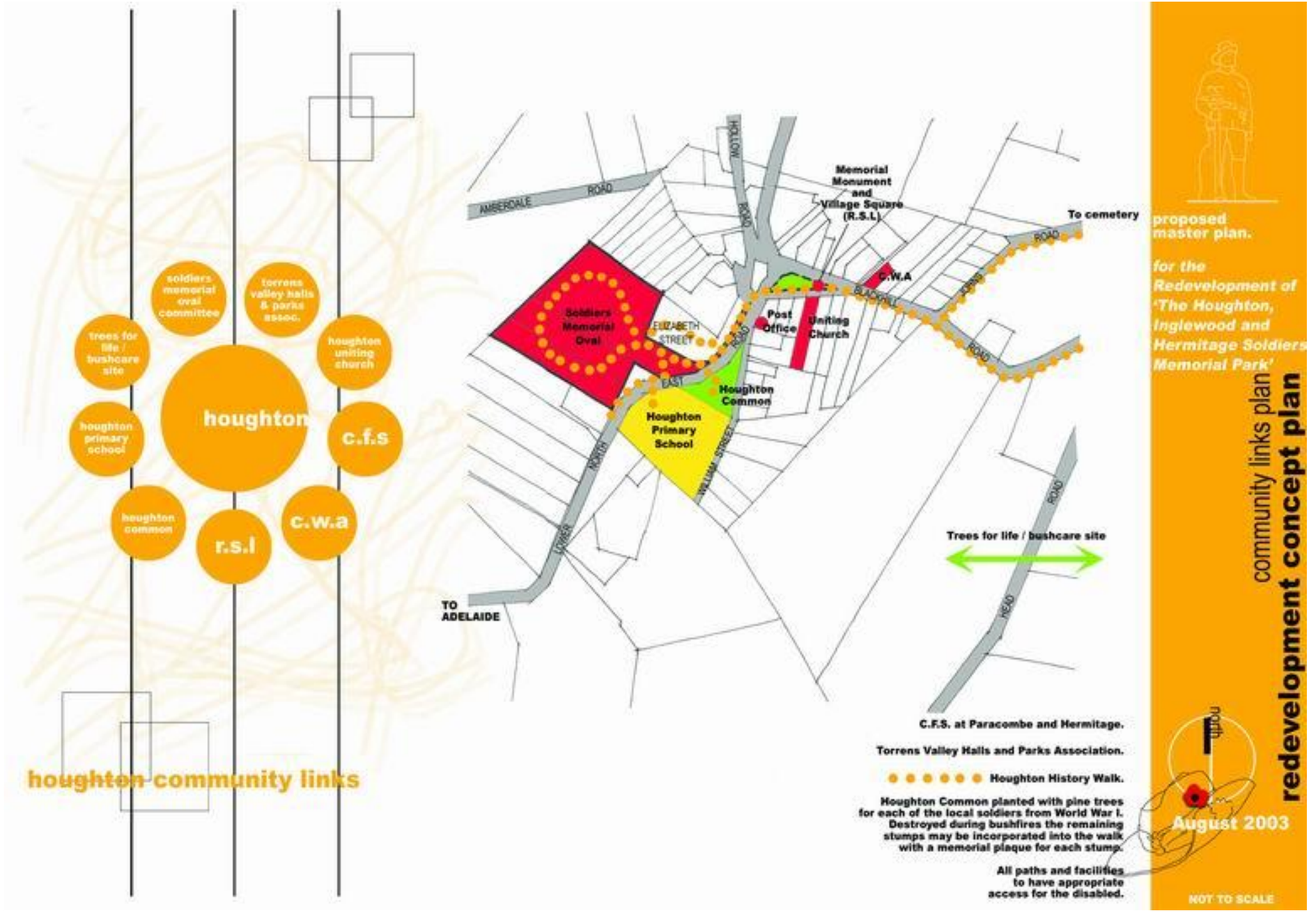


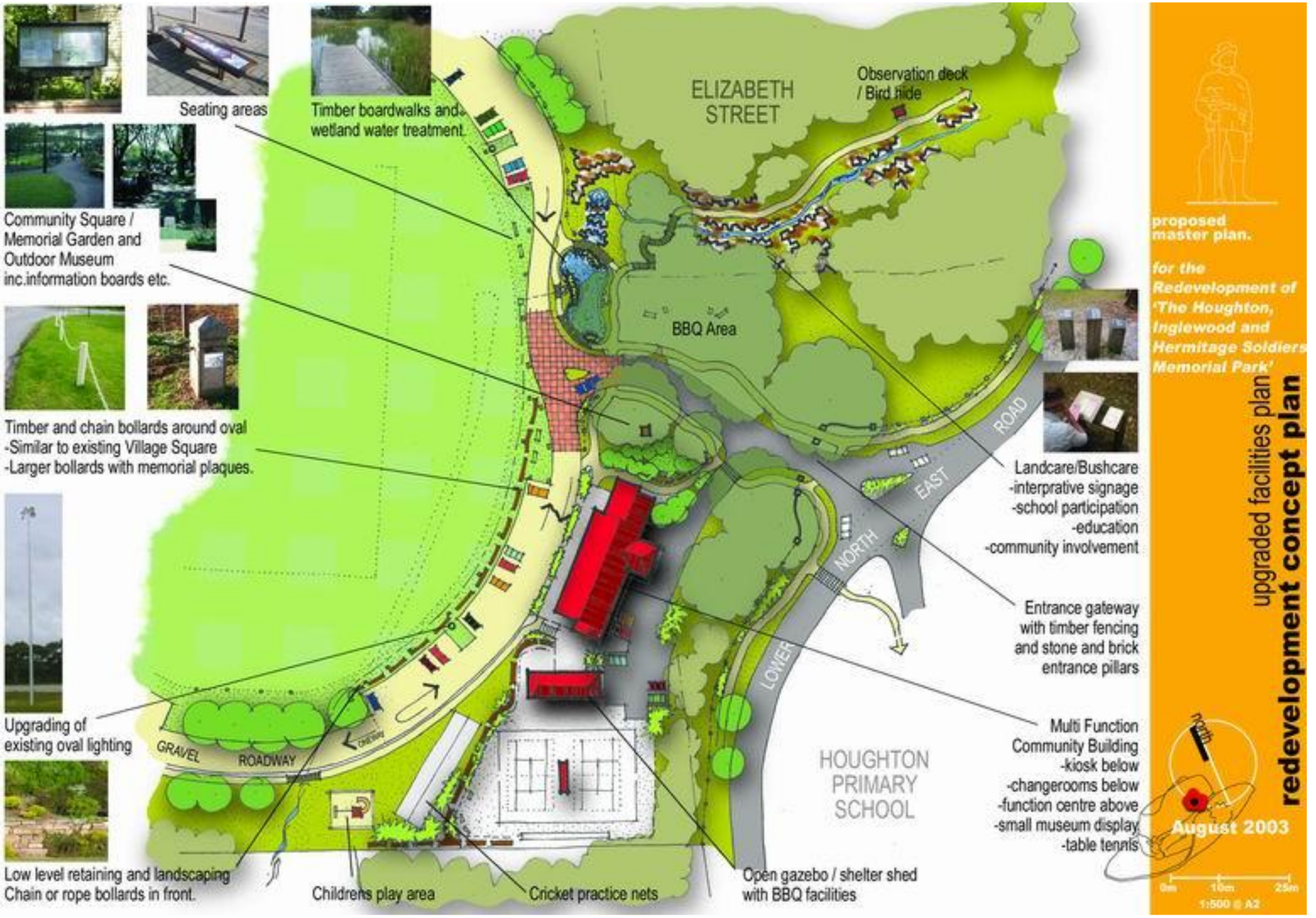
proposed master plan.

for the Redevelopment of 'The Houghton, Inglewood and Hermitage Soldiers Memorial Park'

