

AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETING OF COUNCIL

Tuesday, 17 May 2022

To be held Swan Hill Town Hall
McCallum Street, Swan Hill
Commencing at 2pm

COUNCIL:

Cr J Benham – Mayor

Cr B Moar
Cr A Young
Cr LT McPhee
Cr C Jeffery
Cr S King
Cr N McKay

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SECTION A – PROCEDURAL MATTERS

- **Welcome**

- **Acknowledgement of Country**

- **Prayer**

- **Apologies/Leaves of Absence**

- **Directors/Officers Present**

- **Confirmation of Minutes**
 - 1) Scheduled Meeting Of Council held on 19 April 2022
 - 2) Unscheduled Meeting of Council held on 22 April 2022

- **Disclosures of Conflict of Interest**

- **Joint Letters and Reading of Petitions**

- **Public Question Time**

- **Open Forum**

SECTION B – REPORTS

B.22.37 AUDIT COMMITTEE

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate Services
File Number: 15-28-01
Attachments: 1 Placeholder - Confidential Attachment

Declarations of Interest:

Helen Morris - as the responsible officer, I declare that I have no disclosable interests in this matter.

Summary

Council's Audit Committee met on 7 April 2022 and this report summarises the items that were discussed at these meeting.

Discussion

1. IT Security Update
2. Internal Audit updates on recommendations
3. Update by Internal Auditor and Strategic Internal Audit Plan (FY2023)
4. Draft Audit Strategy Memorandum
5. Risk Management Update
6. Financial Performance & Position Review Q/E 31 December 2021
7. FY2023 Budget Update
8. Actions from Independent Members Self-Assessment Survey
9. Pandemic Planning and Response
10. Significant Legislative Changes affecting Council
11. Suspected and Actual Frauds, Theft and Breaches of the Law by Management

Consultation

Not applicable.

Financial Implications

The sitting fees paid to independent members on the Audit Committee are adjusted annually by CPI. Sitting fees are included in Council's Budget.

Social Implications

Not applicable.

Economic Implications

Not applicable.

Environmental Implications

Not applicable.

Risk Management Implications

The Audit Committee helps to oversee Council's risk management practices. Internal and other audits are routinely done to reduce the risk to Council.

Council Plan Strategy Addressed

Leadership - Bold leadership, strong partnerships and effective advocacy.

Options

Not applicable.

Recommendations

That Council:

That Council note the contents of this report.

Confidential attachment

- Audit Committee Confidential Unconfirmed Minutes 7 April 2022

B.22.38 QUARTERLY REVIEW OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL POSITION TO 31 MARCH 2022

Responsible Officer: Director Corporate Services
File Number: 42-20-00
Attachments: 1 Swan Hill Rural City Council Statement of Income and Expenditure

Declarations of Interest:

Helen Morris - as the responsible officer, I declare that I have no disclosable interests in this matter.

Summary

A review of Council's Financial Performance (Income and Expenditure) and Financial Position (Balance Sheet) to the adopted Budget for the nine months to 31 March 2022 has been conducted and the results are summarised in this report.

Discussion

A summarised Statement of Income and Expenditure and a summarised Balance Sheet for the nine months ended 31 March 2022 are included with this report.

Major variations to budget as at 31 March 2022 are also explained by way of notes on the attached reports.

The forecast result is expected to be better than budget at this stage of the financial year. The predicted surplus assumes that Major Projects and Capital Works for the remainder of the financial year will be within budget.

Significant forecast variations to budget include:

	Current Forecast Variances		Previous Forecast Variances	
Grants Commission – Financial Assistance Grants (including Transfer from Reserve)	\$297,366	Favourable	\$297,366	Favourable
Grants Commission – 2021 Underpayment	\$110,267	Favourable	\$110,267	Favourable
Employee Costs (net) – excl Working for Victoria	\$510,000	Favourable	\$390,000	Favourable
WorkCover Premiums	\$229,300	Favourable	\$229,300	Favourable
WorkCover Levy – MAV Scheme	(\$924,000)	Unfavourable	(\$924,000)	Unfavourable
Commercial Leases	\$24,960	Favourable	\$24,960	Favourable
Carparking	(\$115,000)	Unfavourable	(\$115,000)	Unfavourable
Cleaning Costs	(\$6,590)	Unfavourable	(\$6,590)	Unfavourable

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	Current Forecast Variances		Previous Forecast Variances	
COVID-19 Response (Cleaning, Masks, Security)	(\$33,800)	Unfavourable	(\$33,800)	Unfavourable
Transfer from COVID-19 Reserve	\$33,800	Favourable	\$33,800	Favourable
Border Crossing Management – COVID-19 response	(\$10,070)	Unfavourable	(\$10,070)	Unfavourable
Planning Contractor	(\$82,000)	Unfavourable	(\$82,000)	Unfavourable
Pioneer Settlement Admissions	(\$150,000)	Unfavourable	(\$199,000)	Unfavourable
Livestock Exchange	(\$150,000)	Unfavourable	(\$128,000)	Unfavourable
Swan Hill Indoor Sports & Recreation facility hire	(\$25,000)	Unfavourable	(\$36,000)	Unfavourable
2020/21 rate surplus appropriation – MAV Workcare liability	\$600,000	Favourable	-	-
Net Variation to 2021/22 Budget	\$309,233	Favourable	(\$448,767)	Unfavourable

Consultation

Consultation occurred as part of the Budget preparation process.

Financial Implications

The report shows a predicted rates determination result of \$309,233 above the budgeted surplus for the 2021/22 financial year.

See also CEO Compliance Statement below.

Social Implications

Not relevant to this item.

Economic Implications

Not relevant to this item.

Environmental Implications

Not relevant to this item.

Risk Management Implications

The anticipated surplus is subject to income and costs trending as they have to date for the final three months of the year.

Council Plan Strategy Addressed

Leadership - Excellent management and administration.

Options

Nil

2020 Local Government Act Compliance Statement by CEO

The Local Government Act 2020 requires a statement by the Chief Executive Officer as to whether a revised budget is or may be required at the time the second quarterly report is presented to Council. That statement was overlooked when officers presented the December 2021 quarterly report at the February 2022 Council meeting.

To rectify the oversight, the CEO's statement is hereby contained in this third quarterly financial report.

I, Rosanne Kava, Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Swan Hill Rural City Council hereby state that a revised budget is not anticipated for the 2021/22 financial year. The better than budget forecast indicated in this quarterly finance report supports my assessment.

Recommendations

That Council:

- 1. Note that the anticipated end of financial year result is \$309,233 better than the adopted budget surplus of \$102,000 at this stage.**
- 2. Note the CEO's statement, that a revised budget is not required for the 2021/22 financial year.**

**SWAN HILL RURAL CITY COUNCIL
STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE
FOR THE 9 MONTHS ENDING 31/3/2022**

	Actual Year To Date 31/03/2022 \$000	Budget Year To Date 31/03/2022 \$000	\$ Variance To Budget \$000	% Variance To Budget	Original Annual Budget 2021/22 \$000	Notes
OPERATING INCOME :-						
Rates, garbage charges and marketing levy	30,059	30,022	37	0.1%	30,022	
Statutory fees & fines	778	784	(6)	-0.7%	1,045	
User fees	2,962	3,404	(442)	-13.0%	4,539	1
Grants - Operating (recurrent)	5,274	7,420	(2,146)	-28.9%	9,893	2
Grants - operating (non-recurrent)	2,680	1,254	1,426	113.7%	1,672	3
Grants - capital (recurrent)	636	1,076	(440)	-40.9%	1,434	4
Grants - capital (non-recurrent)	1,641	7,385	(5,744)	-77.8%	9,847	5
Contributions - cash non recurrent	248	191	57	29.7%	255	6
Interest income	230	233	(3)	-1.4%	311	
Proceeds from disposal of assets	259	1,247	(988)	-79.2%	1,662	7
Other revenue	667	2,268	(1,601)	-70.6%	3,024	8
TOTAL INCOME	45,434	55,284	(9,850)	-17.8%	63,704	
OPERATING EXPENSES (Excluding Depreciation) :-						
Employee benefits	15,766	16,055	(289)	-1.8%	21,407	
Contract payments materials & services	10,708	13,255	(2,547)	-19.2%	17,673	9
Bad & doubtful debts	2	2	1	0.0%	2	
Finance costs	138	149	(11)	-7.1%	198	
Other expenses	748	900	(152)	-16.9%	1,200	10
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES (Excl. Depn.)	27,362	30,360	(2,998)	-9.9%	40,480	
OPERATING RESULT (Excl. Depn.)	18,072	24,924	(6,852)	-27.5%	23,224	
CAPITAL ITEMS :-						
Capital works/asset purchases	11,350	19,766	(8,416)	-43%	26,355	11
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) AFTER CAPITAL ITEMS	6,722	5,157	1,565	30%	(3,131)	
ADD FINANCING TRANSACTIONS						
Loan principal redemption	(5,136)	(4,980)	156	3.1%	(5,165)	
Transfers to/from reserves	9,823	9,823	-	0.0%	8,398	
Proceeds from loans	-	-	-	0.0%	0	
TOTAL FINANCING TRANSACTIONS	4,687	4,843	(156)	-3.2%	3,233	
BUDGET RESULT SURPLUS	11,409	10,000	1,409	14.1%	102	

- 1 User fees and charges are below forecast due mostly to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Pioneer Settlement (\$121K) has been closed due to the state lockdowns. Parking fees (\$74K) are below forecast due to the decision from Council to waive meter fees. The Livestock exchange (\$153K) is currently below forecast also.
- 2 Fifty per cent of Council's 2021/22 Victoria Grants Commission allocation was received in advance in June 2021. This variance will remain for the year and is offset by increased cash holdings on the Balance Sheet and in transfers from reserves.
The full year result for the Victoria Grants Commission allocation will be \$407,633 better than forecast due to an additional \$297,366 from the indexation of our allocation in the 2022 year, and \$110,267 being the underpayment from 2021.
- 3 Grant funding for a number of projects which had not been forecast have been received this year to date. These projects include: \$230K for the Seasonal Worker Accommodation Action Team, \$200K Outdoor Activation Grants, \$79K for Biodiversity Response Planning. The remainder of this variance relates to grants forecast to be received in the prior financial year to the value of \$825K.
- 4 Timing issue. This grant funding will be received in full by the end of the financial year.
- 5 Timing issue. Project milestones are yet to be completed for a number of significant capital works projects. Refer note 11.
- 6 Contributions of \$42K were received for the Art Gallery ACRE project and \$13K for the Youth In Action project which has not been forecast.
- 7 The budget had allowed for the sale of lots in Ronald St Robinvale over the financial year. These lots will not be sold until the end of the year.
- 8 The budget had allowed for \$1,082K of sales at Tower Hill. To date no sales have been received, however once titles have been issued, settlement of the lot sales will be completed.
- 9 The majority of this variance (\$610K) relates to the payment of the waste management contract. There have been delays in receiving and authorisation of contractor payments. Payment of the EPA levy is also \$77K below forecast due to contractor delays. Distribution of the Our Region Our Rivers funding is \$623K below forecast due to project milestones of the partner Council's not being met to date.
- 10 Timing issue. Council's audit expenses and motor vehicle registrations are yet to be paid.
- 11 Significant capital works projects forecast for the 2021/22 year such as the Our Place building, Monash Drive car parking, Ken Harrison Soccer Pavilion, Ronald St and Tower Hill developments have all had minimal expenses to date. Council also has almost \$18M in works carried forward from the 2020/21 year that will further delay the 2021/22 budgeted works.

**SWAN HILL RURAL CITY COUNCIL
SUMMARISED BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31/3/2022**

	This Year Actual As At 31/03/2022 \$000	Last Year Actual As At 31/03/2021 \$000	\$ Movement Y.T.D. \$000	% Movement 2021/22	Budget As At End 2021/22 \$000
CURRENT ASSETS:-					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	44,485	47,171	(2,686)	-5.7%	22,969
Trade & Other Receivables	9,339	7,597	1,742	22.9%	3,909
Inventories	117	180	(63)	-35.0%	146
Other Assets	208	208	0	0.0%	311
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	54,149	55,156	(1,007)	-1.8%	27,335
CURRENT LIABILITIES:-					
Trade & Other Payables	474	3,083	(2,609)	-84.6%	3,375
Trust Funds & Deposits	430	259	171	66.0%	2,514
Provisions	5,084	5,288	(204)	-3.9%	5,835
Interest Bearing Loans & Borrowings	294	5,179	(4,885)	-94.3%	268
Lease Liabilities	241	400	(159)	-39.8%	75
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	6,523	14,209	(7,686)	-54.1%	12,067
NET CURRENT ASSETS	47,626	40,947	6,679	16.3%	15,268
NON-CURRENT ASSETS:-					
Trade & Other Receivables	111	111	-	0.0%	130
Property, Plant, Equipment & Infrastructure	497,303	491,054	6,249	1.3%	530,745
Right-of-use Assets	444	850	(406)	-47.8%	204
Intangible Assets	3,072	3,072	0	0.0%	3,196
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	500,930	495,087	5,843	1.2%	534,275
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES:-					
Interest Bearing Loans & Borrowings	2,472	2,320	152	6.6%	2,350
Lease Liabilities	189	458	(269)	-58.7%	142
Provisions	1,768	1,649	119	7.2%	1,650
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	4,429	4,427	2	0.0%	4,142
TOTAL NET ASSETS	544,127	531,607	12,520	2.4%	545,401
EQUITY:-					
Accumulated Surplus & Reserves	332,209	321,614	10,595	3.3%	311,757
Asset Revaluation Reserve	211,918	209,993	1,925	0.9%	233,644
TOTAL EQUITY	544,127	531,607	12,520	2.4%	545,401

**B.22.39 SUBDIVISION (DWELLING EXCISION) IN THE FARMING ZONE
AFFECTED BY LAND SUBJECT TO INUNDATION OVERLAY
LOCATED AT 10 RIVER ROAD, SWAN HILL**

Responsible Officer: Director Development and Planning
File Number: 2021-116
Attachments:
1 Objection Cutri
2 Letter Carty
3 LMW
4 GMW

Declarations of Interest:

Heather Green - as the responsible officer, I declare that I have no disclosable interests in this matter.

Applicant	Roy Costa and Associates Pty Ltd
Proposal	Two lot subdivision (dwelling excision)
Zoning	Farming zone
Overlay	Land subject to inundation
Reason for reporting to Council	Refusal recommendation
Advertised	Yes
Number of objections	One

Summary

The purpose of this report is to consider a planning permit application for two lot subdivision of the land at 10 River Road Swan Hill. There is an existing dwelling on the land, which the proponent is seeking to excise. The land is contained within a Farming zone, and is impacted by a Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (LSIO). The officer recommendation is to issue a Refusal to Grant a Permit.

Discussion

Subject Site

The subject site comprises an irregularly shaped parcel having an area of 3.26ha. The land is occupied by a dwelling, established gardens and shedding which is located to the rear, or east of the parcel. Access to the land is available from the River Road frontage.

The land is located on the eastern side of River Road. Wetlands are located between the site and the Murray River, with a channel located to the north of the wetlands. A dwelling is located to the north of the site, and a levee bank to the south. A significant part of the property has and continues to be farmed.

On the western side of River Road adjacent to the subject land a reserve has been created to the south of the subject land to allow for the development of the land for the purposes of the Swan Hill Water Treatment Plant (WTP).

The incompatibility of the proposed development of the subject site with the soon to be developed WTP will be discussed later in this report.



Figure 1 – subject land shown in purple

Surrounding existing land use and development

The subject land (see figure 1) is located on the north east periphery of the Swan Hill township. The area within which the subject site is located has developed a rural residential character despite maintaining a Farming zoning due to the cumulative impact of house lot excisions and permissions granted to construct dwellings on small lots.

The land is on the eastern side of River Road. A levee bank is adjacent to the site's southern boundary.

The land is flat and is improved by a substantial dwelling with associated shedding.

Land to the south is developed by conventional residential development, whilst land to the north has a rural residential character despite being in a Farming zone.

The subdivisional pattern prevalent in the general locality is mixed with lots ranging 1.3 ha to over 13 ha.

Proposed water treatment plant abutting the site

As introduced in the previous section of this report, Lower Murray Water (LMW) has purchased 25 River Road to be developed and used for the Swan Hill Water Treatment Plant. This facility is more akin to an industrial use in appearance and function, and is would certainly impact the amenity of residents should Council be of a mind to grant a planning permit for the proposal. LMW has lodged an objection to this application on that basis

The proposed WTP is an important future piece of infrastructure for the Swan Hill community and its establishment should not be hampered by the construction of a dwelling on a small lot in the Farming zone. Indeed, LMW stated in their objection to the proposal that their understanding, and correctly so, was that dwellings on small lots in the Farming zone were explicitly discouraged by the Planning Scheme.

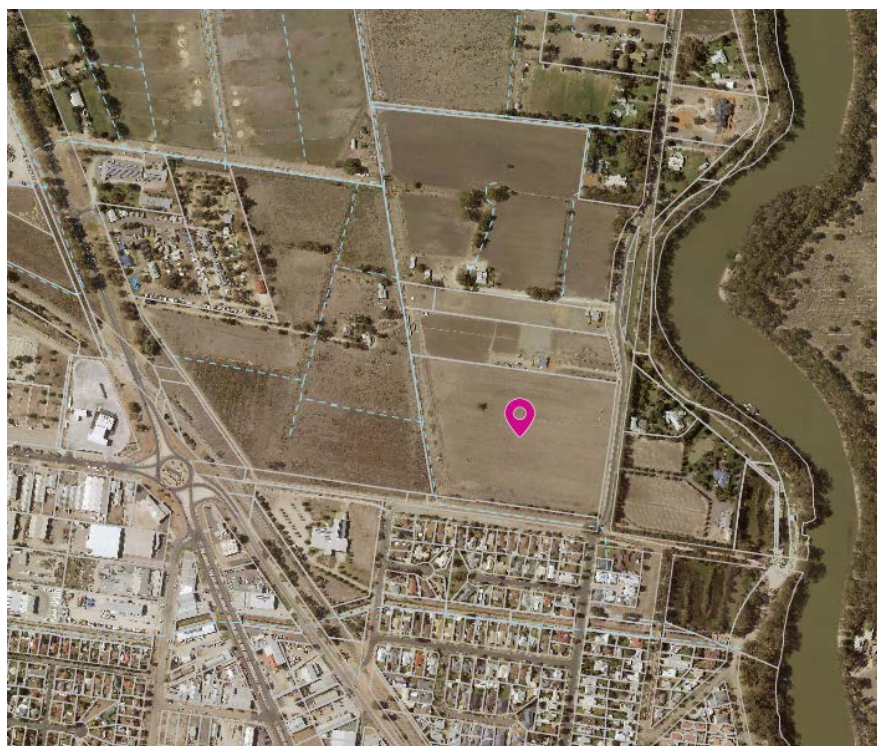


Figure 2 – Surrounding area.

Proposal

The planning application seeks approval to subdivide the land into two allotments by excising the existing dwelling and shedding.

The original subdivision plans submitted showed the existing dwelling on a lot of 2.835ha and a small balance lot of 0.4269ha. The applicant was advised that this was an unacceptable planning outcome, with a particularly small lot being created.

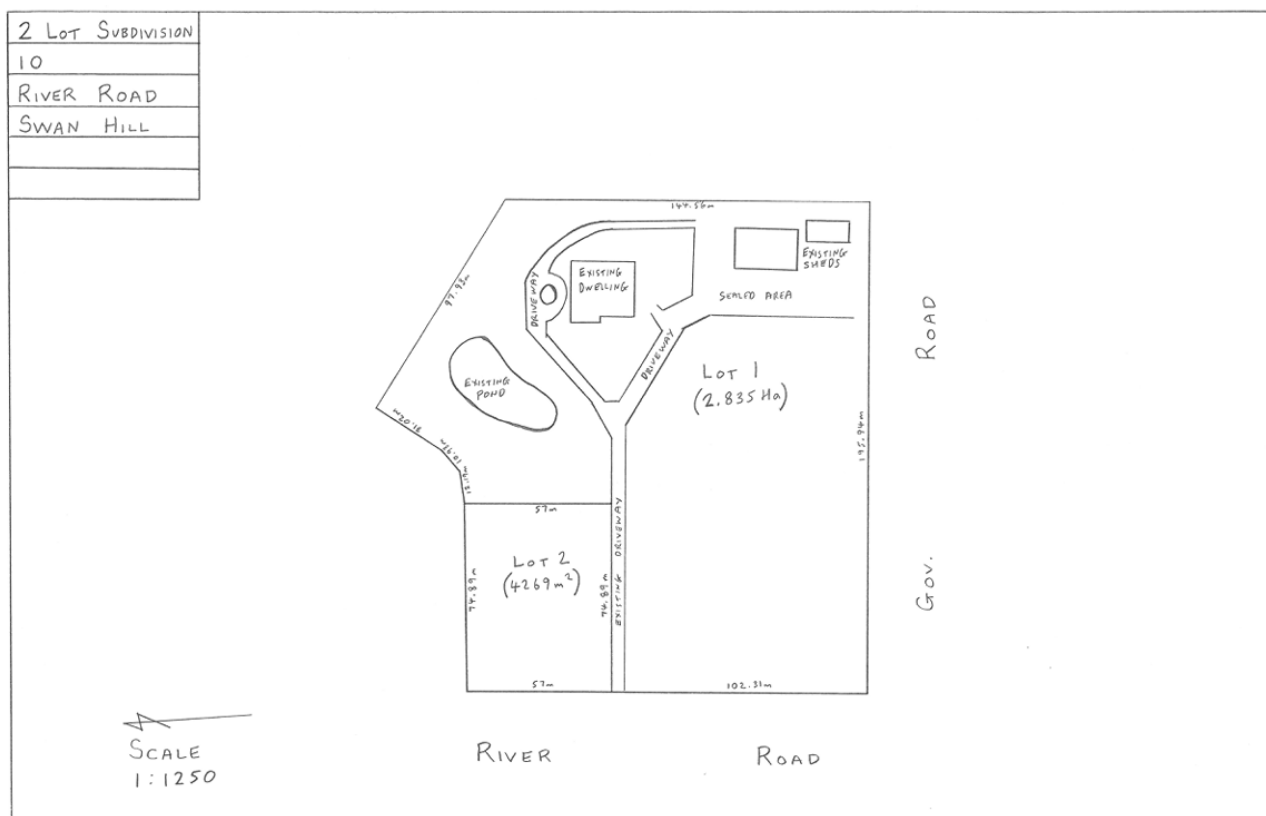


Figure 3 original proposal

A second plan was subsequently submitted, however this was rejected by officers as access to lot 1 was proposed to be from the levee bank, which is unacceptable.

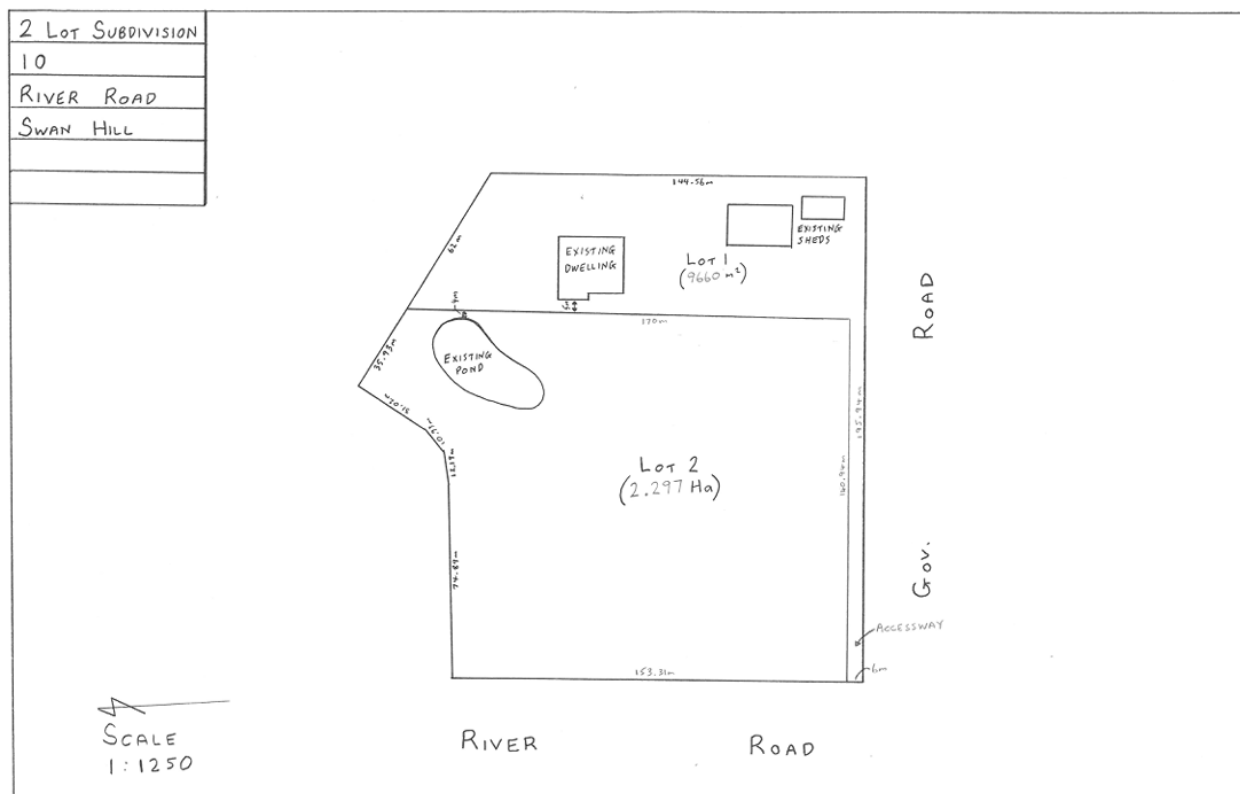


Figure 5 Amended proposal 2

Assessment

After a preliminary assessment of the proposal, the applicant was advised that due to significant conflict between the requirements of the Farming Zone, the proposed development of a water treatment plant on the abutting allotment and the advice from the relevant floodplain manager, the application would be unlikely to be supported.

The future development of what effectively will present and operate as an industrial use in close proximity of any proposed dwelling that would be constructed on the balance block has drawn formal objection from Lower Murray Water, who express extreme concern about the incompatibility of the two land uses. Indeed, LMW specifically selected this site because of the understanding that it is not good planning practice to construct dwellings on small sites in the Farming Zone.

The applicant then advised that they would be willing to enter into a section 173 agreement acknowledging the potential reduction in amenity. The other external referral authority, North Central Catchment Management Authority, as the floodplain manager, also lodged an objection to the proposal due to flooding concerns.

Of additional concern is the location of the proposed western boundary of the house lot, which is only five metres from the existing dwelling.

River Road has been subject to a significant intensification of residential uses on small lots in a Farming zone. This situation is contrary to sound planning practice and should be strenuously deterred by the Responsible Authority, particularly in an area adjacent to an unmaintained levee bank.

Policy direction

Planning Policy Framework – Swan Hill Planning Scheme

Clause 13.03-1S – Floodplain management – The objective of this policy is to protect life and property from the hazards of riverine and overland flows above all other policy consideration. The proposal does not meet the objective of the zone as it creates a risk to any future inhabitants of the dwelling as well as adding additional strain on emergency services in the event of an emergency.

This policy also seeks to ensure that the effects from flooding is minimised by avoiding intensification of inappropriately located use and development and appropriate consideration be given to the cumulative impacts of proposals on flood behaviour. It is acknowledged that a single dwelling will not have a severe impact as a result of flooding. However, it is important to consider this application in the context of many proposals that have been received and approved in the past. Additionally, if approved, the proposed dwelling has the potential to inspire similar proposals, which in turn reinforces the cumulative effect all these proposals have had and will have in the event that the area floods.

