



# LATROBE CITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES FOR THE ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD IN NAMBUR WARIGA MEETING ROOM  
CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, MORWELL  
AT 6.00 PM ON  
21 AUGUST 2017**

**CM505**

**PRESENT:**

<b>Councillors:</b>	Cr Kellie O'Callaghan, Mayor	East Ward
	Cr Graeme Middlemiss, Deputy Mayor	Central Ward
	Cr Alan McFarlane	Central Ward
	Cr Darren Howe	East Ward
	Cr Dale Harriman	East Ward
	Cr Dan Clancey	East Ward
	Cr Darrell White	South Ward
	Cr Brad Law	West Ward
	Cr Sharon Gibson	West Ward

<b>Officers:</b>	Gary Van Driel	Chief Executive Officer
	Sara Rhodes-Ward	General Manager Advocacy and Transition
	Jodie Pitkin	Acting General Manager Community Services
	Phil Stone	General Manager City Development
	Greg Drumm	General Manager Corporate Services
	Steven Piasente	General Manager Infrastructure & Recreation
	Brett McCulley	Manager Governance
	Amy Phillips	Coordinator Governance
	Kylie Stockdale	Governance Officer
	Edith Heiberg	Manager Communications & Customer Relations
	Adam Broadbent	System Support Officer

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**1. OPENING PRAYER**

The Mayor read the opening prayer.

**2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TRADITIONAL OWNERS OF THE LAND**

The Mayor read the acknowledgement of the traditional owners of the land.

**3. APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil.

**4. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cr Harriman declared an interest that is not a conflict of interest in relation to Item 10.2 Proposal to rename the Tyers Recreation Reserve "Baillie Reserve Tyers" and name the unnamed entrance road to the Tyers Recreation Reserve "Community Lane"

Cr O'Callaghan declared an interest that is not a conflict of interest in relation to Item 19.5 Latrobe City Business and Cultural Delegation 2017.

**5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**MOTION**

**Moved:** Cr Middlemiss

**Seconded:** Cr Gibson

**That the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 31 July 2017 be confirmed.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

**6.1 CITY OF TRARALGON BAND**

Cr Dale Harriman advised and acknowledged the City of Traralgon Band on their State Championship C Grade win on the weekend in Ballarat.

**7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**7.1 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**1. From:** Dr Christine Sindt

**Topic:** 2015/02 Grants Acquittal

**Question:** Has the Council Officer's report for Council in relation to Grants Acquittal as unanimously adopted by Council on 23 March 2015 been actioned?

**Response:** Following the Notice of Motion raised at the Ordinary council Meeting on 23 March 2015 Council Officers Conducted a review and prepared a report to Council. This was presented as an interim report at the Ordinary Council Meeting 23 May 2016 and as a final report on 5 December 2016. Both reports are titled 'Report Into Acquittal Practices' and are available publicly in the Meeting Minutes.

**2. From:** Dr Christine Sindt

**Topic:** Future Morwell Revitalisation Plan

**Question:** I request the itemised expenditure to date of the \$2.4 million which was allocated by the previous Coalition State government for the Future Morwell Projects.

**Response:** \$2.4 million has not been allocated to the Future Morwell Projects. \$1.16 Million has been allocated to Five Future Morwell Projects. Project One, the Future Morwell Urban Design Revitalisation Plan is currently in development under contract to RMIT. Project One and concept design component of Project Two has an allocated budget of \$300,000

The remaining projects have not commenced. These are:

Project 2 – Morwell Circuit (construction component)

Project 3 – Morwell Entrances

Project 4 – Branding and Communication

Project 5 – Events

The funding for these Projects remains unspent.

**3. A number of questions have been received from Mr Fred Burns on a proposal for the 2028 Olympics. These will be taken on notice and responded to directly by officers to Mr Burns.**

## **7.2 PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

### **MOTION**

**Moved:** Cr Gibson

**Seconded:** Cr Middlemiss

**That Council suspend standing orders to hear speakers at this point in time.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Standing order were suspended at 6:10 pm.

The following persons spoke on an item on the agenda:

### **16.3 Future Morwell Revitalisation Plan**

- Mr Dave Hollis
- Ms Carlyne Boothman
- Mr Keith Brownbill

### **Resumption of Standing Orders**

#### **MOTION**

**Moved:** Cr Gibson

**Seconded:** Cr Howe

**That Council resumes standing orders.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Standing orders were resumed at 6.20 pm.

## 8. ITEMS HELD OVER FOR REPORT AND/OR CONSIDERATION/QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Date of Council Meeting	Item	Date of Future Council Meeting Report
<b>Chief Executive Office</b>		
<b>City Development</b>		
06 November 2013	Latrobe Regional Motorsport Complex	<p><b>2015</b> A briefing report and Council report will be presented in April 2016.</p> <p><b>30 March 2016</b> A briefing report will be presented in May 2016.</p> <p><b>26 May 2016</b> A briefing report will be presented to Councillors at the 30 May 2016 Councillor Briefing.</p> <p><b>30 May 2016</b> A report was presented to the Councillor Briefing on 30 May 2016, and a further report will follow in September.</p> <p><b>20 September 2016</b> A tour of possible sites for the development of a Motorsport Complex will be organised for early in 2017.</p> <p><b>26 April 2017</b> A report to Council is tentatively scheduled for June 2017.</p> <p><b>05 June 2017</b> The report to Council has been rescheduled while the Committee's Terms of Reference are drafted.</p>
29 May 2017	<p>Visitor Information Centre Options for Future Operations</p> <p>Confidential under section 89(2)(c) industrial matters</p>	<p><b>07 June 2017</b> A report will be presented to a Councillor Briefing in July 2017.</p> <p><b>03 August 2017</b> A report is scheduled for the Councillor Briefing on 28 August 2017, and Council Meeting on 11 September 2017.</p>
19 June 2017	Domestic Animal Management Plan 2017	<p><b>22 June 2017</b> Draft released for Community consultation to 6 August 2017. Report to be presented no later than 11 September to Council.</p>

Date of Council Meeting	Item	Date of Future Council Meeting Report
31 July 2017	Endorsement of Live Work Latrobe Land Use Strategies for public exhibition and preparation of a planning scheme amendment	<b>02 August 2017</b> A report will be presented to the Ordinary Council Meeting on 21 August 2017.
31 July 2017	Proposed Lease to GippsAero-Latrobe Regional Airport Facility  Confidential under Section 89(2)(d) contractual matters	<b>09 August 2017</b> A report will be presented to Council at the conclusion of the public notice period should any submissions be received.
31 July 2017	International Relations Advisory Committee Recruitment of Community Members  Confidential under section 89(2)(a) personnel matters	<b>09 August 2017</b> A report will be prepared for Council by 30 September 2017.
<b>Infrastructure &amp; Recreation</b>		
12 September 2016	Outdoor Pool Operating Hours 2016/17	<b>20 September 2016</b> A report will be presented to Council at the end of the outdoor pool season (March 2017).  <b>23 April 2017</b> A report will be presented to Council in July 2017.  <b>20 July 2017</b> The report is being presented to a Briefing in July 2017, with a report to follow to Council in August 2017.

<b>Date of Council Meeting</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Future Council Meeting Report</b>
13 February 2017	39 Queen Street, Moe - Traffic and Verge Parking	<p><b>22 February 2017</b> A report will be presented to Council 3 months after the installation of signage.</p> <p><b>03 May 2017</b> Signage is erected and monitoring underway. A report will be presented to Council after 3 months.</p> <p><b>20 July 2017</b> A report has been prepared for 21 August 2017.</p>
27 March 2017	Disposal of Illegally Dumped Rubbish on HVP Plantations Land	<p><b>28 March 2017</b> A report will be presented to Council in 2018, at the conclusion of the one year period.</p>
29 May 2017	Road Management Plan 2017-21 - Endorsement for Public Consultation	<p><b>05 June 2017</b> A report to Council is scheduled for 11 September 2017.</p> <p><b>20 July 2017</b> The report is scheduled for the Council Meeting on 21 August 2017.</p>
19 June 2017	Recreation Needs Assessment	<p><b>22 June 2017</b> Released for public exhibition. Submissions and feedback will be accepted until Friday 28 July 2017.</p> <p><b>03 August 2017</b> A report is scheduled for the Councillor Briefing on 28 August 2017.</p>
19 June 2017	Road Asset Management Plan 2017 – Endorsement for consultation	<p><b>28 June 2017</b> Consultation being prepared for July and August for Council report November 2017</p>
31 July 2017	2017/10 Proposed Working Party to Address Moe Public Transport	<p><b>09 August 2017</b> A report will be presented to Council on or before 23 October 2017.</p>

Date of Council Meeting	Item	Date of Future Council Meeting Report
<b>Community Services</b>		
18 February 2013	Affordable Housing Project – Our Future Our Place	<p><b>09 March 2016</b> A report will be presented to a Councillor Briefing in May 2016</p> <p><b>08 June 2016</b> The Briefing report has been rescheduled to 27 June 2016.</p> <p><b>20 July 2016</b> A briefing report was prepared for the Councillor briefing on 27 June.</p> <p><b>09 August 2016</b> A briefing report was presented to the Councillor briefing on 25 July.</p> <p><b>28 October 2016</b> Report scheduled in for Councillor Briefing (2) on Monday, 28 November 2016.</p> <p><b>07 November 2016</b> Councillor Briefing Report to be presented in Feb 2017.</p> <p><b>15 March 2017</b> A report will be presented to Council at the 18 April 2017 meeting.</p> <p><b>21 April 2017</b> A further report to a Councillor Briefing is scheduled for 03 July 2017.</p> <p><b>28 June 2017</b> A report will be presented to Council at its meeting of 10 July 2017 for decision.</p> <p><b>04 July 2017</b> This report will now be scheduled for the briefing Monday 31 July, 2017.</p> <p><b>15 July 2017</b> Report to be provided as soon as possible, targeting meeting for Monday 7 August, 2017.</p> <p><b>09 August 2017</b> The report has been rescheduled to October 2017.</p>



Date of Council Meeting	Item	Date of Future Council Meeting Report
22 August 2016	2016/21 – Hinkler Street Reserve Site	<p><b>07 November 2016</b> Councillor Briefing Report to be presented in Feb 2017.</p> <p><b>15 March 2017</b> A report will be presented to Council at the 18 April 2017 meeting.</p> <p><b>21 April 2017</b> A further report to a Councillor Briefing is scheduled for 03 July 2017.</p> <p><b>28 June 2017</b> A report will be presented to Council at its meeting of 10 July 2017 for decision.</p> <p><b>17 July 2017</b> Report to be provided as soon as possible, targeting meeting for Monday 7 August, 2017.</p> <p><b>09 August 2017</b> The report has been rescheduled to October 2017.</p>
27 March 2017	Tarwin Street Pop-Up Park, Morwell	<p><b>Complete</b></p> <p><b>28 March 2017</b> A report will be presented to Council on 21 August 2017.</p> <p><b>20 July 2017</b> Report to Council will be provided on Monday 31 July, 2017</p> <p><b>02 August 2017</b> A report was presented to Council on 31 July 2017.</p>
27 March 2017	Future Morwell Revitalisation Plan	<p><b>31 March 2017</b> Revitalisation Plan will commence the week commencing the 3 April.</p> <p>A report will be brought back to Council at the conclusion of the community engagement activities.</p> <p><b>05 June 2017</b> Future Morwell Revitalisation Plan - Community Engagement results to be tabled at Ordinary Council Meeting on Monday 21 August, 2017.</p>

Date of Council Meeting	Item	Date of Future Council Meeting Report
<b>Corporate Services</b>		
25 May 2015	MAV Workcare Self Insurance  Confidential under section 89(2)(d) contractual matters	<p><b>2015</b> A report will be presented to Council in the second half of 2019.</p> <p><b>14 March 2017</b> A report to Council is scheduled for the end of the current financial year.</p> <p><b>18 July 2017</b> A report will be presented to Council in 2020/2021 Financial Year.</p>
13 February 2017	Proposed Sale of Land – Short Street, Traralgon	<p><b>Complete</b> <b>16 February 2017</b> A report will be presented to Council at the conclusion of the Expression of Interest process.</p> <p><b>15 May 2017</b> A report is scheduled for the June Ordinary Council Meeting.</p> <p><b>07 June 2017</b> The report to Council has been rescheduled to July 2017.</p> <p><b>02 August 2017</b> A report was presented to Council on 31 July 2017.</p>
18 April 2017	Proposed Lease - The Star Hotel, Peterkin Street, Traralgon	<p><b>20 April 2017</b> A report will be presented to Council at the conclusion of the community consultation period, should any submissions be received.</p> <p><b>30 May 2017</b> Expression of Interest document currently being prepared, once finalised public advertising to be undertaken seeking submissions from prospective tenants.</p> <p><b>04 August 2017</b> Community consultation to begin 4 August 2007.</p>

<b>Date of Council Meeting</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Date of Future Council Meeting Report</b>
29 May 2017	Proposed Lease - Northern Reserve, Newborough	<p><b>Complete</b> <b>02 June 2016</b> A report will be presented to an Ordinary Council Meeting, should submissions be received on this matter.</p> <p><b>30 June 2017</b> Further report prepared for consideration at Council meeting on 31 July 2017.</p> <p><b>02 August 2017</b> A report was presented to Council on 31 July 2017.</p>
29 May 2017	Proposal to rename part of Bradys Road Tyers	<p><b>Complete</b> <b>02 June 2017</b> A report will be presented to an Ordinary Council Meeting, should submissions be received on this matter.</p> <p><b>23 June 2017</b> Public notice appeared in LV Express on 22 June 2017. Submissions to be received by 10 July 2017.</p> <p><b>29 June 2017</b> Public notice published in LV Express on 29 June 2017 Closing date for submissions is Monday, 31 July 2017.</p> <p><b>02 August 2017</b> A report was considered at the 31 July 2017 Ordinary Council Meeting.</p>
19 June 2017	Proposed Road Renaming – Crinigan Road West, Morwell	<p><b>10 July 2017</b> Public notice appeared in LV Express on 6 July 2017. Submissions close 28 July 2017.</p> <p><b>04 August 2017</b> A report is being prepared for the 21 August 2017 Council Meeting.</p>

Date of Council Meeting	Item	Date of Future Council Meeting Report
19 June 2017	Proposal to rename the Tyers Recreation Reserve, Baillie Reserve and name the entrance road to the Tyers Recreation Reserve Community Lane	<p><b>23 June 2017</b> Public Notice in LV Express. Closing date for submissions is Monday 31 July 2017.</p> <p><b>23 June 2017</b> Public notice drafted in LV Express. Closing date for submissions is Monday 31 July 2017.</p> <p><b>02 August 2017</b> A report is being prepared for the 21 August 2017 Council Meeting.</p>
31 July 2017	Proposal to Rename Part of Bradys Road Tyers	<p><b>02 August 2017</b> A report will be presented to the Ordinary Council Meeting on 21 August 2017.</p>
31 July 2017	Proposed Long Term Lease - Yinnar Bowling Club	<p><b>04 August 2017</b> A public notice inviting community comment will be published on 10 August 2017. Submissions close 11 September 2017. A report will be prepared for Council following the consultation period if required.</p>

Comments provided 09 August 2017. Any further updates after this time will be provided in the next Council Meeting Agenda.

# **NOTICES OF MOTION**

**9. NOTICES OF MOTION**

**9.1 2017/11 - Parking on Narrow Roads in Latrobe City**

**Cr Sharon Gibson**

I, Cr Gibson, hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday, 21 August 2017:

**MOTION**

**Moved:** Cr Gibson

**Seconded:** Cr Middlemiss

**That Council requests a report in relation to the options to address community concern regarding the inability to park on narrow residential roads in Latrobe City.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Attachments**  
Nil

Signed  
Cr Sharon Gibson  
17 August 2017

**9.2 2017/12 - Northern Reserve, Newborough**

**Cr Graeme Middlemiss**

I, Cr Middlemiss, hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday, 21 August 2017:

**MOTION**

**Moved:** Cr Middlemiss

**Seconded:** Cr White

**That Council, in regards to the Northern Reserve, Newborough council resolution of 31 July 2017 specifically:**

- 3. *Address the road, drainage and parking issues identified at Northern Reserve, Newborough.***

**Clarifies point 3 to mean:**

**Requests a report detailing how to address the road, drainage, and parking issues identified at Northern Reserve, Newborough associated with the impacts of the construction of the proposed telecommunications tower.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Attachments**  
Nil

Signed  
Cr Graeme Middlemiss  
17 August 2017

**9.3 2017/13 - Amendment C104**

**Cr Graeme Middlemiss**

I, Cr Middlemiss, hereby give notice of my intention to move the following motion at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday, 21 August 2017:

**MOTION**

**Moved:** Cr Middlemiss

**Seconded:** Cr McFarlane

**That Council requests the Mayor to write to the Minister for Planning requesting that, in light of the all-party agreement previously reached on this matter, he does not approve Amendment C104 in its current form and that he only supports the approval of the Environment Significance Overlay to the area affected by Amenity Rural Buffer only.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**Extension of Time**

**MOTION**

**Moved:** Cr White

**Seconded:** Cr Harriman

**That Council grants an extension of speaking time to Cr Middlemiss.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Cr Middlemiss was granted additional speaking time.

**Attachments**

Nil

Signed  
Cr Middlemiss  
17 August 2017



# **ITEMS REFERRED BY THE COUNCIL TO THIS MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION**

## **10. ITEMS REFERRED BY THE COUNCIL TO THIS MEETING FOR CONSIDERATION**

### **10.1 Proposed Road Renaming - Crinigan Road West, Morwell**

**General Manager**

**Corporate Services**

**For Decision**

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council has given public notice and invited written submissions concerning the proposal to rename Crinigan Road West to Alliss Road, Morwell.

Three submissions have been received in response to the public notice, two supporting the proposed name change together with one objecting to the proposed name and suggesting an alternative name, Nathan Road.

The Council decision to rename Crinigan Road West is in response to a resident of Crinigan Road West bringing to officer's attention issues that have arisen as a result of there being a "Crinigan Road West" and a "Crinigan Road" located opposite one another off Maryvale Road, Morwell.

The renaming of Crinigan Road West will ensure that the road is easily identified and should remove the confusion that has arisen in the past with the connection or disconnection of utilities, delivery of mail, goods and services, etc. It is also consistent with the feedback from residents of the road who were supportive of the change.

This report is to consider the submissions that have been received and enable Council to make a decision concerning the matter.

### **MOTION**

**Moved:** Cr Middlemiss

**Seconded:** Cr McFarlane

**That Council:**

- 1. Having given public notice, invited and considered submissions received in accordance with section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, resolves to rename Crinigan Road West, Morwell, to Alliss Road, Morwell;**
- 2. In accordance with the *Office of Geographic Names' Naming rules for places in Victoria* commences the administrative process to officially rename Crinigan Road West, Morwell, to Alliss Road, Morwell; and**
- 3. Notifies the residents of Crinigan Road West and those who have made a formal submission of Council's decision to commence the administrative process to officially rename Crinigan Road West, Morwell, to Alliss Road, Morwell.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

## **DISCUSSION**

Council at its meeting held on Monday, 19 June 2017 considered the proposed renaming of Crinigan Road West and resolved:

1. *Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to commence the statutory process and undertake community consultation required under the Office of Geographic Names, Naming rules for places in Victoria and publish notices inviting written submissions concerning Council's intention to consider renaming Crinigan Road West, Morwell, to Alliss Road, Morwell; and*
2. *In the event of subsequent receipt of submissions objecting to the proposed name change, delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the authority:*
  - a) *to fix the date and time of the Ordinary Council meeting that Council will consider all submissions; and*
  - b) *to notify submitters of the time and place of the Ordinary Council meeting that Council will consider submissions received and inviting submitters wishing to be heard in support of their submission; or*
3. *If no submissions are received objecting to the proposed name change, authorises the Chief Executive Officer to commence the statutory and administrative process to officially rename Crinigan Road West, Morwell, to Alliss Road, Morwell; and*
4. *Notifies the residents of Crinigan Road West, Morwell, of Council's decision.*

Council is a designated road authority pursuant to the provisions of the *Road Management Act 2004*.

Both the *Road Management Act 2004* and the *Local Government Act 1989* allow Council to name/rename roads subject to satisfying the statutory requirements of the *OGN Naming Rules*.

For Council's information, a Table has been prepared (Attachment Two), to review the proposed road name "Alliss", and the suggested alternative road name "Nathan", against the *OGN Naming Rules*. Officers believe that the proposed name "Alliss Road" satisfies more of the *OGN Naming Rules* and also the State Government's ANZAC commemorative naming project when compared to the alternative name "Nathan Road".

When investigating potential road names, officers examined of the Morwell Cenotaph the name of George Sharp Alliss was identified. This ANZAC was born in Morwell, enlisted in the Australian Imperial Force (AIF) in 1915 and died of wounds received in action the following year.

## **STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION**

To ascertain community opinion regarding the proposed renaming of Crinigan Road West, public comment was sought via the following methods:

- Public notices published in the Latrobe Valley Express and on the Latrobe City website.
- Correspondence sent to all property owners along Crinigan Road West, including Gippsland Water.
- Correspondence sent to the Morwell Historical Society and Morwell RSL.

In response to the above community consultation three submissions have been received from the following (Confidential Attachments Three to Five):

- A resident of Crinigan Road West supporting the proposed name change;
- A resident of Crinigan Road supporting the proposed name change;
- A resident of Crinigan Road West objecting to the proposed name and suggesting an alternative name.

These submissions are summarised below:

	<b>Submission Detail</b>	<b>Officer Comment</b>
Resident – Supporting proposed name change (Attachment Three)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resident of Crinigan Road West.</li> <li>• Delighted with the proposed name change from Crinigan Road West to Alliss Road.</li> <li>• Have been subject to inconvenience with deliveries going astray or being delivered to Crinigan Road.</li> </ul>	<p>Resident originally raised the issues associated with the duplication of names.</p> <p>This submission reinforces comments made in initial approach and subsequent survey response.</p>
Resident - Supporting proposed name change (Attachment Four)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resident of Crinigan Road.</li> <li>• Supports the renaming of Crinigan Road West though not Alliss Road specifically</li> <li>• Have received visitors, mail and deliveries meant for residents of Crinigan Road West.</li> <li>• Current name is a problem for residents of both roads.</li> </ul>	<p>This submission confirms the issues that are being experienced by residents of both Crinigan Road West and Crinigan Road.</p>

	Submission Detail	Officer Comment
Resident – Objecting to the proposed name and suggesting an alternative name. (Attachment Five)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Property owner in Crinigan Road West.</li> <li>As the original subdivider of the land believes suggested name of “Nathan Road” is very appropriate.</li> <li>Has not heard of the family name “Alliss”.</li> <li>Naming rules do not refer to naming roads after war service.</li> </ul>	<p>“Nathan Road” is not duplicated and has a link to place that partially satisfies the OGN Rules.</p> <p>The proposed alternative name is not consistent with the ANZAC commemorative naming project or Council’s naming protocol to acknowledge military service, significant historical events or persons who have made a significant contribution to Latrobe City.</p> <p>While the name “Alliss” is not widely known it is recorded on the Morwell Cenotaph and is consistent with the ANZAC commemorative naming project and Council’s naming protocol.</p>

Should Council resolve to rename Crinigan Road West to Nathan Road, rather than Alliss Road, the OGN Naming Rules require Council, as a naming authority, to undertake further community consultation to determine support for the revised name prior to making a final decision.

### **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Costs associated with the statutory process are:

1. Officer resources associated with researching the potential name, preparation of Council reports and correspondence to property owners.
2. Public notices in the Latrobe Valley Express inviting written submissions.
3. Manufacturing and erection of new signage.
4. Preparation and submission of application to the Office of Geographic Names for registration of the name “Alliss Road”.

The above costs are within existing budget allocations.

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

The road, whilst bearing the name Crinigan Road West, presents a risk to public safety given the demonstrated confusion that has been experienced by residents,

service providers and others to date. The proposed name, Alliss Road should eliminate any such confusion in the future.

### **CONCLUSION**

For reasons of public safety and to eliminate this road name issue currently causing confusion, delay and inconvenience for the residents along it, it is considered necessary to rename Crinigan Road West, Morwell, ensuring that any such alternative road name satisfies the requirements of the *OGN Naming Rules*.

“Alliss Road” is a unique name that satisfies the requirements of the OGN Naming Rules and has a historical context in recognising the military service of a former Morwell resident in George Sharp Alliss.

Having given public notice and invited submissions it is recommended that Council authorise the commencement of the administrative process to officially rename Crinigan Road West, Morwell, to Alliss Road, Morwell.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

Nil

#### **Attachments**

- 1↓. Crinigan Road West Aerial Image
- 2↓. Naming rules for places in Victoria - Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities 2016.
3. Crinigan Road West Resident Submission (Published Separately) (Confidential)
4. Crinigan Road Resident Submission (Published Separately) (Confidential)
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## **10.1**

### **Proposed Road Renaming - Crinigan Road West, Morwell**

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The following principles must be used in conjunction with the relevant statutory requirements relating to the naming or renaming of roads, features and localities. They are designed to ensure that there can be no confusion, errors or discrimination caused by the naming, renaming or boundary change process.

Principles	Officer Comment
<p><i>Principle A - Ensuring Public Safety</i></p> <p><i>Geographic names and boundaries must not risk public and operational safety for emergency response or cause confusion for transport, communication and mail services.</i></p>	<p>Based upon the surveys that were received from residents Crinigan Road West there has confusion caused for emergency services, mail delivery and the connection of services.</p> <p>Giving the road a unique name of either Alliss Road or Nathan Road will eliminate this confusion.</p>
<p><i>Principle B - Recognising the Public Interest</i></p> <p><i>The rules state that consideration needs to be given to the long-term consequences and effects upon the wider community of naming a road or feature.</i></p>	<p>Based upon the surveys that were received from residents there is support for the renaming of Crinigan Road West.</p>
<p><i>Principle C - Linking the Name to the Place</i></p> <p><i>Place names should be relevant to the local area with preference given to unofficial names that are used by the local community. If named after a person that person should be or should have been held strong regard by the community.</i></p>	<p>Alliss Road is named after George Sharp Alliss who was born in Morwell and died of wounds received in action in 1916.</p> <p>This is also consistent with the ANZAC commemorative naming project.</p> <p>Nathan Road is a name linked to the family of the original developer of the land that created the road.</p> <p>This name does not have any relevance to the ANZAC commemorative naming project.</p>
<p><i>Principle C - Language</i></p> <p><i>The guidelines state that geographic names should be easy to pronounce, spell and write, and preferably not exceed three words (including feature or road type) and/or 25 characters.</i></p>	<p>Both Alliss Road and Nathan Road are considered to be consistent with this principle.</p>

<p><i>Principle D - Ensuring Names Are Not Duplicated</i> Place names must not be duplicated. Duplicates are considered to be two (or more) names within close proximity that have identical or similar spelling or pronunciation.</p>	<p>The proposal to rename Crinigan Road West has arisen from the close proximity of Crinigan Road and the confusion that this has caused.</p> <p>Neither Alliss Road nor Nathan Road is duplicated within the municipality.</p>
<p><i>Principle E - Names Must Not Be Discriminatory</i> Place names must not cause offence on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, disability, sexuality or gender.</p>	<p>The naming proposal is unlikely to cause offence to any member of the public.</p>
<p><i>Principle F - Use of Aboriginal languages in the naming</i> The use of Aboriginal languages in the naming of rates, features and localities is encouraged subject to agreement from the relevant Traditional Owners Group/s.</p>	<p>This principle is not applicable.</p>
<p><i>Principle G - Dual names</i> Australian states and territories use dual names as a way of recognising the names given to places by different enduring cultural and language groups.</p> <p><i>In Victoria, the approach to giving simultaneous and joint recognition of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal cultures through naming is to form a dual name with two distinct name parts, usually one part of non-Aboriginal language origin and the other of Aboriginal language origin.</i></p>	<p>This principle is not applicable.</p>
<p><i>Principle H - Using Commemorative Names</i> Naming often commemorates an event, person or place. A commemorative name applied to a feature can use the first or surname of a person although it is preferred that only the surname is used.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>If named after a person that person should be or have been held in strong regard by the community.</i></li> <li><i>With reference to unofficial names used by the local community.</i></li> <li><i>When deciding on an assignment of a</i></li> </ul>	<p>Alliss Road would be a commemorative name in recognition of the military service of George Sharp Alliss.</p> <p>Nathan Road would also be a commemorative name in recognition of a son of the original subdivider of the land.</p>

<p><i>commemorative name, naming authorities should consider the persons achievements, relevant history and association to the area, and the significance of the family/person to the area/land.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Names of people who are still alive should be avoided.</i></li> <li>• <i>A commemorative name applied to a locality or a road should use only the surname or first or given names. A commemorative name applied to a feature can use the person's first and surname of a person; although, it is preferred only a surname is used.</i></li> <li>• <i>The initials of a given name are not to be used in any circumstances.</i></li> </ul>	
<p><i>Principle I - Using commercial and business names</i>  <i>For similar reasons to those outlined in Principle H, naming authorities should not name places after:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>commercial businesses;</i></li> <li>• <i>trade names;</i></li> <li>• <i>estate names (which are solely commercial in nature);</i></li> <li>• <i>not-for-profit organisations.</i></li> </ul>	<p>This principle is not applicable</p>
<p><i>Principle J - Language</i>  <i>The rules state that geographic names should be easy to pronounce, spell and write, and preferably not exceed three words (including feature or road type) and/or 25 characters etc</i></p>	<p>The proposed renaming is consistent with this principle.</p>
<p><i>Principle K - Directional names to be avoided</i>  <i>Cardinal directions (north, south, east and west) must be avoided. A proposed name that uses a cardinal direction to distinguish itself from another similar name is considered to be a duplicate name. In these instances a different name should be chosen to allow for a clear distinction between the two or more features, localities or roads.</i></p>	<p>The current road name Crinigan Road West is clearly inconsistent with this principle. Renaming the road Alliss Road or Nathan Road will rectify this issue.</p>
<p><i>Principle L - Assigning Extent to Feature, Locality or Road</i>  <i>Council, as the naming authority, must define the area and/or extent to which the name will apply.</i></p>	<p>The extent of the existing road is easily identifiable, the proposed name change will not impact on this.</p>

In addition to the above rules, there are specific statutory requirements applicable to this request:

**Roads**

<i>3.2.1 – Rural and Urban Addressing</i>	The road name proposal complies with the provisions of <a href="#">AS/NZS 4819:2011 – Rural and Urban Addressing</a> .
<i>3.2.2 – Extent: road course, start and end points</i>	The proposed road name is not ambiguous and should not cause any confusion for road users. The extent of the road is clearly identifiable and has definable start and end points.
<i>3.2.3 - Road types</i>	All roads must have a road type assigned that suitably describes the road's characteristics.
<i>3.2.4- Unacceptable road names</i>	The proposed road name does not include any elements that are listed as unacceptable in a road name.
<i>3.2.5 Obstructed or altered roads</i>	This rule is not applicable as the entire length of the road is constructed.

Cr Harriman declared an interest that is not a conflict of interest in relation to the following item.

**10.2 Proposal to rename the Tyers Recreation Reserve "Baillie Reserve Tyers" and name the unnamed entrance road to the Tyers Recreation Reserve "Community Lane"**

**General Manager**

**Corporate Services**

**For Decision**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council has given public notice and invited written submissions concerning proposals to rename the Tyers Recreation Reserve "Baillie Reserve Tyers" and name the unnamed entrance road to the Tyers Recreation Reserve "Community Lane".

Council received five submissions received in response to preliminary consultation from the following:

- Tyers Recreation Reserve Committee of Management;
- Tyers Rural Fire Brigade;
- Traralgon Tyers United Football Netball Club;
- Tyers Tennis Club; and
- Tyers Soccer Club.

No further submissions have been received in response to the formal public consultation.

This report is to consider the submissions and enable Council to make a decision concerning the matter.

**MOTION**

**Moved:** Cr Harriman

**Seconded:** Cr Howe

**That Council:**

1. **Having given public notice, invited and considered submissions in accordance with section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989* resolves to authorise commencing the administrative process to officially rename the Tyers Recreation Reserve "Baillie Reserve Tyers", and name the unnamed entrance road to the Tyers Recreation Reserve "Community Lane"; and**
2. **That the Tyers and District Community Association be advised of the above Council decision.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

## **DISCUSSION**

At its meeting held on 19 June 2017, it was resolved:

*That Council:*

1. *In accordance with the Office of Geographic Names Naming rules for places in Victoria Guidelines – Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and location 2016 gives public notice of its intention to consider a proposal to:*
  - a. *rename the Tyers Recreation Reserve “Baillie Reserve Tyers”, and*
  - b. *name the unnamed entrance road to the Tyers Recreation Reserve “Community Lane”, and*
  - c. *invite written submissions.*
2. *That any submissions received regarding these proposals to rename the Tyers Recreation Reserve “Baillie Reserve Tyers” and name the entrance road to the recreation reserve “Community Lane”, be considered at a future Ordinary Council Meeting in 2017 as determined by the Chief Executive Officer.*
3. *That the Tyers and District Community Association be advised of the above Council decision.*

An aerial image of the Tyers Recreation Reserve and entrance road is provided for the information of Council ([Attachment 1](#)).

The Tyers Recreation Reserve is described as Lot 2 on Plan of Subdivision 120494 being Certificate of Title Volume 9984 Folio 39.

This recreation reserve has been developed for the following sporting codes and activities:

- AFL Football,
- FFA Soccer,
- Netball,
- Tennis and
- BMX Track.

The Tyers Recreation Reserve was developed by the former Shire of Traralgon in the early 1990's and would have been named accordingly. In 2006 the name was officially registered as a place name feature as part of a state wide process undertaken by VicNames, the Registrar of Geographic Names.

Council as a naming authority is empowered to rename the Tyers Recreation Reserve and name the entrance road into the recreation reserve if it so desires. Any name change must be subject to the proposed name(s) complying with the *Office of Geographic Names Naming rules for places in Victoria. Statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities 2016* (OGN Naming Rules) and have undertaken community consultation.

As mentioned above, preliminary consultation has been undertaken with the Tyers Recreation Reserve Committee of Management and sporting and other organisations concerning the naming proposals. A summary of the responses received following this initial consultation is provided below:

<i>User Group</i>	<i>Supportive</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Tyers Recreation Reserve Committee of Management	Yes	<p>Support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reserve to be named "Baillie Reserve Tyers".</li> <li>Entrance road to be name "Community Lane"</li> </ul> <p>Signage to be provided should include names of reserve users.</p> <p>Happy to amend their correspondence material to reflect the change in name.</p>
Tyers Rural Fire Brigade	Yes	<p>No objection to naming of "Baillie Reserve" or "Community Lane".</p> <p>CFA is not directly affected by proposed reserve name change as they are not located within the reserve and are located on the entrance road.</p>
Traralgon Tyers United Football Netball Club	Yes.	<p>The proposal has been discussed and the renaming to "The Baillie Reserve Tyers" or "Baillie Reserve Tyers" would have our club's full support on the basis that "Tyers" is included in the name.</p> <p>We also support the naming of the road "Community Lane".</p>
Tyers Tennis Club	Yes	<p>Reserve to be renamed "Baillie Reserve Tyers" to reflect this Baillie family's contribution.</p> <p>Entrance Road to be name "Community Lane".</p> <p>Requested "Tyers" to be included in the title and any signage</p>
Tyers Soccer Club	No	<p>The name does not identify the reserve and not in the best interest of the reserve.</p> <p>Community Lane does not give any idea of where the Lane goes. Suggest to name the entrance road Reserve Lane.</p>

*Requirements of Naming rules for places in Victoria – statutory requirements for naming roads, features and localities 2016*

When considering any naming / renaming proposal, Council is required to give consideration in conjunction with the relevant statutory requirements for naming or renaming of roads, features and localities. These requirements are designed to ensure that there can be no confusion, errors or discrimination caused by the naming, renaming or boundary change process. Council is also required to undertake community consultation, invite submissions and consider submissions.

**RISK IMPLICATIONS**

Risk has been considered as part of this report and it is considered to be consistent with the Risk Management framework.

**FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Costs associated with this statutory process are:

1. Officer resources in the preparation of Council reports;
2. Public notices in the Latrobe Valley Express inviting submissions;
3. Manufacturing and erection of new signs.

**STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION**

Extensive consultation was undertaken to seek public submissions via:

1. Public notices in the Latrobe Valley Express
2. Notice displayed at the Corporate Headquarters
3. Details placed on the Latrobe City Council website.
4. Letters to known descendants of the Baillie Family and the current sporting clubs that use the recreation reserve.
5. A notice for display at the Traralgon Service Centre Library.

In addition to the above consultation, letters were sent to two Baillie families (residents of Tyers and descendants of the original Baillie family) advising of the proposed naming and inviting comment. A response was received from one family who advised they are supportive of the proposed renaming of the Reserve.

Consultation has been undertaken in accordance with Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

**CONCLUSION**

Having given public notice inviting written submissions and Council considering submissions received, it is recommended that Council authorise the commencement of the administrative process to officially rename the Tyers Recreation Reserve “Baillie Reserve” and named the unnamed entrance road to the Tyers Recreation Reserve “Entrance Road”.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

Nil



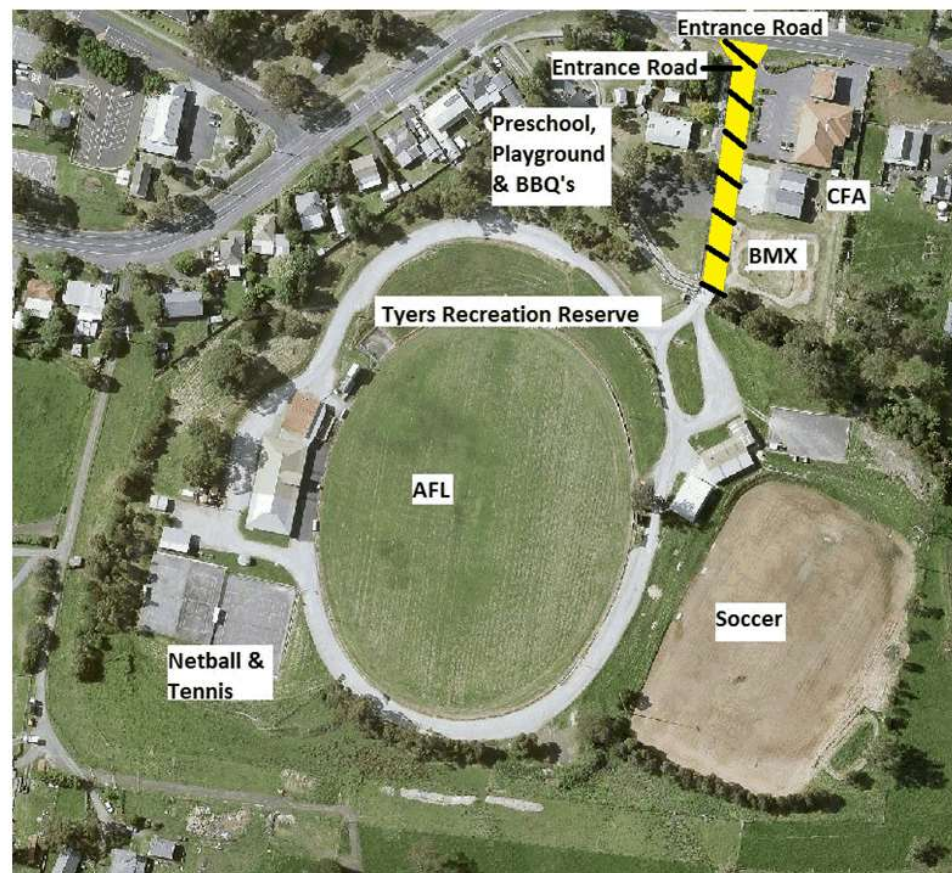
**Attachments**

- 1↓. Aerial image Tyers Recreation Reserve
2. Preliminary submissions received (Published Separately) (Confidential)

## 10.2

### **Proposal to rename the Tyers Recreation Reserve "Baillie Reserve Tyers" and name the unnamed entrance road to the Tyers Recreation Reserve "Community Lane"**

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**10.3 Proposal to Rename Part of Bradys Road Tyers**

**General Manager**

**Corporate Services**

**For Decision**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council has given public notice and invited written submissions concerning a proposal to rename the southern section of Bradys Road, Tyers, to Russell Rise, Tyers.

Four submissions have been received in response to the public notice. The four submissions received are comprised as follows:

- Two supporting the proposed road name “Russell Rise”;
- One supporting the road name “Russell”, but suggesting “Lane” would be a more appropriate description of the road type; and
- One encouraging Council to give consideration to constructing Bradys Road as a through-road, thus not requiring the proposed name change.

Renaming the southern end of Bradys Road will also allow Council to allocate an appropriate rural road address to the two properties which have their physical driveways off the southern section of Bradys Road, yet are currently allocated a Mays Road address.

This report is to consider the submissions and enable Council to make a decision concerning the matter.

**MOTION**

**Moved:** Cr Howe  
**Seconded:** Cr Middlemiss

**That Council:**

- 1. Having given public notice, invited and considered submissions in accordance with Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*, resolves to authorise commencing the administrative process to officially rename the southern section of Bradys Road, Tyers, to Russell Rise, Tyers;**
- 2. In the event that the middle section of Bradys Road is constructed and the northern and southern segments of road are connected, Council resolves that Russell Rise be renamed Bradys Road and this information be recorded on the following databases and systems:**
  - VicNames – The Register of Geographic Names Road Historical Information;**
  - Latrobe City Council Asset Maintenance Database;**
  - Latrobe City Council Public Roads Register; and**
  - Latrobe City Council Electronic Content Management (ECM) Road File;**
- 3. Notifies Mr J Brady from Tyers, the relative of the person responsible for initial construction of the northern segment of Bradys Road, of the above decision;**
- 4. Allocates revised rural road addresses and notifies the property owners abutting the southern section of Bradys Road of Council's decision;**
- 5. Refers for investigation the request from the Tyers & District Community Association to consider constructing the unmade section of Bradys Road to allow through traffic from Mays Road to Fitzgibbons Road, Tyers; and**
- 6. Notifies the persons who provided a submission and the Tyers & District Community Association of the above Council decisions.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

**DISCUSSION**

Council at its meeting held on 29 May 2017, resolved:

*That Council:*

1. *Authorise the Chief Executive Officer to commence the community consultation process required under the Naming rules for places in Victoria. Statutory requirements for naming, roads, features and localities 2016 and publish notices inviting written submissions concerning its intention to consider renaming the southern section of Bradys Road, Tyers to Russell Rise, Tyers.*
2. *If submissions objecting to the proposal are received, Council delegates to the Chief Executive Officer the authority:*
  - (a) *to fix the date of the Ordinary Council Meeting to consider submissions, and*
  - (b) *notify those who submitted a submission of the time and place of the Ordinary Council Meeting that Council will consider the submission, and*
  - (c) *arrange for those wishing to be heard in support of their submission to attend the Ordinary Council Meeting to consider submissions, or*
3. *If no submissions objecting to the proposal are received, Council authorises the Chief Executive Officer to commence the administrative process to officially rename the southern section of Bradys Road, Tyers to Russell Rise, Tyers.*
4. *Notifies Mr Brady, relative of the person responsible for initial construction of the road, of Council's decision.*

Council is a designated road authority pursuant to the provisions of the *Road Management Act 2004*.

Both the *Road Management Act 2004* and the *Local Government Act 1989* allow Council to name/rename roads. As a coordinating road authority, Council must ensure that any proposal to name/rename a road conforms to the mandatory OGN Naming Rules.

Bradys Road, Tyers, is a Government Road Reserve. The road area consists of three sections; one at each end being constructed, drivable roads, with a third section located between them being a fenced off, un-driveable area covered with native vegetation. The two constructed, drivable road sections which make up Brady's Road are recorded in Council's Public Roads Register as detailed below:

	<i>Hierarchy</i>	<i>Road Register Description</i>
Southern end	Minor Access	260 metres North from Mays Road
Northern end	Sealed Access > 60 km/hr & Unsealed Access	First 810 metres South off Fitzgibbons Road

The rural properties abutting this unconstructed section have other road frontage access and there is no requirement to provide physical access off the unconstructed section of Bradys Road.

With a three lot subdivision of a large parcel of land that abuts Boulton Crescent and both the northern and southern sections of Bradys Road ([Attachment 2](#)), the access to Lot 2 will be from the southern section of Bradys Road only. Accordingly, it is proposed that the southern section of Bradys Road be renamed to give the newly



created Lot 2 a unique property address identifier for reasons of public safety, provision of services, etc.

Further, two properties that adjoin the southern section of Bradys Road have their respective physical driveways off Bradys Road, however, both are allocated a Mays Road address. By renaming the southern section, Council is able to allocate a unique address to both properties. The new address will accurately identify the location of respective property driveways for reasons of public safety, delivery of services, etc.

The suggested road name “Russell” was identified on the Boola Boola Parish Plan which records that a John Russell owned land (from 1 May 1891) on either side of the southern section of Bradys Road. A search of the National Archives of Australia, “*Discovering Anzacs*” website records that there were 10 Tyers residents who served in the Boer War and/or World War 1. Of those 10 enlisted from the Tyers area, one was John Alexander Russell, aged 21 years and 6 months.

This connection with the name “Russell” from both sources may be coincidental. However, officers recommend the name as it satisfies the Victorian government commemorative naming project to acknowledge wartime military service of a former Tyers resident. The proposed name also satisfies the OGN Naming Rules in particular Principle A Ensuring Public Safety and Principle H Using Commemorative Names.

The suggested road type “Rise” reflects that the southern road section does increase in elevation in a northerly direction from Mays Road.

In the event the southern section of Bradys Road, Tyers is renamed to Russell Rise, Tyers, officers will advise the statutory authorities and service providers of the change.

### **STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION**

Engagement Method Used:

Public submissions were invited via the following methods:

- Letters were sent to the residents of Bradys Road, Mr Brady of Fitzgibbons Road, Tyers and the Tyers and District Community Association.
- Public notices appeared in the Latrobe Valley Express.
- Notices were displayed at Council’s Corporate Headquarters, Morwell and Traralgon Service Centre.
- Details were placed on the Latrobe City Council website.

Officers also met with Mr Jim Brady from Tyers who advised that a relative of his constructed the northern section of Bradys Road. Mr Brady is supportive of the proposed name change provided that, in the event Bradys Road is ever constructed as a through road, the road name for the southern section of Bradys Road will be changed back to Bradys Road, Tyers. This suggestion can be recorded for future reference on the following databases and systems:

- VicNames – The Register of Geographic Names Road Historical Information;
- Latrobe City Council Asset Maintenance Database;

- Latrobe City Council Public Roads Register; and
- Latrobe City Council Electronic Content Management (ECM) Road File.

Following the above consultation process, Council received three submissions; two in support and one in objection to the proposal. For confidential copies of the submissions, refer to [Attachment 3](#).

These three submissions are summarised in the table below:

	Submission	Officer Comment
Resident 1 Qualified support	<p>Supports the proposal to rename the southern section to Russell Rise subject to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. "For the past 20 plus years I have been leasing the unconstructed portion of Bradys Road from various State Government departments..... As the constructed part of Bradys Road services no property, I submit that this land should be transferred respectively to Lots 1 and 2 of my subdivision. Please note that the unconstructed land is currently fenced as if it is part of my land. This appears to be common sense and will finalize the matter."</li> <li>2. "Also paid to extend the southern side of Bradys Road to the boundary of Lot 2 of the subdivision."</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bradys Road is a Government Road and any lease/licence would be issued by DELWP. If DELWP was to sell the road reserve it would first require Council to declare that the road reserve is not required for public traffic and is therefore an unused road. Officers believe it would be inappropriate to determine that the road is not required for public traffic as it may be required in the future based upon the submission from the Tyers &amp; District Community Association.</li> <li>2. The requirement to extend the constructed section of Bradys Road would have been a condition of the subdivision planning permit to provide vehicle access to Lot 2.</li> </ol>
Resident 2 Supports the renaming	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The rural road address allocated to residents' property is 107A Mays Road whilst driveway access is off the southern section of Bradys Road.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agree</li> </ol>



	Submission	Officer Comment
	<p>2. Requests their property be given a rural road number to Russell Rise.</p> <p>3. Would like to attend the relevant Council meeting where this will be decided and if needed, speak in favour of the proposal.</p>	<p>2 This will occur if Council resolves to rename the southern section of Bradys Road.</p> <p>3 An invitation to present to Council at this meeting has been extended.</p>
Resident 3 Supports the renaming	Supports the proposal to rename the southern section to 'Russell', however objects to the term 'Rise'...it has overtones of pretentiousness and, although used in suburban/regional city subdivisions, is not in keeping with the rural nature of Tyers and surrounds. Maybe 'Lane' would be more appropriate."	<p>Rise is an acceptable road type to the OGN for registration as either a culs-de-sac or open-ended road. The OGN Rules describe:</p> <p>'Rise" as a roadway going to a higher place or position; and</p> <p>'Lane' as a narrow way between walls, buildings or a narrow country or city roadway.</p> <p>The section of road proposed to be renamed does increase in elevation in a northerly direction from Mays Road.</p>
<p>Tyers &amp; District Community Association</p> <p>Encourages Council to construct the unmade section of Bradys Road however if unsuccessful supports the renaming of the southern section</p>	<p>Concerns for the residents off Fitzgibbons Road, Boulton Crescent, Woodland Drive and Brady's Road North area:</p> <p>(a) in respect to only one entrance/exit available in case of an emergency(bush or grass fire) to the residents.</p> <p>(b) the CFA has indicated that in the event of a fire that they will not despatch a fire truck to this area due to the single entry/exit point.</p>	<p>Agree</p> <p>This statement would need to be referred to the CFA for a comment.</p>

	Submission	Officer Comment
	<p>"We suggest that the short section of the unmade part of Brady's Road be converted to a trafficable gravel road, thus giving all residents in the area an alternative way out of this enclosed area. This would also make a much shorter trip for emergency vehicles to service houses in this area and up to 5 kms less travel distance to Traralgon for residents in this area."</p> <p>"Gippsland Water has...important infrastructure which would be better protected if there is an alternative entry/exit point in place."</p> <p>"The distance that residents of Brady's Road North and thereabout have to travel to go to Traralgon would be proximately 5 km's shorter than currently if the closed section of Brady's Road was open to traffic."</p> <p>"We respectfully request that Council consider a possible plan to join these two sections of Brady's Road in the future."</p> <p>"If this were to eventuate, a name change would no longer be necessary."</p> <p>"If a petition signed by most of or all of the residents affected by this situation were to be presented would this support our alternate proposal?"</p> <p>"If LCC has up to three interested Councillors who would personally like to view the area, John Henry has volunteered to take the Councillors to do so. Please let us know and we will make the necessary arrangements."</p>	<p>Agree there would be a reduction in travel time and distance. In the event that the road would be constructed within the current road reserve it would require works</p> <p>This issue has not been raised by Gippsland Water.</p> <p>Agree there would be a reduction in travel time and distance.</p> <p>Council may resolve to refer this request to its Infrastructure team for further investigation.</p> <p>The name change is required to address the public safety issues currently being experienced. The public safety and rural road address issues are unable to be deferred pending Council investigating the option to construct the unmade section of Bradys Road.</p> <p>The residents are welcome to submit a petition if they so desire.</p> <p>Arrangements can be made if Councillors wish to take advantage of this offer.</p>

	Submission	Officer Comment
	"If this submission is unsuccessful, we appreciate that Council has presented an alternative name for the road, who was land holder in the area 100 or more years ago and we would be happy to accept "Russell Rise" in lieu of Brady's Rd South."	Noted.

### **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Costs associated with the statutory process are:

1. Officer resources in preparation of Council reports and historical searches of Bradys Road, Tyers.
2. Public notices in the Latrobe Valley Express inviting submissions.
3. Manufacturing and erection of a new road sign.

The above costs are within existing budget allocations.

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

The proposal to rename the southern section of Bradys Road will minimise potential risk and improve public safety for residents that access their property from the southern section of Bradys Road whilst the road is not a constructed through road.

### **CONCLUSION**

For reasons of public safety and to allocate a unique rural address identifier, it is considered necessary to rename the southern section of Bradys Road, Tyers. Following research of the Boola Boola Parish Plan and the National Archives of Australia, "*Discovering Anzacs*" website records, officers are suggesting this section of road be renamed Russell Rise.

Having given public notice inviting written submissions and Council considering submissions received, it is recommended that Council authorise the commencement of the administrative process to officially rename the southern section of Bradys Road, Tyers to Russell Rise, Tyers.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

Nil

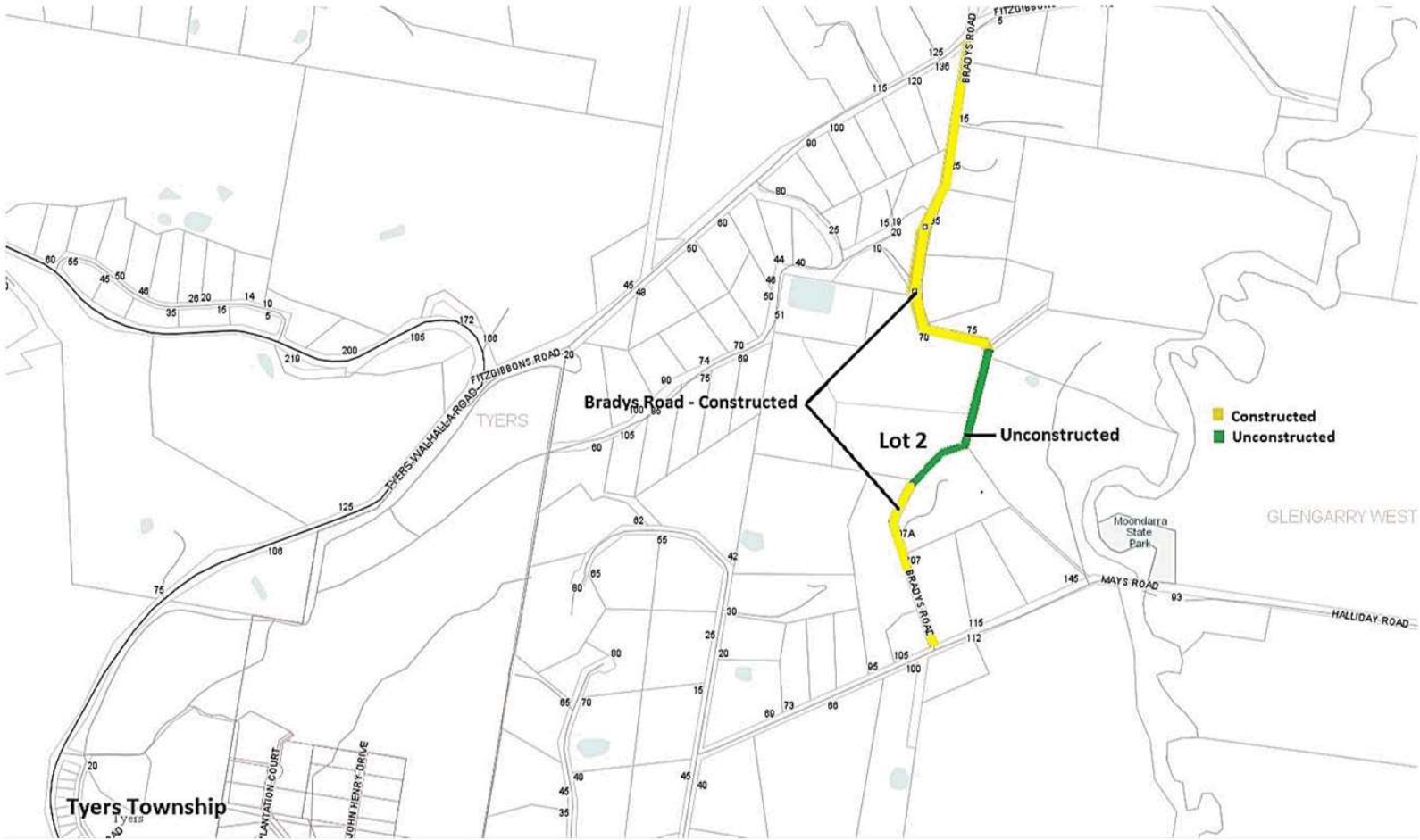
### **Attachments**

- 1↓ . Bradys Road Tyers
- 2↓ . Three Lot Subdivision
3. Submissions received (Published Separately) (Confidential)

## 10.3

### Proposal to Rename Part of Bradys Road Tyers

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**10.4 Endorsement of Live Work Latrobe Land Use Strategies for public exhibition and preparation of a planning scheme amendment****General Manager****City Development****For Decision****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Land use planning in Latrobe City is unique and affected by many factors not experienced elsewhere in the state, whereby conflicting and fragmented land uses continue to limit opportunities for new investment and growth.

Latrobe City is also operating in a rapidly changing economic landscape. Population growth, technology advances, the ageing workforce, climate change, globalisation and a future low carbon economy, all present unique challenges and opportunities.

Enhancing Latrobe City's desirability as a destination to live and work must therefore be undertaken with an integrated and holistic approach.

In response to this need, the establishment of a 'whole of city' planning approach for the Live Work Latrobe project was considered essential to responding to both the immediate and predicted population housing needs, industry and employment opportunities and rural land use planning.

The Live Work Latrobe project aims to rationalise the land base and leverage the strategic advantages of Latrobe City's built and natural assets to sustain long term growth, target new investment and promote collaborative action with businesses, community agencies and authorities.

The project has been delivered over two stages, with stage one seeing the completion of extensive community engagement, background research and Council endorsement of a range of policy directions that have informed stage two. Stage two of the Live Work Latrobe project has delivered three distinct yet complementary strategies that identify the right locations for new housing, guidance for existing, new and transitioning industries and establish clear guidance for future rural land use and investment.

