

Penneshaw Cemetery | Columbarium Design

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About:

The Penneshaw Progress Association (PPA) is undertaking community consultation on its proposal to construct a columbarium at the Penneshaw Cemetery.

A project that has been discussed for decades, PPA has developed a site location, concept design and obtained quotes from local contractors to upgrade the site and construct the two limestone walls, which are intended for storage of cremated remains. While cemeteries are the responsibility of local governments in South Australia, Penneshaw Cemetery is the only active Kangaroo Island cemetery without a place for ashes.

Next steps:

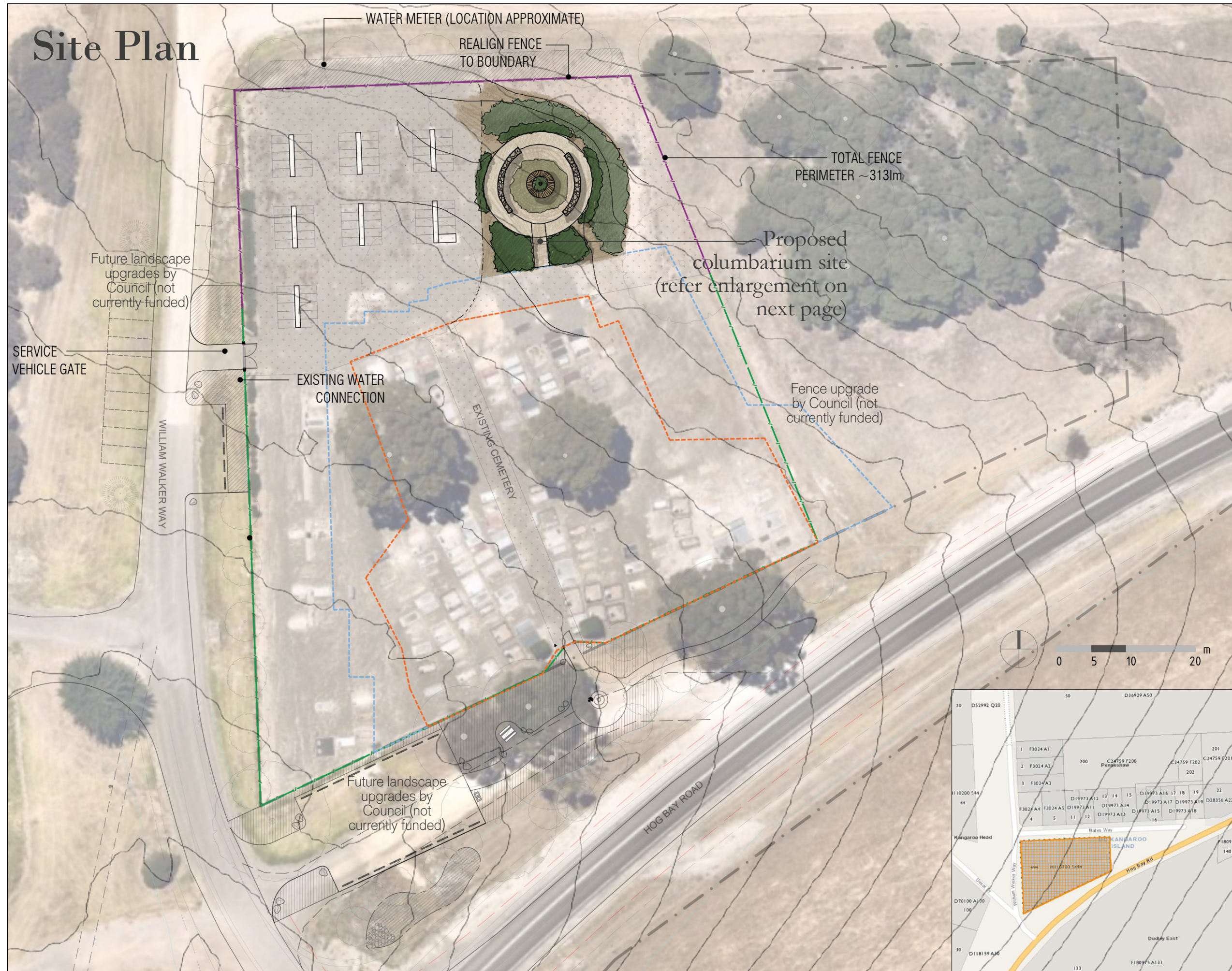
1. Feedback will be reviewed and the design updated as necessary
2. A formal 21 day consultation period by KI Council
3. A development approval will be lodged and funding finalised