Clause 13.07-1S – Land use compatibility – This clause seeks to protect amenity and human health and safety while allowing for uses that are likely to have a negative impact on these matters. The strategies further seek to ensure that incompatible uses are located away from each other and that appropriate mitigation measures are implemented if this cannot be achieved. It is acknowledged that the applicant has agreed to enter into a section 173 agreement, mitigating the expectation of a reduction of amenity given the existing and future uses of nearby and adjoining land. However, this is not considered to be an effective tool in this instance as the effects of the reduction in amenity will still be borne by potential future residents on the land. Additionally, it is considered that the introduction of an incompatible land use has the potential to inhibit the future growth and expansion of Lower Murray Water's proposed water treatment facility and thereby be unjustly prejudicial to that development.

Farming Zone provisions – Clause 35.07 of the Swan Hill Planning Scheme

The purpose of the zone is to ensure compliance with the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework while providing for agriculture and complementary uses and development, while preventing uses not related to agriculture. Existing surrounding land uses makes it unlikely for the proposed dwelling in this particular location to be affected by, or have an effect on, agricultural activities on adjacent land. However, the granting of a permit for a dwelling does

have the potential to lead to a proliferation of new dwellings in the area, which in turn would impact the remaining productive agricultural land, nearby.

This area has slowly evolved into a virtual rural residential locality without the proper strategic work to justify such a change in land use. Furthermore, land use and development should accord with the relevant planning consideration attributed to the land at any time, and not at the request of a few land owners at the expense of due process, proper strategic work and justification to the contrary. This application exemplifies the type of proposals that seeks to shape strategy by way of incremental and cumulative effect prior to the undertaking of the necessary strategic work to warrant land use change and should not be supported.

Land subject to inundation overlay provisions – Clause 44.04 of the Swan Hill Planning Scheme

The purpose of the overlay is to reduce risk to life, health and safety from flooding and the overlay requires the Responsible Authority to consider any advice received from the relevant floodplain manager. The subject land is within the North Central Catchment Management Authority's (NCCMA) responsibility. The NCCMA as a section 55 referral has objected to the proposed use and development based on the projected flood risks and likely depth of flooding of the land. In the response received by the NCCMA, it is stated that the depth of flooding for this particular piece of land is estimated to be above the recommended depth of flooding. The recommended depth for a single dwelling is between 0.3m to 0.5m, while the estimated depth of flooding in the event of a 1% Annual Exceedance Probability is up to 1.3m deep for the subject land.

Consultation

Public notification

The application was notified by sending letters to adjoining land owners and by placing a sign on the site.

Advertising of the application drew one objection and one letter of comment, which was not considered as an objection as the author specifically stated that they did not oppose the proposal, but moreover were frustrated with a separate process they were trying to progress on their own land.

The objection received was from the neighbour who abuts the subject site to the north. Both letters are attached.

The grounds of objection were as follows:

- Site is in Farming zone and should not be subdivided into residential blocks
- Minimum subdivision size is 20ha, why is this proposal being considered?

Response.

The objector raises relevant planning concerns.

External referrals

The application was referred externally to the following authorities for comment

1. Lower Murray Water – Objection – proximity to proposed Water Treatment Plant.
2. North Central Catchment Management Authority – Objection – flooding potential
3. Goulburn- Murray Water – no objection subject to conditions, including access must be widened because driveway is shown over a GMW pipeline.

A copy of the referral responses are attached to this report

Financial Implications

The proposal will have no financial implications to Council.

Social Implications

A possible social impact is the potential to create a land use conflict between the future water treatment plant and any proposed dwelling on the vacant allotment.

The risk to life should flooding occur is a real and relevant consideration.

Economic Implications

Nil.

Environmental Implications

In the event of a flood it is possible for the wastewater onsite can have negative environmental impacts through mixing with floodwaters and being transported off the site and into the environment.

Risk Management Implications

Nil for Council, however any residents may not be able to insure the property due to the existence of the floodplain.

Conclusion

A recommendation for refusal of the subdivision (dwelling excision) in the Farming Zone is based on an assessment against the requirements of the Swan Hill Planning Scheme and the incompatibility of the proposed residential use of the land abutting the proposed Water Treatment Plant, the risk of flooding and the poor amenity outcome for the existing dwelling due to minimal western boundary setback.

Council Plan Strategy Addressed

Liveability - Building Healthy Communities.

Options

1. That Council issues a Refusal to Grant a Planning Permit for the Use and Development of a Dwelling in the Farming Zone at No. 27 River Road, Swan Hill for the following reasons:
 - a. Proposal is inconsistent with the State and Local Planning policies, in particular it does not meet the requirements of the following provisions of the Swan Hill Planning Scheme:
 - Clause 13.03-1S – Floodplain management
 - Clause 13.07-1S – Land use compatibility
 - Clause 21.06-1 – Rural areas
 - b. Proposal is inconsistent with the Provisions of the Farming Zone.
 - c. The proposal is inconsistent with the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay
2. That Council grants a permit for the Use and Development of a Dwelling in the Farming Zone at No. 27 River Road, Swan Hill, subject to conditions and in accordance with the endorsed plans.

Recommendations

That Council issues a Refusal to Grant a Permit for a two lot subdivision (dwelling excision) in the Farming Zone at 10 River Road, Swan Hill, for the following reasons:

- a. Proposal is inconsistent with the State and Local Planning policies, in particular it does not meet the requirements of the following provisions of the Swan Hill Planning Scheme:
 - Clause 13.03-1S – Floodplain management
 - Clause 13.07-1S – Land use compatibility
 - Clause 21.06-1 – Rural areas
- b. Proposal is inconsistent with the Provisions of the Farming Zone.
- c. The proposal is inconsistent with the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay

Proposed conditions for Option 2

Permit Conditions

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- 1 Prior to certification of the subdivision approved by this permit, amended plans to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority must be submitted to and approved by the Responsible Authority. When approved, the plans will be endorsed and will then form part of this permit. The plans must be generally in accordance with the plans submitted with the application, but modified to show:
 - a. The vehicular access way along the southern boundary widened to 12 metres.
- 2 The subdivision allowed by this permit and as shown on the endorsed plans to accompany the permit shall not be amended for any reason without the prior written consent of the Responsible Authority.
- 3 Prior to certification of the Plan of Subdivision, the owner/s of the lot/s must enter into an agreement with the Responsible Authority in accordance with Section 173 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*. The agreement must provide for:
 - a. The surrounding area is subject to intensive agricultural and water treatment uses.
 - b. The land and its occupants may experience off site rural activity effects, including noise, sprays and dust that may cause a loss of residential amenity.
 - c. Existing agricultural and rural uses in the area have a 'right to farm' or right to legally continue the use.
 - d. The landscaping shown on the endorsed plan accompanying planning permit 2021-145 must be maintained to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority. Any dead diseased or damaged trees must be replaced with same species to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
 - e. The size of the land cannot be further reduced through a future realignment of titles to below the minimum subdivision size for the zone that applied to the land when the subdivision took place.
- 4 Prior to a Statement of Compliance being issued for the Plan of Subdivision:
 - a. Application must be made to the Registrar of Titles to register the Section 173 Agreement on the title to the land under Section 181 of the same Act.
 - b. The owner/s must pay all costs (including Council's costs) associated with the preparation, execution, registration and (if later sought) cancellation of the Section 173 Agreement.
- 5 The owner of the land must enter into agreements with the relevant authorities for the provision of water supply, drainage, sewerage facilities, electricity and gas services to each lot shown on the endorsed plan in accordance with the authority's requirements and relevant legislation at the time.
- 6 All existing and proposed easements and sites for existing or required utility services and roads on the land must be set aside in the plan of subdivision submitted for certification in favour of the relevant authority for which the easement or site is to be created.
- 7 The plan of subdivision submitted for certification under the *Subdivision Act 1988* must be referred to the relevant authority in accordance with Section 8 of the Act.

Engineering Department

- 8 Prior to certification of the subdivision, the permit holder must ensure that stormwater runoff from the development/site can be retained within the boundaries of the lot to the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.
- 9 The permit holder shall ensure that stormwater runoff from all buildings, tanks and paved areas must be dissipated as normal un-concentrated overland flow clear of all buildings and property boundaries, to

the satisfaction of the Responsible Authority.

Public Health Department

- 11 No polluted drainage shall be discharged beyond the boundaries of the land from which it emanates, or into watercourse or easement drain, but shall be so treated and/or absorbed on that lot to the satisfaction of Council's Environmental Health Officer.
- 12 Any Plan of Subdivision lodged for certification must be referred to Goulburn-Murray Rural Water Corporation pursuant to Section 8(1)(a) of the Subdivision Action.

Goulburn-Murray Water Conditions

- 13 Any Goulburn Murray Water existing easement(s)/reserve(s) pertaining to Goulburn Murray Water assets affected by the subdivision must remain and be shown on any Plan of Subdivision submitted for Certification.
- 14 Proposed Lot 2 must be provided with connection to the reticulated sewerage system in accordance with the requirements of the relevant urban water authority.
- 15 All stormwater must be directed to Council's legal point of discharge in accordance with the requirements of the Responsible Authority.
- 16 No buildings or works may be erected or carried out within 30 metres of any Goulburn Murray Water surface infrastructure (including open irrigation channels and drains), 10 metres from any other structure (such as culverts, drainage inlets, subways, syphons), or 5 metres from any below surface infrastructure (including pipelines), located on any Goulburn Murray Water freehold, easements or reserves.
- 17 The Plan Submitted for Certification must show the access to Lot 1 along the southern boundary at least 12 metres in width to ensure there is no vehicle access over Goulburn-Murray Water's No. 1/10 Pipeline or Easements E3 & E4 on Plan of Subdivision PS405848E.

Lower Murray Water Conditions

- 18 The plan of subdivision submitted for certification under the Subdivision Act 1988 must be referred to Lower Murray Water pursuant to Section 8 of that Act.
- 193 The requirements of Lower Murray Water must be met, regarding the provision of water supply and drainage services to the land, including payment of all associated costs prior to the Corporation agreeing to the issue of a Statement of Compliance.
- 204 The holder of this permit or authorised agent must meet Lower Murray Water's requirements regarding easements in favour of the Lower Murray Urban and Rural Water Corporation prior to the submission of any plan of subdivision for Certification.
- 21 The applicant or owner must lodge a Rural Subdivision Application and complete any requirements necessary to amend the Victorian Water Register and conditions listed by Lower Murray Water related to irrigation and drainage pursuant to Section 11 of the Water Act 1989.

EXPIRY

22 This permit will expire if one of the following circumstances applies:

- a. The plan of subdivision is not certified within two (2) years of the date of this permit.
- b. The plan of subdivision is not registered at Land Registry within five (5) years of the certification of the subdivision.

In accordance with section 69 of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, an application may be submitted to the responsible authority for an extension of the periods referred to in this condition.



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Objection to a Planning Permit

Note: A petition is considered as one objection under Section 57(3), (4a) and (4b) of the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

Who is objecting?

Name Vince & Lyn Cutri

Organisation (if applicable)

Postal address 20 River Road Swan Hill VIC 3585

Contact number

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Email address lyncutri@hotmail.com

What application do you object to?

Permit application No: 2021-080

Address of proposed permit: 10 RIVER ROAD SWAN HILL VIC 3585

What is proposed? Subdivision of land in the Farming Zone

The objection

Reasons for your objection

I OBJECT to this application for the following reasons:


We strongly believe that River Road, Swan Hill is a rural farming area and should not be divided into residential blocks. We have always been led to believe that River Road is in the Tyntynder Flats Flood Zone and subdivision and home development would not be possible.

The minimum subdivision in this area of the Farming Zone is 20ha, why would a proposal for a lot less than 20ha be considered?

How will you be affected by the grant of this permit?

We object to having a house subdivision/development in such close proximity to our current home/property which will interfere with our rural solitude, this being the reason for purchasing our current property 23 years ago.

It is also our belief, that should the proposed subdivision of land at 10 River Road, Swan Hill proceed, it will greatly devalue our property by allowing the current rural aspect to become another residential area.

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1st - 1st - 2022

THE SWAN HILL RURAL CITY COUNCIL CEO
ROSANNE KAVA

From Brian and Elva Carty

Dear Rosanne

Thank you for your staff advise for the proposed planning permit for No 2021-080 subdivision of land in the farming zone No 10 River Road Swan Hill, together with other subdivision blocks through and along River Road, as to the build-up of river road we have no objection as such, but wish to point out our Government Easement to our properties cuts across the south western corner of No10 river road, it cost our family \$10,000 to acquire also our land line telephone is situated on the land of No 10. Also for your staff information we previously needed to help the water commission find the major pipe line on No 10 as it is not (marked on plan) because of the restricted area to allow for our road / Levee bank they had to place the pipe line onto No 10 farm private land which feeds water to City and farm, it being over 5 Ft diameter running the full length in /and on the South side of No10 property from river to River Road, as this pipe line would be under the development road as proposed for the rear development block No 10 as planned

Rosanne for your information we were warned by a previous City CEO that we needed to watch out for water connections down along river road, for as pointed out to us, the Swan Hill filtrated water is costly and flows would be limited and should not be used outside proper zoning, particularly when other water nearby is plentiful and so attainable, and in particular as council are now providing un-filtrated water to city, our property No 17 Arnoldt Street has no water pressure in summer months until after 10pm so we cannot see it improving as too its worthwhile asking were we considered as also other ratepayers in decision making to allow filtration water use on River Road while we have restricted flows.

Thanking you for your services

Per Brian Carty



4 February 2022

Ref: SN21/007359
Prop: 27653

SWAN HILL RURAL CITY COUNCIL
DX 30166
SWAN HILL VIC 3585
Attention: Kate Jewell

Dear Madam

OBJECTION

**PLANNING APPLICATION 2021-080
SUBDIVISION OF LAND IN THE FARMING ZONE
10 RIVER ROAD, SWAN HILL**

Receipt of the above application for a Planning Permit for and your enclosed letter dated 1 February 2022 is acknowledged.

Lower Murray Water (LMW) advise that it objects to the granting of a permit for a 2 Lot Subdivision.

LMW have purchased the land at 25 River Road Swan Hill (Reserve 1 PS 643888L). This land will be used for the future site of the Swan Hill Water Treatment Plan (WTP).

The land selected for the location of the future Swan Hill WTP was based upon many factors such as proximity to the Murray River (raw water source) and the existing Goulburn Murray Water pump station, the ability to easily connect back into Swan Hill urban reticulation and also importantly the proximity to neighbours.

Knowing that the planning scheme did not allow for construction of dwellings within the farming zone on the size of lots surrounding the future WTP site, was considered as part of the site selection.

Allowing a subdivision of this land (and future dwelling to be constructed on the vacant lot) within the farming zone, close to the future WTP would impact on the future design and distance of key infrastructure from existing houses, increasing the risk of impacting on amenity.

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LMW is in the initial stages of commencing the rezoning process of 25 River Road to Public Utility Zone.

Should you require any further information, please contact Stuart Mensch.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Mensch', written in a cursive style.

**STUART MENSCH
MANAGER LAND DEVELOPMENT**



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Swan Hill Rural City Council
Planning Department
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15 March 2022

Dear Sir and/or Madam,

Planning Permit Application - Subdivision - 2 Lot Subdivision - Amendment to Plans

Application No. 2021-080
Applicant: Roy Costa Planning & Development
Location: 10 River Rd SWAN HILL VIC 3585
V 10332 F 720 Lot 2 Plan 405848E

Thank you for your letter and information received 02 February 2022 in accordance with Section 52 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*.

Goulburn-Murray Water's areas of interest are surface water and groundwater quality, use and disposal. Goulburn-Murray Water requires that development proposals do not impact detrimentally on Goulburn-Murray Water's infrastructure and the flow and quality of surface water and groundwater. Applicants must ensure that any required water supplies are available from an approved source.

GMW understands that the application is planning permit application 2021-080 is being amended to change the lot layout of the proposed 2 lot subdivision. GMW previously responded to this application on 15/06/2021. The subject site is bordered by GMW's Swan Hill No. 10 Channel to the northeast and Swan Hill No. 1/10 piped Channel intersects the subject title to the south and is currently covered by easement. It is noted that the site is connected to all services including sewer and drainage as confirmed by Lower Murray Water Authority.

GMW notes that the amended lot layout now shows a 6 metre wide access for proposed lot 1 on top of GMW's No. 1/10 Pipeline. The No. 1/10 Pipeline is a pressurised pipeline and is vital to the irrigation network in this location. GMW will not allow a driveway on top of the pipeline; any size or weight of vehicle would impact on the pressurised pipeline. The plan submitted for certification must show this strip of land extended to at least 12 metres wide to ensure there is no vehicle access over the No. 1/10 Pipeline or the easements which cover it.

Based on the information provided and in accordance with Section 56 (b) of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, Goulburn-Murray Water has no objection to this planning permit being granted subject to the following conditions:

1. Any Plan of Subdivision lodged for certification must be referred to Goulburn-Murray Rural Water Corporation pursuant to Section 8(1)(a) of the Subdivision Action.

2. Any Goulburn Murray Water existing easement(s)/reserve(s) pertaining to Goulburn Murray Water assets affected by the subdivision must remain and be shown on any Plan of Subdivision submitted for Certification.
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If you require further information please e-mail planning.referrals@gmwater.com.au or contact 1800 013 357.

Yours sincerely

Ranine McKenzie
SECTION LEADER STATUTORY PLANNING

Per: (original signed by Roey Walls)

B.22.40 NYAH & NYAH WEST LANDSCAPE MASTERPLANS 2022

Responsible Officer:	Director Development and Planning
File Number:	S01-27-09-06
Attachments:	1 Research & High Level Concept Plan 2 Communication & Engagement Plan

Declarations of Interest:

Heather Green - as the responsible officer, I declare that I have no disclosable interests in this matter.

Summary

This report is seeking Council's comment and direction on the Research & High Level Concept Plans for Nyah Riverfront precinct and Nyah West Community Park in Monash Avenue.

Discussion

Council engaged Pollen Studio to undertake a landscape masterplan for the Nyah Riverfront (AN Lewis Park and the southern section of the Nyah Recreation Reserve) and the Nyah West Community Park. These plans aim to support potential future development for these sites, in line with community needs and wants, as well as to celebrate the existing features that form the current environment.

Key design principles and considerations for the Masterplans include:

Nyah Riverfront

- Revitalise open public space – new community gathering space
- Tree planting - consider opportunities for new, exotic species of shade trees to improve amenity;
- Better path connections - upgrade and implement new pathways throughout the site;
- Protection of existing trees - ensure the health and viability of existing trees;
- Grow existing uses - consider improvements that encourage more visitors and activation;
- Develop cultural nodes - build and improve spaces of cultural significance across the site; and
- Coordinated signage - revealing the site's history and guiding visitors through the spaces.

Nyah West Community Park Monash Avenue

- Stage/Toilet building - location and optimal orientation to allow for community events;
- Better path connections;
- Rationalise existing infrastructure (Maternal and Child Health building and public amenities);

- Tree planting - improved amenity and shade opportunities;
- Gateway opportunities - new artwork, planting and improvement of existing sculpture display levels; and
- Connection of North and South spaces - improve pedestrian and visual links across Monash Avenue.

To support the development of this Masterplan, Pollen Studio has tabled Research and High Level Concept Plan (see attached) to initiate discussion with the community and stakeholders and to provide the framework for proposed future developments at these sites.

Consultation

Consultation regarding these selected areas in Nyah and Nyah West commenced in 2019 with the development of the Swan Hill Township Placemaking Implementation Plan.

To progress the Research and High Level Concept Plans, Council staff together with Pollen Studio, will engage with key stakeholders including Nyah/Nyah West Football Netball Club, Nyah District Lions Club and Nyah District Action Group for comment and suggestions.

A proposed face to face community engagement session will also be undertaken, including a site meeting with consultants. Further consultations will be undertaken via Council's *Let's Talk*, with results compiled for consideration. See attached Communication and Engagement Plan.

The proposed implementation of agreed key actions from this process will be subject to future funding opportunities and grants, and therefore expectations from stakeholders and the community will need to be managed to recognise this financial constraint.

Financial Implications

- Consolidate Council's building maintenance costs in Nyah West
- LRCIF Round 3 - \$165,000 Nyah West Toilet Block Renewal
- Council's 10 Year Major Project Plan - \$330,000 Year 5 Nyah West Toilet and Event space

Social Implications

Activation of the Nyah and Nyah West precincts respectively will increase the region's liveability factors, enhancing social connections, improving physical activities, opportunities and supporting community health and well-being factors.

Economic Implications

- Support Nyah/Nyah West precincts capability to attract events and activities
- Support business growth opportunities along the Riverfront precinct
- Create new employment opportunities
- Support liveability factors

Environmental Implications

Not applicable.

Risk Management Implications

- Cultural Heritage requirements - A desktop Cultural Heritage Management assessment has been completed for AN Lewis Park in Nyah
- Stakeholder and Community Expectations – Future developments will be in line with Council's 10 Year Major Project Plan
- Council asset replacement / maintenance – Establish Project Steering Committee to include Council Engineering/Asset Department, Parks and Gardens and the Economic Community Development Unit.

Council Plan Strategy Addressed

Liveability - Building Healthy Communities.

Options

1. That Council approve the Research and High Level Concept Plan for the purposes of community engagement in accordance with the Communication and Engagement Plan.
2. That Council not approve the Research and High Level Concept Plan for the purposes of community engagement in accordance with the Communication and Engagement Plan

Recommendations

That Council approve the Research and High Level Concept Plan for the purposes of community engagement in accordance with the Communication and Engagement Plan.

Landscape Concept Design Package NYAH RIVERFRONT LANDSCAPE MASTERPLANS

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY:
 We acknowledge and respect Traditional Owners as the original custodians of Victoria's land and waters that were never ceded. We honour elders past and present whose knowledge, connection and wisdom has ensured the continuation of culture and care for Country for tens of thousands of years.

LOCATION PLAN:



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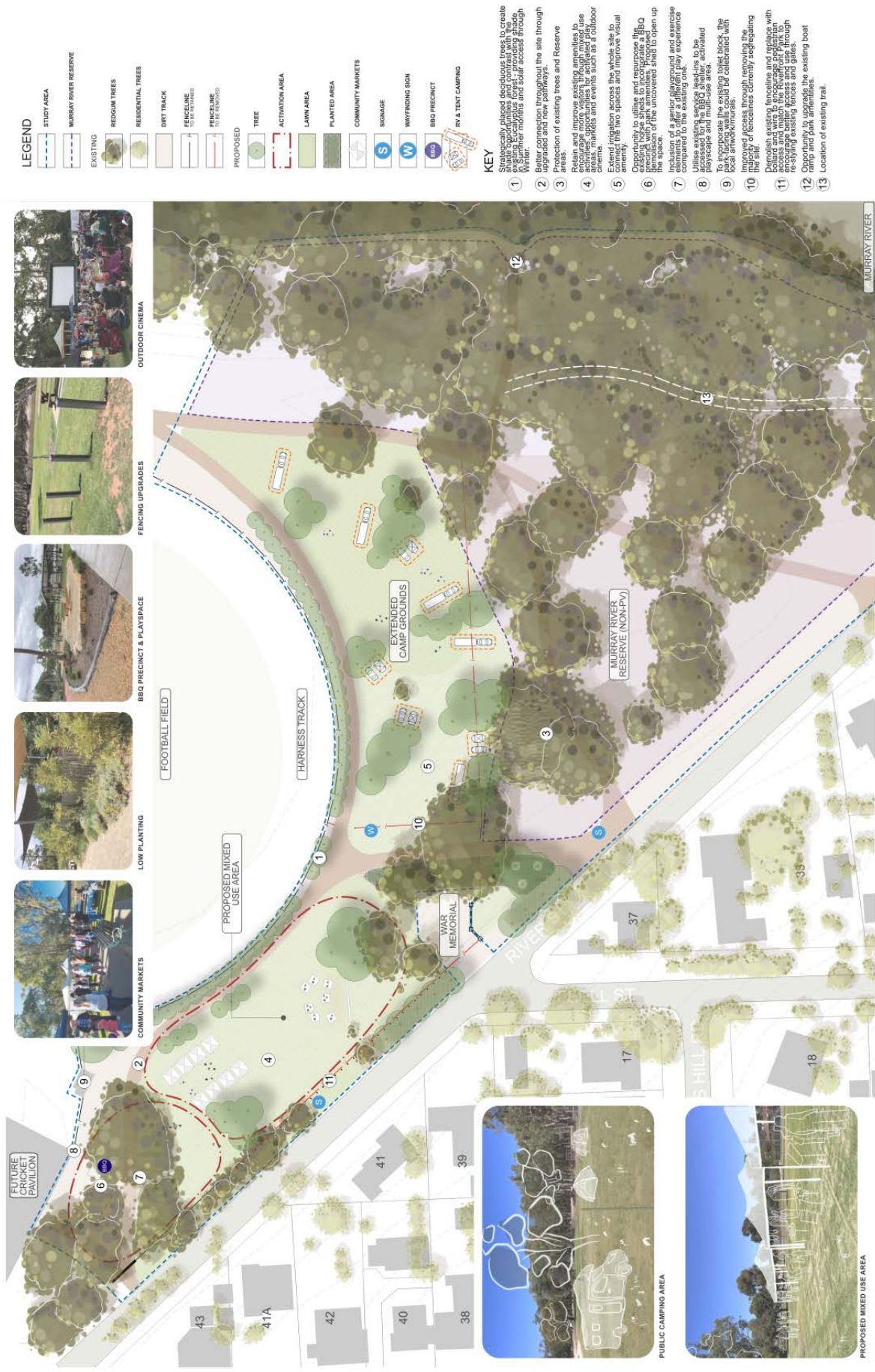
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 - PLANTED AREA
 - COMMUNITY MARKETS
 - SIGNAGE
 - WAYFINDING SIGN
 - BBQ PRECINCT
 - RV & TENT CAMPING

- KEY**
- 1 Create a variety of shaded, deciduous trees to create shade opportunities and contrast with the existing trees.
 - 2 Upgrade and new pathways to be upgraded and new pathways to be added.
 - 3 Protection of existing trees and Reserve areas.
 - 4 Retain and improve existing amenities to include BBQ, playground, and outdoor cinema.
 - 5 Extend migration across the whole site to include new signage and improve visual amenity.
 - 6 Opportunity to utilise and repurpose the existing BBQ area to create a new amenity space.
 - 7 Inclusion of a general playground and exercise area to be added.
 - 8 Utilise existing signage to be activated with local artwork/murals.
 - 9 To incorporate the existing toilet block, the playground and multi-use area.
 - 10 Improved access through removing the existing fence and signage.
 - 11 Demolish existing fence and replace with new access and match the Riverfront Park to existing fence and gates.
 - 12 Opportunity to upgrade the existing boat ramp and park amenities.
 - 13 Location of existing trail.

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- PLANTED AREA
- TIMBER MULCH
- PLATFORM
- GRAPEVINE
- CHICANE LOG GATE
- COMMUNITY MARKETS
- SENIOR
- WAYFINDING SIGN
- FOOD TRUCK

- KEY**
- 1 Implementation of a Riverfront Walkway with local seating overlooking the Murray River
 - 2 Cultural Plaza, including and improving spaces for playing over water's edge to have floating seating.
 - 3 Retain and protect the existing timber statues and signage with a light weight arbor structure, forming the main entrance to the park.
 - 4 Extend extension into the park through a platform, including and improving spaces for playing over water's edge to have floating seating.
 - 5 Retain and improve existing amenities to include food trucks, community events, activate markets and events such as an outdoor cinema.
 - 6 Retain existing timber statues and signage, before installing a light weight arbor structure, forming the main entrance to the park.
 - 7 Retain and improve existing amenities to include food trucks, community events, activate markets and events such as an outdoor cinema.
 - 8 Protection of the existing trees and Reserve areas that frame the site.
 - 9 Opportunity for Public Art Installation.
 - 10 Opportunity for a formal information gathering space at the entrance to the park.