The Latrobe City Council 2016/17 Annual Budget identifies the completion of the three land use Strategies as a Major Initiative. The progression of a planning scheme amendment to give effect to each of the land use strategies is also included as a

Major Initiative within the 2017/18 Annual Budget.

It is considered that intervention in current land use zoning and overlay arrangements is necessary in order to secure our Regional City role and the associated opportunities for immediate investment and long term growth this status provides.

The recommendation is therefore to endorse each of the land use strategies to enable the preparation of amendments to the Latrobe Planning Scheme as required by the 2017/18 Major Initiative. It is then proposed to exhibit each strategy along with the amendments to the Latrobe Planning Scheme as a priority, in order to strengthen Latrobe City's Regional City position aid collaborative efforts being undertaken within the Economic Growth Zone. .



**MOTION**

**Moved:** Cr McFarlane

**Seconded:** Cr Gibson

**That Council:**

- 1. Endorse the draft Live Work Latrobe Land Use Strategies for public exhibition as part of a Planning Scheme Amendment(s) required to give effect to each strategy.**
- 2. Requests authorisation from the Minister for Planning to prepare and exhibit the draft Live Work Latrobe Land Use Strategies and associated amendments to the Latrobe Planning Scheme.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

**DISCUSSION**

Latrobe City has a well-documented history of economic and structural change involving the mining and energy sectors. Latrobe City is also operating in a rapidly changing economic landscape. Population growth, technology advances, the ageing workforce, climate change, globalisation and a future low carbon economy, all present unique challenges and opportunities. More immediately, the cumulative effects of industry reforms including the recent closure of Hazelwood are likely to be felt for many years to come.

Past employment studies and industrial strategies have recognised the challenges and opportunities facing Latrobe City, but have lacked a clear spatial framework and supporting policy to effectively plan for current and future industry requirements.

In response to the immediate priorities for new investment and jobs growth, the Live Work Latrobe strategies provide recommendations that will secure long term growth and jobs for the community whilst securing Latrobe City's Regional City position.

The Live Work Latrobe project is being undertaken as a two stage process, as shown below.





Stage One takes a comprehensive perspective of Latrobe City, and considers the three themes of the project (Housing, Industry and Employment and Rural land use) as well as broader matters which intersect with all three themes.

The Policy Directions Report endorsed by Council 23 May 2016, identifies the emerging principles and key directions from background analysis and community engagement. This document has informed the scope and approach adopted in developing the Housing Strategy, Industrial and Employment Strategy and Rural Land Use Strategy.

Overarching policy directions adopted by Council at the conclusion of Stage One of the Lie Work Latrobe project include:

1. *Recognise the interconnected nature of a strong economy, cleaner and greener environment and healthy and connected community.*
2. *Develop the three Stage 2 strategies concurrently to ensure that common issues are comprehensively addressed across all three strategies.*
3. *Build upon the existing 'networked city' policy within the Latrobe Planning Scheme and strengthen the establishment of Latrobe City as a single urban system to secure its role as one of Victoria's four Major Regional Cities.*
4. *Land use and development constraints are to be recognised in the preparation of all three strategies. These constraints include:*
  - *Biodiversity*
  - *Environmental Risks and extreme weather events (including Flooding, Bushfire)*
  - *Geology*
  - *Land Capability Infrastructure access and serviceability*

- *State Resource and Environmental Significance Overlays*
  - *Land use separation buffers (i.e. separation of major industry/mining from urban areas).*
5. *Seek the participation of the Victorian State Government, major industries, community and other key stakeholders to assist in the development of effective policy and strategy responses, particularly in relation to land affected by coal related policies.*

Stage Two of the project established the following key initiatives which collectively, each of the land use strategies, seek to establish:



The above themes are further explained within the attached Draft Land Use Strategies.

Each of the draft Land Use Strategies propose a range of amendments to the Latrobe Planning Scheme to be enacted as a priority in order to strengthen Latrobe City's Regional City position within the Economic Growth Zone.

It is noted that a range of advocacy, business engagement and other initiatives are also proposed requiring collaborative action with a range of local and regional agencies and authorities.

An overview of each Land Use Strategy objective and summary of key amendments to the Planning Scheme (to be prepared) is provided below:

Housing:

The Housing Strategy will support a diverse range of housing opportunities and types to cater for a changing housing demand, whilst enabling long term capacity for an additional 40,000 homes, securing Latrobe City's Regional City role.

Housing types will range from apartments to family homes to rural lifestyle properties, catering for differing needs, preferences and lifecycle choices. Areas of special character will be protected, while the general spaciousness of the residential areas, characteristic of regional cities and towns, will be respected. Higher density forms of housing will occur predominantly around locations with good access to activity centres and public transport.

Priority amendments recommended by the Housing Strategy include:

- Introduction of the Residential Housing Framework Plan to Local Planning Policy.
- Rezone land and update schedules to residential zones in accordance with the Housing Framework Plans prepared for each town.

Industry and Employment:

The Industrial and Employment Strategy proposes a new spatial land use framework for industrial land, supported by policy and planning tools to unlock future investment and employment opportunities across Latrobe City.

This will require a coordinated approach involving inputs from planning, economic development and regional authorities including Regional Development Victoria and the Latrobe Valley Authority to implement actions aimed at investment attraction and retention across the region.

The framework outlines actions for addressing fragmented and inconsistent land uses which reflect past investments and development outcomes; and create pathways for future investment in employment clusters within Morwell and Traralgon with a focus on creating a single regional city outcome for the long term benefit of the region.

Specifically the Strategy seeks to diversify employment opportunities, identify critical infrastructure required to support existing and new industry investment and pursue land use options within the State Resource Overlays, heavy industry and mining buffers.

Priority amendments recommended by the Industry and Employment Strategy include:

- Amend Local Planning Policy in accordance with the recommendations of the Industrial Land Use Strategy.
- MSS introductions
- Work with State Government to amend and or remove coal related overlay restrictions from large areas of Industrial 1 and 2 Zoned land, south of Princess Hwy, Morwell.
- Amend the Morwell Structure Plan to identify future industrial growth along the Alexander Road East Precinct and remove Environmental Significance Overlay south of Australian Paper.

- Apply the Environmental Audit Overlay to land where industry is to be relocated and the land repurposed in the future.

#### Rural Land Use:

The Rural Land Use Strategy is the first of its kind for Latrobe City, establishing a framework to protect and promote economic, environmental and landscape values associated with rural land as well as respond to competing rural land demand.

The Strategy responds to the City's diverse rural circumstances, supports established rural industries such as agriculture and forestry, promotes emerging opportunities in rural tourism, provides direction to intensive agriculture investments and addresses policy gaps recognising important environmental and landscape values.

Priority amendments recommended by the Rural Land Use Strategy include:

- Introduce Local Planning Policy to guide the assessment of planning permits for subdivision and dwellings in the Farming Zone.
- Introduce schedules to the Farming Zone that will identify areas where the current and preferred land uses as follows:
  - Farming Zone Schedule 1 - Commercial agriculture
  - Farming Zone Schedule 2 – Mixed farming - A mix of commercial and niche agriculture, large scale hobby farms and rural lifestyle
- Rationalise the application and location of Rural Living Land, including enabling new Rural Living opportunities
- Investigate backzoning land currently zoned Rural Living Zone within the Jeeralang precinct to Farming Zone Schedule 2
- Investigate rezoning of land in the Toongabbie Investigation Area to Rural Living Zone and Low Density Residential Zone.
- Introduce Local Planning Policy recognising the Strzelecki – Alpine biolink (a biodiversity corridor between the Strzelecki bioregion in the south and the Victoria's Alpine region in the north).

#### Preparation of Planning Scheme Amendment

Municipal councils, as the planning authority, have a number of duties and powers. These duties and powers are listed at Section 12 of the Act. Under Section 12 a planning authority must have regard to (inter alia):

- The objectives of planning in Victoria;
- The Minister's directions;
- The Victoria Planning Provisions;
- The Latrobe Planning Scheme;
- Any significant effects which it considers a planning scheme amendment might have on the environment or which it considers the environment might have on any use or development envisaged by the amendment.

In accordance with Section 9 of the Planning and Environment Act 1989 (the Act), the Minister for Planning may authorise a municipal council to prepare an

amendment to State and local standard provisions of a planning scheme in force in its municipal district.

It is now proposed to commence preparation of amendments to the Latrobe Planning Scheme required to give effect to each strategy.

### **STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION**

Community consultation and understanding local aspirations for the future of the region has been an important part of Stage One of the Live Work Latrobe project. The engagement process was framed around housing, industry and employment and rural land use. The purpose of this engagement was to understand a range of aspirations and views for the future of Latrobe City across these broad themes.

Details of the engagement methods used, participation and feedback received is expressed within the Community Consultation Report (see supporting documents).

A summary of community participation is provided below:

- Over 370 people were engaged through the project
- Around 35% of participants were aged between 20–39 years old and over 40% were aged between 40–49 years old.
- Over 80% of participants are working. Jobs described were diverse in terms of technical specialty and field – ranging from factory work to owning a small business.
- Over 70% of participants who completed a survey were female.
- Over 50% of survey respondents have lived in Latrobe for over 20 years.
- Participants identified themselves from 12 postcodes which covers over 70 different locations.

A summary of key themes which emerged from community consultation undertaken during Stage One is provided below:

- *Plan for a greener, cleaner future and celebrate the natural environmental features that make Latrobe City an attractive place to live.*
- *Reposition Latrobe City's role as a thriving regional centre by attracting new industries that create more employment opportunities that go beyond the energy sector.*
- *Build on the existing skills and resources in Latrobe to transition into new and more sustainable industries such as advanced manufacturing and renewable energy.*
- *Generate opportunities to enhance the community and health service industry to respond to the needs of an aging population and create new employment opportunities.*
- *Support diversified farming that will create a new niche in agri-tourism for Latrobe City.*
- *Continue to support our existing farming industries that positively contribute to the local, state and national economies.*

- *Take a more systematic approach when reviewing permits within the farming zone that look at productivity not just lot size.*
- *Encourage well designed and different types of housing to be built in new developments or in renewal sites that assist people to age or stay in place.*
- *Build new housing including affordable and social housing, this should be located close to existing community infrastructure and be serviced by public transport.*

While the local community has contributed to the project strongly at the outset, it was recognised that more needs to be done during subsequent stages of the project to target the views of industry and state government.

Working with industry and government was therefore the primary focus during the development of the Draft Strategies during Stage Two of the Live Work Latrobe project.

Live Work Latrobe Stage 2 was also overseen by a Key Stakeholder Reference Group which included representatives from the agencies and organisations listed below. The purpose of this group was to provide technical advice and direction to shape and test the Strategies

- Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning
- Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources
- Regional Development Victoria
- Latrobe Valley Authority
- Committee 4 Gippsland
- Agribusiness Gippsland
- Country Fire Authority (CFA)
- Environmental Protection Victoria
- West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority
- VicRoads
- Gippsland Water
- Gippsland Waste and Resource Recovery Group
- Latrobe City Council, including the following Departments:
  - Strategic Planning
  - Economic Development
  - Urban Growth
  - Statutory Planning

Subject to Council consideration, it is now proposed to engage the whole community, business and industry through the public exhibition of each strategy along with associated planning scheme amendments.



Public exhibition of the draft Strategies as part of a Planning Scheme Amendment will be subject to the prescribed processes required by Section 12 of the Act. This will include advertising in the government gazette and local newspapers as well as written notification to landowners and occupiers that may be materially affected by the amendment following authorisation of the amendment. In addition to the prescribed amendment process, a range of opportunities to ensure the community is well informed and able to participate in the exhibition and submission process will be provided.

All statutory and servicing authorities likely to be materially affected will also be notified of the proposed amendment.

### **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The prescribed fees for planning scheme amendments are detailed in the *Planning and Environment (Fees) Regulations 2016*. The costs associated with a planning scheme amendment include: considering a request to amend a planning scheme, consideration of submissions, providing assistance to a panel and adoption and approval of an amendment.

Funds have now been allocated in the current 2017 - 18 budget year to enable the implementation of priority planning scheme amendments to proceed.

The number of submission received will determine the Planning Panel fees associated with the Planning Scheme Amendment. A budget allocation has therefore been set aside assuming the maximum planning panel fee of \$38000.

It is noted that each of the strategies recommend a range of actions beyond the planning scheme, which will require ongoing staff and financial resourcing to be determined as part of the annual budget and business plan preparation.

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

Each of the land use strategies aim to rethink and revision current land use and development patterns, deliberately intervening in the present trajectory of growth and development of Latrobe City.

Given each of the Land Use Strategies recommend a range of land use policy changes (including amending zones and overlays applying to land), it is considered that some elements of the strategy may be considered controversial.

For this reason, it is recommended that the Land Use Strategies be publicly exhibited as part of a formal Planning Scheme Amendment process, whereby a planning panel may be appointed to independently consider all matters.

In accordance with the requirements of the Act, where submissions cannot be resolved, Council is required to request and independent panel be appointed by the Minister for Planning. The Planning Panel will consider all submissions and provide recommendations to Council.

It is considered that this process will reduce the risk to Council by way of utilising a third party to assist in the consideration of objections.

## **OPTIONS**

The options available to Council are as follows:

1. That Council endorse each of the Live Work Latrobe Land Use Strategies, prepare a Planning Scheme Amendment to give effect to each strategy and commence formal public exhibition.
2. That Council does not endorse the Live Work Latrobe Land Use Strategies for public exhibition as part of Planning Scheme Amendment process.
3. That Council requests changes to the draft land use strategies prior to progressing a planning scheme amendment and public exhibition process.

## **CONCLUSION**

Land use planning in Latrobe City is unique and affected by many factors not experienced elsewhere in the state, whereby conflicting and fragmented land uses continue to limit opportunities for new investment and growth.

Latrobe City is also operating in a rapidly changing economic landscape. Population growth, technology advances, the ageing workforce, climate change, globalisation and a future low carbon economy, all present unique challenges and opportunities.

Enhancing Latrobe City's desirability as a destination to live and work must therefore be undertaken with an integrated and holistic approach. In response to this need, the establishment of a 'whole of city' planning approach for the Live Work Latrobe project was considered essential to responding to both the immediate and predicted population housing needs, industry and employment opportunities and rural land use planning.

It is considered that intervention in current land use zoning and overlay arrangements is necessary in order to secure our Regional City role and the associated opportunities for immediate investment and long term growth this status provides. This is considered especially important given the current changes occurring in the local economic conditions of Latrobe City.

The Live Work Latrobe project aims to leverage the strategic advantages of Latrobe City's built and natural assets to sustain long term growth, target new investment and promote collaborative action with businesses, community agencies and authorities.

The strategies conclude that by growing a regional services sector in Latrobe City and pursuing longer term transition towards new energy technologies represent opportunities for workforce re-alignment, economic diversification and sustainable growth in the future. The strategies establish clear policy and planning provision to enable investment in agriculture (including intensive agriculture).

Each of the draft Land Use Strategies propose a range of amendments to the Latrobe Planning Scheme to be enacted as a priority in order to strengthen Latrobe City's Regional City position within the Economic Growth Zone.

The Latrobe City Council 2016/17 Annual Budget identifies the completion of the three land use Strategies as a Major Initiative. The progression of a planning scheme amendment to give effect to each of the land use strategies is also included as a Major Initiative within the 2017/18 Annual Budget.



The recommendation is therefore for Council to endorse each of the land use strategies and prepare and seek Ministerial authorisation for amendments to the Latrobe Planning Scheme required to give effect to each strategy, in accordance with the 2017/18 Major Initiative.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

Stage One Live Work Latrobe adopted documents including Community Consultation report, Background Report and Key Policy Directions.

**Attachments**

1. Live Work Latrobe Draft Land Use Strategies (Published Separately) (Confidential)

# **CORRESPONDENCE**

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

Nil reports

# **PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

**12. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

Nil reports

# CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE

**13. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE****13.1 Proposal to establish a broad-based Economic Development Advisory Committee****General Manager****Chief Executive Office****For Decision****EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides detail on the proposed Economic Development Advisory Committee and its Terms of Reference.

The objectives of the proposed Economic Development Advisory Committee are to support the implementation of Council's Economic Development Strategy, to provide advice in relation to any review of the Economic Development Strategy and to provide advice and guidance on economic development initiatives and opportunities.

Draft Terms of Reference are attached (Attachment 1). These Terms of Reference are intended to provide flexibility with the aim of providing Council with an effective Advisory Committee focussed on relevant sectors and priorities, and responsive to the changing economic environment. They include provisions to give the Advisory Committee, with the approval of the Chair, the capacity to create sub-committees to focus upon areas of particular interest such as Timber or Advanced Manufacturing and to abolish those sub-committees once their work has been completed.

It is proposed that Committee membership be up to fifteen (15) with up to ten (10) expert members drawn from each priority sector included in Council's Economic Development Strategy plus the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Chief Executive Officer, General Manager City Development and Manager Economic Development.

It is proposed that an Expressions of Interest process be run to identify suitably qualified persons for appointment to the Economic Development Advisory Committee for an initial three year term and that a further report be brought to future Council meeting with recommendations for the appointment of the external members to the Committee.

A consequence is that three existing Advisory Committees - the Gippsland Carbon Transition Committee, the Latrobe City Industry Forum and the Timber Umbrella Group Advisory Committee – need to be abolished so that they can be replaced by the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

**MOTION**

**Moved:** Cr Middlemiss

**Seconded:** Cr McFarlane

**That Council:**

- 1. Abolishes the following Advisory Committees:**
  - the Gippsland Carbon Transition Committee;
  - the Latrobe City Industry Forum; and
  - the Timber Umbrella Group Advisory Committee;
- 2. Writes to the external members of the abolished Advisory Committees thanking them for their service;**
- 3. Establishes the Economic Development Advisory Committee and adopts the attached Terms of Reference for the Economic Development Advisory Committee;**
- 4. Re-allocates \$30,000 from the Gippsland Carbon Transition Committee and \$5,000 from the Timber Umbrella Group to \$5,000 Economic Development Advisory Committee – meeting costs and \$30,000 Economic Development Advisory Committee – specialist consultancies; and**
- 5 Requests the Chief Executive Officer to provide a further report to a future Council meeting with recommendations for the appointment of external members to the Economic Development Advisory Committee.**

**For** Crs White, O'Callaghan, Middlemiss, McFarlane, Howe, Clancey and Law

**Against:** Crs Harriman and Gibson

**CARRIED**

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

**DISCUSSION**

This report follows a report presented to the Councillor Briefing held on 24 July 2017, which provided detail on the proposed Economic Development Advisory Committee. That followed the Councillor Briefing held on 15 May 2017 at which Councillors discussed the future of the three existing Advisory Committees - the Gippsland Carbon Transition Committee, the Latrobe City Industry Forum and the Timber Umbrella Group Advisory Committee – and the potential to replace them with a single broad-based Advisory Committee.

This report provides detail on the proposed Economic Development Advisory Committee and its proposed Terms of Reference.



It is proposed that the existing Advisory Committees - the Gippsland Carbon Transition Committee, the Latrobe City Industry Forum and the Timber Umbrella Group Advisory Committee – be abolished and that they be replaced by the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

The objectives of the proposed Economic Development Advisory Committee are to support the implementation of Council's adopted Economic Development Strategy, to provide input and advice in relation to any review of Council's Economic Development Strategy, to provide input and advice on economic development initiatives instigated by the Committee, and to provide guidance on economic development opportunities which come to the attention of the Committee.

It is proposed that Economic Development Advisory Committee membership comprise of up to fifteen (15) people as follows:

- The Mayor and Deputy Mayor (2);
- up to ten (10) expert members drawn from each priority sector included in Council's Economic Development Strategy; and
- Latrobe City Council Officers (3): Chief Executive Officer, General Manager City Development and Manager Economic Development.

Terms of Reference for the proposed Economic Development Advisory Committee have been drafted and are attached (Attachment 1) to this report. These Terms of Reference are based on Council's standard template, modified to allow for additional members with specialist expertise to be co-opted to the Committee and with the capacity to create and subsequently abolish sub-committees according to the priorities contained in Council's adopted Economic Development Strategy. This provision would give the Advisory Committee the capacity to create sub-committees to focus upon areas of particular interest such as Timber or Advanced Manufacturing and to abolish those sub-committees once their work has been completed.

It is proposed that an Expressions of Interest process be run to identify suitably qualified persons for appointment to the Economic Development Advisory Committee for an initial three year term. Members of the currently existing Advisory Committees - the Gippsland Carbon Transition Committee, the Latrobe City Industry Forum and the Timber Umbrella Group Advisory Committee – will be advised of this process. This will provide an opportunity for Council to draw upon some of the excellent people on the existing committees, plus some others, to inform the considerations of the Economic Development Advisory Committee. It is proposed that a further report be brought to future Council meeting with recommendations for the appointment of the external members to the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

### **STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION**

No community engagement was undertaken during the development of this report.

It is proposed that letters be sent to the external members of the abolished Advisory Committees thanking them for their service, should Council so resolve.

### **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

This report has been prepared utilising existing staff resources.

\$30,000 is currently allocated to the Gippsland Carbon Transition Committee each year, primarily for costs associated with the independent chair and deputy chair (sitting fees and travel costs) plus meals associated with meetings. \$5,000 is currently allocated to the Timber Umbrella Group Advisory Committee to cover meeting costs.

It is proposed that these funds be re-allocated to provide for Economic Development Advisory Committee meeting costs (\$5,000) and Economic Development project costs (\$30,000): for example to cover the cost of engaging specialist expertise on matters of interest to the Economic Development Advisory Committee.

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

There is not considered to be any risks associated with abolishing the three existing Advisory Committees or establishing the Economic Development Advisory Committee. However, there is a risk that Council will be seen as not as appropriately seeking the advice of the business, health, education and industry sectors in the implementation of the Economic Development Strategy should the broad-based Economic Development Advisory Committee not be established.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

Latrobe City Council, Economic Development Strategy, 2016 – 2020

### **Attachments**

- 1↓ . Draft Terms of Reference - Economic Development Advisory Committee

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# Economic Development Advisory Committee

## *Terms of Reference*



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## **1. Establishment of the Committee**

- 1.1. The Economic Development Advisory Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee"), is a formally appointed Advisory Committee of Latrobe City Council for the purposes of the *Local Government Act 1989 (LGA)*.
- 1.2. The membership of this Committee and these Terms of Reference was adopted by resolution of Latrobe City Council the Ordinary Council Meeting held on .

## **2. Objectives**

- 2.1. The Committee's role is to provide advice, information and feedback on matters relevant to its Terms of Reference in order to inform the decisions of Council and, in particular to:
  - 2.1.1. Support the implementation of Council's adopted Economic Development Strategy;
  - 2.1.2. Provide input and advice in relation to any review of Council's adopted Economic Development Strategy;
  - 2.1.3. Provide input and advice on economic development initiatives instigated by the Committee itself; and
  - 2.1.4. Provide guidance on economic development opportunities which come to the attention of the Committee.

## **3. Membership**

### Composition of the Committee

- 3.1. The Committee shall comprise of up to 15 members, being:
  - 3.1.1. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor
  - 3.1.2. Up to ten (10) representatives from sectors identified in Council's adopted Economic Development Strategy:
  - 3.1.3. Latrobe City Council Officers (3): Chief Executive Officer, General Manager City Development and Manager Economic Development.

### Length of appointment

- 3.2. Whilst a Committee shall be in place for as long as Latrobe City Council sees fit, the appointment sector representative members shall be for a term of three (3) years.
- 3.3. Prior to the expiration of each term, there will be a call for nominations for the next term. Current Committee members are able to re-nominate.

### Selection of members and filling of vacancies

- 3.4. Latrobe City Council shall determine the original membership of the Committee based on expressions of interest received.





- 3.5. The CEO is authorised to act on behalf of Council to facilitate the appointment process for sector representative members.
- 3.6. The Committee may fill casual vacancies that occur, subject to the approval of the CEO and endorsement of Council. Where a vacancy is filled in this way, the appointment shall be limited to the remainder of the period of the original appointment.

#### Sub-Committees

- 3.7. With the approval of the Chair, the Committee may create and subsequently abolish sub-committees according to the priorities contained in Council's adopted Economic Development Strategy.

#### Co-option of members

- 3.8. With the approval of the Chair, the Committee may invite other individuals to participate in the proceedings of the Committee on a regular or an occasional basis and including in the proceedings of any sub-committees formed.

#### Attendance at meetings

- 3.9. All Committee members are expected to attend each meeting.
- 3.10. A member who misses two consecutive meetings without a formal apology may at the Chair have their term of office revoked.
- 3.11. A member who is unable to attend the majority of meetings during the year may at the discretion of Latrobe City Council have their term of office revoked.

#### Resignations

- 3.12. All resignations from members of the Committee are to be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive Officer, Latrobe City Council, PO Box 264, Morwell VIC 3840.

### **4. Proceedings**

#### Chair

- 4.1. The Mayor shall Chair meetings of the Committee.
- 4.2. If the Mayor is not available, the Deputy Mayor shall chair the meeting.
- 4.3. If neither the Mayor nor the Deputy Mayor is in attendance, the members in attendance at that meeting shall elect one of the members in attendance to chair the meeting.

#### Meeting schedule

- 4.4. The Committee will determine its meeting schedule and times for each of the meetings. The duration of each Committee meeting should generally not exceed two hours.
- 4.5. Meetings of the Committee will be generally held quarterly.



- 4.6. Special meetings of the Committee may be held on an as-needs basis.

Meeting procedures

- 4.7. Meetings will follow standard meeting procedures as established in any guidance material and outlined in these terms of reference for Advisory Committees provided.
- 4.8. All Committee meetings and records are considered confidential and may be designated as confidential in accordance with Section 77 of the Act.
- 4.9. All recommendations, proposals and advice must be directed through the Chair.

Quorum

- 4.10. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum.
- 4.11. If after 30 minutes from the scheduled starting time of any Committee meeting a quorum cannot be obtained, that meeting shall be deemed to be adjourned.

Voting

- 4.12. There will be no official voting process, although all members shall have equal voting rights. Majority and minority opinions will be reflected in Committee minutes.

Secretariat

- 4.13. The CEO will delegate a Latrobe City Council Officer to provide secretariat support to the Committee. This includes attendance at each meeting of the Committee, with the Officer attending in an advisory capacity only and that Officer is not deemed to be a member of the Committee.

Meeting Agenda and Minutes

- 4.14. The delegated Council Officer (Secretariat) shall take the minutes of each Committee meeting.
- 4.15. The minutes shall be in a standard format including a record of those present, apologies for absence, adoption of previous minutes and a list of adopted actions and resolutions of the Committee. Refer to Appendices 1 and 2 (attached).
- 4.16. Where this meeting is also considered an Assembly of Councillors under the Local Government Act 1989, an Assembly of Councillors record must also be submitted in accordance with those requirements.
- 4.17. The minutes shall be stored in the Latrobe City Council corporate filing system.
- 4.18. The agenda shall be distributed to all Committee members seven (7) days in advance of the meeting.





- 4.19. A copy of the draft minutes shall be distributed to all Committee members within ten (10) working days of the meeting.

Reports to Council

- 4.20. A copy of the minutes of each meeting shall be provided to the next Councillor Briefing as an information report.
- 4.21. On an as-needs basis, the Committee may also initiate reports to Council on matters relevant to its Terms of Reference.
- 4.22. Reports to Council will be co-ordinated through the General Manager City Development.

**5. Review of Committee and Duration of the Committee**

- 5.1. A review of the Committee will take place in conjunction with any review of Council's Economic Development plan, at which time the Terms of Reference will also be reviewed.
- 5.2. A review will be conducted on a self-assessment basis, unless otherwise determined by Council, with appropriate input sought from all Committee members and Council; and other stakeholders as determined by Council.
- 5.3. The review must consider the Committee's achievements, whether there is a demonstrated need for the Committee to continue, and any other relevant matter.

**6. Authority and Compliance Requirements**

- 6.1. The Committee is advisory only and has no executive powers nor does it have any delegated decision making or financial authority.
- 6.2. Failure to comply with the provisions of these Terms of Reference may result in the termination of a Member's appointment to this Committee.



## Appendix 1: Agenda Template



<b>[Name] Advisory Committee</b>			
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Time Commencing: 00:00am/pm Expected Finish Time: 00:00am/pm			
Location: (include specific meeting room and address)			
NOTE: In accordance with Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1989 for each meeting that a Councillor is in attendance an Assembly of Councillors record must be completed and tabled at the next practicable Council Meeting.			
AGENDA ITEMS			
No.	Item	Responsible Officer	Attachment
1.	Welcome & introduction	Chair	N/a
2.	Apologies	All	
3.	Declarations of Interest	All	
	<i>Members of the Committee are to declare any Conflicts of interest or any interests in matters listed on the agenda</i>		
4.	Confirmation of Minutes		
	<i>Confirmation of the previous minutes of the meeting.</i>		
5.	Matters arising from previous meeting	All	
	<i>Review of action progress from previous meetings</i>		
6.	Items for Consideration		
	<i>Matters being presented for discussion in accordance with the terms of reference</i>		
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7.	General Business		
	•	All	
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## Appendix 2: Minutes Template



<b>[Name] Advisory Committee Minutes</b>  Meeting Day, XX Month Year Time Commenced: 00:00am/pm   Finish Time: 00:00am/pm Location: (include specific meeting room and address)  Meeting Chair: < Name >			
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No.	Item	Responsible Person	Timeframe
1.	<b>Present</b>		
2.	<b>Apologies</b>		
3.	<b>Interest Disclosures</b>		
	<i>Members of the Committee declare any Conflicts of interest or Interests in matters discussed at the meeting.</i> The following members of the Committee declared a Conflict of Interest at the meeting and left the meeting whilst the matter was being discussed:  <Name> , Time left 00:00am/pm, Time returned 00:00am/pm  <Name> , Time left 00:00am/pm, Time returned 00:00am/pm  <Name> , Time left 00:00am/pm, Time returned 00:00am/pm		





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No.	Item	Responsible Person	Timeframe
4.	<b>Confirmation of Minutes</b>		
	<i>That the minutes of the meeting held on [Date] of the [Name] Advisory Committee be confirmed.</i>		
5.	<b>Matters arising from previous meeting</b>		
	<i>List the item and action agreed and assign any follow up actions and expected timeframes</i>  1. Item Heading Action(s): • • 2. Item Heading Action(s): • •		
6.	<b>Items for Consideration</b>		
	<i>List the item and action agreed as per agenda and assign any follow up actions and expected timeframes</i>  1. Item Heading Action(s): • 2. Item Heading Action(s): •		





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7.	<b>General Business</b>  <i>List the item and action agreed and assign any follow up actions and expected timeframes</i> 1. Item Heading Action(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul> 2. Item Heading Action(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>		
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# **CITY DEVELOPMENT**

**14. CITY DEVELOPMENT**

Nil reports

# INFRASTRUCTURE AND RECREATION



## **15. INFRASTRUCTURE AND RECREATION**

### **15.1 39 Queen Street, Moe - Parking Sign Monitoring**

**General Manager**

**Infrastructure and Recreation**

**For Information**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Following construction work that narrowed the Queen Street, Moe road width in 2008 concerns were raised by a resident about visitors to the adjacent school parking on the verge.

Council resolved at the 13 February 2017 Council meeting that a No Stopping Any time sign be erected to reduce the instance of motorists parking on the verge and that a report be presented after 3 months on the effectiveness of the sign. This report is to present the results of the monitoring.

Monitoring was undertaken from 15 April 2017 to 15 July 2017. During the monitoring period no vehicles were found to be parked on the verge and the verge is in good condition.

#### **MOTION**

**Moved:** Cr Gibson

**Seconded:** Cr Law

**That Council receives and notes this report on monitoring of the parking restriction sign installation at 39 Queen Street, Moe.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

#### **DISCUSSION**

In 2008 Council reconstructed Queen Street, Moe from Margaret Street to Elizabeth Street including surface, pavement and kerb and channel to a new width of 5.0m.

The road reconstruction was consistent with the standards and Council's practice at the time and good traffic calming principles. A 6 m wide road has a tendency for motorists to park opposite each other leaving about 2 m clear, which is the bare minimum for another vehicle to pass. The theory is that a 5.0 m width makes parking opposite each other impractical and therefore motorists will not park opposite another parked vehicle. This also has the effect of slowing speeds, as did the inclusion of Watts style road humps during construction. The project also reconstructed the indented parking in front of the Kindergarten entrance.

Following construction, an adjoining landowner contacted Council Officers concerned about motorists parking on the verge and the resulting maintenance impact.

A report to Council on 13 February 2017 proposed that a No Stopping Anytime sign be installed to reinforce to drivers that they should not to park on their verge and provide a physical impediment to mounting the kerb. The resolution included that a report be brought to Council following 3 months of monitoring of the sign's effectiveness of changing motorist's behaviour.

Monitoring was undertaken from 15 April 2017 to 15 July 2017.

During that time Council Local Law officers visited the site on their regular rounds and saw no motorists parking on the Queen Street verge near where the sign was erected. Generally the school related parking and activity was found to be typical of any similar school zone with few instances of verge parking etc. to be addressed by Local Laws.

A site inspection 29 June 2017 showed the verge in good condition – see Figure 1.



FIGURE 1 – Photograph of verge June 2017

### **STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION**

No consultation was required during this monitoring period.

### **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

There are no finance implications as a result of this recommendation.

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

There are no risk implications arising from this recommendation.

### **CONCLUSION**

Monitoring of the sign installation and its impact on motorist behaviour occurred between 15 April 2017 and 15 June 2017 with no motorists noted parking on the verge.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

Nil

**Attachments**  
Nil

**15.2 Road Management Plan 2017-2021 - Consideration of Public Submission and Adoption**

**General Manager**

**Infrastructure and Recreation**

**For Decision**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Council's Road Management Plan, created under the *Road Management Act 2004*, (the Act) documents how Council will manage the provision of the transport service (roads, bridges and footpaths).

A review of the Road Management Plan 2013-2017 has been undertaken inclusive of the required public exhibition/submission as required under the Act. A revised Road Management Plan for the period 2017-2021 has been developed based upon the content of the earlier plan and does not differ from the previous plan in matters of substance. The document was redrafted to improve layout and readability.

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) critiqued an earlier draft and suggested changes to tighten some intervention levels, lower the period between inspections and to tighten response times. These changes were considered in the context of the low level of successful insurance claims experienced by Latrobe City Council and their cost impact, and were not considered warranted.

Council endorsed the Draft Road Management Plan 2017-2021 for public consultation at the Council meeting of 29 May 2017. The public consultation/submission period was for the required 28 days from 15 June 2017 to close of business 14 July 2017.

One submission was received that related to a request to have a small section of unopened road reserve added to the Road Register as a public road. No submissions were received with respect to the content of the Road Management Plan as presented for public consultation.

The reviewed Road Management Plan 2017-2021 is presented to Council for adoption.

**MOTION**

**Moved:** Cr McFarlane

**Seconded:** Cr Middlemiss

**That Council:**

- 1. Adopts the Road Management Plan 2017-2021;**
- 2. Makes the Road Management plan 2017-2021 available to the public on the Latrobe City webpage; and**
- 3. Requests a report be presented to Council in December 2017 to consider the requested inclusion of an unopened section of road reserve in Latrobe City Council's Register of Public Roads.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

## **DISCUSSION**

Council's Road Management Plan, created under the *Road Management Act 2004*, (the Act) documents how Council will manage the provision of the transport service (roads, bridges and footpaths) with the primary consideration of Risk Management, while the Road Asset Management Plan is a separate plan that considers a broader range of issues.

Council officers have undertaken a comprehensive review of the current Road Management Plan 2013-2017 as required under section 54(5) of the Act and proposed minor changes, with particular attention on readability and structuring key information in appendices, using an approach similar to that taken by VicRoads with their own most recent road management plan.

As part of that review the draft document was reviewed by officers of the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV). The MAV recommended a more risk averse approach generally that would reduce period between reactive and proactive inspection times, introduce an interim response, and reduce the response times to address defects that exceed intervention levels.

Implementing the MAV suggested changes was estimated to cost \$330,000 annually. Latrobe City Council does not have a history of insurance claims generally and no record of successful claims that would have been addressed by the stricter inspection and response times. Because of the annual cost impact that would derive no real benefit, Officers have not included MAV recommended changes that would have a notable cost impact at this time. Cost neutral changes have been included, especially where Latrobe City Council is already meeting the recommended levels of service.

No public submissions received during the public exhibition period related to the content of the Road Management Plan. There was a request to add a road to the Latrobe City Council's Register of Public Roads.

Supplementary to the Road Management Plan, Latrobe City maintains a Register of Public Roads that defines what roads are public and the extent and the hierarchy of each road segment that is maintained by Latrobe City Council. A submission was received (Attachment 2) requesting for an extension of a road by an additional 32 metre to provide public road access to an additional driveway to a farm property.

Most additions to the Road Register are as a result of development where Council becomes the Responsible Road Authority once such roads are open for public use, generally at practical completion of the development. Other amendments to the Road Register are considered on a case by case basis with due consideration of the provision of access, road hierarchy and cost to Council.

As the submission received does not relate to the Road Management Plan content it will be considered in these terms. A report will be presented to Council in December 2017 with the outcome of consideration of the requested extension of the road to the second farm access. The report will address other requests received by Council

Officers to make unopened road reserve public roads that would become the responsibility of Council to maintain.

### **STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION**

Public exhibition/consultation was undertaken as per the requirements for a formal review of a Road Management Plan in accordance with section 302 of the Road Management Act (General) Regulations 2005. This required advertising in a locally published newspaper, advertising in the Government Gazette and a public exhibition/consultation period of 28 days. Officer contact was also provided to receive and advise with respect to any general enquiries and/or assistance with submissions.

### **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Adoption of the Road Management Plan 2017-2021 has minimal budgetary implications as the activity required to implement the plan is consistent with that which was required under the previous Road Management Plan.

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

The Road Management Plan is in its very nature a plan to manage the liability to Council of providing the community a transport service - road, bridge and footpath assets. The plan outlines a program of scheduled inspections, intervention levels at which actions will be taken and response times by which actions will be undertaken. These actions manage the road environment to ensure risks controlled for road and footpath users.

The revised plan is similar in substance to the previous plan, therefore is static with respect to the level of risk to Council.

The critique provided by MAV suggested further reduction of risk through more frequent inspection, tighter intervention levels, and quicker response times in certain aspects of the plan. The changes were costed at an additional \$330,000 per annum. In the light of the low level of successful insurance claims against Council relating to matters managed under the Road Management Plan, it was not considered prudent to incur the addition annual cost without testing the ability of Council to deliver the changes, and better establishing the actual cost of the changes.

### **CONCLUSION**

The previous Road Management Plan has been reviewed and has undergone the required public exhibition in accordance with section 302 of the Road Management Act (General) Regulations 2005.

The revised Road Management Plan 2017-2021 is not significantly different in content to that of the previous Road Management Plan.

It is recommended that Council adopts the Road Management Plan 2017-2021, which will complete the review in accordance with requirements of the *Road Management Act 2004* and the associated (General) Regulations 2005.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

Nil

**Attachments**

1. RMP Review Submission (Published Separately) (Confidential)
2. Road Management Plan 2017-2021

## 15.2

### **Road Management Plan 2017-2021 - Consideration of Public Submission and Adoption**

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Version (No 4)

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## Road Management Plan

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LCC	2009	RMP V2.0 – Final Adopted
LCC	2013	RMP V3.0 – Final Adopted
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## Road Management Plan

### 1. Introduction

Latrobe City Council has developed this Road Management Plan (RMP) in response to the Road Management Act 2004 (RMA). The RMP was originally adopted by Council in 2005, this is the fourth revision of that plan.

This plan is made under Division 5 of the RMA and the objective is to have regard to the principle object of road management and the works and infrastructure management principles and to establish a management system based on policy and operational objectives and available resources and to set relevant standards in the performance of those road management functions.

This RMP sets out the responsibilities of Council and also the responsibilities of other stakeholders including road users. The primary objective of this plan is to balance community expectations for service with the ability of Council to fund the capital and operational costs of its infrastructure. The road and path assets should provide an appropriate level of service that is fit for purpose, accessible, responsive and sustainable to the community in accordance with the Council Plan, Asset Management Policy and Asset Management Strategy.

The long term assessment of the asset management requirements will be detailed in individual Asset Management Plans for Bridges, Footpaths and Roads.

### 2. Legislation

The following Victorian legislation applies to the Road Management Plan:

- Road Management Act 2004
- Road Management (General) Regulations 2016
- Road Safety Act 1986
- Road Management (Works and Infrastructure) Regulations, 2015
- Local Government Act, 1989
- Local Government (Best Value Principles) Act, 1999
- Equal Opportunity Act 2010
- Wrongs Act 1958

### 3. Scope of this Plan

This plan addresses the maintenance standards and systems for road management functions and the levels of service for Latrobe City's bridges, paths, road pavement and associated infrastructure on the 1455 km of sealed and unsealed municipal road network for which the Council is the coordinating or responsible road authority.

The full list of roads for which Council is responsible can be viewed in on Council's website via the following link:  
[http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Our\\_Services/Roads\\_Drains\\_Lights\\_and\\_Trees/Roads\\_and\\_Drains/Road\\_Register](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Our_Services/Roads_Drains_Lights_and_Trees/Roads_and_Drains/Road_Register)

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Freeways and their associated road related infrastructure are the sole responsibility of VicRoads and the road pavement on arterial roads is also maintained by VicRoads with Council maintaining the area outside the road pavement and kerbs. Each party's exact areas of responsibility for different road situations is set out in the Code of Practice – Operational Responsibility for Public Roads which is accessible on the VicRoads website via the following link :[Code of Practice - Operational Responsibility for Public Roads](https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/about-vicroads/acts-and-regulations/road-management-act-regulations-and-codes/codes-of-practice-under-the-road-management-act) or <https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/about-vicroads/acts-and-regulations/road-management-act-regulations-and-codes/codes-of-practice-under-the-road-management-act>.

Figure 1 below shows a typical cross section showing Council's area of responsibility outside the kerbs of the VicRoads declared main road. Any service lanes and paths outside of this area whether on a single or dual carriageway are Council's responsibility. Although not shown, defined parking lanes on an arterial road and the kerbing supporting this is a council responsibility.

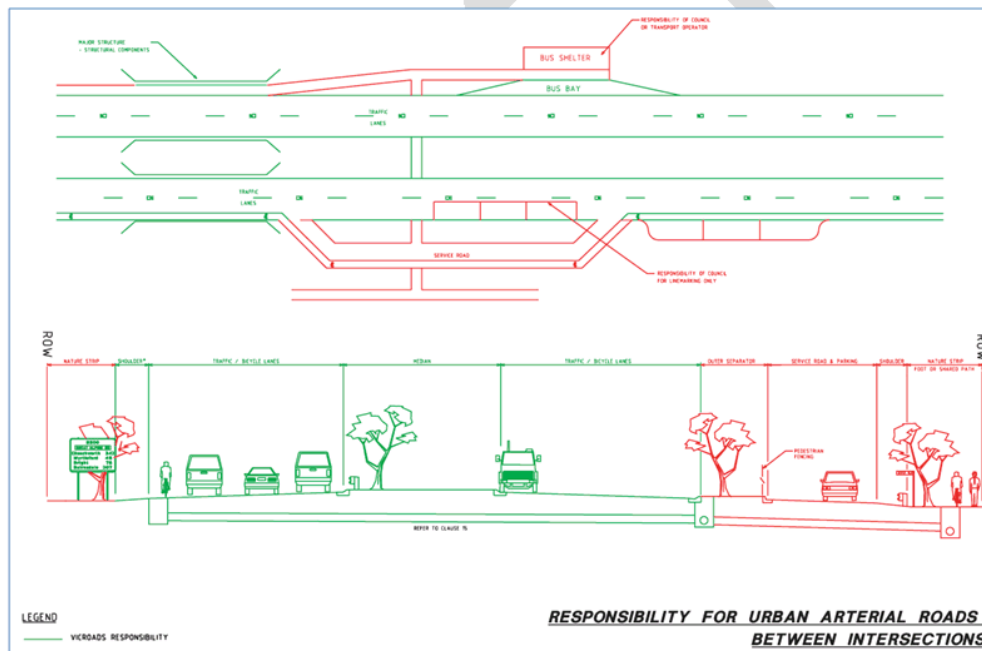


Figure 1 - Typical VicRoads / Council responsibilities

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### 4. Demarcation of Responsibility

VicRoads is the responsible authority for managing the Arterial road network within the Latrobe City, a list of VicRoads controlled roads are listed in the table below. Full details of extent of responsibility see the VicRoads Road Register on the VicRoads website at the following link: [Register of Declared Roads](#)

List of VicRoads Declared Main Roads	
Boolarra Churchill Road	Morwell Traralgon Road
Boolarra Road	Morwell Yallourn North Road
Brodribb Road	Morwell Yallourn Road
Grand Ridge Road	Princes Drive
Hyland Highway	Princes Freeway
Loy Yang Morwell Road	Princes Highway
Maryvale Road	Strzelecki Highway
Moe Glengarry Road	Tramway Road
Moe North Road	Traralgon Balook Road
Moe Rawson Road	Traralgon Creek Road
Moe Walhalla Road	Traralgon Maffra Road
Monash Way	Traralgon West Road
Morwell Thorpdale Road	Tyers Road
	Tyers Thomson Valley Road

#### 4.1 Boundary roads

In the instance of boundary roads with neighbouring municipal councils/authorities, Council has to enter into arrangements for the management functions in the form of Memoranda of Understanding between the relevant municipalities listed as follows:

- Wellington Shire;
- South Gippsland Shire;
- Baw Baw Shire Council.
- Department of Environment, Water, Land and Planning (DEWLP)

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### 4.2 Assets Not Encompassed By This Plan

The following road and access related assets are not encompassed by the RMP:

- Any road not listed in Latrobe City's Register of Public Roads.
- Assets on arterial roads, tourist roads, forest roads and private roads.
- Private roads, unformed roads, tracks, laneways and private streets not constructed under the provisions of the Local Government Act, (this includes roads and paths Not Maintained or Not on Register).
- Rail and tramway structures.
- Vehicle crossings (driveways) - the portion of a vehicle crossing located between the carriageway and the property boundary is the responsibility of the adjoining property owner to maintain. (Refer Vehicle Crossing Policy 11 POL-4).
- Roads under the control of other Road Authorities, inclusive of Vic Roads, the Department of Environment Lands Water and Planning (DELWP).
- Roads under agreement are roads that are maintained by the Latrobe City on behalf of other municipalities by way of formal agreement.
- Nature strips & infill areas - as per s.107 of the *Road Management Act* a road authority is not required to inspect maintain or repair "roadside" such as those residual areas between the road formation and the property boundary not occupied by the footpath and private road crossings. These are normally sown to grass with responsibility for maintenance of the grass generally being left to the property owner.
- Property stormwater drains - Drain a property to a discharge point in the kerb or drain or underground drainage pipe. They are there to benefit the property and as such are the responsibility of the owner of the property being served to maintain.
- Bicycle paths and shared pathways that are not within the boundaries of the road reserve and not defined in Latrobe City's Footpath and Shared Path hierarchy.
- Cattle underpass structures – these are box culvert type structure built for the purpose of providing safe crossing under a road for cattle. The culvert is installed and owned by the property owner and owner responsibility for the maintenance of these structures is established through a Section 173 (Local Government Act 1989) Agreement with the adjacent landowner. After the initial 12 month construction defect liability period, Council assumes responsible for the road pavement, seal, markings, and guideposts only. Responsibility for the structure, including attachments such as guardrail, farm access approaches, fencing and underpass drainage remains with the owner for the duration of the agreement.
- Street furniture that is non-road infrastructure including bollards, seats and bins.

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- Street Lights – are an asset owned by Council but maintained by AusNet Services through an agreement. AusNet Services retains maintenance responsibility.

### 5. Relationship of RMP with other Key Council Documents

The Road Management Act offers Council the opportunity to produce a Road Management Plan to gain protection in certain circumstances. Although derived from and gains authority from the Road Management Act 2004, it is a companion document to the Road Asset Management Plan developed under the following hierarchy. See Figure 2.

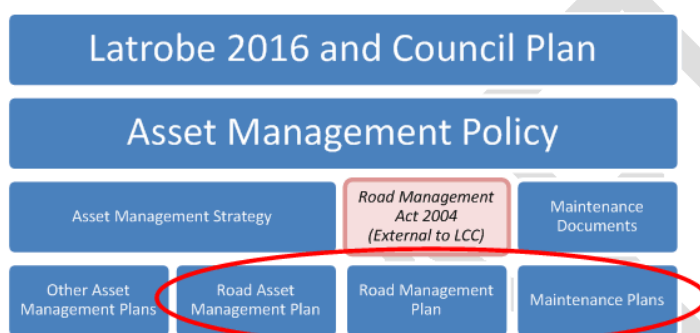


Figure 2 – Relationship between the RMP and other key Council documents

### 6. Responsibility of Road Users

All road users have a duty of care under Section 105 of the RMA, with particular obligations prescribed in Section 17A of the Road Safety Act 1986 that requires the following:

#### 6.1 Obligations of Road Users

A person who drives a motor vehicle on a public road must drive in a safe manner having regard to all the relevant factors including (without limiting the generality) the:

- Physical characteristics of the road;
- Prevailing weather conditions;
- Level of visibility;
- Condition of the motor vehicle;
- Prevailing traffic conditions;
- Relevant road laws and advisory signs;
- Physical and mental condition of driver.

A road user other than a person driving a motor vehicle must use a public road in a safe manner having regard to all the relevant factors.

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A road user must:

- Have regard to the rights of other road users and take reasonable care to avoid any conduct that may endanger the safety or welfare of other road users;
- Have regard to the rights of the community and infrastructure managers in relation to the road infrastructure and non-road infrastructure on the road reserve and take reasonable care to avoid any conduct that may damage road infrastructure on the road reserve;
- Have regard to the rights of the community in relation to the road reserve and take reasonable care to avoid conduct that may harm the environment of the road reserve.

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### 7. Road and Path Hierarchy/Classification

All of Council's roadways and pathways have been classified by a hierarchal system which looks at the function and importance of particular road or pathway, thus determining the level of service provided.

#### Road Assets

Council road assets are classified the following basis:

- Link Road;
- Collector Road;
- Sealed Access Road with a speed limit greater than 60 km/hr and all Unsealed Access Roads;
- Sealed Access Road with a speed limit less than or equal to 60 km/hr;
- Minor Access Road;
- Limited Access Road.

The hierarchal classifications reflect the relative community importance of roads and enables Council to efficiently define an appropriate level of service to all roads in the network.

A brief description of each hierarchy class and associated design and maintenance levels of service are detailed in Appendix A.

#### Footpath and Shared Paths

A separate hierarchy system has been established for the management of Council's pathways which include both footpaths and shared paths. Pathways are classified into:

- High Usage (FMC-H);
- Medium Usage (FMC-M); and
- Low Usage (FMC-L).

A brief description of each hierarchal class is detailed in Appendix B.

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### 8. Inspection Schedules

Council schedules a recurring program of inspections of the road and path network aimed at identifying instances where the stated target intervention levels are exceeded. The frequency of inspections varies depending on the usage and level of importance of the asset. These frequencies are detailed in Appendix C.

#### 8.1 Defect Inspections -Roads and Footpaths

To satisfy the requirements of the Road Management Act proactive defect inspections are undertaken to identify and prioritise defects that exceed the stated intervention level – Attachment C. This is achieved by measuring the level of defect against established intervention and response levels. A summary of intervention levels and response times for roads and paths are detailed in Appendices E and F.

Reactive site specific defect inspections also occur after a customer reports a perceived hazard or defect to council through the customer request process as identified in Appendix D. The reported defect will be assessed to determine if it exceeds the stated intervention level

In addition to the proactive defect inspections for the Road Management Plan Council undertakes road and path condition inspections to undertake asset management functions (i.e. asset life cycle review, development of rehabilitation and capital works programs etc.). The condition assessments are not related to the actions under the Road Management Plan.

#### 8.2 Bridges & Major Culverts

Inspections of bridges and major culverts are programmed in accordance with the VicRoads Road Structures Inspection Manual for all structures with a single span or diameter of 1.8 m or greater or have a waterway area of 3 m<sup>2</sup> or greater.

- Level 1 - Inspections carried out two times per year and after major accidents, flood, earthquake, bushfires or other incidents.
- Level 2 - Inspections carried out within 12 months of the completion of major maintenance/ opening to traffic and then on a 2-5 yr cycle in accordance with the VicRoads Road Structures Inspection Manual.
- Level 3 - Inspections carried out on the recommendation of a Level 1 or 2 inspections.

Road or path assets (i.e. sealed bridge approaches) adjacent or incorporated into bridge structures are (also) inspected as part of road and path defect asset inspections according to the RMC/FMC for the road section. (Refer Appendix C).

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### 9. Maintenance Standards

Latrobe City Council has identified the critical maintenance defects for all paths and roads for which it is responsible. For each defect, the following criteria have been developed:

1. The level at which a defect reaches a point requiring intervention based on reasonable balance between potential risk and potential use of Council's limited resources considering all competing priorities.
2. The maximum time allowable within which defects that exceed those intervention levels must be repaired.

The defects identified as critical for roads are:

- Rutting – All roads
- Potholes – All roads
- Signage – All roads
- Roadside Vegetation<sup>1</sup> -All Roads
- Cracking – Sealed roads only
- Edge breaks – Sealed roads only
- Edge drop off – Sealed roads only
- Loose material – Unsealed roads only
- Corrugations – Unsealed roads only
- Crossfall – Unsealed roads only
- Gravel depth – Unsealed roads only

A broad description of maintenance service level standards for each of the roadway and pathway RMC/FMC are detailed in in Appendices F.

### 10. Intervention Levels and Response Times

#### 10.1 Intervention levels and Response Times

The Intervention Levels and Response Times are included in Appendix F. The service level tables include:

1. Defect Code
2. Description of defect
3. Response Time according to RMC/FMC

The intervention levels are a maximum allowable figure. Major repairs will not be carried out on roads that are scheduled to be rehabilitated, where temporary repairs will be carried out to isolated effects that exceed stated intervention levels or alternately warning signs may be used to highlight defects if major works are imminent.

<sup>1</sup> In so far as it might encroach into the safe envelope over traffic lanes and footpaths/ shared pathways or might restrict road users' vision of traffic regulatory signs

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### 10.2 Force Majeure

Although Council will make every endeavour to meet its obligations under this plan, circumstances may arise where Council may not meet all or any of its obligations. If these circumstances are beyond the control of Council, then Council reserves its right to suspend this plan.

In the event of natural disasters and events such as fires, storms and floods, as well as human factors, but not limited to lack of Council staff or suitably qualified contractors, because of Section 83 of the Victorian Wrongs Act, 1958, as amended, Council reserves the right to suspend compliance with its Plan.

In the event that the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Latrobe City Council, has to, pursuant to Section 83 of the Victorian Wrongs Act, consider the limited financial resources of Council and its other conflicting priorities, meaning Council's RMP cannot be met, the CEO will inform the Manager Infrastructure Operations and Waste that some or all of the timeframes and responses in Council's Plan, are to be suspended. After the event the outstanding defects will be addressed as fast as practical given resources and the risk.

Once the events beyond the control of Council have abated, or if the events have partly abated, Council's Chief Executive Officer will write to inform the Manager Infrastructure Operations which parts of Council's RMP are to be reactivated and when.

### 11. Basis for Developing Service Levels

In line with the requirements of the Road Management Act, Latrobe City's initial process of developing service levels for the original RMP involved the following:

1. Assessment of what the community wanted through the Best Value Review Process and collating the available data available on service level responsiveness through Council's Customer Request and Tracking System.
2. Determined the areas and functions of priority, based on customer complaints data, insurance claims data and maintenance staff knowledge.

Determined informally the financial gaps between current strategic service levels and expected strategic service levels through a process of strategic financial modelling.

Since the review of the RMP in 2009, Council has had the opportunity to evaluate the adopted service levels and confirm that they are achievable with the existing budget. This amended RMP uses that information to provide a degree of confidence in the hierarchies and service levels.

Council acknowledges that the level of service provided to all roads will not necessarily please all stakeholders however these levels have been determined by the resources available to Council, both financial and physical.

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### 12. Management System

#### 12.1 Customer Requests

Council operates a commercially supplied customer request system. The system utilises a computer database which records details of the person making the request, the location and the problem details.

If the customer service officer cannot respond to the request at the point of contact, the system then allocates the investigation of the problem to a specified staff member who must determine an action. The person making the request should be advised that the request has been entered into the database for follow up action. If required, they are also advised of the outcome of the investigation and the action proposed, ie:

1. no action
2. referred to forward programs
3. to be corrected within a certain timeframe

Response times to investigate are set out in Appendices C (Proactive) and E (Reactive) which aligns the level of responsiveness to the type and hierarchical classification of the asset.

A person who intends to take court proceedings in relation to a claim for damages arising out of the condition of a public road or infrastructure must first lodge a written notice with the Council. This notice must be lodged with the Council within 30 days of the incident occurring. Upon receiving such written notice, an inspection may be arranged and a report prepared.

#### 12.2 Inspections

Council's management system records the defects identified by trained personnel while carrying out inspections in accordance with the timeframes listed in Section 8 – Inspection Schedules.

There are different regimes in place for inspections of sealed and unsealed roads, bridges and also for path inspections. The defects identified during the road and bridge inspections are directly entered onto a running sheet which is later entered into Council's Customer/Request Management System – Pathway. This system is then used to monitor the defects and to ensure that they are rectified within the timeframes set for that particular defect and hierarchy. This is an area where continuous improvement may see the introduction of a more integrated Maintenance Management System (MMS) including electronic data capture.

The defects identified during the path inspections are directly entered into an electronic device which automatically records location and saves any other inspection data. Upon returning to the office this data is electronically downloaded into an electronic database and then loaded into Council's Geographical Information

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System. Repairs are then programmed according to the intervention levels and hierarchy.

