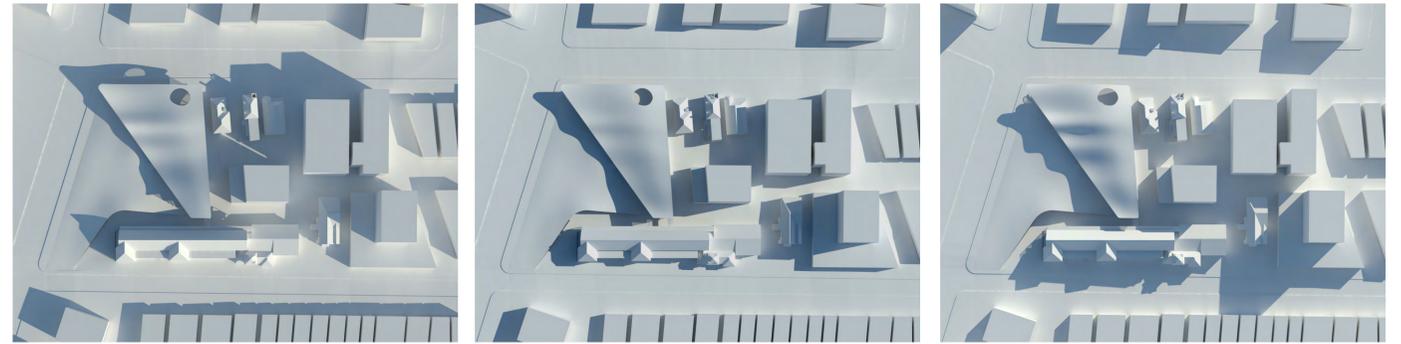


Masterplan envelope by precinct



Shadow diagrams Winter Solstice 9AM, 12PM, 3PM

Site Plan scale 1:300

New Marrickville Library

MASTER PLAN

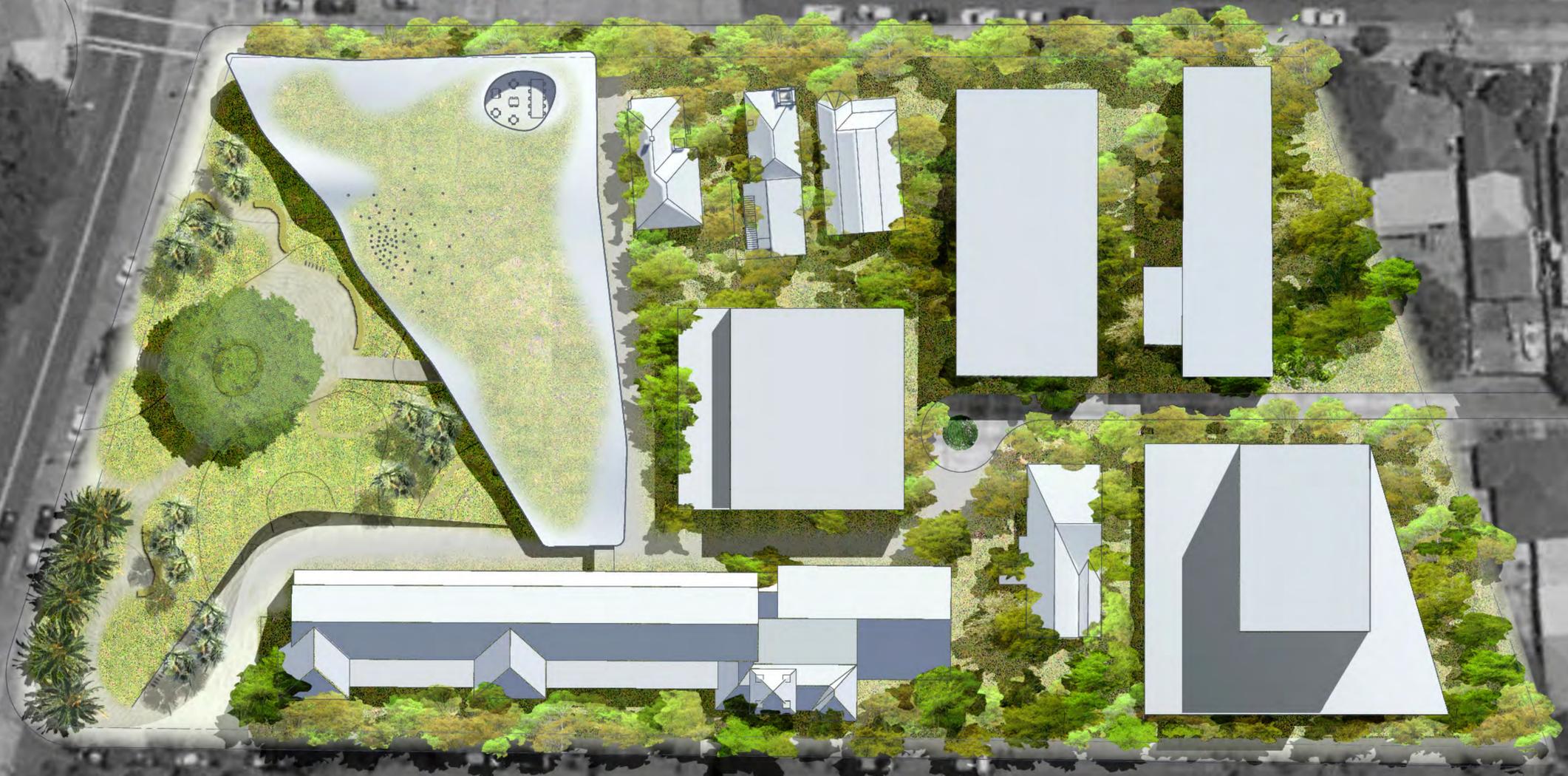
Now that work has commenced on the new Marrickville Library by means of this competition, the Master Plan will be tested in ways possibly unimagined during the Master Plan phase. This is particularly so given the change of use contemplated for Precinct B. One consequence of the inclusion of a forecourt or park on this precinct is that it allows the Master Plan footprint for the new library to be reconsidered in light of another site along Marrickville Road.