Proposed Columbarium Site

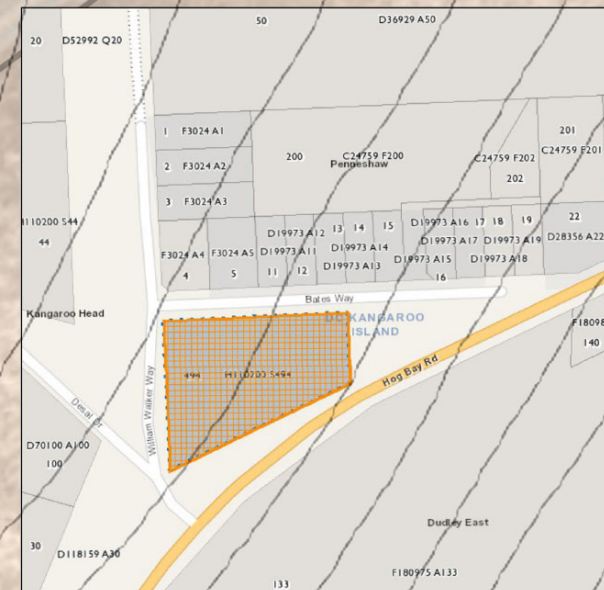
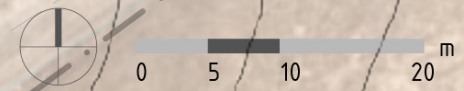
A columbarium will not only meet current and trending demands for ash sites in Penneshaw, the installation of two limestone walls, seating area and planting will lift the entire site. The current timeframe for the other site improvements remains unknown, however Council is expected to contribute in-kind labour towards earthwork and site preparation for the contractor to construct the wall and seat with the Penneshaw Progress Association leading the project.



Site Plan



- PROPERTY BOUNDARY
- NATIVE LANDSCAPING BUFFER (REFER SPECIES LIST)
- PROPOSED TREE
- 1.2m HIGH TIMBER AND STEEL FENCE (REFER DETAILS)
- 1.2m HIGH AGRICULTURAL FENCE (REFER DETAILS)
- CRUSHED LIMESTONE
- LAWN
- CORE HERITAGE AREA
- PERIPHERAL INFLUENCE AREA



Enlargement Plan



Legend:

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2x curved limestone walls with precast niches (single-sided) - length shown approx. 10m (refer 3D sketch pictured)
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Circular seating (subject to final budget) facing wall around central tree (finish and species TBC)
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Fill sloped down max 1:3 from level site with low planting to stabilise slope (earthworks required)
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Buffer planting (max. 1m high)
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Crushed limestone path with defined edge (steel, paving banding to frame secondary circulation area around back of wall)
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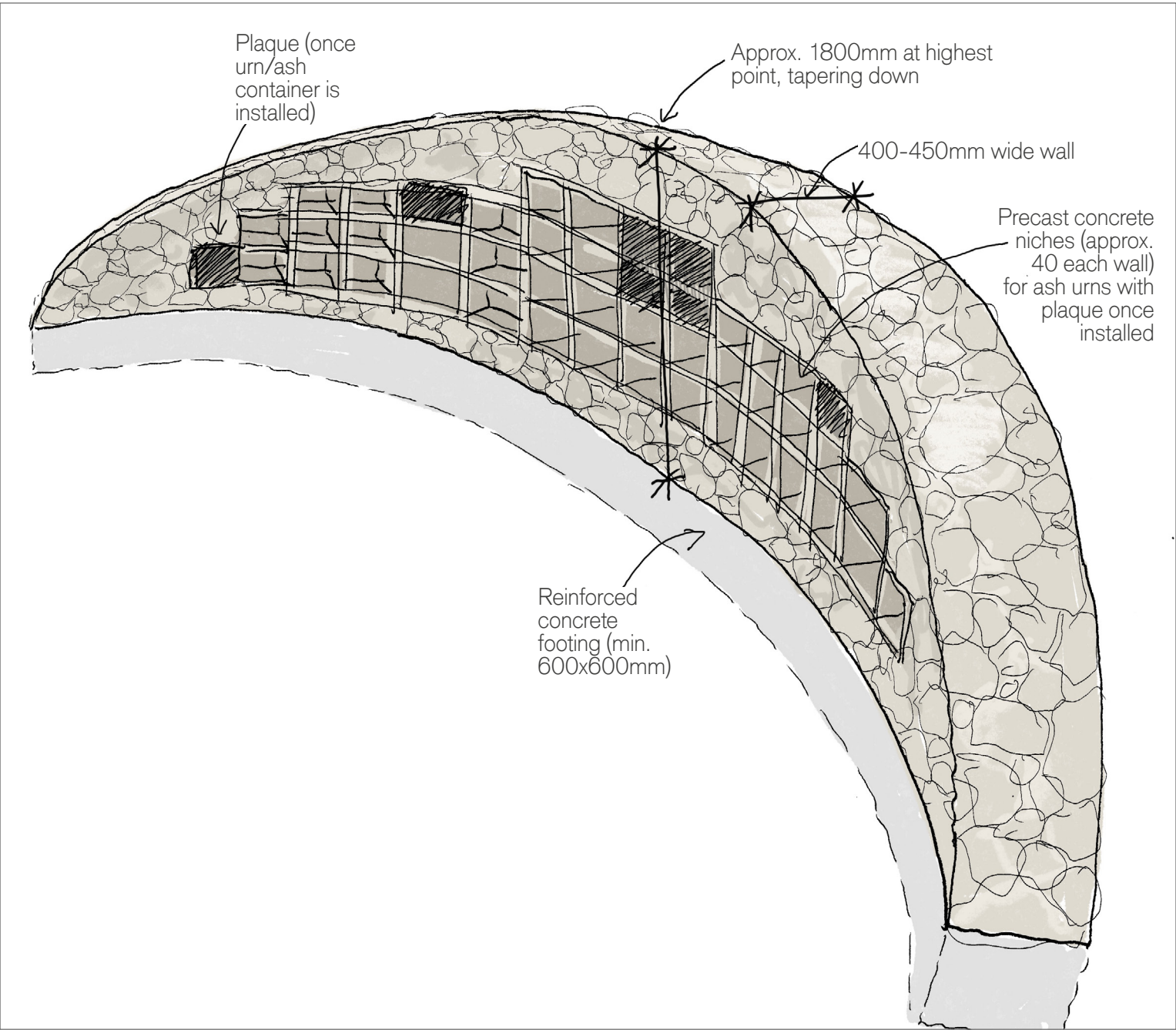
Paved central area (100m2)- proposed sand-tone Littlehampton Bricks 'Peninsula' (alternative finish exposed aggregate concrete) with access path
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Framed entry planting, setting site into context and reducing erosion. Hardy long-lived species requiring minimal-no water beyond establishment.
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Drainage improvements (rock-lined swale or similar by Council to redirect surface runoff currently causing erosion across site). Note: contours approx. only and shown at 1m intervals.
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Space for vehicle (hearse/excavator) to access existing grave sites/plinths

Wall Concept Sketch



Precast niche:
Required to fit urn size 255mm high x 150mm x 115mm. Quoted supplier from Victoria: Norwalk