Upon completion of the repair the date and time of the repair is recorded against the defect in the database.

### 13. Definitions

Term	Definitions
AMS	Asset Management System
MMS	Maintenance Management system
DEWLP	Department of Environment Water Land and Planning
RAMP	Road Asset Management Plan
RMA	Road Management Act 2004 (Vic)
RMP	Road Management Plan

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### 14. Review

#### 14.1 Review Process

The Road Management Plan will be reviewed every four years within 2 years of a local government election. The review shall reflect changes in AM Policies, Standards, Processes and Practices, or changes in level of service standards identified for consideration or adopted since the last review.

Referenced documents such as Acts, Regulations or Design Standards listed in Section 15, which do not cause an alteration to the defined Level of Service or management system, will be the applied reference in terms of Council's operation at any point in time.

#### 14.2 Adoption and Amendments

Before adopting or amending this plan Council must undertake a process of:

- Giving notice of the Plan or amendment,
- Allow 28 days for submissions
- Consider any submissions
- Give notice of intention to adopt the plan or amendment

The notice must be published in the Government Gazette and a local daily newspaper. Upon review of the Plan, Council must also give notice of the review and the proposed Plan amendments and where copies may be inspected or obtained. The final phase of review involves Council publishing a notice of intention to adopt the plan amendments in the Government Gazette. During exhibition phases, copies of the draft version of the plan will be located at the following locations:

- Latrobe City Corporate Headquarters 141 Commercial Road Morwell
- Online on the Council's web site [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au)

A hard copy of both the draft Road Management Plan for consultation and Public Road Register will be available for inspection at the Latrobe City Corporate Headquarters during normal working hours. Both documents may also be viewed on the Council web site via:

[http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Our\\_Services/Roads\\_Drains\\_Lights\\_and\\_Trees/Roads\\_and\\_Drains](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/Our_Services/Roads_Drains_Lights_and_Trees/Roads_and_Drains)

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### 15. References

Legislation, Standards Codes of Practice, Guidelines, Council Strategies, Policies, Quality Plans and Procedures that are relevant to this RMP include:

REFERENCED DOCUMENTS
<b>Ministerial Acts &amp; Regulations</b>
Road Management Act 2004
Road Management (General) Regulations 2016
Road Safety Act 1986
Road Management (Works and Infrastructure) Regulations, 2015
Local Government Act, 1989
Local Government (Best Value Principles) Act, 1999
Equal Opportunity Act 2010
Wrongs Act 1958
<b>Ministerial Codes of Practice</b>
Operational Responsibility for Public Roads 2004
<b>External Sourced Documents</b>
VicRoads -Register of Declared Roads
<b>Council Documents</b>
Council Plan 2013-2017
Asset Management Policy
Asset Management Strategy
Asset Management Plans for Bridges, Footpaths and Roads.
Public Road Register
Latrobe 2026 - the community vision for Latrobe Valley

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### **Appendix A-Road Hierarchy**

The following tables provide an overview on how Latrobe City's roads and paths have been classified. Roads may be segmented along their length with the result being that a road may be classified under more than one hierarchy.

Hierarchy Type	Road Maintenance Category (RMC)	Primary Function
Link	RMC1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-High usage strategic Freight linkage routes.</li> <li>-Heavy vehicle linkage from the State Arterial Road network to local commercial or industrial focal points.</li> <li>-Also includes heavy vehicle bypass routes of major urban centres.</li> </ul>
Link Collector	RMC2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-High usage strategic Collector routes.</li> <li>-Rural/Urban collector routes from local access roads to community centres or popular focal points.</li> <li>-High usage connector routes to the Arterial road network.</li> </ul>
Sealed Access >60km/h and all unsealed Access	RMC3a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Medium usage property access routes.</li> <li>-STD road providing property access to rural developed areas incorporating at least 3 rateable properties with occupied houses.</li> <li>-Medium usage access to rural properties generating regular and consistent vehicle usage.</li> <li>-Bus Route minimum standard.</li> </ul>
Sealed Access <60km/h	RMC3b	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Medium usage property access routes.</li> <li>- STD road providing property access to rural developed areas incorporating at least 3 rateable properties with occupied houses.</li> <li>- Medium usage access to rural properties generating regular and consistent vehicle usage.</li> <li>- Bus Route minimum standard.</li> </ul>



### **Appendix A-Road Hierarchy (Cont)**

Hierarchy Type	Road Maintenance Category (RMC)	Primary Function
Minor Access	RMC4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Low usage property access routes.</li> <li>- Occasional usage property access routes.</li> <li>- STD road that provides access to rural developed areas incorporating 1 or 2 rateable properties with occupied houses.</li> <li>- STD road with 2 or more farmland or plantation rateable properties.</li> <li>- Non-STD road that provides access to rural developed areas incorporating at least 3 rateable properties with occupied houses.</li> </ul>
Limited Access	RMC5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Low usage property access route streets/lanes.</li> <li>- Occasional usage access to rural properties generating spasmodic vehicle usage.</li> <li>- STD road that provides alternate/secondary side or rear property access to urban residential or commercial allotments.</li> <li>- STD road servicing a rateable property with a single unoccupied house on Farmland/Private plantation.</li> <li>- Non-STD road that provides property access to rural developed areas incorporating 1 or 2 rateable properties with occupied houses.</li> <li>- Non-STD road with 2 or more Farmland/Private rateable properties.</li> </ul>

Note 1 - A Standard Constructed road (STD) is one that was built to a level that was acceptable to Council at the time of construction. It would have a reasonable formation width, depth and quality of pavement material, table drains, culverts and if required and guideposts and signage installed. Standard Constructed roads generally do not present conditions that practically restrict/constrain maintenance response actions and timeframes. A Non Standard Road (Non STD) may have some of these features of a Standard Constructed road, for example some minor earthworks and even some road pavement material however Council will not automatically categorise these roads as "Standard Constructed". Non-Standard Constructed roads may present conditions that practically restrict/constrain maintenance response actions and timeframes during extended periods of extreme dryness and/ or wetness; such conditions may limit Council's ability to undertake maintenance to provide all weather access.

Note 2 - The maintenance levels in this plan are not intended to increase the level of service of a road, but are designed to only maintain what already exists.

Note 3 - All of Council's roads have been classified by a hierarchal system which takes into account of the function and importance of each road, thus determining the level of service provided in terms of inspection interval, intervention levels and response time. This hierarchy is separate to the road hierarchy used to determine the appropriate level of service with respect to design/configuration for roads that are provided through new development. The standard of the existing road network is as a result of historical standards and circumstances that gave rise to roads that may differ markedly from that which would be expected from that of a new development.

Note 5- Changes to the design/configuration of a road may occur where there is a nexus to new development such that road use is expected to change; or may result from requests from property owners where they contribute entirely to the cost of a design/configuration upgrade of a road as required by Council prior to a road being included onto the Public Road Register; or for a road on the Public Road Register where property owners contribute to the cost of a design/configuration upgrade through a declared Special Charge Scheme. Where a request is received for a road segment/road reserve segment to be included on the Public Road Register the property owner will need to arrange at their cost for the road segment/road reserve segment to be constructed to a standard which can be effectively maintained by Council. The minimum standard of road that Council will accept is the standard required by the CFA that ensures access by fire appliances. In considering the extent of road included on the Public Road Register Council implements the principle of the closest point of access to the rateable property.

Note.6 - When a road reaches the end of its useful life and is scheduled for full rehabilitation the appropriate design/configuration will be determined based on the level of use, the type of use, what the road environment can practically accommodate in terms of design/configuration and available Council funds.



## **Appendix B- Footpath and Shared Path Hierarchy**

The following table is a guide to the classification to Council's Paths:

A path classification has been developed, based principally on the volume of usage (both pedestrian and cyclists if applicable).

The path classifications are High Usage (FMC-H), Medium Usage (FMC-M) and Low Usage (FMC-L). The following table defines the path hierarchies adopted:

Hierarchy Type	Footpath Maintenance Category (FMC)	Primary Function
Footpath	FMC-H	Central Business Districts of the following major townships <sup>2</sup>
Footpath	FMC-M	Heavily pedestrianised areas: - minor-shopping areas, collector paths and some shared bicycle/pedestrian paths.
Footpath	FMC-L	Constructed paths in residential and commercial areas, and rural residential areas; including concrete, asphalt, and gravel paths.

<sup>2</sup> Moe, Newborough, Morwell, Churchill and Traralgon. Main streets of the townships of Boolarra, Glengarry, Toongabbie, Tyers, Yallourn North and Yinnar. Areas identified as potential high risk due to the volume of pedestrian traffic associated with particular properties adjacent to Council footpaths.



### **Appendix C- Proactive Inspection Schedules**

Proactive defect inspections shall be conducted in accordance with the following schedule. The frequency of inspections varies with the Road Maintenance Category (RMC) & Footpath Maintenance Category (FMC).

Road/Footpath Maintenance Category (RMC/FMC)	Hierarchy Type	Hazard Inspection Timeframe
<b>Roads</b>		
RMC 1	Link	one (1) inspection every 8 weeks.
RMC 2	Collector	one (1) inspection every 8 weeks.
RMC 3a	Sealed Access >60km/h and all unsealed Access	one (1) inspection every 15 weeks.
RMC 3b	Sealed Access <60km/h	one (1) inspection every 30 weeks.
RMC 4	Minor Access	one (1) inspection every 30 weeks.
RMC 5	Limited Access	one (1) inspection each year.
<b>Carparks</b>		
RMC1 to RMC 5	All off-road and on-road carparks	Inspection at the same schedule as the road from which it is accessed.
<b>Footpaths</b>		
FMC-H	High Usage Zone	one (1) inspection every 12 months.
FMC-M	Medium Usage Zone	one (1) inspection every 24 months
FMC-L	Low Usage Zone	one (1) inspection every 36 months



### **Appendix C- Proactive Inspection Schedules (Cont)**

Maintenance Category	Hierarchy Type	Hazard Inspection Timeframe
<b>Bridges and Major Culverts<sup>3</sup></b>		
Bridge or Culvert	Level 1 Inspection	Inspections carried out two times per year and after major accidents, flood, earthquake, bushfires or other incidents.
Bridge or Culvert	Level 2 Inspection	Inspections carried out within 12 months of the completion of major maintenance/ opening to traffic and then on a 2 to 5 yr cycle in accordance with the VicRoads Road Structures Inspection Manual
Bridge or Culvert	Level 3 inspection	Inspections carried out on the recommendation of a Level 1 or 2 inspection

<sup>3</sup> Bridge and Culvert Inspections as per VicRoads Bridge Inspection Manual



### **Appendix D- Reactive Inspection Response Timeframes**

Response times to investigate customer requests (Reactive inspection Response Timeframes) are set out in the below table for the road and footpath maintenance categories. See Appendix E for the actual time definition.

Road/Footpath Maintenance Category (RMC/FMC)	Description	Emergency Inspection Times <sup>4</sup>	Reactive Inspection Time <sup>567</sup>
RMC1	Link	ER	A
RMC2	Collector	ER	B
RMC3a	Sealed Access >60km/h an all unsealed Access	A	C
RMC3b	Sealed Access <60km/h	A	C
RMC4	Minor Access	A	C
RMC5	Limited Access	A	C
FMC-H	High Zone Footpath	A	A
FMC-M	Medium Zone Footpath	A	B
FMC-L	Low Zone Footpath	A	C

<sup>4</sup> Emergency Inspection times refer to a request for assistance (with relation to an Emergency situation) from an Emergency Service or other Government Department (i.e. SES, CFA, Fire Police, DELWP etc. )

<sup>5</sup> Emergency Inspection Time/Inspection Time Response Codes as per Appendix E Table





### **Appendix E- Response Times from Inspection to Remedial Action**

Target Response Times and Control Mechanisms are set out in the below table which aligns the level of responsiveness (Response Time) to an appropriate Response Codes (A through to H).

Response Code	Control Mechanism <sup>8</sup>	Response Time <sup>9</sup>
ER	Inspect and rectify if possible, or provide appropriate warning	Within 2 hours of inspection notification
A	Inspect and rectify if possible, or provide appropriate warning	Within 1 day of inspection notification
B	Inspect and rectify if possible, or provide appropriate warning	Within 2 days of inspection notification
C	Inspect and rectify if possible, or provide appropriate warning	Within 5 days of inspection notification
D	Inspect and rectify if possible, or provide appropriate warning	Within 2 weeks of inspection notification
E	Inspect and rectify if possible, or provide appropriate warning	Within 4 weeks of inspection notification
F	Inspect and rectify if possible, or provide appropriate warning	Within 8 weeks of inspection notification
G	Inspect and rectify if possible, or provide appropriate warning	Within 12 weeks of inspection notification
H	Inspect and rectify if possible, or provide appropriate warning	During routine annual maintenance

<sup>8</sup> Where, because of the nature of the repair required, level of resources required or workload, it is not possible to rectify within the time shown in Appendix E table, appropriate warning of the hazard is to be provided until the repair can be completed. Appropriate warning could include, for example Provision of warning signs, Traffic control action, Divert traffic around the site, Install temporary speed limit, Lane closure, Closure of the road to certain vehicles (eg. Load limit), Road Closure

<sup>9</sup> Response Times are from the time the defect exceeding intervention is recorded



## Appendix F - Intervention Levels

Maintenance standards, as defined in the ministerial code of practice, are considered to be the levels of service or targets set by council consistent with its management of risks and available resources. These intervention levels are not intended to increase the level of service of a road, but are designed to maintain what already exists safely.

Defect Code	Description of Defect and Intervention Level	Response Times (Refer Appendix E)				
		RMC1 (Link)	RMC1 (Collector)	RMC3 (Sealed Access)	RMC4 (Minor Access)	RMC5 (Limited Access)
1.0 Obstructions in Traffic Lane (All Road Surfaces)						
OBS	Materials fallen from vehicles, dead animals, wet clay and other slippery substances, hazardous materials, accumulation of dirt or granular materials on the traffic lane of (sealed roads only) that pose a safety risk to vehicles.(i.e run off road, movement into oncoming lanes, loss of traction or braking capability)	A	A	A	B	B
OCC	Traffic hazards requiring urgent response to ensure traffic safety - ponding of water >300 mm deep, fallen trees, oil spills, stray livestock.	A	A	A	B	B
EM	Emergency Event (e.g. road accidents resulting in debris on road surface)	A	A	A	B	B
2.0 Pavement or Surface Defects (Sealed Roads)						
S-POT	Potholes in traffic lane of a sealed pavement greater than 300 mm in diameter and greater than 75mm deep.	B	C	D	D	D
S-DRO	Edge drops/breaks onto unsealed shoulder greater than 100 mm over a 1.0 m length.	D	D	E	E	E
S-SHG	Unsealed shoulder grading (to correct pavement drop off, build-up or rutting) where potholes or scouring exceed 75 mm in depth and 300 mm in diameter; or drop off from seal exceeds 75 mm.	D	E	E	E	F
S-RUT	Wheel Rutting /Depressions/Corrugations in the traffic lane of a sealed pavement. Maximum depth under a 1.2 m straightedge exceeds 75 mm (requiring the application of a levelling course of asphalt(<25 m²)	E	E	E	F	F
S-SHO	Pavement Failure /Shoving of the surface in the traffic lane. Maximum depth under a 1.2 m straightedge exceeds 75 mm. (For Areas 1-50 m²)	C	D	E	E	E
S-BLE	Bleeding seals (resulting in pickup of binder due to traffic action)	A	A	A	A	B



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**Appendix F-Intervention Levels (Cont)**

Defect Code	Description of Hazard Defect and Intervention Level	Response Times (Refer Appendix E)				
		RMC1 (Link)	RMC1 (Collector)	RMC3 (Sealed Access)	RMC4 (Minor Access)	RMC5 (Limited Access)
3.0 Pavement or Surface Defects (Unsealed Roads)						
U-POT <sub>1</sub>	Potholes in traffic lane of an unsealed pavement greater than 500 mm diameter and 100 mm deep.	#N/A	E	E	E	N/A
U-POT <sub>2</sub>	Potholes in traffic lane of an unsealed pavement greater than 1000 mm diameter and 150 mm deep.	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	E
U-CSR <sub>1</sub>	Corrugations/Scour/Ruts in the traffic lane of an unsealed pavement 100 mm in depth and over 10% of the area of the total road surface.	#N/A	D	E	F	#N/A
U-CSR <sub>2</sub>	Corrugations/Scour/Ruts in the traffic lane of an unsealed pavement 150 mm in depth and over 20% of the area of the total road surface.	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	F
U-IPM	Slippery unsealed Road - Insufficient pavement Material that pose a safety risk to vehicles.(i.e run off road, movement into oncoming lanes, loss of traction or braking capability)	#N/A	B	B	B	#N/A
4.0 Drainage (All Road Surfaces)						
PIT	Damaged or missing drainage pit lids, surrounds, grates, in pedestrian areas or traffic lanes.	D	D	E	E	E
CLE	Drain, culverts and pits cleaning (if impacting Roads) Remove dirt/debris to maintain drainage. Report scour damage, corroded or braided inverts, or structural distortion.	D	D	E	E	E
5.0 Vegetation (All Road Surfaces)						
VEG	Trees, shrubs or grasses that have grown to restrict design sight distance to intersections or restrict viewing of safety signs or long dry grass on a road shoulder where a vehicle is required to leave the paved surface of the road to overtake another vehicle.	C	C	D	E	E
INT	Vegetation intruding within an envelope over roadways from the back of shoulder and/or kerb and a minimum of 5 m height clearance over pavement and the trafficable portion of shoulders.	C	C	D	E	E

**Appendix F-Intervention Levels (Cont)**

Defect Code	Description of Defect and Intervention Level	Target Response Times (Refer Appendix E)				
		RMC1 (Link)	RMC1 (Collector)	RMC3 (Sealed Access)	RMC4 (Minor Access)	RMC5 (Limited Access)
6.0 Roadside Signage & Furniture (All Road Surfaces)						
SSI	Safety signs missing, illegible or damaged making them substantially ineffective.	E	E	F	F	F
GUI	Guideposts -Missing or damaged at a critical location 2 making them substantially ineffective.	E	E	E	F	F
BAR	Safety Barrier and Fencing -Missing or damaged at a critical locations making them substantially ineffective.	E	E	E	F	F
MAR	Line marking, missing, illegible or confusing at a critical location	E	E	E	F	E
7.0 Structures (including bridges)						
BRI	Damage affecting structural performance eg Bridges and Major Culverts	E	E	E	E	E
8.0 Traffic Signals and Controls (All Road Surfaces)						
SIG	Traffic Signal inoperable or confusing	C	C	C	C	C
9.0 Off Street Carparks						
COA	Defective pedestrian areas with a step greater than 30 mm	B	C	D	D	D
COV	Vegetation over pedestrian areas of carparks, intruding into a minimum of 2.1 m height clearance over pedestrian areas.	C	C	D	E	E
CPS	Sealed Pavement defects (i.e Potholes >300 mm in diameter and greater than 75 mm deep. )	B	C	D	D	D
CPU	Unsealed Pavement defects (i.e Potholes >500 mm diameter and 100 mm deep )	#N/A	E	E	E	E



### Appendix G-Footpath and Shared path Intervention Levels

Hierarchy Type	Road Maintenance Category (FMC)	Hazard Inspection Timeframe <sup>10</sup>	Response Time For Interim Repairs resulting from Customer Requests	Response Time For Permanent Repair
Footpath	FMC-H	Defective pedestrian areas with a step greater than 10 mm	D	12 Months
Footpath	FMC-M	Defective pedestrian areas with a step greater than 20 mm	D	12 Months
Footpath	FMC-L	Defective pedestrian areas with a step greater than 20 mm	E	18 Months

Note 1: Council will not maintain nature strips and sweep footpaths of leaves, nuts and fruits from street trees. Inappropriate street trees that drop nuts and fruits on paths will be replaced under the appropriate tree management plan as funds become available.

Note 2: An appropriate interim repair is made when Customer Request highlights a defect above intervention. Interim repairs may interim measures to reduce the defect such as applying asphalt, or may be to highlight the defect such as painting or signage.

<sup>10</sup> Overhanging trees/vegetation : The safety inspections that are undertaken also include looking at overhanging trees and vegetation from both street trees and from private property. Overhanging street trees will be pruned to provide 2.1m vertical clearance over paths on a programmed basis in accordance with these inspection frequencies. Council's Local Laws staff will follow up the property owners of overhanging private trees in accordance with the Local Law.



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### **15.3 2016/17 Outdoor Pool Season Report**

**General Manager**

**Infrastructure and Recreation**

**For Decision**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Latrobe City has three outdoor pools that are located in Moe, Yallourn North and Traralgon. These facilities open for the summer season from late November through to March every year.

In September 2016, Council decided to implement the operating hours and trigger temperatures for all outdoor pool facilities as follows.

- Traralgon Outdoor Pool (TOP) was open all season from 10 am to 8 pm, for the peak and off-peak seasons.
- Moe Outdoor Pool (MOP) and Yallourn North Outdoor Pool (YNOP), were open with guaranteed hours from 3.00 pm to 5.00 pm all season with extended hours when above 26 degrees (in the previous year this trigger for additional hours was 23 degrees).

The total number of attendances for the 2016/17 season was 26,335. This is an increase of 1032 attendances compared to the 2015/16 season. The mean temperature for the 2016/17 season was 26.1 degrees which was a decline from 27.2 degrees in 2015/16. The decline in mean temperature was also reflected in the fall of total days over 23 degrees, which was a decrease of 24 days compared to the 2015/16 season to a total of 59 days in 2016/17.

As is reflected in the additional attendances at the TOP, community feedback was positive for the extended opening hours at TOP with many families and patrons happy about the consistent and guaranteed hours at the facility. There were a small number of people that would have liked to have seen the additional opening hours extended to the MOP.

Based on the information contained in this report it appears that option 1 would provide the most favourable outcome for the community. This will allow greater access to the outdoor pool facilities and in particular TOP during the highest usage times and have the smallest impact on the subsidy per user.

It is proposed to use radio; print and social media advertising the changes to the operating hours prior to and during the outdoor pool season to ensure the community are well informed of any changes.



## RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. In relation to the Outdoor Pools implements the following operating hours for the 2017/18 pool season;

Traralgon, Moe and Yallourn North Outdoor Pool – Off Peak Season			
27 November 2017 to 10 December 2017	Guaranteed hours	Forecast temperature 26 degrees or above	
Monday to Friday	3.00 pm to 5.00 pm	3.00 pm to 7.00 pm	
Weekend	3.00 pm to 5.00 pm	12.00 pm to 7.00 pm	
Moe and Yallourn North Outdoor Pool – Peak Season			
11 December 2017 to 28 January 2018	Guaranteed hours	Forecast temperature 26 degrees or above	Forecast temperature 32 degrees or above
Monday to Sunday	3.00 pm to 5.00 pm	12.00 pm to 7.00 pm	11.00 am to 7.00 pm
Traralgon Outdoor Pool - Peak Season			
11 December 2017 to 28 January 2018	Guaranteed hours		
Monday to Sunday	10.00 am to 7.00 pm		
Traralgon, Moe and Yallourn North Outdoor Pool – Off Peak Season			
29 January 2018 to 12 March 2018	Guaranteed hours	Forecast temperature 26 degrees or above	
Monday to Friday	3.00 pm to 5.00 pm	3.00 pm to 7.00 pm	

2. Allocates the additional \$38,000 of expenditure required for the operation of the Traralgon Outdoor Pool Peak Season hours from the unallocated accumulated cash surplus reserve; and
3. Undertakes extensive advertising of council's decision within the community prior to and during the 2017/18 Outdoor Pool season.

**MOTION**
**Moved:** Cr Gibson

**Seconded:** Cr Law

**That Council:**

1. In relation to the Outdoor Pools implements the following operating hours for the 2017/18 pool season;
2. Operates Moe Outdoor Pool under the same operating structure as Traralgon Outdoor Pool as a trial for the 2017/18 Outdoor Pool Season.

Traralgon, Moe and Yallourn North Outdoor Pool – Off Peak Season			
27 November 2017 to 10 December 2017	Guaranteed hours	Forecast temperature 26 degrees or above	
Monday to Friday	3.00 pm to 5.00 pm	3.00 pm to 7.00 pm	
Weekend	3.00 pm to 5.00 pm	12.00 pm to 7.00 pm	
Yallourn North Outdoor Pool – Peak Season			
11 December 2017 to 28 January 2018	Guaranteed hours	Forecast temperature 26 degrees or above	Forecast temperature 32 degrees or above
Monday to Sunday	3.00 pm to 5.00 pm	12.00 pm to 7.00 pm	11.00 am to 7.00 pm
Moe and Traralgon Outdoor Pool - Peak Season			
11 December 2017 to 28 January 2018	Guaranteed hours		
Monday to Sunday	10.00 am to 7.00 pm		
Traralgon, Moe and Yallourn North Outdoor Pool – Off Peak Season			
29 January 2018 to 12 March 2018	Guaranteed hours	Forecast temperature 26 degrees or above	
Monday to Friday	3.00 pm to 5.00 pm	3.00 pm to 7.00 pm	

3. Following the end of the outdoor pool season receive a report regarding the Moe Outdoor Pool Peak Season trial, including an evaluation of operating expenses, operating revenue, hourly visitation and community feedback throughout the trial.

4. Allocates the additional \$56,400 of expenditure required for the operation of the Traralgon and Moe Outdoor Pool Peak Season hours from the unallocated accumulated cash surplus reserve; and
5. Undertakes extensive advertising of council's decision within the community prior to and during the 2017/18 Outdoor Pool season.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

### **DISCUSSION**

Latrobe City Council has three outdoor pools that are located in Moe, Yallourn North and Traralgon. These facilities open for the summer season from late November through to March every year.

At the ordinary council meeting on 12 September 2016 council decided as follows;

1. *In relation to the Moe and Yallourn North Outdoor Pools implement the following operating hours for the 2016/17 pool season.*

<b>26 November 2016 to 11 December 2016</b>	<b>Guaranteed hours</b>	<b>Forecast temperature 26 degrees or above</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Monday to Friday	3 pm to 5 pm	3 pm to 7 pm	Off Peak
Weekend	3 pm to 5 pm	12 pm to 7 pm	
<b>12 December 2016 to 30 January 2017</b>	<b>Guaranteed hours</b>	<b>Forecast temperature 26 degrees or above</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Monday to Sunday	3 pm to 5 pm	12 pm to 7 pm	Peak
<b>12 December 2016 to 30 January 2017</b>	<b>Guaranteed hours</b>	<b>Forecast temperature 32 degrees or above</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Monday to Sunday	3 pm to 5 pm	11 am to 8 pm	Peak
<b>1 February 2017 to 14 March 2017</b>	<b>Guaranteed hours</b>	<b>Forecast temperature 26 degrees or above</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Monday to Friday	3 pm to 5 pm	3 pm to 7 pm	Off Peak
Weekend	3 pm to 5 pm	12 pm to 7 pm	

#### **Notes:**

- *Early morning lap swimming is available at Traralgon outdoor pool from Monday 28 November 2016 to Friday 10 March 2017 from 6 am to 8 am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.*

- All Latrobe leisure facilities are closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.
  - Pool closing times during March may be reduced due to insufficient lighting for safety reasons.
2. In relation to the Traralgon Outdoor Pool,
- Implement a pool opening times trial, for the 2016/2017 outdoor pool season, that provides guaranteed daily operating hours from 10 am to 8 pm daily for the entire season (no peak/off peak season).
  - Refer the additional \$63,200 of expenditure to the midyear budget process.
  - Officers provide a report to Council after the end of the outdoor pool season regarding the trial including an evaluation of operating expenses, operating revenue, hourly visitation and community feedback throughout the trial.
3. Undertake a media campaign in relation to the new operating arrangements.

In addition to the above decision it is current practice to extend pool hours at YNOP and MOP by one hour at night, during the peak season, when temperatures are forecast to be above 32 degrees.

The following tables summarise the decision and these hours were advertised for the 2016/17 season.

### OPENING HOURS - Moe & Yallourn North Outdoor Pools

	OFF PEAK SEASON 26 NOV 2016 - 11 DEC 2016 & 01 FEB 2017 - 13 MAR 2017		PEAK SEASON 12 DEC 2016 - 31 JAN 2017		
	Guaranteed Hours	When forecast 26°C or higher	Guaranteed Hours	When forecast 26°C or higher	When forecast 32°C or higher
Weekdays	3pm - 5pm	3pm - 7pm	3pm - 5pm	12pm - 7pm	11am - 8pm
Weekend	3pm - 5pm	12pm - 7pm	3pm - 5pm	12pm - 7pm	11am - 8pm

### OPENING HOURS - Traralgon Outdoor

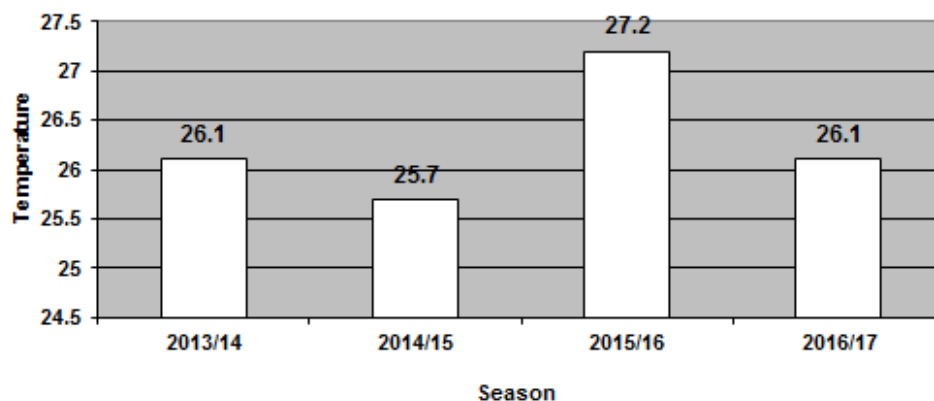
	SEASON 26 NOV 2016 - 13 MAR 2017
	Guaranteed Hours
Weekdays & Weekend	10am - 8pm*

Latrobe Leisure undertook extensive advertising within the community via radio, print and Facebook which was positively received by the community.

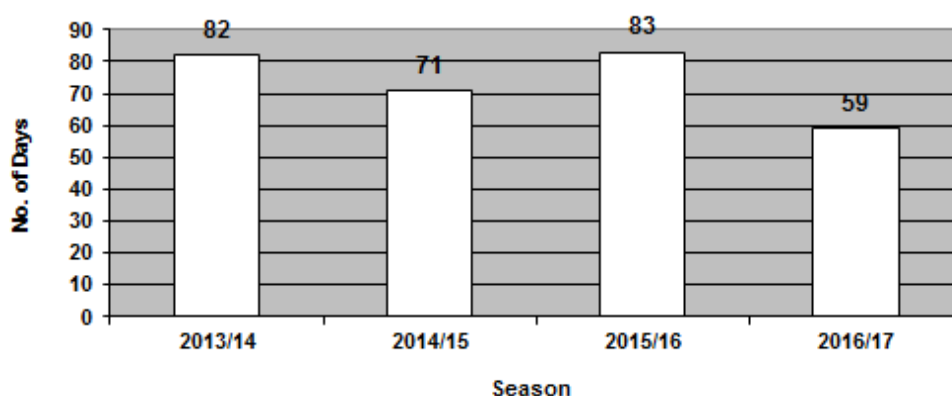
### **SEASON COMPARISONS**

The graph below illustrates the average temperatures and total number of days above 23°C over the last four outdoor pool seasons,

**Outdoor Pool Season - Mean Temperature**



**Outdoor Pool Season - Days Over 23 Degrees**

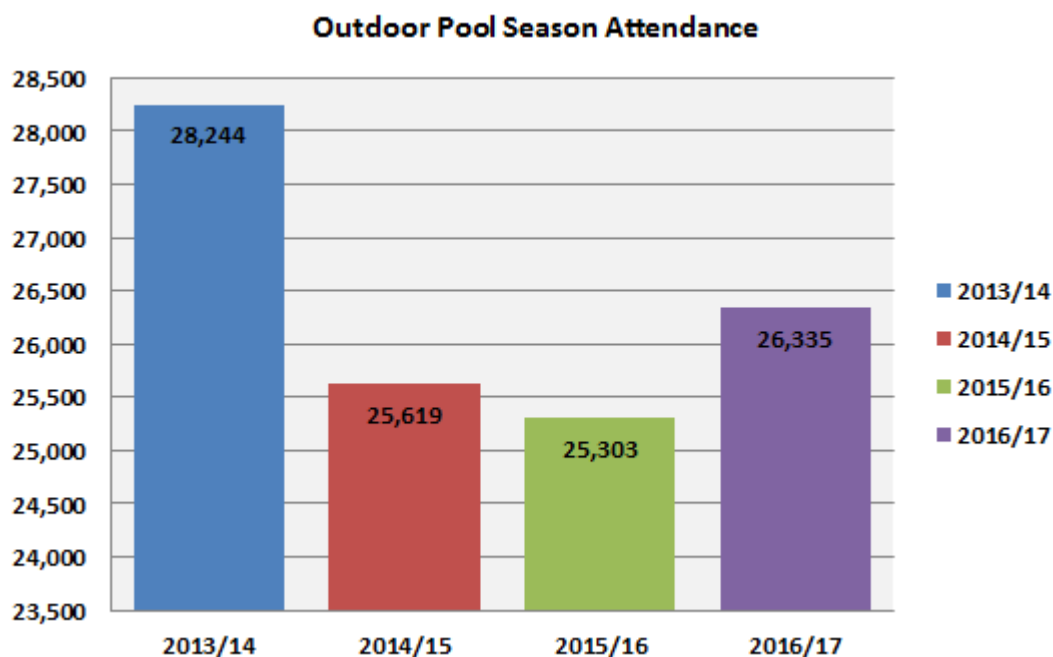


The mean temperature for the 2016/17 season was 26.1 degrees which was a decline from 27.2 degrees in 2015/16. The decline in mean temperature was also reflected in the fall of total days over 23 degrees, which was a decrease of 24 days compared to the 2015/16 season to a total of 59 days in 2016/17.

The 2016/17 season experienced a fall in the mean temperature and total days over 23 degrees compared to the previous two seasons. Irrespective of the fall in temperature profile for 2016/17 season, the additional opening hours at TOP, the season resulted in 1032 additional entries compared to the 2015/16 season.

**ATTENDANCE**

The overall attendance figures for the 2016/17 outdoor pool season was 26,355. Total attendance is comprised of adults, children, families and school visits. The following graph outlines the attendance figures of the outdoor pools over the last four seasons,

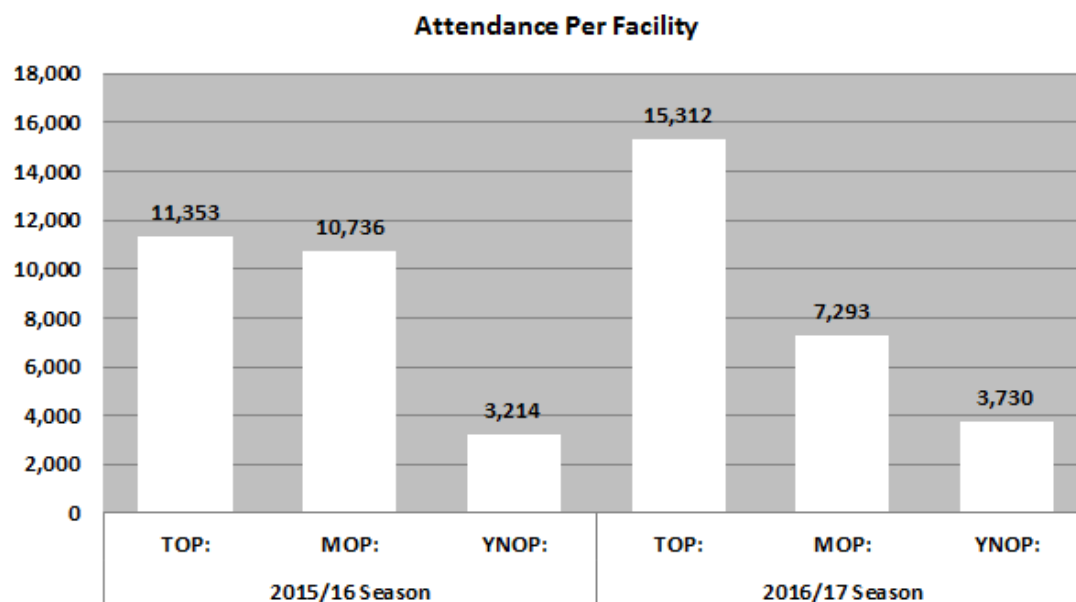


**2013/14 & 2014/15 Outdoor pool season operating hours**, guaranteed opening hours of 3.00 pm-5.00 pm and extended hours of 12.00 pm-7.00 pm if weather forecast is 23 degrees or higher. These were in place since 2010.

**2015/16 Outdoor pool season operating hours**, guaranteed opening hours of 3.00 pm-5.00 pm and extended hours of 12.00 pm-7.00 pm if weather forecast is 23 degrees or higher. Extended hours of 10.00 pm-7.00 pm when forecast is 35 degrees or higher.

The attendance figures above show a decline in attendances at Council's outdoor pool facilities from 2013 to 2016, but with the increased opening hours for the 2016/17 season council saw an increase of 1032 for the season.

The graph demonstrates the attendance changes from the 2015/16 season to the 2016/17 season,

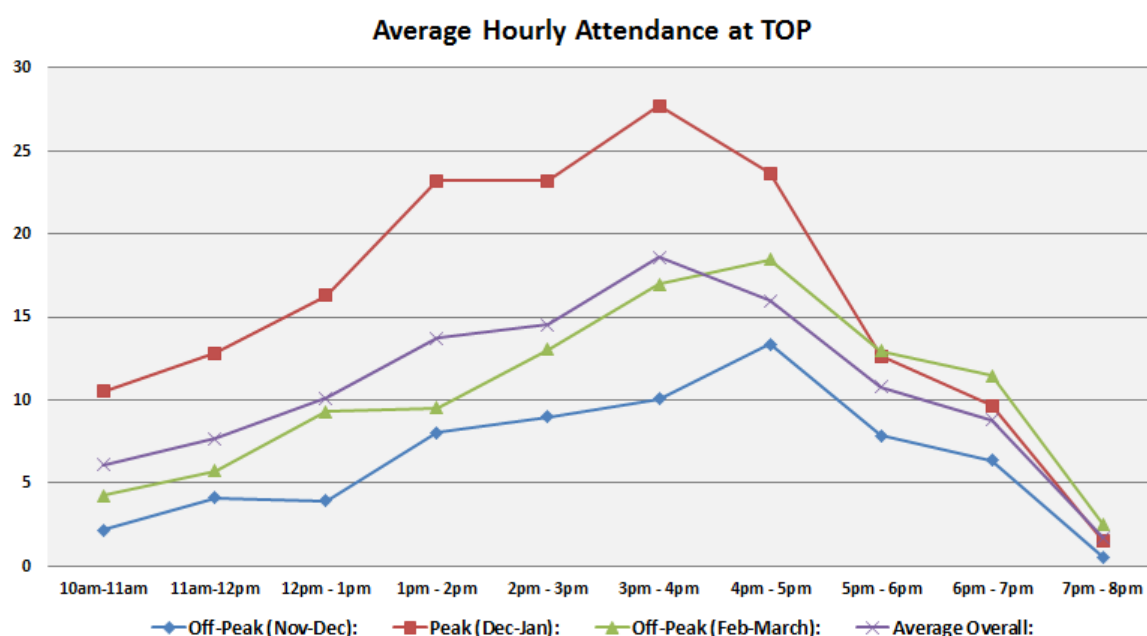




It is important to note how the attendances changed from the 2015/16 season to the 2016/17 season. There is an increase of 3,595 attendances at the TOP, whereas there was a decline in attendances at MOP of 3,443. YNOP stayed relatively steady at an increase of 516 attendances.

Based on the figures above and taking into consideration the lower weather temperatures during the 2016/17 season, it would appear that the community were at times willing to travel from other parts of the municipality to attend the TOP, potentially because of the guaranteed hours at the facility. This is reflected in some of the community feedback that was provided to council throughout the outdoor pool season.

The below graph demonstrates the average hourly attendances throughout the 2016/17 season,



The above graph demonstrates that the 10.00 am to 11.00 am usage is popular during the peak season with an average of 10.5 entries during this timeslot per day; however this time slot is underutilised during the off-peak season with an average of 3.2 entries per day. It also demonstrates the 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm timeslot being underutilised for the entire season with an average of just 1.75 entries per day for the season.

The highest utilisation times for the facility are between 1.00 pm and 5.00 pm, with the bulk of attendances happening during these times. The graph also highlights the level of increased attendance during the peak season with an overall average daily attendance of 161 paid entries and the difference in average daily attendances in the off-peak season of 67 paid attendances.

## **STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION**

The feedback that was collected both anecdotally and via Facebook from patrons and community members was generally really positive, with the majority of people appreciating the “security of guaranteed hours at TOP” and “knowing that the pool will definitely be open at TOP if they are to go from Moe or Morwell to attend the



facility". Support was also appreciated for the additional opening of the outdoor pools for the Boxing Day public holiday, which was normally a closed day in the past.

There was a small amount of feedback provided to Latrobe City Council regarding the "disparity in opening hours at Moe Vs Traralgon and how that is fair to the Moe community" although the decision by council was generally well received in the community.

### **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

#### 2016/17 Operating Costs

##### **All Outdoor Pools**

Net operating loss 16/17	\$280,317
Attendances 16/17	25,303
<b>Operating subsidy per visit 15/16</b>	<b>\$10.64</b>

##### **Moe Outdoor Pool**

Net operating loss 16/17	\$114,736
Attendances 16/17	7,293
<b>Operating subsidy per visit 15/16</b>	<b>\$15.71</b>

##### **Traralgon Outdoor Pool**

Net operating loss 16/17	\$109,305
Attendances 16/17	15,312
<b>Operating subsidy per visit 15/16</b>	<b>\$7.13</b>

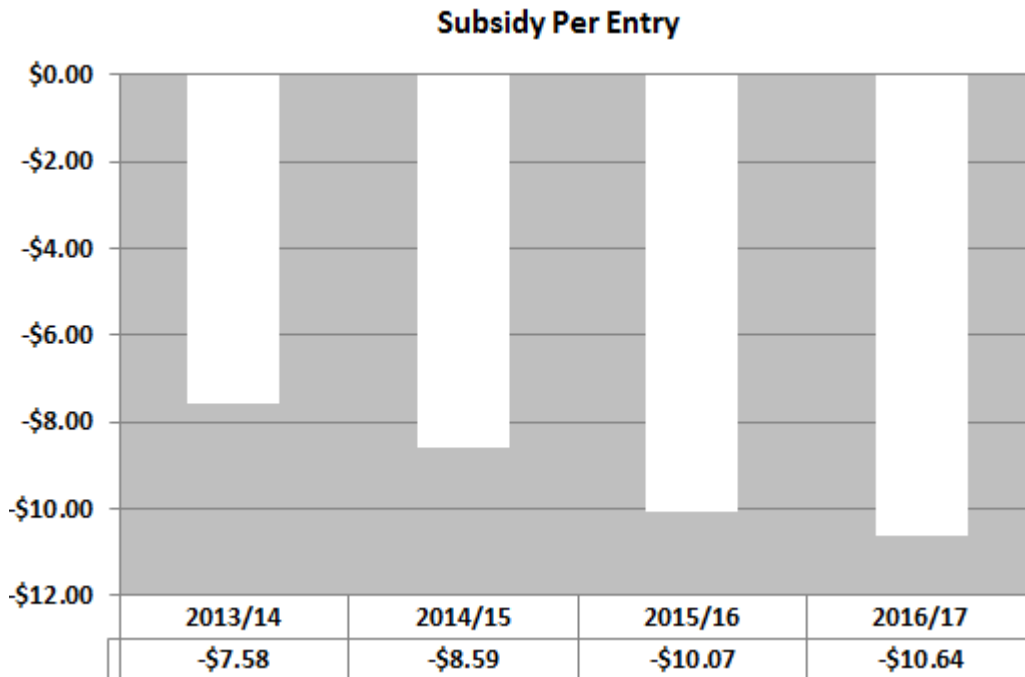
##### **Yallourn North Outdoor Pool**

Net operating loss 16/17	\$56,276
Attendances 16/17	3,730
<b>Operating subsidy per visit 15/16</b>	<b>\$15.08</b>

Traralgon Outdoor Pool went from a net operating subsidy of \$68,993 during the 2015/16 outdoor pool season to a net operating loss of \$109,305 during the 2016/17 outdoor pool season. That equates to an overall increase cost in operations of \$40,312 as a result of the increased operating hours at the facility.

The budgeted operating cost for all outdoor pools in 2016/17 was \$216,400 prior to the decision by council. As a result of this decision, the operating cost rose to \$280,317 for 2016/17, a total increase on the budget of \$63,917. The overall increase cost to council yielded a total increase attendance of 1,032 across all pools for the season.

The below graph illustrates the subsidy per user over the past four outdoor pool seasons;



Over the past four years, the subsidy per user has gone up \$7.58 per entry to \$10.64 per entry. Following the adoption of the new operating hours by council in 2016, the subsidy went from \$10.07 in 2015/16 to \$10.64 in 2016/17.

### **OPTIONS**

Officers have developed five potential options regarding the future of the outdoor pool operations and operating hours. The five options take into consideration the current temperature trigger points, attendance figures at temperature levels, community demand, and additional costs/savings. The five options are as follows:

<b>OPTIONS TABLE</b>			
(All budget figures are based on the 2016/17 outdoor pool season)			
The 2017/18 Outdoor Pool budget is currently set at a net operational cost of \$224,000. The budget was set based on the 2015/16 operating hours. The estimated financial impacts below are based on staff wages for additional operating hours.			
	<b>OPTION</b>	<b>IMPACT</b>	<b>FINANCIAL IMPACT (Estimate)</b>
Option 1	Retain the 2016/17 Operating hours and Temperature Trigger points, but only operate the extended TOP hours (10 am – 7 pm) for the peak season only (10 December 2017 –	Retaining the 2016/17 operating hours and trigger temperatures for all pool will continue to allow for the pools to be open during high temperature events. Reducing the guaranteed opening at TOP to just the peak season, will continue to provide the guaranteed opening hours, but will just retain those hours to when the facility has its	Additional budget cost: \$38,000.00

<b>OPTIONS TABLE</b>			
(All budget figures are based on the 2016/17 outdoor pool season)			
	31 January 2018).	<p>highest patronage.</p> <p>A budget allocation will need to be made out of the 2016/17 surplus funds to operate under these parameters. The current operating budget for 2017/18 is \$224,113.</p>	
Option 2	Retain the 2016/17 operating hours and temperature trigger point, but reduce the extended TOP hours to 10 am - 7 pm for the season.	<p>Retaining the 2016/17 operating hours and temperature trigger points will result in a similar service delivery level as the 2016/17 season although will reduce the additional resources required during hours that were underutilised during 2016/17.</p> <p>A budget allocation will need to be made out of the 2016/17 surplus funds to operate under these parameters.</p>	Additional budget cost: \$63,000.00
Option 3	Retain the 2016/17 Operating hours and temperature trigger points	<p>Retaining the 2016/17 operating hours and temperature trigger points will result in the exact same service delivery level as the 2016/17 season.</p> <p>As a result, a budget allocation will need to be made out of the 2016/17 surplus funds to operate under these parameters.</p>	Additional budget cost: \$71,000.00
Option 4	Extend the operating hours of MOP to be in line with TOP hours (10 am – 7 pm) for the peak season only (10 December 2017 – 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2018).	<p>By increasing the opening hours at MOP to be in line with TOP during the peak season, Latrobe City would create increased access to the outdoor pool for the Moe community.</p> <p>Based on the feedback provided, a number of patrons would potentially utilise the opportunity for increased hours.</p> <p>As a result, a budget allocation will need to be made out of the 2016/17 surplus funds to operate under these parameters.</p>	Additional budget cost: \$18,400.00

<b>OPTIONS TABLE</b>			
(All budget figures are based on the 2016/17 outdoor pool season)			
Option 5	Extend the operating hours of YNOP to be in line with TOP hours (10 am – 7 pm) for the peak season only (10 December 2017 – 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2018).	<p>By increasing the opening hours at MOP to be in line with TOP during the peak season, Latrobe City would create increased access to the outdoor pool for the Moe community.</p> <p>Based on constant attendance figures for the YNOP of between 3000 to 4000 attendances for years, it would appear that extending the hours may not result in any increased attendance. Further to this, as the pool is situated on the School site, there would be risks associated with accessing the facility at these increased hours.</p> <p>As a result, a budget allocation will need to be made out of the 2016/17 surplus funds to operate under these parameters.</p>	Additional budget cost: \$12,155.00

Based on the information contained in this report it appears that option one (1) would provide the most favourable outcome for the community. This will allow greater access to the outdoor pool facilities and in particular TOP during the highest usage times and have the smallest impact on the subsidy per user.

If council were to combine option one (1) with option four (4) and five (5), the total increased budget requirement would be \$68,555 for the duration of the outdoor pool season.

Latrobe City Council will utilise radio, print and social media advertising the changes to the operating hours prior to and during the outdoor pool season to ensure the community are well informed of any changes.

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

Risk has been considered as part of this report and it is considered to be consistent with the Risk Management framework.

### **CONCLUSION**

The statistics show that there has been an increase of 1032 overall attendances at the outdoor pools from 2015/16 to 2016/17. The 2016/17 season offered increased opening hours at TOP, however there was a decrease in mean temperature from 27.2 to 26.1. Furthermore, there was a decrease in total number of days above 23 degrees of 24 from the 2016/17 season.

As is reflected in the additional attendances at the TOP, community feedback was positive for the extended opening hours at TOP with many families and patrons happy about the consistent and guaranteed hours at the facility. There were a small number of people that would have liked to have seen the additional opening hours extended to the MOP.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

Nil

**Attachments**

Nil

# **COMMUNITY SERVICES**

## **16. COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **16.1 Churchill and District Community Hub Advisory Committee Terms of Reference Review**

**General Manager**

**Community Services**

**For Decision**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

At its meeting on 13 March, 2017 the Churchill and District Community Hub Advisory Committee discussed potential amendments to its existing Terms of Reference (attachment 1) with a view to strengthening the group and ensuring compliance with Council's administrative processes.

At its meeting on 11 July, 2017, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the final version to Council for consideration.

A briefing paper was presented to Councillors at the Councillor Briefing on 7 August, 2017 to consider any changes/input from Councillors.

The Terms of Reference are now presented to Council for Councillors to consider the amendments/changes.

#### **MOTION**

**Moved:** Cr White

**Seconded:** Cr Gibson

**That Council:**

- 1. Adopts the revised Terms of Reference for the Churchill and District Community Hub Advisory Committee with an effective date of 21 August, 2017;**
- 2. Notes that with the adoption of these Terms of Reference, that any previous versions are rescinded; and**
- 3. Notifies the Committee accordingly.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

#### **DISCUSSION**

At its meeting on 13 March, 2017 the Churchill and District Community Hub Advisory Committee discussed potential amendments to its existing Terms of Reference (attachment 1) with a view to strengthening the group and ensuring compliance with Council's administrative processes.



At the meeting on 9 May, 2017 the Committee workshopped the version of the existing Terms of Reference, made tracked changes that incorporated feedback given by Committee members (attachment 2). A further version that transposed the marked up version into the new template (attachment 3) for its consideration. It was agreed at this meeting that the members of the Committee would review the three versions of the document made available to them and provide feedback at its next meeting.

At a subsequent meeting a marked up version of the existing Terms of Reference that incorporated feedback given by Committee members was presented to the group along with an additional version of the documents transposed onto the new template.

It was agreed at this meeting that the members of the Committee would provide the Terms of Review to the tenants/users of the Hub and ask them to provide feedback at its next meeting.

At the joint user group/advisory committee meeting held on 13 June, 2017 the tenants/user group members were given the opportunity to provide feedback and this was incorporated.

At its meeting on 11 July, 2017, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the final version to Council for consideration.

A briefing paper was presented to Councillors at the Councillor Briefing on 7 August, 2017 to consider any changes/input from Councillors.

The Terms of Reference are now presented to Council for Councillors to consider the amendments/changes and are summarised in the table below.

Page	Section	Amendments
Front	Cover page	Update of graphics and photos to be more inclusive of services provided
All	Terminology throughout	Clarification of language to reflect 'Advisory Committee'
3	Membership	Update to membership term/numbers
4	Resignations	Update of GM details
4	Proceedings	Clarification of role of chair in chair's absence
6	Voting	Verification of voting rights and process
7	Authority & Compliance requirements	Updated/revised to reflect Latrobe City Council's current preferred wording

### **STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION**

Direct engagement with the Churchill and District Community Hub Advisory Committee has occurred since the proposal to amend the Terms of Reference for the group was discussed at a meeting held on 13 March, 2017.

The proposed changes to the Terms of Reference of the Churchill and District Community Hub Advisory Committee were discussed at its meeting on 13 March, 2017.

A copy of the adopted version of the Terms of Reference along with tracked changes version of the original document and the revised Terms of Reference, in the most

recently adopted council template was developed by the Advisory Committee members at its meeting on 9 May, 2017.

A copy of the tracked changes version was presented to the Churchill and District user group/tenants for their feedback on 13 June, 2017.

The final tracked changes version was again presented to the Advisory Committee at a meeting on 11 July, 2017 where it was endorsed unanimously to proceed for Council endorsement.

### **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

There are no additional financial or resource implications associated with this report as support for this Committee has been taken into consideration within the existing budget.

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

Risk has been considered as part of this report and it is considered to be consistent with the Risk Management framework.

### **CONCLUSION**

With a view to strengthening its membership and ensuring compliance with Council's administrative processes, the Churchill and District Community Hub Advisory Committee has reviewed their Terms of Reference and is now presenting them to Council for its consideration. The proposed Terms of Reference will enable the membership to change to better reflect the current issues being dealt with by the Committee and is updated into the new Council endorsed Terms of Reference template.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

Attachment 1, 2 & 3 to be provided with the report.

#### **Attachments**

- 1↓ . Attachment 1 Tracked Changes original Churchill and District Community Hub Advisory Committee Terms of Reference 2013
- 2↓ . Attachment 2 New template Churchill and District Community Hub Advisory Committee Terms of Reference Template 2017
- 3↓ . Attachment 3 Version to be endorsed by Council. Churchill and District Community Hub Advisory Committee Terms of Reference Aug 2017

## **16.1**

### **Churchill and District Community Hub Advisory Committee Terms of Reference Review**

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# Churchill & District Community Hub Advisory Committee

## *Terms of Reference*



March 2017





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## 1. Establishment of the Committee

- 1.1. The Churchill and District Community Hub Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee"), is a formally appointed Advisory Committee of Latrobe City Council for the purposes of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- 1.2. The membership of this Committee and these Terms of Reference will be adopted by resolution of Latrobe City Council at an Ordinary Council Meeting.

## 2. Objectives

- 2.1. The Committee's role is to report to the Council and provide appropriate advice, information and feedback on matters relevant to this Terms of Reference in order to facilitate decision making by the Council in relation to the discharge of its responsibilities.
- 2.2. The Committee is an advisory committee only and has no delegated decision making authority.
- 2.3. The Committee is established to:
  - 2.3.1. Provide advice on how the Churchill and District Community Hub can bring individual members of the community, groups, organisations and agencies together in an atmosphere of support to systematically address and meet community needs.
- 2.4. The Committee will carry out the following in order to achieve the objectives set:
  - 2.4.1. Community Cooperation
    - 2.4.1.1. Encourage all sectors of the community to work cooperatively together to enhance service delivery, better target resource allocation, plan effectively for the future and make a positive contribution to community capacity building, an essential element in addressing economic and social development at a community level.
    - 2.4.1.2. Encourage the community's understanding between divergent age and socio-economic groups, empowering the community to take an active role in planning, understanding and enhancing their future.
  - 2.4.2. Policy and Strategy Development
    - 2.4.2.1. Provide advice as part of a policy, strategy (or other relevant document) review or development processes as required from time to time.





2.4.2.2. Advise Council on the development of community capacity building by planning effectively for the future of the facility; taking into consideration diverse and changing community needs.

2.4.2.3. Advise Council on any revision or additions required for these Terms of Reference.

#### 2.4.3. Operations

2.4.3.1. The Council on the advice of the Committee shall convene an Operational Committee representing Churchill and District Community Hub users and tenants to assist the Advisory Committee to make recommendations to Council regarding the use of the Churchill Hub Facility. The Operational Committee shall function as follows:

- a. Members of the Operational Committee shall be appointed by each user or tenant in accordance with the provisions contained in each member's constitution or terms of association.
- b. No member shall be eligible to represent more than one user or tenant simultaneously.
- c. Each Operational Committee member may appoint a proxy should the appointed member not be available to attend.
- d. Upon a member of the Operational Committee resigning, the user or tenant which that member represented shall provide the Advisory Committee with the name of the person filling such a vacancy.
- e. Provide reports and recommendations either as individual members or collectively to the Committee.
- f. Meet as a group with the Committee at least quarterly.

2.4.3.2. Advise Council of policies and rules for use of the Churchill and District Community Hub by members of the public or user groups. Such rules and policies will not be inconsistent with any rules or policies of Council.

2.4.4. Perform other activities related to this Terms of Reference as requested by the Council.

### 3. Membership

#### Composition of the Committee

3.1. The Committee shall comprise of [number] members, being:

3.1.1. Up to two Councillors

3.1.2. Up to <Nil> representatives from each of the following sectors:

Churchill & District Community Hub Advisory Committee  
Terms of Reference – adopted <insert DD/MM/YYYY>

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3.1.2.1. [specific clubs or provider type] Nil

3.1.3. Up to five Community representatives appointed via expression of interest process.

3.1.4. Latrobe City Council Officer.

#### Length of appointment

3.2. Whilst a Committee shall be in place for as long as Latrobe City Council sees fit, the appointment of members shall be for a term as deemed appropriate by Council.

