



Port Macquarie Town Green Master Plan 2013 Fact Sheet

What is the *Port Macquarie Town Green Master Plan*?

Town Green is the key public open space within Port Macquarie and is the only publicly accessible passive open space within the Town Centre. While the space operates satisfactorily on some levels, there are significant opportunities to enhance this area to ensure it fulfils its role as the premier open space within Port Macquarie.

The space currently provides a focus for many formal and informal community activities. It is a place where individuals and groups can come and relax and also provides a location for large community gatherings and events, such as the 'Tastings on Hastings, the Port Macquarie Ironman, Outdoor Movies and ANZAC Day ceremonies.

The key objectives are:

- To create an attractive pedestrian facility that provides for a variety of users (children, families, disabled and the elderly), enhances the amenity of the space and offers provision of shade, weather protection and seating.
- Ensure the space is flexible to accommodate a range of community and social events of various scales, as well as a variety of users (children, families, disabled and the elderly).

What steps have already occurred?

Port Macquarie-Hastings Council has embarked on an extensive process seeking community input into concepts around the Town Green since the inception of the *Town Centre Master Plan* in 1992.

- 2006 - concepts concerning the Town Green produced by TURF Design Studios
- 2008 - concepts presented by MacroPlan Australia for the *Port Macquarie Foreshore Master Plan*
- 2009 - *Port Macquarie Foreshore Master Plan* was adopted by Council
- 2013 - *Port Macquarie Town Green Master Plan* presented by TRACT

The *Port Macquarie Town Green Master Plan* by TRACT builds on these previous concepts and incorporates the extensive and detailed community feedback around them.

The Proposal at a Glance

- Upgrade and refresh the playground area to provide range of traditional play elements, soft fall and seating areas as well as water play activities.
- Ensure footpaths correspond to desired pedestrian lines and ensure widths accommodate a variety of users.
- Provide shade and weather protection as well as seating, drinking fountains and other facilities to enhance the amenity of space for pedestrians.
- Create spaces that can be used for various passive and recreational activities with barbeque and tables, shade, weather protection and shelters to enhance the family friendly character of Town Green.
- Ensure ease of access for a variety of users including children, families, disabled and the elderly.

Who will fund the works?

Funding for improvement and upgrade works in the Port Macquarie CBD, including the Town Green, is partially sourced from a special tax levied on the property owners of the CBD. This is called the 'Town Centre Master Plan Reserve Fund' and is administered by the Town Centre Master Plan sub-committee (TCMP) made up representatives from the community, CBD landholders, Port Macquarie Chamber of Commerce, CBD traders and Council staff.

How can I obtain more information?

The *Port Macquarie Town Green Master Plan* will be on public exhibition from March 14 through to April 23 2014.

The exhibition includes:

- The Port Macquarie Town Green Master Plan document
- Site plans
- Fact Sheet

This exhibition will be available at your local Port Macquarie-Hastings council office, library and online at www.pmhlistening.com.au.

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How can I have my say?

Council invites members of the public, local business and industry to make formal submissions in relation to the *Port Macquarie Town Green Master Plan* prior to close of business Wednesday 23 April 2014.

Submissions may be made in writing to:

General Manager
Port Macquarie-Hastings Council
PO Box 84
PORT MACQUARIE NSW 2444