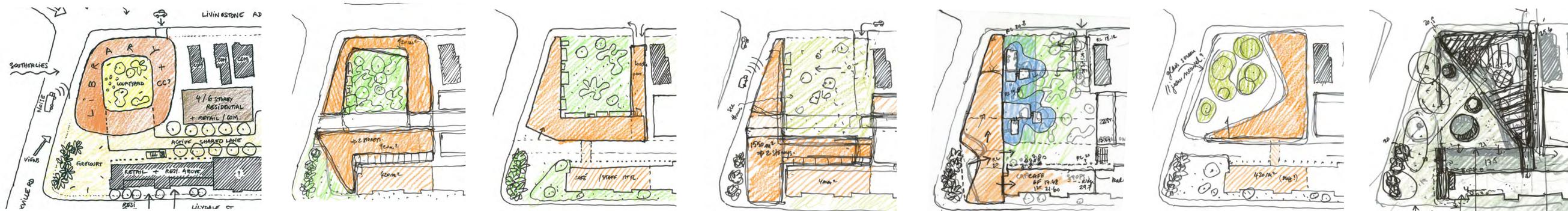
The briefing documents for this competition rightly suggest that the Master Plan for the former Marrickville Hospital site should be considered to be in a state of flux that will require further investigation. Our proposal begins some of this work but much remains to be developed jointly with the client and community.

The main area of change to the original Master Plan prepared by GMU is the removal of the residential tower in Precinct B on the corner of Marrickville and Livingstone Roads. The library remains attached to the rear of the former Marrickville Hospital, extending past it to address Marrickville Road. The residential tower has been replaced with an as yet to be determined open public space which may range in type from a planted park to hard-paved forecourt for the new library. The removal of the residential tower also simplifies the car park arrangements for the new Library.

We support the removal of the residential tower from Precinct B as its dominant built form would have compromised the civic nature of this new precinct. Further, it allows the study of options to incorporate new public, open space in a meaningful association to the library within the new civic precinct.

The former Marrickville Hospital is a fine building from all aspects. The façade addressing Lilydale Street will regain its handsome street elevation. The rear façade with its long and spare 2 storey balcony is equally fine in its restrained architectural manner. The adherence of a new library building to it will tend to stifle it regardless of efforts made to stand off it. Better to consider the hospital building in its own right; locate the new Library building in a location that makes sense of both the forecourt/park and the hospital building. We have taken this approach and woven the former hospital building, the extension of Hospital Lane, the new Library and forecourt into a fine grained urban fabric solution within the intent of the Master Plan by combining Precinct A and the newly liberated precinct B.