INFORMATION / GATHERING SPACE



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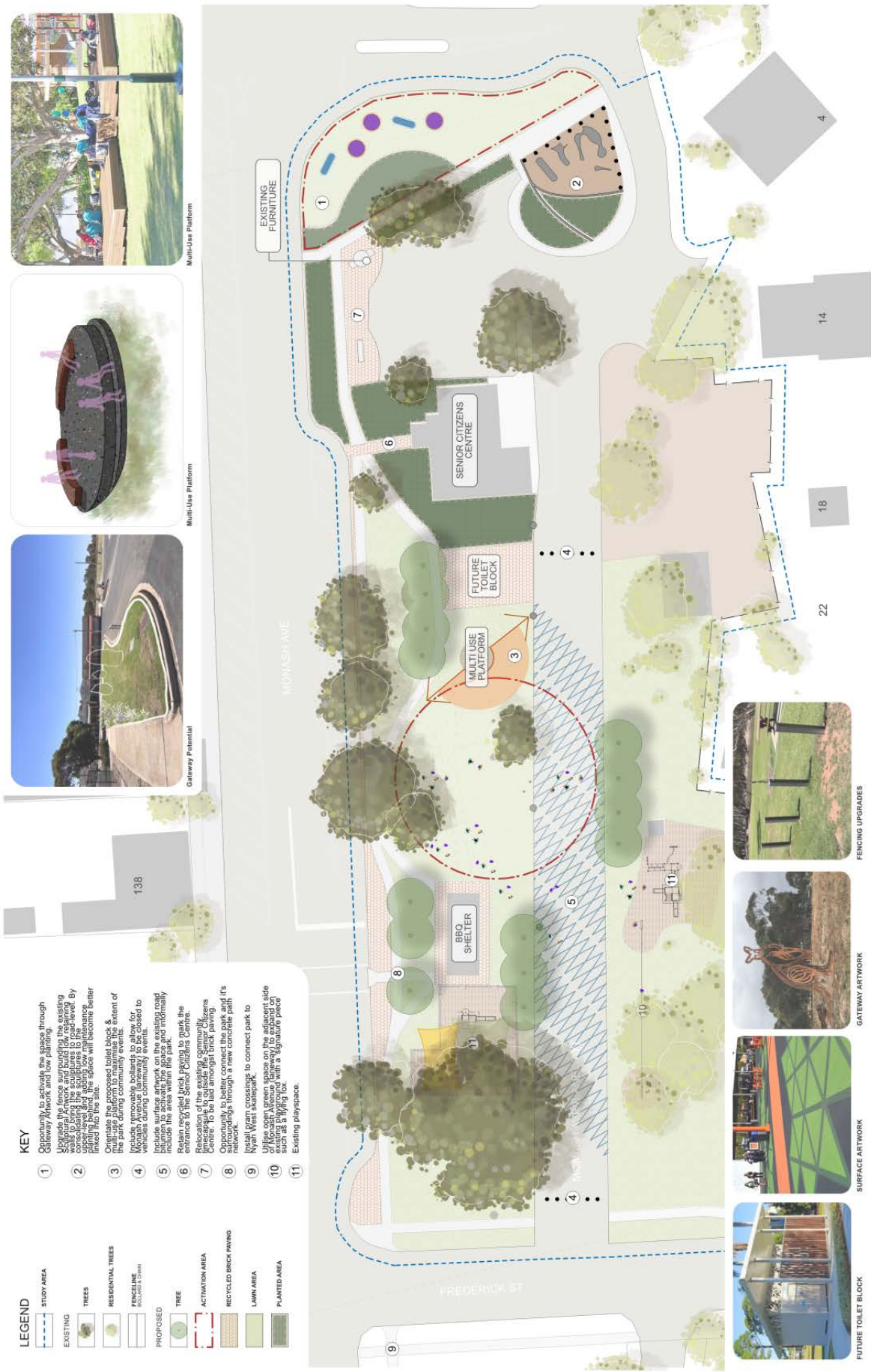
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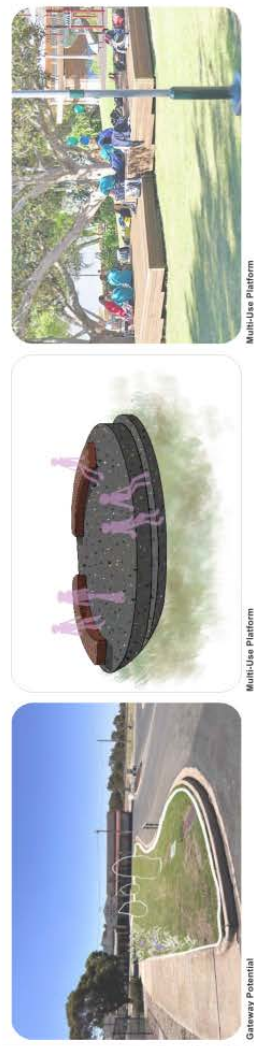


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- LAWN AREA
- PLANTED AREA

KEY

- 1 Opportunity to activate the space through Gateway Artwork and low planting.
- 2 Signposts, fence and building, are existing walls to bring the sculptures to road level. By orientating the sculptures to the road, the upper-level and existing low maintenance linked into the site.
- 3 Orientate the proposed toilet block & extent of the park during community events.
- 4 Includes removable bollards to allow for vehicles during community events.
- 5 Includes surface artwork on the existing road to include the area within the park.
- 6 Retain recycled brick paving to park the Senior Citizens Centre.
- 7 Reconnection of the existing concrete path to be laid amongst brick paving surroundings through a new concrete path network.
- 8 Nymh West artwork to connect park to adjacent green space on the adjacent side existing playground with a signature piece such as a flying fox.
- 9 Existing playspace.



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Background information	<p>Project title</p> <p>Nyah/Nyah West Landscape Masterplan</p> <p>Project manager</p> <p>Mark Bowd</p> <p>Your consultation dates</p> <p>Mid May to Early July 2022</p>	<p>The main purpose of the Landscape Masterplans is to improve the functionality and usability of the Nyah Riverfront and Nyah West Community Park.</p>
Key information	<p>Project summary:</p> <p>Nyah (AN Lewis Park & Southern section Nyah Rec Reserve) The Key outcomes are to provide an improved connection to the river through connective pathways and activate recreation and community events of the Nyah Riverfront space.</p> <p>Nyah West (Community Park) The key outcomes of the community park are to consolidate existing Council asset infrastructure to a modern day standard and improve the visual streetscape and functionality to hold community events.</p>	<p>Nyah (AN Lewis Park & Southern section Nyah Rec Reserve) The Key outcomes are to provide an improved connection to the river through connective pathways and activate recreation and community events of the Nyah Riverfront space.</p> <p>Nyah West (Community Park) The key outcomes of the community park are to consolidate existing Council asset infrastructure to a modern day standard and improve the visual streetscape and functionality to hold community events.</p>
Purpose of engagement	<p>What are your engagement objectives?</p> <p>Determine the maximum level of engagement for your project using the IAP2 Spectrum.</p>	<p>1. Inform the community of Council's desire to improve recreation functionality of the selected sites in Nyah and Nyah West</p> <p>2. To seek input and feedback from the Nyah District community about the design features they ideally want for their community.</p> <p>X Inform X Consult X Involve X Collaborate <input type="checkbox"/> Empower</p>
Project stakeholders	<p>Councillors/ELT</p> <p>All</p> <p>Internal stakeholders</p> <p>CEO, Director Infrastructure, Engineering, Comms, Planning, Eco Dev</p>	



	Critical	Essential	Interested
External stakeholders	Adjoining Landowners/holders	Nyah/Nyah West residents Community groups business owners Sporting & Recreation Reserve Users	Media Visitors
Methodology	<p>Critical: Face-to-Face personal meeting on site</p> <p>Essential: Community Session: Face-to-Face information session held at the Nyah Community Centre (Nyah Recreation Reserve). Let's Talk – Dedicated website landing page - Include interactive survey monkey</p> <p>Promotion: Nyah Local Link Newsletter, Nyah District Action Group, promotion through local businesses</p>		
Reporting, analysis and evaluation	<p>How will you record the feedback received? Feedback will be collated by both Council and landscape consultants, Pollen Studio, from online portal and Community sessions. Rating system will be implemented using engagement panels of the site areas and coloured dot system to record preference development/activities</p> <p>Where will you store the data collected? Council Let's Talk website Consultant Pollen Studio</p>		



Communications & Engagement Plan

	How and who will collate and analyse the data?	Council staff together with Pollen Studio will collate the feedback and provide an engagement finding report for consideration		
	What will you report on and to whom?	Key elements for each identified site Priority actions / activities for future development for each site Feedback provided through this process will be incorporated into the updated draft landscape masterplans		
	What evaluation techniques will you use and when are you going to evaluate your engagement?	Based on recorded submissions, attendance numbers and the type of stakeholder Evaluation of the engagement will be completed in conjunction with the engaged landscape consultants, Pollen Studio		

Communications Action Plan

Message/purpose	Audience	Channel	Date	Responsible
Endorsement to go out for consultation	ELT/Councillors	Assembly	TBC - May	EDU
Develop promo material	Community	-		Comms
Meeting with lead Cr Nicole McKay	Council	Face to face	TBC - May	



Pre Engagement: personal face-to-face	Adjoining landowners	Face to face / email	17 May 2022	Comms/ECDU
Promotion that consultation will be opening	Community Groups Residents NNWUFNC Nyah District Lions Club Nyah Action Group	Face to face, Social media, Nyah Local Link newsletter, website, posters in local shops, Nicole to promote	8 June 2022	Comms/ECDU
Consultation open	Residents Business Community Media	Face to face, Social media, posters, Let's Talk, Media release	15 June 2022	Comms/ECDU
1 week to go until consultation closes, next steps	Residents Community	Social media	22 June 2022	Comms/ECDU
Engagement reporting to Council	Visitors Councillors	Council meeting	6 July 2022	ECDU
Close the loop	All participants	Let's Talk update page, media release, newspaper	TBC	ECDU/Comms

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Responsible Officer:	Director Development and Planning
File Number:	S01-24-01-14
Attachments:	1 Draft Robinvale Riverfront Masterplan 2022 2 Communication & Engagement Plan

Declarations of Interest:

Heather Green - as the responsible officer, I declare that I have no disclosable interests in this matter.

Summary

This report is to inform and obtain direction from Council on the draft Robinvale Riverfront Masterplan 2022 (see Appendix 1).

Discussion

Council engaged Group GSA to undertake a masterplan for the Robinvale Riverfront which included an Aboriginal and Historical Heritage Assessment (AHHA) to inform and support the Masterplan design. Key considerations of the Masterplan included:

- Protecting and highlighting Aboriginal heritage and sensitive zones within the designated site area;
- Highlighting the culturally diverse character of Robinvale;
- Creating an intuitive connection between the Town Centre and the Riverfront;
- Supporting the development of facilities and infrastructure that promote inclusive and flexible community spaces for all ages;
- Providing integrated open spaces for annual events including temporary and permanent parking;
- Improving the riverfront amenities and the connection to the Murray River;
- Responding to community needs and expectations

Focus area for this report include

- Robin Street
- Centenary Park
- Community Centre
- Riverfront
- Bill McGinty Park



Vision/Design Principles

- Celebrate Multicultural Identity
- Accessibility, Wayfinding and Parking
- Flexible Open Spaces
- Enhance Riverfront Environment
- Human Scale Design

To support this investigation, for each key identified site, Group GSA undertook:

- Background analysis,
- Incorporated community feedback,
- Listed opportunities and constraints,
- Earmarked design intent,
- Provided reference images and clear visualisation conceptual designs, as depicted below for the Murray Riverfront precinct.

MURRAY RIVERFRONT VISUALISATION



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Supporting these works, the draft masterplan also provides guidelines and examples for street furniture/amenities, gateways, wayfinding and signage, cultural inclusion, public art and planting.

Cultural Heritage

Due to the majority of the Robinvale Riverfront being within an area of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sensitivity, certain areas will be protected from all use and designated as No-Impact zones. A key recommendation from the Masterplan is that local Traditional Owner Groups be invited to assist with the design and development of any Aboriginal Cultural Heritage material and consulted to determine the most suitable locations to install/integrate these on site.

Consultation

Approximately 100 key stakeholders and community members have provided input into the plan to date, through two zoom sessions, an on-site meeting and an open forum held at the Robinvale Community Centre.

It is proposed that further consultation of the draft Robinvale Riverfront Masterplan will occur in accordance with the attached Communication and Engagement Plan.

Financial Implications

Council's 10 Year Major Project Plan 2021/22 to 2031/32 has allocated funding to support the Robinvale Riverfront Masterplan, including Centenary Park.

- Year 2 (2022-23) \$120,000
- Year 3 (2023-24) \$40,000
- Year 4 (2024-25) \$140,000

Robinvale Riverfront Masterplan

- Year 3 (2023-24) \$515,000 - Council \$257,500 Grant \$257,500

Additional funding allocation from Council's 10 Year Major Project Plan will be required to support the delivery agreed key activities/projects within the Masterplan, in line with external funding opportunities.

The implementation of earmarked projects within the Masterplan will increase Council's infrastructure assets and ongoing maintenance costs.

Social Implications

The planning to activate the Robinvale Riverfront will contribute to increasing the region's liveability, improve the physical activity, events of community members and support local residence health and well-being.

Economic Implications

- Support the Robinvale Riverfront precinct capability to attract events and activities
- Support business growth and development along the Riverfront precinct
- Create new employment opportunities
- Support liveability factors

Environmental Implications

- Working within native vegetation zones
- Strategically placed trees to create shade opportunities and improve environmental outcomes including revegetation

Risk Management Implications

Cultural Heritage – An Aboriginal and Historical Assessment has been undertaken to provide recommendations for development content within the masterplan. A more detailed Cultural Heritage Management Plan will be required for the delivery of key projects as they come to realisation.

Council Plan Strategy Addressed

Liveability - A modern municipality: Vibrant, connected and resilient.

Options

1. That Council approve the Draft Robinvale Riverfront Masterplan 2022 for the purpose of seeking public comment and feedback in accordance with the Communication and Engagement Plan (Appendix 1 of this report) OR
2. That Council not approve the Draft Robinvale Riverfront Masterplan 2022 for the purpose of seeking public comment and feedback in accordance with the Communication & Engagement Plan (Appendix 2 of this report)

Recommendations

That Council approve the Draft Robinvale Riverfront Masterplan 2022 for the purpose of seeking public comment and feedback in accordance with the Communication and Engagement Plan (Appendix 1 of this report).

GROUPGSA



ROBINVALE RIVERFRONT MASTERPLAN

DRAFT LANDSCAPE MASTERPLAN REPORT



Prepared for Swan Hill Rural City Council | GroupGSA | April 2022

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, and pay our respects to their elders past present and emerging, recognising their continuing connection to land, waters and culture.

Issue	Title	Date	Prepared	Checked
1	Robinvale Riverfront Masterplan - Draft Masterplan	22/04/2022	JV/HZ	RF/ZC
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INTRODUCTION

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INTRODUCTION

Introduction

Robinvale is a Town located in North Western Victoria, on the South bank of the Murray River. It is home to 7,900 people and it is known for its multicultural diversity, as well as its touristic character and location.

With an increasing population growth and people influx between November and March each year, Robinvale is facing a need for improvements in the connection between the Town Centre and the Riverfront, as well as to what it is able to offer the community on a daily basis.

With over 40 different nationalities living and working in the region, Robinvale has a strong and vibrant multicultural community. To help the community thrive, the public domain must be comfortable, inclusive, attractive and functional to the residents, visitors and local communities of the area.

This project will provide opportunity to design further meaningful and beneficial improvements to Robinvale, which will focus on the following areas:

- Robin Street;
- Centenary Park;
- Community Centre;
- Murray Riverfront;
- Riverfront East
- Bill McGinty Park.

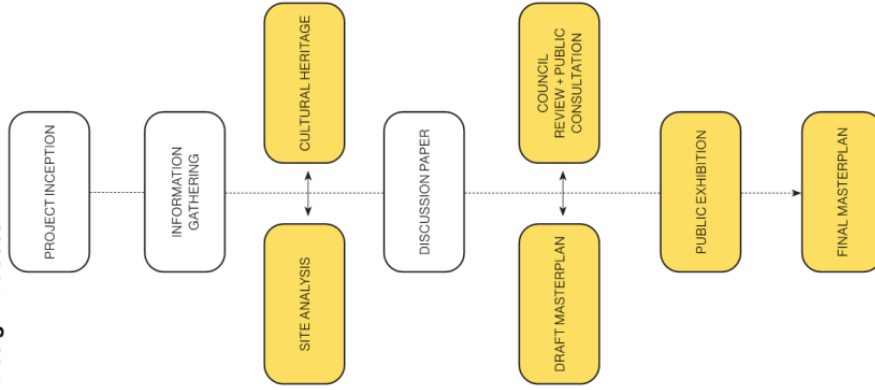
Executive Summary

Group GSA was commissioned in August 2020 by Swan Hill Rural City Council to develop a Master Plan for Robinvale. Based on a Council's brief including objectives and aspirations for the project, this document covers the initial community engagement and site walk material with a summary on key findings and feedback. This will form the basis of the Concept Design stage. As described in the brief, this will form an action plan implementing long term improvements to Robinvale design strategy and supporting framework guided by project objectives.

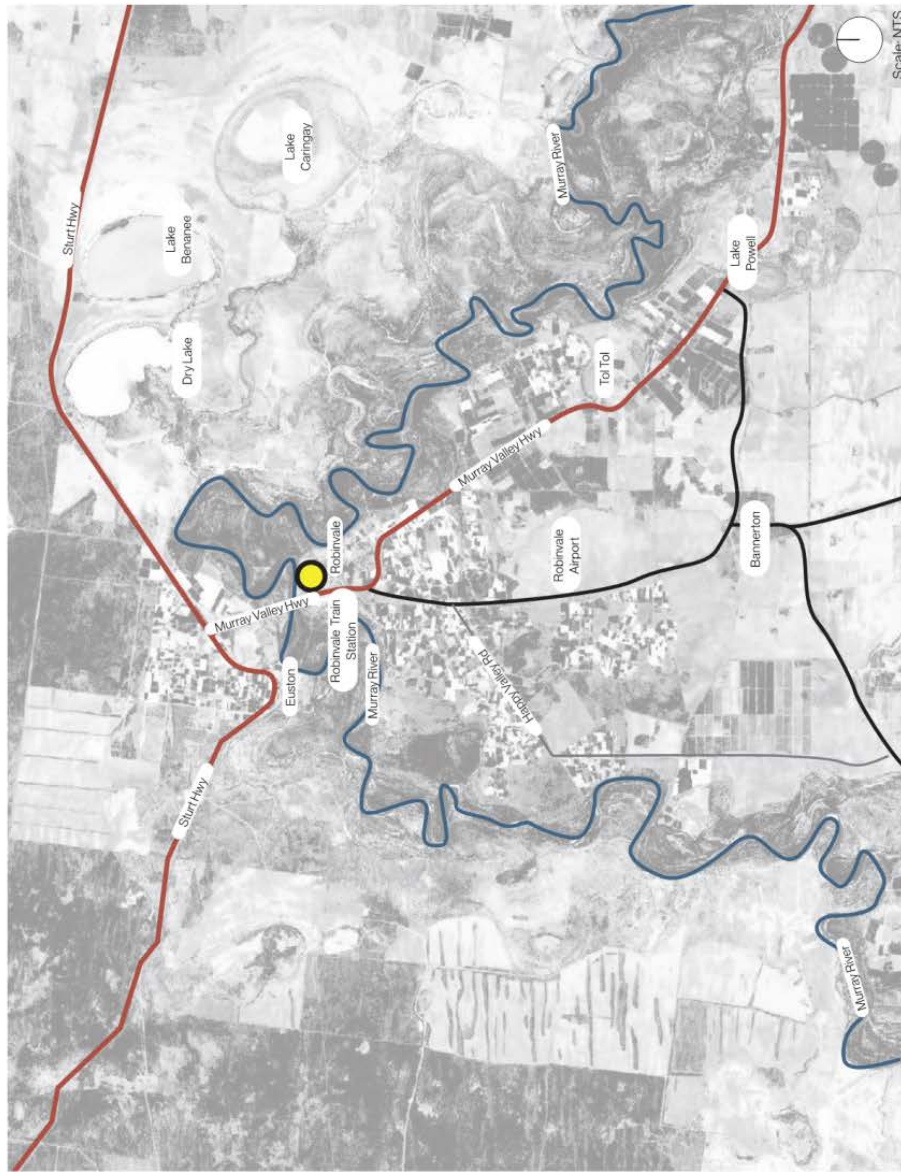
Project Objectives:

- Highlight and protect the Aboriginal heritage and sensitive zones along the site;
- Integrate and highlight the cultural diversity character of Robinvale;
- Create a strong and intuitive connection between the Town Centre and the Riverfront;
- Support development of facilities and infrastructure that promote inclusivity, flexible community spaces for all age groups;
- Provide integrated open spaces for annual events and temporary parking, as well as permanent parking zones;
- Highlight and improve the riverfront amenities and connection to the Murray River;
- Integrate sustainable solutions where possible;
- Respond to community needs by improving and implementing supporting amenities to the different areas of the masterplan.

Design Process:



LOCATION & CONTEXT



Robinvale is located in north-west Victoria, along the Murray River. It is located approximately 470km away from Melbourne.

STUDY AREAS

Site Extent

As previously mentioned, this project will provide opportunities to design further meaningful and beneficial improvements to Robinvale. These areas are as follow:

- Robin Street;
- Centenary Park;
- Community Centre;
- Murray Riverfront;
- Riverfront East
- Bill McGinty Park.

The diagram on the side highlights the location and extent of the identified scope areas. It is also possible to identify transitions points and how each of these sites relate to on another, as well as foresee a stronger connection between them all with the design proposal.



- 1 Robin Street
- 2 Centenary Park
- 3 Community Centre
- 4 Murray Riverfront
- 5 Riverfront East Reserve
- 6 Bill McGinty Park

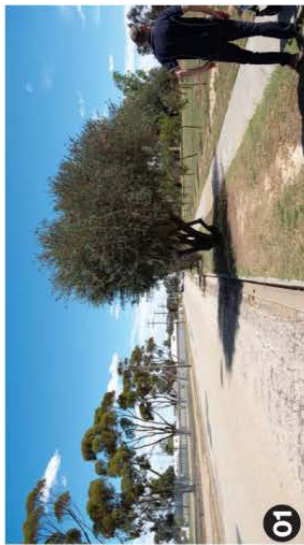
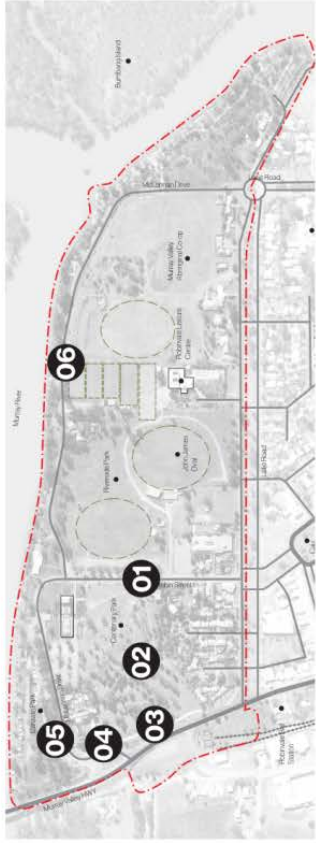
SITE ANALYSIS

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SITE AUDIT



Robin Street



Centenary Park



Centenary Park West Path



Harridine Park



Robinvale Windmill



Existing Signage

SITE AUDIT



13 Riverfront Access and Vegetation



14 Warrina Aboriginal Centre



15 The Cut



16 Bill McGinty Industrial remains



17 Bill McGinty Open Area



18 Information Panels

SITE ANALYSIS | LANDSCAPE CHARACTER



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SITE ANALYSIS | ACCESS AND CIRCULATION