Or email to: council@pmhc.nsw.gov.au

Or online at: www.pmhclisting.com.au/enhancing-the-town-green

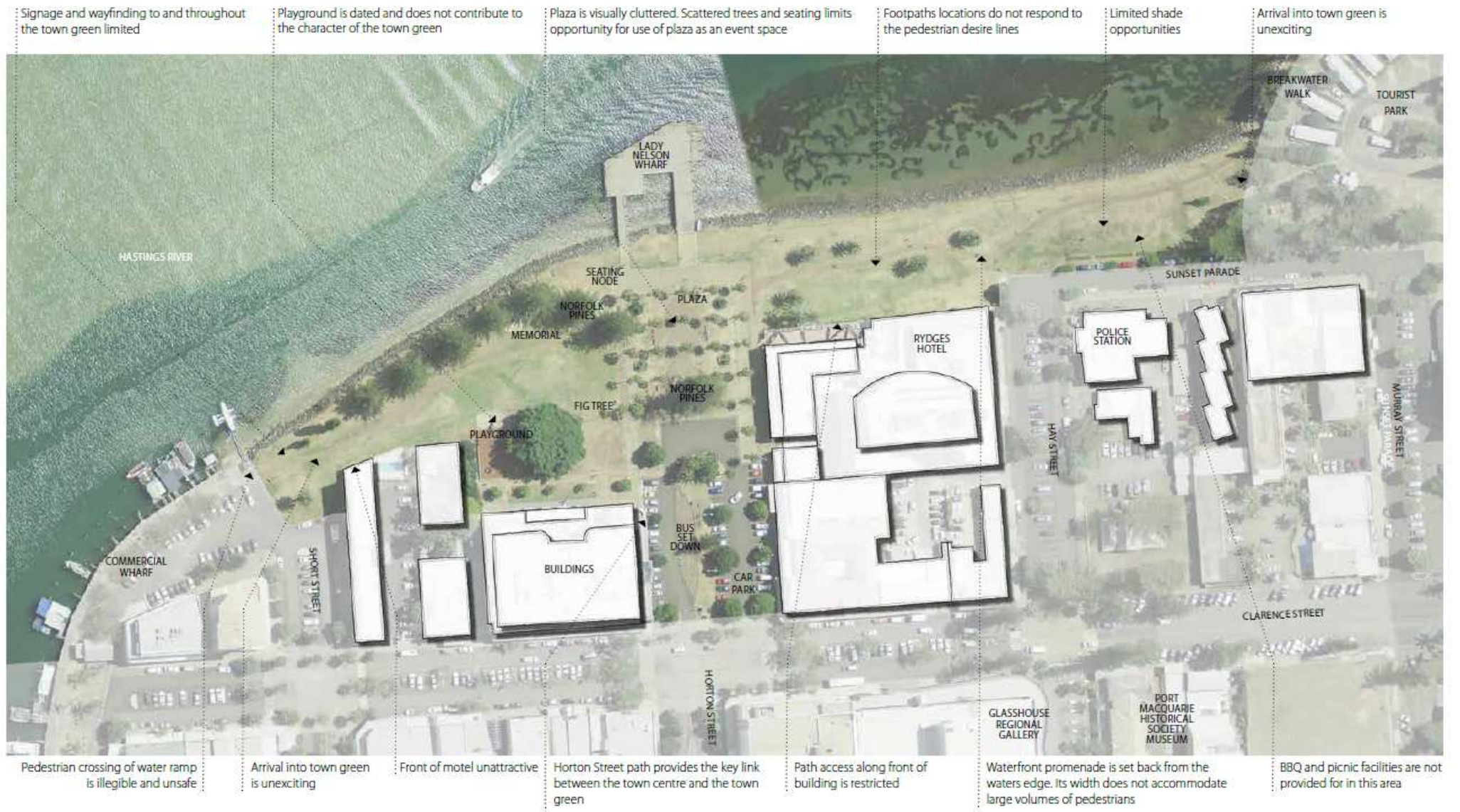


Figure 1: Existing conditions - The Town Green. TRACT 2013 'Port Macquarie Town Centre Master Plan Review', p.35

Area at the end of Short Street to be clearly defined by the converging paths, and a clear pathway across the boat ramp. Potential for a distinctive sculptural or lighting piece on the Short Street/Town Green view lines to draw people to the Town Green.

Re-locate the path out of the memorial space to create a clear grassed zone for daily informal family activities, and formal memorial events and commemorations.

Revitalise The Green as a simpler, less cluttered public space, a amphitheatre type space taking advantages of the stunning views to the water.

Establish a generous Waterfront Promenade that allows people to walk next to the water's edge and enjoy the north-facing foreshore.

Create more intimate and sheltered social spaces for picnics, social events and smaller scale gatherings.



Upgrade and expansion of the existing play facilities to include water play elements, shade and seating. This should interact with the new southern promenade and potential development with activated frontages between Fig Cafe and the Motel.

Re-plan the Horton Street area as a new 'market plaza' space, that re-claims road pavement for expanded footpath areas to the western side, retains current car parking numbers and allows a seamless market stall space when required.

Establish a generous Building Edge Promenade that allows people to walk the southern edge of the Town Green, engage with the adjacent uses, and enjoy seating and shade away from the waters edge.

Figure 2: Proposed concept - The Town Green. TRACT 2013 'Port Macquarie Town Centre Master Plan Review', p.37