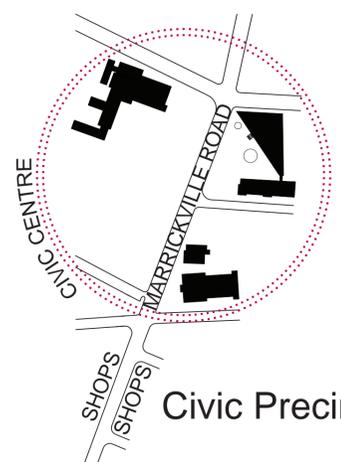




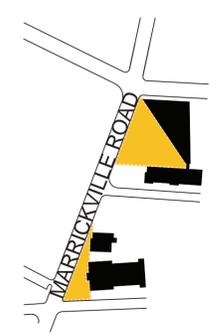
Design Process

View from Livingstone and Marrickville Rd intersection

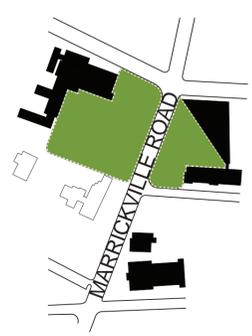




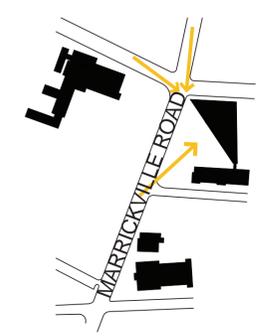
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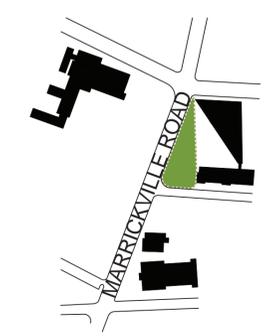
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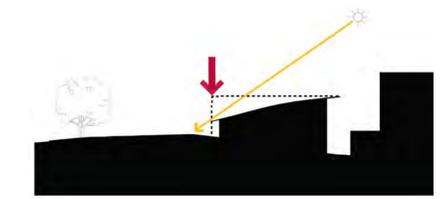
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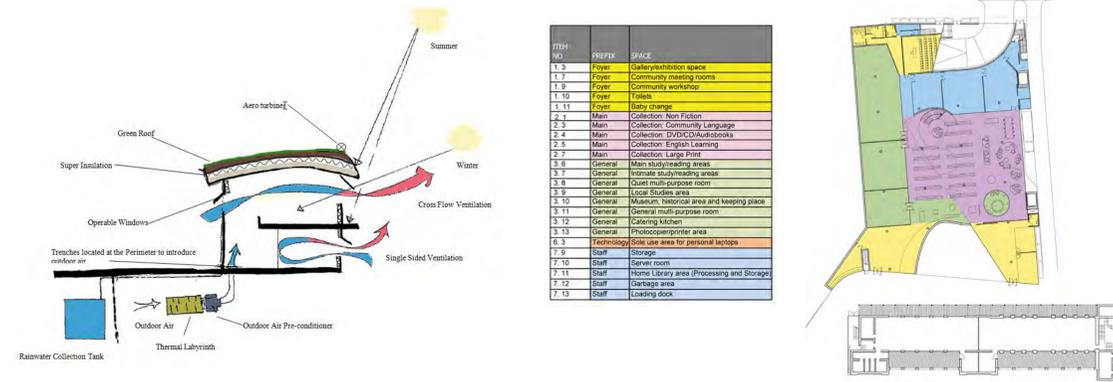
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View from Marrickville Rd





Section North/South Scale 1:200



Carpark Plan RL 14.8 Scale 1:200

Lower Ground Floor RL 17.5 Scale 1:200

URBAN DESIGN

The former Marrickville Hospital site is a prominent location bounded by Marrickville and Livingstone Roads, and Lilydale Street with its northern boundary abutting a residential area. The principal address of the site is Marrickville Road with the corner at Livingstone Road defining the commencement of Marrickville's Civic Centre and main shopping high street.