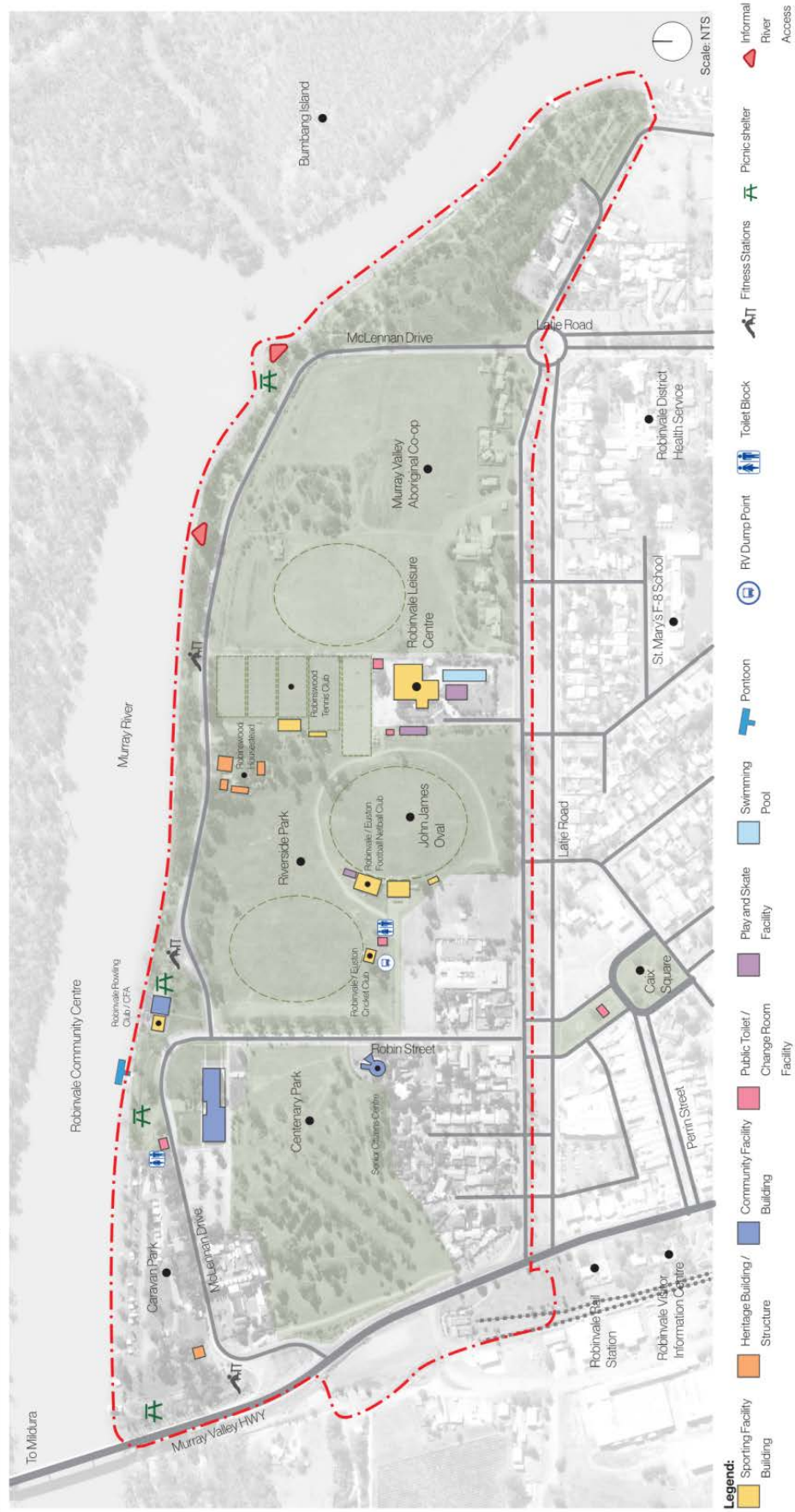


SITE ANALYSIS | SITE FUNCTIONS AND AREAS

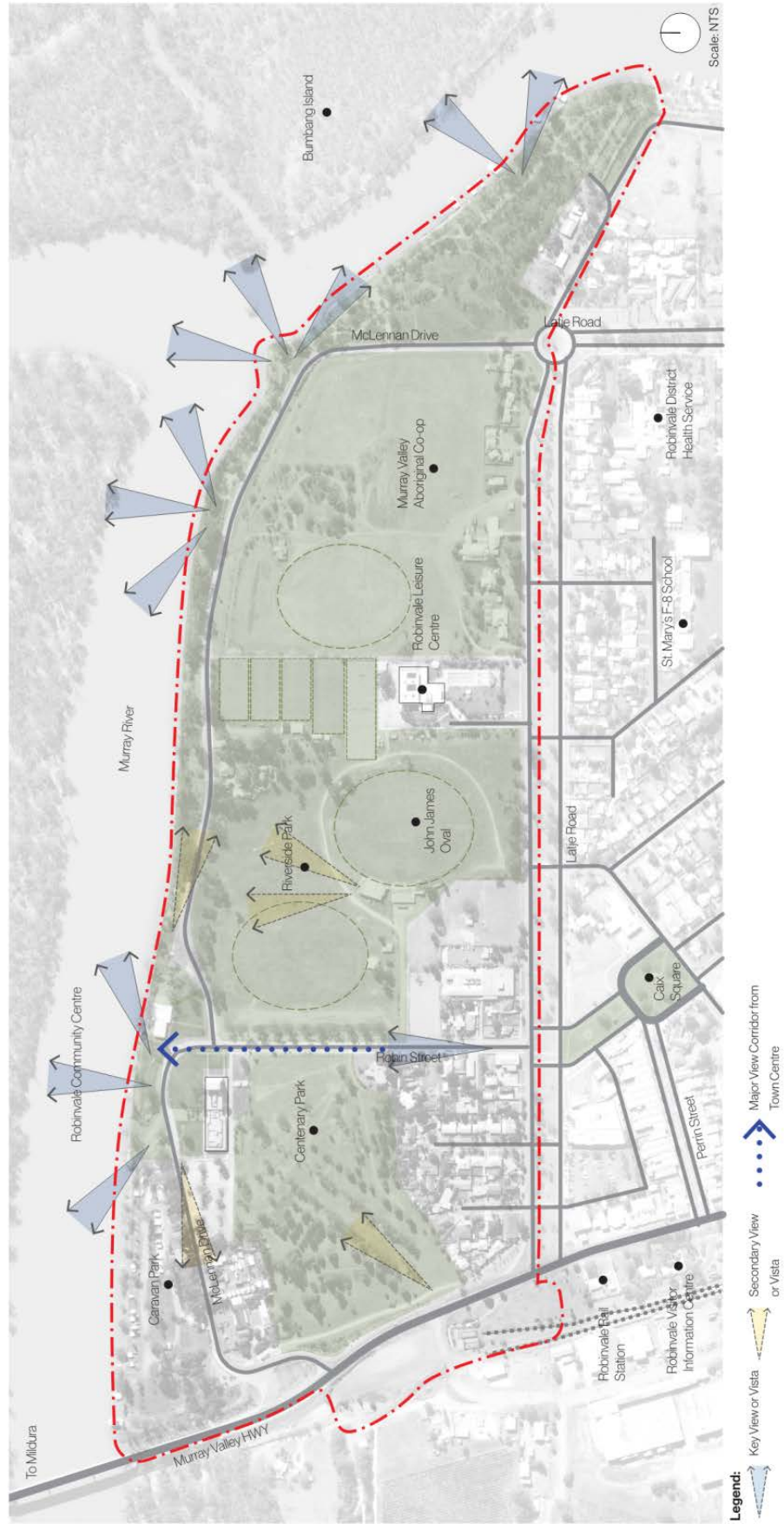


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SITE ANALYSIS | PARK FACILITIES



SITE ANALYSIS | VIEW CORRIDORS

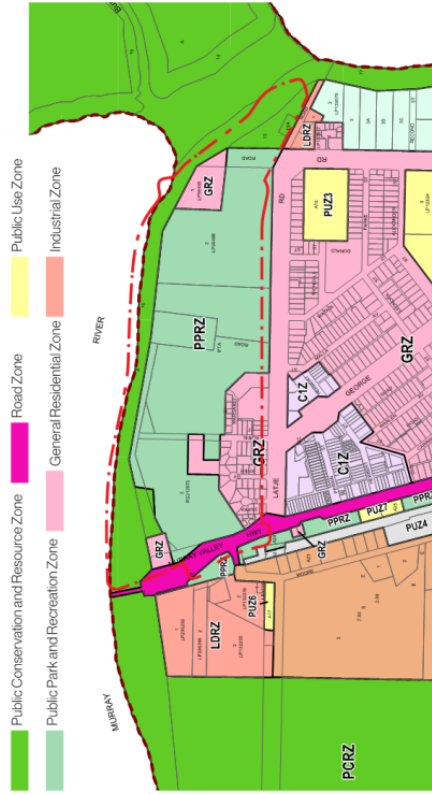


SITE ANALYSIS | EXISTING SITE FENCING

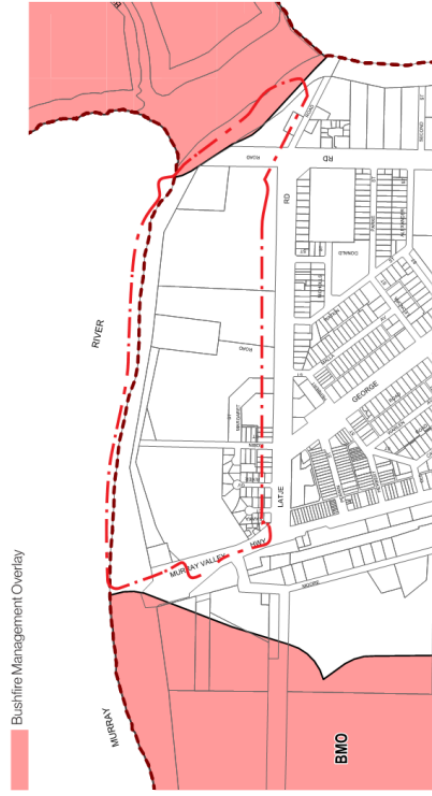


SITE ANALYSIS | PLANNING SCHEME

Swan Hill Planning Scheme - Zoning Map



Swan Hill Planning Scheme - Bushfire Management



Swan Hill Planning Scheme - Environmental Significance

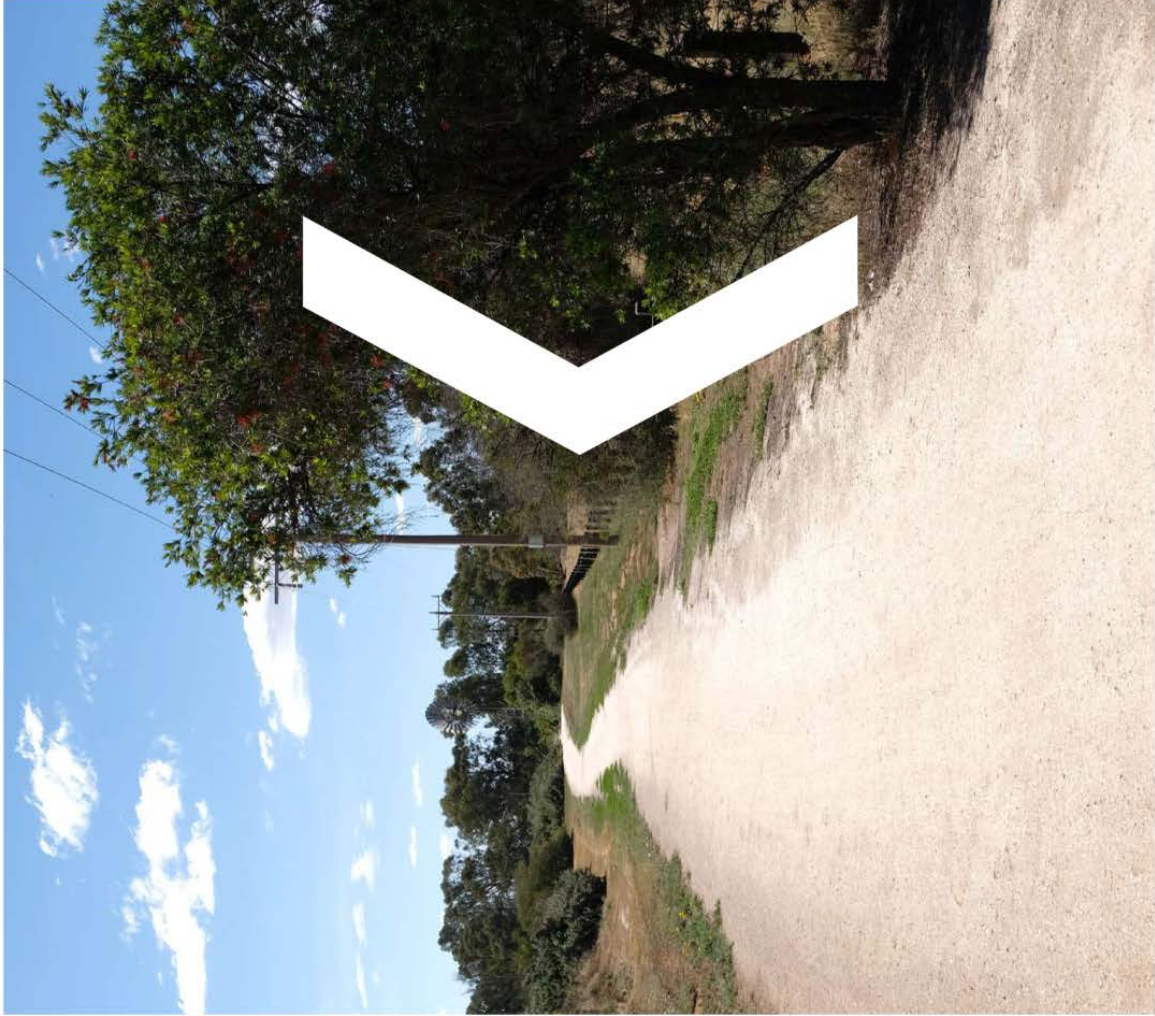


Swan Hill Planning Scheme - Land subject to Inundation



**OPPORTUNITIES &
CONSTRAINTS**

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OPPORTUNITIES & CONSTRAINTS SUMMARY

Opportunities Summary

This section includes a summary of all the key analysis on opportunities within the site. These findings are a compilation of observations from both desktop analysis and site observations.

The next pages show detailed diagrams with notes and considerations to each of the areas and a colour code is applied to facilitate legibility. Within the opportunities, the diagrams focus on the following considerations:

- Green Spine & River Connection
- Site Access and circulation
- Quality open space and destinations
- Waterfront facilities

These diagrams are crucial to understand the current functioning of the site and the proposed location of specific interventions.

Constraints Summary

Similarly to the opportunities diagrams, this section includes a summary of all the key analysis on challenges and constraints within the site. These findings are also a compilation of observations both on desktop analysis and also on site.

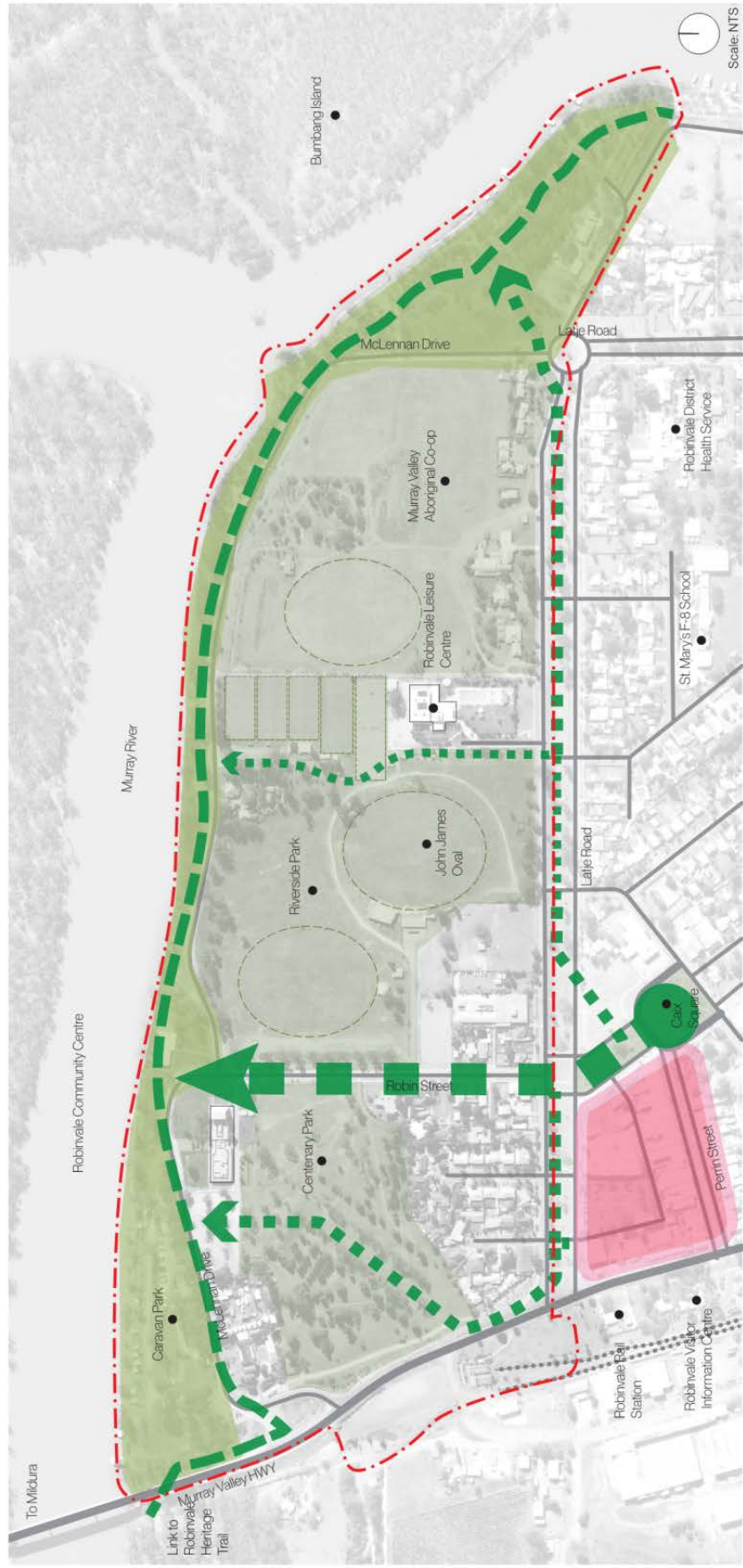
Within the challenges and constraints section, the diagrams focus on the following considerations:

- Fences and excluded areas
- Access to River & views
- Connectivity

These diagrams help identify areas of concerns as well as intervention focus on transforming these challenges into opportunities when possible.



OPPORTUNITIES | GREEN SPINE & RIVER CONNECTION



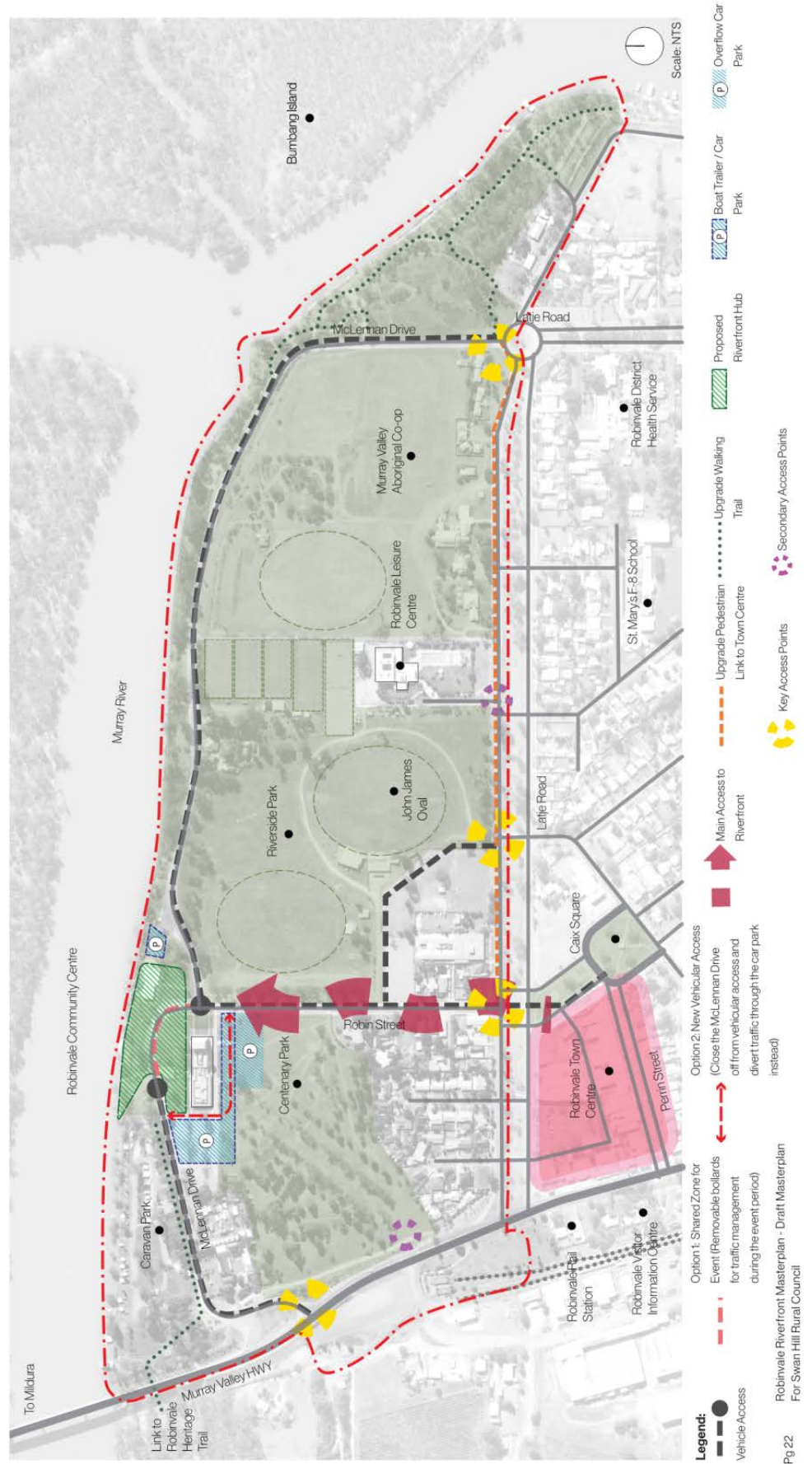
Legend:

- Green Spine / Avenue
- Key Pedestrian Links
- Continuous River Walk and Controlled Bank Access
- Rehabilitate Native Vegetation and Bank Stabilisation

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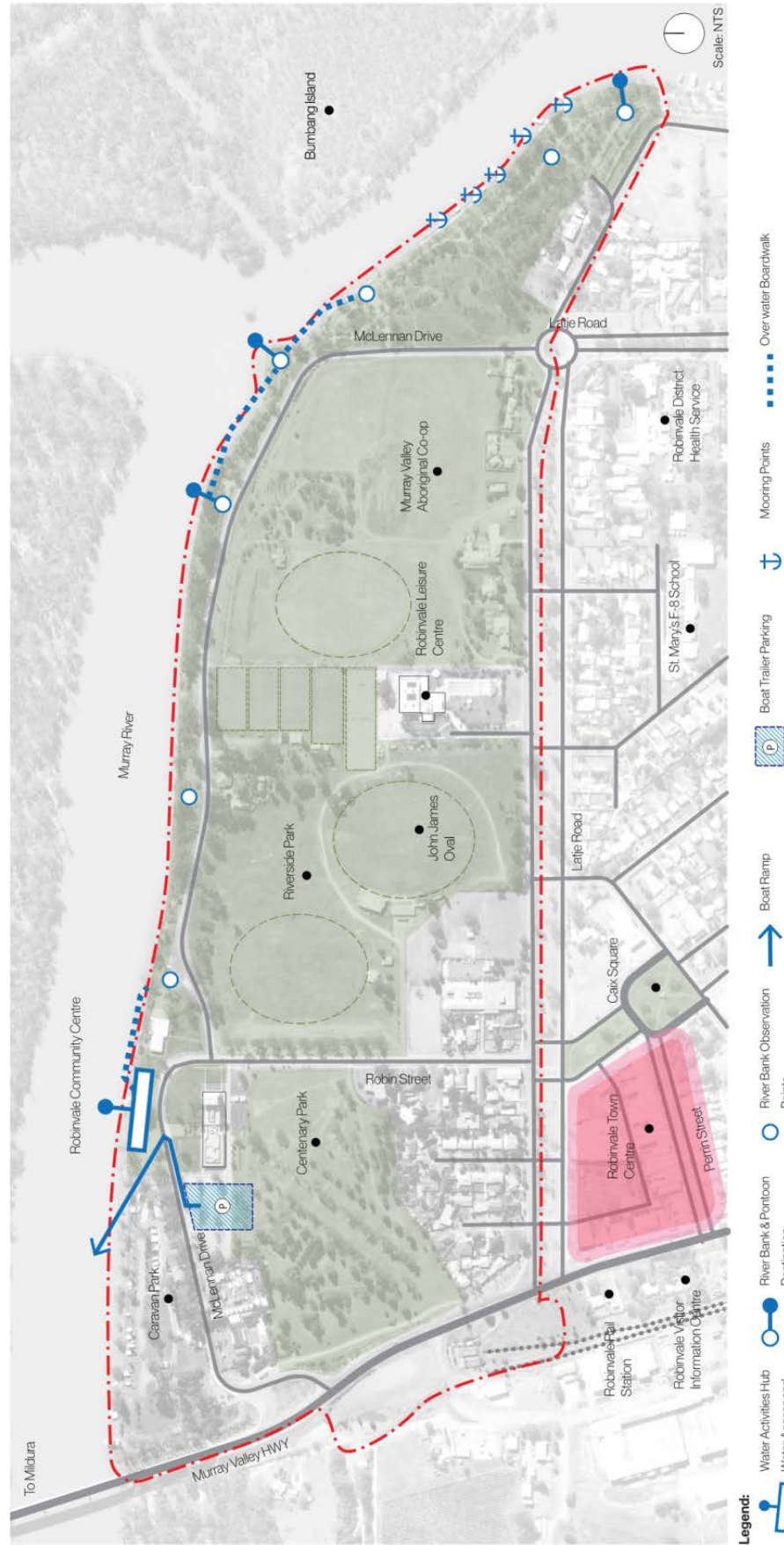
OPPORTUNITIES | SITE ACCESS & CIRCULATION



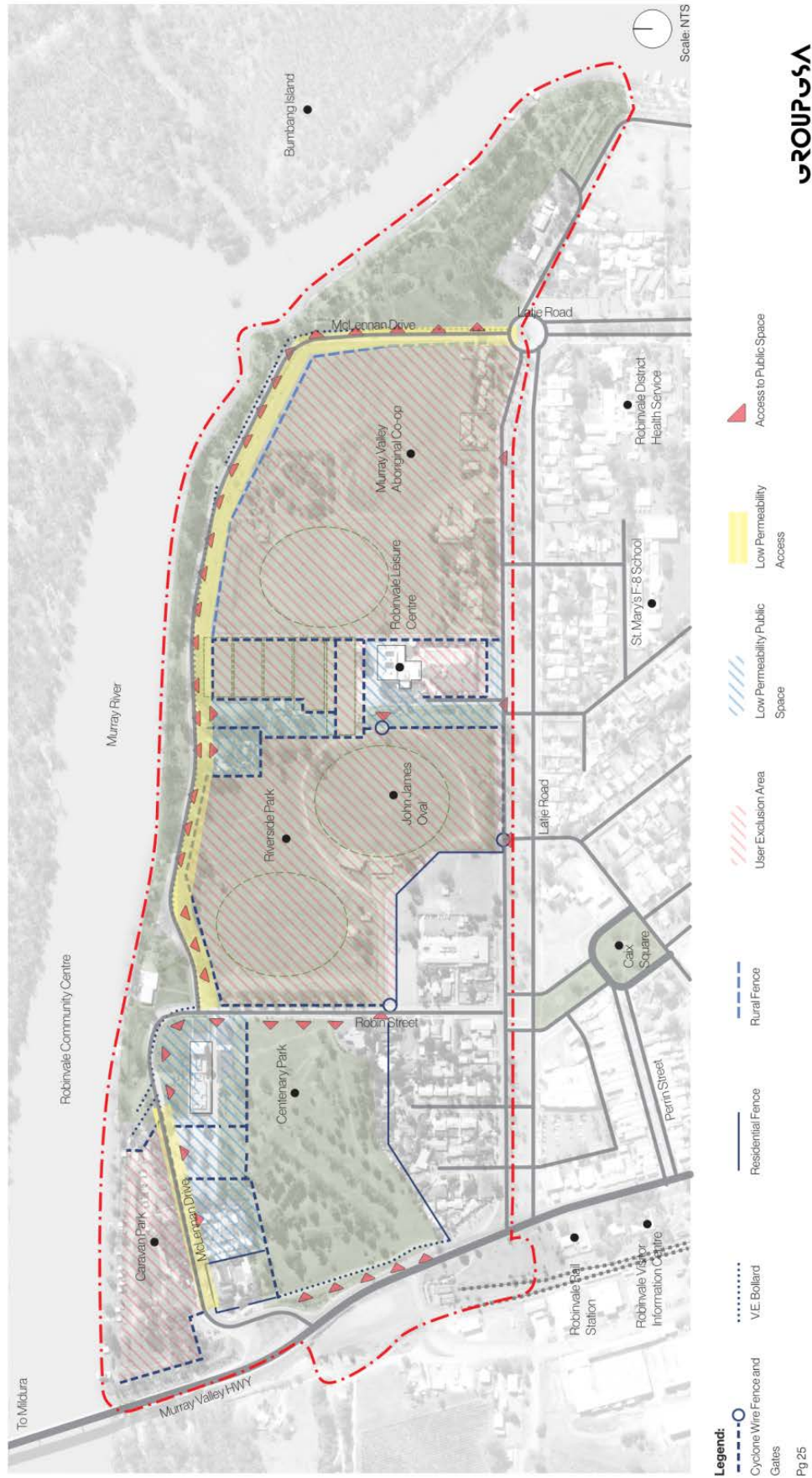
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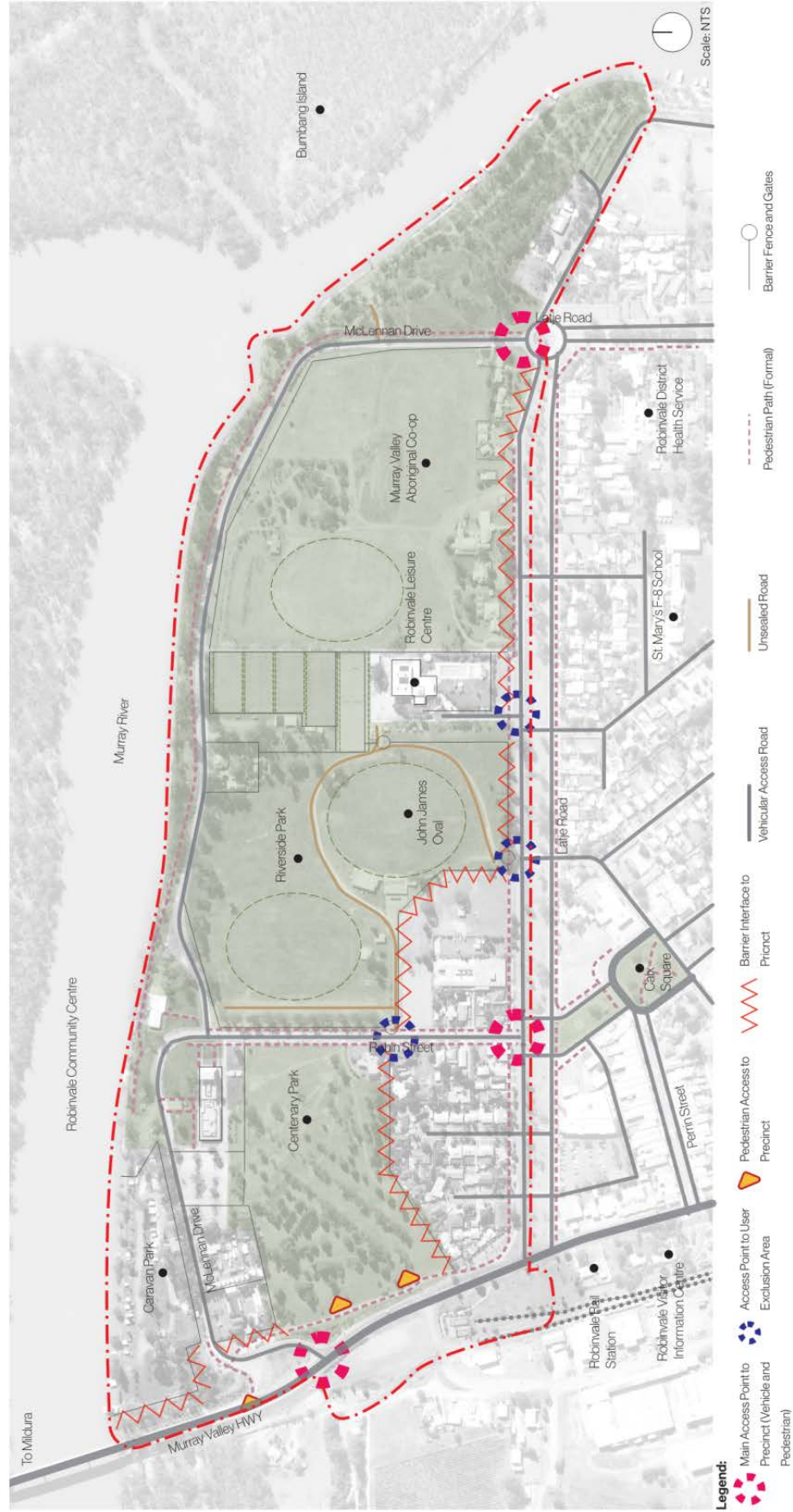
OPPORTUNITIES | WATERFRONT FACILITIES