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3.2.2. In November previous to the March for renewal of the Churchill and District Community Hub Advisory Committee positions, expressions of interest for new Advisory Committee members shall be advertised thus allowing endorsement of new Advisory Committee members prior to the end of term of the current Advisory Committee in March. Council appointment shall ideally occur in February to allow a smooth transition of position.

3.3. Prior to the expiration of each term, there will be a call for nominations for the next term. Current Committee members are able to re-nominate.

3.4. The 3 year term for the Advisory Committee shall be from commence 1 March.

3.4.3.5. For reporting purposes the anniversary date will be 1 November of each year.

#### Selection of members and filling of vacancies

3.5.3.6. Latrobe City Council shall determine the original membership of a Committee based on expressions of interest received from members of the community. and nominations received from organisations.

3.6.3.7. The Committee may fill any vacancies that occur within the determined year period of appointment, subject to the approval of the General Manager of the relevant division and endorsement of Council. Where a vacancy is filled in this way, the appointment shall be limited to the remainder of the period of the original appointment.

#### Co-option of members

3.7.3.8. With the approval of the Chair, the Committee may invite other individuals to participate in the proceedings of the Committee on a regular or an occasional basis and including in the proceedings of any sub-committees formed.

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#### Attendance at meetings

~~3.9-3.10.~~ All Committee members are expected to attend each meeting.

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#### Resignations

~~3.12-3.13.~~ All resignations from members of the Committee are to be submitted in writing to the General Manager of the relevant division, Latrobe City Council, PO Box 264, Morwell VIC 3840.

### **4. Proceedings**

#### Chair

4.1. The nominated Councillor shall Chair the meetings.

4.2. If the Councillor delegate is unavailable he/she shall delegate to the other nominated Councillor to chair the meeting.

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#### Meeting schedule

4.4. The Committee will determine its meeting schedule and times for each of the meetings. The duration of each Committee meeting should generally not exceed two hours.

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- 4.8. All recommendations, proposals and advice must be directed through the Chair.

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- 4.10. Coopted members shall be counted in a quorum but ~~may~~ shall not constitute a majority of members present. **NEW**

- 4.11. If at any Committee meeting a quorum is not present within 30 minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting shall be deemed adjourned.

Voting

- 4.12. There will be no official voting process, although all members shall have equal voting rights. Majority and minority opinions will be reflected in Committee minutes.

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# Churchill & District Community Hub Advisory Committee *Terms of Reference*



August 2017





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## 1. Establishment of the Committee

- 1.1. The Churchill and District Community Hub Committee (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”), is a formally appointed Advisory Committee of Latrobe City Council for the purposes of the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- 1.2. The membership of this Committee and these Terms of Reference will be adopted by resolution of Latrobe City Council at an Ordinary Council Meeting.

## 2. Objectives

- 2.1. The Committee’s role is to report to the Council and provide appropriate advice, information and feedback on matters relevant to this Terms of Reference in order to facilitate decision making by the Council in relation to the discharge of its responsibilities.
- 2.2. The Committee is an advisory committee only and has no delegated decision making authority.
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  - 2.3.1. Provide advice on how the Churchill and District Community Hub can bring individual members of the community, groups, organisations and agencies together in an atmosphere of support to systematically address and meet community needs.
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    - 2.4.1.1. Encourage all sectors of the community to work cooperatively together to enhance service delivery, better target resource allocation, plan effectively for the future and make a positive contribution to community capacity building, an essential element in addressing economic and social development at a community level.
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    - 2.4.2.1. Provide advice as part of a policy, strategy (or other relevant document) review or development processes as required from time to time.





2.4.2.2. Advise Council on the development of community capacity building by planning effectively for the future of the facility; taking into consideration diverse and changing community needs.

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2.4.3.1. Council on the advice of the Committee shall convene an Operational Committee representing Churchill and District Community Hub users and tenants to assist the Advisory Committee to make recommendations to Council regarding the use of the Churchill Hub Facility. The Operational Committee shall function as follows:

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- b. No member shall be eligible to represent more than one user or tenant simultaneously.
- c. Each Operational Committee member may appoint a proxy should the appointed member not be available to attend.
- d. Upon a member of the Operational Committee resigning, the user or tenant which that member represented shall provide the Advisory Committee with the name of the person filling such a vacancy.
- e. Provide reports and recommendations either as individual members or collectively to the Committee.
- f. Meet as a group with the Committee at least quarterly.

2.4.3.2. Advise Council of policies and rules for use of the Churchill and District Community Hub by members of the public or user groups. Such rules and policies will not be inconsistent with any rules or policies of Council.

2.4.4. Perform other activities related to this Terms of Reference as requested by the Council.

### 3. Membership

#### Composition of the Committee

3.1. The Committee shall comprise of up to eight (8) members, being:

3.1.1. Up to two Councillors.



3.1.2. Up to five Community representatives appointed via expression of interest process.

3.1.3. Latrobe City Council Officer.

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### **4. Proceedings**

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March 2017

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- c. Each Operational Committee member may appoint a proxy should the appointed member not be available to attend.
- d. Upon a member of the Operational Committee resigning, the user or tenant which that member represented shall provide the Advisory Committee with the name of the person filling such a vacancy.
- e. Provide reports and recommendations either as individual members or collectively to the Committee.
- f. Meet as a group with the Committee at least quarterly.

2.4.3.2. Advise Council of policies and rules for use of the Churchill and District Community Hub by members of the public or user groups. Such rules and policies will not be inconsistent with any rules or policies of Council.

2.4.4. Perform other activities related to this Terms of Reference as requested by the Council.

### 3. Membership

#### Composition of the Committee

3.1. The Committee shall comprise of up to eight (8) members, being:

3.1.1. Up to two Councillors.



3.1.2. Up to five Community representatives appointed via expression of interest process.

3.1.3. Latrobe City Council Officer.

#### Length of appointment

3.2. Whilst a Committee shall be in place for as long as Latrobe City Council sees fit, the appointment of members shall be for a term as deemed appropriate by Council.

3.2.1. At Council's discretion, each Advisory Committee member who is not a member of staff or a Councillor of the Council shall be appointed for a period of three years.

3.2.2. In November previous to the March for renewal of the Churchill and District Community Hub Advisory Committee positions, expressions of interest for new Advisory Committee members shall be advertised thus allowing endorsement of new Advisory Committee members prior to the end of term of the current Advisory Committee in March.

3.3. Prior to the expiration of each term, there will be a call for nominations for the next term. Current Committee members are able to re-nominate.

3.4. The 3 year term for the Advisory Committee shall commence 1 March.

3.5. For reporting purposes the anniversary date will be 1 November of each year.

#### Selection of members and filling of vacancies

3.6. Latrobe City Council shall determine the original membership of a Committee based on expressions of interest received from members of the community.

3.7. The Committee may fill any vacancies that occur within the determined year period of appointment, subject to the approval of the General Manager of the relevant division and endorsement of Council. Where a vacancy is filled in this way, the appointment shall be limited to the remainder of the period of the original appointment.

#### Co-option of members

3.8. With the approval of the Chair, the Committee may invite other individuals to participate in the proceedings of the Committee on a regular or an occasional basis and including in the proceedings of any sub-committees formed.

3.9. Co-opted members shall not constitute more than fifty percent of the Advisory Committee.



#### Attendance at meetings

- 3.10. All Committee members are expected to attend each meeting.
- 3.11. A member who misses two consecutive meetings without a formal apology may at the discretion of Latrobe City Council have their term of office revoked.
- 3.12. A member who is unable to attend the majority of meetings during the year may at the discretion of Latrobe City Council, on the advice of the Committee, have their term of office revoked.

#### Resignations

- 3.13. All resignations from members of the Committee are to be submitted in writing to the General Manager Community Services, Latrobe City Council, PO Box 264, Morwell VIC 3840.

### **4. Proceedings**

#### Chair

- 4.1. The nominated Councillor shall Chair the meetings.
- 4.2. If the Councillor delegate is unavailable he/she shall delegate to the other nominated Councillor to chair the meeting.
- 4.3. If neither Councillor is available, the Chair may nominate a replacement from the current membership of the Committee to chair the meeting. If the Chair has failed to nominate replacement before the meeting, then the Chair shall be nominated by the Committee members present.

#### Meeting schedule

- 4.4. The Committee will determine its meeting schedule and times for each of the meetings. The duration of each Committee meeting should generally not exceed two hours.
- 4.5. Meetings of the Committee will be held monthly initially or as may be deemed necessary by Latrobe City Council or the Committee to fulfil the objectives of the Committee. Special meetings may be held on an as-needs basis.

#### Meeting procedures

- 4.6. Meetings will follow standard meeting procedures as established in any guidance material and outlined in these terms of reference for Advisory Committees provided (see appendix one for the agenda template).
- 4.7. All Committee meetings and records are considered confidential and may be designated as confidential in accordance with Section 77 of the Act.
- 4.8. All recommendations, proposals and advice must be directed through the





Chair.

Quorum

- 4.9. A majority of the members constitutes a quorum.
- 4.10. Coopted members shall be counted in a quorum but shall not constitute a majority of members present.
- 4.11. If at any Committee meeting a quorum is not present within 30 minutes after the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting shall be deemed adjourned.

Voting

- 4.12. There will be no official voting process, although all members shall have equal voting rights. Majority and minority opinions will be reflected in Committee minutes.
- 4.13. Only recommendations which have been properly moved, seconded and which have received a majority of affirmative votes at a properly constituted Committee meeting shall be recognised as recommendations of the Committee.
- 4.14. In the event that there is an equality of votes for and against a motion, the Chair shall have a casting vote.
- 4.15. Coopted members shall be entitled to vote but may not comprise a majority of members present at a vote.

Minutes of the Meeting

- 4.16. A Latrobe City Officer or authorised agent shall take the minutes of each Committee meeting.
- 4.17. The minutes shall be in a standard format including a record of those present, apologies for absence, adoption of previous minutes and a list of adopted actions and resolutions of the Committee (see appendix two for the minutes template).
- 4.18. Where this meeting is also considered an Assembly of Councillors under the *Local Government Act 1989*, an Assembly of Councillors record must also be submitted in accordance with those requirements.
- 4.19. The minutes shall be stored in the Latrobe City Council corporate filing system (currently LCMS electronic document and records management system).
- 4.20. The agenda shall be distributed at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to all Committee members, including alternative representatives.
- 4.21. A copy of the minutes shall be distributed to all Committee members (including



alternative representatives) within 10 working days of the meeting.

#### Reports to Council

- 4.22. With the approval of the Chair, a report to Council may be tabled on the Committee's progress towards the objectives included in this Terms of Reference.
- 4.23. Reports to Council should reflect a consensus of view. Where consensus cannot be reached, the report should clearly outline any differing points of view.
- 4.24. Reports to Council will be coordinated through the General Manager of the relevant division that the Committee falls under.

### **5. Review of Committee and Duration of the Committee**

- 5.1. The committee will cease to exist by resolution of the Council, or once the objectives at item 2.3 have been demonstrated that they have been met, whichever occurs first.
- 5.2. A review of the Committee will take place at least once every three years at which time the Terms of Reference will also be reviewed.
- 5.3. A review will be conducted on a self-assessment basis (unless otherwise determined by Council) with appropriate input sought from the Council, the CEO, all Committee members, management and any other stakeholders, as determined by Council.
- 5.4. The review must consider:
  - 5.4.1. The Committee's achievements
  - 5.4.2. Whether there is a demonstrated need for the Committee to continue, and
  - 5.4.3. Any other relevant matter.

### **6. Authority and Compliance Requirements**

- 6.1. The Committee is an Advisory Committee only and has no executive powers nor does it have any delegated decision making or financial authority.
- 6.2. If a member of the Committee has a direct or indirect pecuniary or personal interest (conflict of interest) in any matter to be considered or discussed at a meeting of the Committee, the member of the Committee must:
  - 6.2.1. If he or she intends to be present at the meeting, disclose the nature of the interest immediately before the consideration or discussion.



6.2.2. Notwithstanding the provisions above of clause 6.2.1, the Committee shall require a member who has a pecuniary interest to absent themselves from any discussion about the matter in which they have the interest.

- 6.3. The Committee must comply with the Assembly of Councillor provisions provided for in the *Local Government Act 1989*.
- 6.4. Failure to comply with the provisions outlined in these Terms of Reference may result in termination of the Member's appointment.



## Appendix 1: Agenda Template



[Name] Advisory Committee			
Meeting Day, XX Month Year			
Time Commencing: 00:00am/pm Expected Finish Time: 00:00am/pm			
Location: (include specific meeting room and address)			
NOTE: In accordance with Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1989 for each meeting that a Councillor is in attendance an Assembly of Councillors record must be completed and tabled at the next practicable Council Meeting.			
AGENDA ITEMS			
No.	Item	Responsible Officer	Attachment
1.	Welcome & introduction	Chair	N/a
2.	Apologies	All	
3.	Declarations of Interest	All	
	<i>Members of the Committee are to declare any Conflicts of interest or any interests in matters listed on the agenda</i>		
4.	Confirmation of Minutes		
	<i>Confirmation of the previous minutes of the meeting.</i>		
5.	Matters arising from previous meeting	All	
	<i>Review of action progress from previous meetings</i>		
6.	Items for Consideration		
	<i>Matters being presented for discussion in accordance with the terms of reference</i>		
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7.	General Business		
	•	All	
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## Appendix 2: Minutes Template

**[Name] Advisory Committee Minutes**

Meeting Day, XX Month Year  
 Time Commenced: 00:00am/pm Finish Time: 00:00am/pm  
 Location: (include specific meeting room and address)

Meeting Chair: < Name >

*NOTE: In accordance with Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1989 for each meeting that a Councillor is in attendance an Assembly of Councillors record must be completed and tabled at the next practicable Council Meeting.*

No.	Item	Responsible Person	Timeframe
1.	Present		
2.	Apologies		
3.	Interest Disclosures		
	<p><i>Members of the Committee declare any Conflicts of interest or Interests in matters discussed at the meeting.</i></p> <p>The following members of the Committee declared a Conflict of Interest at the meeting and left the meeting whilst the matter was being discussed:</p> <p>&lt;Name&gt; ,Time left 00:00am/pm, Time returned 00:00am/pm</p> <p>&lt;Name&gt; ,Time left 00:00am/pm, Time returned 00:00am/pm</p> <p>&lt;Name&gt; ,Time left 00:00am/pm, Time returned 00:00am/pm</p>		



**[Name] Advisory Committee Minutes**

Meeting Day, XX Month Year  
 Time Commenced: 00:00am/pm Finish Time: 00:00am/pm  
 Location: (include specific meeting room and address)

Meeting Chair: < Name >

*NOTE: In accordance with Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1989 for each meeting that a Councillor is in attendance an Assembly of Councillors record must be completed and tabled at the next practicable Council Meeting.*

No.	Item	Responsible Person	Timeframe
4.	<b>Confirmation of Minutes</b>		
	<i>That the minutes of the meeting held on [Date] of the [Name] Advisory Committee be confirmed.</i>		
5.	<b>Matters arising from previous meeting</b>		
	<i>List the item and action agreed and assign any follow up actions and expected timeframes</i>  1. Item Heading Action(s): • • 2. Item Heading Action(s): • •		
6.	<b>Items for Consideration</b>		
	<i>List the item and action agreed as per agenda and assign any follow up actions and expected timeframes</i>  1. Item Heading Action(s): • • 2. Item Heading Action(s): •		





**[Name] Advisory Committee Minutes**

Meeting Day, XX Month Year  
 Time Commenced: 00:00am/pm Finish Time: 00:00am/pm  
 Location: (include specific meeting room and address)

Meeting Chair: < Name >

*NOTE: In accordance with Section 80 of the Local Government Act 1989 for each meeting that a Councillor is in attendance an Assembly of Councillors record must be completed and tabled at the next practicable Council Meeting.*

No.	Item	Responsible Person	Timeframe
	3. Item Heading Action(s): •		
7.	<b>General Business</b>		
	List the item and action agreed and assign any follow up actions and expected timeframes 1. Item Heading Action(s): •  2. Item Heading Action(s): •		
Next Meeting: <Provide details of the next meeting date, time and location>.			



**16.2 Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017 - 21 - draft for public release**

**General Manager**

**Community Services**

**For Decision**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report provides an overview of the process that has occurred, and is planned to occur in relation to the development of the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, 2017 – 2021 (MPHWP), and seeks Council endorsement to release the draft plan for public consultation and feedback.

An extensive community consultation process was undertaken to develop the draft plan including:

- A large scale community door knock/survey campaign
- A postcard campaign
- Consideration of the voice of children
- Relationship development with the Latrobe Health Assembly
- Community conversation cafes
- Facilitated workshop with the MPHWP reference group
- Stakeholder and community facilitated workshops

Cube Group consulting, (Cube Group), were engaged, following a request for quotes process in order to assist with the management of the facilitated workshops and the development of the draft MPHWP.

The draft plan has been developed and is now presented to council requesting endorsement to release for further consultation and feedback for a period of six weeks.

**MOTION**

**Moved:** Cr Law

**Seconded:** Cr Gibson

**That Council:**

- 1. Endorses the release of the draft Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017 – 2021 for public consultation and feedback for a six week period commencing 22 August 2017 and concluding 03 October 2017; and**
- 2. Requests a final report, with consideration being given to feedback received be presented to Council at the ordinary Council meeting scheduled for 23 October 2017.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

## **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

## **DISCUSSION**

The MPHWP is a requirement under section 26 of the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008. It requires Council to develop a MPHWP within 12 months of each general election of Council and will be due to be resolved by Council before the end of October 2017.

The MPHWP sits alongside the Council Plan and the Municipal Strategic Statement as key strategic documents for Council.

The aim of the MPHWP is to achieve maximum levels of health and wellbeing through the identification and assessment of potential public health issues in the community and to outline strategies and actions to either prevent or minimise these. It also aims to identify opportunities to support health and wellbeing through the four domains of the environments for health: built, social, economic and natural environments. Councils role in municipal public health and wellbeing planning is to bring together stakeholders and community around key public health and wellbeing focus areas, to lead and facilitate partnerships to develop local health planning priorities, and to support initiatives that promote positive health and wellbeing.

While the draft MPHWP that has been developed by Council Officers call on the relationship with the Victorian Health and Wellbeing Plan as well as available data, it was essential that the local community were provided with meaningful opportunities to be involved in the development of the plan, as it will play a significant role in their future health and wellbeing outcomes.

An extensive community consultation and engagement process has been implemented by council officers, with assistance from important stakeholders and Cube Group.

The themes that emerged as a result of the community engagement and consultation that occurred, as well as consideration of the available data and the Victorian Health and Wellbeing Plan were:

1. Social and community connection
2. Safe at home
3. Safe in our community
4. Active and healthy living
5. Lifelong learning and opportunities

These themes have now been considered and workshopped extensively by interested stakeholders, resulting in the preparation of the draft MPHWP. A copy of the draft plan is included as attachment 1 for consideration.

In order to ensure that the MPHWP is a document that the community and stakeholders can use to assist in improving their health and wellbeing outcomes now and into the future, it is essential that the draft plan is made available for further consultation and feedback for a reasonable period of time.

## **STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION**

In summary the consultation process has included:

### *Door Knock Campaign:*

Four neighbourhoods were identified, one in each of the following major towns:

- Traralgon
- Morwell
- Moe and
- Churchill

Teams of Council Officers supported by members of other interested stakeholder organisations (including Central West Gippsland Primary Care Partnership, Gippsland Primary Health Network and Berry Street Gippsland) spoke directly to 314 people in relation to their health and wellbeing needs, over a period of three weeks. This campaign allowed community members the opportunity to complete a short survey in relation to their health and wellbeing needs and their thoughts on how these might be addressed.

In addition to the direct conversations 3,063 surveys were dropped into individual letter boxes (in the same neighbourhoods as identified targeted in the doorknock campaign).

A total of 552 survey responses were submitted and considered in the development of the draft plan.

### *Post card campaign:*

A total of 14,000 postcards were made available to community members. The postcards offered the community an opportunity to participate in the development of the MPHWP by responding to only three questions, or to access a link to the longer survey.

The response to the postcard campaign was, unfortunately, not as positive as the door knock campaign with a total of 203 responses (of which 175 were postcards returned by mail and 26 were on line responses).

### *Voice of the Child:*

Following discussions with a member of the Family Services team, an addition to the consultation was made, with the voice of the child being included in data gathering for the development of the MPHWP.

The postcard campaign questions were adapted by an Early Education Teacher and then discussed with children directly in their education environment.

### *Health Assembly:*

The Latrobe Health Assembly were provided with a report from council officers regarding the process for the development of the draft MPHWP, this included an invitation for them to participate in the development of the plan.

Regular meetings were established between council officers and Officers of the Health Assembly, in order to foster a strong partnership that has assisted in the development of the draft plan.

*Community conversation cafes:*

Community conversation cafes were facilitated by council officers in each of the neighbourhoods where door knocking had occurred. Residents of these neighbourhoods were informed of the conversation cafes via individual invitation (letter box drop). These conversation cafes provided an opportunity for council officers to provide neighbourhood members who attended feedback regarding the information that had been gathered during the door knock and survey campaign and to discuss ideas in relation to future health planning in a high level of detail.

With approximately 11 members of the neighbourhoods attending these conversation cafes the additional information gathered assisted in the forming of themes and actions that have been included in the draft MPHWP.

*Facilitated workshop with the MPHWP reference group:*

Cube Group delivered a facilitated workshop with the MPHWP reference group to gain input into the planning and development of the Plan. The duration of the workshop was 1.5 hours with the following objectives;

- Provide update on community survey results and neighbourhood feedback sessions conducted to date to support development of the Plan
- To confirm the key stakeholder(s)/audiences for the Plan
- To understand the purpose(s) for which the plan can be used
- To inform planning for the stakeholder and community facilitated workshops

The MPHWP reference group considered the community survey results and participated in a conversation café approach which included providing written feedback on the survey themes.

*Stakeholder and community facilitated workshops:*

With assistance from council officers, Cube Group delivered 4 facilitated workshops focused on the themes that had emerged from the survey consultation that had been implemented and the data gathered to that point in time.

The duration of each workshop was 3 hours, with a focus on community thinking on the strategies and goals required for the Plan in a conversation café approach. The objectives were to;

- Build on community consultation conducted to date
- For community to lead the thinking and development of the strategies and goals for each of the agreed priority areas of the Plan
- Understand how community would like to be further engaged in the development and implementation of the Plan

All feedback was documented and incorporated into the development of the draft Plan.

In order to ensure that the MPHWP is a document that the community and stakeholders can use in order to assist in improving their health and wellbeing outcomes now and into the future it is essential that the draft plan is provided for further consultation and feedback.

Should endorsement from Council be gained further consultation will occur in order to ensure that effective feedback is received from the community and other stakeholders in relation to the draft plan.

Council officers are confident that a six week planned consultation period (attachment 2) will result in effective and full feedback, with the following targeted consultation to occur (including but not limited to):

- Personal advice to each of the targeted neighbourhood households of the draft plan (via mail)
- Notification to the general community through the Council notice board, media release, Facebook posts and placement on the Latrobe City website
- Direct contact with local business via email
- Direct engagement with the MPHWP reference group via email with direct follow up a reference group meeting
- Direct engagement with the Latrobe health assembly via email
- Placement of the draft plan at each of our service centres, early years services and recreation services with invitation to community members accessing those services to participate
- Extension of the voice of the child project by rolling out this consultation across (no less than) 4 additional early years services
- Pop up consultation at local shopping precincts during the school holidays

### **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

Funding was provided by the Department of Health and Human Services to assist in the development of this plan. This funding has been used to fund the council officers who have assisted in the development of this plan.

In addition a grant was received from VicHealth for the facilitation of workshops and to assist in the preparation of the draft plan based on information gathered at these workshops.

Action Plans will be developed (led by the MPHWP reference group) and reviewed yearly. Many of the actions that fall out of the plan will sit with Council and many will sit with partner organisations. Any Council actions that require budget allocation will be presented for budget approval prior to implementation.

The officers involved in the development of the plan have worked with finance officers in relation to budget information.

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

*Potential to not meet the Ministerial deadline of 31 October 2017:*

A six week consultation and feedback timeline has been identified and a consultation plan prepared in order to be able to action this consultation as at 22 August 2017. .

It is important to note that while there is no listed consequence to this council officers have received advice from the Department of Health and Human Services that if we

fail to meet the deadline we will be seen to be in breach of the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*.

Given the significant amount of engagement and consultation that has occurred with stakeholders at the front end of this project council officers are confident in their recommendation of six week as being an appropriate amount of time. Should these timelines be extended council officers will be unable to provide a final draft for Council endorsement in time to meet the 31 October deadline.

*Potential reduction in engagement during school holiday period:*

The Victorian term 3 school holidays are scheduled to begin on (first day) 25 September 2017. Resulting in the last week of the proposed consultation and feedback period occurring during school holidays.

There have been instances in past consultation period where school holiday times have resulted in a reduction in community interest in consultation.

Council officers are confident that in this instance the extensive consultation and engagement process undertaken at the front end of the project and the detailed plan for consultation during the feedback period will not result in this same reduction. In addition it is planned to use the increase in patronage in shopping precincts during school holiday time to conduct pop up consultations, using the school holidays to increase engagement and feedback.

## **CONCLUSION**

The extensive community engagement process that has been implemented, together with the review of available data and the Victorian Health and Wellbeing Plan has resulted in the development of a draft MPHWP that is reflective of the needs of the Latrobe City community and the desires of its community members to address these issues now and into the future. The draft plan highlights areas of focus that have been identified by community members as being important to their overall health and wellbeing.

Council officers now present the draft MPHWP plan requesting release for public consultation and feedback for a six week period. Following this consultation period the final draft plan will be presented to Council at the Ordinary Council meeting scheduled for 23 October for adoption, with presentation to the Minister to occur no later than 31 October 2017.

## **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

Nil

### **Attachments**

- 1. Draft Municipal Public Health & Wellbeing Plan
- 2. Municipal Public Health & Wellbeing Plan - Survey Data Summary

## **16.2**

### **Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017 - 21 - draft for public release**

<b>1</b>	<b>Draft Municipal Public Health &amp; Wellbeing Plan .....</b>	<b>189</b>
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# Living well Latrobe

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## Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021

*A healthy, safe, vibrant and connected community*

# Why this plan matters?

## A message from the Mayor

This Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan is more than a collection and analysis of data, it is a capture of the thoughts, hopes and aspirations of our community. It is a show of community force, a determined stand to take an active and powerful role in our collective long term health and wellbeing.

Throughout the development of this document the community has been our source of knowledge, our inspiration and our test of what is and is not empowering.

We have deliberately focused on the strengths of this wonderful community – its spirit, how protective it is of its unique history, how proud it is of its great gifts and assets, its fundamental sense of connectedness and the determination to look after our own.

This Plan is a community plan. It is our blueprint – not just for Council but for our valuable partner agencies and stakeholders, community groups and associations as well as individual community members.

In the preparation of this Plan we have also had the privilege of connecting with the Latrobe Valley Health Assembly. Here we have

found alignment and synergy to our work and acknowledge the importance of a shared cooperative approach moving forward. The Health Innovation Zone is Australia's first – it's establishment provides Council, service providers and the wider community with a unique opportunity to deliver creative, unconventional, progressive community based approaches to health and wellbeing improvement.

In developing our Plan we thank the State Government for supporting and embracing our community-led approach.

On behalf of Council, I would like to extend my appreciations to those hundreds of community members who participated in the development of this document. Each and every contribution has been enormously valuable in the development of this vision for our community.

By working together to deliver this Plan, by being guided by the wisdom of our community, I am confident that we can create a more healthy, vibrant, safe, connected and resilient community.

## A message from the community

### Our Strengths

#### Our people

Welcoming, diverse, supportive, cooperative, resilient, caring, connected, we look after each other

#### Our place

Natural beauty, livability, active living, services, pride of place

#### Our opportunity

People are listening, time of change, good will, our future is bright, our youth

### What helps us to feel happy and healthy?



*A healthy, safe, vibrant and connected community*

...at a glance

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## How we will get there



- We will develop yearly action plans which are led and monitored by the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Reference Group.
- We will work together with all our partners and community towards our shared goals
- We will promote and share our work and opportunities to get involved
- We will consider the focus areas throughout the life cycle. We will also consider inclusivity and accessibility in everything we do
- We will review our work yearly and invite the community to be part of this process

## How we will know we're making a difference

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|  | <p>We will gather and review statistical data on the health and wellbeing of the Latrobe community</p>           |
|  | <p>The Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan Reference Group will monitor progress against action plans</p> |
|  | <p>We will seek feedback from service providers and other partners</p>   |
|  | <p>We will seek feedback from the community</p>  |

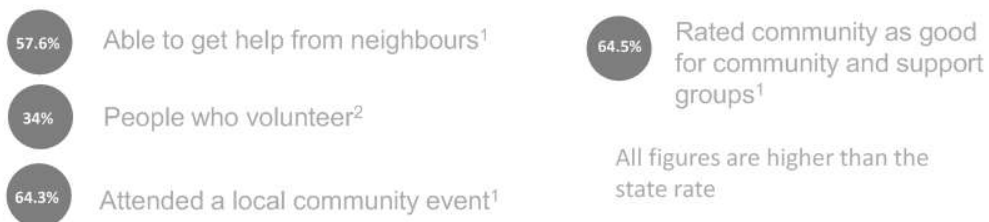
# Social and community connectedness

*Our neighbourhoods are informed, connected and supportive*

## What the community said

outdoor spaces eyewatch latrobe multiculturalism Aboriginal community  
 festivals and fairs social and economic  
 community boards look out for each other healthy relationships  
 encouragement of art flexible volunteering self esteem social clubs  
 community events networking focus on wellness conversation groups  
 senior citizens community transport young people share positive stories  
 safety access to information dog walking shared paths know your neighbours LGBTIQ  
 education partnerships neighbourhood houses disability community hubs  
 puzzle and escape rooms

## What the statistics say



## Our focus

- Work with partners and the media to improve ways to promote, inform and connect our community with activities and services
- Support initiatives that build connections and encourage neighbourhood events and activities.
- Encourage and support communities to develop initiatives that reduce feelings of isolation and loneliness.
- Develop flexible ways for people to contribute to their community and neighbourhoods
- Grow community and family support for mental wellbeing

children | young people | adults | later life | inclusive | accessible | children | young people | adults | later life | inclusive | accessible | children | young people | adults | later life | inclusive | accessible | children | young people | adults | later life



# Active living

*An environment and community that cultivate and enjoy active living*

## What the community said

bike paths walking groups build on what's working well  
 purpose for activity low cost inclusive workplaces midnight basketball  
 dances open spaces 'come and try' days accessibility  
 amenities off leash dog parks active neighbourhoods  
 schools park runs volunteering flexible options  
 Community gardens water fountains  
 rest spots natural beauty create walking destinations  
 connect our towns incidental activity work together

## Our focus

- Encourage and promote incidental activity in the home, workplace, school and play
- Support structured and informal physical activity options
- Recognise, support and grow existing local active living initiatives
- Work with local sporting providers to provide low cost participation options
- Invest in infrastructure that supports low cost physical activity
- Explore opportunities to increase activity and social connections for pet owners

## What the statistics say

- 32.3% are a member of a sporting group - this is higher than the state rate<sup>1</sup>
- 57.5% do not meet the daily activity guidelines - this is lower than the state rate<sup>1</sup>
- 69.8% would like to increase their physical activity<sup>3</sup>

Latrobe residents reported that barriers to engaging in more physical activity include time, ill health, suitable facilities and caring for young children<sup>3</sup>

children | young people | adults | later life | inclusive | accessible | children | young people | adults | later life | inclusive | accessible | children | young people | adults | later life | inclusive | accessible | children | young people

# Healthy living

*Our people have the knowledge and opportunities to make healthy choices and access appropriate, responsive supports and services*

## What the community said

affordable options food swaps  
business promotion education farmer's markets  
council facilities edible landscapes food literacy workplaces community leadership  
healthier fast food options healthy kids menus schools  
free water social connection community groups inclusive services LGBTIQ support  
drug and alcohol prevention focus on wellness sexual health  
sporting clubs support for families crisis support neighbourhood outreach  
support with dignity healthy relationships gender equity empower  
reduce the stigma system navigation mental health information packs  
service professional retention social inclusion community based support  
vulnerable groups drug rehabilitation

## What the statistics say

51 per  
10,000

Hospitalisations from alcohol<sup>4</sup>  
- this is lower than the state rate

21 per  
10,000

Hospitalisations from illicit drugs<sup>4</sup>  
- this is lower than the state rate

8.5%

Children with emotional or  
behavioural problems at school entry<sup>1</sup>  
- this is higher than the state rate

17 %

High psychological distress<sup>1</sup>  
- this is higher than the state rate

16%

Drink sugar sweetened  
soft drink every day<sup>1</sup>  
- this is higher than the state rate

22 %

Report being obese<sup>1</sup>  
- this is higher than the state rate

380  
per  
100,00

Notifications of chlamydia<sup>1</sup>  
- this is higher than the state rate

## Our focus



Work with businesses, schools, council, and community and sporting groups to develop and promote healthy food and drink options



Support neighbourhood based healthy food initiatives such as community gardens and food swaps



Collaborate with all partners to reduce the harms associated with drugs and alcohol.



Improve access to support and rehabilitation for those affected by drug and alcohol abuse, including children and families



Work with schools, community groups and services to empower people to have safe sexual relationships



Work with services providers and the community to ensure services and the community are inclusive and welcoming of LGBTIQ community

children | young people | adults | later life | inclusive | accessible | children | young people | adults | later life | inclusive | accessible | children | young people | adults | later life | inclusive | accessible | children | young people | adults | later life | inclusive

# Safe at home

*Our people feel safe in their homes and can access appropriate support and services when needed*

## What the community said

culturally diverse support  
 online and telephone fraud safe in the family unit children and young people  
 education community hubs address causes long-term planning  
 support for victim survivors workplaces mental health first aid  
 elder abuse prevention accessibility healthy relationships  
 gender equity online bullying same sex relationships  
 perpetrators police short term contracts affect relationships accessibility

## What the statistics say

- 3,681 family violence incidents per 100,000 population in Latrobe<sup>5</sup>  
 - this is the highest rate in the state
- 75% of affected family members in family violence incidents<sup>5</sup>  
 across Victoria were female
- 25% of affected family members in family violence incidents<sup>5</sup>  
 across Victoria were male<sup>5</sup>

## Our focus

- Work towards a more gender equitable community by developing our workforce, educating the community and strengthening partnerships
- Support community based and community led family violence prevention initiatives
- Work with key partners including state government on implementing the *Ending Family Violence – Victoria's Plan for Change (10 year plan)*
- Convene a Preventing Family Violence Community stakeholder group to promote family violence community awareness and education
- Work with partners to enable responsive, flexible and culturally appropriate support for victim survivors
- Work with community groups to promote online safety

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# Safe in the community

*Our schools, workplaces, environment and community help everyone to feel safe and connected*

## What the community said

protective services  
community gatherings safe open spaces community gardens  
respect for women Kurnai Young Parents Program  
homelessness police resources education youth justice  
diversity outreach programs street lights fall risks  
permits for parties safe transport hoon reduction school crossings  
mental health aid additional paths anti-violence shared goals  
prevention relationship building nightlife transport availability  
rehabilitation centres

## What the statistics say

- 56.5 %** People who feel safe on the streets alone<sup>1</sup>  
– this is less than the state rate
- 180.4** Total offences per 1,000 population<sup>1</sup>  
– this is the second highest rate of offending in the state
- 11.9** Drug usage and possession offences per 1,000 population<sup>1</sup>  
– this is the second highest rate of offending in the state
- 97.7** Unintentional injuries treated in hospital per 1,000 population<sup>1</sup>  
– this is higher than the state rate

## Our focus

- Support clubs, community groups and services to provide safe and inclusive environments for all members of our community
- Cultivate gender equity and respectful relationships in our schools and workplaces and broader community
- Build on existing programs that strengthen the relationships and partnerships between police and the community.
- Explore opportunities for neighbourhood and school renewal projects. Consider use of empty shop fronts, creating safe open gathering places and safe amenities
- Strengthen social inclusion and engagement for those who are at risk of entering or re-entering the justice system
- Review pedestrian and transport safety needs. Consider rural school crossings, pedestrian crossings, bike and walking paths, fall risks, hoon reduction, lighting, nightlife transport availability

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# Skills and opportunities

*Our community have the skills, and opportunities to be financially secure  
and participate in their community throughout their life*

## What the community said

cost of education / skills development  
encourage hope  
food security  
gender equity  
managing finances  
multiple pressures  
men's sheds  
ecological model  
grandparents as carers  
mentoring  
build confident adults  
match education to employment options  
digital literacy  
culture matters  
life skills  
early years  
casualisation of the workforce  
recognition of experience  
childhood impacts on later life  
flexible accessible learning  
impact of trauma  
skills for hobbies and interests  
value volunteering  
pathways  
parents learn through their children  
mental health  
learn locals

## Our focus

- Build on and support flexible learning initiatives which promote and foster life-long learning
- Work with partners to create and promote clear local pathways from education/skills training to employment opportunities
- Foster a family partnership (family centred) approach to early childhood development
- Grow, support and promote services and programs which build financial management skills for the whole life-cycle
- Support the development of partnerships to address the causes of food insecurity

## What the statistics say



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# How we will get there



This plan outlines the overarching goals and strategies for Latrobe's public health and wellbeing. The next step will be to develop **yearly action plans** which help us to realise our goals.

The **Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan Reference Group** is an important partner and is responsible for leading the development and monitoring of yearly action plans. The action plans will be informed by this plan and the suggestions made by the community during consultation.

We asked the community **what will make the plan work for you?** We were told to collaborate, get rid of the jargon, create opportunities for community input, keep the community informed, celebrate strengths and successes, monitor progress and be transparent. So that's what we're doing and what we will continue to do!

During consultations we heard that we need to focus on the health and wellbeing for the whole life cycle, from children through to later life. We also heard that inclusivity and accessibility are important to the community. Therefore when we develop our actions, we will ask ourselves:

- ✓ is this **inclusive** for the the most marginalised, isolated, or at risk parts of our community?
- ✓ is this **accessible**?
- ✓ does this cater for the **different stages of life**?



There are many partners that contribute to the health and wellbeing of the Latrobe community. We know that we will have greater success if we all work together, share our knowledge and resources and have a coordinated approach to our work

## Working in partnership

Our community told us that there are lots of great services, programs and opportunities in Latrobe, but that they are often not very visible and people don't know where to access information. We will work with our partners to promote and share our work and make sure the community knows how they can get involved.



## Promote and share



We will review our work annually. We will check in to see how we are progressing against action plans and we will make sure that the community can participate in this process

## Yearly review

We will know we're making a difference if our community tells us so. In addition to the yearly review of action plans we will monitor data that helps us to understand how our community is tracking against health and wellbeing indicators.



## How we will know...



# How we will know we're making a difference

*A healthy, safe, vibrant and connected community*

Social and community connectedness	Safe at home	Safe in our community	Active living	Healthy living	Lifelong learning and opportunities
Our neighbourhoods are informed, connected and supportive	Our people feel safe in their homes and can access appropriate support and services when needed	Our schools, workplaces, environment and community help everyone to feel safe and connected	An environment and community that cultivate and enjoy active living	Our community have the knowledge and opportunities to make healthy choices and access appropriate responsive support and services	Our community have the skills, and opportunities to be financially secure and participate in their community throughout their life
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## How Latrobe City Council will know...

It is important that Latrobe City Council and our partners know what is working well and where there are opportunities for improvement. Specific performance measures will be established as part of the development of the action plans and we will do the following...



We will gather and review statistical data on the health and wellbeing of the Latrobe community



The Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan reference group will monitor progress against action plans



We will seek feedback from service providers and other partners



We will seek feedback from the community

## How the community will know...

It is important that the community feels the benefit of the work completed as part of this plan. The community will know that we're making a difference if they tell us...



# Appendix 1 - Methodology

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**If you want further information about the findings of the community consultation, please contact the Community Resilience Team on 5128 5779.**

## Appendix 2 – In context

This section of the plan details how our focus areas align with the Latrobe City Council Plan 2017-2021, the Municipal Strategic Statement, the Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2015-19 and the Latrobe Health Assembly priorities. We're all working together towards a happy and healthy Latrobe.

### OUR FOCUS

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OUR FOCUS													
Social and community connectedness	Our neighbourhoods are informed, connected and supportive			*	*	*		*					*
Active living	An environment and community that cultivate and enjoy active living			*	*	*		*	*	*	*		*
Healthy living	Our people have the knowledge and opportunities to make healthy choices and access appropriate, responsive supports and services			*	*	*	*	*		*			*
Safe at home	Our people feel safe in their homes and can access appropriate support and services when needed		*	*	*	*							
Safe in our community	Our schools, workplaces, environment and community help everyone to feel safe and connected			*	*	*		*		*			*
Lifelong learning and opportunities	Our community have the skills, and opportunities to be financially secure	*	*	*	*	*		*				*	

## Appendix 2 – In context continued...

OUR FOCUS		Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2015-19 priority areas <sup>7</sup>							
		Healthier eating and active living	Tobacco-free living	Reducing harmful alcohol and drug use	Improving mental health	Preventing violence and injury	Improving sexual and reproductive health.	Maintaining Healthy Environments	Responding to the impacts of climate change
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## Appendix 2 – in context continued...

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The Assembly is an important partner in the development and implementation of this plan, and has initially established three working groups which will contribute to the delivery of this plan.

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Make the move		*	*			
Education employment and pride of place	*					*
Early childhood, young people and families	*			*		*

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# MPHWP Survey Data Summary

Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021

*A healthy, safe, vibrant and connected community*

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# General observations

Data was gathered either through in-person verbal interviews, or mail drop; surveys were left at homes with return envelopes where in person surveys were not possible. Often staff were invited into homes where they had some rich and meaningful conversations with residents. This gave a very good understanding of the people in the area and provided much needed context and perspective to the data which was collated.

What became obvious was that despite the fact that this community has been through some challenges in recent years, a high percentage of people felt happy, which indicated a level of resilience that was encouraging.

This is the first survey that has taken a wellbeing approach compared with previous surveys which have collated health data. The survey ended with three open ended questions which provided some rich qualitative data and obtained valuable insight into the community and their ideas on how they can improve their health and wellbeing.

When asked what they liked about their neighbourhoods people indicated that they appreciated the proximity to amenities and shops, schools and the city as well as having easy access to nature (beaches, hiking, views etc.), they like that it offers a country lifestyle without the 'hustle and bustle' of city life. Comments were made that they didn't need to live too close to Melbourne but still have easy access to everything they need. They enjoy that it is for the most part, quiet and safe and that although they wouldn't walk out at night on their own they feel safe in their homes. Some members of the community commented on specific areas or problem houses and raised concerns about disruptive behaviour, hooning and visible substance abuse, however this tended to be isolated to specific areas and in many streets people said they felt safe and loved their neighbours. A large number of people said they often saw their neighbours, and felt that if they needed support or help they knew they could call on them.

Residents who had lived in the area for a number of years talked about the transition from the community being thriving and busy to it now being 'dead', commenting they felt sad it had declined and there were more issues as a result of this change. With the loss of local jobs, lack of recreational activities for children and young people, residential homes, as well as a high percentage of renters including 'people being sent from Melbourne to cheap housing', residents have become disappointed with the run down appearance of the area.

Numerous residents raised concerns about properties that were in disrepair, unkempt or dilapidated and the lack of community pride shown by those who resided within. There were quite a number of comments relating to hoon driving. However the overarching feeling was that the community loved their neighbourhoods, felt safe and felt that they belonged. Even though there is a higher than state average level of rental stress in this area, perhaps suggesting a more transient community in some places, the overwhelming message we received was that people were happy and loved living in the location; 'I've lived here my whole life and I love it' or 'it's just home'.

Following the conversation with the community it became apparent that there is a strong relationship between the themes that came through from the surveys. Social and community connection was seen to be a fundamental part of how other areas fitted together and affected each other. From this it was clear that feelings of isolation from community, family and friends had a negative impact on feeling safe, work and educational opportunities, active and healthy living (including mental health) and as a result issues tended to emerge.

There was a focus on the need for casual volunteering opportunities and informal recreational activities as well as having an infrastructure to support these. Issues around the affordability of organised sport, concerns surrounding work and educational opportunities, safety in the community and financial security were also raised.

# Giving the community a voice

## Neighbourhood surveys

Neighbourhood Surveys were conducted in four townships; Traralgon, Morwell, Moe and Churchill (please find area maps over the page) between May and June 2017. A total of 3,377 dwellings were visited across the four neighbourhoods and surveys were either conducted in person, returned via mail or recipients were also able to scan their neighbourhood code to complete a survey online online. The image to the right shows how responses were received. In total 552 surveys were completed from the neighbourhoods visited, the return for these surveys has been very encouraging with a response rate of 17% showing a representative sample of the community and indicated a good level of interest.

In addition to the four neighbourhoods the same survey was open to the public online and advertised through LV Express, Latrobe City Facebook Page, Latrobe City Health and Wellbeing Page and via Mayor's segment on local radio.

The survey asked five demographical questions before moving onto statements on health, wellbeing and safety. People were asked to indicate whether they Agreed, Strongly Agreed, Didn't Know, Disagreed or Strongly Disagreed with each statement. It concluded with three open ended questions to garner additional qualitative data; What makes you happy and healthy?, What do you like about your neighbourhood? and What ideas to you have on how we can make it easier for you to be happier and healthier?



314 In Person



239 Mail



247 Online

## Postcard survey

A short postcard survey was distributed through numerous Latrobe City organisational networks. This asked three open ended questions; What one change would make you feel more positive about youe health?, What stops you from being happy and healthy? and What ideas do you have to improve the health and wellbeing of your community? A total of 203 surveys were completed with a 1.5% response rate, which was disappointing but perhaps indicated a community who were experiencing some survey fatigue due to a number of months of community engagements across other areas in the organisation. Despite this being the case this data offered some valuable insights into the community and helped in understanding their needs as well as gaining some innovative ideas.



348  
Churchill



1,221  
Moe



1,268  
Morwell



540  
Traralgon



# Dwellings visited

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# Dwellings visited

Churchill



Traralgon

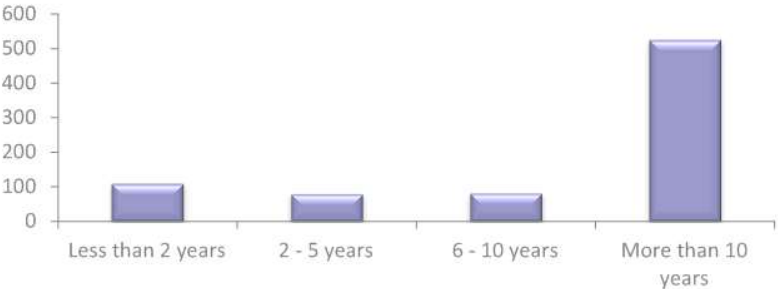


# Where is home?

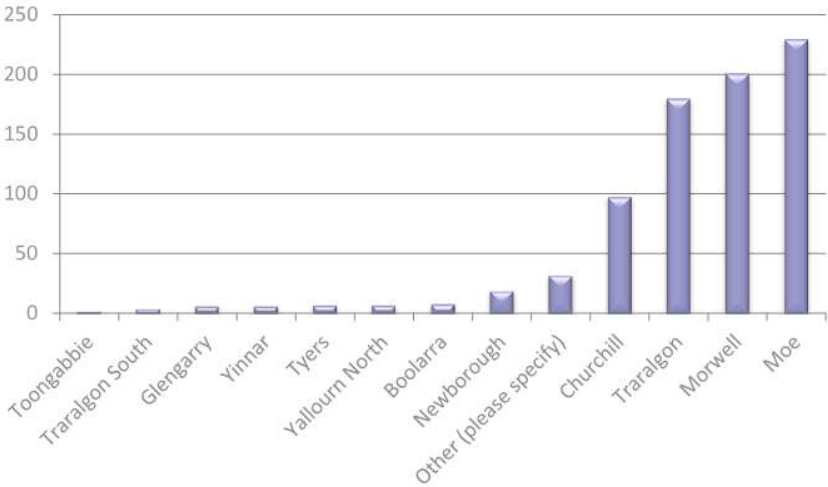
## A snapshot

Survey data was collected across the Latrobe City municipality with a small proportion of recipients from Toongabbie, Traralgon South, Glengarry, Yinnar, Tyers, Yallourn North, Boolarra and Newborough in addition to the four neighbourhoods, where the door knocking surveys were conducted. Of the people who completed the survey 66% had lived in their communities for more than ten years and 76% had lived in the community more than 6 years, with a large number of people commenting that they have lived in their neighbourhoods their whole lives. Only 14% of people have been living in the area for less than two years, this indicated that people knew their communities very well and had some valuable insights and experiences to share.

How long have you lived in your community?



Where do you live?



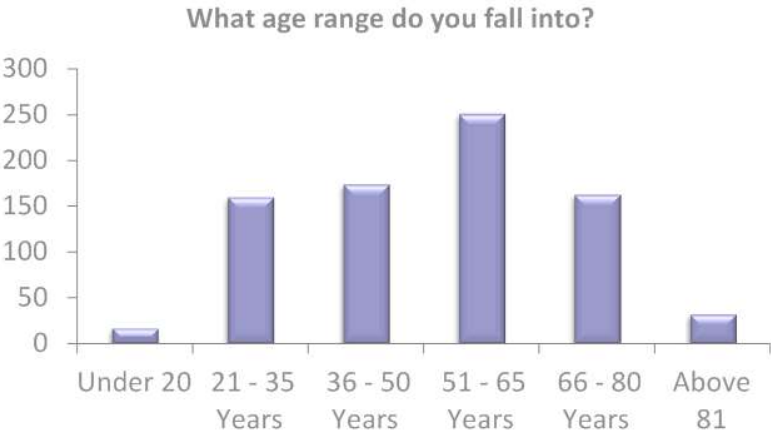
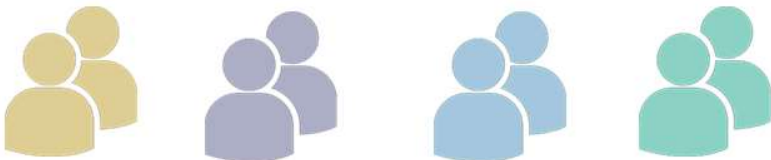


# Who is our community?

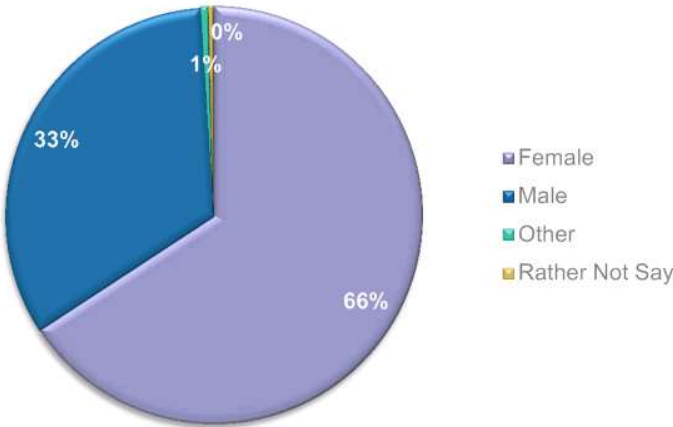
## A snapshot

The statistics retrieved from the data showed the respondents were made up of 65% female and 33% male with 1% responding with they would rather not say. The majority of these recipients were aged between 21-80 years of age, 51-65 being the most representative group making up 31% of survey respondents, while 21-35, 51-65 and 66-88 groups each contributed around 20%.

It appeared that the under 25 years age group was potentially underrepresented in the full survey, however 30% of recipients who responded to the postcard survey were under 25 so there was some additional data that came from this group which ensured that they were better represented.

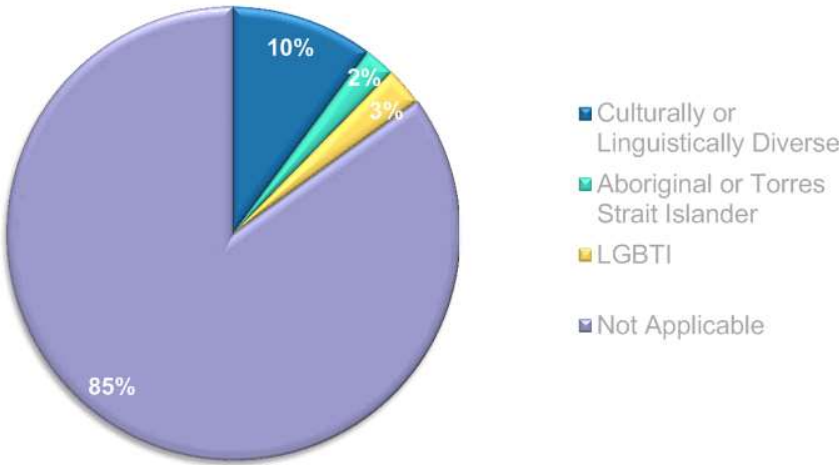


What gender do you identify with?



# Who is our community?

Do you identify as any of the following: Culturally or Linguistically Diverse, Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander or LGBTI?



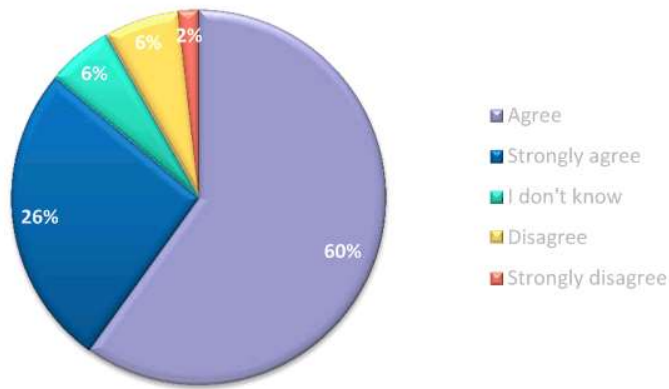
11% of individuals that responded identified as Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander or Culturally and linguistically diverse.

3% of respondents identified as being a part of the LGBTI community.

# Overall, I feel happy with my life

## A snapshot

When asked if respondents felt happy with their lives 84% answered that they either 'agreed' or 'strongly agreed' with this statement. This is an encouraging number and indicates a community of people who are happy and resilient, taking into consideration the challenges they have faced in recent years. Not surprisingly of the people who answered that they were happy with their lives they also answered positively to other questions which related to having good social connection, health, feeling safe and financial security. In comparison recipients who answered that they 'disagreed', 'strongly disagreed' or 'didn't know' to the question of whether they felt happy with their life, seemed to indicate they were more isolated from friends and family, felt unsafe or didn't feel they had employment security. It was shown that these respondents also felt as though they did not have adequate money to live comfortably.



## What the community said

"I have a very blessed and lucky life"

"Family violence has had a big effect on my families life"

"My husband passed away 18 months ago, otherwise I would say I strongly agree."

"I would describe my state of being as content rather than happy"

"Happiness is a state of mind"

"Living in an area with no job prospects is depressing"

"Grieving for loved ones"

"A bit lonely"

Latrobe City staff were inspired by the community's resilience, particularly in cases where people were suffering from terminal illness, had lost loved ones or were experiencing other forms hardship but still answered that they were happy, showing a level of resilience and wellbeing which is encouraging to see.



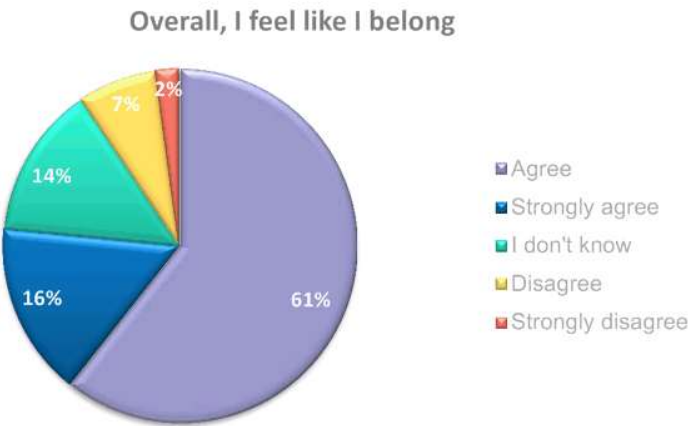
# Social And Community Connection



## A snapshot

Of the recipients, 77% answered 'agree' or 'strongly agree' to the statement 'Overall, I feel like I belong' showing a strong sense of inclusion. However there were still 28% of people who felt that they 'disagreed', 'strongly disagreed' or answered that they didn't know, indicating that there is still a significant proportion of people who feel disconnected from their community/neighbourhood.

Of the respondents who commented that they did not have a 'good group of friends they see often and can rely on', 65% said that they had a good relationship with *family* and could rely on them. It was encouraging to see that a large majority of people felt they were in some way connected to a social group. However, there were still 7% of the total people surveyed who were neither connected to family or suggesting an area of the community which are not socially connected. This number would most likely be higher among people who were not surveyed due to their sense of disconnection.



## What the community said

"Well I live & work here"

"I think you belong according to how much you are willing to contribute"

"I'm not in the footy club or soccer club - there is no community spirt here if this isn't the case"

"We have only been here a short time and just started to become more involved/getting to know our community"

"Volunteering in community groups gives me a sense of belonging"

"Yes I do. This is my town..."