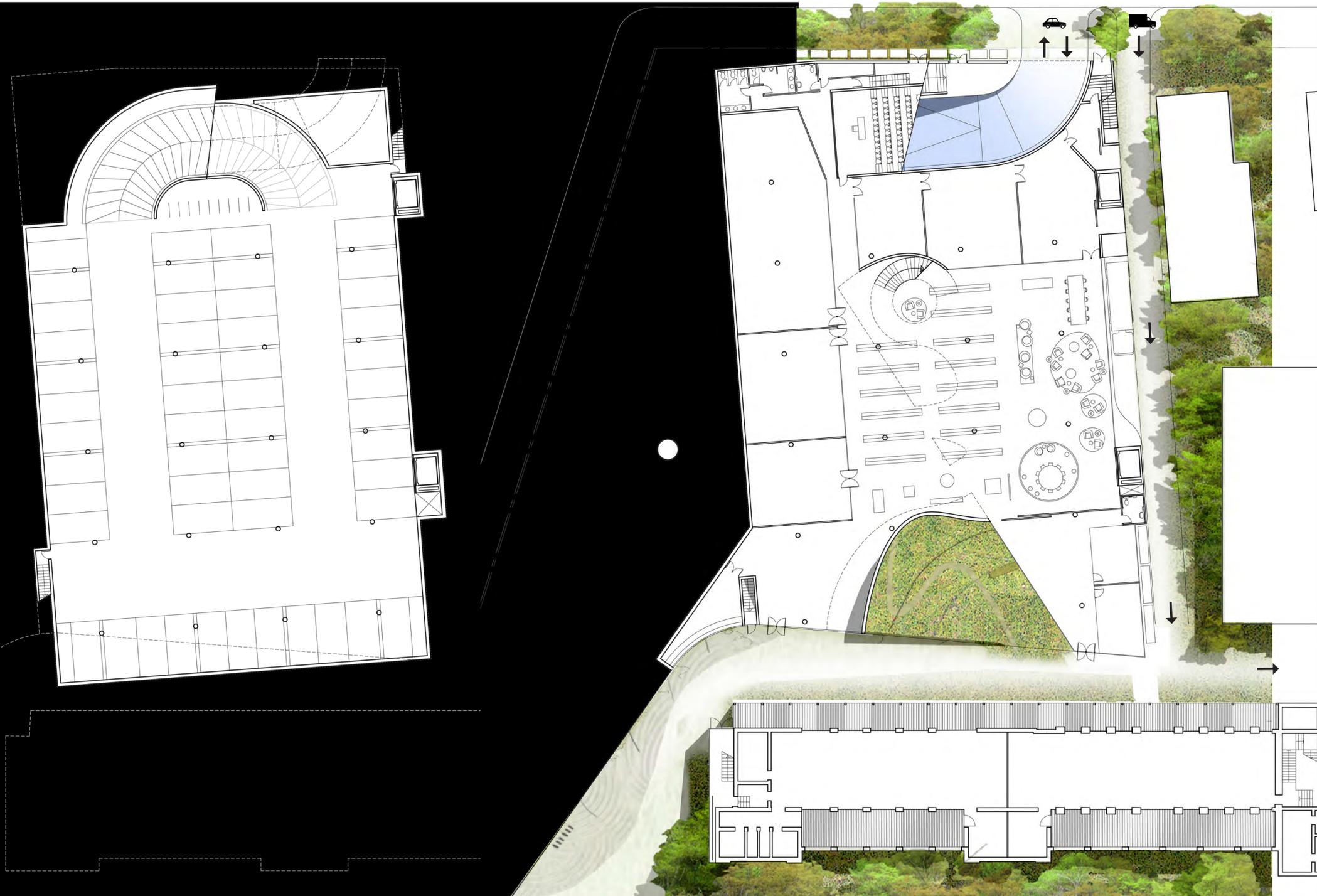
At the corner of Marrickville and Livingstone Roads, both street alignments slightly shift to give prominence to both the hospital site and St Brigid's Church. The approach to Marrickville's high street travelling eastward along Marrickville Road, places the new Library site in direct line-of-sight affording it prominence at this gateway site. As discussed in the forecourt/park review which follows, removal of the residential tower from Precinct B allows the civic potential of the corner to be achieved. Should the residential tower have proceeded, it would have acted as a screen to the library, reducing its significance at the heart of the newly created Civic Centre.