CHALLENGES & CONSTRAINTS | FENCING & EXCLUDED AREA



CHALLENGES & CONSTRAINTS | CONNECTIVITY



**CONNECTION TO
COUNTRY**

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TRADITIONAL OWNERS ENGAGEMENT & RECOMMENDATIONS

AHHA Assessment

As part of the Robinvale Riverfront Masterplan development process, Ecology & Heritage partners have prepared an Aboriginal and Historical Heritage Assessment (AHHA) to inform and support the design

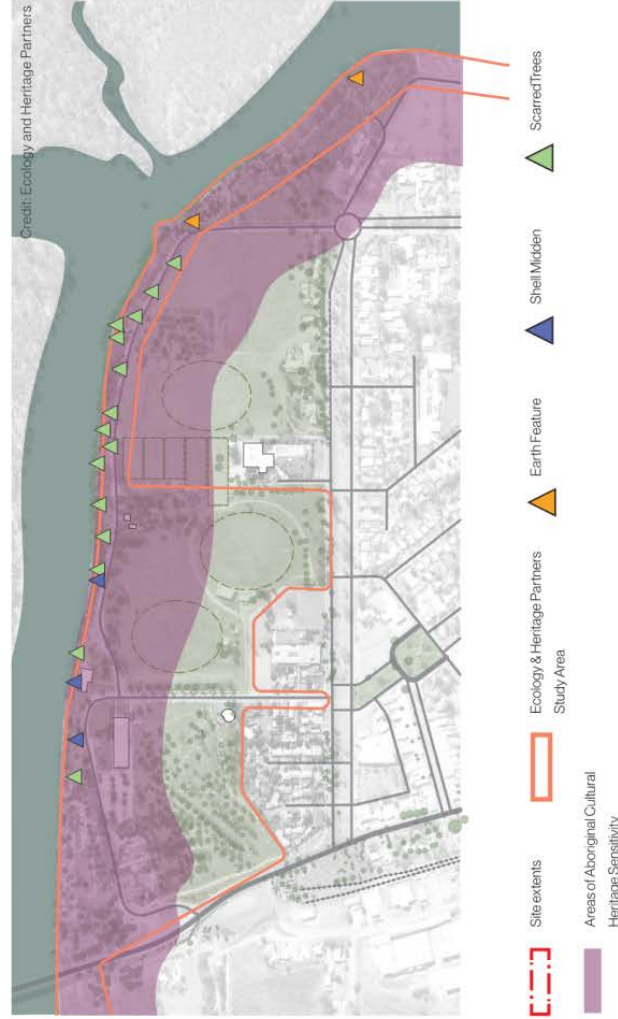
This assessment consisted of the review of relevant heritage registers and databases, previous archaeological publications and unpublished reports, as well as a review of the environmental context of the site.

As a result of the above assessment, a number of recommendations have been suggested, which summarise in the following recommendations:

- Creation of Non-Impact Zones in the Masterplan development;
- Consultation with the local Traditional Owner Groups to be undertaken in the design and development process;
- Masterplan to avoid tree loss in the study area;
- An area of Centenary Park to be cordoned off from public and private use
- Interpretation to be installed within Centenary Park;
- Ground disturbing works to be avoided in Centenary Park sandy rise;
- An Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan be undertaken for the Masterplan Development;
- An interpretation 'trail' for Aboriginal Cultural Heritage be developed as part of the Masterplan;
- A separate study be undertaken to correct inaccurate data of Aboriginal Places at the river front;
- The Place extents of the Aboriginal middens

- registered as occurring within the study area be re-examined;
- The Robinvale Riverfront be registered on the VAHR as a Cultural Landscape.
- An annual audit of the scarred trees along the riverfront be undertaken;
- Aboriginal Heritage Place Information not be made public;
- Contingency for Aboriginal Heritage;
- Masterplan development to avoid harm to known Heritage Overlay sites;
- No Requirement for Further Archaeological Investigation;
- Contingency for Historical Heritage.

The maps shown on the side highlight the Study Area and Area of Sensitivity, as well as the significant Aboriginal places. Refer pages 75 - 77 and maps 2. 2a and 2b in AHHA report for more detailed information.



MASTERPLAN DESIGN



05

VISION / DESIGN PRINCIPLES



01/

Celebrate Multicultural Identity

HIGHLIGHT THE LOCAL IDENTITY OF ROBINVALE BY ENHANCING THE MULTICULTURAL VALUE THROUGH ART AND STORYTELLING



02/

Accessibility, Wayfinding & Parking

PRIORITISE SAFE AND CLEAR PEDESTRIAN FLOW AND INCLUSIVE ACCESSIBILITY FOR ALL AGES AND NEEDS, WHILE ALSO AIMING TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT PARKING NUMBERS THAT WILL SUPPORT ANNUAL FESTIVALS AND EVENTS



03/

Flexible Open Spaces

CREATE FLEXIBLE AND MULTI-USE AREAS TO SUPPORT LOCAL EVENTS SUCH AS THE ALMOND BLOSSOM FESTIVAL, POP UP EXHIBITIONS AND ALIKE



04/

Enhance Riverfront Environment

IMPROVE AND PROTECT THE RIVERFRONT OF ROBINVALE BY RE-VEGETATING KEY ZONES AND INCORPORATING VIEWS AND CONNECTION POINTS TO THE MURRAY RIVER



05/

Human Scale Design

ENSURE ALL ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED MASTER PLAN FACTOR IN HUMAN SCALE DESIGN, INCLUSIVE OF CONSIDERATION TO DDA COMPLIANCE AND OPTED PRINCIPLES



LANDSCAPE MASTERPLAN

Design intent / approach

The design intent and approach of this masterplan aims to align with the design principles resulting from consultation, as well as consider all aspects discussed with the community and council, both on engagement sessions and on undertaken site walks.

The main considerations and guidelines include the following:

Access points

To provide clear accessibility to the site, specifically from the CBD to the riverfront and from Murray Valley HWY to Centenary park.

These connection points, as well McEwen Drive, represent the key for accessibility, and could incorporate landmarks that help make it more clear and intuitive.

Signage and Way-finding

To achieve proper safety for all users and avoid conflicting situations within the site, the design should consider the clear separation of the pedestrian paths, cars / trucks and the boat ramp, as well as incorporating clear signage.

Safety

To provide both circulation and lighting assets to encourage active usage at all different times and seasons during the year.

Events

To ensure that the Community Centre and adjacent area can cater for local annual events by keeping an open flexible space; provide opportunities for indigenous art exhibitions and other cultural expressions, to consider space for food trucks / pop up cafe and improve the Community Centre's outdoor open space areas.

Amenities

To improve existing and provide new amenities along site, to meet the communities needs and instigate further use of the riverfront of Robinvale.

Shade / Canopy cover

To include design solutions that will help mitigate the sun exposure on site and the urban heat island, as well as consider materials that are UV resistant and do not impose the risk of skin burn.

Art & Cultural inclusion

To integrate and highlight the cultural diversity of Robinvale by inclusion of indigenous story walks and local art sculptures along the site to emphasise the multicultural character and educate visitors

Activities

To provide high quality public space amenities catering to all ages and users, including families and provide universally accessible options.

Carparking

To improve the traffic flow in and out of the site, as well as to increase the carparking availability while defining areas and ameliorate safety and pedestrian circulation within the area.

Riverbank interventions

To improve and offer a better connection to the environment by introducing riverfront interventions such as: water links for the public through points of access and lookout, re-vegetation of the riverfront and signage and wayfinding.



ROBIN STREET



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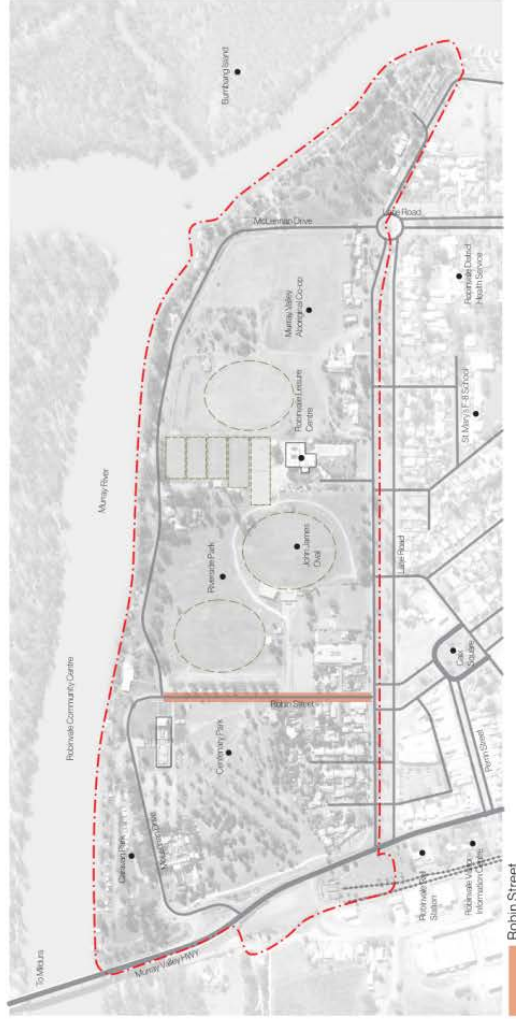
ROBIN STREET SUMMARY

Background Context

- Robin Street acts as the main vehicle and pedestrian access for locals and tourists through to the Riverfront. Due to the high demand for parking within the area during events such as Almond Blossom Festival and the annual Robinvale Ski Race, Robin Street has been identified as the appropriate location for additional parking.
- Robin Street currently lacks shade amenity resulting in limited shelter from the heat of summer.
- Pedestrian and cycle connections are to be improved through Robin Street, focusing on pedestrian footpath rectification, and the addition of a cycle path in order to integrate a healthy active transportation solution within Robinvale.
- Other matters to consider include lighting for safety and planting beds for mitigation of the urban heat island.

Community Feedback:

- Need for more shade / Native canopy cover;
- Consider deciduous and Autumn coloured trees;
- Upgrade to footpath / inclusion of shared footpath - consider prams and senior citizens;
- Integrate planting strips along the footpaths;
- Signage & wayfinding from CBD to Robin St / Perhaps cultural signage along Robin St;
- Balance between car and pedestrian access
- Provide parallel parking along Robin St and assess over flow car parking needs on event occasions ;
- Provide a safe and clear connection between Robin St and Centenary Park;



Existing Conditions



Current Robin St profile (looking South)



Current profile looking North



Robinvale Senior Citizens Centre

ROBIN STREET OPPORTUNITIES & CONSTRAINTS



ROBIN STREET DESIGN APPROACH

Design Intent

As a part of the concept development of Robin Street, a number of considerations were studied and applied to the proposal. Access ways can play a key role in the visitor experience of a place, providing a sense of arrival.

The wide profile of Robin Street carriageway provides an opportunity for extensive street tree planting and carparking without compromising traffic movements, access to properties and infrastructure.

As indicated in the plan and sections, tree planting within the road corridor and verge will help improve the visual amenity and experience for travellers, residents, cyclists and pedestrians.

The main goals with this proposal are to incorporate more shade and native canopy cover, upgrade the footpaths profile with pram-ramps, tactile tiles, planting, wayfinding and to balance the flow of pedestrians and traffic.

The incorporation of an angled carpark will also improve access conditions as incentive for people to travel to the area and spend time in it.

The streetscape proposal includes:

- Medium canopy trees are to be planted within the along the footpath to provide shade and assist with urban heat island and microclimate;
- Garden beds along the footpath as greenery enhancement, physical barrier and stormwater solution;
- Introduction of angled carparking to reduce the apparent width of the carriageway and reduce traffic speed;

Reference images



Tree canopy introduction along the road



Typical road profile



Planting & carparking



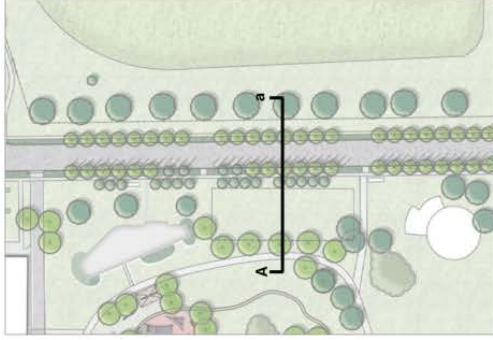
Robin St Plan | Scale: 1000 @ A3



Legend:

	Site Boundary		Proposed Angled Car Park
	Existing Building		Proposed Overflow Car Park
	Existing Shrub		Proposed Active Nature Play Area
	Existing Tree		Centenary Park
	Proposed Tree		Proposed Skate Park by others
	Murray River		Existing fence line
	Grassed Area		Proposed Avenue of Trees
	Mass Planting		Proposed Seating
	Feature Garden		Senior Citizen Centre
	Road Surface		
	Concrete Footpath		
	Gravel path		

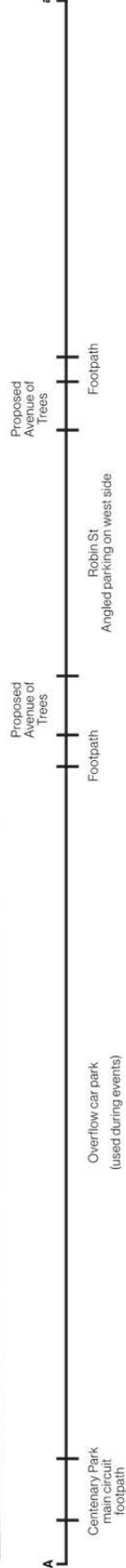
ROBIN STREET SECTION



Section Key Plan

Robin Street Section Aa - typical profile along Robin St and overflow carpark

Scale: 1:200 @ A3



ROBIN STREET VISUALISATION



CENTENARY PARK



07

CENTENARY PARK SUMMARY

Background Context

The existing Centenary Park is a place of historical significance and includes several sensitive Aboriginal heritage zones at the North-West side, which shall be retained and protected.

Being located in a strategic point and having a direct link to both Robin Street and the Community Centre, the park offers great potential for the accommodation of diverse activities, such as:

- New playground for different age brackets - Consider water activities and skate park;
- Integrate Indigenous Cultural Interpretation;
- New seating / BBQ / gathering pods for all age groups;
- Opportunity to highlight the existing cultural diversity;
- Retain and improve historical trees-lines and provide new trees / canopy cover, as well as garden beds;
- Opportunity to connect pedestrians to activity zones through a path system;
- Provide space for events to occur in Centenary Park;

Use native vegetation to allow for storytelling. At the West side of Centenary Park, there is an existing gravel path that provides a North-South connection to the existing Caravan park.

This connection can be enhanced and improved, for both pedestrians and cars, creating this way, a link from the Highway to the Centenary Park.

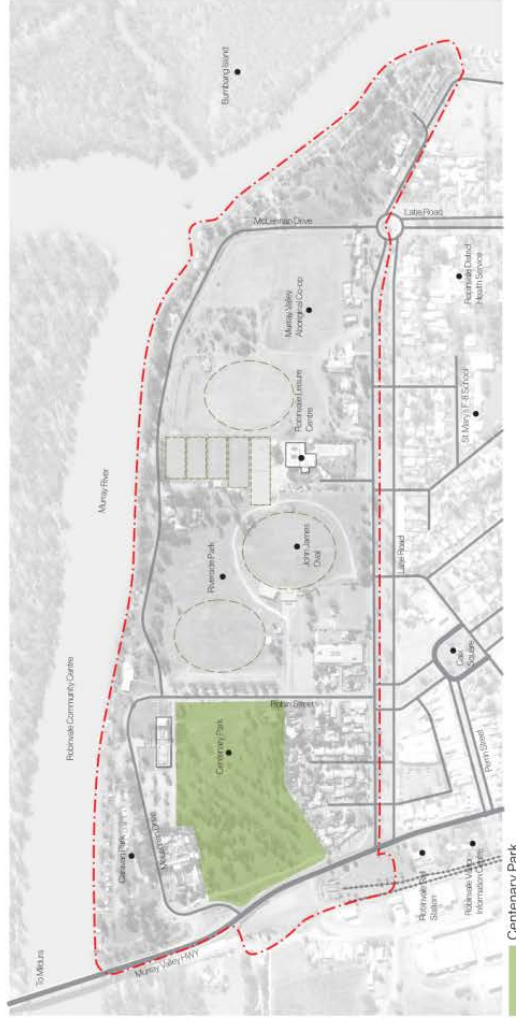
At the South side of this path, there is also an opportunity to create a gateway from Murray Valley HWY to Centenary Park.

At the North-West end of the Centenary Park, there is an existing traffic link from the Murray Valley HWY to the Caravan park.

This link can be improved with a gateway sign / art sculpture and include a way for visitors to easily access the parking at Centenary Park i.e. signage and access from the highway. In this area, there is also the potential for a new carpark, to allow for access to the Centenary park from the West

Community Feedback:

- Opportunity for play spaces, including a skatepark, playground and water play spaces. Nature play over formalised play is preferred;
- Provide paths / bike paths, gathering and socializing spaces;
- Provide toilet and amenities;
- Include an 'Artwork River band': a path through Centenary Park to showcase the story of Robinvale, the Indigenous communities that reside there and highlighting the waves of immigration;
- Opportunity to showcase different cultures through having different themed garden beds;
- Consider a dog park;
- Provide more carparking and signage leading people to Centenary Park.
- Consider developing Centenary Park as a Botanical Garden.



Sparse grass in the park

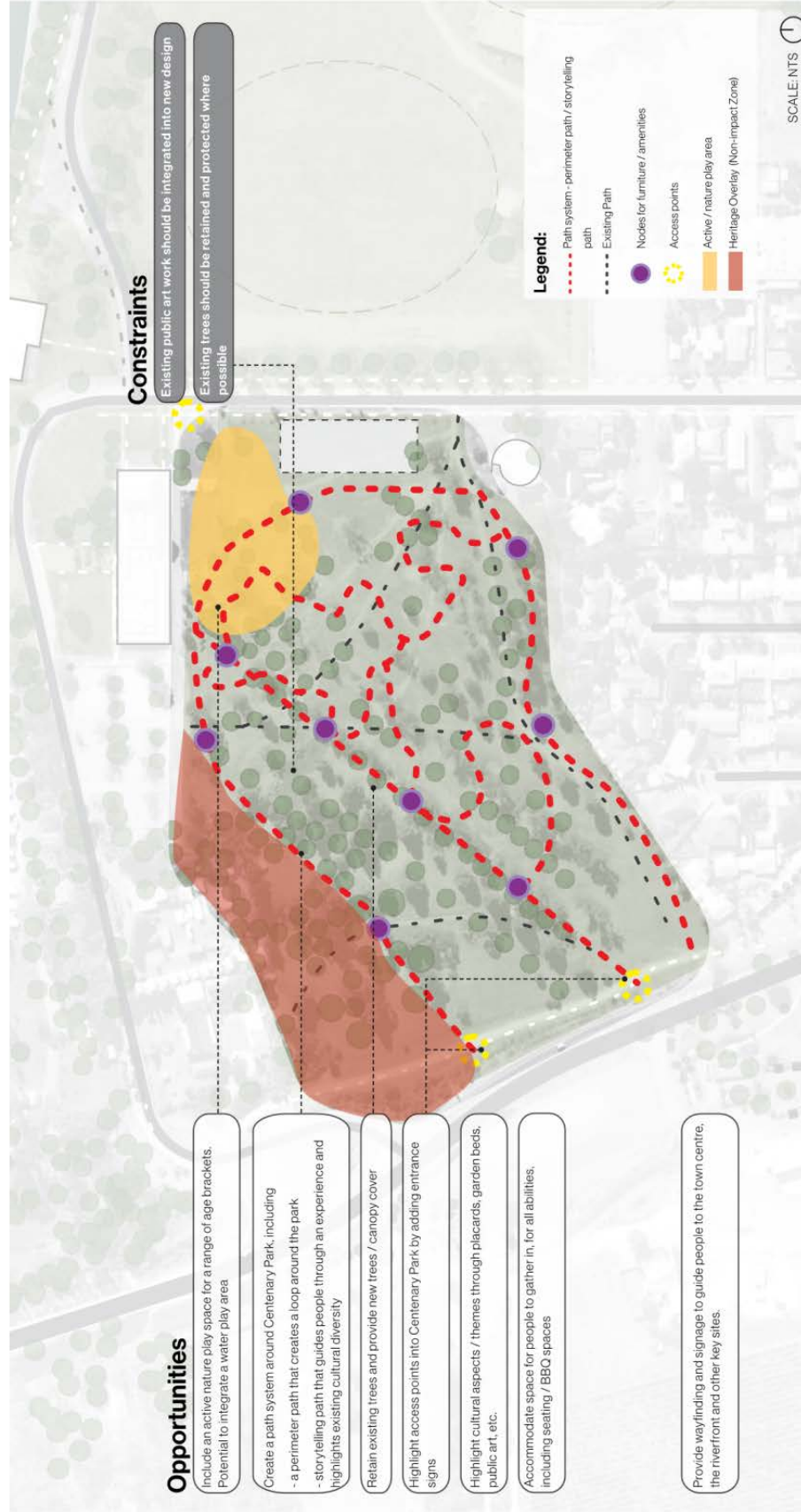


Open green space that has the potential for added furniture and other interventions



Avenue of trees that highlight sightlines to the river.

CENTENARY PARK OPPORTUNITIES & CONSTRAINTS



CENTENARY PARK DESIGN APPROACH

Design Intent

The Robinvale Riverfront Masterplan strategy recognises Centenary Park as the jewel of the town's public parks, and should be improved to accommodate the communities needs while becoming a main destination and attraction in Robinvale.

The overall aim of the upgrade of Centenary Park is to highlight its entrance points, integrate gathering spaces / picnic areas within the open space and to create play opportunities for outdoor activities.

Recognising the gardens inherent attraction as the largest open space and historical character, the other aim of the upgrade is to introduce landscape amenities: spaces, paths, park furniture and planting.

with the incorporation of cultural enhancement by introducing the cultural gardens.

The introduction of a diagonal link offers a strong connection between West-East, and a loop path is introduced to facilitate fitness opportunities.

The path system is also design to offer clear connections to the car parking areas, as well as to the community centre.

Within the park, the introduction of a skate park, is also a main attraction which will bring mixed use and age values to the areas.