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Grounds keeping shed
Easement for relocated water service
Water treatment pond / wetlands and educational resource.
Possible location of new meters
Boardwalk and path system. (timber boardwalk and granalitic topping paths)
Spillway/Waterfall
Existing vegetation
Football / Soccer / Cricket ground
Reserves and coaches box
ELIZABETH STREET
Landcare/Bushcare site.
Main BBQ Area
Existing water meters (to be relocated)
Upgrading of memorial scoreboard
Entrance gateway
Retain exposed earth and landscape (ground covers) etc
Community Square / Memorial Garden and Outdoor Museum
Upgrading of existing oval lighting
Multi Function Community Buildiing
Signpost indicating theatres of war involving Australians and decorative compass in pavement.
Carparking
Gazebo structure and BBQ
BBQ Area
Childs play
existing creek
Memorial Garden with statue for quiet reflection. Steps leading up from below.
Open timber rail fence or similar
Tennis court fencing inc. covered seating.
Minimal height retaining and batter with landscaping.
Steel tube rail along elevated parking
Existing creekway to be diverted and piped to small detention pond.
Retaining wall for tennis courts.
proposed master plan.
for the Redevelopment of 'The Houghton, Inglewood and Hermitage Soldiers Memorial Park'
memorial oval / overall plan
redevelopment concept plan
August 2003
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houghton
soldiers memorial oval committee
torrens valley halls & parks assoc.
trees for life / bushcare site
houghton uniting church
houghton primary school
c.f.s
houghton common
r.s.l
c.w.a
houghton community links
AMBERDALE ROAD
HOLLOW ROAD
Memorial Monument and Village Square (R.S.L)
To cemetery
ROAD
C.W.A
BLACKHILL ROAD
Soldiers Memorial Oval
ELIZABETH STREET
Post Office
Uniting Church
EAST ROAD
Houghton Common
Houghton Primary School
WILLIAM STREET
LOWER NORTH ROAD
TO ADELAIDE
Trees for life / bushcare site
HEAD ROAD
C.F.S. at Paracombe and Hermitage.
Torrens Valley Halls and Parks Association.
Houghton History Walk.
Houghton Common planted with pine trees for each of the local soldiers from World War I. Destroyed during bushfires the remaining stumps may be incorporated into the walk with a memorial plaque for each stump.
All paths and facilities to have appropriate access for the disabled.
north
proposed master plan.
for the Redevelopment of 'The Houghton, Inglewood and Hermitage Soldiers Memorial Park'
community links plan
redevelopment concept plan
August 2003
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Seating areas
Timber boardwalks and wetland water treatment.
ELIZABETH STREET
Observation deck / Bird hide
Community Square / Memorial Garden and Outdoor Museum inc.information boards etc.
BBQ Area
Timber and chain bollards around oval
-Similar to existing Village Square
-Larger bollards with memorial plaques.
Landcare/Bushcare
-interprative signage
-school participation
-education
-community involvement
EAST ROAD
NORTH
LOWER
Entrance gateway with timber fencing and stone and brick entrance pillars
Upgrading of existing oval lighting
GRAVEL ROADWAY
HOUGHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
Multi Function Community Building
-kiosk below
-changerooms below
-function centre above
-small museum display
-table tennis
Low level retaining and landscaping
Chain or rope bollards in front.
Childrens play area
Cricket practice nets
Open gazebo / shelter shed with BBQ facilities
proposed master plan.
for the Redevelopment of 'The Houghton, Inglewood and Hermitage Soldiers Memorial Park'
upgraded facilities plan
redevelopment concept plan
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proposed master plan.

for the Redevelopment of 'The Houghton, Inglewood and Hermitage Soldiers Memorial Park'

indicative cross section

redevelopment concept plan

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- Federal Government
  - Department of Veterans Affairs.
- State Government
  - Department of Environment.
- Local Government
  - Hills council.
- Torrens Valley Hills and Parks Association
- Local Fund raising
- Sponsorships
  - Business.
  - Adoption.



proposed
master plan.

for the Redevelopment of 'The Houghton, Inglewood and Hermitage Soldiers Memorial Park'