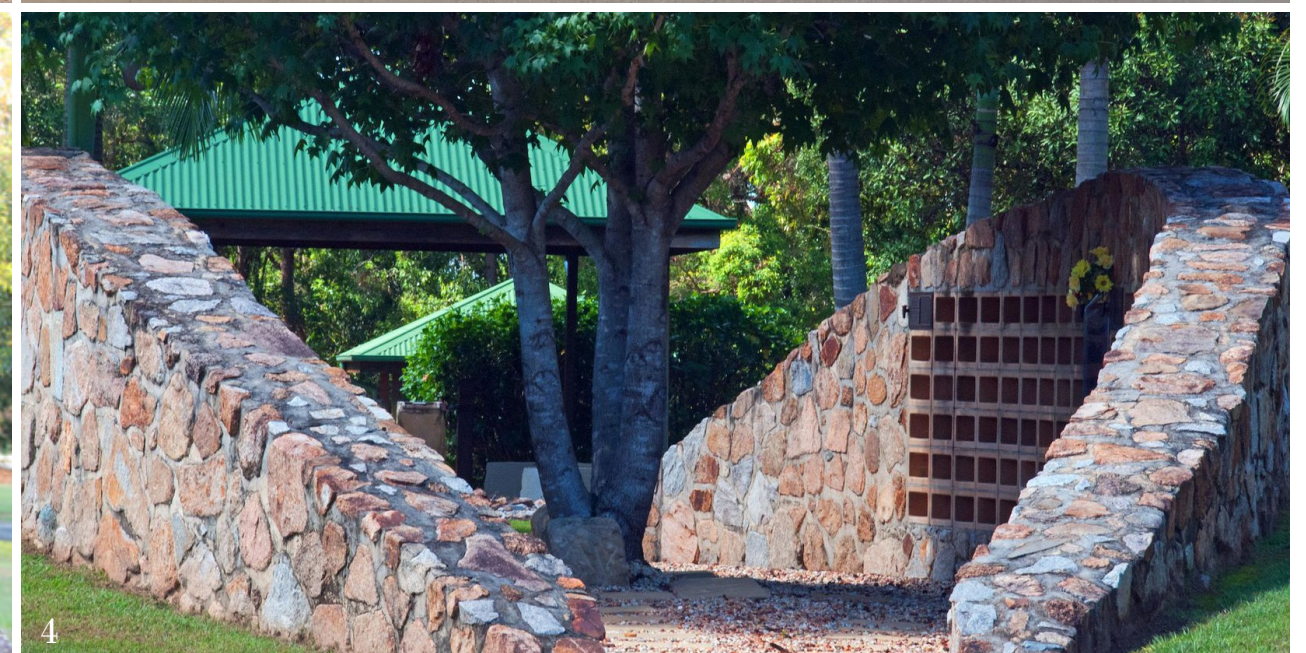
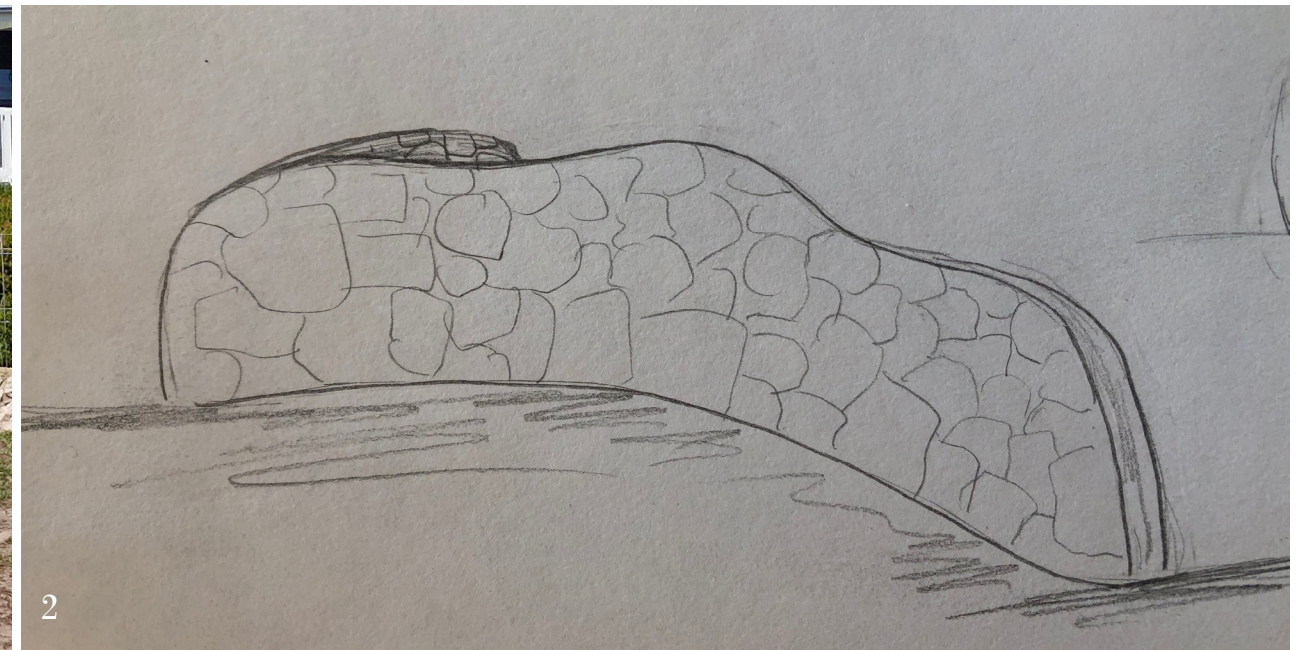
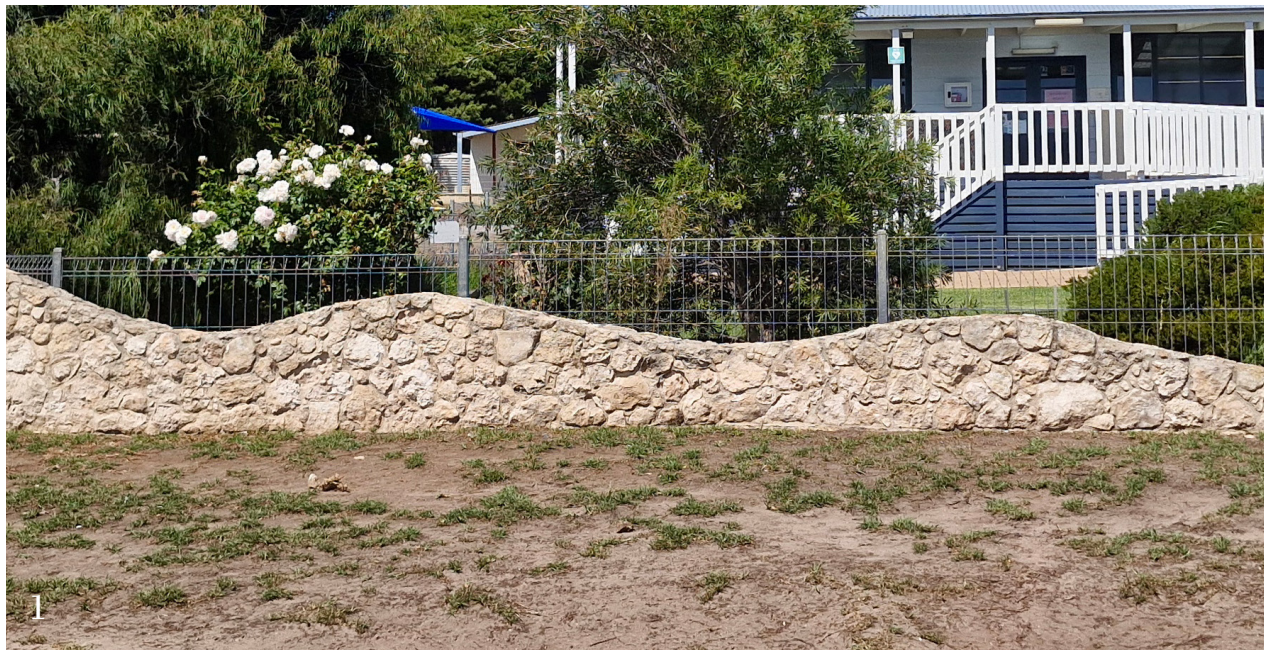


Paving:
Littlehampton Bricks 'Peninsula' - alternatively exposed aggregate concrete. Subject to budget and final approval.



Central Tree:
Between walls, planted at advanced size with establishment watering required only (indigenous or native species)

Reference Imagery



- 1 Limestone wall example for reference at KICE Penneshaw campus
- 2 Early sketches showing columbarium concept
- 3 Integration of precast niches for ashes in stone wall (Albany Creek) shown with bronze plaques
- 4 Centralised columbarium wall at Albany Creek Memorial Park, QLD (with tree in centre)
- 5 Albany Creek Memorial Park aerial view - each wall is approximately 14m long
- 6 Columbarium wall at Pinnaroo Valley Memorial Park, WA with staggered/stacked precast niches tapering down with the wall