Reference images



Meandering paths through the park

Avenue of trees and diagonal path



Wayfinding signs / nodes through the park

Seating opportunities through out the park



Centenary Park Plan | Scale: 2000@ A3



CENTENARY PARK ACTIVE NATURE PLAY ZOOM IN



Key Plan | Scale: 1:10 000 @ A3



Legend:

- Existing trees
- Proposed trees
- Gravel
- Grass
- Rubber softfall
- Garden bed
- Concrete
- Mulch
- Shade sails
- Timber shelter
- Timber seating
- Timber logs & stumps
- BBQ

Reference images



Water play elements



Natural elements for play and gathering



Sand play

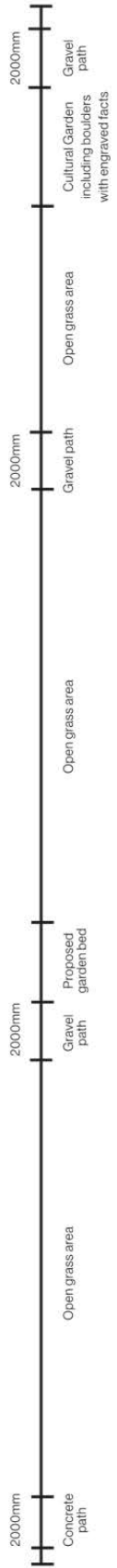
CENTENARY PARK SECTION



Section Key Plan

Centenary Park Section Aa - proposed paths, garden beds and open areas

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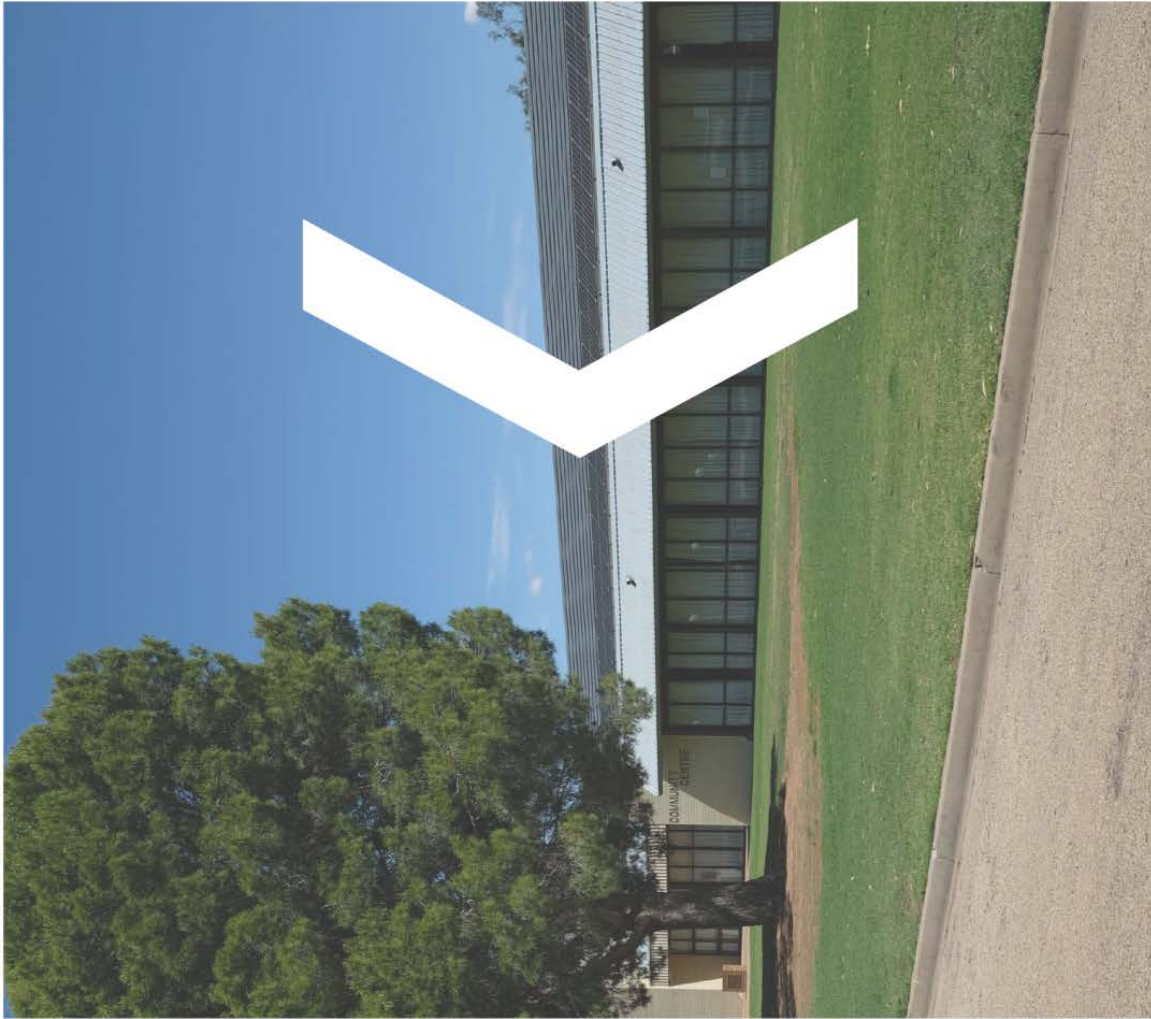


CENTENARY PARK VISUALISATION



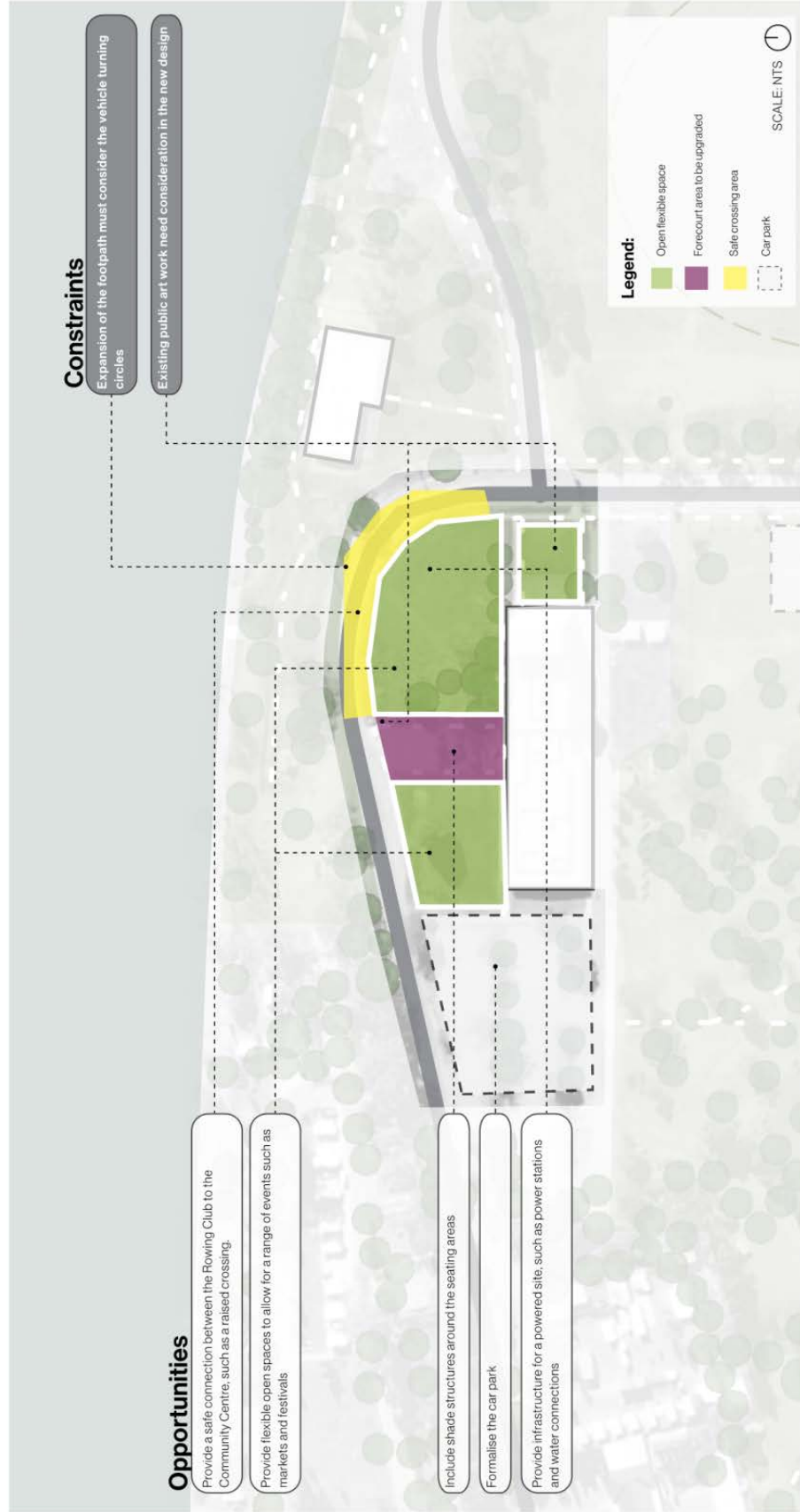
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**ROBINVALE
COMMUNITY ARTS
CENTRE**



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ROBINVALE COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE OPPORTUNITIES & CONSTRAINTS



ROBINVALE COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE DESIGN APPROACH



Key Plan | Scale: 1:10 000 @ A3

- Legend:**
- Existing trees
 - Proposed trees
 - Wayfinding signage
 - Garden beds
 - Grass
 - Feature paving
 - Paving
 - Road
 - Raised crossing
 - Picnic benches
 - Marquee
 - Bollards

Design Intent

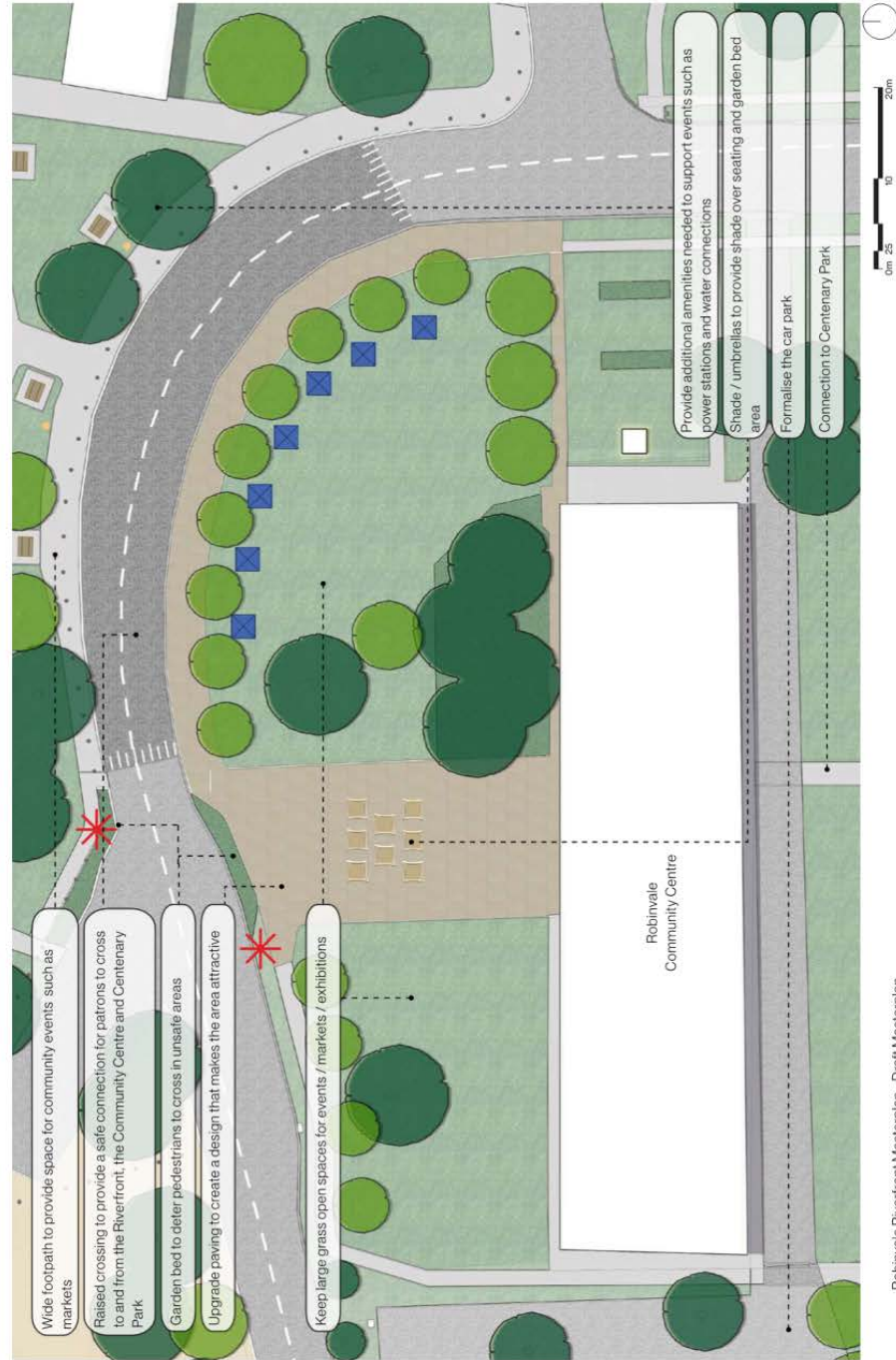
As one of the most significant links to the riverfront, the Community Centre outdoors holds immense potential for becoming a main space for events and attractions to the community, as well as visitors.

As previously indicated, the strategy for this spaces includes providing infrastructure to support events / exhibitions, provide a safe circulation for pedestrians

Considering the above, the proposal focus on retaining a large open flexible grass areas, while introducing opportunities for markets and alike. The outdoors paving is due for upgrading, which can refresh the look and feel of the space and make it more pleasant.

The existing planting boxes will incorporate shade elements as well as new planting and can potentially be upgraded for a more pleasant design and materiality.

The introduction of a shared raised crossing will assist a safe circulations and link to the riverfront area while reducing traffic speed through this area which helps regulate the traffic. The introduction of lighting and bollards provides a traffic barrier and safer footpaths along this section.



ROBINVALE COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE PRECEDENTS & SECTION

Reference images



Raised crossing to provide a flushed kerb



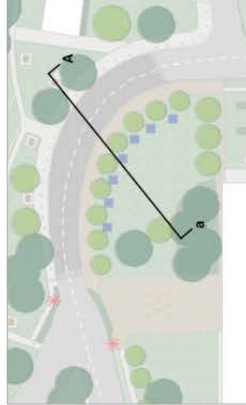
Seating around planter box / garden bed



Market stalls



Entrance / gateway signs



Section Location

Community Centre Outdoors Section Aa - proposed shared crossing and marquee stand locations

Scale: 1:200 @ A3



- Plenit area
- Grassed area
- 5m wide footpath with flushed kerb
- McLennan Drive Raised crossing
- 5m wide footpath with flushed kerb
- Grassed area in front of Robinvale Community Centre. This area is open space for markets, events and open air exhibitions, etc.
- Garden bed in front of Robinvale Community Centre

MURRAY RIVERFRONT



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MURRAY RIVERFRONT SUMMARY

Background Context

Close to the Community Centre, here is an existing boat ramp which presents in fairly good condition and shall be maintained.

Within this area, one of the things to consider is the conflict between pedestrians and boat trailers

This can be improved by integrating specific signage and allocated pedestrian paths that will provide the space with clear and safe path of travel for all users.

The existing toilet block to the West of the boat ramp is currently in degrading condition and should be replaced by a new toilet block in accordance with the Public convenience strategy.

This can be seen as an opportunity for relocating the toilet block to a more appropriate location if needed.

There is an existing Rowing Club and deck which is functional and in good condition but could be improved. One of the potentials for the Rowing club is to incorporate a cafe into it, providing social and economical opportunities.

As the Rowing Club deck incorporates an accessible slope grading, this area represents great potential for incorporation of a larger public connection to the river.

By improving the conditions and formalising the access to a potential larger deck / multiple decks, all users would be able to have a safe and easy connection to the water.

The riverfront line in Robinvale is generally steep and densely vegetated, with large amounts of trees, shrubs and wildlife.

This restricts connections to the river, but there are some opportunities to integrate small interventions.

An arborist assessment on site will help understanding the significance of the existing vegetation, we can then evaluate the possibility of integrating staircases / decks down to the Murray, and this way, have a number of small interventions that allow direct connection to the water for both residents and visitors.

Along the riverfront path, there is the Warrina

Aboriginal Centre. When developing a masterplan, it is important to consider the connection of this centre to the riverfront. Consulting with the stakeholders involved and acquiring an understanding of how the centre can input and benefit from the project is also highly recommended.

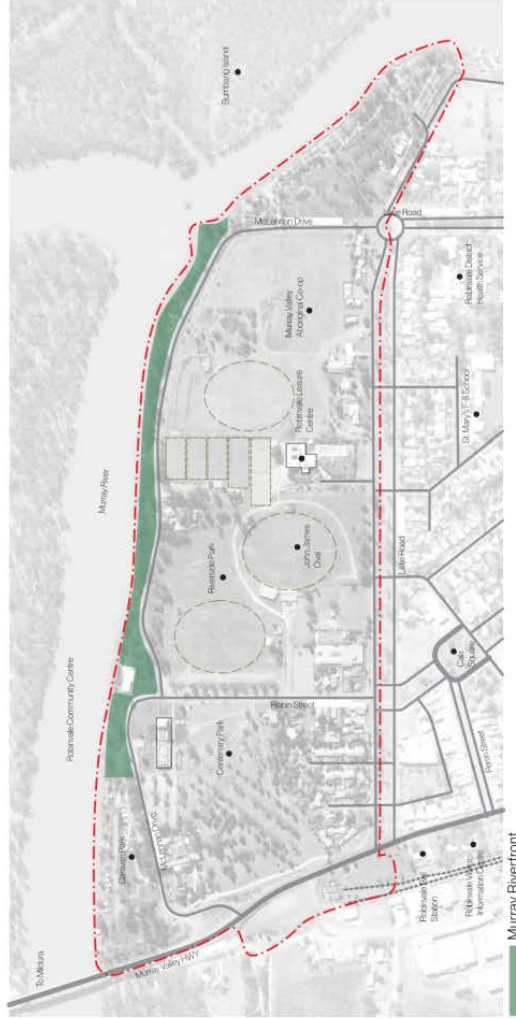
The existing path connection along the riverside is an extension of the previous two-way road and it is defined by a continuous line of bollards.

This path can be improved by integration of:

- Storytelling elements relating to the diverse cultures in Robinvale;
- Historical viewpoints highlighted with art / sculptural elements;
- Light poles along the path;
- Potential asphalt painting to highlight the pedestrian zone.
- It is noted that there is existing signage at several locations, although the order / numbering is not in line with how people travel. Signage should be upgraded with potential QR codes.

Community Feedback:

- Reinforce river banks by re-vegetating the waterfront where needed;
- Provide river marks at every 50m;
- Have a dedicated carpark for everyday sports and overflow for competitions;
- Create a cultural trail that highlights the rich cultural heritage and art along the riverfront. Provide signage / information on this at the carparking areas;
- Consider a virtual walking tour related to Robinvale riverfront;
- Consider information panels translated to other languages for other visitors to be able to read and share the experience;
- Include opportunities for bird watching and view point platforms.



River access on the east



Car park area on the east

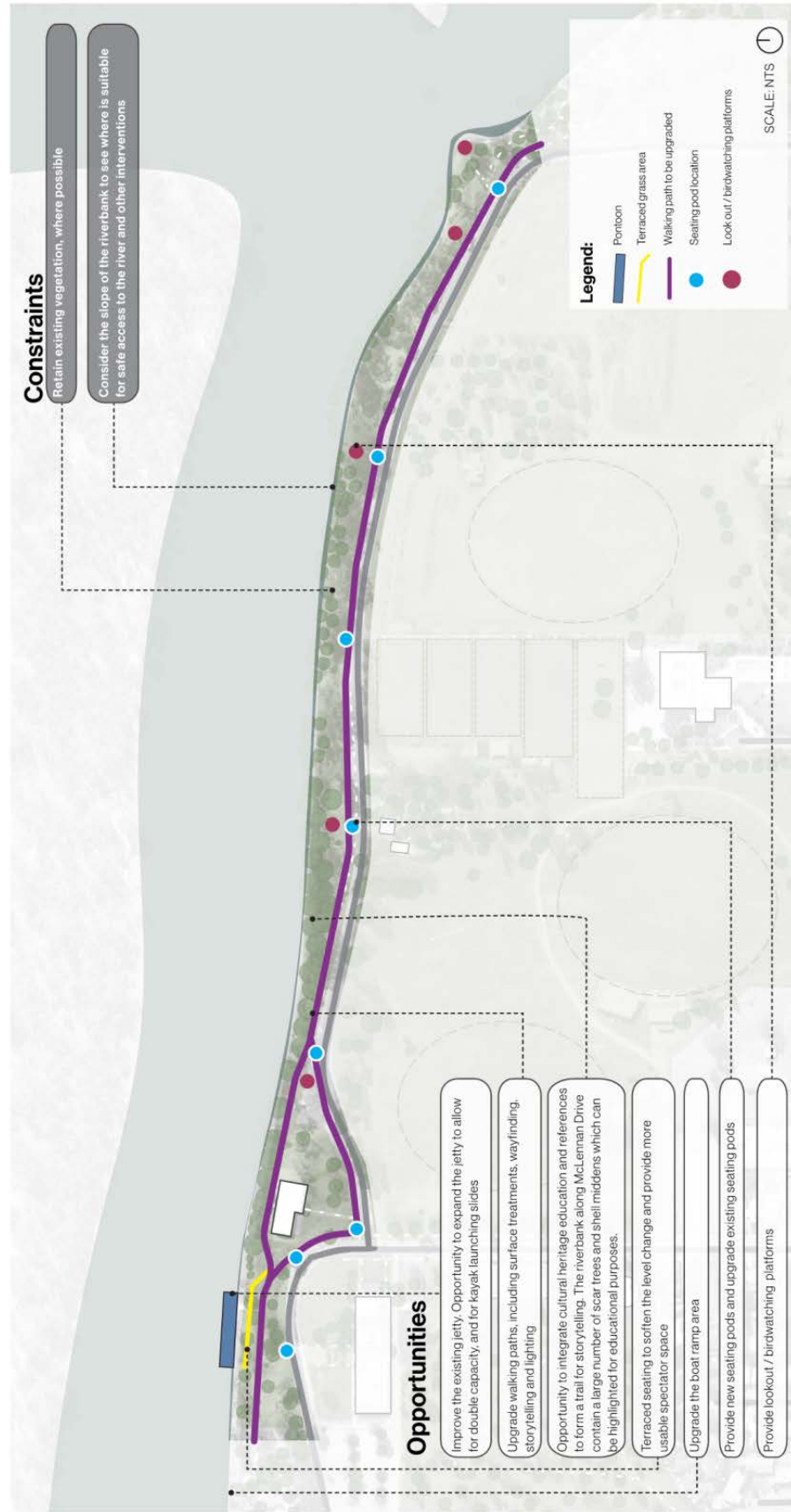


Bollards separating car traffic and pedestrian traffic



Area behind the pontoon

MURRAY RIVERFRONT OPPORTUNITIES & CONSTRAINTS



MURRAY RIVERFRONT DESIGN APPROACH



Key Plan | Scale: 1:10,000 @ A3

- Legend:**
- Existing trees
 - Proposed trees
 - Wayfinding signage
 - Garden beds
 - Grass
 - Feature paving
 - Paving
 - Road
 - Raised crossing
 - Picnic benches
 - Merquise
 - Bollards



Design Intent

The Robinvale Masterplan design strategy highlights the relationship of the Riverfront to Robinvale as a river town. The foreshore area across the street from the Community Centre forms the heart of the riverfront and its significant assets for the local community for reconciliation as well as an opportunity for tourism.

The River front area associated with the CBD forms into two distinct areas:

- Western riverfront, accessible through Robin Street and Community Centre;
- East Reserve riverfront, to which there is separate section ahead in this report.

Taking advantage of the close proximity to the River and CBD, the key proposals includes:

- Improving the layout and profile of the existing slope for an easy access to the riverfront;
- Improvement to the legibility of the entry / exit points from both car parks and from the Community Centre
- Improve accessibility and safety through a raised crossing that links the riverfront, Robin Street and the Community Centre all together;
- Upgraded and extended jetties/pontoons along with improved stair access from the access points to the riverfront;
- Upgraded River walk along the edge with improved, picnic areas, resting nodes, observation platforms and lighting.

For the entire riverfront area, rehabilitation of the embankment is a key consideration. As highlighted in during consultation, the problems of eroding embankment and invasive pest species need to be addressed, through a long-term programme of upgrading to ensure integrity of the embankment, eradicated and planting programme.



RIVERFRONT TERRACE SECTION

Reference images



Seating terrace

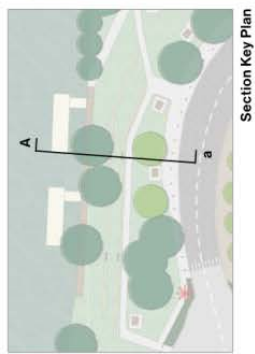


Timber deck



Standard seating

Riverfront Section Aa - through pontoon, timber boardwalk, terraced seating and raised crossing area



- Murray River
- Pontoon
- Timber boardwalk
- Open grass area
- Terraced area with seating and stairs to allow for spectating
- Upgraded path
- Open grass area
- 5m wide footpath with flushed kerb
- McLennan Drive Raised crossing

REST & OBSERVATION NODES TYPOLOGIES

Reference images



Observation / rest node



Observation stand



Interactive information sign

Rest / Observation Plan Locations



Potential locations for rest / observation nodes

Type 1: Small Platform Node



Type 2: Small Paved Node

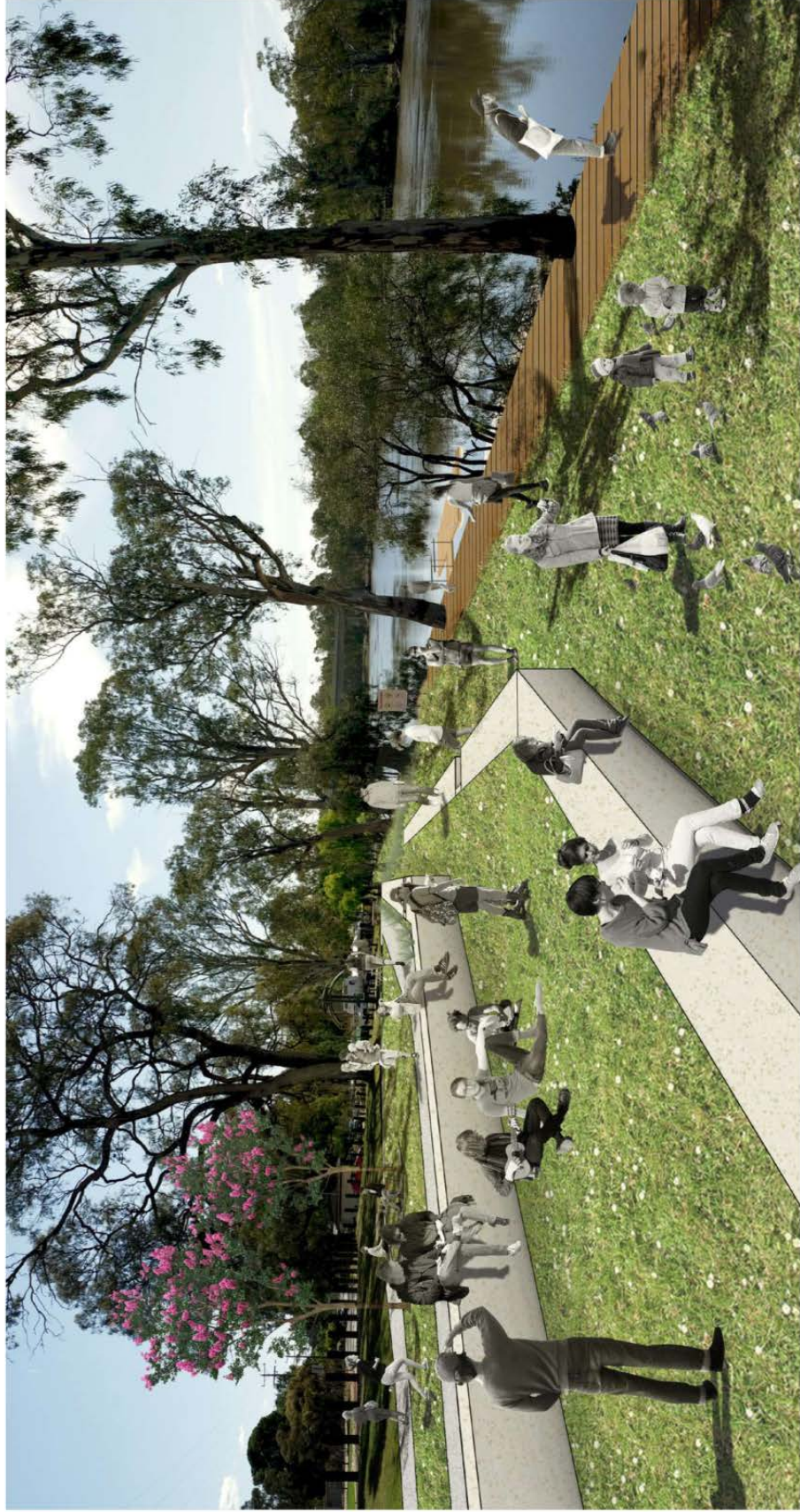


Type 3: Observation / Rest Node



Typical Sections | Scale: NTS
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MURRAY RIVERFRONT VISUALISATION



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**RIVERFRONT EAST
RESERVE**



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RIVERFRONT EAST RESERVE SUMMARY

Background Context

The East Reserve area or 'Cuff' is a significant Aboriginal cultural heritage site and represents a historical connection to Bumbag Island.

Because of its value and visual connection to the island, this area holds great potential for improvements on footpaths and shared paths, with small interventions on seating pods a connection to the water.

The introduction of interactive storyboards, signage and wayfinding to this area is also a great way of making it more clear and accessible.

Community Feedback:

- Opportunity to improve and extend the walking track along the levee bank;
- Create a connection from the reserve to Bumbag Island;
- Opportunity to have guided tours to Bumbag Island;
- Consider a docking station for commercial boats.