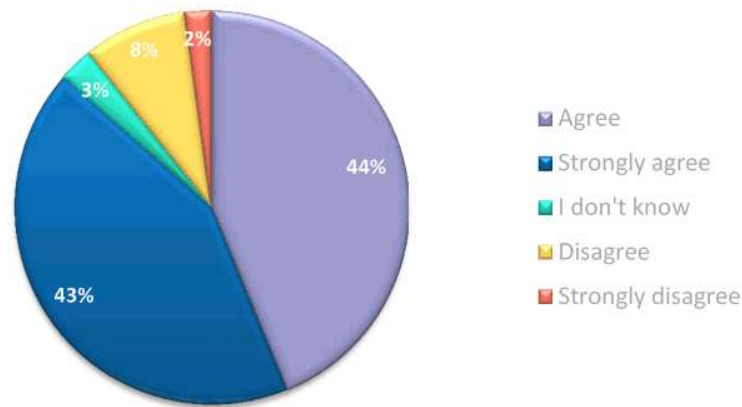
"I have developed a bond with some excellent people, but I miss my family ties that would add to a sense of belonging. I have a lot of relatives in the area but my children are not here. The friends I have made means lot to me and there is a great 'sense' of community that I am taping in to over time."

"Volunteer on three committees allows me to keep in touch with the local area"

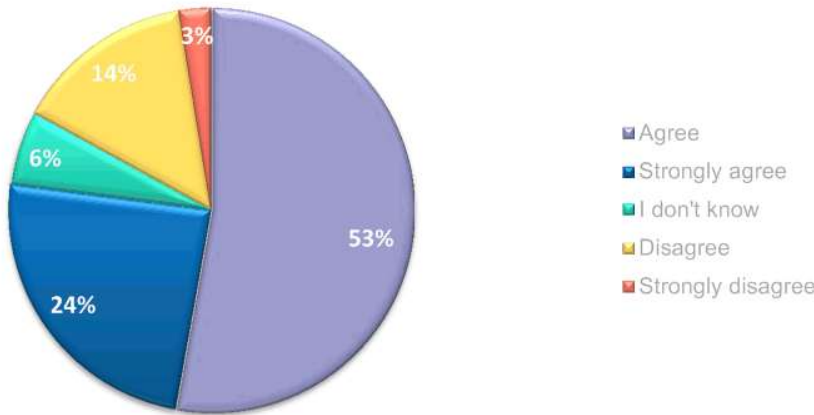
# Social And Community Connection



Overall, I have a good relationship with my family I see them often and can rely on them



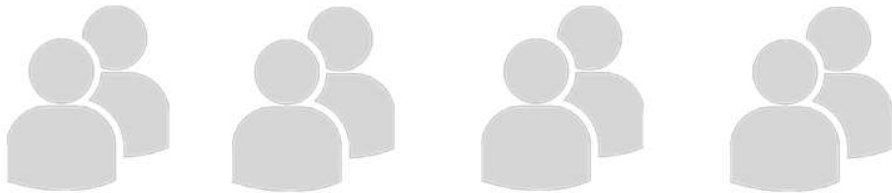
Overall, I have a good group of friends I see them often and can rely on them



# Social And Community Connection

The community conversation cafes and workshops identified a number of the different areas of health and wellbeing are associated with, social and community connections. In the survey social connection was in the centre of peoples sense of the health and wellbeing; with people who felt connected commenting on feeling more resilient in times of hardship. Those who were isolated indicated that they were more likely to respond negatively if they felt that they did not have support or some form of social connection. It was recognised that if there was a network of people to contact in a crisis, their situation would be less likely to escalate or result in a negative health and wellbeing outcome.

In addition, volunteering showed to be very important for the social connection of residents in the community. In depth discussions throughout the community engagement processes showed that people want more informal/flexible volunteering opportunities that are able to be easily fit into their everyday lives. It was also prevalent in conversations that residents want to know how to offer assistance and help for others, they want to be able to find ways of connecting with people who required support. Community members want to be able to support residents who need assistance with getting to doctors appointments, helping with their grocery shopping and collection medication as an example. They want to be able to flexibly provide support and help when something happens and people don't have a support network surrounding them.



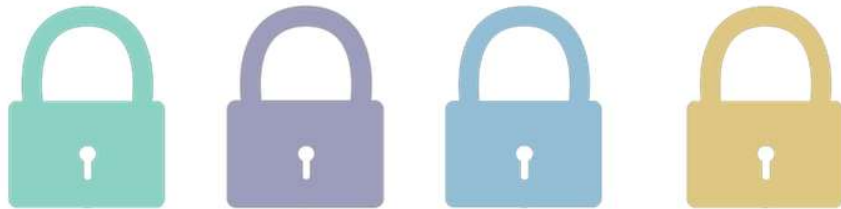
I volunteer in my community



# Feeling Safe

## A snapshot

Of the total 68% of residents said they felt safe, this left 32% stating that they either 'didn't know', 'disagreed' or 'strongly disagreed' that they felt safe. This is a high proportion of the community to suggest that they feel vulnerable. In conversation with the community it came to light that people felt safe in their homes when they had taken measures to do so i.e. security lights, cameras, dogs or secure locks etc and numerous community members said they would not go out after dark alone or felt threatened when in the neighbourhood around certain groups or individuals. Street lighting was raised as an issue; either that there was not enough or the lights that were there were broken or not adequate. Another issue that affected residents feelings of safety was hoon driving with a significant number of people raising it as an issue in their areas. People commented that they would like for their children to be able to walk to school by themselves but felt that they would not feel comfortable letting them do this.



## What the community said

"I have secured gates etc I have security cameras"

"Fantastic neighbours"

"The kids that roam the streets and abuse you and cause damage do not make me feel safe anymore. Also feel unsafe for my kids at times."

"I live in a nice quiet street and feel totally safe walking to the local shop after dark"

"I don't feel safe walking down the street. I have to be on my guard all the time. To many undesirable people on the streets. On drugs and angry."

"Beautiful community"

"Safe at home"

"More police on streets at night – often noisy hoon which makes me feel unsure."

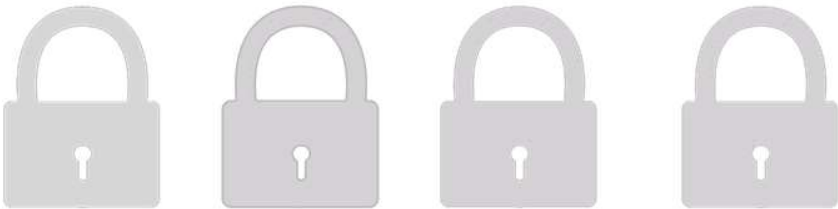
"Most of the time but do not like to be out at night without company at night I feel uncomfortable"

"Need better lighting on streets"

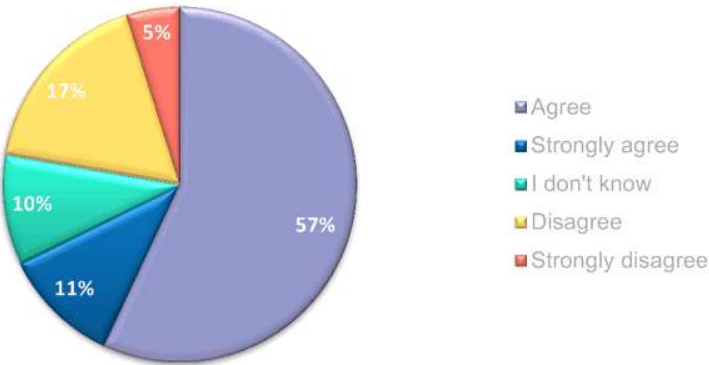
# Feeling Safe

Conversations in the neighbourhoods during the door knock surveys highlighted that disruptive behaviour tended to be isolated to certain areas or specific houses and that drugs and alcohol were often seen to be related to these incidents.

On further exploration of this subject in the cafes and workshop,s people felt that safety was not simply limited to threat and discussed areas such as school crossings, footpath access as well as maintenance of footpaths for disabled and elderly community members. There was also a number of discussions around respectful relationships and how this was an integral part of people feeling safe in their communities. This topic carried through from early years to adulthood and included areas such as the work place, school, sporting clubs and in the home. It was felt that it was essential to teach people what respectful relationships entailed from an early age and that gender equity needed to be a crucial part of this discussion.



Overall, I feel safe in my community





# Active Lifestyle



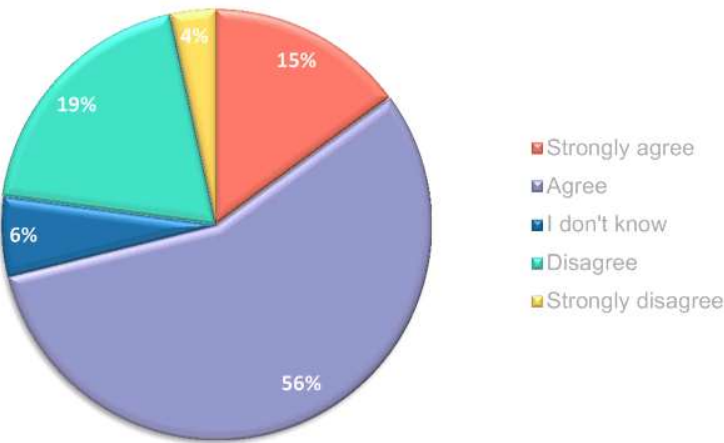
## A snapshot

Of the recipients surveyed, 62% said that they felt they had a good level of physical health while 38% either 'didn't know', 'disagreed' or 'strongly disagreed'.

Further discussions with the community highlighted that people tended to take part in informal recreational activities as opposed to organised sport or traditional ways of 'keeping fit'. People enjoyed walking their dogs, going to the park with their families, hiking and gardening in addition to more traditional forms such as involvement in organised sport or going to the gym. It became clear that the community wanted more facilities to enable them to do this e.g. hiking trails, amenities such as water fountains, off leash dog parks, public gym equipment, skate parks, community gardens etc

With regards to organised sport there were various conversations around the need for more funding for girls/womens sports, more recreational activities for children and young people including early years and the affordability of organised sport. Other concerns were raised around the cost of equipment, accessibility and transport. The community also communicated that they wanted more casual sporting activity options in non-competitive settings which were close to their neighbourhoods

Overall, I have a good level of physical health



## What the community said

"Play golf and work. Volunteer"

"Provide more money for netball and other sports that are focused on girls/women not just football"

"Busyness prevents keeping regularly fit."

"I walk my dogs a regular"

"Lost 21 kilograms, stopped smoking and gave up sugar in 6 months. Going to gym."

"Do park run on most Saturdays"

"Gardening"

"Nudging 70 and still competing in active sport and Park Run, guess I'm reasonably fit."



# Healthy Living

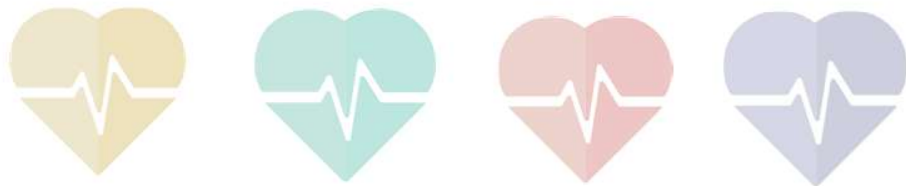
## A snapshot

Conversations within the community identified concerns for individuals who were experiencing mental health issues including drug and alcohol abuse. Throughout the consultations residents raised potential solutions such as raising awareness and removing the stigma around mental health as well as providing affected individuals with the necessary tools and support such as rehabilitation services as an example.

Alcohol and drinking cultures within sporting clubs were raised as an area of concern, addressing the need for sporting clubs to participate in safe substance practice and leading the community in a change of drinking culture.

The necessity of providing children with tools to be resilient and teaching them skills to manage difficult situations and emotions including encouraging children to talk and ask for help and making services available in schools to support this.

Support for encouraging healthy choices and establishing systems to enable improved food security were raised. A number of community members highlighted the need for food establishments to provide healthier options for children. Community gardens and skills for planting and nurturing these were suggested, addressing the education behind healthy diets and teaching life skills.



## What the community said



# Work And Educational Opportunities



## A snapshot

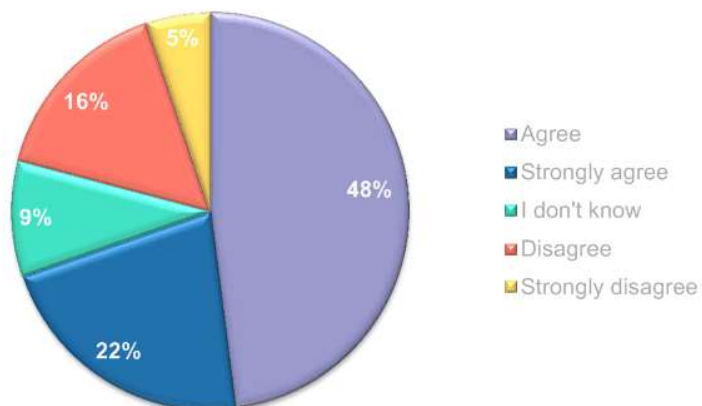
Of the recipients, 70% stated they had the skills required to get a job that they would like and 30% indicated that they do not or didn't know.

Discussions in the cafes and workshops indicated that the loss of industry in Latrobe City was a large contributor to this issue as well as lack of opportunities for education and training. The affordability of education and training was also a concern.

In addition, the need for training and support in areas such as resume writing, interview skills and career advice to match and develop skills for appropriate employment opportunities was identified. The community indicated the necessity for young people to gain work experience and that there was a need for more support at the other end of the spectrum with assistance for people exiting the work force as well as returning to work after periods of time away.

Also the need for re-skilling was raised with regards to new industry and projects coming into the area which the current workforce do not have the skills for.

**Overall, I feel I have the skills needed to get a job that I would like**



## What the community said

"Not sure about my children's employment future locally though"

"I feel that because I am over 50 years, I am not encouraged to take on a completely new position that requires training"

"...better education and life skills for the young."

"...for the money put in to the Valley to go towards the young people with no education or employable skills."

"Very few jobs in the Valley that suit the skills which I have acquired during my working life...I believe age plays a big factor once you are over 50 years of age"

"Would like to work but need training in areas of craft and transferring skills"

"Need to go TAFE to do carpentry but very expensive"

"Skills to work, struggle in interviews due to social skills due to autism and Asperger's"

"Agree & disagree. I would have most of the skills needed. But not all to change careers"

"I have skills and very high education but not recognised in Australia so it is hard for me to get a job I would like in Latrobe Valley"

# Financial security

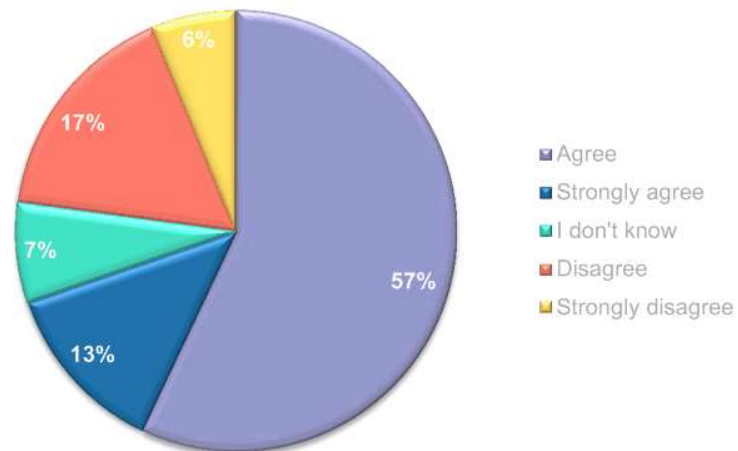
## A snapshot

Of the total people surveyed, 70% stated that they have enough money to cover their daily living expenses and live comfortably while 30% indicated that they either were not able to cover their daily needs or didn't know.

It was highlighted that financial security affects people's ability to engage in the community with people commenting that they are more likely to stay house bound if they are under financial pressure. Different family situations lend themselves to different pressures; grandparents responsible for raising grandchildren, pensioners struggling to cover their expenses, individuals who are unable to afford a vehicle which affects their ability to gain employment, inability to afford training and education or travel to work.

The community suggested accessible education on financial skills, navigating centrelink and other government agencies as well as tax return support. A number of people commented on the pressure experienced in supporting their children and the impact this has on their lifestyle.

**Overall, I feel I have enough money to cover my daily living expenses and live comfortably**



## What the community said

"Only survive on the pension because we own our house."

"Daily expenses are covered but not enough left to do other activities as a way of keeping healthy."

"I get just enough money to survive"

"Water, gas, electricity getting out of hand"

"All bills to be cheaper so I have more money to spend in the community and buy better food."

"I struggle financially on disability pension"

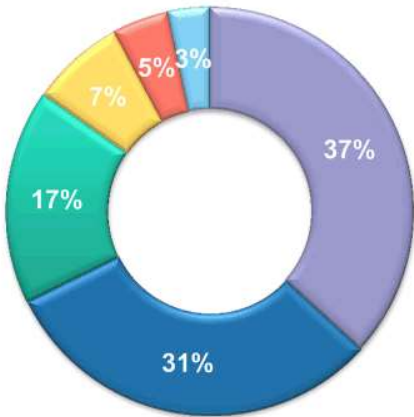
"I needed to go and see a heart specialist, but I couldn't because I can't afford \$450"

"Living on my own, so many bills to pay, my medications and daily living."

"Sole parent with three kids...that should explain it!!"

# What do you like about your Neighbourhood?

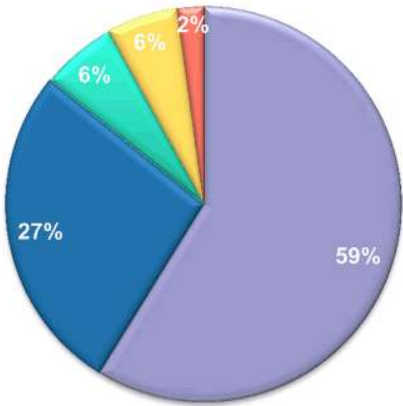
## What the community said





# What makes you happy?

## What the community said



# What ideas do you have on how we could make it easier for you to be happier and healthier?

## What the community said



## Main themes











# The Plan



## How do the community want to be engaged?



## What should it look like?

-  *Progress updates and follow-up*
-  *Accessible, practical and useful*
-  *No jargon, no management talk – down to earth language*
-  *Consistent and accurate information with one point of contact*
-  *Simple, brief, to the point - 'What's in it for us?'*
-  *Community owned*

### **16.3 Future Morwell Revitalisation Plan**

**General Manager**

**Community Services**

**For Decision**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

This report presents to Councillors the Final Draft of the Future Morwell Urban Design Revitalisation Plan which incorporates the Morwell Circuit (shared Pathways) for consideration following a final period of community consultation.

Future Morwell is a suite of projects funded by the State Government after the Hazelwood Mine Fire.

The suite consists of:

- Project 1 – Urban Design Revitalisation Plan
- Project 2 - Morwell Circuit (Shared Pathway)
- Project 3 - Morwell Entrance
- Project 4 - Morwell Communications and Branding
- Project 5 - Morwell Events

The Future Morwell Urban Design Revitalisation Plan (the plan) is considered to be the overarching conceptual document that, when adopted, will guide the four remaining projects.

Development of the Plan has been supported by the Future Morwell Steering Committee. The Steering Committee consists of trader and community representatives from across Morwell.

Preparation of the Plan is now in its final stage.

A Final Draft of the Future Morwell Urban Design Revitalisation Plan was presented to Council on the 27 March 2017. At this Meeting, Council resolved to:

1. *Release the Final Draft Future Morwell Urban Design Revitalisation Plan for a period of community consultation and engagement for a period of eight weeks;*
2. *Notes the work of the Steering Committee to date; and*
3. *Brings a further report to Council detailing the results of the community engagement activities once completed.*

The engagement activities have been completed and feedback from the community presented to a Council Briefing on 17 July 2017.

Overall there is broad support for the themes, direction and concepts contained within the Plan.

Council now has the opportunity to receive the Plan and adopt the Four Year Action Plan giving authorisation for the delivery of Projects 2-5 as well as a range of other liveability and amenity based initiatives.

**MOTION**

**Moved:** Cr McFarlane

**Seconded:** Cr White

**That Council:**

- 1. Receives and supports 'in principle' the Future Morwell Urban Design Revitalisation Plan;**
- 2. Adopts the Future Morwell Urban Design Revitalisation Plan Action Plan; and**
- 3. Seek State and /or Federal Funding to enable the full completion of Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the Morwell Circuit as is detailed in the Future Morwell Urban Design Revitalisation Plan Action Plan.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

**DISCUSSION**

In April 2014, a number of groups, both those established during the fires and pre-existing groups identified a range of projects that could be undertaken as part of the Hazelwood Mine Fire recovery effort.

It was clear at this time that prioritisation of the range of projects requested by the various groups was required to ensure that a coordinated bid for funding was submitted to government. A recovery project by the name of Future Morwell was developed.

At this point the Minister for Energy and Resources and Small Business appointed Latrobe City Councillor Graeme Middlemiss to work with the groups to produce a coordinated funding submission. Two meetings were held with representatives from the following groups attending:

- Advance Morwell
- Morwell Traders
- Morwell and Districts Community Recovery Committee
- Latrobe Business Recovery Committee
- RMIT Office of Urban Transformation Research
- Regional Development Victoria

The group produced the Morwell Recovery Plan Proposal which sought funding for the following projects:

1. Future Morwell Urban Design Revitalisation Plan
2. Morwell Circuit
3. Morwell City Entrances

4. Morwell Branding, Signage and Marketing initiatives
5. Morwell Events

On 29 July 2014, Council received an invitation from the Victorian Government to apply for up to \$500,000 for both the Urban Design Revitalisation Plan and Morwell Circuit. It was decided that Council would apply for the grant and seek an exemption from the Local Government Act 1989 tendering requirements in order to engage RMIT directly to deliver Project 1 and the design component of Project 2.

At its Ordinary Meeting of 8 September 2014, Council resolved:

*That Council:*

1. *Submit an application to the 2014 Bushfire Economic Recovery Fund for \$500,000 for the Draft Future Morwell Urban Design Revitalisation Plan and Morwell Shared Pathway projects.*
2. *Seek an exemption of the requirement to tender for the Draft Future Morwell Urban Design Revitalisation Plan under Section 186(5)(c) of the Local Government Act.*
3. *Request a further report detailing the outcomes of the funding application and contract with RMIT be presented to Council prior to the commencement of the project.*

On 7 November 2014, Council received written advice from the Minister for Small Business for additional Future Morwell project funds that included;

- \$350,000 – Morwell City Entrance project
- \$100,000 - Morwell Communication and Branding project
- \$60,000 – Morwell Events project

On 31 July 2015, Council received further written advice that an additional allocation of \$150,000 to the existing Urban Design Revitalisation Plan and Morwell Circuit – shared pathways projects totalling \$650,000 had being approved.

Development of Project 1, the Urban Design Revitalisation Plan has involved heavy engagement with the Future Morwell Steering Committee. The Future Morwell Steering Committee was formed via a Memorandum of Understanding in 2015.

The Steering Committee consists of:

- One Latrobe City Councillor
- Latrobe City Council Project Manager for the project (ex officio)
- Morwell Traders
- Advance Morwell
- Morwell and District Community Recovery Committee
- Reactivate Latrobe – RMIT University/OUTR
- Regional Development Victoria
- Latrobe City Business Tourism Association

The role of the Steering Committee has been to provide advice to RMIT in delivery of Project 1. The Steering Committee is required to endorse key stages of the project prior to presentation to Council for formal approval.

At the Council Meeting of the 27 March 2017, Council formally resolved to release the Final Draft Future Morwell Urban Design Revitalisation

### **KEY POINTS AND ISSUES**

The Future Morwell Urban Design Revitalisation Plan is a plan for transformation.

The themes within the document are:

1. Morwell as a significant part of Latrobe City, to stabilise and improve:
  - Economic Growth
  - Land Use
  - Land and Built Assets
2. Our Town, focusing on the town, to sustain and develop:
  - Neighbourhoods
  - Town Systems
  - Hubs and Gateways
3. My Town, focusing on community facilities and implementation, to activate and transform:
  - Community partnership
  - Community led change
  - Community connectedness

### **Future Morwell Urban Design Revitalisation Plan – Main Elements**

#### *The Idea Of Morwell Being Designated As A Garden Town*

The Final Draft Future Morwell Urban Design Revitalisation Plan seeks to utilise the concept of a Garden Town to transform the physical environment of Morwell as well as the branding of Morwell. It proposes to position Morwell as a place with significant green assets – be they garden beds, large ornamental trees, pop up garden displays or community gardens.

A number of Morwell's current green assets are noted for their high value to the community and the Plan considers opportunities to both enhance and leverage these assets to greater effect for the community.

#### *The CBD Rebranded As The Village, And It Being Utilised As A Meeting Place And Events Space*

Taken from the Future Morwell Urban Design Revitalisation Plan:

*Morwell's Village Hub is a commercial activity centre devoted to trade in the form of cafés, restaurants, boutiques, offices, and shops, as well as service based businesses such as real estate agencies, banks, health services, legal services, and personal services. The design of the Morwell Circuit aspires to support commerce*

*and business development through improvements to cycling infrastructure, walkability and connections to public transport through provision for pedestrian comfort and inclusion. In so doing the Village Hub also becomes more connected to its surrounding neighbourhoods.*

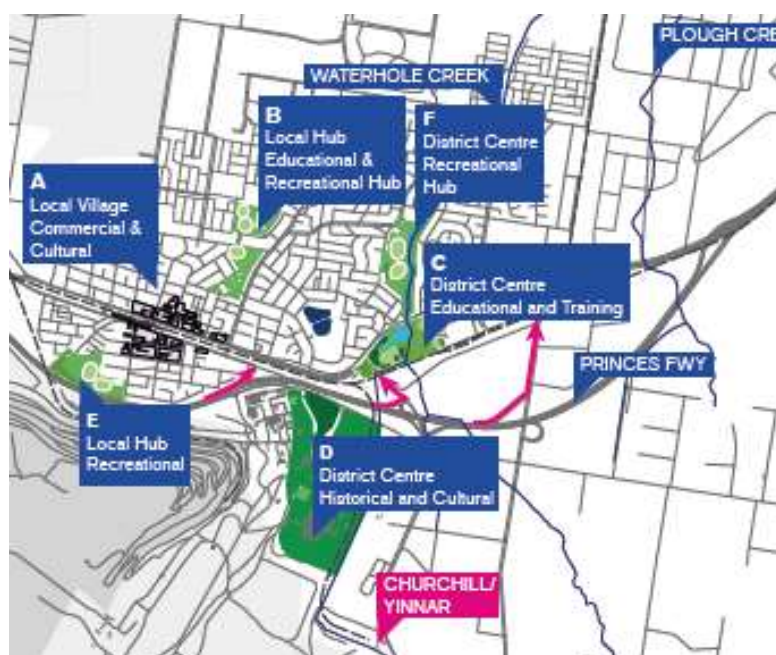
#### *Shared Pathways (Morwell Circuit).*

Shared pathways feature heavily throughout the Plan. Pathways are considered to be fundamental in supporting increased physical activity and enhancing community connectedness. The Morwell Circuit (Project 2) seeks to transform the Morwell CBD into the Morwell Village Hub.

#### *Hub Designations – Transformation Of Activity Centres*

Establishment of a number of 'Hubs' is recommended in the document.

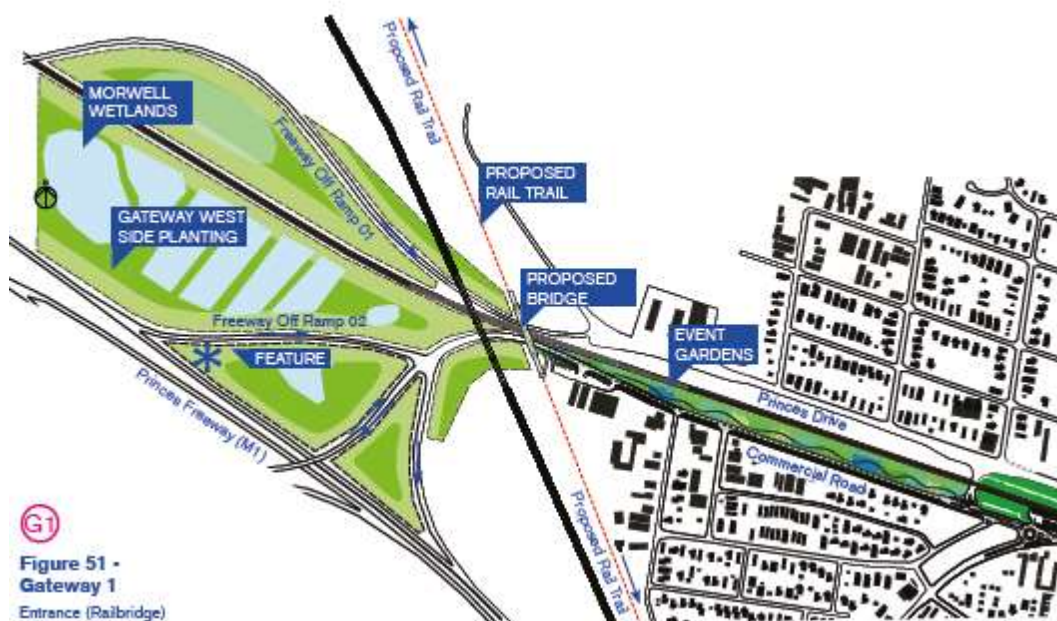
Within the green network a number of Hubs are intended to be significant moments in the 'garden' network: The Village Hub, Education Hub, Active Recreation Hubs.



#### *The Gateway/Entrance To Morwell*

The gateway/entrance is noted as G1 in the document. G1 incorporates the old HRL Rail Bridge and proposes to re-imagine the Bridge as an entryway asset including pedestrian access with connecting pathways on each side.





Proposed designated gateway

### Morwell Circuit (Stage 1 and 2)

The concept design for Project 2 - Morwell Circuit was completed as part of Project 1. In order to progress Project 2, detailed design will be required.

The Morwell Circuit exists in eight proposed stages.

The first of these being Stage 1 the Commercial Road Precinct.

The proposed Stage 1 design incorporates:

- The Addition Of Bike Lanes To Commercial Road

Bicycle lanes and a bike parklet seek to enhance bicycle activity in and around Commercial Road. The addition of bicycle lanes would introduce a new shared element to Commercial Road.

- Car Parking – Stage 1 & Stage 2

Introduction of the parklets will mean a loss and then return of car parking spaces.

Stage 1 seeks to introduce parklets to Commercial Road. This will mean the removal of an estimated 8-9 car parking spaces.

Stage 2 is designed to return those spaces to Commercial Road. At this point in time Stage 2 is unfunded however once the Action Plan is adopted by Council, Officers will commence discussions with State and Federal funding agencies in an effort to seek funding.

- Addition Of Timber Parklets

Timber parklets along Commercial Road would be in support of Council's Wood Encouragement Policy. The timber parklets introduce a natural softening

element to the space. Parklets could provide spaces for community members to sit, park their bicycles, and meet within a range and mix of design options.

- Landscaping

The Morwell Circuit design incorporates significant landscaping and greening of the space. Display gardens, parklet gardens and large scale trees all seek to green, soften and enclose Commercial Road, creating a more gentle, intimate village environment.

## **STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION**

### **Community consultation:**

To ensure the Plan was easily accessible to all community members, a Pop-Up Shop opened at 170 Commercial Road, Morwell on 6 April 2017, central to the location of the proposed Morwell Circuit Stage 1A.

The Pop-Up Shop provided a visual display of large posters and maps for community members to view and to discuss in more depth with staff. Hard copies of the Plan, Appendix and Morwell Circuit documents were available for viewing or to be taken away by interested community members.

Furthermore, a series of surveys were released in the Survey Monkey platform and made available in hard copy format. The Council Facebook page was used to direct people to the Council website to either download a copy of the Plan or to participate in the surveys.

Surveys were distributed via:

- Hard copies available for collection or completion with staff at the Pop Up Shop
- Hard copies distributed through the Morwell Newpower Newsagency with the Herald Sun newspaper (1,200 copies)
- Hard copies provided to Council's Meals on Wheels clients
- Council's website
- In person at the Morwell Library, Morwell 50 Mile Market and Tarwin Street Pop-Up Park area

A total of 447 responses were received across the three surveys. A survey summary the each of the following includes (Attachment 2);

- Survey One – 178 responses
- Survey Two – 242 responses
- Survey Three – 27 responses

The Council Facebook page hosted 14 individual posts regarding the Plan. Interest varied, the least popular post – regarding the revitalisation of old buildings – had a reach of 82 as compared to the post which sought to identify the most important entrance to Morwell which had a reach of 11,698.

The launch of the Final Draft Plan at the commencement of the consultation period reached 4,902 people. The concept intersection design for the corner of Tarwin Street and Commercial Road generated a lot of discussion with a reach of 3,648.

Five written submissions were also received and this feedback has been presented to Council in a summary table attached.

On 21 June 2017, the Morwell Traders representatives from the Future Morwell Steering Committee facilitated a presentation and feedback session for Morwell Traders in the CBD on the plan. A total of 120 invitations were distributed to all local business owners with approximately 25 people attending. A feedback summary was prepared by Ruth Codlin on behalf of her colleagues (Attachment 8).

The consultation feedback response to the Plan was comprehensive and varied. Overall the community and business owners are supportive of the concepts and actions; and are supportive of the Plan being considered by Council to ensure that other associated projects can progress.

Common themes from the consultation process include;

- Format and detail of the Plan would benefit from being summarised, more reader friendly and easier to navigate
- Car parking, particularly accessible all day for the Morwell CBD
- Angle parking to be incorporated into the Commercial Road streetscape design appeared divisive. However, more concern was identified with the loss of short-term car parking for Stage 1A
- Strong support for the development of PowerWorks
- Accessibility to environment and recreational activities, including off-leash dog parks and RV friendly locations

### **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The Future Morwell Revitalisation Plan Action Plan contains a number of items to be developed and delivered over the coming four years. These items have been costed and considered as part of Council's Long Term Financial Plan and Strategic Resources Plan.

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

Risk has been considered as part of this report and it is considered to be consistent with the Risk Management framework.

### **CONCLUSION**

The Future Morwell Urban Design Revitalisation Plan is a plan to transform Morwell. It has been a considerable piece of work undertaken by the community, involving preliminary and post development consultation and engagement.

It provides an opportunity, re-imagine Morwell as a vibrant, attractive community village, creating spaces and opportunities for community to connect and engage in village life.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

Nil

**Attachments**

- 1↓ . Future Morwell Urban Design Revitalisation Plan
- 2↓ . Future Morwell Urban Design Revitalisation Plan Appendix
- 3↓ . Future Morwell Urban Design Revitalisation Plan - Morwell Circuit
- 4↓ . Future Morwell Urban Design Revitalisation Plan Feedback Summary
  - 5. Submission A (Published Separately) (Confidential)
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  - 8. Submission D (Published Separately) (Confidential)
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#### Definition of Terms:

##### Network City

Network Cities are multiple town centres that are inter-connected. These connections might be made through path-ways, transport and roads or through the dispersal of local produce, employment and events and festivals.

##### Circuit

A Circuit is an inter-connected shared pathway network that connects public space & amenities, commercial, natural, industrial and residential areas and provides multiple alternative ways (e.g cycling and walking) to move through a town.

##### Hub

A Hub is a defined urban area that is a focus point for public and private activities that represent the wider town.

##### Village

A Village is a cultural area that brings people from the greater region together. A village can be made up of commercial, heritage and public space and contain amenities to be used for social activities and enhance town life.

**\* this Revitalisation Plan can be read in conjunction with the following accompanying documents:**

**1. Appendix-** Supporting Material & Research

**2. Morwell Circuit -** Urban Connectivity + Activation Strategy  
Shared Pathway Network - Stage 01





**FUTURE MORWELL IS ABOUT...  
IMAGINING TOGETHER,  
TALKING TOGETHER,  
WORKING TOGETHER &  
MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER**



**Future  
Morwell.  
Future  
Latrobe  
Valley.**





'Future Morwell' is about taking steps to create a brighter future for our town. This State Government funded project is being led by Latrobe City Council, RMIT University and community members.

It aspires to deliver a series of targeted initiatives to reshape Morwell in the short, medium and long term, with the aim to build a healthy, liveable and resilient town in the future.

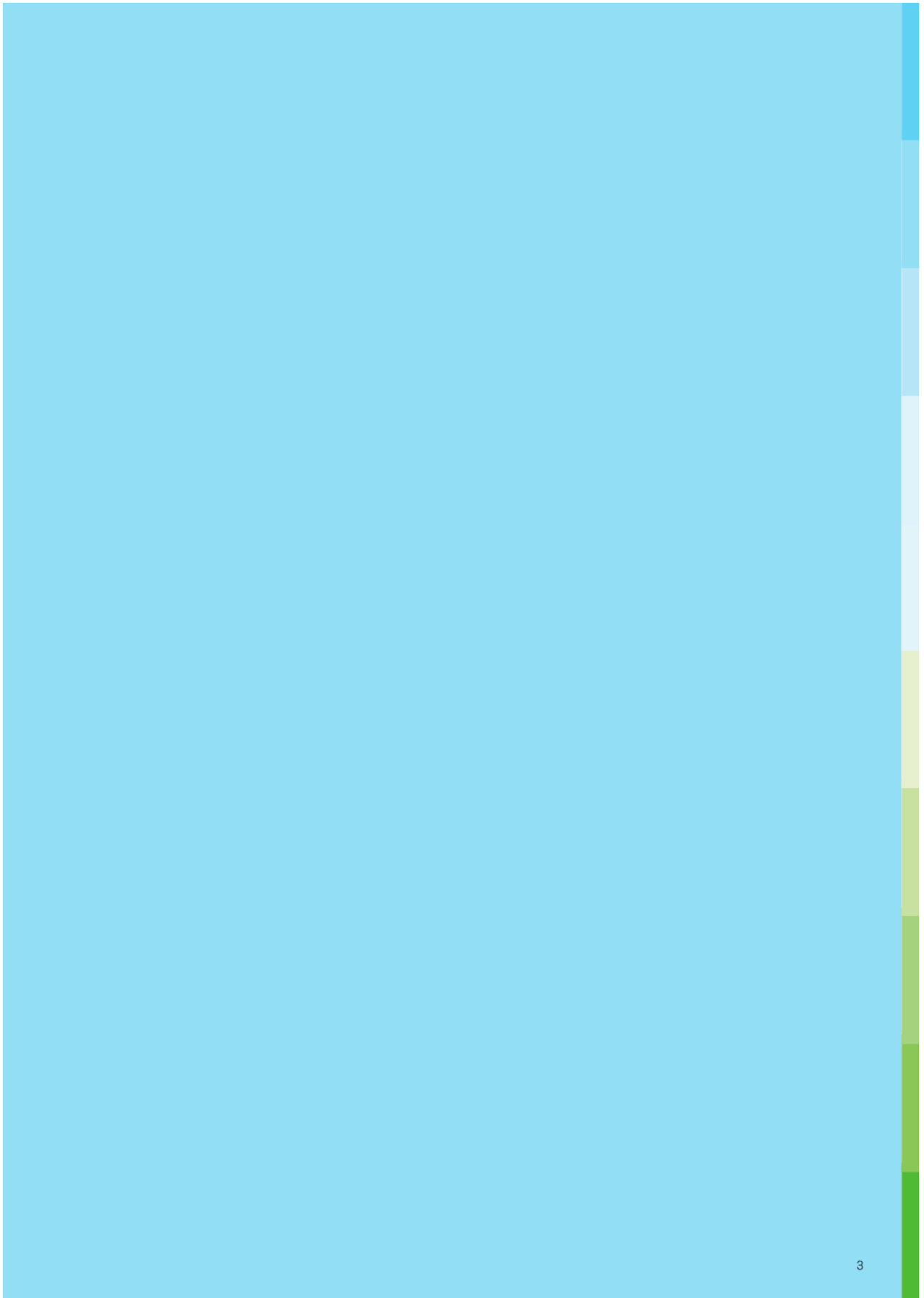




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## **FUTURE MORWELL**

- i. | PREFACE**
- ii. | ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**





# EN ROUTE TO A FUTURE MORWELL

## i. PREFACE

Following the successful procurement of State Government Bush Fire Economic Recovery funds an ambitious effort to reimagine a better future for Morwell through a series of targeted projects commenced. The work has been both an exciting journey and at times a challenging one. *It has also been a collective journey, working with a steering committee constituting local stakeholders and community leaders, inviting diverse input from experts from within the Latrobe Valley and around the world, and most importantly community experts and local people of Morwell. All participants have played an active and critical role in forming what we hope will become a living framework for change and development in Morwell.*

The 'Future Morwell Revitalisation Plan' commenced in April 2015. Now, after 8 months of consultation, 11 open house community consultation events, 9 media events, 11 workshops, 2 council meetings, 12 community groups meetings, and conversations connecting with over 900 people, and countless hours spent dissecting and examining critical data about our town we are proud to present the Future Morwell Revitalisation Plan.

We believe that within this document lies a strategic and achievable path forward toward realising the aspirations for a prosperous future for Morwell. This is a guide for making decisions that is not exclusively for one entity or one generation, but for each of us in our roles as citizens, developers, business people, neighbourhood champions, parents, club members, investors, and beyond.

We realise that this document represents a large body of work and it is important that it is understood by the various audiences that will use it. We are committed to the possibilities described in this document and turning them into action and accomplishment.

This is a design framework for short, medium and long term action within a 20 year horizon, and is intended

to evolve as a living document, act as a guide for anyone that wants to understand and access the plan, and coordinate targeted projects and the partnerships needed to make them happen.

We are pleased to present and celebrate this revitalisation plan for Future Morwell, and thank all those that have contributed along the way, and look to a brighter future for Morwell.

Sincerely,

Future Morwell Steering Committee

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### FUTURE MORWELL – APPENDIX. REFER TO:

- 1.1 OVERVIEW - PROJECT TIMELINE

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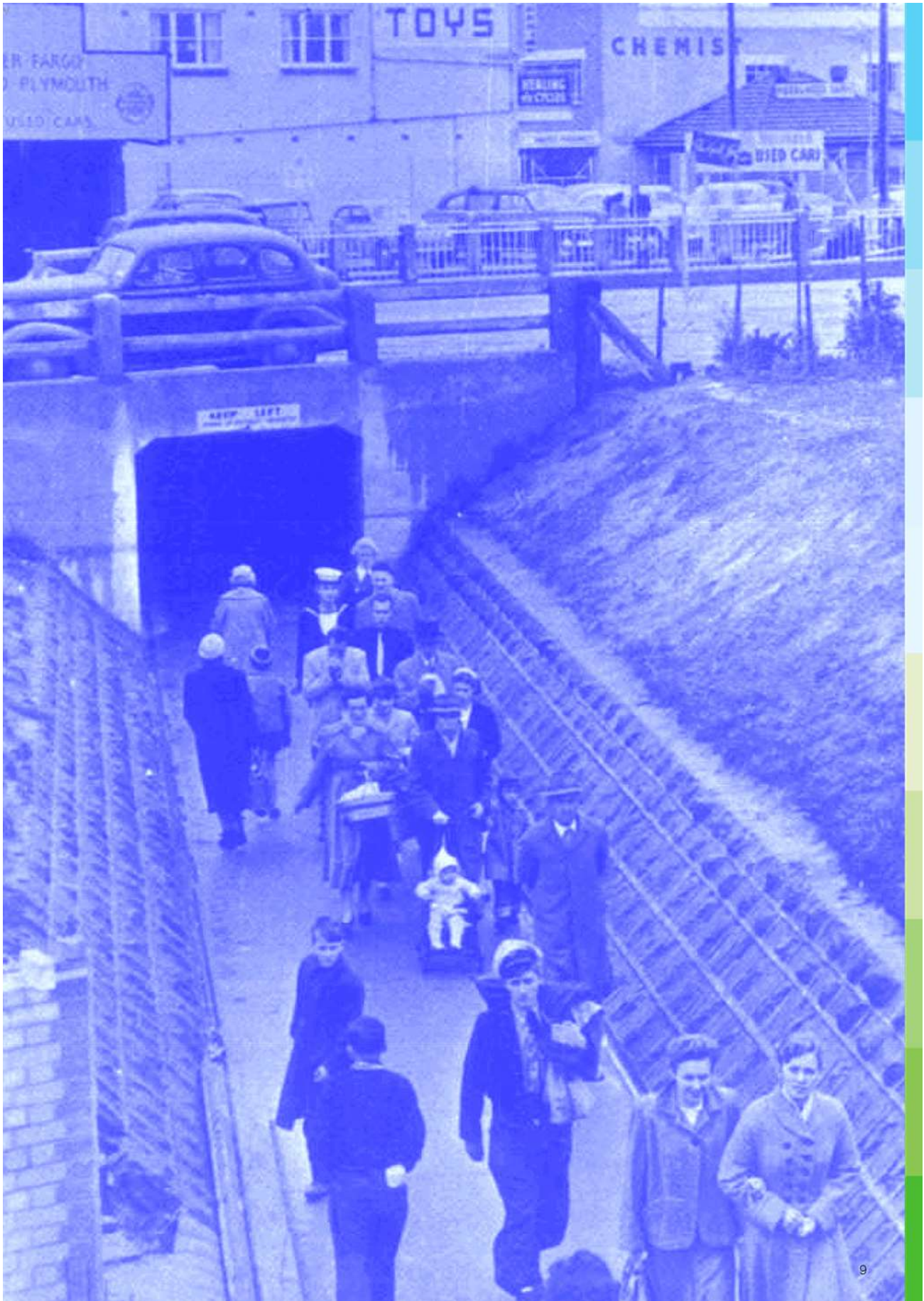


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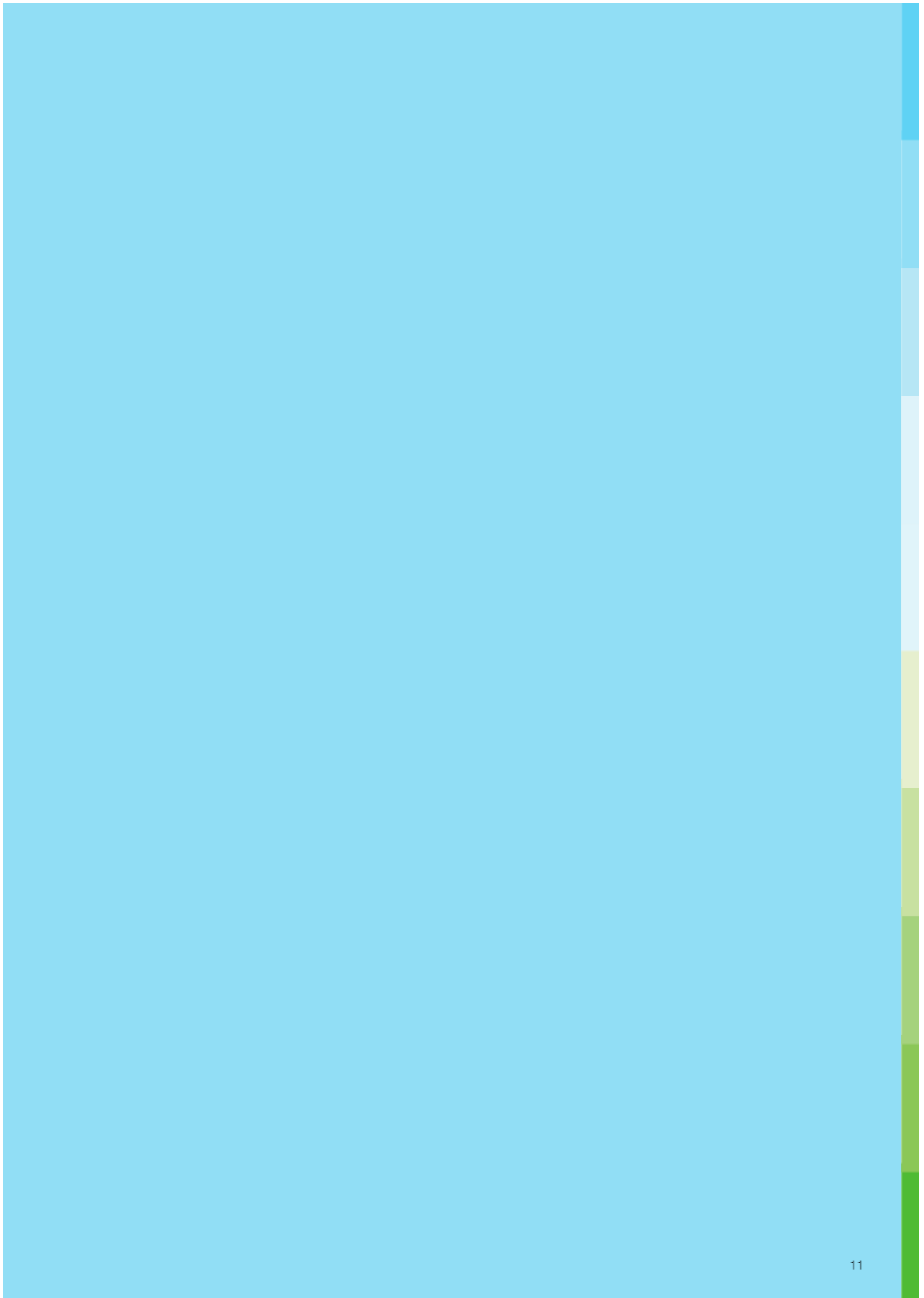


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## **FUTURE MORWELL**

### **iii. | EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- | SUMMARY OF PROJECT BRIEF & OBJECTIVES**
- | SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES**
- | SUMMARY OF KEY OBJECTIVES**
- | SUMMARY OF KEY RECOMMENDATIONS**
- | SUMMARY OF STAGING FOR FUTURE MORWELL  
REVITALISATION PLAN**





# FUTURE MORWELL

## iii. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Steering Group Priorities:

1. To create an identity for Morwell's which is distinct from other Latrobe city towns
2. To strengthen nature based tourism
3. To strengthen industrial tourism
4. To tell the 'The Morwell Story' (Past/Present/Future)
5. To preserve & celebrate the town's heritage

This document, the Future Morwell Revitalisation Plan, describes a shared vision for Morwell's future, and recommends key actions for its transition to a brighter and more prosperous future. It is a bold statement of our aspirations for Morwell's future that embraces our industrial legacy, celebrates the town's unique qualities, and promotes a sense of place as a beautiful, thriving, and optimistic place to live, work, and visit.

The research conducted through the production of this document identified that the planning and development of Morwell has historically been made in a piecemeal fashion, leading to physical fragmentation and a resultant disconnection of the community. Shifts in a range of external factors in the state, national and global circumstances have significantly contributed to this condition. The aspiration of this Revitalisation Plan for Morwell recognises the need for the transition and renewal of the town that connects the physical fabric and community, gives clarity to the structure of Morwell for the present and future, and provides a guide to grow a healthy environment together.

The concept of 'Morwell the Town of Gardens' aspires to shift the town's identity by building on the positive qualities and characteristics of its industrial heritage, and connecting and repurposing existing open spaces and assets within the town to build a new active and relevant perception and identity of Morwell.

The approach described in this document is the result of an eight month public collaborative process with Morwell residents and civic leaders who together formed the Future Morwell Steering Group operating as a collaborative and invested body of community representatives and advisors.

This Revitalisation Plan has been crafted with the Steering Group from extensive community discussion, feedback, and research about Morwell. It is made from the results of town wide community consultation and engagement efforts, invited input from a diverse field

of experts from within the Latrobe Valley and around the world, experts and leaders within the town, and the local people of Morwell. This work has been shared publicly at key points, and shaped according to the evolving information and community feedback sought and received through this process.

The information collected has been organised under three significant frames of reference, each of which identifies key attributes leading to a number of actions in order to achieve them.

The frames of reference, and their respective attributes are:

### **01. Morwell as a significant part of Latrobe City a Network city, through:**

- Economic Growth
- Land Use
- Land and Built Assets

### **02. Our Town, focusing on the town, to sustain and develop:**

- Neighbourhoods
- Town Systems
- Hubs & Gateways

### **03. My Town, focusing on community implementation, to activate and transform:**

- community partnership
- community led change
- community connectedness

The Future Morwell Revitalisation Plan has considered the town's future not only from a standpoint of land and economic growth, but has also explored Morwell's role in the network city of Latrobe as an integrated plan that works across scales and between settlements acknowledging interdependencies and independence as a self sufficient regional system. The Plan also acts to identify the urban systems that define the town, a neighbourhood vision, and the critical challenge of addressing vacant land and buildings, a physical relationship to the adjacent open cut mine, and the need for greater civic capacity to address change necessary for a brighter future.





By shifting and building on the town's existing assets, including the town's rich industrial heritage, this plan encourages the establishment of a healthy town socially, a sustainable town environmentally, a business and tourist town economically, and a beautiful town culturally.

At the heart of this plan is the idea of a Morwell Local Village identified through its retail and business amenities, that is framed, enriched and serviced through the implementation of the proposed Morwell Circuit development. The Village centre is connected and structured to benefit from, and support, a range of key Hubs and Gateways that include:

- **Hub A** : Local Village Centre
- **Hub B** : Local Community Hub of education and recreation
- **Hub C** : District Centre for events, training and large scale commercial activities
- **Hub D** : District Centre for historical and community events
- **Hub E** : District Centre as a sports hub
- **Hub F** : District Centre for recreation

The Hubs are the focus areas in which resources are consolidated. Each Hub is unique and specific to place, and strengthening links between these nodes will serve to better connect the town

Morwell's assets also include the resilience, creativity, and ingenuity of its people as individuals, and in the shape of its clubs and its organisations that represent the town's human and social capital.

The recommendations of this Revitalisation Plan are informed by a wide range of source materials that have provided a comprehensive understanding of the town's past and its current condition, its policies at the local level and those shaped at a state scale. It has also taken into account existing plans that are currently in motion or due to commence in the near future (refer to bibliography in the appendix for list of plans/ documents taken into consideration) for the strategic development of key aspects of the town so that these might be understood and aligned as a part of a greater connected vision for the future.

This information has been shared with the steering committee and the community so that it might be compared with their 'on-the-ground' local experience of

living with the issues and opportunities of everyday life in Morwell.

The underlying aspirations of the Future Morwell Revitalisation Plan are focused on priorities for change to improve personal health and well being, enhance a sense of community and culture, redefine the environmental framework of the town to be sustainable, enhance the economic potential, and redefine the physical condition of the town to ultimately improve the quality of life for its residents.

This Plan is intended to guide and enable all manner of stakeholders and is intended to:

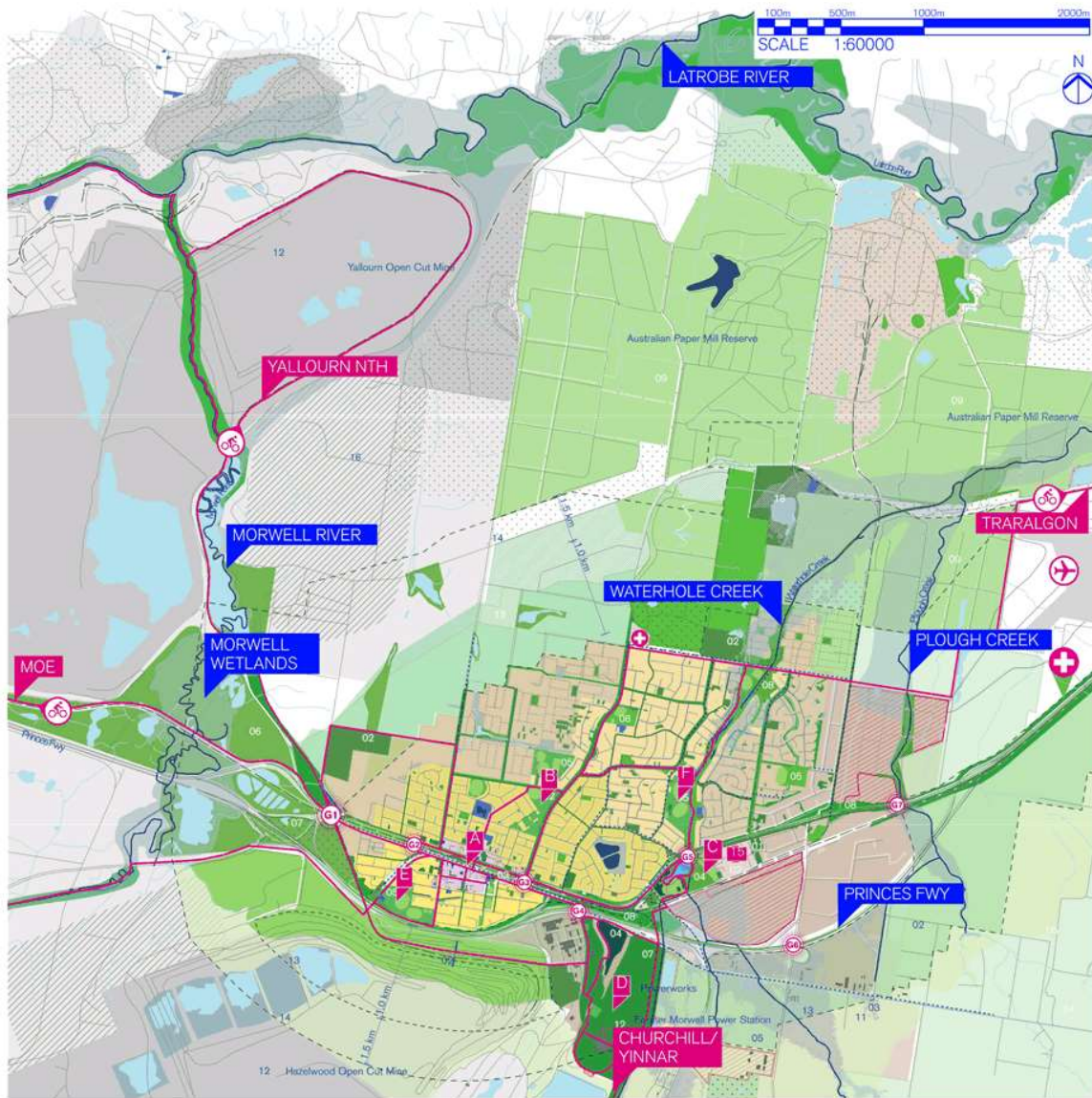
- 01.** Support and enable the expertise and energy that exists in the Morwell community to provide, develop and support a transition into a bright Future Morwell.
- 02.** Provide direction for the type and level of support that State and Federal Government, Local Council, community and industry could provide.
- 03.** Integrate these aspirations with Latrobe City Council's other plans and key strategies.
- 04.** Provide aspirations and ideas to grow existing strengths and develop them in line with community needs for the present, and aspirations for the future.