As noted in GMU's Urban Design Study No. 2 and worth restating is the manner in which both the Fire Station and former Town Hall adopt a triangular geometry to address Marrickville Road creating public space in front of each building to different extents. Our proposal adopts a similar geometry on a larger scale to integrate the new library and forecourt to Marrickville Road and the former hospital building.

The new library building sits within Precinct B on a triangular site at street level with a minimal bridge connection to the upper level of the former hospital building. The new library building is bounded by Livingstone Road to the west, a new lane to the north and the main elevation slices diagonally across Precinct B to the corner of Marrickville and Livingstone Roads. Extending the library building to the corner claims it as the commencement of the new Civic Centre when approaching Marrickville from the west. It creates a built edge along Livingstone Road and defines the western limit of the site. This edge contains a discreet vehicular entrance to the car park, a concern expressed by GMU with the introduction of open space in Precinct B.

The remaining half of Precinct B is the new triangular forecourt to the library. It continues open space along Marrickville Road in a similar way to the former Town Hall and the Fire Station. It also continues the green edge along Marrickville Road by retaining the mature Camphor Laurel Tree and Canary Island Palm trees. Mature trees along both sides of Marrickville Road at this point are a defining characteristic of this precinct.

The levels on the site have been manipulated so that there can be seamless movement from the footpath along Marrickville Road to either the main library level or the lower level of Hospital Lane without the introduction of stairs. The subtle undulation of the ground plane reinforces the meadow analogy as well as accommodating equal access around the site.



CONCEPT DESIGN

The new Marrickville Library has one fundamental aim; to welcome people into a friendly and relaxed environment where they feel comfortable to undertake the many and varied activities that contemporary libraries now offer ranging from private and group study to local history to the latest movies and music or community events. This is achieved by creating a variety of spaces that range from the traditionally quiet library environment to open and vibrant places to gather and exchange ideas, information or relax. The spaces flow easily one to another with acoustic treatment that is appropriate to the activity.

ITEM NO.	PREFIX	SPACE
1.1	Foyer	Foyer
1.2	Foyer	General meeting area/lounge
1.4	Foyer	Cafe
1.5	Foyer	Virtual customer service
1.6	Foyer	Community Information Area
1.8	Foyer	Auditorium
2.2	Main	Collection- Fiction
2.8	Main	OPAC (Online Public Access Catalogue)
3.1	General	Customer service
3.2	General	Self-checkout
3.3	General	Quick borrower area
3.4	General	Display area - New books
3.5	General	Newspaper/magazine area
3.6	General	Main study/reading area
3.7	General	Intimate study/reading areas
3.8	General	Quiet multi-purpose room
3.13	General	Photocopier/printer area
6.1	Technology	Separate technology learning lab
6.2	Technology	Quiet use area for Asset PCs
6.3	Technology	Quiet use area for personal laptops
6.4	Technology	Small multi-use technology space
7.1	Staff	Staff work area
7.2	Staff	Staff breakout
7.3	Staff	Meeting area
7.4	Staff	Quiet room