Riverfront East Reserve



Current car access / turning circle

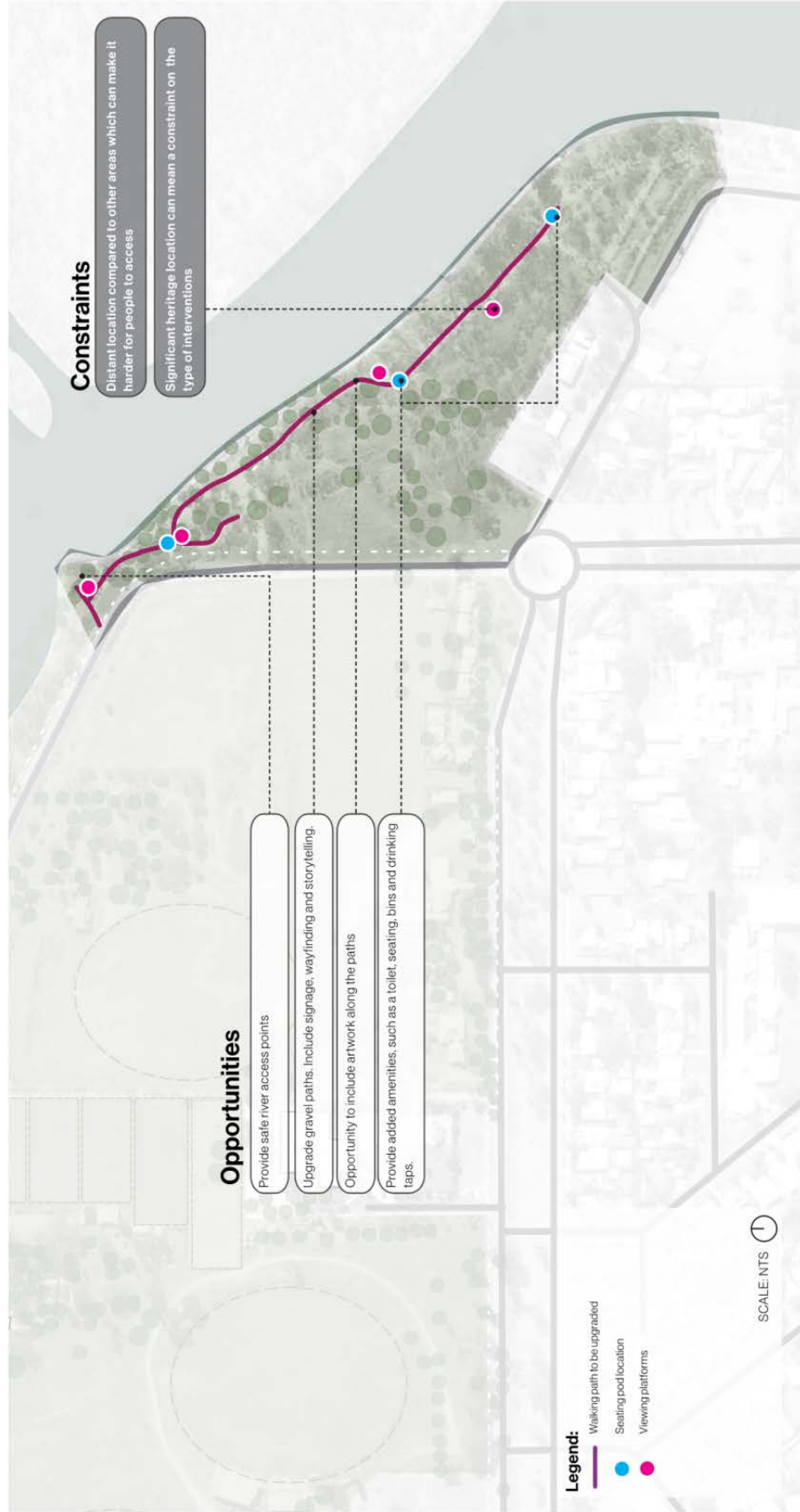


Existing trees and views to the Murray



Existing path along the riverfront

RIVERFRONT EAST RESERVE OPPORTUNITIES & CONSTRAINTS



RIVERFRONT EAST RESERVE DESIGN APPROACH

Design Intent

The East Reserve riverfront holds great potential for a more intimate and recouping space. Its location and distance from the other study areas makes it a special place and the visual connection to Bumbiang Island make it a valuable section.

This proposal aims to keep the natural aspect of the Reserve while highlighting and improving the access and amenities.

The upgrading of the paths will help facilitate peoples' access and the introduction of a floating pontoon will provide an observation and meditation deck.

The introduction of new furniture / table settings will also offer better quality and functionality to the site.

Another element that should be considered is the integration of art sculptures and elements of indigenous story telling to enhance the heritage of this specific location.

As a part of this design proposal, the addition of street trees is also an important intervention to provide shade and improve accessibility through this section of McLennan Dr.

Reference images



Upgraded trails



Art and cultural elements



Gravel path



Floating pontoon



Zoom In Plan | Scale: 1:2000 @ A3

BILL MCGINTY PARK



BILL MCGINTY PARK SUMMARY

Background Context

Bill McGinty park holds significant historical background to Robinvale and can be improved to highlight some of these facts.

The current conditions don't allow for visitors to use the space as they could.

Lack of shade, amenities and signage makes it hard from an access point of view.

The Park is generally recognised as an old industrial setting due to the remain structures that populate the space.

A simple intervention would be to grow planting around existing structures and potentially similar structures with climbing plants, not only to provide shade but also to make it a more attractive and interesting place to visit, as an upgrade by using historical elements. These spaces could also be used for temporary exhibitions/

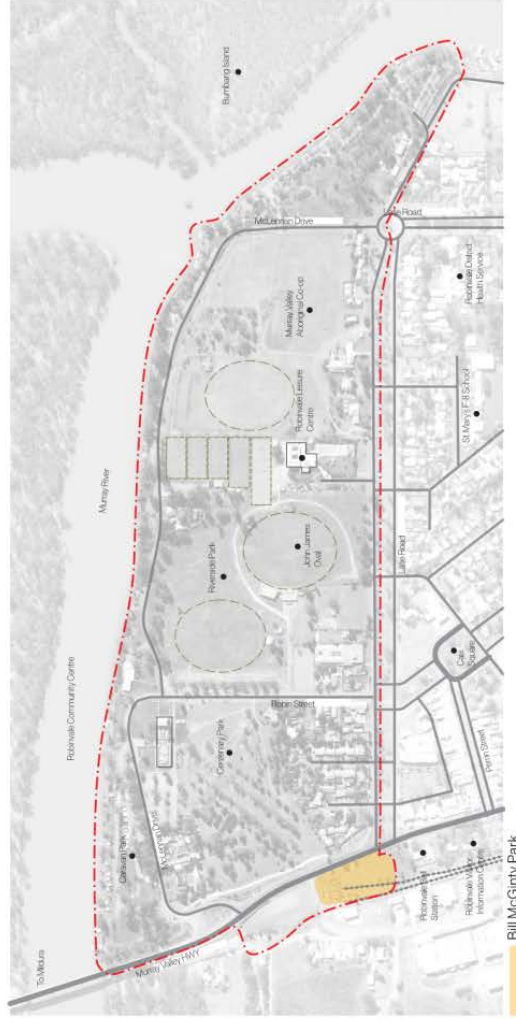
Within Bill McGinty Park, there is a large open area with an old water tank. This space is currently not used and could be improved to attract people to this historical section. The introduction of a few amenities in the space can help make it a destination, rather than a forgotten site.

There are also some panels along Bill McGinty Park which provide a bit of context information in regards to the Murray and surroundings.

These panels can hold great informations which should be highlighted and improved, as well as integrate of historical background to the site and also within the context of Robinvale.

Community Feedback:

- Include Military Unit vegetation;
- Provide a safe and clear connection from McGinty Park to Centenary Park, diverting people away from crossing the Murray Valley Highway;
- Provide toilets and amenities;
- Consider a play area, BBQ area with shade.



Water tower

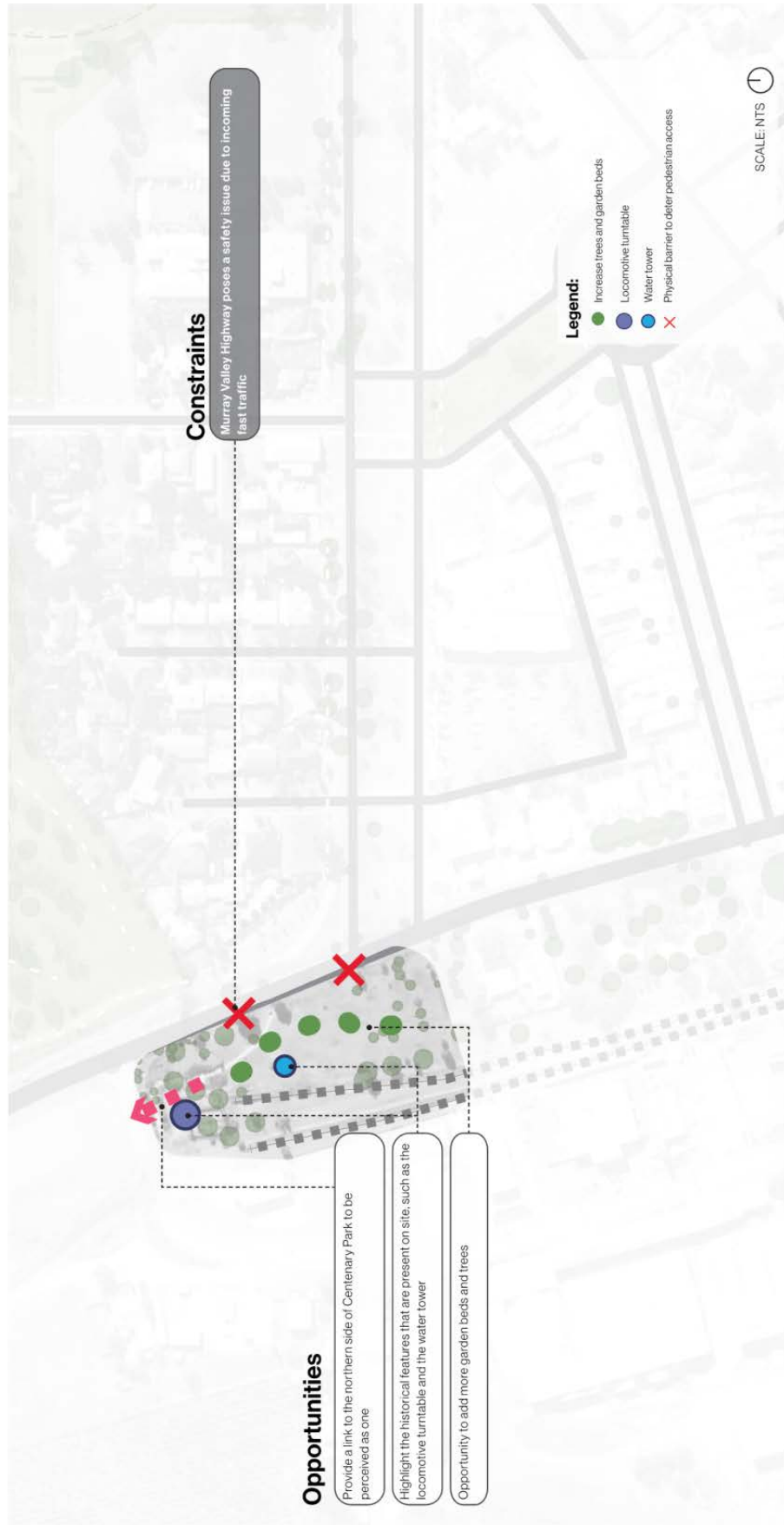


Euston-Robinvale Murray River crossing



Locomotive Turntable

BILL MCGINTY PARK OPPORTUNITIES & CONSTRAINTS



BILL MCGINTY PARK DESIGN APPROACH

Design Intent

As previously highlighted, Bill McGinty Park holds great potential for an extension of Centenary Park. This proposal focuses on highlighting historical elements and adding functions to it.

The aim is to attract people to the area and use it for recreational purposes.

The introduction of seating spaces, climbing / shading plants, art sculptures and historical panels / information will prompt the use of the site and make it a destination.

The introduction of additional structures and shade is also an important consideration which can bring attention to the site and support temporary events.

Some considerations to local toilets should be given, as the site is distant from other public toilets.

Reference images



Council Standard Seating



Gateway Structure



Shaded Structure similar to existing & Planters



Art Installation



AMENITIES



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AMENITIES SUMMARY

Local Analysis

Along Robinvale riverfront, there are a number of amenities such as:

- Outdoors gym pods;
- BBQ;
- Shelters;
- Picnic settings;
- Bins;
- Water taps.

These are amenities that the community appreciate and would like to retain.

Some improvements that need consideration include: providing additional shade, upgrade and increase furniture / make consistent, integrate as part of the wayfinding and signage for easy access. Potential integration of planting and water fountains can be considered.

Community Feedback:

- A new toilet block in a strategic location;
- Provide more shelter structures and fitness pods along the riverfront;
- Improve and increase the number of picnic settings / seating pods with BBQ and bins;
- Incorporate a cafe and / or ice cream shop at the Rowing Club location;
- Provide a better and safer connection to the Murray;
- Consider a Tourist Information Centre in the Community Centre;
- Materials to be considerate of the environment, such as timber;
- Provide more practical lighting for safety, as oppose to feature lighting;
- Consider accessibility when choosing furniture;
- Consider high temperatures in Summer and avoid metal / steel elements.



- Public Toilet / Change Room Facility
- Pontoon
- RV Stop Location
- Toilet Block
- Fitness Station
- Picnic Shelter
- Informal River Access



Toilet block near the Caravan Park



Picnic benches with BBQ and shelter



Picnic bench along the riverfront. Pavement and furniture to be upgraded



Seating next to boat ramp and caravan park

AMENITIES DESIGN APPROACH

Design Intent

As part of the overall upgrade and enhancement of the public open spaces around the Robinvale riverfront and recreation areas a new suite of public amenities will be introduced to augment or replace existing assets.

The proposed amenities will come in the form of the following structure and park furniture elements as identified in the adjacent plan:

- New shade structures at key gathering areas such as Centenary Park and the Community Centre. These shelters will be adequate to cater for groups and events and will feature picnic tables, seating and BBQs around and under them;
- Picnic and seating clusters will be provided with the Eastern Riverfront area in positions along the river that take in vistas of the Murray and Bumbung Island;
- New seating will be provided at regular locations along the path networks and in the reserves and parks where groups gather. The seats will vary from bench style to seats with armrests and backs depending on where they are located and what direction they face;
- Drinking water fountains and bin clusters will be located at strategic gathering points and along the riverfront to ensure people are well catered for and rubbish can be collected easily.

The furniture and shelter suite that is developed for the project will be visually consistent, made of robust materials and accessible to all users. The furniture pieces will be both aesthetic and functional including use of timber for comfort. The suite will be sourced from local Victorian suppliers so they can be repaired and replaced easily. Furniture will be installed to manufacturers specifications typically on concrete bases so they are easy to use and keep clean.



Picnic Seating



Council Standard Seating



Bin Enclosure



Drinking Fountain



Shelters

GATEWAYS

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GATEWAYS SUMMARY

Local Analysis

There are currently very few gateway landmarks, being the most prominent the Robinvale sign at the river, when coming from north side of the river.

Existing gateway features consists of standard road signs and a sculptural town entrance sign which signifies to travellers that they have arrived at Robinvale.

The town entrance sign is large and is designed to be seen while driving down from the NSW border along the Murray Valley HWY.

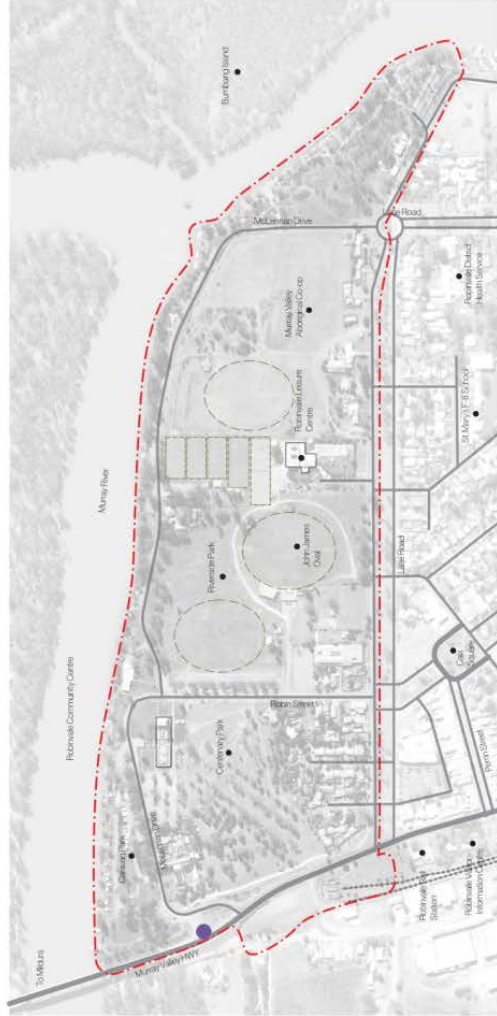
Improvements to be considered are additional minor gateway interventions which signify specific landmarks or act as key wayfinding features as part of the landscape. These could be used for example to indicate road access into the Robinvale CBD area or into the Riverfront.

Consideration should also be given to pedestrian visitors into the Robinvale Riverfront precinct – at a smaller local scale. This type of gateway can be incorporated with wayfinding signage, street furniture, planting design and even surface pavement changes.

The Gateway features to be used should be respectful to the rich and diverse cultural heritage of Robinvale, acting as a welcoming gesture to all who pass through/by it.

Community Feedback:

- Upgrade the gateway to make it more identifiable and for it to reflect the community, such as including data about the population and demographic;
- Include landmarks or large signs at key points such as bridge link, Robin Street and Lalje Rd intersection with McLennan Drive
- It is noted that gateway signs are needed to pull visitors to Robinvale (especially Centenary Park)



Existing gateway location

Existing Conditions



Existing entrance sign (back)



Existing entrance sign (front)



Border entrance sign

GATEWAYS DESIGN APPROACH

Design Intent

The use of gateway elements to create a sense of arrival is critical for local identity creation, precinct definition and navigation.

The Robinvale Riverfront currently doesn't have a defined set of entry or arrival points to create a legible understanding of the area and what it represents.

To address this the following interventions are recommended to create a strong precinct identity and definition at its boundaries:

- Gateways at the key road entry intersections will be introduced to highlight to arriving vehicles that they have reached the precinct.
- The gateways will be of a scale and position that makes them easily seen and recognised for vehicles and pedestrians.
- The gateways will be designed to sculpturally represent the local culture, environment and heritage in a more meaningful way.
- The gateways will be perceived as a set of similar elements in a family of sculptures and hence recognisable as the key arrival points.
- The use of local artists, materials, motifs and vegetation will combine to demonstrate the beginning of the journey into the riverfront area and the start of visual stories.

All gateways will be designed with road safety, sight lines, maintenance and sustainability in mind. The gateway designs will work in coordination with both the wayfinding signage system and the public art installations.

A landscaped gateway is also recommended to be explored at Harridine Park, with the potential to screen additional car parking behind planting, which can serve to provide access into Centenary Park from the West. Planting will help soften the entrances into Robinvale and reinforce the sense of arrival when driving off the bridge along the Murray Valley HWY. Formalise key entrances into Centenary Park with low feature walls, incorporating park furniture, signage and planting to enhance the sense of arrival at the Park.



Sculptural gateway



Sculptural gateway



Timber gateway sculpture and landscaped area



Interesting entrance markers / landmarks

**WAYFINDING &
SIGNAGE**

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WAYFINDING & SIGNAGE DESIGN APPROACH

Design Intent

The wayfinding and interpretive signage in the waterfront precinct will be designed to have a visual relationship with the furniture and gateways so a consistent visual style is achieved.

The wayfinding will be located and specified so as to capture all the key decision points and journeys that people will want to undertake in the area.

The design of the signage system will take its cues from the cultural heritage and river environment. It will include sculptural and graphic elements that communicate history, people and Country.

- Gateways at the key road entry intersections will act as the Primary Entry Signage and be targeted mainly at vehicles and drivers.
- Secondary Entry Signage will be located at key positions on pedestrian networks to capture arriving walkers and cyclists. The signs will typically have both mapping, directional messages, local visitor, interpretive or regulatory information.
- Directional Track Markers will be used along the key path and trail networks will simple directional, regulatory and navigation information.

- At key locations of significance along the riverfront interpretive signage panels will be installed to communicate the heritage stories, local history, environmental attributes and indigenous culture of the river and Robinvale; and
- Signage will also carry information about destinations and locations outside the riverfront precinct where they are directly connected by roads, paths or trails such as the Euston Walking Track.

An audit of existing signage and interpretive messages will be undertaken in future to assess if the current signs should be removed, modified or integrated into the new sign types and positions.



Welcome to Country Signage



Primary Robinvale Entry Signage



Secondary Entry Signage



Directional Track Marker



Educational Signage Board

CULTURAL INCLUSION

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CULTURAL INCLUSION SUMMARY

Local Analysis

Robinvale is rich in Aboriginal cultural heritage and contains many sensitive sites along the riverfront precinct. This masterplan intends to provide respectful and considered ideas to protect and conserve this history. The riverfront contains a host of different Aboriginal artifacts, places of significance, middens and scar trees, some of which are identified and registered to the VAHR.

Following a recent Aboriginal and Historical Heritage Assessment completed by Ecology & Heritage Partners, below are some of the key considerations used in the development of this Master Plan:

- Certain sites within the Master Plan will be actively and respectfully protected and incorporated into the overall design and amenities considerations;
- Sensitive and Considered approach to Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Zones within the Masterplan development;
- Create an integrated cultural heritage learning trail utilising well-used access tracks and community knowledge throughout Centenary Park

In addition, Robinvale also has a strong and vibrant multicultural community with our 40 different nationalities living and working in the region. The purpose of this masterplan is to provide design guidelines which help community thrive, ensuring that the public domain becomes comfortable inclusive, attractive and functional to residents, visitors and local communities of the area.

The diverse cultures living and working within Robinvale is equally reflected in the diverse range of festivals and events that are hosted within the area, including the Annual Robinvale Ski Race, the Mallee Almond Festival, the Growers Market, various local Aboriginal Culture programs and Multiculturalism events.

The community centre serves as a melting pot of sorts and has potential to magnify the presence of different cultures through programs such as Artists showcases, helping celebrate the multicultural aspect of Robinvale that the local residents are proud of being a part of.

Community Feedback:

- Provide spaces for events in the Community Centre and Centenary Park
- Consider a community garden and cooking spaces/pizza oven;
- Consider a rotating art gallery that showcases the diverse culture of Robinvale's community
- Use native vegetation to allow for storytelling.



Orange circle: Cultural sites
Green circle: Scarred tree location

Existing Conditions



"River People" art sculpture - significant people of Robinvale



Warrina Place is an 'Aboriginal Time out' Centre, which is used as a meeting place, to share knowledge and conduct workshops about cultural traditions to the Indigenous Community.



Scarred Black Box tree, located near the Riverfront East Reserve



Scattered River Red Gum tree, located near the Caravan Park

CULTURAL INCLUSION DESIGN APPROACH

Design Intent

As Robinvale is rich in Culture and Historical Heritage from various nationalities, it is important to consider an inclusive design approach when designing the spaces for future use and for the next generation.

Due to the majority of the Robinvale Riverfront being within an Area of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Sensitivity, we must respect any and all Aboriginal Places and artifacts on site and protect them. Certain areas of the site will be protected from public and private usage and designated as No-Impact zones – to deter disturbance of the sensitive Aboriginal Places identified within. Other areas which are open to the public can be formally identified with the use of interpretive signage and wayfinding markers, to help create a storytelling narrative and interpretation 'trail' for Aboriginal Cultural Heritage with the site. One such trail can be developed along McLennan Drive where a large number of scar trees and shell middens can be found along the Murray River banks.

It is recommended that local Traditional Owner Groups be invited to assist with the design and development of any Aboriginal Cultural Heritage material and consulted with to determine the most suitable locations to install/integrate these on site.

Within Centenary Park, we propose that multiple small-scale 'multicultural' interventions be incorporated to celebrate the diverse nature of Robinvale and its people. These can be in the form of garden bed planting, park furniture with bespoke elements, feature paving, lighting and even integrated with play elements. The intention is to record in a permanent and easily replicable manner the 'historic tracks' of the different cultures that have contributed to the development of Robinvale's identity and help instill a sense of pride and approval for the people who live here.

Additionally, there is potential for a rotating installation of artwork from different local artists from various backgrounds – this can be facilitated by the community centre and located either indoors or outdoors as temporary art – something that can help draw repeat visitors to the riverfront just as places like the NGV does.



Cultural garden look and feel



Planting detail / materiality



Boulders with engraved facts

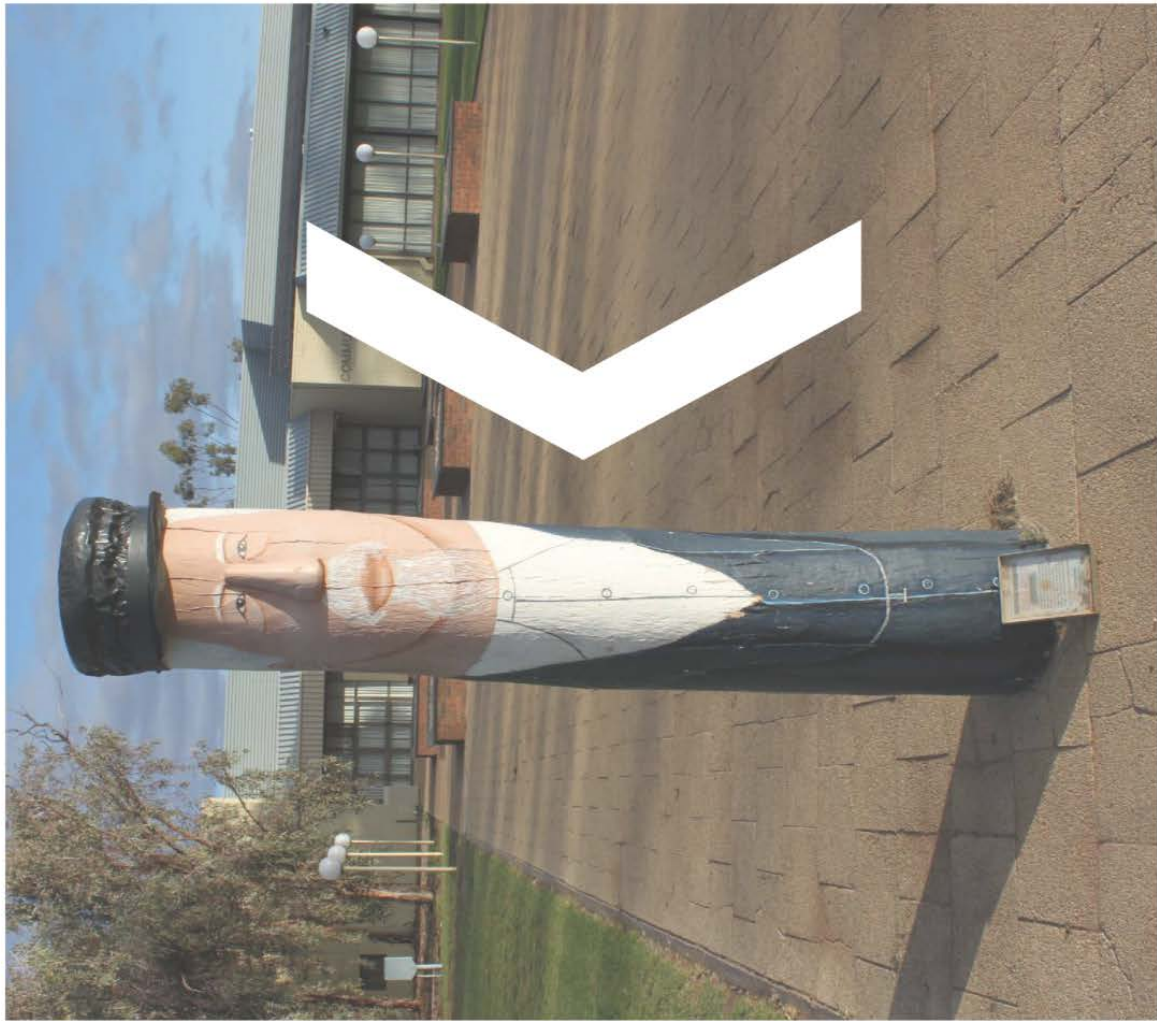


Paving with historical facts



Seating integrating historical facts

PUBLIC ART



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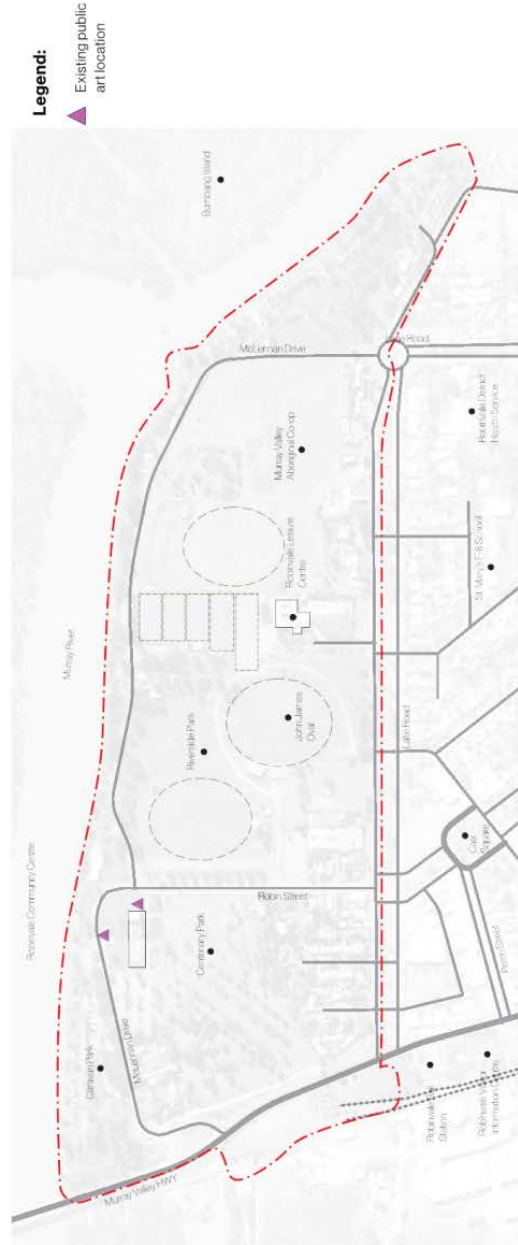
PUBLIC ART SUMMARY

Local Analysis

There are a few Public Art pieces located around the Riverfront Precinct mainly at the Community Centre in the form of the following:

- River People sculptures at the Community Centre Forecourt, and
- The newly installed light sculpture piece by Laservision and local artist Rhonda McTaggart located adjacent the Community Centre in the open grass area.