This focus is described in the key actions in the following pages.

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#### FUTURE MORWELL – APPENDIX. REFER TO:

- FIGURE 1 - OVERALL REVITALISATION PLAN (AT A3 FORMAT)
- 1.2 SUMMARY OF APPROACH - RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER KEY CURRENT PLANS



**Figure 1 - Overall Revitalisation Plan**  
Key

**A Sustainable Town - Green Network**

- 01 Urban Park
- 02 Trail Garden (Proposed)
- 03 Cultural Precinct
- 04 Heritage Garden (Proposed)
- 05 Recreational Garden
- 06 Wetland
- 07 Orchard (Proposed)
- 08 Linear Park
- 09 Australian Paper Mill
- 10 Urban Park (Proposed)
- 11 Community Hub
- 12 Rose Garden Expansion (Proposed)
- 13 Farming
- 14 Farming (Proposed)
- 15 Environmental Significance
- 16 Wildfire Management Overlay

**A Sustainable Town - Movement Network**

- Existing Bike Paths
- Shared Pathway Network

**A Sustainable Town**

- 12 Open Cut Mine
- 13 Open Cut Expansion Area
- 14 Licenced Mining Area
- 15 Mining Buffer Zone - 1.0 km (Suggested)
- 16 Mining Buffer Zone - 1.5 km (Suggested)

**A Sustainable Town - Blue Network**

- Water Body - Area
- Significant Rivers and Streams
- Ecological Buffers around Rivers

**A Tourist Town - Hubs**

- A Local Village (Commercial & Office)
- B Local Community (Education & Recreation)
- C District Centre (Events, Training & Commercial)
- D District Centre (Historical & Cultural)
- E District Centre (Sports Hub)
- F District Centre (Recreational)

**A Livable Town - Neighbourhoods**

- Industrial Areas
- Industrial Growth Areas
- Residential Neighbourhoods

**A Tourist Town - Gateways**

- G1 Gateway: Entrance (Rail Brdg)
- G2 Gateway: Orientation Point (Commercial Rd+Princes Dr Brdg)
- G3 Gateway: Orientation Point (Commercial Rd+Macdonald St+Princes Dr)
- G4 Gateway: District Centre (Historical & Cultural)
- G5 Gateway: Waterhole Creek & District Centre (Education, Training & Commercial)
- G6 Gateway: Orientation Point (Tramway Road)
- G7 Gateway: Orientation Point (Princes drive & Plough Creek)
- Airport
- Hospital



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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY****SUMMARY OF PROJECT BRIEF & OBJECTIVES**  
**FUTURE MORWELL REVITALISATION PLAN****FUTURE MORWELL  
REBRAND  
OBJECTIVES**

- To Be Aspirational
- To Be Respectful
- To Be Just & Equitable
- To Be Transparent & Inclusive

**FUTURE MORWELL  
LATROBE CITY  
BROADER OBJECTIVES**

To be regionally opportunistic through a consideration of the cities qualities (land use + built, land & social assets)

**REGENERATE  
HOW**

- To Develop an Integrated Vision

**LATROBE  
CITY  
OBJECTIVES**

- To strengthen the towns identity

**KEY FOCUS AREAS**

- Land Use
- Built and Land Assets

**FUTURE MORWELL  
OUR TOWN  
BROADER OBJECTIVES**

To design opportunities for a diverse range of actions that have economic, social and environmental benefits

**REGENERATE  
HOW**

- To Consider the town of Morwell as a key node to the network of townships that make up the multi-nodal city which is Latrobe City

**OUR TOWN  
OBJECTIVES**

- To develop a destination
- A sustainable town
- A tourist town
- A liveable town

**KEY FOCUS AREAS**

- City Systems
- Hubs
- Neighbourhoods
- Gateways

**FUTURE MORWELL  
MY TOWN  
BROADER OBJECTIVES**

To develop strategies that generate a connected and healthy community

**REGENERATE  
HOW**

- To Develop innovative short and long term strategies

**MY TOWN  
OBJECTIVES**

- To develop a sense of place

**KEY FOCUS AREAS**

- Community Partnerships
- Community Led Change
- Community Connectedness

# FUTURE LATROBE VALLEY

## FUTURE MORWELL

### PRIORITIES

- Strategies to Sustain & Improve Economic Growth
- Land use, Environment & Asset (built/land) Plans

### LATROBE CITY: A NETWORK CITY

### PRIORITIES

- Renewal & Growth Strategies for Neighbourhoods
- Renewal of Land & Built Assets
- Identify & Connect neighbourhoods
- Profile and Enhance Local Production of goods and services

### OUR TOWN: INDIVIDUAL TOWNS & NEIGHBOURHOODS

### PRIORITIES

- Shared Priorities
- Resource Led Actions
- A Guide to Actions

### MY TOWN: COMMUNITIES

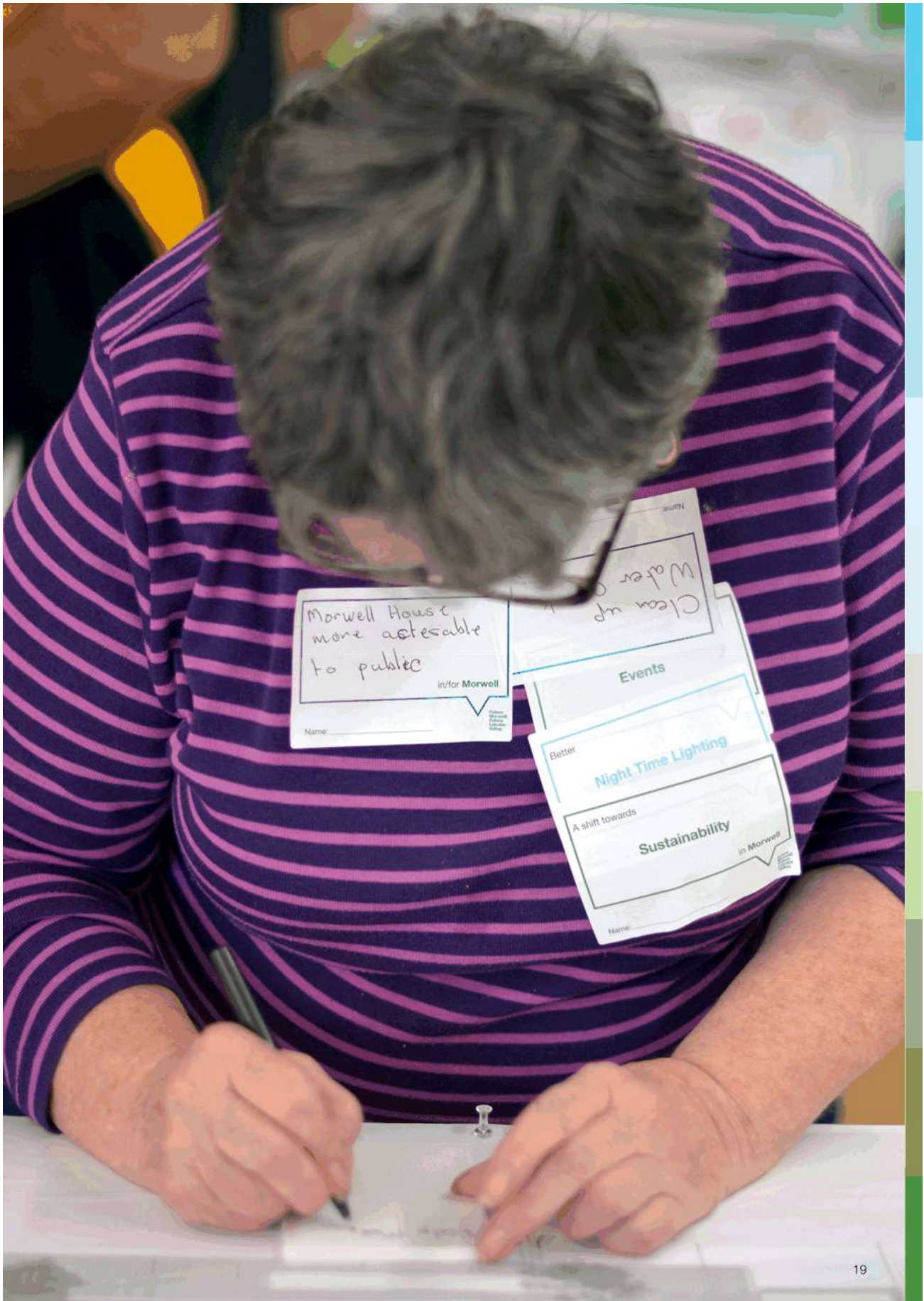
### iii. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES

### FUTURE MORWELL REVITALISATION PLAN

- The Morwell Centenary Rose Garden contributes significantly to the positive image of Morwell
- Street tree plantings within the network of streets within Morwell have evolved, and in some cases been lost, without a clear overarching streetscape hierarchy or plan
- Morwell contains significant underutilised and unproductive land assets that could benefit from, and contribute to, a "greening" of Morwell
- Rehabilitation works associated with key waterways and redundant mining land present an opportunity to develop an integrated framework inclusive of adjacent urban areas
- Urban agriculture, including community gardening, with social and physical health benefits has been identified as popular within the local community
- Where the Morwell river reaches close to Morwell it has been heavily affected by mining operations including major redirections of the river around both Hazelwood and Yallourn mines
- Water flows and management are significant issues for current mining operations and longer term rehabilitation plans for mining
- Artificial wetlands and water bodies such as the Hazelwood Pondage (and Lake Narracan) serve industrial, environment and social functions within the current landscape
- Multiple entry routes to Morwell from the Princes Freeway makes wayfinding for visitors confusing
- Rail/ former highway corridor divides activity on the south and north of the centre
- Public transport connections between centres and within Morwell are relatively infrequent commensurate with relatively low population densities & patronage
- Activity within Morwell's centre and Mid Valley are well supported by existing onstreet and off street car parking
- Walking and cycling are popular modes of transport however there are barriers to use of the network
- Expansion of mining activities to the west and south have progressively reduced connections between Morwell and adjacent townships
- Rail trails within the Networked City in Moe & Traralgon are popular with both tourists and locals. Redundant rail infrastructure associated with Yallourn & Hazelwood (Morwell) mines may present opportunities to connect Morwell to the rail trail network
- The Gippsland Inland freight terminal, centrally located within Morwell's industrial precincts presents an opportunity to enhance Morwell's role in regional freight logistics
- Develop key activities and events at each hub location
- Consolidate resources and infrastructure to hub locations
- Develop detailed plans for each hub that have a multiuse and intensified objective for each location
- Ensure connections between hubs through the continuous development of pedestrian and bicycle network
- Identify a range of opportunities, at local, district and state level to activate and rebrand each hub
- Ensure there is clarity of connection between gateways
- Ensure there is a clear identity and clarity on the location of each gateway/ entrance to assist with navigation to and through the town
- Historically the required buffer around each of the major mines has pushed urban growth away from the traditional centre of Morwell to the east







- Image and Identity: Much of Morwell's (and Latrobe's) civic and regional pride was drawn from its role in delivering power to the state. The decline of this industry, the global shift towards renewable/clean energy production and uncertainty in regard to the energy policy at the state and federal level have shifted mining and power generation into the realm of a 'negative' place brand element
- The Powerworks centre on Ridge Road has recently been handed over to a proactive community group and provides a valuable resource for telling the story of mining in Latrobe Valley and within the broader context of Gippsland
- Compared to other regional towns (e.g. gold rush towns, Warragul) Morwell's heritage is not immediately apparent in its central shopping street (Commercial Road)
- Morwell's history and story is inextricably linked to the developments of the mining and power sectors and is a story that can be told through collections of artefacts images and social documentary
- Morwell's Historic Society is an active community organisation with a newly acquired location within central Morwell
- The wetlands, water bodies, creeks and rivers have been identified as being difficult to access or underutilised
- Morwell is the home to valued historical buildings and gardens throughout the town however they remain unknown or difficult to access
- Morwell is home to nine recreational precincts
- Latrobe Regional Gallery currently contains its collection within its dedicated facility and is often associated to home grown talent
- Morwell Neighbourhood house occupies a position at the north eastern edge of Morwell with limited transport connections
- Public Services and Administration including Latrobe City Council, DHS and the Regional Police form a hub of facilities and activities adjacent to the intersection of Hazelwood and Commercial Roads.
- A variety of community groups and services operate from facilities generally clustered around Morwell's town centre (approx. 80%) with the remainder distributed through eastern Morwell
- Extensive sports facilities serve as a focus for physical activity at the edges of Morwell and within open spaces along Waterhole Creek
- There is currently a lack of space for events within the Town Centre (with the exception of the Regional Art Gallery) with the traditional 'community hall' space remaining at the former council administration facilities at Kernot Lake
- Morwell is currently home to more than 15 education facilities ranging from early childhood to tertiary education and community learning programs
- The Morwell Primary Schools Renewal program will see the consolidation of three primary schools into a new higher quality facility on McDonald Street in Morwell. The future use of redundant schools at Commercial Road, Crinigan Road and Tobruk Street is yet to be determined
- Federation Training occupies a campus of buildings adjacent to Kernot Hall outside of the Morwell activity centre
- Morwell has a number of naturally forming neighbourhoods characterised by housing stock, topography and key infrastructure routes
- The housing stock in some neighbourhoods are poor and expensive to run or require minor works to improve neighbourhood character
- Town residents highly value the neighbourhoods they live in



### iii. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## SUMMARY OF KEY OBJECTIVES

### FUTURE MORWELL REVITALISATION PLAN

#### FUTURE MORWELL | A SUSTAINABLE TOWN



- To enhance the health & wellbeing of the Morwell community through the promotion of active movement, urban agriculture and healthy eating, connections with nature, improved air and water quality
- To enhance the environmental performance of Morwell with respect to regional and local conditions. Improvement of the green network, air quality, water quality, mitigation of, and adaptation to climate change
- To improve the integrity and efficiency of urban water management within Morwell including the network of streets
- To optimise use of land subject to inundation, and limit the impacts of (likely increasing) flooding events
- To minimise the adverse economic, social, environmental impacts of mining operations directly adjacent Morwell in the short – medium term
- To identify the potential economic, social, and environmental benefits of future remediation of mining land in the context of current agreed rehabilitation master plans for Yallourn and Hazelwood (Morwell) mines

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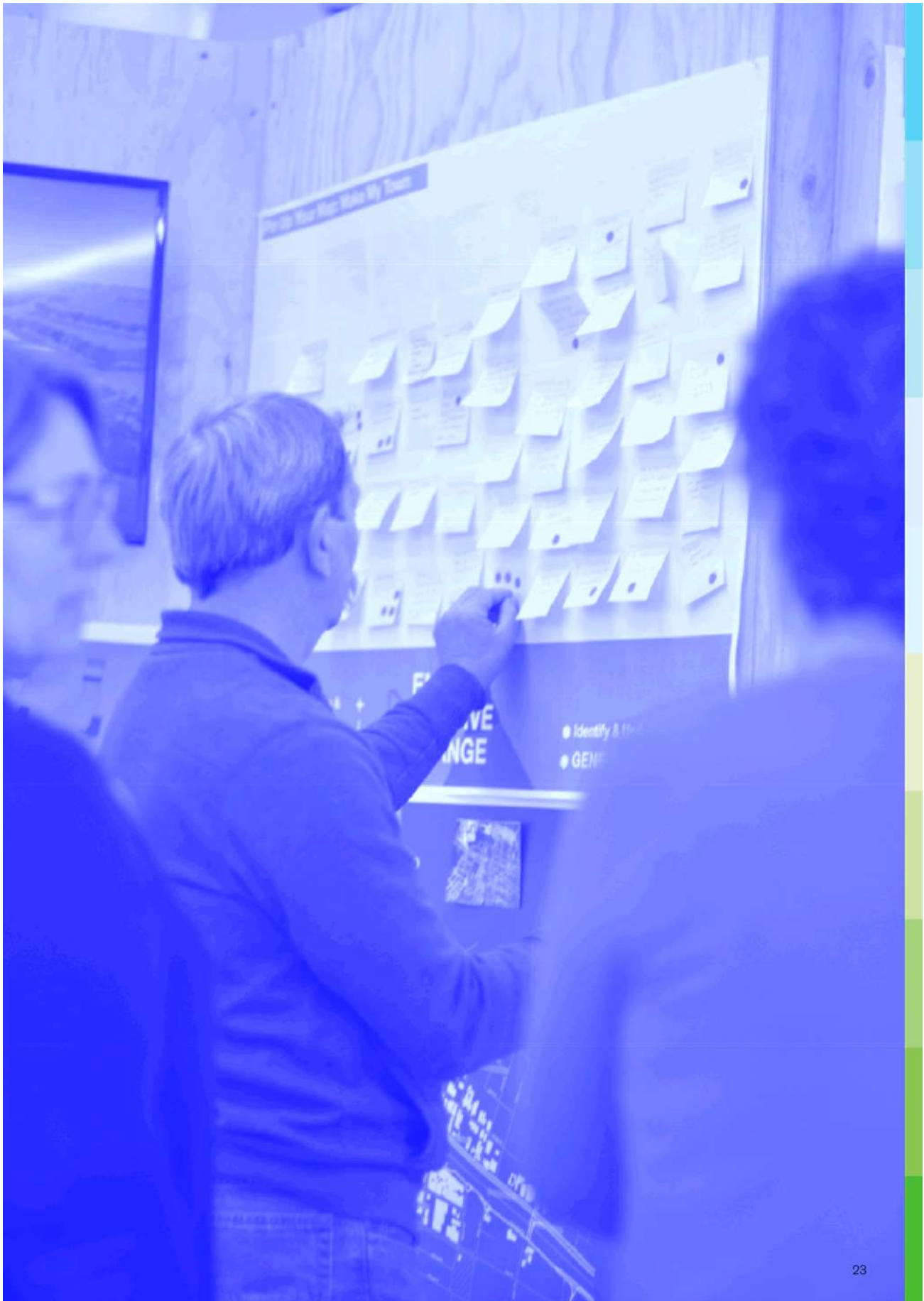
- To improve the image & identity of Morwell and its attractiveness as a place to live work visit and invest
- To improve the overall visitor experience of Morwell for the visitor arriving by various modes of transport
- To redefine gateways through the town to improve navigation and experience for visitors and locals
- To better link Morwell to its environmentally and

#### FUTURE MORWELL | A LIVEABLE TOWN



culturally significant waterways and assets (Latrobe River, Morwell River, Wetlands, Hazelwood Pondage, Waterhole Creek, Kernot Lake)

- To better connect people and activities within Morwell and between centres within the networked city via a range of transport modes
- To promote active movement (walking and cycling) as a healthy and cost effective mode of transport
- To identify and define local and district hubs which anchor the neighbourhoods and town
- To activate and define key activity hubs that improve the and experience of the town
- To identify naturally forming neighbourhoods in current residential areas
- To identify the extent and use of community facilities across Morwell





### iii. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## LIST OF KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

### FUTURE MORWELL REVITALISATION PLAN

#### A SUSTAINABLE TOWN

#### A TOURIST TOWN

#### A LIVEABLE TOWN

#### ASSETS

\* The following list of recommendations captures short, medium and long term actions for the Revitalisation of Morwell. The priorities, cost recommendations and time frame for implementation can found in Chapter 4 'Making It Happen'.

#### OUR TOWN MORWELL OVERVIEW | VISION & OBJECTIVES



#### FUTURE RECOMMENDATION CONSIDERATIONS

- Develop online design manual for the Future Morwell Revitalisation Plan which provides an integrated design tool kit for the public realm providing options for hubs, gateways, neighbourhoods, streets, park land, waterways, lighting and commercial building frontages
- Establish a Future Morwell dedicated collegial consortium which is charged with the long term objectives of championing the plan
- Seek short and long term funding commitment from the State Government and corporate entities for Future Morwell projects

#### FUTURE MORWELL | A SUSTAINABLE TOWN



#### GREEN NETWORK RECOMMENDATIONS

- Develop an integrated "green infrastructure" plan for Morwell that recognises and optimises the benefits of urban greening and contribute to the ecological integrity of the regional environmental systems
- Develop coordinated landscape planning strategy for larger redundant public / industrial land parcels including mine license areas to ensure they make a positive contribution to the local economy and ecology
- Develop a branding and events strategy that builds on the success of the Centenary Rose Garden to brand and promote Morwell as a Garden Town, for investment attraction and a key platform for community led revitalisation
- Develop street Design tool kit that identify the hierarchy of streetscapes and utilise green infrastructure elements to improve the performance

and character of Morwell's public realm and neighbourhoods. The streetscape types are to be defined by their function, use and movement

#### FUTURE RECOMMENDATION CONSIDERATIONS

- Aspire to establish a future master plan for the Centenary Rose Garden enabling expansion of the garden and integration of the homes located along Maryvale Crescent to Eric Lubcke Yarra Gum Reserve

#### VACANT LOTS STRATEGY

#### FUTURE RECOMMENDATION CONSIDERATIONS

- Establish short and long term functions for vacant lots that can host activities and develop neighbourhood communities and identity
- Connect local government and communities on a neighbourhood level
- Increase the importance and usability of public space
- Increase community input and representation in public spaces across Morwell
- Enable community groups to shape, deliver and manage local public space
- Generate a series of diverse public spaces that are dispersed throughout neighbourhoods

#### BLUE NETWORK

#### FUTURE RECOMMENDATION CONSIDERATIONS

- Ensure remediation plans acknowledge the community costs and benefits associated with the use and management of waterways and their catchments
- Establish an integrated framework for water management that includes urban streets, parks, development constrained land, and redundant mining land
- Review current land use policy and guidelines relating to land subject to inundation particularly on industrial zoned former agricultural land between Morwell and Churchill
- Review and augment (as required) the Morwell River Neighbourhood Environment Improvement Plan community benefit opportunities associated with short/medium/long term remediation of mining lands

- Confirm current status and likely future impacts of mining at Yallourn on the Morwell wetlands
- Review and adjust (as required) the Waterhole Creek Management plan to include opportunities associated with additional land acquisitions
- Establish feasibility/ business case for strategic public acquisition of land along Waterhole Creek to the south of the regional rail corridor including land at Monash Way, and to the eastern boundary of the soon to be redundant Energy Brix site adjacent and associated rail line
- Establish the potential for waterway corridors, and to address broader bio-region connectivity (bio-links)
- Review existing Neighbourhood Environment Improvement Plan and Morwell River Management Plan in response to Future Morwell recommendations
- Review remediation plans for mines and power station sites with respect to public benefit and water way management

### MOVEMENT NETWORK

#### RECOMMENDATION

- Develop concept plans for each gateway that promotes a strategy for the entrances to Morwell through clear gateway concepts that celebrate place, improve the experience and navigation through differentiated entrances, and contribute to a new town identity

#### FUTURE RECOMMENDATION CONSIDERATIONS

- Develop concept plans for a linear park along the length of the former highway corridor to enhance visitor experience and pedestrian / cycle connectivity
- Enhance the movement within Morwell through the development of a priority Network for streetscape improvements that better support walking and cycling

### MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE

#### FUTURE RECOMMENDATION CONSIDERATIONS

- Promote advantages of key infrastructure including sites with access to major service infrastructure as part of a strategy for growing existing industries and attracting new industries
- Clarify planning constraints and opportunities for sites affected by major infrastructure to promote/ attract new industries and uses

### FUTURE MORWELL | A TOURIST TOWN



### A DISTINCTIVE AND PROUD TOWN

#### RECOMMENDATION

- Reposition town centre as Village Hub. Reduce permit processes and waive fees that allow for open air dining and busking throughout the main roads of Commercial Road, Tarwin Street and Church Street
- Develop building facade design guidelines for Village Hub

### FUTURE RECOMMENDATION CONSIDERATIONS

- Develop key activities and events at each hub location
- Consolidate resources and infrastructure to hub locations
- Develop detailed plans for each hub that have a multi-use and intensified objective for each location
- Ensure connections between hubs through the continuous development of pedestrian and bicycles network
- Identify a range of opportunities, at local, district and state level to activate and rebrand each hub
- Ensure there is clarity of connection between gateways
- Ensure there is a clear identity for each gateway

### MINING LAND - REHABILITATION CORRIDOR RECOMMENDATION

- Develop a branding strategy for Morwell that identifies unique qualities and its role and function with respect to other growing industries, and the broader Gippsland brand.

### FUTURE RECOMMENDATION CONSIDERATIONS

- Utilise the outcomes of the Mine Fire Inquiry to promote certainty (through greater transparency) and positive speculation about the post-coal future with planning for, and the staging of, remediation strategies commencing in the short term
- Explore & develop a rail trail network that utilises redundant rail infrastructure and connects to the proposed shared pathway network.
- Recognise and explore the potential of "artificial/ engineered landscape" elements to contribute to/ complement the regions tourism brand and product offer
- Explore opportunities for engagement of local workforce in the rehabilitation tasks (as healthy, meaningful work)
- Develop a suite of speculative short term built outcomes that rebrand Morwell as an attractive, healthy, innovative place to live work and visit.
- Develop Ridge Rd as a cultural, community and visitor destination with a focus on:
  - Interpretation of the areas mining and engineering past, present and future
  - Contemporary art and cultural activities
  - Public Parkland
- Advocate for a transition strategy which creates opportunities and future perspectives for the people and companies in the town

### MORWELL TOWN OF GARDENS

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- To develop a branding strategy for Morwell Garden festival
- To develop the Garden Festival structure and staged plan that addresses venue financing, activation and programming for the event



## FUTURE RECOMMENDATION CONSIDERATIONS

- Establish a network of green spaces interwoven throughout the town to act as the framework for Morwell Town of Gardens
- To explore strategies for how to reduce barriers in creating small community events in public spaces
- To establish and capture an annual and biannual calendar of events that can be advertised and profiled through municipal and regional online and print portals

## FUTURE MORWELL | A LIVEABLE TOWN



## NEIGHBOURHOODS

## RECOMMENDATION

- Seek opportunities to integrate blue and green networks into open space and neighbourhood plans

## FUTURE RECOMMENDATION CONSIDERATIONS

- Advocate for stronger bus links to Morwell neighbourhood house and the proposed hubs
- Identify and develop an 'administrative' precinct plan which consolidates activity along Hazelwood Road between George Street and Commercial Road and along the western end of Commercial Road towards the Rose Garden
- Provide for and promote greater use of the town centre for events and community use through temporary use of street space at Commercial Road and Tarwin Streets
- Explore options to locate community groups and town library to a more central and accessible location including potential re-use of the Commercial Road Primary School
- Explore options for a community hall and event facility within the Morwell CBD precinct.
- Develop and diversify activities at the Morwell Recreation Precinct as the premier destination for active recreation in Morwell and exploit synergies with the retail centre
- Support the Morwell & District Community Recovery Committee to establish resident groups for each neighbourhood facilitating them to become champions for the residents in the community and facilitate a more connected community
- Encourage resident groups, name each neighbourhood adjacent to the Village Hub, and identify a character type for the neighbourhood
- Create co-location spaces for residential, artistic and entrepreneurial uses in small neighbourhood shopping strips

## INDUSTRIAL PRECINCT

## RECOMMENDATION

- Develop a "prospectus" of industrial and commercial land within Morwell including positive profile of the diverse precincts, existing businesses, locational advantages and assets of each

## FUTURE RECOMMENDATION CONSIDERATIONS

- Undertake a detailed audit of existing uses/ businesses within industrial lands to better understand the dynamics of use with respect to past and future supply and demand
- Develop a public realm framework for streets through industrial areas complementary to residential and activity centre neighbourhoods i.e. street hierarchy and function with respect to infrastructure needs (green, blue)
- Undertake detailed consultation with land/business owners within individual older industrial areas within the west of Morwell to establish a shared longer term vision and plan for their neighbourhoods
- Develop an integrated environmental & land use plan for land associate with current/former farming land and redundant energy industry land to the south of Princes Freeway
- Develop a CLUE (Census of Land Use & Employment) for on-going monitoring, reporting and strategic planning for industrial/ commercial land within the Latrobe Regional Networked City - made available to the public, business community and potential investors in order to make informed decisions
- Develop detailed site design guidelines for properties, and public land along key waterways within the Waterhole creek catchment as an extension/enhancement of the current Waterhole Creek Management Plan

## FUTURE MORWELL | ASSETS



## LISTING AND NON-LISTED HERITAGE

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Develop an online and publicly accessible virtual Morwell site that consolidates and curates significant historical, visual and artefact material
- Develop an open source database of heritage assets considered of value to the community including built assets, sites of significance, and collections of artefacts / images held locally or at state / national libraries
- Develop a 'public art' strategy, which aims to build a trail of commissioned art work throughout the town enhancing connection between disconnected areas and activating underutilised space
- Investigate the cost to integrate high speed internet at key public built and open space facilities to enable greater connectivity for residents and profile to the facilities

## FUTURE RECOMMENDATION CONSIDERATIONS

- Develop a driving, walking and cycling trail network plan that assists in telling Morwell's historical, current and future story. Capture this trail network as a guidebook available in hard-copy and digital format
- Advocate that rehabilitation plans for mines and power stations have appropriate provisions for the recording, and retention of assets of heritage significance with respect to telling the story of Morwell in the future. Conduct assessment and concept plans for potential future use of mines and power stations
- Develop detailed trail plans which explore the links to and in-between recreational precincts, wetlands, rivers, gardens and other nature based assets to form a 'nature based' trail
- Evaluate recreational precinct design plans to ensure that they consolidate and intensify recreational areas into key town precincts, which are clearly signposted, visible and integrate with other surrounding activities and connected to other precincts
- Deploy a variety of low cost, low maintenance streetscape and open space improvements

## BUILT ASSETS

## FUTURE RECOMMENDATION CONSIDERATIONS

- Provide for and promote greater use of the town centre for events and community use through temporary use of street space at Commercial Road and Tarwin Streets
- Develop and diversify activities at the Morwell Recreation Precinct as the premier destination for active recreation in Morwell and exploit synergies with the retail centre

## LAND ASSETS

## RECOMMENDATION

- Develop and maintain a database of vacant land to better understand patterns of usage, issues & opportunities to inform an activation/ utilisation strategy

## FUTURE RECOMMENDATION CONSIDERATIONS

- Facilitate the temporary use of spaces for short term lease/ use through improved permit systems and planning support for community groups, startup businesses, event organisers etc.
- Work with land owners and real estate agents within key hubs/ centres to address barriers to occupation of vacant buildings and sites

## HERITAGE ASSETS

## FUTURE RECOMMENDATION CONSIDERATIONS

- Develop a database of heritage assets considered of value to the community (not necessarily for the purposes of planning scheme inclusion/ amendment) including built assets, sites of significance, collections of artefacts/ images held locally or at state/ national libraries
- Explore potential for driving, walking, cycling trails that can assist in the telling of Morwell's story through interpretation of the Latrobe Thematic Heritage
- Conduct a feasibility study that examines the potential for an expansion of the collection/ stories/ exhibition at the Power Works site.
- Ensure rehabilitation plans for mines and power stations have appropriate provisions for the recording, retention of assets of heritage significance with respect to telling the story of Morwell in the future
- Consider development of a virtual Morwell site as a means of consolidating/ curating significant visual/ artefact material

### iii. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## LIST OF KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

### FUTURE MORWELL REVITALISATION PLAN

#### HUB A - F

\* The following list of recommendations captures short, medium and long term actions for the Revitalisation of Morwell. \* The following list of recommendations captures short, medium and long term actions for the Revitalisation of Morwell. The priorities, cost recommendations and time frame for implementation can found in Chapter 4 'Making It Happen'.

#### HUB A RECOMMENDATIONS

- Clearly define the Latrobe Regional Gallery and Government services precinct as a bookend Commercial Road west
- To develop and implement a circuit that acts as a framework for other activities, infrastructure and actions to stem from, and contributes to the health and safety of the area

#### FUTURE RECOMMENDATION CONSIDERATIONS

- Consolidate and direct retail, commercial and social enterprises to the following areas:
  - Commercial Road (between Chapel Street and Hazelwood Road)
  - Tarwin Street (between George Street and Commercial Road)
  - Church Street (between Princes Drive & Buckley Street)
- Develop concept plans for a town square located at the corner of Tarwin Street and Commercial Road supporting the idea of an identifiable heart to the Village Hub.
- To develop a circuit around the Village Hub that prioritises the bicycle and pedestrian network, and provides safe inclusive access for all during the day and evening.
- To develop a clear entrance and navigation through the town
- To conduct a feasibility study on the relocation and renewal of the Sunday market in the town centre. Investigate ways to consult with private owners about bringing Sunday Market into town centre
- Develop a curated events and activities calendar to activate the Village Hub, and celebrate place + community, supported by the circuit and piazza

#### HUB B FUTURE RECOMMENDATION CONSIDERATIONS

- Explore the connectivity of this Hub to other Hubs in Morwell, and the local neighbourhoods through walking and bike path links
- Advocate for a strong connection and use between the public recreational facilities and educational facilities
- Consider how the management of each space might be more efficiently managed, and effectively scheduled to contribute to the health and safety of the area
- Consider the type and location of specific activities to support the local neighbourhoods, with careful attention given to the youth demographic
- Utilise the facilities (Morwell Leisure Centre, Morwell Scout Hall, tennis + basketball courts, and football grounds) outside of school operating hours, and after school programs
- Develop landscape plan for Sir Norman Brookes Park that integrates the recreational community organisations and new tennis courts
- Support the upgrade and development of McDonald Street to be a safe and healthy boulevard controlling local car traffic, and enabling better pedestrian and bike links, incorporate bus links, and reactivate retail shops

#### HUB C FUTURE RECOMMENDATION CONSIDERATIONS

- Explore the connectivity of this Hub to other Hubs in Morwell, and the local neighbourhoods through walking and bike path links, including the connection to Hub F along Waterhole Creek, Hub D along redundant rail way paths, and to Hub A the Local Village centre
- Consider the potential to connect to other towns through an extended bike and pedestrian path network



- Re-define the identity of Mid Valley as a shopping complex orientated around large scale big retail chains servicing the needs of the district that complements and provides difference to Hub A as the Village centre created around a local scale atmosphere as a place to gather and celebrate the community of Morwell among a collection of unique shops, cafes, services, and activities
- Support and Enhance the existing training and education capacity of this Hub to grow through its relationship to the other activities and facilities contained in this area, or adjacent to it
- A Hub that integrates and provides direct pathway from secondary school, VET and Higher-Ed sectors
- Develop landscape plan that extends the recreation, park and lake reserves through a productive garden/park operated, managed and utilised by training schemes located in this Hub
- Enhance and care for the adjacent linear nature reserve and Eric Lubcke Reserve + consider how these spaces might be integrated as a part of the area's maintenance and management schedule to aesthetically and practically develop and support a healthy and active environment
- Investigate the possibility of locating an RV park adjacent to the Eric Lubcke Reserve to service and attract RV tourism
- Explore the connectivity and access of this Hub to other Hubs in Morwell, and the local neighbourhood through walking and bike path links along Maryvale Crescent, and existing reserves, including the connection to and activation of the redundant rail path
- Consider how to support and schedule the operations and activities of the Astoria Club and the Morwell Bowling Club to extend, enhance and activate the area with diverse events that operate in times when the sports grounds are not occupied
- Explore the development of a concept plan for rose garden to rose park extension

## HUB D

### FUTURE RECOMMENDATION CONSIDERATIONS

- Advocate and support the preservation, re-purposing, renovation, and re-branding of industrial built assets that are unique in Australia, to celebrate Morwell's industrial heritage, contribute to the transformation and re-branding of Morwell, and develop new industries in the region to diversify and support businesses and industry across the town.
- Promote industrial tourism as an integrated component of rejuvenated parks, event gardens, heritage gardens and reserves as a green network encouraging active healthy lifestyle choices
- Support and extend the existing Power Works industrial tourism activities
- Explore the connectivity of this Hub to other Hubs in Morwell, and adjacent neighbourhoods through walking and bike path links that utilise redundant rail paths and infrastructure assets
- Consider the potential to connect to other industrial assets, and other towns through an extended bike and pedestrian path network

## HUB E

### RECOMMENDATION

- To implement an off-leash dog park to service the local neighbourhood and adjacent aged care facility

### FUTURE RECOMMENDATION CONSIDERATIONS

- Consider how the management of each space might be more efficiently managed, and effectively scheduled to contribute to the health and safety of the area
- Advocate and promote the utilisation of the sports facilities (Morwell recreation reserve, netball courts, football grounds, Morwell Bowling Club) to be utilised for local, regional, state, and national schedule of sporting events, shows, and activities.

## HUB F

### FUTURE RECOMMENDATION CONSIDERATIONS

- Develop landscape design plan for Hub F that integrates the diverse recreational programs (e.g. playgrounds, sculpture park, off-leash dog areas, nursery, art parks, fitness track, walking + bike paths) along Waterhole Creek to activate the area and support the natural health of the riparian landscape
- Consider the type and location of specific activities to support the local neighbourhoods, with careful attention given to the youth demographic
- Advocate and promote the utilisation of the sports facilities (tennis club, netball courts, football grounds, soccer fields) to be utilised for local, regional, state, and national schedule of sporting events, shows, and activities
- Explore the connectivity of this Hub to other Hubs in Morwell, and the local neighbourhood through walking and bike path links
- Consider how the management of each space might be more efficiently managed, and effectively scheduled to contribute to the health and safety of the area

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## **FUTURE MORWELL**

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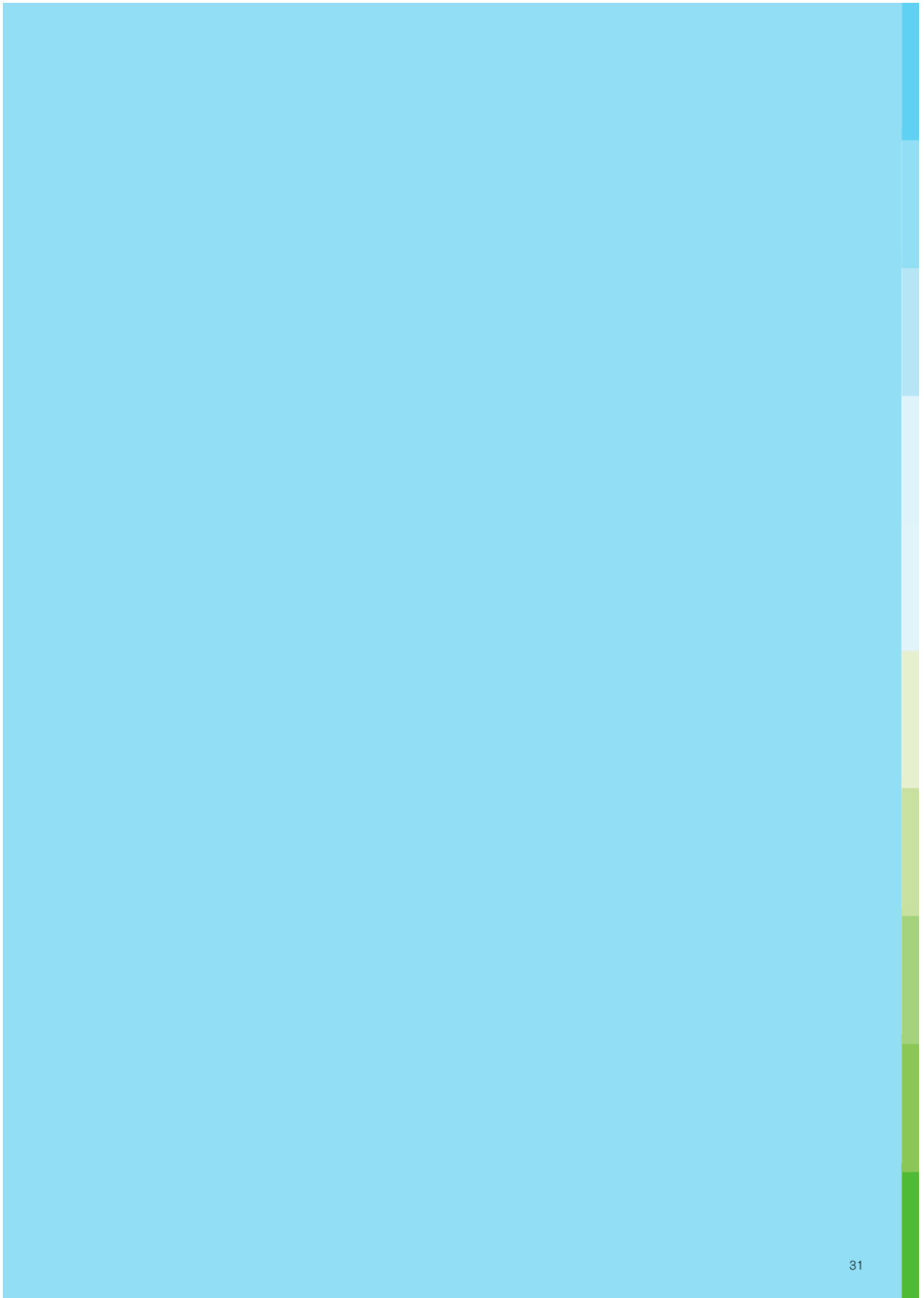
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## iv.

**INTRODUCTION****WHAT IS A REVITALISATION PLAN****HOW IS THIS PLAN DIFFERENT/COMPLEMENTARY**

A Revitalisation Plan is a document that identifies key characteristics of a town which it aims to enhance and renew. It does this through proposing a series of action plans that work on short, medium and long-term basis. The fundamental aspiration of this plan is to contribute to the revitalisation of Morwell through a background study, and the construction of a vision that describes the issues and proposed approaches across the town that acknowledges current qualities and assets, and endeavours to form connects through the shaping of distinctive town Hubs. It also acknowledges that the mining landscape defines an economic value, and considers how it might continue to contribute to the town in the future through alternative means. The recommendations described in this document aim to give new life to the town and its community by offering a range of ways to generate vitality and vigour.

- **Background**

Research examining the current physical condition of Morwell has identified that a significant issue to be addressed as we build towards a brighter future is the fragmentation of the town's urban fabric. There are many examples of this that have been determined through the work and shared with us by the community; the following are some key examples that help to illustrate the issue, and how this plan provides solutions:

- **East-West Corridor**

Issue: The train line and adjacent (former) highway has always run through the centre of Morwell. In the past, this has acted as a spine that contributed to the town's development and prosperity. Commercial growth developed along this axis resulted in a commercial centre that operates primarily in an East-West linear fashion. North-South connections did not develop to the same degree - the exceptions being Church Street and Tarwin Street, each isolated moments on either side of the rail line - and consequently the centralised grid network remains largely inactive. The current condition is that there is a clear and divided distinction between the North and South sides of town, disconnected by the large terrain of the train line and (former) highway.

Approach: This is an issue faced by many towns in Regional Australia experiencing similar forms of transition. This is addressed by redefining the occupation and identity of the central East-West strip (encapsulating the train line, land, and former highway), and defining a recognisable and compelling identity for the town's traditional centre as a 'Village Centre' with a local scale.

- **Highway Bypass**

Issue: Like many towns throughout Australia, the upgrade and relocation of the Highway outside of the town, and the resultant by-passing of Morwell, has removed the potential to capture possible through traffic tourism and a commuting economy. The reduced flow of traffic has perhaps contributed to the deterioration of the town's historical East-West 'spine' structure as the former highway aligns with the rail line.

Approach: The resulting reduced traffic condition can be considered as essential to developing some of the 'Village' qualities of the town expressed as desirable by the local community. The challenge might now be defined as to how to attract the (road) commuting economy to the Morwell 'Village' and navigate the ambiguity created by the abundance of off-ramp entries in to Morwell. An effective gateway to the town would contribute to this issue of 'attracting' tourism, act as a means of redefining the identity of Morwell, and simultaneously operate as a 'welcome home' for locals.

- **Industrial Heritage Infrastructure**

Issue: The town's historical prosperity has been undeniably linked to the mining and power industry. As a result of this historical, mutually beneficial, relationship elements of the town's physical infrastructure were planned and built to support and service aspects of the industry's function. Commercial Road (West of the Jane St bridge), and McDonald Street are two examples of roads designed as utilities to support large scale truck movement. Today, these roads no longer need to support large vehicular movement that has been re-routed. These roads are now oversized and

underutilised stretches of infrastructure adjacent to residential neighbourhoods that present opportunities for beautification and enhanced use.

Approach: The over-sized nature of these roads can be redefined into beautiful and practical boulevards serving to connect Morwell's existing and developing Hubs through tree-lined streets and shared pathways.

- **Industrial Heritage Assets**

Issue: Historical assets from Morwell's industrial past that have been abandoned and not maintained have become stigmatised in the local psyche, exist as eyesores, and physical points of stagnation.

Approach: A number of these structures have the capacity to be reconsidered as assets that simultaneously celebrate the town's historical past, and repurposed (e.g. culturally associated businesses) to contribute to its future. There are many examples of this strategy employed around the world, such as in the Ruhr Valley in Germany, sites throughout the Netherlands, Manchester in the United Kingdom and Detroit in the United States to name a few. Local opportunities might include the rail bridge over Commercial Road, and the former Morwell Power Station. It is important to recognise the unique qualities of these assets, and their scale, that make them rich with possibility, and that cannot be found anywhere else in the state. In a world that craves difference, and unique experiences, these buildings from Morwell's Industrial heritage are invaluable assets.

- **The Mines**

Issue: The mining and power industry (Hazelwood Morwell) mines to the South, and Yallourn to the North-West) and their associated buffer zones have placed pressure on existing neighbourhoods with an adjacency to the mines, and on the physical expansion of the town.

Approach: The possibility is to consider the design of these 'edge' neighbourhoods to become unique and attractive environments that add to the quality of life and living within them, increase their economic value, and contribute to the town's identity and capacity. Celebrating the 'edge' condition is to seek to amplify the natural environmental and ecological characteristics of the neighbourhoods, and integrate them with the 'blue' and 'green' networks that are also located within this 'buffer' territory. Considered in this manner, these new and existing neighbourhoods have the opportunity to become unique interfaces with the natural environment, move beyond the 'usual' conventions of development deployed across the state, and attract investors and new community members interested in contributing to the prosperity of the town.

- **Industrial Neighbourhoods**

Issue: Currently the light-medium industrial neighbourhoods are duplicated, detached from one another, and exist at the significant East and West entries to Morwell.

Approach: The question is to consider how these areas might be designed to become a part of a coherent town wide neighbourhood strategy that contributes to the town's physical identity and productivity.

- **Two Centres**

Issue: The construction of the Mid Valley Shopping Centre complex in 1982 created two physically separated competing commercial centres in the town. This issue continues to be a vexing one for many people in the local community who see it as a 'thorn-in-the-side' that 'ripped the guts out' of the town's traditional centre.

Approach: This plan proposes that each of these 'centres' be redefined to become different types of Hubs that inform how they are perceived, used, and branded, and to instruct their future growth so that they might be complementary rather than competitive. Morwell's traditional centre located on Commercial Road is to

be redefined as a Local scale Hub: the Village Centre with a traditional village atmosphere where people can engage with local commercial businesses (service, retail and entertainment), local Government services, and public institutions such as the Regional Gallery. It is a place of (formal and informal) community gathering and celebration of place specific to living in Morwell.

The Mid Valley Shopping Centre complex with close proximity to Federation Training facilities, and Kernot Hall (event complex) is to be defined as a District scale Hub primarily for large scale events (held at Kernot Hall), Cinema entertainment, and large scale commercial activities in the form of supermarkets, department stores, and warehouse scale businesses. This is a District scale service Hub that attracts people from other towns.

The items listed above are significant issues that are explained and addressed in greater length in this Revitalisation Plan. We recognise the issues listed thus far are predominantly physical in nature and of a large scale; however it is important to understand the fragmentation and disconnection they create in the community's social structure, as well as the negative environmental and economic effects this condition propagates. The intention is to reconnect the physical and social fabric of the town to enhance the quality of living and urban well being in order to stabilise Morwell's economic growth and enable a future for growth.

The Revitalisation Plan also recognises the capacity, strength, goodwill, and desire to effect change evidenced in Morwell's social capital; its people and the community they make. This Plan proposes a range of activities and events, with 'how to' instructions, that the community is encouraged to launch and facilitate with appropriate support. These are 'ground up' actions that are designed to give agency to individuals, groups, clubs, business, industry, and government to collaborate, connect, own, and make change. These actions are also understood to impact and help shape traditional 'top down' governance, and policy structures to be specifically responsive to the uniqueness of place.

These actions are not intended to shift the responsibility of positive change to the community; rather they are understood as collaborative responses that generate more effective targeted outcomes, and engender

greater working sense of community connectivity. These works are often small in nature, however their effects are both deep and broad. Their capacity to make real change should not be underestimated nor undervalued, as they cut to the core of what it is to be a community, effecting how people engage with one another, and how they shape the spaces in which they live. This in turn informs the built and natural environment, and the cultural framework, that has direct impacts on policy and the economy.

This revitalisation plan seeks to define a range of recommendations and actions in order to address the issue of fragmentation in the social and built fabric of Morwell. They operate across a range of scales and periods of time, from the small short term projects to large scale long term works. This multipronged approach identifies and requires a range of stakeholders to work together to inform change through a range of tactics that aspires to bring about a brighter future for Morwell.

## iv.

**INTRODUCTION****HOW TO USE THIS PLAN****LATROBE NETWORK CITY, OUR TOWN, MY TOWN****WHAT ARE THE PARTS OF THE PLAN**

The Revitalisation Plan has been organised into three scales that move from a large scale collective responses through to the individual scale personal responses. These are:

- **Scale 01. Latrobe City A Networked City**

At this scale it is important to consider how Morwell acts as a key node of Latrobe City's Networked City that is the Regional City for Eastern Victoria. Latrobe City has four main town's; Morwell, Moe, Traralgon and Churchill. In this context, how might Morwell contribute to Latrobe City, avoid direct competition with the other towns, build on its own unique qualities, and leverage off the strengths of the other towns.

- **Scale 02. Our Town**

The focus of this scale is the urban design of the town of Morwell considered through its infrastructural systems. This includes the road, rail, pedestrian, and bicycle networks in relation to the natural environmental 'green' (parks, gardens, reserves, etc.) and 'blue' (water ways, wetlands, creeks, river, etc.) systems that exist in it, and pass through the town into the surrounding landscape. These systems are important to the productivity, health and wellbeing of the town, its physical connectivity, and an important part of redefining the town's identity.

- **Scale 03. My Town**

My town identifies the community structure at the scale of the Neighbourhoods and the town's central Hubs. It explores the individual's role within the community and encourages immediate connection through simple notions that include 'know your neighbour'. At this scale a range of different stakeholders, groups, and organisations (public + private) are identified, and encouraged to be active agents for positive change. Hubs of activity are defined, activated and connected across the residential, commercial and recreational zones, and industrial neighbourhoods are redefined to contribute to an active and healthy community town.

These scales are employed to structure positive change for Future Morwell. They aspire to; connect and grow the community through its social and cultural structures; protect, celebrate and enjoy its built and natural assets; contribute to the stabilisation of the local economy, and build the foundation for future investment; and re-define the town's identity through the creation of a new brand that celebrates its industrial heritage and points toward a bright future.



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# COMMUNITY LED REVITALISATION PLAN

### SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES FROM COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

The aim of the community consultation process for the Future Morwell Project was to enable an open, transparent, and engaged process during various stages of 'Project 01: Future Morwell Revitalisation Plan' development.

The community consultation process consisted of two independent workshops and two independent open house sessions during the development of the project brief, and sketch design phase. The consultation sessions were held with a broad range of stakeholders that included residents, local traders, local service providers, council staff, and community groups.

The consultation sessions made face to face contact with in excess of **900 unique community members**, and an ever growing online social media presence and feedback process continues to communicate the intention of the project and generate useful feedback from the community.

The community consultation in stage one of the project consisted of an 'Open House' event held for **5 days in April/May 2015, from 30th April to 4th May**. This open house consulted face to face with in excess of **500 people** to seek community views on issues, potentials, and strategies that might contribute to the urban revitalisation plan for Morwell and the subsequent four Future Morwell projects; the Circuit, the Gateway, Branding, and Events.

The 'Open House' session conducted between September and mid-November enabled people to drop in on a daily basis to view the development of the work in the Future Morwell dedicated project space, Commercial Road, Morwell. This period of 'Open House'



Above: Open House 1 - Drop-in Session (Photo: OUTR)

enabled community members to receive an update on the outcomes, and to comment on the sketch design for the Morwell Revitalisation Plan and concept drawings for the subsequent four Morwell projects.

In addition to the Open House sessions, two invited workshops were conducted with the project steering committee and representatives from Latrobe City Council. At each of these sessions guest consultants co-lead the sessions with RMIT University. The focus of 'Workshop One' was the development of the project brief. This was co-lead with Bart Brands, Director of Karres en Brands, the Netherlands. The second workshop focused on urban renewal strategies co-lead with Chris Reed, Director of Stoss, USA. These sessions were framed as information, brainstorming, and development sessions that directly fed into the development of the project brief and concept plan. It also provided participants with an understanding of how challenges and opportunities like those faced by Morwell are being engaged with in different locations around the world, and how we might learn from these so that they might contribute to the development of a revitalisation strategy for Morwell.

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## TWO PHASES OF CONSULTATION

**8 MONTHS, 160 DAYS, 900+ PEOPLE FACE TO FACE, 4500+ ONLINE**

## PHASE 01

**01 Workshop 1 (Brief Setting)**

Bart Brands, Director Karres en Brands, the Netherlands, and RMIT University.

**02 Open House (Briefing Stage)**

Over 5 days, the Future Morwell project team opened the doors of the former Spotlight building and invited the community in to provide feedback on what they saw as the strengths, opportunities and challenges of our town.

- **Open House**  
April 30th - May 4th, 2015  
More than 500 people visited the exhibition and shared their ideas about what the future of Morwell could be if we all worked together to create positive change.
- **Online Share Your Ideas**  
May 1st - May 15th, 2015  
An online discussion board, so that people who were not able to attend in person could also have their say.
- **Future Morwell Information Session**  
July 9th, 2015

## Open House 1 - Summary

500+ Visitors	675+ Notes	9 Media Events	11 Workshops
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## PHASE 02

**03 Workshop 2**

Concept building - Renewal Strategies  
Chris Reed, Director Stoss Landscape Urbanism, USA, and RMIT University.

**04 Open House (Concept Stage)**

To inform the community about the plans developed for Stage 2. This is an opportunity for the community to learn more and have their say.

- **Future Morwell Workshop**  
July 31st, 2015
- **Town Walks**  
October 10th - October 11th, 2015  
The aim was to walk around town, stopping at important venues where participants were asked to offer personal reflections and insights relevant to each location. Each point was interactive and allowed participants to contribute ideas.
- **Open House**  
September 19th, 2015
- **Group Alignment Workshops**  
October 31st - November 18th, 2015
- **Open House**  
December 12th, 2015

## Open House 2 - Summary

4500+ Online Post Reactions	11 Open House Days	2 Council Meetings	12 Community Group Meetings
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On the following pages is an outlined summary of the feedback received during the community consultation phase of the project.

## ADDITIONAL MATERIAL(S) :

**WORKSHOP 1  
BART BRANDS, DIRECTOR  
KARRES EN BRANDS, THE  
NETHERLANDS**

Bart Brands founded Karres and Brands landscape architects together with Sylvia Karres in 1997. Their projects range from the design of parks, squares and cemeteries to the creation of urban development master plans. Bart has an affinity with both landscape architecture and architecture, as well as urban development. With his bureau he is active both in the Netherlands and abroad. For

example, he was involved in the design for Federation Square in Melbourne, Købmagergade in Copenhagen and the feasibility study for Cross River Park in London. He is also a member of the Beirat Tempelhof, an advisory committee for the former Tempelhof airport in Berlin. He is currently an Adjunct Professor at RMIT University, Melbourne.

**WORKSHOP 2  
CHRIS REED, STOSS LANDSCAPE  
URBANISM, USA**

Chris Reed is the founding principal of Stoss. His innovative, hybridized approach to public space has been recognized internationally, and he has been invited to participate in competitions and installations in the United States, Canada, Europe, Israel, the Middle East, Taiwan, and China. Reed's research interests include the impact of ecological sciences on design thinking, and city-making strategies informed by

landscape systems and dynamics; he is co-editor of a recently published volume of research and drawing titled Projective Ecologies. Reed received a Master in Landscape Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania and an AB in Urban Studies from Harvard College. He is currently Associate Professor in Practice of Landscape Architecture at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design.





