

CONCEPT 3B | COMBINED

Concept 3B is a hybrid design which combines the ideas from Concept 1 and Concept 3. In concept 3B the OwanDEM is placed on the former Hallett dock. The undulating rubber surface surrounding the boat breathes colour into the playful space. Planting beds have been added to the north which define the area and connect it to the event space to the east. Curved planting beds frame the event space softening the defined geometries of the paving and the linear design of the existing waterfront park. String lighting overhead is reminiscent of Rainy Lake Square and adds a soft ambiance to the area at night. Seating is incorporated along the planting beds reducing the need for added site furniture and leaving the central plaza area open for a variety of events. Contrasting paving underneath the Hallett accents the vessel and uplighting highlights the ship at night. Access to the Hallett will be via a ramp on the south side of the boat, maintaining unobstructed views of the Hallett from the event space. The ramp will be accessible and the platform at the top will offer views out over the Rainy River as well as access onto the boat. Proposed trees on the south east corner of the site offer a shady space where families can sit and picnic. A new deck will define the existing beach and offer seating and space to display the existing rock monument and the historic anchor. The edge of the river bank will be softened with the addition of native riparian plants. All efforts will be made to preserve the existing trees on site, however the tree nearest to the proposed Hallett location may interfere with the structural support of the boat depending on the final design.

The images included below are meant to provide a sense of the atmosphere of the space. These are not depictions of the final outcome of the design. These images are not owned by LBLA and are for exemplary purposes only.

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