The two sculptures represent two very different interpretive mediums and technological eras as well as a different focus on European and Indigenous heritage.



"River People" art sculpture - significant people of Robinvale



LASERVISION Light sculpture



Light sculpture

PUBLIC ART DESIGN APPROACH

Design Intent

The general consensus coming from community and Council is that the focus of installed public art works should cross cultural boundaries to tell multiple stories that reflect the diverse demographic of the area.

The public art strategy will start with a basis in First Nations and Indigenous Heritage and Culture thematics and branch out from there to capture past and present reflections of Country and peoples. The public art approach will include the following as example:

- Recognition of the significance of the riverfront and Robinvale in the past and today to First Nations and Indigenous peoples;
- Illustrate the local environment and river system through exploration of flora and fauna thematics and motifs with particular focus on key river species;
- Create a better representative balance between more modern European history and the long lineage of indigenous culture and occupation of the land that predates white settlement; and
- Communicate stories from the past, the present and ideas of what the future may hold for Robinvale and the Murray River.

The public art strategy should encourage the participation of local community, artists and fabricators to develop pieces and installations that are across multiple mediums, scales and types of representation. The artworks can be developed both as story lines or individual one off installations and will work closely with the wayfinding and interpretive signage system.

The art works should engage all ages and demographic backgrounds being accessible to both local community and visitors. The developed works should come from thoroughly consulted briefs that have ownership and drive in the local community.



Space co-creation



Primary Art Works & Art Poles



Primary Art Work & Lighting Sculpture



Secondary Public Art Works & Ground Painting



Secondary Public Art Works & Ground Mosaic Pavement

PLANTING



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STREET VEGETATION PALETTE

Street Trees Palette	Common Name	Mature Height x Width (m)	Deciduous/Evergreen?
Exotic			
Lagerstroemia indica x L. laurii (all varieties)	Crape Myrtle	4-8 x 3-6	Deciduous
Pistacia chinensis	Chinese Pistachio	8 x 6	Deciduous
Jacaranda mimosifolia	Jacaranda	10 x 8	Deciduous
Pyrus calleryana 'Capital'	Ornamental Pear (Non fruiting)	11 x 3	Deciduous
Gleditsia triacanthos (all varieties)	Honey Locust	15 x 7	Deciduous
Praxinus oxycarpa 'Raywoodii'	Claret Ash	15 x 12	Deciduous
Quercus cerris	Turkey Oak	30 x 6	Deciduous
Native			
Callistemon citrinus 'Kings Park Special'	Crimson Bottlebrush	4 x 2	Evergreen
Eucalyptus dumosa	White Mallee	4-8 x 4-5	Evergreen
Callistemon viminalis	Weeping Bottlebrush	5 x 5	Evergreen
Eucalyptus calycogona	Square-fruited Mallee	2 x 6	Evergreen
Myoporum platycarpum	Sugarwood	3-6 x 2-4	Evergreen
Grevillea striata	Beefwood	7 x 5	Evergreen
Allocasuarina luehmairii	Buloke / Bull Oak	7-8 x 3-4	Evergreen
Corymbia eximia 'Nana'	Dwarf Bloodwood	8 x 7	Evergreen
Acacia floribunda	White Sallow Wattle	8 x 2-15	Evergreen
Acacia pendula	Weeping Myall	9 x 4	Evergreen
Hymenoporum flavum	Native Frangipani	10 x 6	Evergreen
Eucalyptus socialis ssp. Socialis	Grey Mallee	12 x 5-12	Evergreen
Eucalyptus oleosa ssp. Oleosa	Oil Mallee	12 x 4-10	Evergreen
Acacia stenophylla	River Coobah	5-15 x 3-6	Evergreen
Casuarina pauper	Belah / Black Oak	6-15 x 4-6	Evergreen
Corymbia apararinja	Ghost Gum	15 x 8	Evergreen
Eucalyptus gracilis	Yorrell	18 x 4-10	Evergreen
Eucalyptus largiflorens	Black Box	10-20 x 8-15	Evergreen
Callitris gracilis ssp. murrayensis	Slender Cypress-pine	20 x 3	Evergreen
Angophora costata	Smooth Barked Apple	20 x 5	Evergreen

Garden Bed	Common Name	Native/Exotic
Ground Cover		
Brachycome multifida	Cut Leaf Daisy	Native
Hardenbergia violacea	False sarsaparilla	Native
Enchylaena tomentosa	Ruby Saltbush	Native
Atriplex lindleyi	Flat-top Saltbush	Native
Myoporum parvifolium	Creeping Bobbialla	Native
Linum marginale	Native Flax	Native
Chryscephalum apiculatum	Common Everlasting	Native
Craspedia globosa	Common Billy Button	Native
Disphyma crassifolium ssp. clavellatum	Rounded Noon-flower	Native
Arthropodium strictum	Chocolate lily	Native
Shrubs		
Agapanthus Big Red	Dwarf Kangaroo Paw	Native
Agapanthus orientalis	Dwarf Agapanthus	Exotic
Dianella revoluta	Blue Flax Lily	Native
Leucophyta brownii	Cushion bush	Native
Hakea leucopetra ssp. leucopetra	Silver Needlewood	Native
Eremophila divaricata ssp. divaricata	Spreading Emu-bush	Native
Rhagodia spinescens	Hedge Saltbush	Native
Poa labillardierei	Common Tussock Grass	Native
Lomandra longifolia	Spiny Headed Mat-Rush	Native
Dichelachne crinita	Long Hair Plume Grass	Native

STREET TREE PALETTE

Exotic Trees



Lagerstroemia indica x L. fauriei (all varieties)
Crepe Myrtle



Pistacia chinensis
Chinese Pistachio



Jacaranda mimosifolia
Jacaranda



Pyrus calleryana 'Capital'
Ornamental Pear (Non fruiting)



Gleditsia triacanthos (all varieties)
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Claret Ash



Quercus cerris
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STREET TREE PALETTE

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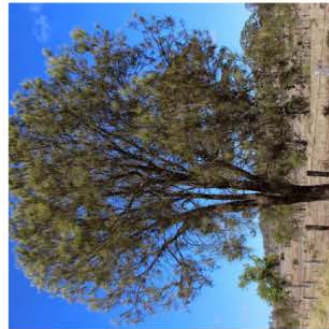
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Acacia pendula
Weeping Myall

STREET TREE PALETTE

Native Trees



Hymenosporum flavum
Native Frangipani



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Grey Mallee



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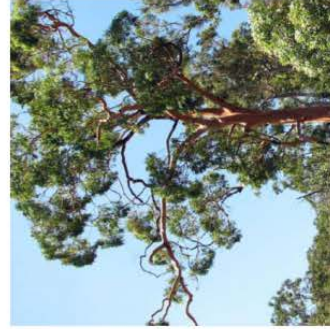
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GARDEN BED PLANTING PALETTE

Ground Cover



Brachyscome multifida
Cut Leaf Daisy



Hardenbergia violacea
False sarsaparilla



Enchylaena tomentosa
Ruby Saltbush



Atriplex lindleyi
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Linum marginale
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Craspedia globosa
Common Billy Button



Disphyma crassifolium ssp. clevelandum
Rounded Noon-flower



Arthropodium strictum
Chocolately

GARDEN BED PLANTING PALETTE

Shrubs



Angicostemum Big Red
Dwarf Kangaroo Paw



Agapanthus orientalis
Dwarf Agapanthus



Dianella revoluta
Blue Flax Lily



Leucophyta brownii
Cushion Bush



Hakea leucoptera ssp. leucoptera
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ROBIN ST PLANTING PALETTE

Trees



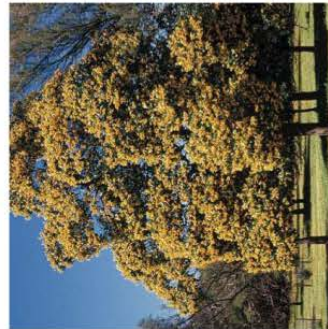
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Garden beds



Enchylaena tomentosa
Ruby Saltbush



Eremophila divaricata ssp. *Divaricata*
Spreading Emu-bush



Lomandra longifolia
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Agapanthus orientalis
Dwarf Agapanthus



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Common Billy Button

CENTENARY PARK PLANTING PALETTE

Trees



Myoporum platycarpum
Sugarwood



Callitris gracilis ssp. murrayensis
Slender Cypress-pine



Allocasuarina luehmanni
Buloke / Bull Oak



Casuarina pauper
Belah / Black Oak

Garden beds



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COMMUNITY CENTRE PLANTING PALETTE

Trees



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Chinese Pistachio



Eucalyptus dumosa
White Mallee

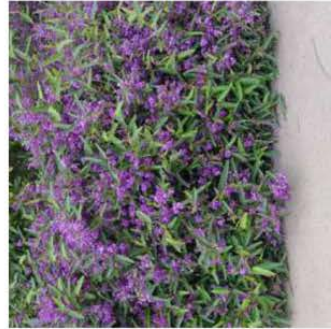


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RIVERFRONT PLANTING PALETTE

Trees



Acacia stenophylla
River Cobbah



Eucalyptus socialis ssp. *Socialis*
Grey Mallee



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Black Box



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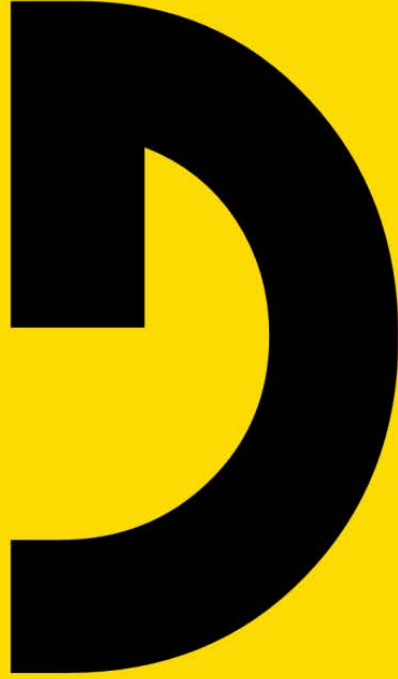
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Background information	Project title	Robinvale Riverfront Masterplan - draft					
	Project manager	Nathan Keighran / Mark Bowd					
	Your consultation dates	May – July 2022					
Key information	Project summary:	The objective of the Robinvale Riverfront Masterplan is to increase patronage along the Riverfront by improving recreation amenities and infrastructure, connection from the CBD to the Riverfront, enhancing open spaces for annual events, creating opportunity for business growth whilst highlighting and protecting the rich Aboriginal heritage of the Robinvale Riverfront.					
Purpose of engagement	What are your engagement objectives?	To give the Robinvale community the opportunity to provide comment and feedback on the draft Robinvale Riverfront Masterplan (minimum 3 weeks) presented by design consultants, Group GSA.					
	Determine the maximum level of engagement for your project using the IAP2 Spectrum.	X Inform X Consult X Involve Collaborate <input type="checkbox"/> Empower					
	Councillors	ALL					
	Internal stakeholders	CEO, Director Infrastructure, Engineering, Comms, Planning, Eco Dev					
Project stakeholders		Critical Essential Interested					
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		Media Visitors
<p>Methodology</p> <p>List your engagement techniques</p>	<p>Critical: Face-to-Face personal meeting on site</p> <p>Essential: Community Session: Face-to-Face information session held at the Robinvale Community Centre, main street and social events (eg Football/netball) Engagement techniques will include A3 concept design intent visuals for each of the 6 sites and 'sticker' dot system to capture feedback (eg red = don't agree; green = agree)</p> <p>Let's Talk – Utilise dedicated page to receive feedback on the draft plans through a variety of information collection tools</p> <p>Promotion: Council social media, media release, Robinvale Resource Centre, REBA, RIG, Sporting Groups and promotion through local businesses</p>	
	<p>How will you record the feedback received?</p>	<p>Feedback will be collated by both Council and landscape consultants, Pollen Studio, from online portal and Community sessions. Rating system will be implemented using engagement panels of the site areas and coloured dot system to record preference development/activities</p>
<p>Reporting, analysis and evaluation</p> <p>Where will you store the data collected?</p>	<p>Council Let's Talk website</p> <p>Consultant Group GSA</p>	



	How and who will collate and analyse the data?	Council staff together with Group GSA will collate the feedback and provide an engagement finding report for consideration
	What will you report on and to whom?	Key elements for each identified sites Priority actions / activities for future development for each site Feedback provided through this process will be incorporated into the updated draft landscape masterplans
	What evaluation techniques will you use and when are you going to evaluate your engagement?	Council staff will evaluate the engagement's success based on community feedback from the draft Robinvale Riverfront Masterplan. Evaluation of the engagement will be in conjunction with the consultants, Group GSA

Communications Action Plan

Message/purpose	Audience	Channel	Date	Responsible
Endorsement to go out for consultation	ELT/Councillors	Assembly	May 2022	EDU
Develop promo material	Community	-		Comms
Promotion that consultation will be opening	Community Groups Robinvale Residents Sporting Groups REBA RIG	Face to face, Social media, posters, Let's Talk, Council Happy Page, Media release	1 June 2022	Comms/ECDU



Consultation open	Residents Business Community Media	Face to face, Social media, posters, Let's Talk, Council Happy Page, Media release	8 June 2022	Comms/ECDU	
1 week to go until consultation closes, next steps	Residents Community Visitors Councillors	Social media, newspaper, community meetings	22 June 2022	Comms/ECDU	
Engagement reporting to Council		Council meeting	6 July 2022	ECDU	
Close the loop	All participants	Let's Talk update page, media release, newspaper	TBC	EDCU/Comms	

B.22.42 ABORIGINAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Responsible Officer: Director Development and Planning
File Number: S16-05-01
Attachments: Nil

Declarations of Interest:

Heather Green - as the responsible officer, I declare that I have no disclosable interests in this matter.

Summary

This report aims to inform and obtain agreement from Council to replace the current Acknowledgement of Country statement.

Discussion

An Acknowledgement of Country is an opportunity for anyone to show respect for Traditional Owners and the continuing connection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to country. An Acknowledgement of Country can be offered by any person, and is a way of showing awareness of, and respect for, the Aboriginal Traditional Owners of the land on which a meeting or event is being held. There is no specific wording for an Acknowledgement of Country, but the speaker should just be sincere and understand the Country being visited.

Council currently has an Acknowledgment of Country that is recited at Council meetings, events, formal occasions and is present on staff email signatures, it reads - "Swan Hill Rural City Council acknowledges the traditional custodians of the land in which we live, and pays its respects to their elders, past and present."

The proposed new Acknowledgment comes from a place of deep listening, recognition and respect for the local Aboriginal community's connection to country.

Proposed new Acknowledgment of Country

The Swan Hill Rural City Council acknowledges the nations within its boundaries the Brapa Brapa, Wamba Wamba, Wadi Wadi, Tatti Tatti and Ladji Ladji people.

We respect the first peoples of the lands, their connection to this country that we live and work on, and their ongoing traditions and cultural practices.

We honour the Elders past; we respect the Elders present; and we support the future leaders.

Together we accept the unique role we all play in protecting this beautiful country.

*Please Note: there are a number of spelling variations for each of the local Aboriginal groups, the selected spelling has been chosen in consultation with community and available resources at this time.

Approving the use of the new Acknowledgement, addresses the Council Plan 2021-25: Harmony Pillar - An engaged and respected Aboriginal community, and also actions the Strategic Initiative: Strengthening our trust, relationships and partnerships with Traditional Owners and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Council's Aboriginal Community Development Officer is currently identifying visual display initiatives that versions of the Acknowledgment can be used for, this includes: window decals for local businesses, town entrance signage, Council building entrances and Council documents/strategies.

Updating the Acknowledgement of Country is a fundamental first step for Council in progressing reconciliation and developing a positive, meaningful relationship with the local Aboriginal community. If Council approves the use of the new Acknowledgment of Country, it would be appropriate to announce this decision during Reconciliation Week from 27 May – 3 June.

The next step in Council's reconciliation journey is the development of a Reconciliation Action Plan. Initial contact has been made with Reconciliation Victoria regarding what support they can offer and the correct process going forward.

Consultation

There has been approximately 25 face-to-face consultations and 4 community group events. In total 55 people have been engaged over an 8 month period.

The following community engagement and consultation has been undertaken in the development of the Acknowledgement of Country:

- Morning breakfast at MDAS for NAIDOC week 2021
- MDAS Elders Group, staff and community leaders.
- The draft acknowledgment options were displayed at the 2021 NAIDOC Celebration and services day at Riverside Park.
- Consultation with ACLO (Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer) – Swan Hill College and Swan Hill Primary school

Financial Implications

Cost of design/printing any publicly displayed Acknowledgment of Country.

Social Implications

The municipality has the highest rate per capita of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Victoria (4.6%). Building on the existing Acknowledgment of Country and embracing a more localised and relevant script has the potential to build trust with the local Aboriginal community.

An Acknowledgment of Country is about showing respect, it is about showing that things are changing and that our Council understands the connection between the Traditional Owners and the land itself.

Economic Implications

Not applicable.

Environmental Implications

Not applicable.

Risk Management Implications

Not applicable.

Council Plan Strategy Addressed

Harmony - An engaged and respected Aboriginal community.

Options

1. Approve the new Acknowledgement of Country and replace the current Acknowledgement with the following:

The Swan Hill Rural City Council acknowledges the nations within its boundaries the Brapa Brapa, Wamba Wamba, Wadi Wadi, Tatti Tatti and Ladj Ladj people.

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2. Not approve the new Acknowledgment of Country.

Recommendations

That Council:

1. **Adopt the following Acknowledgment of Country:**

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- 2. Lead reconciliation activities by respecting the importance of an Acknowledgement of Country and its proper use.**
- 3. Work in collaboration with local business and agencies to promote reconciliation through the use of the new Acknowledgement of Country adjusted to suit the business or agency name.**

SECTION C – DECISIONS WHICH NEED ACTION/RATIFICATION

C.22.7 SIGN & SEAL REPORT

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer

Attachments: Nil.

Declarations of Interest:

Rosanne Kava - as the responsible officer, I declare that I have no disclosable interests in this matter.

Summary

The following documents and agreements have been signed and sealed by the Councillors and the Chief Executive Officer on the respective dates. Those actions require the ratification of the Council.

Discussion

During the course of any month Council is required to sign and seal a range of documents arising from decisions made on a previous occasion(s). Examples include sale of land, entering into funding arrangements for Council programs etc.

As the decision to enter into these agreements has already been made, these documents are signed and sealed when received, with Council ratifying the signing and sealing at the next Council meeting.

The following documents were signed and sealed since the last Council meeting:

No.	Document Type	Document Description	Date signed/ sealed
1099	Employment Contract for CEO – Scott Barber	Between Swan Hill Rural City Council and Scott Barber	26/04/2022
1100	Section 173 Agreement – 428 Coghill Road, Kenley 3587	Between Swan Hill Rural City Council and Augusta Orchards Pty Ltd	10/05/2022

Conclusion

Council authorise the signing and sealing of the above documents.

Recommendation

That Council notes the actions of signing and sealing the documents under delegation as scheduled.

C.22.8 COUNCILLOR ASSEMBLIES - RECORD OF ATTENDANCE AND AGENDA ITEMS

Responsible Officer: Chief Executive Officer
File Number: S15-05-06
Attachments: 1 Council Assembly Attendance

Declarations of Interest:

Rosanne Kava - as the responsible officer, I declare that I have no disclosable interests in this matter.

Summary

The following report provides details of Councillor Assemblies on a monthly basis.

Discussion

Whilst Minutes have not been recorded, Agenda items and those in attendance are reported and presented to Council.

An assembly of Councillors is defined as a meeting that is planned or scheduled at which at least half of the Council and one Officer are in attendance, and where the matters being considered that are intended or likely to be the subject of a Council decision.

No formal decisions can be made at an assembly but rather direction can be given that is likely to lead to a formal decision of Council.

Details of the most recent assemblies of Council are attached.

Consultation

Not applicable.

Financial Implications

Not applicable.

Social Implications

Not applicable.

Economic Implications

Not applicable.

Environmental Implications

Not applicable.

Risk Management Implications

Not applicable.

Council Plan Strategy Addressed

Leadership - Bold leadership, strong partnerships and effective advocacy.

Options

Council Assemblies are reported to ensure good governance and transparency.

Recommendation

That Council note the contents of the report.

**COUNCILLOR ASSEMBLIES ATTENDANCE AND AGENDA
19 April 2022 at 1pm, Swan Hill Town Hall – Council Chambers**

AGENDA ITEMS

- Presentation on Model Budget prior to Advertising
- 112 Coronation Avenue Development Plan

ADDITIONAL ITEMS DISCUSSED

- Nil

ATTENDANCE

Councillors

- Cr Bill Moar
- Cr Les McPhee
- Cr Jade Benham
- Cr Ann Young
- Cr Nicole McKay
- Cr Chris Jeffery

Apologies

Leave of Absence

- Cr Stuart King

OFFICERS

- Rosanne Kava, Acting Chief Executive Officer
- Heather Green, Director Development and Planning
- Bruce Myers, Acting Chief Executive Officer/Director Community & Cultural Services
- Svetla Petkova, Director Infrastructure
- Ash Free, Finance Manager
- Kate Jewell, Development Manager

Other

- Nil

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- Nil

COUNCILLOR ASSEMBLIES ATTENDANCE AND AGENDA
26 April 2022 at 1pm, Swan Hill Town Hall – Council Chambers

AGENDA ITEMS

- Federal Candidates presentation to SHRCC
- Aboriginal Acknowledgement
- Lake Boga Caravan Park
- Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc

ADDITIONAL ITEMS DISCUSSED

- Nil

ATTENDANCE

Councillors

- Cr Bill Moar
- Cr Les McPhee
- Cr Jade Benham
- Cr Ann Young
- Cr Nicole McKay
- Cr Chris Jeffery

Apologies

Leave of Absence

- Cr Stuart King

OFFICERS

- Rosanne Kava, Acting Chief Executive Officer
- Bruce Myers, Acting Chief Executive Officer/Director Community & Cultural Services
- Helen Morris, Acting Director Corporate Services
- Heather Green, Director Development and Planning
- Felicity O'Rourke, Community Engagement and Communications Coordinator
- Jacinta Chaplin, Aboriginal Community Development Officer

Other

- Federal Candidates: Stuart King, Sophie Balwin, Chris Lahy and Claudia Haenel (attended virtually).
- Residents and Ratepayers: Roger Day, David Quayle, John Ward and Ken Higgins.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- Nil

**COUNCILLOR ASSEMBLIES ATTENDANCE AND AGENDA
10 May 2022 at 1pm, Swan Hill Town Hall – Council Chambers****AGENDA ITEMS**

- MAV rules
- Village Well
- Minerals Council of Australia
- Robinvale Riverfront Masterplan – DRAFT
- Nyah and Nyah West Landscape Masterplan
- Cole Court reserve
- Robinvale Aboriginal Housing proposal
- Sustainable Victoria and future grant opportunities under the new Recycling Victoria policy
- Appointment to the SHRCC livestock Exchange Stakeholder Committee
- Pioneer Settlement Our Place update
- Robinvale Leisure Centre Expansion – Construction Contract

ADDITIONAL ITEMS DISCUSSED

- Nil

ATTENDANCE

Councillors

- Cr Les McPhee
- Cr Jade Benham
- Cr Ann Young
- Cr Chris Jeffery

Apologies

- Cr Nicole McKay
- Cr Bill Moar

Leave of Absence

- Cr Stuart King

OFFICERS

- Rosanne Kava, Acting Chief Executive Officer
- Bruce Myers, Acting Chief Executive Officer/Director Community & Cultural Services
- Svetla Petkova, Director Infrastructure
- Heather Green, Director Development and Planning
- Felicity O'Rourke, Community Engagement and Communications Coordinator
- Nathan Keighran, Economic Development Coordinator
- Mark Bowd, Development Officer Community
- Kate Jewell, Development Manager
- Gulmira Akhipova, Graduate Engineer
- Dione Heppell, Construction Project Manager Regional Livestock Exchange Redevelopment

Other

- Minerals Council of Australia – James Sorahan and Larry Stewart

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

- Nil

SECTION D – NOTICES OF MOTION

SECTION E – FORESHADOWED ITEMS

SECTION F – URGENT ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN AGENDA

SECTION G – TO CONSIDER & ORDER ON COUNCILLOR REPORTS

SECTION H – IN CAMERA ITEMS

Recommendation

That Council, pursuant to section 66(2)(a) of the *Local Government Act 2020* , resolve to close the meeting to members of the public to consider the following items which relate to matters specified under section 3(1), as specified below:

B.22.43 IN CAMERA CONSIDERATION OF CONFIDENTIAL REPORT

(f) personal information, being information which if released would result in the unreasonable disclosure of information about any person or their personal affairs.

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(d) contractual matters.