Open House 1: General Image



Open House 1: General Image



Open House 1: General Image



Workshop 1 with Bart Brands



**Future Morwell. Future Latrobe Valley.**

## Town Walks

Hear more and have your say

**Saturday 10th October**  
9am, 11am, 1pm  
**Sunday 11th October**  
11.30am, 2pm, 4pm

## Workshops

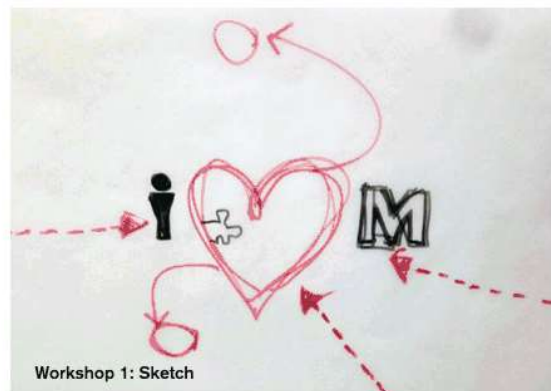
Have your say in a workshop

**Saturday 10th October**  
3pm  
**Sunday 11th October**  
11am, 1pm, 3pm

Route Map

1 Corner Commercial Rd & Tarwin St, Morwell	5 Park opposite 114 Morwell-Thorpdale Rd
2 Commercial Rd Primary School, Chapel St	6 Morwell Centenary Rose Garden
3 Morwell Skate Park, Commercial rd	7 Vacant lot, adjacent 178 Commercial Rd
8 ReActivate HQ, 226 Commercial Rd	

Phase 02: Town Walks





# COMMUNITY LED REVITALISATION PLAN

## SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK PROVIDED BY COMMUNITY MEMBERS

<p>Economic Growth Land Use Built &amp; Land Assets</p> <p>stabilise &amp; improve (re-think)</p>	<h3>Latrobe City a network city</h3> <p>Latrobe City focuses on Morwell in relation to other towns in Latrobe Valley.</p> <div> <div> <h4>01 Tourism</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthen Industrial Tourism.</li> <li>Strengthen Nature Based Tourism</li> <li>Strengthen Sport Based Tourism.</li> <li>Improve Signage &amp; Physical Improvements.</li> <li>Improve Marketing.</li> </ul> </div> <div> <h4>02 Employment</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greater Access to Training</li> <li>Youth Employment</li> <li>Increase Workforce Participation (disability)</li> <li>Meaningful Work / Pride &amp; Wellbeing</li> </ul> </div> <div> <h4>03 Industry Diversification</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transition &amp; Diversification Plan in Relation to Energy Sector</li> <li>Greater Support for Light Industry</li> <li>Home of Aeronautics Industry</li> <li>Increase Entrepreneurial nature of Local Business</li> </ul> </div> <div> <h4>04 Community Spirit &amp; Identity</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Morwell Identity Distinct from other LV Towns (Traralgon)</li> <li>Need a Physical "Heart" to Town</li> <li>Clubs as Focus of Community Life</li> <li>Role of Publicity (Good &amp; Bad) in Shaping Identity</li> <li>Market the Town Through Positive Media Stories</li> </ul> </div> <div> <h4>05 Energy &amp; Forestry Industry</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-branding Of Centre With Use Of Solar Power</li> <li>More/Better Managed Plantations</li> </ul> </div> </div>
<p>Town Systems Neighbourhoods</p> <p>sustain &amp; develop (re-work)</p> <p>Future Morwell. Future Latrobe Valley.</p>	<h3>Our Town individual towns &amp; neighbourhoods</h3> <p>Our Town focuses on Morwell and its neighbourhoods.</p> <div> <div> <h4>01 Retail Mix &amp; Trading Hours</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More Shops To Support "Village" Atmosphere</li> <li>Niche Shops (i.e Only Ones In LC, Local Produce)</li> <li>Extended Trading Hours/ Weekends</li> <li>Key Use/Tenancy For Spotlight Site</li> </ul> </div> <div> <h4>02 Vacant Shops &amp; Retail Affordability</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduced/ Subsidised Rents To Attract New Businesses</li> <li>Interest Free Loans For Refitting</li> <li>Short Term/ Pop Ups/ Window Displays To Take Away Empty Feeling</li> <li>Use Of Vacant Lot(S) For Markets</li> </ul> </div> <div> <h4>03 Market</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strong Support For Markets</li> <li>Indoor Market</li> <li>Night Market</li> <li>Relocation Of Sunday Market To Centre</li> </ul> </div> <div> <h4>04 Recreation</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Focus On Youth/Child Friendly Activity</li> <li>Better Use/ Maintenance Of Existing Open spaces</li> <li>More Live Music/ Activities</li> <li>Enclosed Off Leash Dog &amp; Children Parks</li> </ul> </div> <div> <h4>05 Community Events &amp; Programmes</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strong Support For Regular Events Show Casing Merchants, Music, Food)</li> <li>Nature Based Events (Strong Support For Sunflowers, Rose Garden, More Well)</li> <li>Music Based Events</li> <li>Street Festivals</li> <li>Church Yard Events After Church</li> <li>After School Programmes</li> </ul> </div> <div> <h4>06 Art</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve Existing Facilities/Assets (Regional Gallery/Rose Garden)</li> <li>Grow Local Arts &amp; Crafts Base and Make More Visible Public Art in Streets</li> <li>Youth Art, Indigenous Art</li> </ul> </div> <div> <h4>07 Heritage &amp; History</h4> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preservation/Celebration Of Heritage Streetscapes</li> <li>Telling 'The Morwell Story' (Past/Present/Future)</li> <li>Better Locations for Existing (John Monash) &amp; New Statues</li> <li>Name Neighbourhoods ( e.g. rose garden neighbourhood)</li> </ul> </div> </div>

**08 Land & Natural Assets**

- Waterhole Creek - Clean Up But Generally Beautification/Activation
- Better Use Of Latrobe River
- Urban Agriculture (In Public Spaces, And For Markets).

**09 Sustainability**

- Link To Cost-effectiveness At Personal Scale

**10 Walking & Cycling**

- Improved Visual & Physical Connections Between Tarwin St & Church St
- Better Connections Between Traralgon & Morwell & Midvalley/Kernot Hall
- Better Connections To External Landscape Assets (Wetlands & Parkland)
- Improved Safety Within Centre (CCTV, Slower Traffic 40KM)
- Use Of Track Network For Recreational Cyclists (Mountain Bike Club, Tourists)
- Improved Destination Facilities For Cyclists In Centre (Parking Etc.)
- Improved Disability Access Within Centre (Motor Scooters, Wheel Chairs)
- Pedestrian Only Road in Town Centre.

**11 Public Transport**

- Improved Frequency & More Connections (Train & Bus)
- Utilise Volunteer/Community Transport Options To Fill Gaps

**12 Motor Vehicles**

- Improved Visual Impact To Car Parking Areas
- Dedicated Pram Car Parks

**13 Public Realm**

- More Street Trees, And Greenery/Gardens
- Focus On Tarwin, Commercial & Church Streets
- Focus On Seating & Comfort (Furniture, Weather Protection, Lighting)

**14 Built Form**

- Renovation Of Façades
- Improvements To Shopfronts
- Maintenance & Cleaning Of Façades & Shopfronts
- Re-use Of Power Stations
- Revitalise Housing Stock & Attract New Residents (Affordability & Lifestyle).
- Have a Strategy for Schools When They Become Vacant

**15 Maintenance**

- Graffiti, Public Facilities, Furniture, Bins
- Bins for Dog Poo

**16 Gateway**

- Facelift To Commercial Road Bridge (Retain)
- Native Modern Green
- Industrial Heritage
- Traditional Anzac Avenue Of Honour
- Clean Up Neighbouring Sites (Substation, Scrap Metal Shop)

**17 Commercial Road**

- Improvements To Key Buildings (Anglicare, Council, Regional Gallery Increased Street Visibility)
- More Colour (Coordinated)
- More Trees/ Greenery
- More Lighting
- More Crossing Points
- More Seating/ Gathering Spaces.

**My Town Communities**

My Town focuses on community facilities and implementation.

Community-  
Partnership  
Community-  
Led Change  
Community-  
Connectedness

activate & transform  
[re-activate]

Future  
Morwell.  
Future  
Latrobe  
Valley.

**01 Town Centre Management**

- More Connected Unified Effort & Decision Making
- Improved Promotion Of Centre
- Better Communication & Information Sharing
- Investment Incentives (Permits Etc.)

**02 Community Facilities & Programmes**

- A space that connects us
- A street that is "home" to events and activities
- A more centrally located Neighbourhood House
- Indigenous, multi-cultural space
- Online & Physical information portal of what's on
- Health (Drugs, Mental Health, Air Pollution).

**03 Governance & Leadership**

- Strong Support For Collaborative Planning
- Strong Support For Community Initiated Change
- Strengthened Community Groups (Better Connected, Recognised)
- Law & Order (Role Of Police Vs. Neighbourhood Watch)

**04 Cultural Diversity**

- Multicultural Events
- Cultural Networking
- Demonstrate Inclusiveness (Across Cultural Groups)

The community feedback is broken down into three scales of reference relevant to Latrobe City - network city scale, to the town of Morwell and community groups and the town's residents.

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## iv. INTRODUCTION

### KEY DIRECTIONS (CHARTER)

#### FUTURE MORWELL REVITALISATION PLAN

1. We, as individuals, groups and organisations invested in making Morwell's future a brighter and prosperous one, must develop and improve the identity of our town, and encourage a proud and prosperous town through new assets and the renewal and repurposing of existing assets through the establishment of a healthy town (social), a sustainable town (environmental), a tourist town (economic), and a beautiful town (cultural).
2. We must realign our town's historical centre to be a destination and an active village centre with educational, cultural, community, and commercial activities.
3. We must enhance the environmental performance of our town through local and regional networks to better connect Morwell through its environmental and culturally significant waterways, parks, gardens, and nature reserves.
4. We must advocate to minimise any adverse impacts of mining operations directly adjacent to the town, and identify economic, social and environmental benefits for the future remediation of land and associated infrastructure.
5. We must better connect people and activities between the significant hubs within Morwell, and across Latrobe City's network of towns, and identify how the town's assets can be better connected, shared, and managed.
6. We must enhance the health and wellbeing our town's community through the use of the town's open space to promote active movement, healthy eating and being better connected.
7. We must identify and enhance the identity of our town's neighbourhoods promoting a range of sustainable residential areas in existing and new neighbourhoods.
8. We must facilitate short term low cost activities in suitable locations to activate the town immediately through its underutilised spaces.
9. We must pursue a collaborative and networked city agenda that recognises our town's strengths in Latrobe City's future.
10. We must empower our town's residents and its daily users with meaningful ways to make change to their neighbourhoods and the town at large.
11. We must be community centred in the implementation of this plan.
12. We must support the implementation of this conceptual plan through the short, medium, and long term key actions.
13. We must encourage the State and Federal Government to actively support the short, medium and long term actions proposed in Future Morwell Revitalisation Plan.

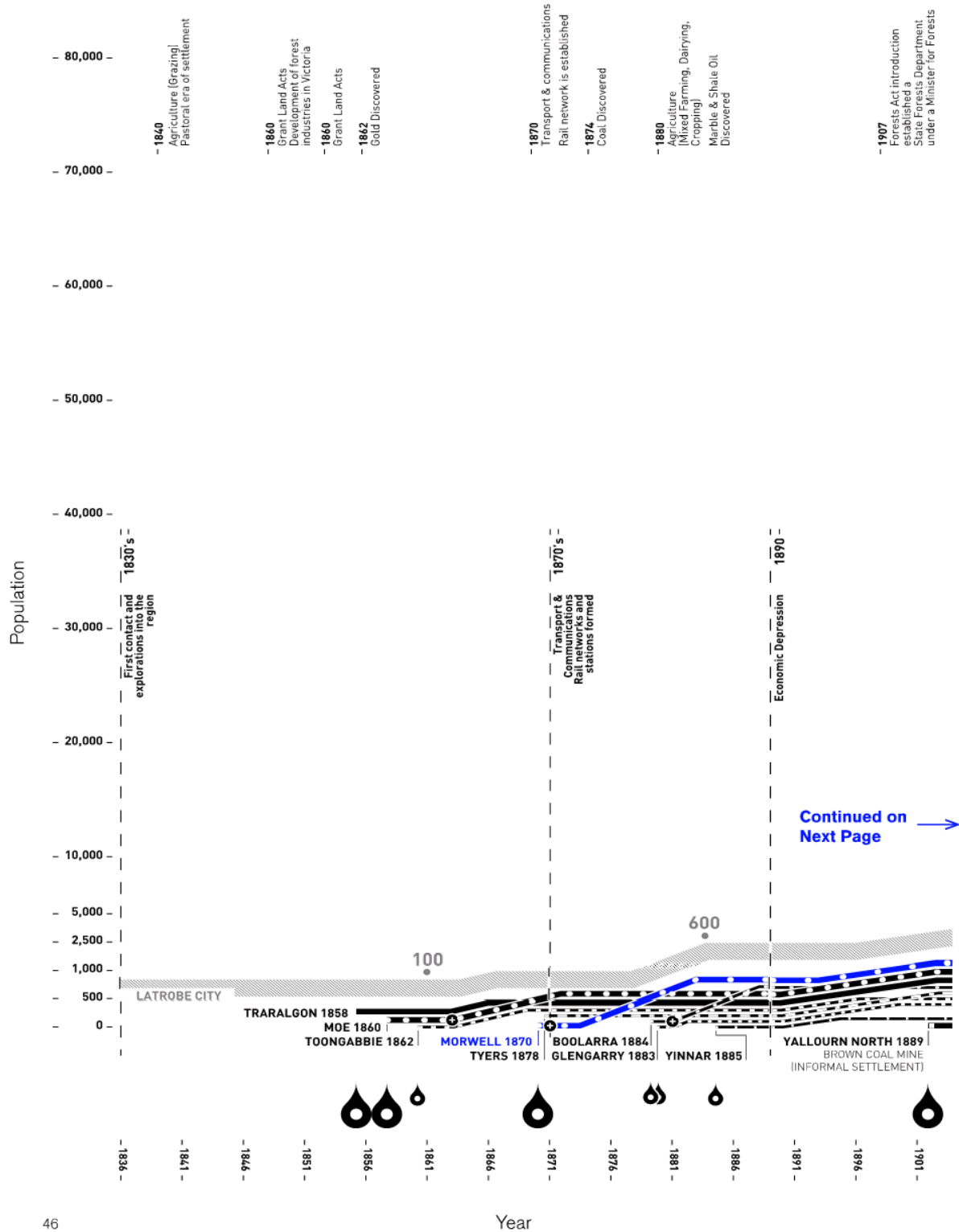
Left: Open House - Community Feed-back (Photo: OUTR)

iv.

## INTRODUCTION

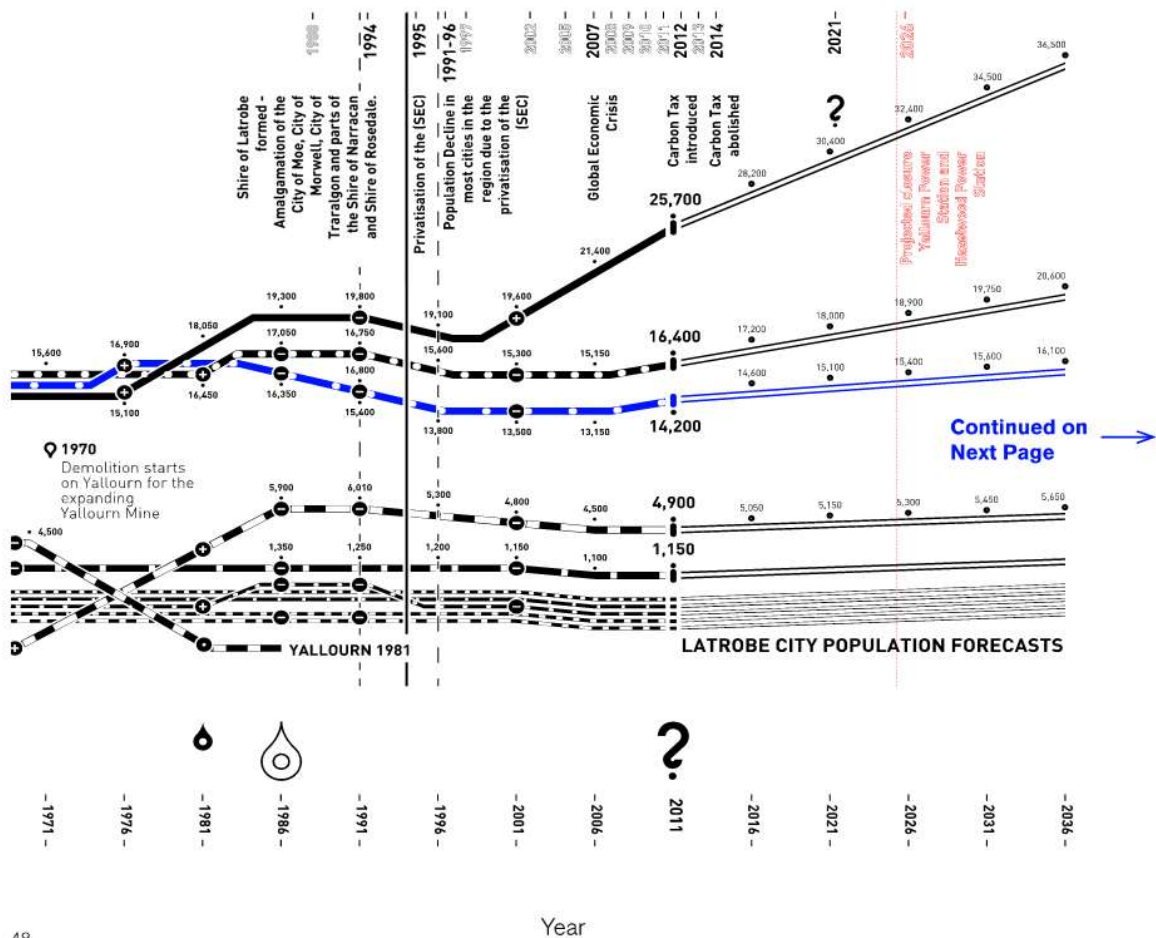
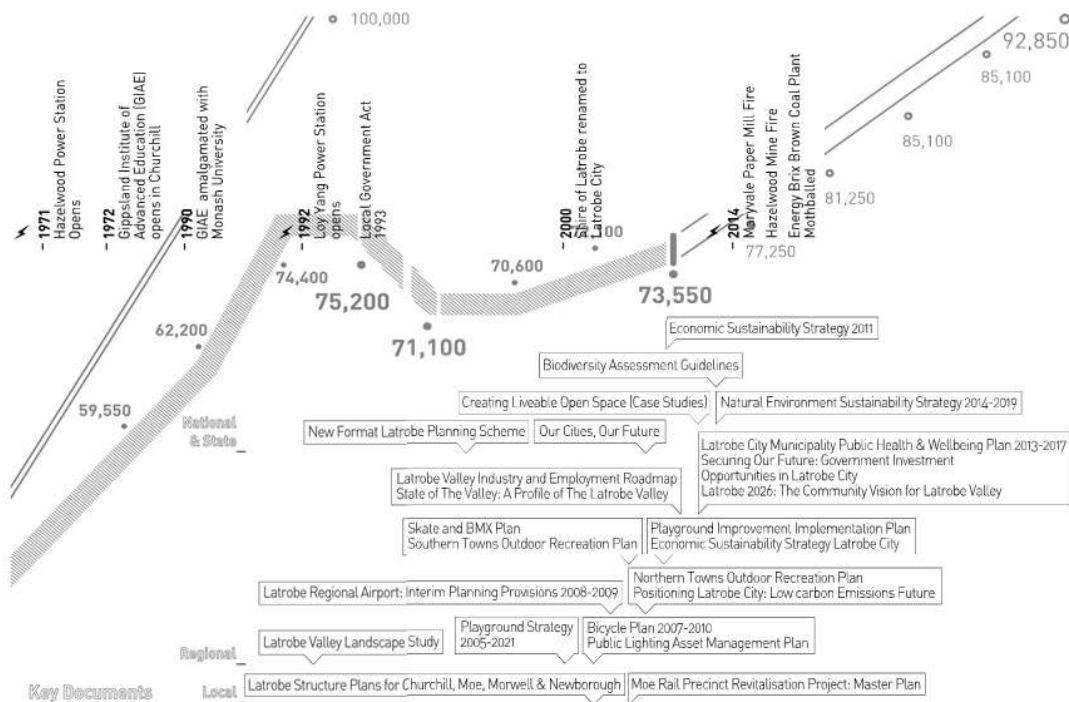
### SUMMARY OF APPROACH

#### HISTORY OF PLANNING INITIATIVES & EVENTS FOR MORWELL/ LATROBE CITY





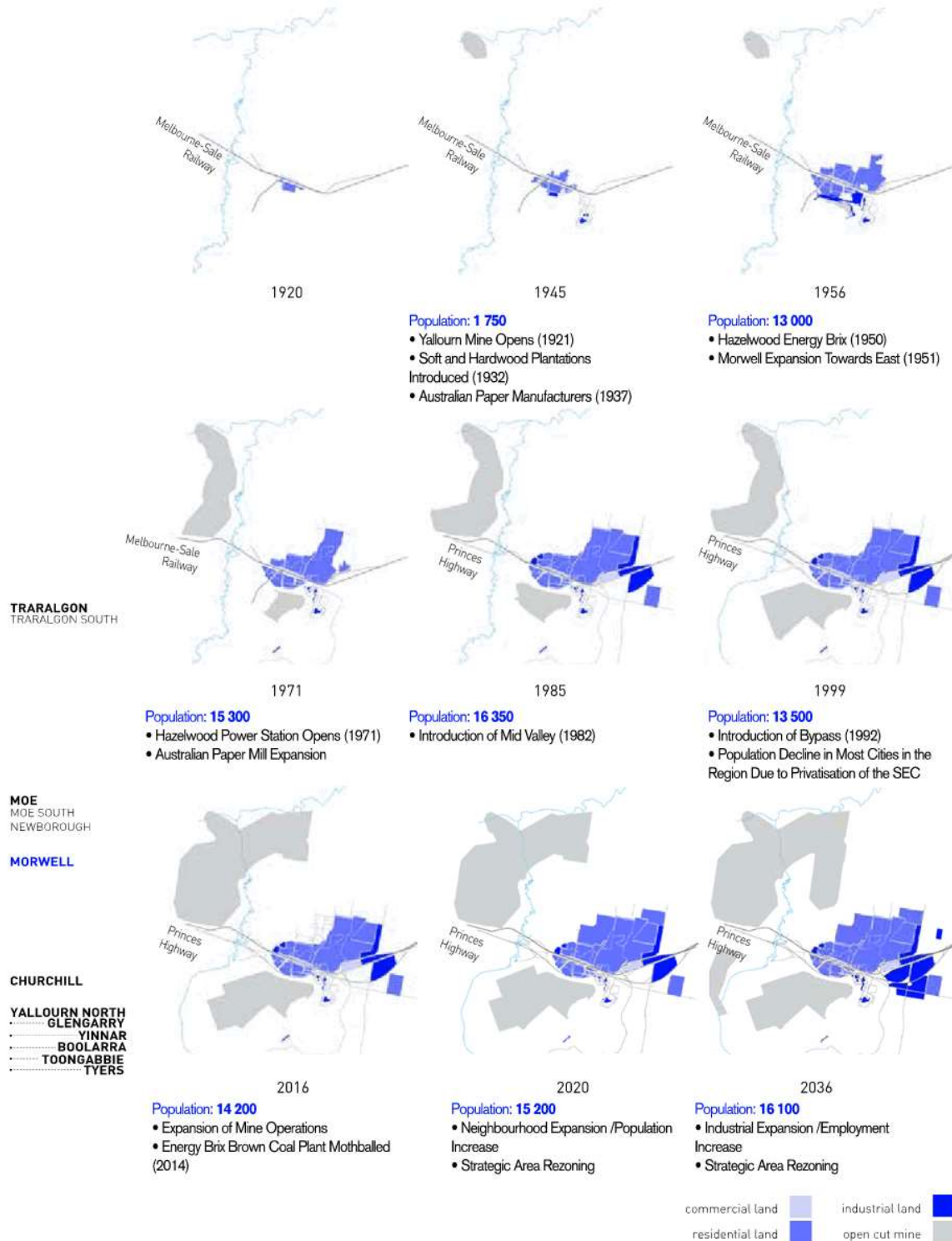




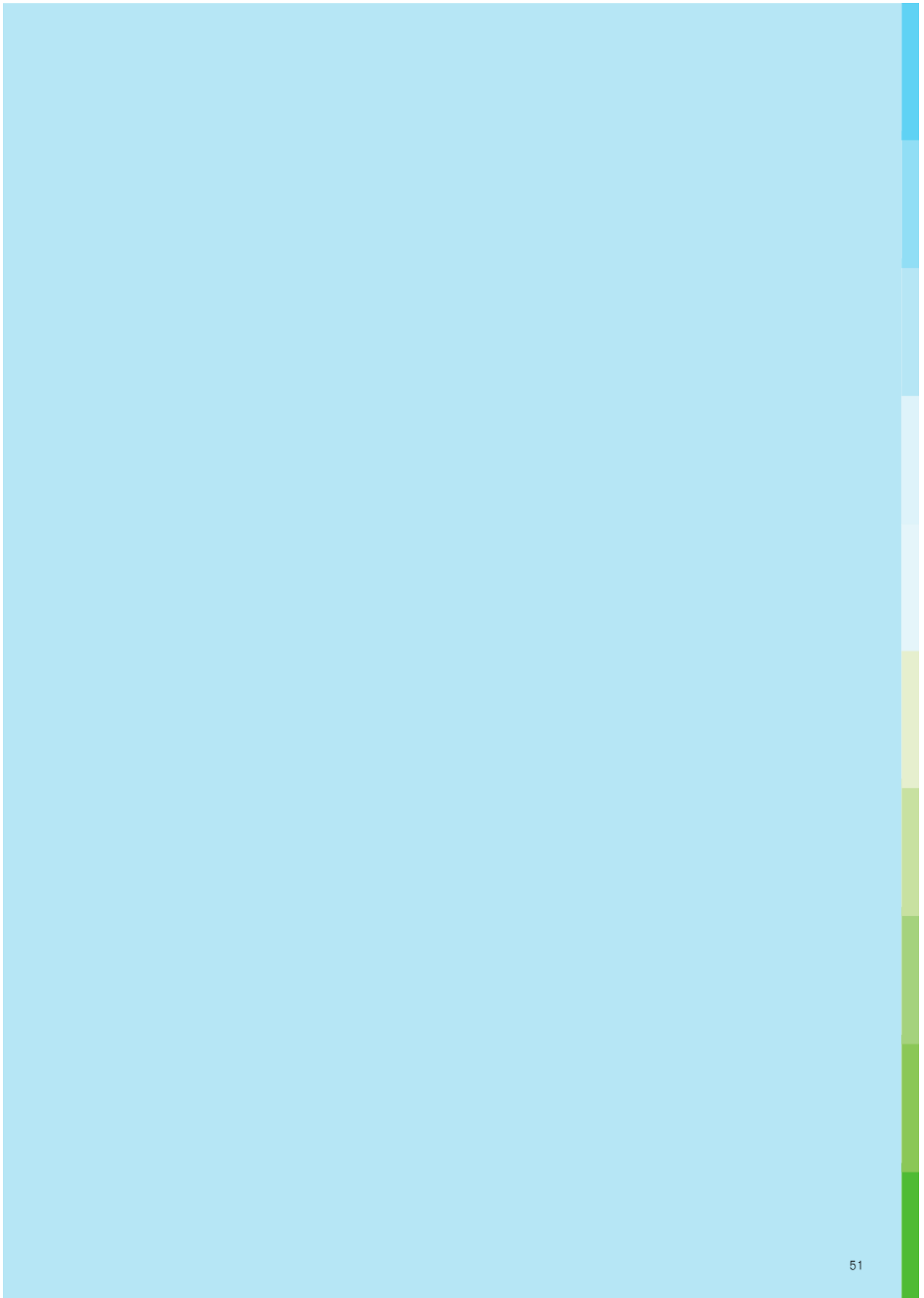


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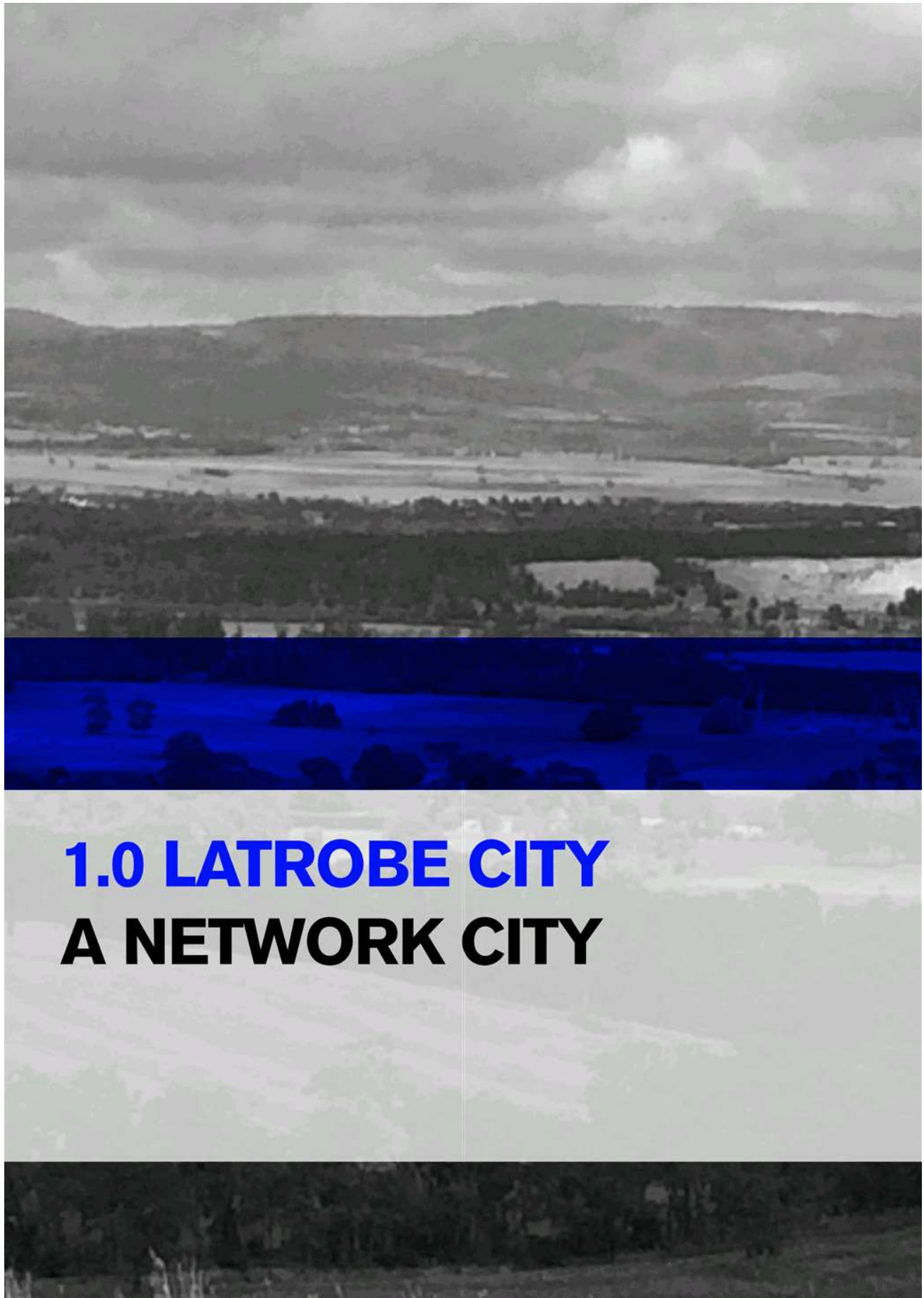
### GROWTH OF MORWELL TOWNSHIP OVER TIME













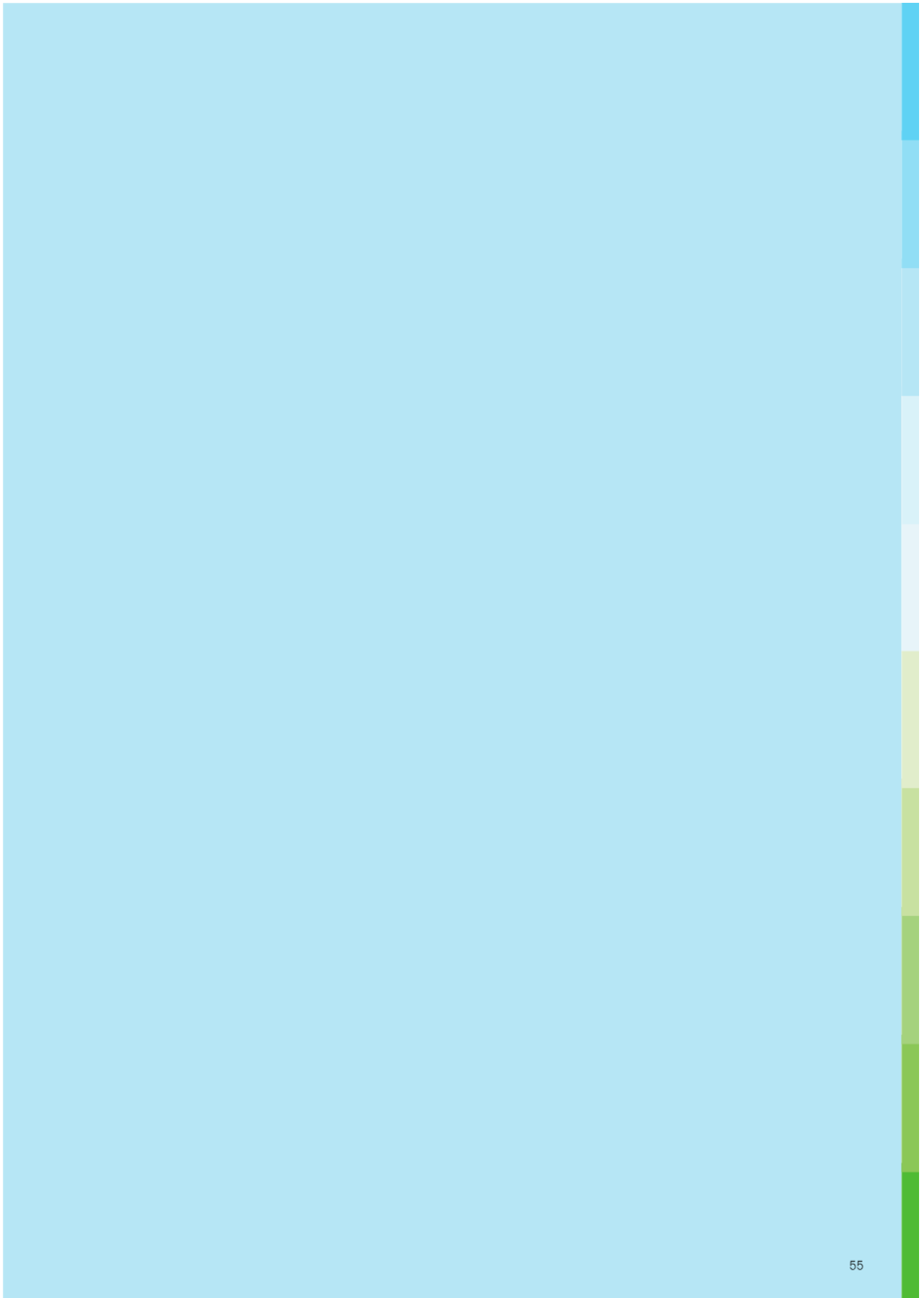
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## **FUTURE MORWELL**

### **1.0 | LATROBE CITY A NETWORK CITY**

#### **1.1 | OVERVIEW**

#### **1.2 | STATE PLANNING CONTEXT**



## 1.1 | LATROBE CITY A NETWORK CITY OVERVIEW

### A REGIONAL CENTRE

The Gippsland region is recognised as an important driver of the Victorian and Australian economies because of its vital role in supplying energy, earth resources, timber, water food and fibre.

It also comprises nationally recognised tourist destinations and some of the state's most important environmental and cultural heritage assets. However, the region is facing a period of significant change especially with respect to its role in energy production which needs to transition to low carbon economies, and cleaner and greener value-adding opportunities are needed in natural resource and food production.

### A NETWORK CITY

Latrobe city is unique among all the other Regional Centres in Victoria as it is not identified as a single urban centre, but is comprised of a network of primary townships that include Morwell, Moe, Traralgon and Churchill, and related satellite towns of various scales and characteristics.

There exists in this Network City structure the potential to generate unique differences between each town that add to the strength and capacity of the overall Latrobe Regional City. In this manner each town has the scope to support the others, and in turn benefit from the mutually inclusive relationship.

From a tourism perspective this suggests that any tourist drawn to a specific event or attraction at any one town is encouraged to visit similar or very different attractions in any of the other towns within the Network City. This not only increases the potential business at each key attraction, but may add to the motivation of attending the initial attraction. The resultant effect is to increase the visitors length of stay, and thereby the opportunity to engage with other businesses and activities.

Overlaps that occur between the function, events, and activities of each town may be reconsidered to encourage a level of productive competition that supports and complements each one.

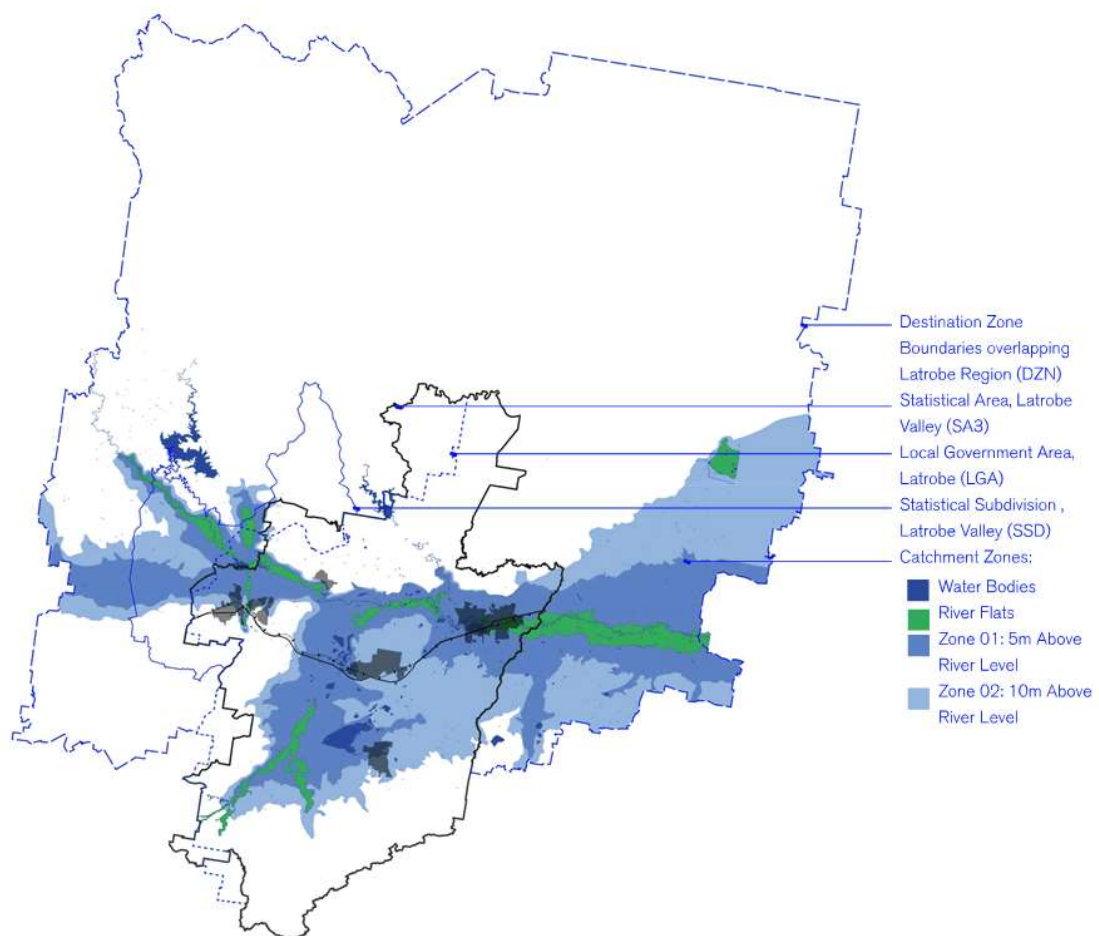
### A SUSTAINABLE & DIFFERENTIATED CITY

Latrobe City is a collection of towns geographically located within a low lying valley region that extends beyond Latrobe City's local government area. The Latrobe Valley occupies an inland area between the Strzelecki Ranges and the Baw Baw Ranges. It contains the major urban population areas of Warragul, Morwell, Moe and Traralgon, and is bordered to the south by the Strzelecki Ranges and the reaches of the Victoria Alps to the North.

Latrobe River is the main river system that flows through and defines the Latrobe Valley Region. Within the Region of the Latrobe City the Latrobe River branches from the Morwell River, and the Traralgon River that themselves determine key characteristics of the valley landscape.

The difference in identity between towns encourages new possibilities. At the scale of the Network City difference it is important to avoid unnecessary competition, so that each town is not simply a copy of other towns. Through differentiating towns it aims to generate choice, better ways of living and value adding to each other in Latrobe City, the regional city.

Difference may be informed by the specifics of its physical environment and natural ecology, its history, its diverse social capital, and the identified characteristics of each town. In this manner difference supports and enables the notion of sustainable towns, and a sustainable Latrobe City through an integrated consideration of economic, ecological and social values. This can be seen across all scales from the neighbourhoods and hubs of each town, the unique identity and capacity of each town, and the cumulative product that is the uniqueness of Latrobe City as a networked city.



**Figure 2 -  
 Statistical Subdivision (SSD), Local Government Area  
 (LGA) and Geographic Attributes**

## 1.1

# LATROBE CITY A NETWORK CITY

## OVERVIEW: ROLE OF NATIONAL, STATE, REGIONAL & LOCAL PLANNING LEVELS

### NATIONAL LEVEL



#### National Policies & Plans

Role:

- COAG Objectives and criteria for Capital Cities
- National Urban Policy. Our Cities, Our future
- Australian Urban Design Protocol

### STATE LEVEL



#### State & Regional Planning Policy

Role:

- Regional/Metropolitan Settlement Strategies
- Regional City Growth and Infrastructure Plan



## REGIONAL LEVEL



### Regional Planning & Economic Policy

Role:

- Gippsland Local Government Growth Strategy
- Economic Development Strategy
- Local Area Planning Frameworks

## MUNICIPAL LEVEL



### Municipal Planning

Role:

- Street Scale Planning & Infrastructure
- Site Planning / Feasibility
- Urban Design and Streetscape Framework

### FUTURE MORWELL – APPENDIX.

#### REFER TO:

- 1.1 OVERVIEW - POPULATION
- 1.1 OVERVIEW - AGE DEMOGRAPHICS
- 1.1 OVERVIEW - INCOME & HOUSE OWNERSHIP
- 1.3 LATROBE CITY A NETWORK CITY OVERVIEW:  
A COMPARISON OF VICTORIA'S REGIONAL CITIES

## 1.2 | LATROBE CITY A NETWORK CITY STATE PLANNING CONTEXT

### Introduction

Gippsland comprises of nationally recognised tourist destinations and some of the state's most important environmental and cultural heritage assets. However, the region is facing a period of significant change especially with respect to its role in energy production which needs to transition.

The following points have been extrapolated from the key reference documents Plan Melbourne (2014), and the Regional Cities Growth Framework (2013), and other significant documents, in order to identify Latrobe City's projected direction, and Morwell's role in this.

### Key Questions:

- What are the key global, national, state policy settings affecting Morwell/ Latrobe City?
- What is a Networked City?
- How does Latrobe City compare/ what are its defining characteristics relative to Victoria's other regional cities?
- What are the expected drivers for growth within the region?

### Conclusions:

- The majority of population growth within the Gippsland Region is expected to occur in areas with closer proximity to Metropolitan Melbourne (Baw Baw) and coastal amenity (Bass Coast)
- Compared to other regional cities, Latrobe's expected rate of growth is relatively low
- Meeting the state government vision for Latrobe to perform as a Regional City is likely to require a proactive investment to attract new residents

### Key Document 01:

Plan Melbourne: State of Cities 2014:

This is the state government plan establishing strategic directions and framework for growth of all regional towns.

**Vision:** To maximise the growth potential of Victoria by developing a state of cities which delivers choice, opportunity and global competitiveness.

### Key Challenges & Opportunities identified include:

The key challenge identified, with Victoria's population projected to rise to around 10 million by 2051, is for regional cities need to take a greater share of population growth.

### The key opportunities identified to meet this challenge include:

- Supporting the development of Regional City CBDs and settlements as alternative locations for population growth (critical mass to support higher order services and amenities)
- Positioning regional industries for export growth in Asia (refer map 28: Key Commodities & Freight Flows)

### Strategic Directions relevant to Latrobe include:

Direction 6.2 Rebalance Victoria's Population Growth from Melbourne to Regional Victoria:

- Proactive action by government to foster growth
- Higher income jobs and industry diversification
- Investment in infrastructure to build human capital
- Facilitating renewal and redevelopment of CBD areas
- Update long term population projections (Victoria in Future 2012)
- Short term actions include: Facilitate development of state and regionally significant employment precincts
- Support increased business and residential densities as well as social, civic and cultural facilities in regional city CBDs to strengthen them economically and socially

Direction 6.3 Integrate Metropolitan, Peri Urban and Regional Planning Implementation

- Establish consistent monitoring framework and data sources across state

Direction 6.4 Improve Connections between Cities

- Improve transport connections between Melbourne and Regional Cities (people)
- Strengthening transport links on national networks (movement of goods between cities, interstate and internationally)

Regional Plans: regional growth plans to provide 20-30 year growth strategies. Aim to identify land use and infrastructure initiatives to accelerate growth including:

Settlement options (density/ urban forms) distinctly different to metropolitan options

- Revitalisation options for regional city CBDs to encourage growth of knowledge economy jobs
- Retaining and enhancing health and education precincts
- Facilitate growth of export based industrial areas, enhancing regional connections identified in Victoria the Freight State
- Accelerate growth through the development of integrated infrastructure plans and delivery models.
- Auditing of land in regional cities to identify land for urban renewal and strategic redevelopment

## Key Document 02:

Regional Cities Growth Framework 2013, Macro Plan

**Aim:** To develop a consistent growth framework for the following regional cities: Bendigo, Ballarat, Geelong, Warrnambool, Horsham, Mildura, Shepparton, Wangarratta, Wodonga and Latrobe.

### The Study

- Acknowledges Victoria's compact urban form and regional city's relative proximity to and connectivity to Melbourne and each other as the defining elements of the State of Cities definition
- Identifies a framework and multi-criteria diagnostics tool to assess the performance of cities and to inform investment and policy & regulatory actions
- Framework and diagnostics tool was used to develop the Gippsland Regional Growth Plan

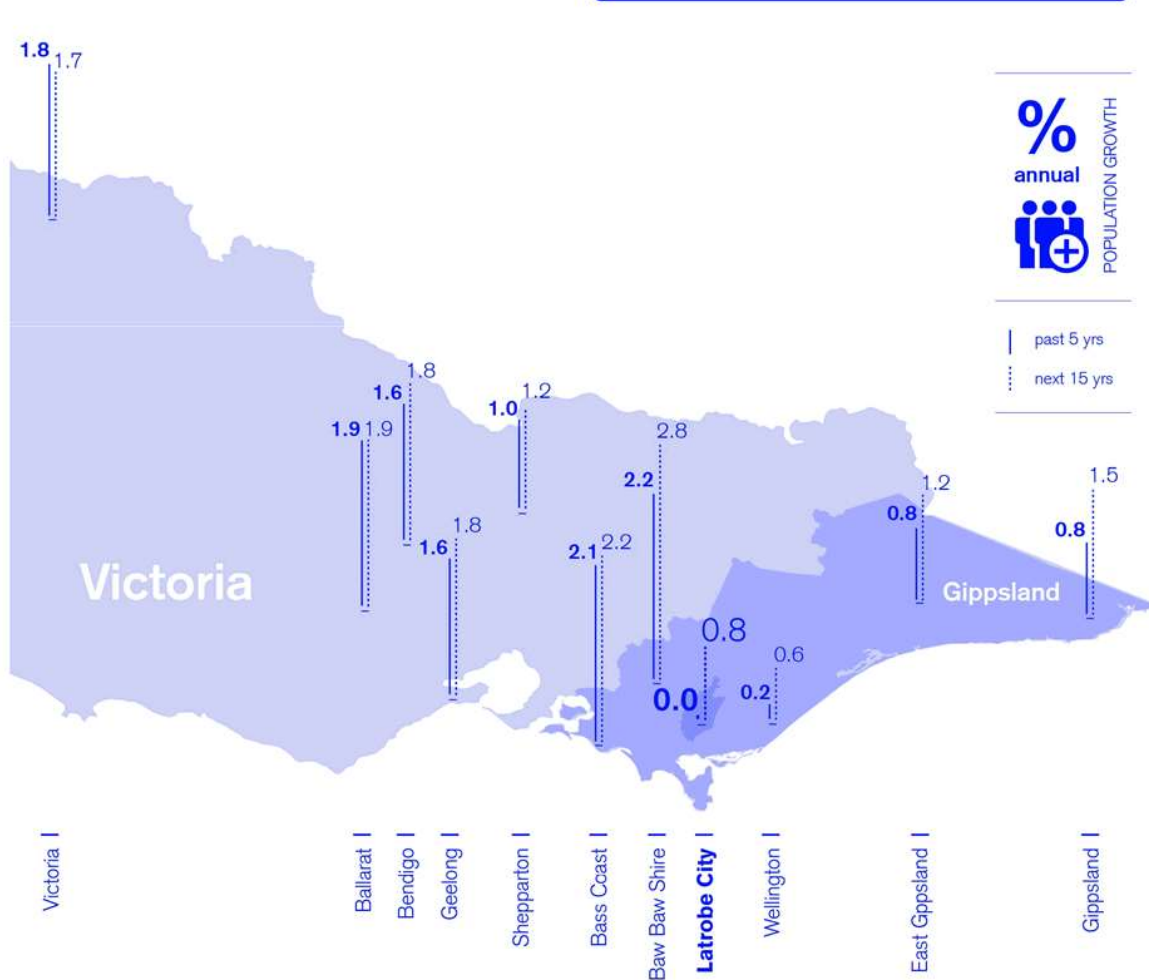
### The strategic approach for considering how regional cities grow within a wider regional context includes:

1. Establishing a clear line of site between Global, National, State and Local policy frameworks.
2. Considering the relationship between the cities and their region, and their relationship to the Metropolitan City.
3. Establishing the city's "strategic orientation" defined by:
  - The historic context underpinning the city and region
  - The relative size and growth capacity of the city and the region it serves
  - The relative position the city holds in the current economic cycle (i.e. post GFC)
  - The importance of natural systems and events (including impacts of drought/bushfire etc.) for growth

### KEY REFERENCE DOCUMENTS:

- Victoria in Future 2015: the official state government projection of population and households through to 2051
- Plan Melbourne, State of Cities 2015: Victoria's state wide integrated growth plan
- Victoria's Renewable Energy Roadmap (being developed), Earth & Energy Resources
- State of the Valley: A profile of Latrobe Valley DEECD 2012
- Food to Asia Action Plan
- Tourism Strategies (Various)
- Victoria Regional Tourism Strategy 2013 - 2016
- Motorcycle Tourism Strategy 2013 - 2016
- Victoria's Cycle Tourism Action Plan 2011 - 2015
- Victoria's Trail Strategy 2014 - 2024
- Transport Strategies
- Victorian Freight Plan (no available policy)
- Transport Investing in Regions initiative 2012 (no available policy)
- Victoria's Cycling Strategy (2016 update)
- Victorian Health Priorities Framework 2012 - 2022
- Creative Victoria Research Plan

## PROJECTED POPULATION GROWTH



## GOAL - DISTRIBUTION OF POPULATION



**goal**  
distribute  
population growth  
to regional cities

**need**  
proactive  
state investment

## NEEDED - STATE INVESTMENT



strategic approach

Regional Cities Growth Framework  
(2013)

how regional cities grow



size and growth capacity



natural systems & events



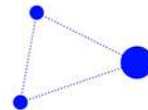
economic position



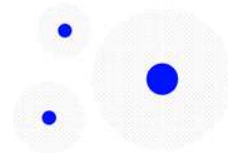
historic context

**The Regional Cities Growth Framework**

defines how Victoria's regional cities can chart their course for growth by understanding their urban relationships and establishing a unique strategic orientation.



metro city to city



city to region

establish strategic orientation



consider relationships

key opportunities

Plan Melbourne  
(2014)

support development of regional city CBDs as alternatives for population growth

position regional industries for export growth

how?

+ higher income jobs

+ industry diversification

+ investment in infrastructure

+ CBD renewal

+ employment precincts

+ increased housing density

+ strengthened community facilities

+ transit connections



**Plan Melbourne**

identifies ways in which regional cities can facilitate this distribution of population growth.



## Region

### Character



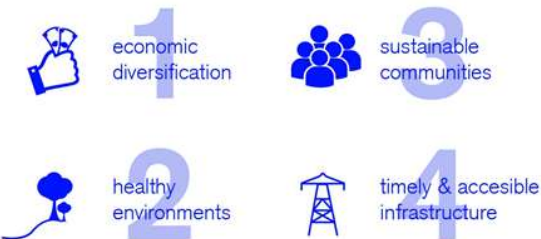
FUTURE MORWELL – APPENDIX.  
REFER TO:

- 1.2 REGIONAL PLANNING CONTEXT INDUSTRY PROFILES

### > growth

Gippsland Regional Growth Plan (2014)

**guiding principles for growth + investment**



Morwell  
Moe  
Traralgon  
Churchill

**Latrobe City** networked city

### > Latrobe Regional City



**future knowledge economy**

new & sustainable industries

platform

civic assets   central regional location   regional transport links   manufacturing + commercial facilities

**The Gippsland Regional Growth Plan** recognises the existing assets of Latrobe City as providing a platform for future prosperity

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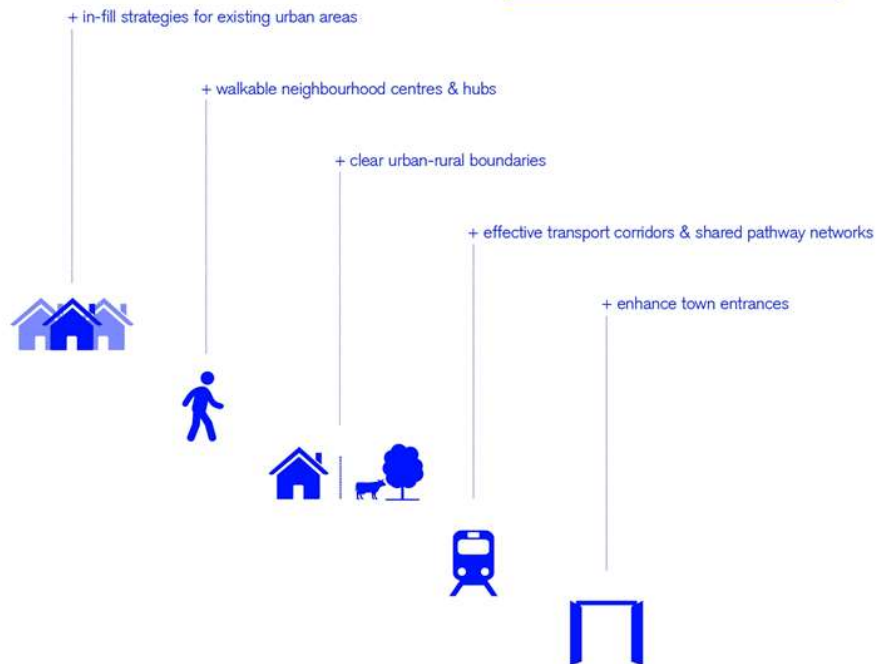
- 1.3 LATROBE CITY PLANNING CONTEXT - EMPLOYMENT PER INDUSTRY

## City

### land use

#### objectives for town

#### how?



**The Future Morwell Revitalisation Plan** offers strategic recommendations to enhance activity and urban form for Morwell

### > linkages and liveability

#### key opportunity areas



residential



commercial



industrial



infrastructure

**The Future Morwell Revitalisation Plan** offers strategic recommendations to enhance linkages and liveability in Morwell

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## **FUTURE MORWELL**

### **1.0 | LATROBE CITY A NETWORK CITY**

#### **1.3 | REGIONAL PLANNING CONTEXT**

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Latrobe City’s Regional City status is underpinned by its central location and strategic transport links within the region’s broader network of centres, significant assets including the Latrobe Regional Hospital, Latrobe Regional Airport, the University campus at Churchill and manufacturing and commercial facilities. The Regional Growth Plan sees these assets as providing a platform for a future knowledge driven economy utilising the regions resources in new and sustainable industries.

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*Regional Planning Context,  
Future Morwell Future Latrobe Valley Revitalisation Plan*

## 1.3 LATROBE CITY A NETWORK CITY REGIONAL PLANNING CONTEXT

The Gippsland Regional Growth Plan<sup>1</sup> identifies Gippsland as a fast growing part of Victoria<sup>2</sup> fuelled by people's desire to relocate to the region from Melbourne. The Plan considers the implications of a growth scenario which sees a 40% increase in the regional population (from 270,000 to 386,000 people) by 2041.

Planning for growth and investment within the broader Gippsland Region is underpinned by four guiding principles:

**Principle 01:** Strengthen economic resilience by growing **a more diverse economy** that is supported by new investment, innovation and value-adding in traditional strengths.

**Principle 02:** Promote a **healthy environment** by valuing Gippsland's environmental and heritage assets, and by minimising the region's exposure to natural hazards and risks.

**Principle 03:** Develop **sustainable communities** through a settlement framework comprising major urban centres that ensures residents have convenient access to jobs, services, infrastructure, and community facilities.

**Principle 04:** Deliver **timely and accessible infrastructure** to meet regional needs for transport, utilities and community facilities.

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As Gippsland's regional city it is proposed that Latrobe City will be the focal point for higher order regional infrastructure and service investment. Investment is expected to help achieve the momentum necessary for a more diverse and resilient economy capable of attracting more specialised services alternatively found in Metropolitan Melbourne.