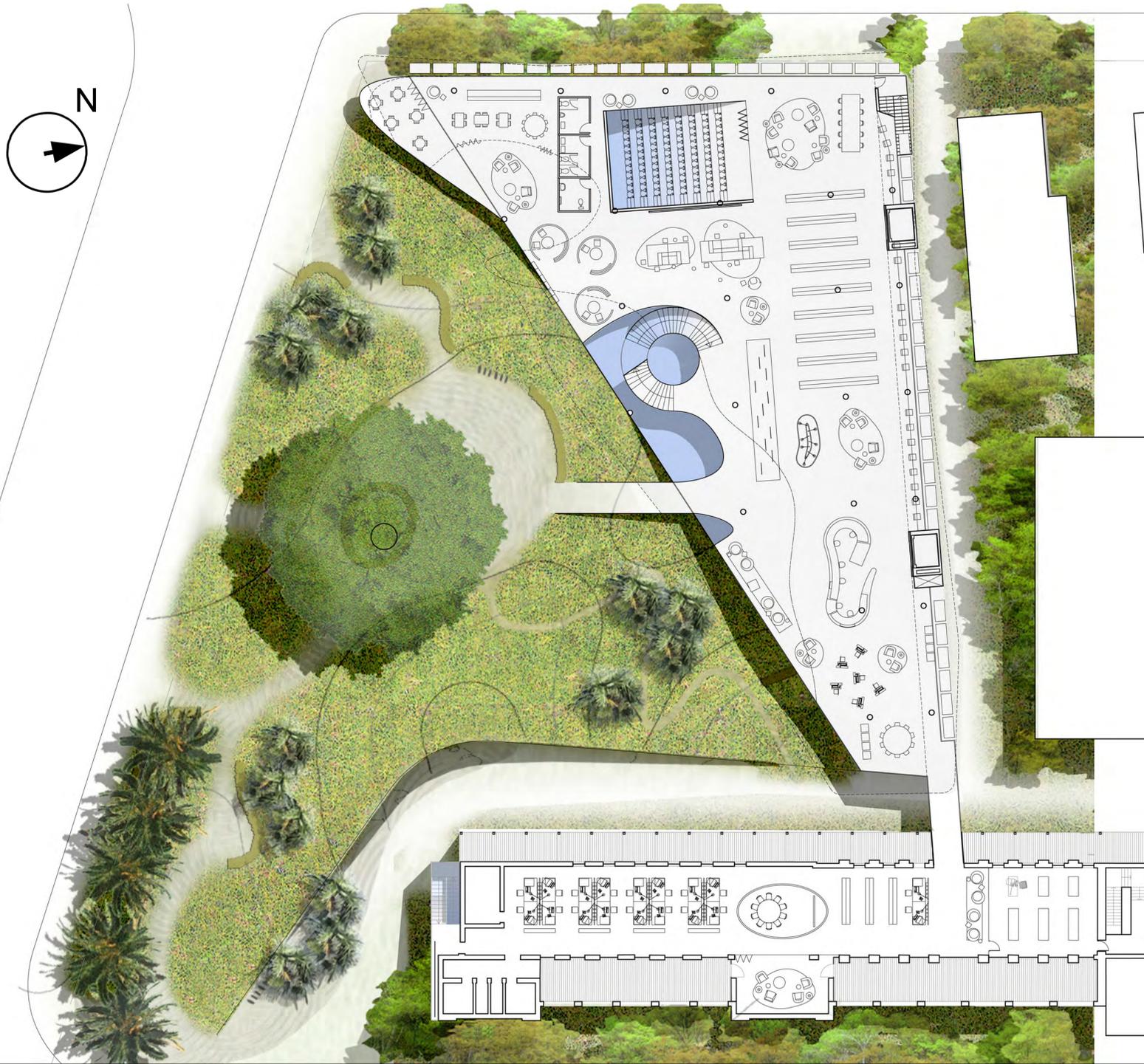


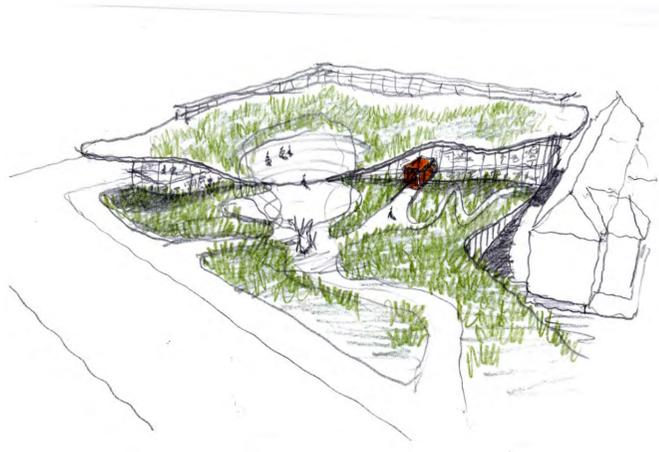
ITEM NO.	PREFIX	SPACE
3.6	Main	Collection- School Resources
3.6	General	Main study/reading area
3.7	General	Intimate study/reading areas
3.14	General	Outdoor reading area
4.1	Children	Collection- Children
4.2	Children	Reading break/lounge
4.3	Children	Storytelling area
4.4	Children	Wet area
4.5	Children	Computers
4.6	Children	Parents room
5.1	Young Adults	Collection- Young Adults
5.2	Young Adults	Youth Lounge
6.3	Technology	Quiet use area for personal laptops



