

Kapunda Town Square

Following the award of a \$510,000 grant under the State Government's *Places for People* program to develop the Kapunda Town Square on the corner of Main & Crase Streets, Council has now been offered a further grant of up to \$159,224 under the Australian Government's *Smart Cities & Suburbs Program (SCSP)*.

The SCSP grant will be used to expand the public Wi-Fi network, waste bin level sensors and smart lighting proposed for the Town Square into the Main Street precinct. The grant may fund an electric vehicle charging station and maximise on-site solar PV energy generation & storage to power local infrastructure. This project was 1 of only 6 South Australian Council's offered grant funding under Round 1 of the highly competitive SCSP.



The former supermarket and butcher shop buildings on the Main Street site have now been demolished, allowing the community to perceive what will be an iconic and vibrant space within the Kapunda town centre.

The internal roadway remains open to provide access into the Post Office and Telstra Exchange, however security fencing is in place until such time as the demolished surface is safe for public access.

Informal car parking on the eastern half of the site continues to occur, however the community is encouraged to use the formal car park opposite in Crase Street (behind the North Kapunda Hotel). This formal car park will be sealed with line-marking as part of the project, catering for larger vehicles like SUV's and 4WD's which are more commonplace in the town.



Figure 1 – ‘Before’ and ‘After’ building demolition photos of the Town Square.

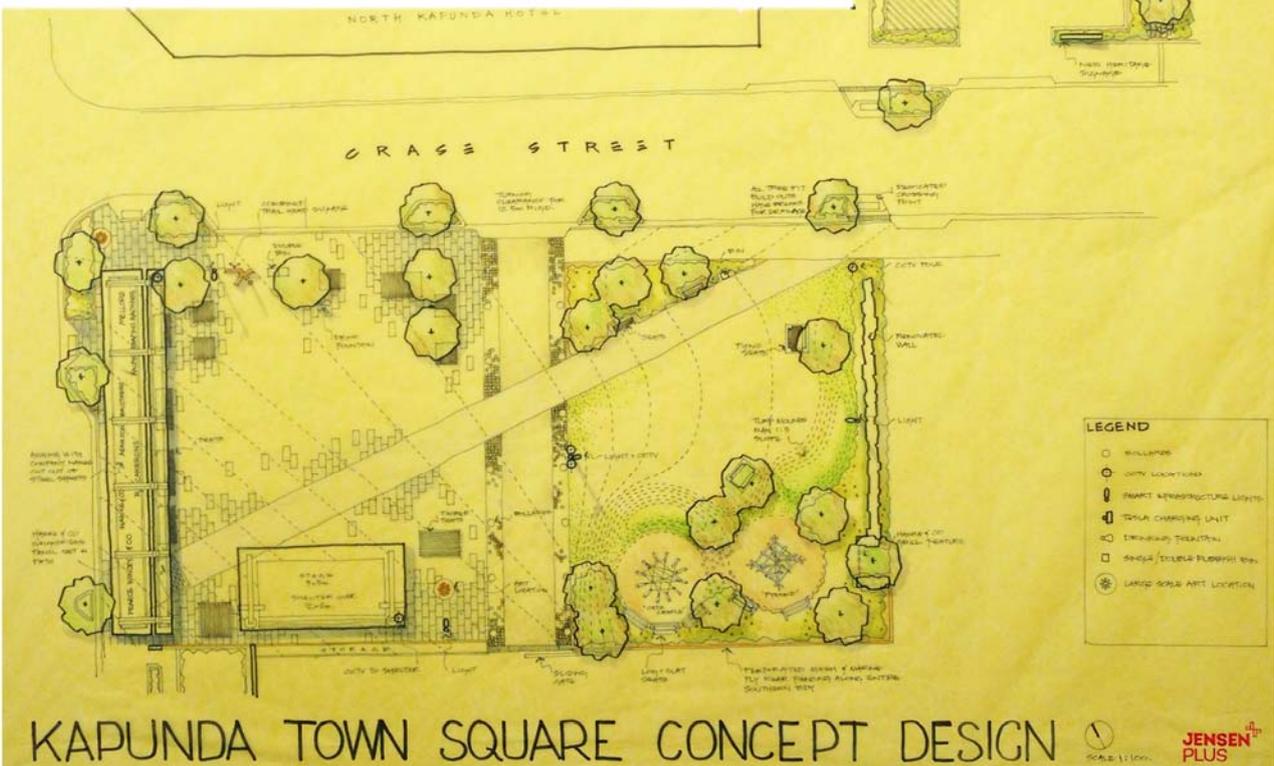
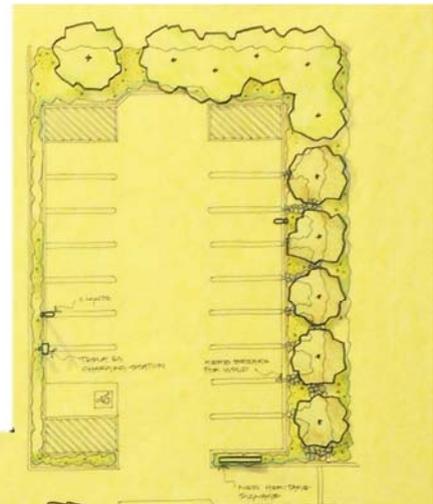
The heritage stone wall on the eastern boundary of the site has also undergone recent repairs and uplift. It will be an excellent feature of the Town Square and compliment the adjacent natural play and lawned areas.