fund raising
redevelopment concept plan



August 2003

Houghton

Soldiers Memorial Walk & Remembrance Wall

Anzac Day, 2005




We Will Remember Them








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EL ALAMEIN
KOKODA
TOBRUK
VILLERS
BRETONNEUX






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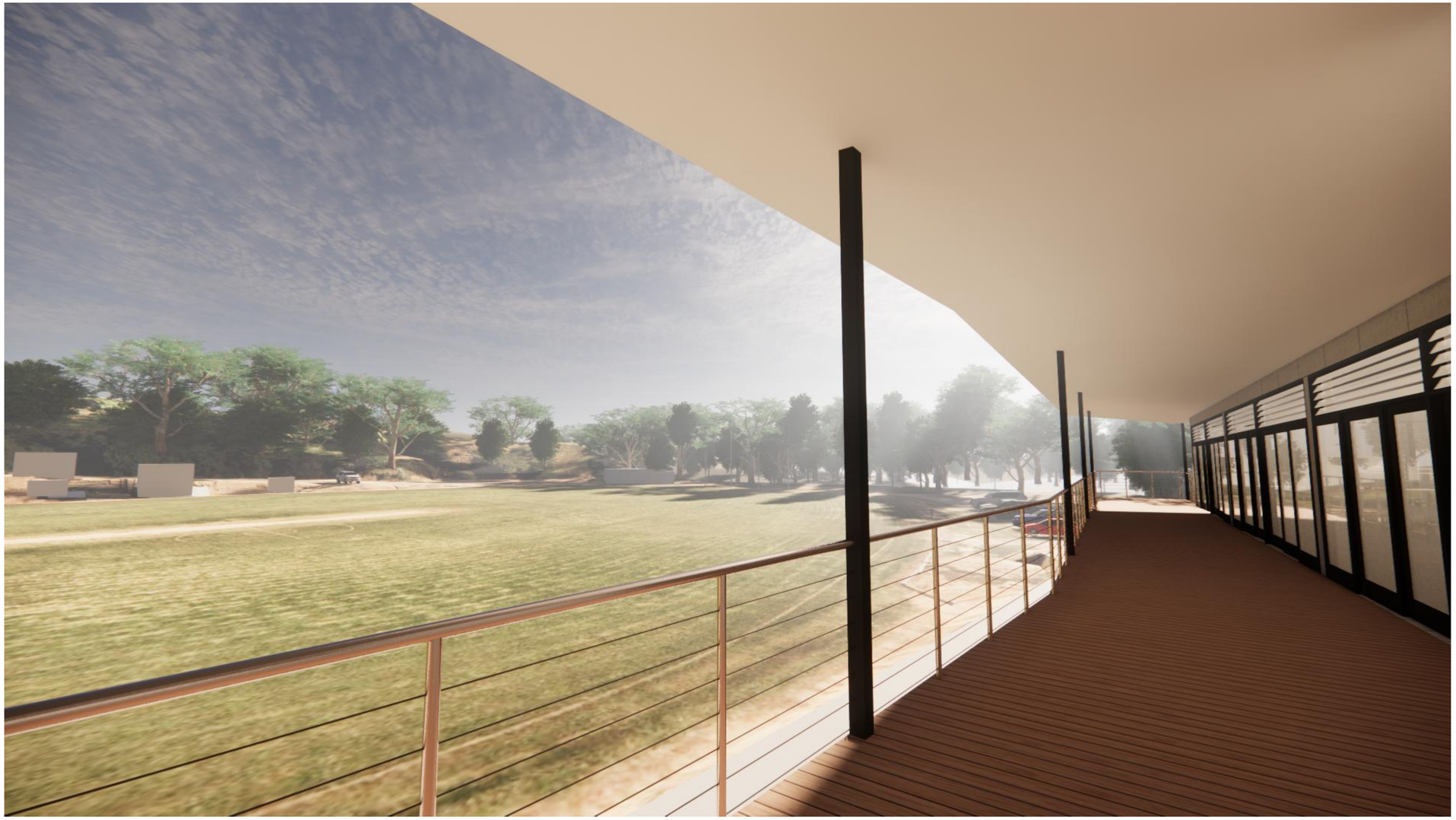
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HOUGHTON COMMUNITY + SPORTS CENTRE





OUTER SPACE®

Project:	HOUGHTON MEMORIAL COMMUNITY & SPORTS CENTRE
Client:	HOUGHTON MEMORIAL OVAL COMMITTEE
Council:	ADELAIDE HILLS COUNCIL
Drawings:	LANDSCAPE CONCEPT PLAN

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Houghton Hub

COMMUNITY OWNED.
COMMUNITY RUN.
YOUR LOCAL OVAL.

Helen Atkinson

Houghton CWA

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Breakout session

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Talk to staff, elected members and each other:

- **Draft Community Land Management Plans –** Ask questions and share your ideas and feedback about our six Draft CLMPs.
- **Long Term Financial Plan –** Have a chat to our finance experts and share your feedback on our Draft LTFP.
- **Our Homes in the Hills** - Chat to project staff about the Our Homes in the Hills project. Express interest to be involved, ask questions, share feedback.
- **Chat about Paracombe and surrounds:** Talk about your ideas and initiatives you are working on in Paracombe and surrounding suburbs and townships.
- **Start your own conversation:** Start a conversation with presenters, staff or elected members about a topic that matters to you.



Discussion close out

- What we heard
- What happens next
- We’d appreciate your feedback and ideas for future forums

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