Ground Floor RL 21.6 Scale 1:200

Mezzanine RL 25.2 Scale 1:200

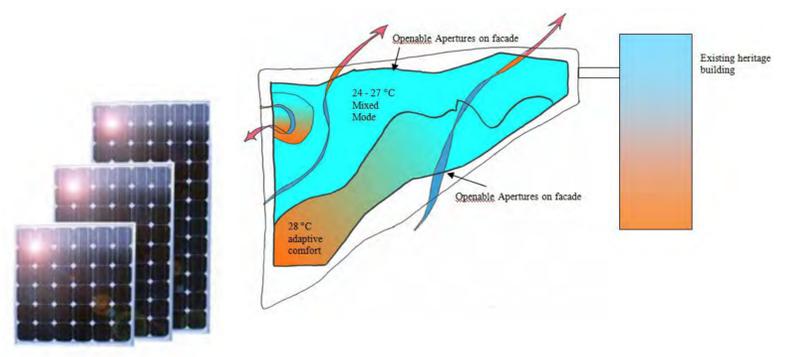




LANDSCAPE

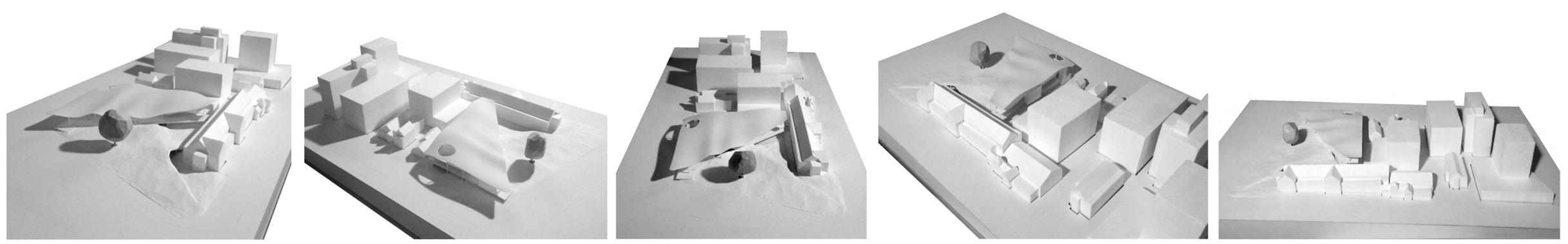
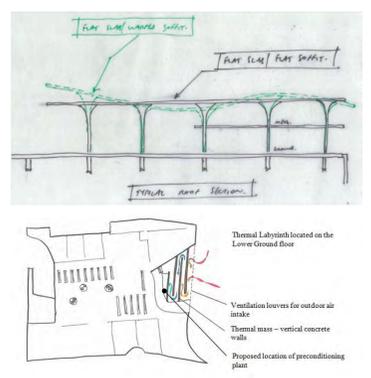
The landscape treatment for the forecourt/garden at the new Marrickville Library is generated in part from the desire to create a forecourt that contributes to the urban setting whilst acting as a green entrance to the civic precinct of Marrickville and at a more intimate level is a pleasure to occupy, move through and be in. The design builds upon the character of the existing context that results from the street width, the generous planting and the rhythm of building set back. These contribute to a strong identity for Marrickville. As such the site's important location at the intersection of Livingstone Street is capitalized upon. This location marks a shift in axis for Marrickville Road that places the site directly in view for those moving east along Marrickville Road, thereby becoming a natural marker and entry for the civic precinct. This area currently lacks clarity and legibility, but

positively, does present very much as a green space dominated by the mature Camphor Laurel tree. The design of the forecourt and library seeks to reinforce the sense of a green entry, reveal and reinstate the hospital wing and utilize the significant presence of the mature Camphor Laurel. The new composition is generated by these existing factors. The road alignment west of the site is used to generate a triangular forecourt to the building. The eastern edge of this space and the termination of the view along Marrickville Road from the west is held by the former hospital wing. The new library defines the long side of the forecourt whilst the third edge is created by the street and presents as a green space that compliments the character of the St Brigid's church grounds on the southern side of Marrickville Road.



Forecourt View





Photographs of the model

Interior View