Figure 2 – Recent repairs and uplift to the eastern boundary stone wall

The detailed design of the site is scheduled for completion in January 2018, following review and input by the Community Focus Group formed to steer the project. The design to date is ambitious and Council is likely to seek community support in order to deliver within the approved project budget.

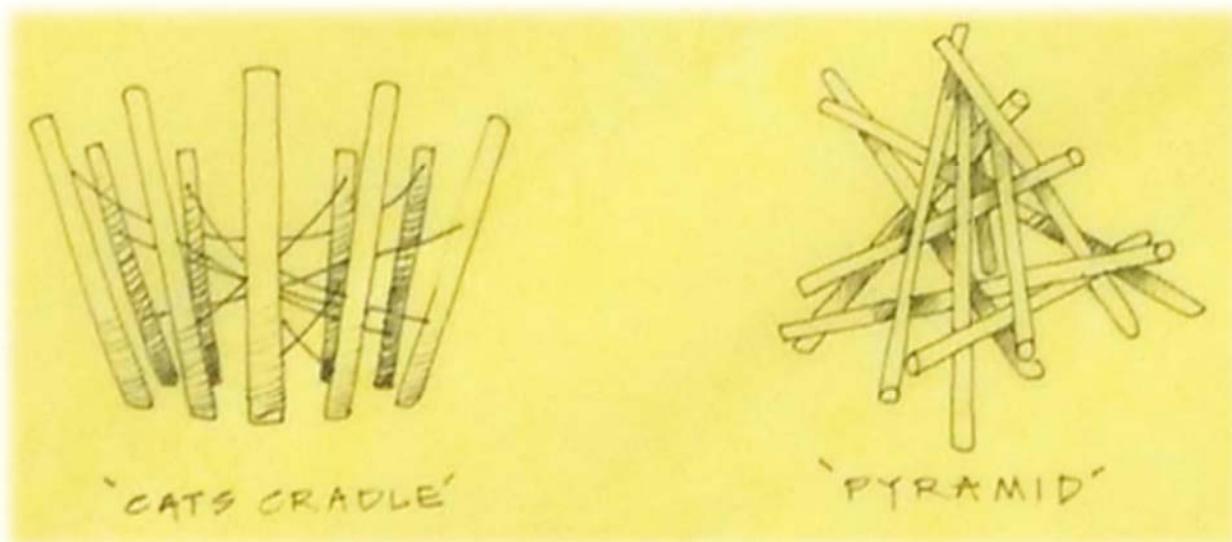
This community support may take many forms. For example, a local geotechnical firm has already pledged in-kind testing of the site for structural design input.



Some early design features include a stage (shelter) and awning structure in the plaza space, commemorating the railway and thriving steel manufacturing heritage of the town.



Nature play equipment is likely to utilise locally sourced timber materials for climbing structures. Alternatively, large rocks may also give children an opportunity to enjoy the square.



Achieving the aspirational design may take a little longer to complete, when compared to a single construction contract approach. However this community-oriented methodology is considered warranted given the vibrant, lasting impact the site will have for future generations. The project is expected to be completed before the grant funding deadline of 31 December 2018.

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