### KEY DOCUMENTS:

1. Gippsland Regional Growth Plan, Gippsland Local Government Network 2014
2. Victoria in future 2015
- Refer Map 17: Gippsland Regional Growth Plan (source Gippsland Regional Growth Plan) or Map 3 Gippsland Strategic Assets perhaps try to combine into one? Note show key assets and links
- Refer Table 1: Gippsland Fast Facts(source Gippsland Regional Growth Plan)
- Refer Table 2: Population growth projections (Source: Victoria in the Future 2015).
- [Fig 03] Regional Growth Plan, May 2014. p. 21,48.

### DOCUMENT REFERENCES(S) :

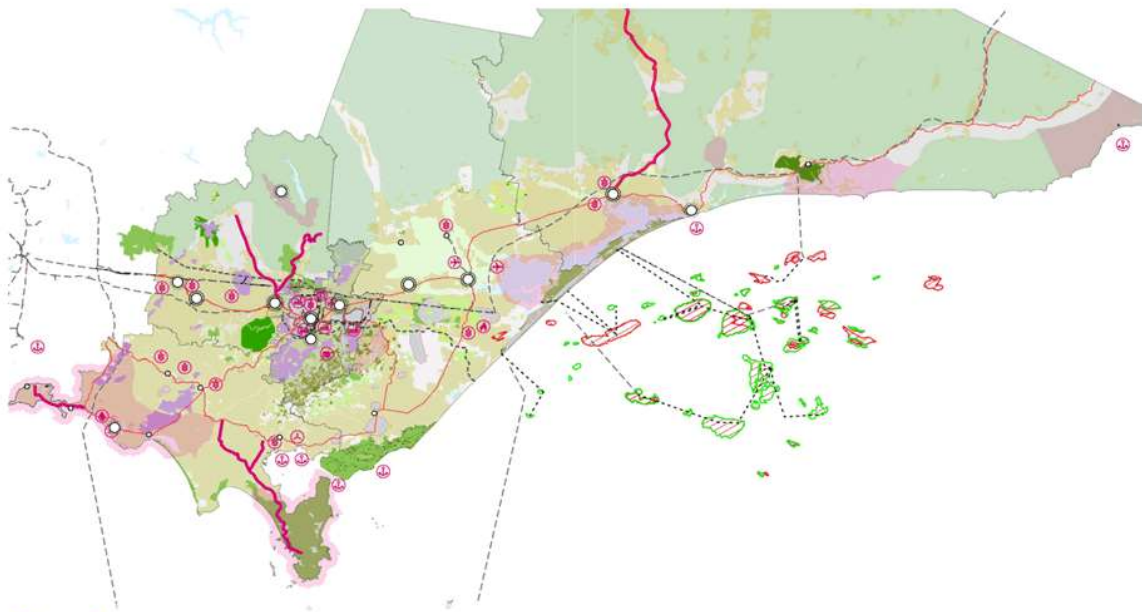
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### FUTURE MORWELL – APPENDIX.

#### REFER TO:

- 1.3 LATROBE CITY PLANNING CONTEXT - EMPLOYMENT PER INDUSTRY





**Figure 3 -  
Regional Growth - Infrastructure and Natural Resources**



FUTURE MORWELL – APPENDIX.  
REFER TO:

- FIGURE 3 - REGIONAL GROWTH - INFRASTRUCTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES (AT A3 FORMAT)

### Gippsland - Regional Context

**269,790**  
current population

**345,888**  
projected population in 2031

**67%**

Proportion of land in the Gippsland region made up of state owned forests, national parks and reserves, and native freehold forests

**89,386**

Number of jobs currently within the region



### Gippsland Supplies...

**60%** Supply of Melbourne water needs

**90%** Percentage of Victoria's electricity generated in Gippsland in 2010

**97%** Percentage of Victoria's natural gas extracted from Gippsland

**25%** Percentage of Victoria's beef produced in Gippsland

**20%** Percentage of Australia's milk produced in Gippsland

**29%** Percentage of Victoria's agricultural, forestry and fishing exports contributed by Gippsland

**37%** Percentage of Gippsland business involved in agriculture and fishing

**14%** Percentage of Australia's oil extracted from Gippsland

**15%** Percentage of Gippsland business involved in agriculture and fishing processing operations



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## **FUTURE MORWELL**

### **1.0 | BACKGROUND:**

#### **LATROBE CITY A NETWORK CITY**

#### **1.4 | LATROBE CITY PLANNING CONTEXT**

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Encouraging well designed, infill residential development throughout the existing urban area, especially in locations close to activity centres, areas of open space and areas with good public transport accessibility

Encouraging walkable neighbourhood centres and increased densities around Transit City areas and neighbourhood clusters

Retaining clear boundaries between urban areas and the surrounding rural environment

Maintaining and enhancing town and gateway entrances

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*Latrobe City Planning Context,  
Future Morwell Future Latrobe Valley Revitalisation Plan*

## 1.4 | LATROBE CITY LOCAL PLANNING CONTEXT

Structure Planning for the main towns of Moe, Morwell, Churchill and Traralgon in 2007 identified a 5 year supply of land in Morwell with a 4 year supply in Traralgon, 8 years in Moe and adequate supply in Churchill. Future expansion of town boundaries for greenfield development is most constrained around Morwell where the towns boundaries are heavily constrained by mining operations to the west and south, timber plantations and the Australian paper mill operations to the north, and significant existing and proposed industrial areas to the east.

The overarching land use objective for the main towns is: To provide the flexibility for development to occur in each town to accommodate the needs of its population as well as to contribute to the municipal networked city by:

- Encouraging well designed, infill residential development throughout the existing urban area, especially in locations close to activity centres, areas of open space and areas with good public transport accessibility
- Encouraging walkable neighbourhood centres and increased densities around Transit City areas and neighbourhood clusters
- Retaining clear boundaries between urban areas and the surrounding rural environment
- Protecting areas for future urban growth, particularly the fragmentation of rural land on the urban fringe of major towns
- Protect the effectiveness of the transport corridors between the towns
- Maintaining and enhancing town and gateway entrances
- Reducing industrial residential land use conflicts

### Employment Growth - Business, Manufacturing & Services Growth

Focus on "Value Adding" to existing primary/ resource industries: Food processing, engineered timber; Service sector/ office jobs and health/ social services associated with Regional City Status.

### Socio Demographic Analysis

Areas of multiple disadvantage across all centres but predominant in Moe and Morwell. Concentration of disadvantage reflected in property values, and relative growth of centres.

### Transport Networks

Intratown links: Public Transport, Road Connections, Cycling/ Trails with focus on Churchill connection. Energy Sector Infrastructure. Transport links (road & rail), Electricity & Gas Links Environmental Infrastructure.

### Image & Identity

Distinctive engineered landscapes and imposing structures – opportunities for cultural tourism centred on power works & power trail tourism.

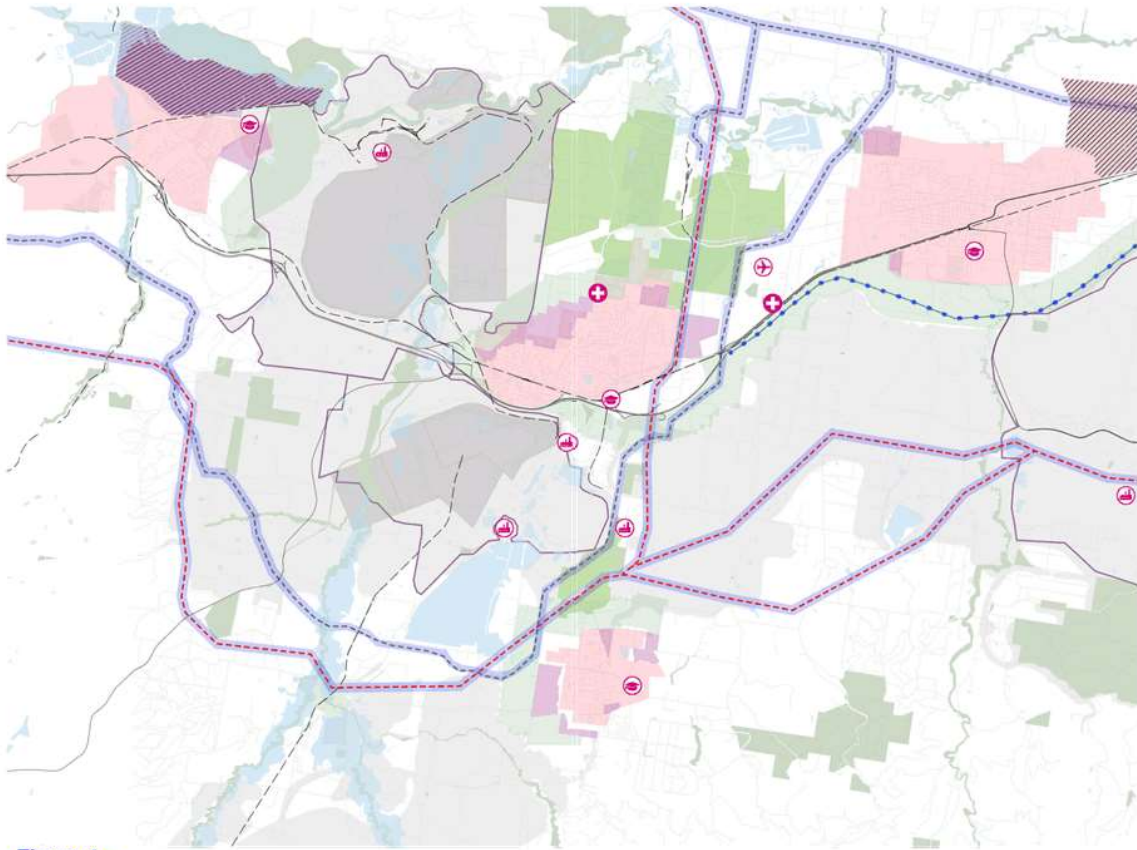
#### DOCUMENT REFERENCES(S):

[1] ECONOMICS AND POPULATION INDICATORS

#### FUTURE MORWELL – APPENDIX.

##### REFER TO:

- 1.4 REGIONAL PLANNING CONTEXT - INDUSTRY PROFILES
- 1.5 LATROBE CITY PLANNING CONTEXT - ECONOMY & INVESTMENT
- FIGURE 4- REGIONAL FRAMEWORK PLAN (AT A3 FORMAT)



**Figure 4 -  
Regional Framework Plan**  
Key

Gas Pipeline	Public Land	Corridor	Water Bodies
Electricity Transmission Line (500kV)	Mine Licence Area	Australian Paper Mill	
Easements	Mine Development	Airport	
General Residential	Coal Resources	Power Station	
Development Plan Overlay	Environmental Significance Overlay	Hospital	
Planned Future Urban Growth	Traralgon Bypass Acquisition	University	
Future Investigation For Urban Growth		Rail	

#### Latrobe City - Local Planning Context

**76,640** **90,741**  
current population<sup>[1]</sup> projected population in 2031<sup>[1]</sup>

**25,620**  
Number of jobs currently within the region



The Regional Growth Plan anticipates modest population growth within Latrobe City 3000 people 4% by 2031.

Net overall growth in population within the main towns in 10 year period from 2001 to 2011 has been modest with significant (24% growth) in Traralgon partially offset by population losses of 3% and 4 % in Moe and Churchill respectively. There was no net change in population in Morwell.



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## **FUTURE MORWELL**

### **1.0 | LATROBE CITY A NETWORK CITY**

#### **1.5 | MORWELL'S ROLE IN THE NETWORK CITY**

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**Residential**

Encourage higher density housing around the town centre within the Transit City Precinct and neighbourhood clusters.

**Commercial**

Encourage neighbourhood clusters in key locations as outlined in the Morwell Structure Plan and only encourage basic goods, services, community services and facilities in these clusters.

**Industrial**

Protect industry from residential encroachment that may result in interface conflicts and impact on industry operations.

**Infrastructure**

Expand the network of on and off road cycling paths across Morwell. Maintain and enhance the town and gateway entrances, with a particular emphasis on the western entrance to Morwell.

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*Morwell's Role in the Network City,  
Future Morwell Future Latrobe Valley Revitalisation Plan*

## 1.5 FUTURE MORWELL

### MORWELL'S ROLE IN THE NETWORK CITY

Key Opportunities for improved linkages and liveability.

#### Residential

- Resolve the Maryvale Coalfield Environmental Significance Overlay Buffer along the western border of Morwell and Area 1
- Facilitate the orderly planning of Area 1 generally bounded by Maryvale Road, Latrobe Road, Crinigan Road and Holmes Road for residential development
- Encourage the development of Area 1 in accordance with the North-West Development Plan Overlay
- Investigate flooding impact upon land designated as having existing or future residential opportunities in the structure plan
- Where appropriate mitigate flooding and encourage residential development within Areas 4 and 7
- Future land uses and zoning in Areas 8a, 8b, and 8c should be investigated subsequent to a detailed assessment of industrial land requirements for Morwell as part of an industrial strategy
- Encourage higher density housing around the town centre within the Transit City Precinct and neighbourhood clusters
- Retain large farming lots along the north eastern town boundary of Morwell to provide for long-term industrial growth

#### Commercial

- Discourage further development and/or replacement of existing businesses within Area 2 (light industrial area near Morwell West entrance)
- Encourage neighbourhood clusters in key locations as outlined in the Morwell Structure Plan and only encourage basic goods, services, community services and facilities in these clusters
- Encourage new retail, office and residential mixed use developments within Morwell Primary Activity Centre (Area 3) and Mid Valley (Area 5)

- Discourage major new retail, office development outside of the Morwell Primary Activity Centre (Area 3), Mid Valley (Area 5) and Princes Drive, Morwell (Area 3)
- Encourage Restricted Retailing to locate within Mid Valley (Area 5) and Princes Drive, Morwell (Area 3)

#### Industrial

- Review the existing industrial Areas 8a, 8b, and 8c, with a view to confirming the role and viability of this area as service industrial development or conversion to residential development
- Provide a buffer along the western edges and eastern edge of the industrial precinct in Area 6
- Explore options in Areas 6 and 9 for Industrial 2 uses along the eastern boundary and Industrial 3 uses along the western boundaries of the industrial precinct and for open space and vegetation to screen industry from proposed and potential future residential areas
- Protect industry in Area 6 and 9 from residential encroachment that may result in interface conflicts and impact on industry operations
- Investigate flooding impact upon land designated as having existing or future industrial opportunities in Areas 6 and 9
- Where appropriate, encourage the development of new industry within Area 6 and 9 that is sensitive to existing creeks

#### Infrastructure

- Investigate opportunities to provide direct bus routes between proposed hubs and neighbourhoods
- Investigate rail connections to the proposed Gippsland Intermodal Freight Terminal south of Mid Valley
- Expand the network of on and off road cycling paths across Morwell. Maintain and enhance the town and gateway entrances, with a particular emphasis on the western entrance to Morwell (Area 2)

#### KEY DOCUMENTS:

- Morwell Structure Plan 2007
- Morwell East Industrial Precinct Development Plan
- Crinigan Road Development Plan
- Morwell North Development Plan
- Morwell West Development Plan
- Gippsland Logistics Precinct Master Plan
- Former Lurgi Site Master Plan
- Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan

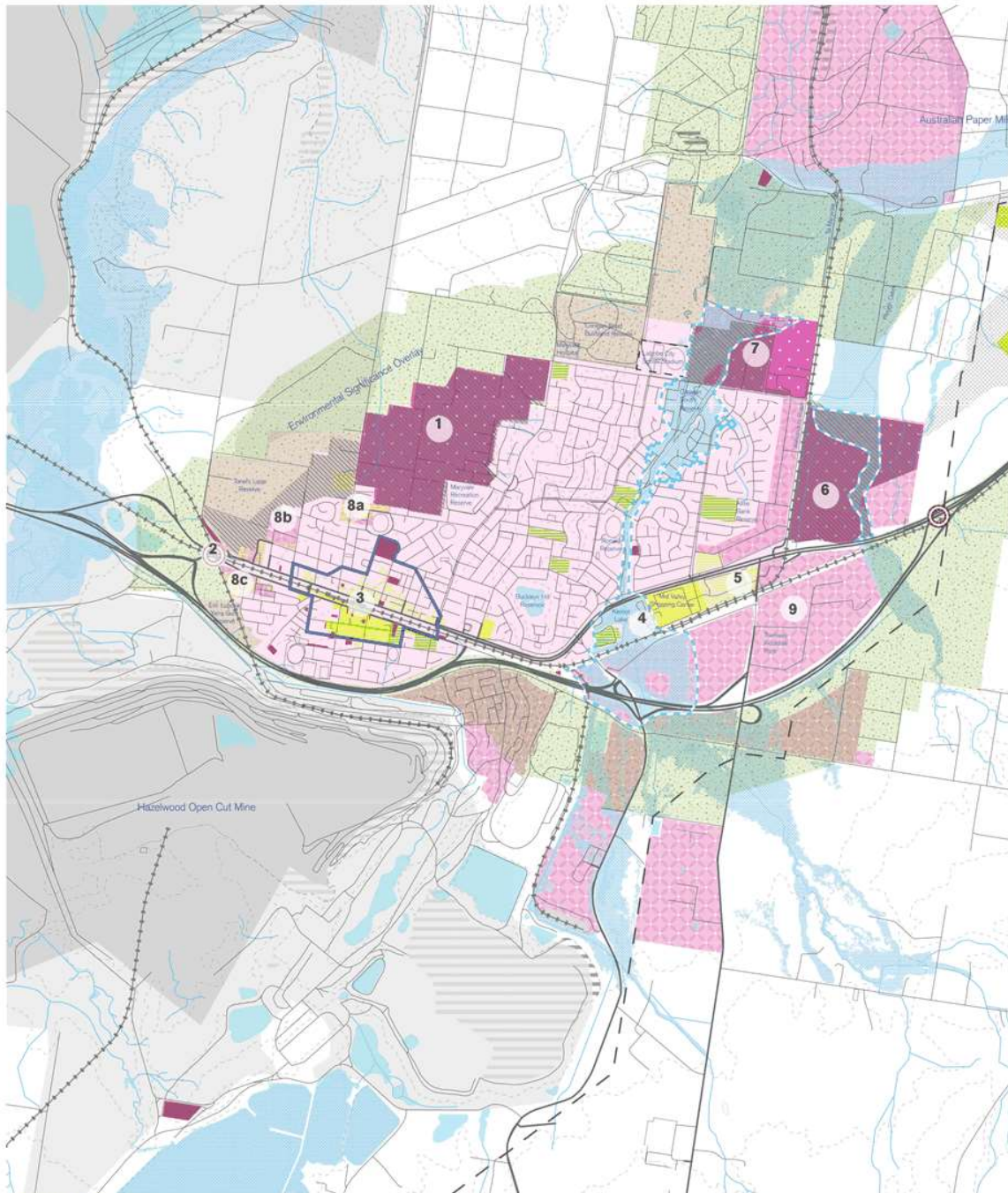
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- Gippsland Logistics Precinct
- Morwell East Development Plan
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- Morwell North Development Plan
- Morwell West Development Plan

#### FUTURE MORWELL – APPENDIX.

##### REFER TO:

- 1.6 Morwell's Role in the Network City - Industry
- 1.6 Morwell's Role in the Network City - Employment in Services
- FIGURE 5- MORWELL STRUCTURE PLAN (AT A3 FORMAT)



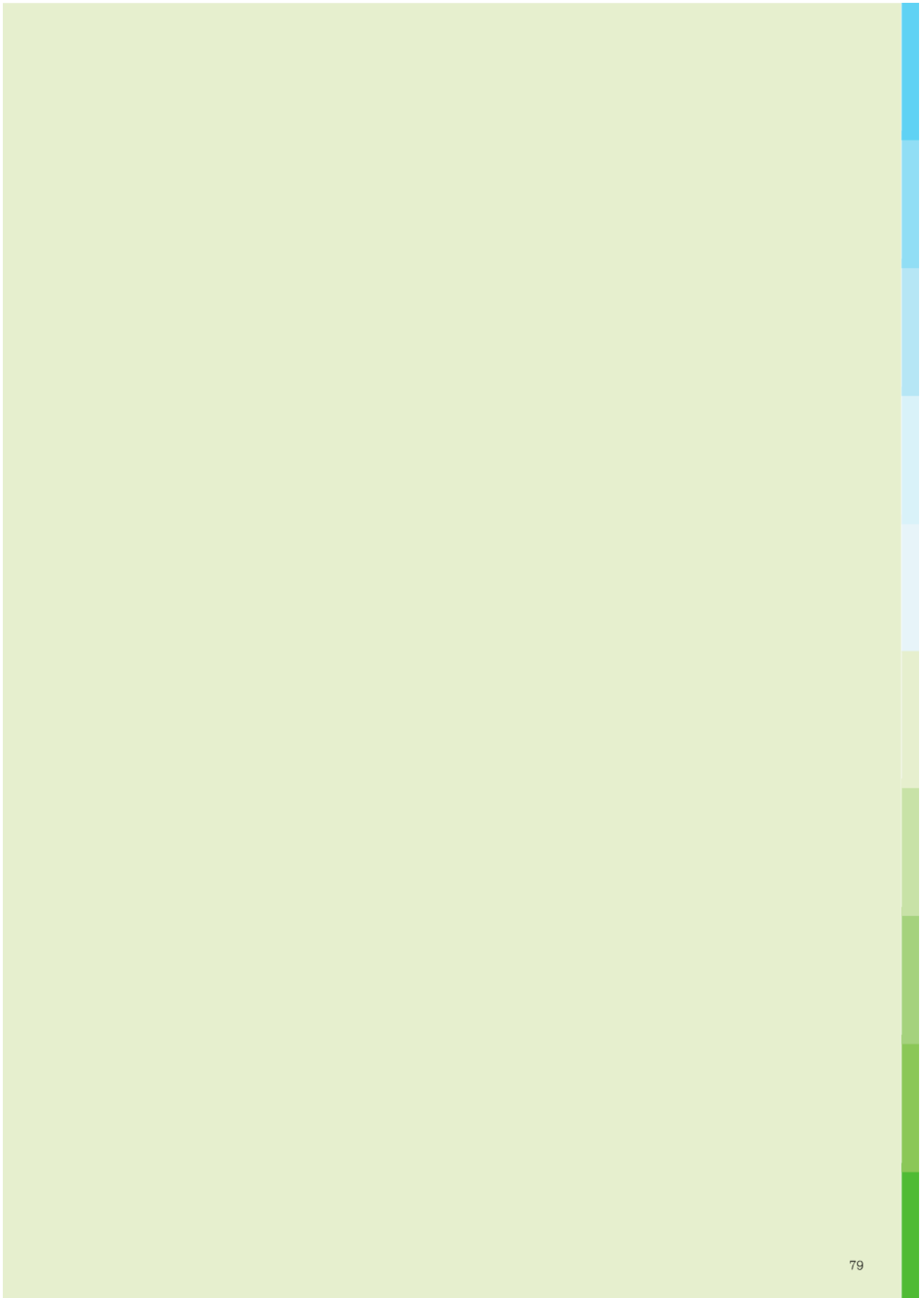
**Figure 5 -  
Morwell Structure Plan**

Key (Reference document: Latrobe Structure Plans for Churchill, Moe, Newborough, Morwell & Traralgon - 2007)

Central Business District - Defined by Latrobe Planning zones	Educational Facilities - Defined by Latrobe Planning Zones	Environmental Significance Overlay - Defined by LCC	Utilities - Defined by DEPI
Urban Area - Defined by DEPI	Heritage Overlay - Defined by LCC	Development Planning Overlay - Defined by LCC	Main Roads
Urban Area 2 (Industrial) - Defined by Latrobe Planning Zones	Morwell Circuit Boundary	Water Bodies-Defined by DEPI	Roads
Urban Development Zone - Defined by LCC	Airport Environs Overlay - Defined by LCC	Flood Overlay-Defined by LCC	Rail Lines
Commercial - Defined by Latrobe Planning Zones	Air Infrastructure - Defined by DEPI	Gateways	Rivers/Creeks
		Coal Mine	Flood Affected Land
		Mining Lease Area	Major Gas Pipeline











# **2.0 REVITALISATION PLAN: PART 01: OUR TOWN MORWELL**

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## **FUTURE MORWELL**

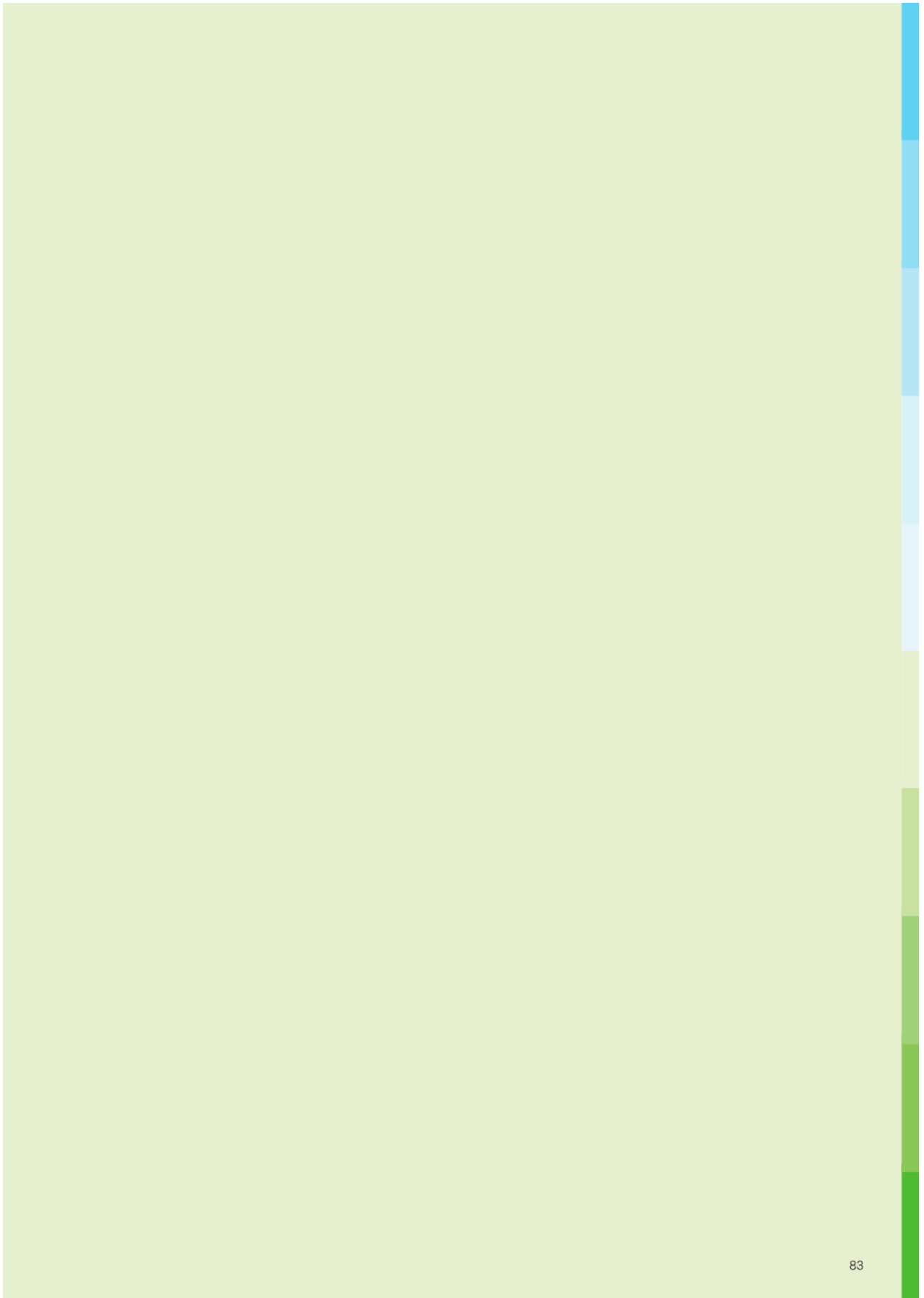
### **2.0 | OUR TOWN MORWELL**

#### **2.1 | OVERVIEW: VISION & OBJECTIVES**

**2.1.1 | A SUSTAINABLE TOWN**

**2.1.2 | A TOURIST TOWN**

**2.1.3 | A LIVEABLE TOWN**





## 2.1 | OUR TOWN MORWELL

### OVERVIEW: VISION & OBJECTIVES

Throughout the community engagement process it was clear that the community has great pride in its natural assets, especially Morwell's Centenary Rose Garden. Other assets such as the Wetlands, Kernot Lake, and Waterhole Creek were also identified as precious places of the town that were difficult to access because of disconnected pedestrian or bicycle paths. We believe work needs to be done to connect existing networks and pathways to improve pedestrian and bike paths in the town. A number of passive neighbourhood parks, and highly active parks and sporting grounds were also identified as important parts of the natural open space infrastructure of the city.

The concept of 'Morwell Town of Gardens' aspires to reframe the physical structure of the town to celebrate its existing gardens and parks, its open spaces ranging from those that are passive to active, and connect its natural reserves and waterways in order to enhance the urban environment for the health and wellbeing of the community.

'Morwell Town of Gardens' aspires to connect, revitalise, and develop new meaningful relationships between these streetscapes open spaces and the built fabric of the town. Acting as a framework to transform the once industrial town to a more distinct and proud regional town with a village heart. It defines an integrated network of diverse green 'garden' types interwoven with blue and movement networks through the town to provide an important means to rejuvenate and retrofit the urban environment.

This linked green 'garden' network will contribute to the environmental health of the town as well as enhance the visual environment. It aspires to change how people experience, perceive and interact with their surroundings and neighbourhoods through a range of active, passive, productive and connected spaces.

Green, healthy innovative towns are attractors for investment, innovation, and can act as hubs for creativity and wealth creation.

Morwell's Hubs identified in this proposal are intended to be significant moments in this 'garden' network. The Village Hub is planned to be a lush green street landscape, with plantings attuned to the seasons, and to complement the adjacent Centenary Rose Garden. This development could importantly also act as the stage for an annual garden show that will transform the town, significantly contribute to a new identity of the town, act as a tourist destination, and link to other important events in Victoria such as the Melbourne International Garden Show.

The Education Hub, currently under construction, is adjacent to a sports oval, the Latrobe Leisure Centre (indoor pool, sports courts, and gym), and grounds utilised by the school children during regular operating hours, and enjoyed by the neighbourhood during other times. It is also in close proximity to the Maryvale Recreation Reserve (soccer pitch, 2 cricket grounds, NFL field), and the Northern Reserve football oval.

Active Recreation Hubs located around the Morwell Football Ground, and along Waterhole Creek operate primarily in the after hours of the evenings and weekends. The redevelopment of the Primary School and adjacent Town Common are envisaged as an important part of the eastern bookend of the Village Hub, and the important places of our industrial heritage re-purpose redundant infrastructure and assets within the town to build a positive active network, and a relevant perception for Morwell.

The occupation and use of these Hubs can be seen to connect and actively shift people through different parts of the town according to a simple weekly and seasonal activity. The proposed network improves this connection to encourage and facilitate greater use of these facilities, improve each part of the network's health and maintenance, and increase community engagement.

Art walks, industrial trails, and productive routes are

- FIGURE 1 - OVERALL REVITALISATION PLAN (AT A3 FORMAT)

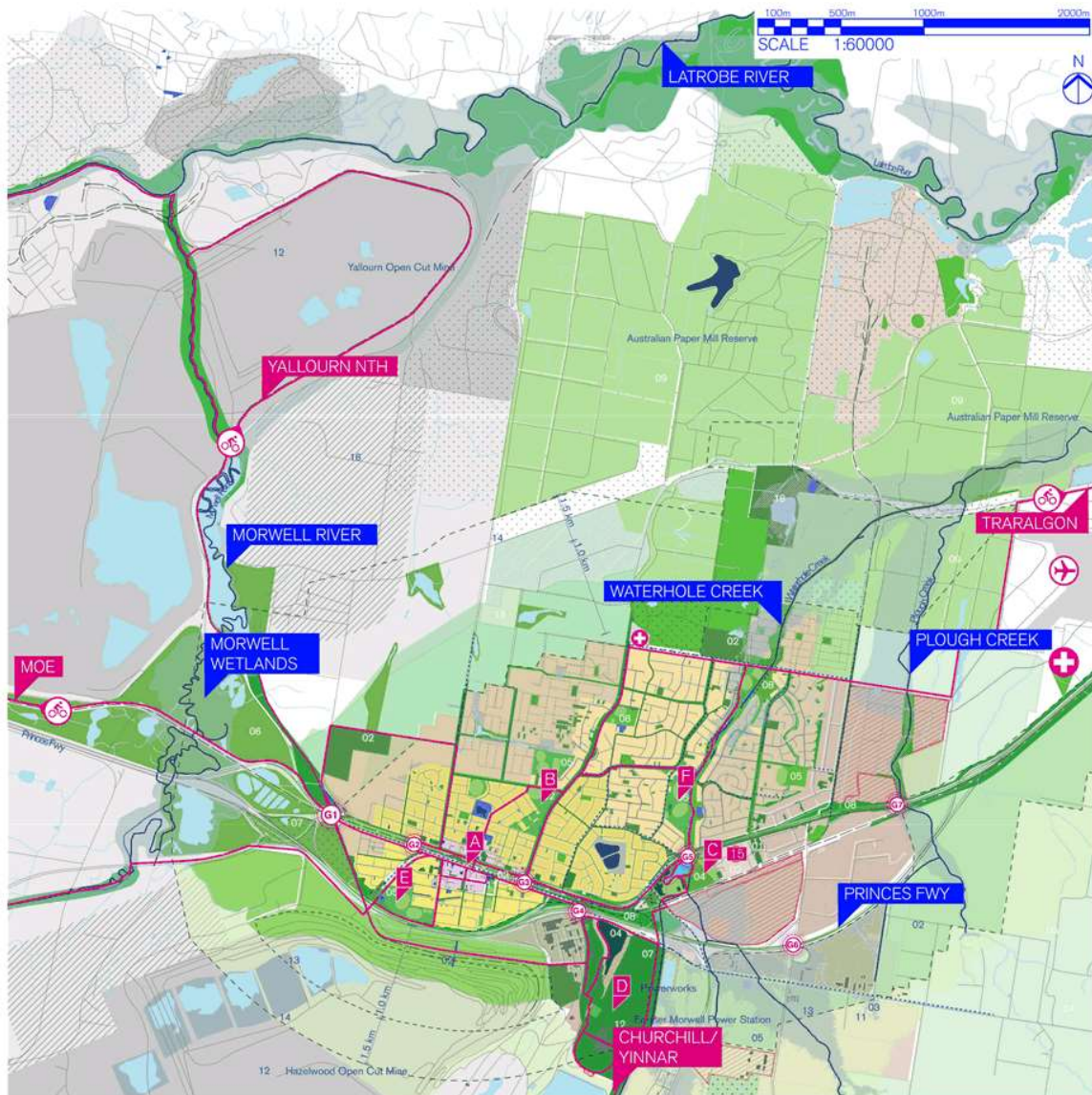


Figure 6 -  
Overall Revitalisation Plan  
Key

<b>A Sustainable Town - Green Network</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>01 Urban Park</li> <li>02 Trail Garden (Proposed)</li> <li>03 Cultural Precinct</li> <li>04 Heritage Garden (Proposed)</li> <li>05 Recreational Garden</li> <li>06 Wetland</li> <li>07 Orchard (Proposed)</li> <li>08 Linear Park</li> <li>09 Australian Paper Mill</li> <li>10 Urban Park (Proposed)</li> <li>11 Community Hub</li> <li>12 Rose Garden Expansion (Proposed)</li> <li>13 Farming</li> <li>14 Farming (Proposed)</li> <li>15 Environmental Significance</li> <li>16 Wildfire Management Overlay</li> </ul>	<b>A Sustainable Town - Movement Network</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17 Existing Bike Paths</li> <li>18 Shared Pathway Network</li> </ul> <b>A Sustainable Town</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 Open Cut Mine</li> <li>13 Open Cut Expansion Area</li> <li>14 Licenced Mining Area</li> <li>15 Mining Buffer Zone - 1.0 km (Suggested)</li> <li>16 Mining Buffer Zone - 1.5 km (Suggested)</li> </ul> <b>A Sustainable Town - Blue Network</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17 Water Body - Area</li> <li>18 Significant Rivers and Streams</li> <li>19 Ecological Buffers around Rivers</li> </ul>	<b>A Tourist Town - Hubs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Local Village (Commercial &amp; Office)</li> <li>B Local Community (Education &amp; Recreation)</li> <li>C District Centre (Events, Training &amp; Commercial)</li> <li>D District Centre (Historical &amp; Cultural)</li> <li>E District Centre (Sports Hub)</li> <li>F District Centre (Recreational)</li> </ul> <b>A Liveable Town - Neighbourhoods</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Industrial Areas</li> <li>Industrial Growth Areas</li> <li>Residential Neighbourhoods</li> </ul>	<b>A Tourist Town - Gateways</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>G1 Gateway: Entrance (Rail Brdg)</li> <li>G2 Gateway: Orientation Point (Commercial Rd+Princes Dr Brdg)</li> <li>G3 Gateway: Orientation Point (Commercial Rd+Macdonald St+Princes Dr)</li> <li>G4 Gateway: District Centre (Historical &amp; Cultural)</li> <li>G5 Gateway: Waterhole Creek &amp; District Centre (Education, Training &amp; Commercial)</li> <li>G6 Gateway: Orientation Point (Tramway Road)</li> <li>G7 Gateway: Orientation Point (Princes drive &amp; Plough Creek)</li> </ul>
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planned as linking elements within the 'garden' network that is to bring together the arts, nature, landscape, recreation, and our industrial heritage. It aims to celebrate Morwell's historical legacy, activate the urban fabric through healthy active and passive spaces, and renew the town's identity.

Within this notion of the 'town of gardens' is the essential qualities of tending and nurturing that are essential to the act of gardening. It is these qualities that we hope to inspire in the community.

'Morwell Town of Gardens' is broken down into three distinct but integrated layers:

- A Sustainable Town: green network, blue network, movement network
- A Tourist Town: gateways & hubs, rehabilitation corridor, built and land assets
- A Liveable Town: neighbourhoods

These layers provide focused areas of detailed analysis and a response with associated actions.

This Project is the first of a series of urban design and beautification projects for the Morwell central business district that offers urban space strategies that take into account current realities\* and future needs of Morwell to support and enable a paradigm shift for the town's profile.\* This Future Morwell Urban Design and Revitalisation Plan acts as the framework that describes the guiding principles for the associated sub projects; Morwell Circuit, Morwell City Entrances, Communication; Branding, and Events. These have been considered through the Plans objectives that define the key elements of Morwell's proposed development framework as Urban Design + Beautification (use), Branding Communications + Events, Infrastructure (city systems), and Business Development (economic growth)\*. As such the context of Latrobe City as a Network City is fundamental to the broader ambition to attract investment to the town and provide solutions for the transformation of Morwell and the Latrobe Valley, rehabilitating it into an alternative, prosperous future\*. The strategies are defined through a strategic urban framework that offer guidance on the best uses of land considered through the characteristics; neighbourhood, commercial, industrial, and landscape.\*

\* Project brief references

## OVERVIEW: VISION & OBJECTIVES

### Key Objectives:

- To minimise the adverse economic, social, environmental impacts of mining operations directly adjacent Morwell in the short – medium term
- To facilitate short term low cost activity in suitable locations
- The Morwell Circuit aspires to create a positive change in the physical spaces of the town's centre in order to shift its identity, inspire diverse ways in which people might actively occupy and use these spaces, and contribute to a healthy community
- To increase accessibility and usability of vacant lots to increase land and neighbourhood value

### FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS:

- Develop online design manual for the Future Morwell Revitalisation Plan which provides an integrated design tool kit for the public realm providing options for hubs, gateways, neighbourhoods, streets, park land, waterways, lighting and commercial building frontages
- Establish a Future Morwell dedicated collegial consortium which is charged with the long term objectives of championing the plan
- Seek short and long term funding commitment from the State Government and corporate entities for Future Morwell projects
- Develop a suite of speculative short term built actions that rebrand Morwell as an attractive, healthy, innovative place to live work and visit

## 2.1.1 | A SUSTAINABLE TOWN GREEN NETWORK

### Key Objectives:

- To improve the image and identity of Morwell and its attractiveness as a place to live, work, visit and invest
- To enhance the health and wellbeing of the Morwell Community through the promotion of active movement, urban agriculture and healthy eating, connections with nature, improved air and water quality
- To enhance the environmental performance of Morwell with respect to regional and local bio links, air quality, water quality, mitigation of and adaptation to climate change

### EXISTING SITUATION (KEY ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES):

- The Morwell Centenary Rose Garden contributes significantly to the positive image of Morwell
- Tree plantings within the network of streets within Morwell have evolved, and in some cases been lost, without a clear overarching streetscape hierarchy or plan
- Morwell contains significant underutilised and unproductive land assets that could benefit from and contribute to a "greening" of Morwell
- Rehabilitation works associated with key waterways and redundant mining land present an opportunity to develop an integrated framework inclusive of adjacent urban areas
- Urban agriculture, including community gardening, with social and physical health benefits has been identified as popular within the local community

### ADDITIONAL MATERIAL(S) :

- Latrobe City Council GIS layers
- Latrobe Public Open Space Strategy 2013
- Morwell River Neighbourhood Improvement Plan
- Waterhole Creek Management Plan
- Yallourn & Hazelwood Mine Rehabilitation Plans

### EXISTING PLANS & STRATEGIES:

- Victorian Government, Green Infrastructure Economic Framework Summary Report
- West Gippsland Regional Catchment Management Strategy
- Latrobe City Council Natural Environment Sustainability Strategy
- Latrobe City Council MSS Clause 21.03 Natural Environment Sustainability
- Latrobe City Council Natural Environment Sustainability Strategy 2014-2019
- Morwell Recreation Outdoor Recreation Plan (Master Plans) 2008
- Maryvale Reserve Master Plan, 2015 ; Morwell Recreation Precinct Master Plan 2014

### KEY RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Develop a branding and events strategy that builds on the success of the Centenary Rose Garden to brand and promote Morwell as a Garden Town, for investment attraction and a key platform for community led revitalisation
- Develop an integrated "green infrastructure" plan for Morwell that recognises and optimises the benefits of urban greening and contribute to the ecological integrity of the regional environmental systems
- Develop coordinated landscape planning strategy for larger redundant public / industrial land parcels including mine license areas to ensure they make a positive contribution to the local economy and ecology

### ACTIONS:

1. Garden Festival Event Strategy \$50,000.00 State Government Funding Has Been Secured

*Refer to chapter 4.1 Making it Happen - Project 2.*  
Garden Festival Event Strategy draws on objectives from 2.1.2 A Tourist Town - Morwell Town of Gardens

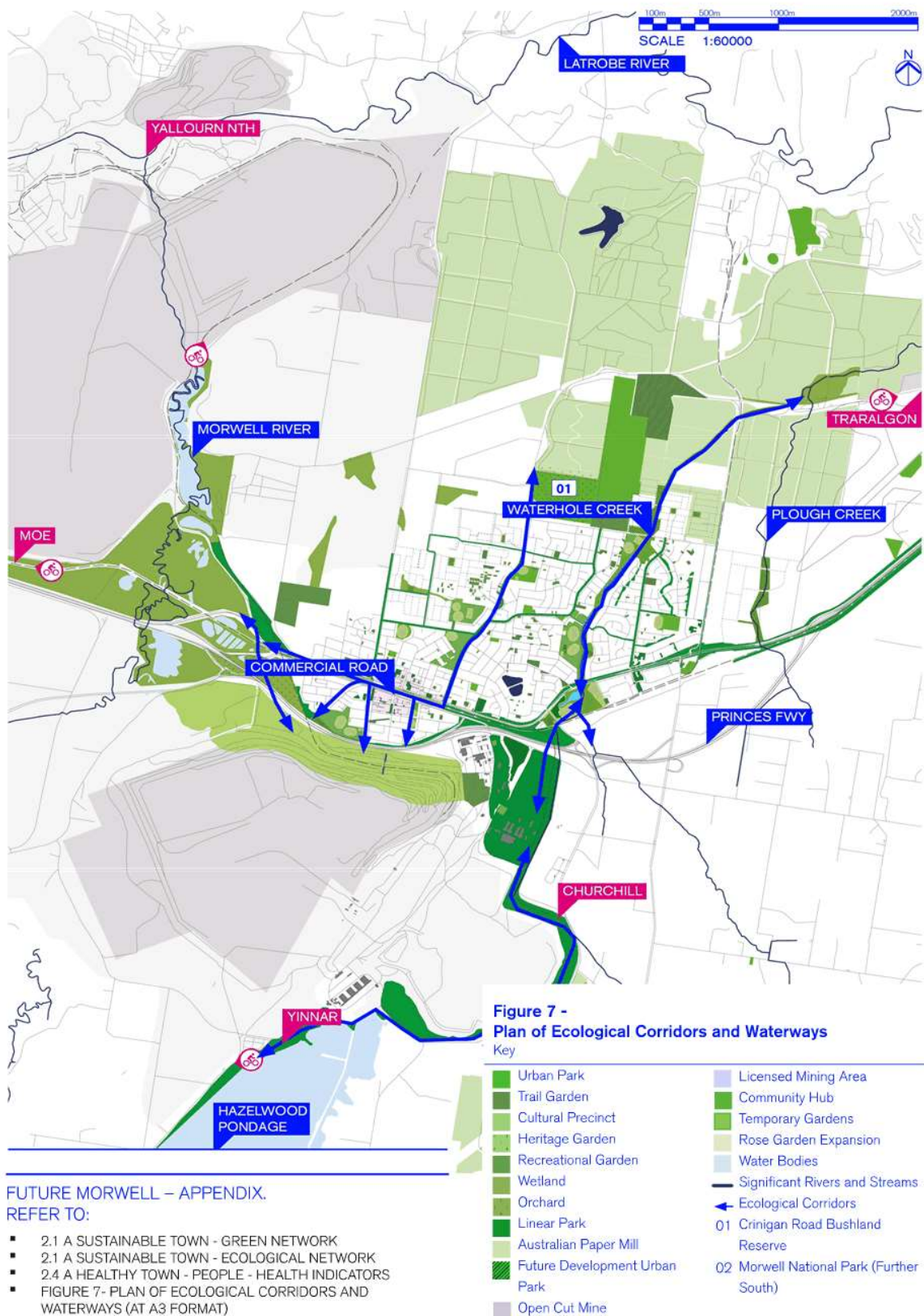
2. Green Infrastructure Plan Latrobe City Council to secure State Government Funding.

*Refer to chapter 4.1 Making it Happen - Project 3*

### FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

- Aspire to establish a future master plan for the Centenary Rose Garden enabling expansion of the garden and integration of the homes located along Maryvale Crescent to Eric Lubcke Yarra Gum Reserve
- Develop street Design tool kit that identify the hierarchy of streetscapes and utilise green infrastructure elements to improve the character of Morwell's public realm and neighbourhoods. The streetscape types are to be defined by their function, use and movement





## 2.1.1 | A SUSTAINABLE TOWN

### VACANT LOTS STRATEGY

#### OVERVIEW

- Vacant lots can be residential, commercial or industrial spaces that have declined into disuse, neglect and abandonment

#### Key Objectives:

- To increase accessibility and usability of vacant lots to increase land and neighbourhood value
- To develop a guide for community members to work in liaison with council and private land owners to transform underutilised spaces into a public co-managed green network

#### EXISTING SITUATION (KEY ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES):

- **Lawn:** A lot that has only grasses growing on it. There is little to no shade on a Lawn
- **Ground Cover:** A mix of ground cover plants, the plants don't look or feel entirely like grasses. Depending on the species growing on the lot, indicating the soil to be low on certain nutrients
- **Bald:** A Bare Lot is a lot with at least 50% of the ground bare, or only dirt. Bald Lots show us that plants are having a difficult time growing roots on them. This usually indicates lack of drainage, and in some cases highly contaminated soil
- **Along the Fence:** Shrubs growing along the fence. The Lot has trees growing along the fence or boundary
- **Mixed Green:** A lot with a little bit of everything—grasses, trees, maybe some remnant shrubs or even a mound or two

#### KEY RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Establish short and long term functions for vacant lots that can host activities and develop neighbourhood communities and identity

*Note: Vacant lots may be privately or publicly owned. Permission from city council and/or land owners is crucial prior to any on-site action.*

#### ACTIONS:

1. Vacant Land Strategy Latrobe City Council to secure State Government Funding.

*Refer to chapter 4.1 Making it Happen - Project 3*

#### FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

- Connect local government and communities on a neighbourhood level
- Increase the importance and usability of public space
- Increase community input and representation in public spaces across Morwell
- Enable community groups to shape, deliver and manage local public space
- Generate a series of diverse public spaces that are dispersed throughout neighbourhoods

#### FUTURE MORWELL – APPENDIX.

##### REFER TO:

- 2.2 A PRODUCTIVE TOWN - PRODUCTION NETWORK
- 2.2 A PRODUCTIVE TOWN - URBAN PARK NETWORK
- 3.7 NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTIVATION - VACANT LOT STRATEGY
- 3.7 NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTIVATION - GARDEN TYPES
- 3.7 NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTIVATION - CASE STUDIES

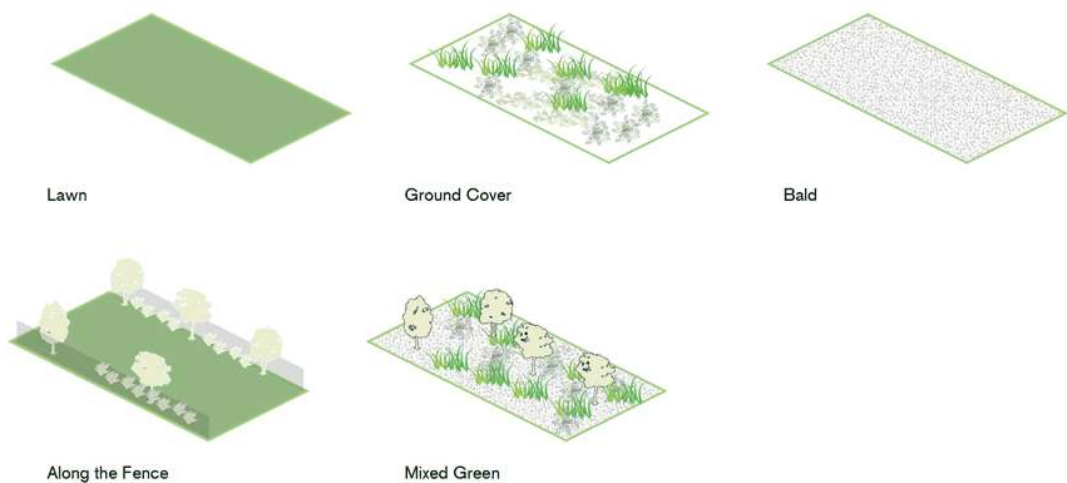
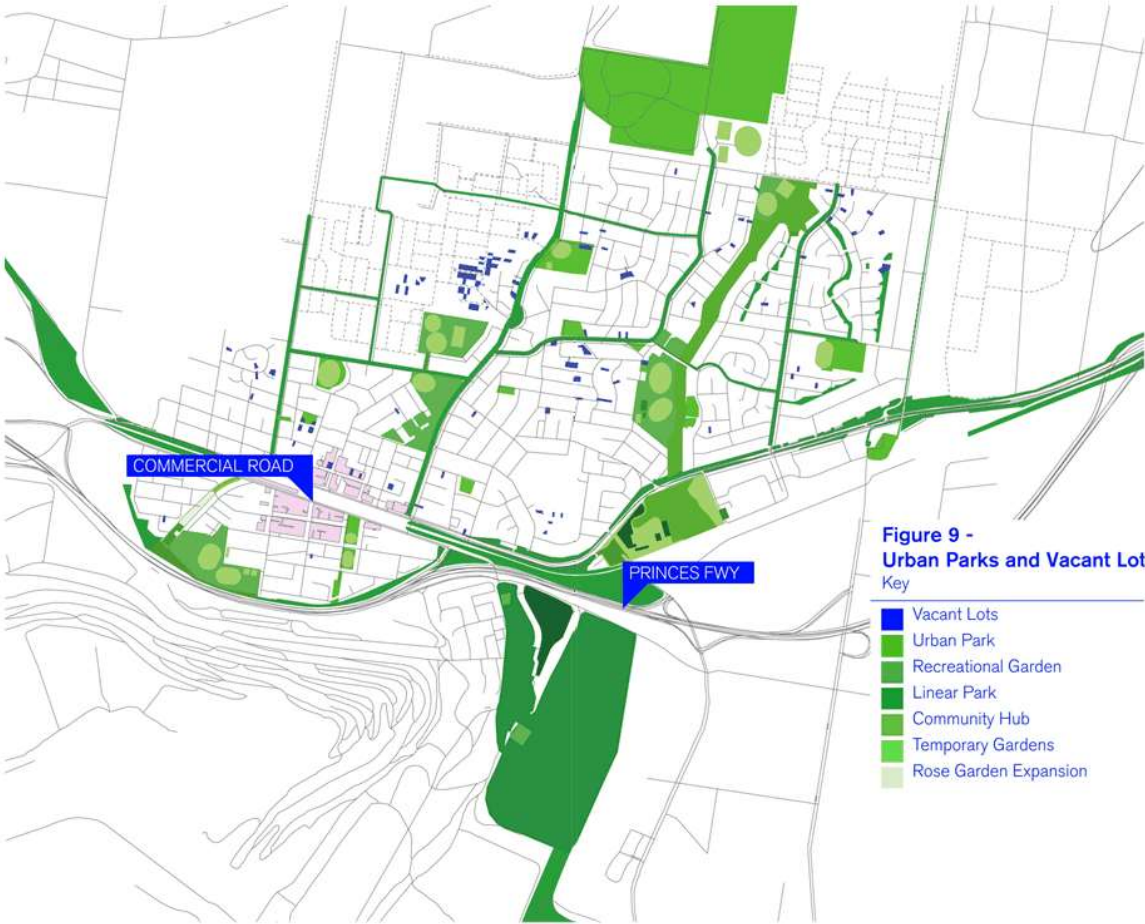


Figure 8 - Existing Conditions of Vacant Lots





INTERVENTION

## GET SUNFLOWERED



### Where:

Latrobe, Victoria, Australia

### Objectives:

- Vacant land activation
- Building community pride

### How it's done:

Designs have been made by award winning international and national designers and community groups.

### Outcomes:

The #getsunflowered project is a community based initiative that aims to bring a new lease of life to vacant or neglected sites with a yellow blanket of sunshine primarily for the residents of Latrobe Valley.

Winner of Sustainable Communities, Keep Victoria Beautiful 2015.

With 16 confirmed sites throughout the Latrobe Valley region in 2015-2016 each site is unique in its design.

### More Info:

<https://www.facebook.com/ReactivateLatrobeValley>

INTERVENTION

## DANDENONG POP-UP PARK



### Where:

Dandenong, Victoria, Australia

### Objectives:

- Job creation and skills training
- Vacant space revitalisation

### How it's done:

Wherever possible the facility's construction method and materials were selected to ensure it can be relocated in the future. Supported by funding from the Federal Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations

### Outcomes:

The POP-UP-PARK transforms an under utilised site adjacent to Dandenong Station in Victoria. A total of five long-term jobs and 23 traineeships were created for the duration of the park's construction.

### More Info:

<http://www.popuppark.com.au/>

## INTERVENTION

## PARCKFARM

**Where:**

Brussels, Belgium

**Objectives:**

- Combining park and farm
- Engaging the local creative community
- Temporary installations

**How it's done:**

A new model for a public space combining the characteristics of a park and farmland will be put to the test.

**Outcomes:**

In the PARCKFARM, the neighbourhoods' farmers/inhabitants and artists selected within the framework of Parckdesign. Offering visitors the chance to take part in a series of activities and to enjoy a picnic hamper, or just a cup of coffee, tea or join a workshop, in the FarmHouse.

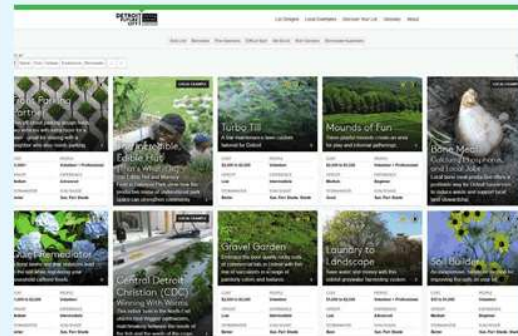
Rotating installations means that the park is an every changing stage for the local creative community.

**More Info:**

<http://www.parckdesign.be/en>

## INTERVENTION

## WORKING WITH LOTS

**Where:**

Detroit, USA

**Objectives:**

- Transition vacant lots
- Connect all aspects of the community
- Foster local resiliency

**How it's done:**

Detroit Future Cities uses 'Working with Lots' as a tool to prompt the use of vacant lots in a productive way. Indicating the objectives, cost, skill, experience and site attributes needed to activate each site. Providing a clear outline for community led change.

**Outcomes:**

The Field Guide will help connect you with information, inspiration, and others working towards a future of local resiliency. This is a future where residents and institutions are actively involved with the stewardship of Detroit's land.

**More Info:**

<http://dfc-lots.com/>



## 2.1.1 | A SUSTAINABLE TOWN

### BLUE NETWORK

#### Key Objectives:

- To improve the integrity and efficiency of urban water management within Morwell including the network of streets
- To better link Morwell to its environmentally and culturally significant waterways and assets (Latrobe River, Morwell River, Wetlands, Hazelwood Pondage, Waterhole Creek, Kernot Lake)
- To optimise use of land subject to inundation, and limit the impacts of (likely increasing) flooding events
- To establish a place based approach to improving overall regional bio-connectivity
- To develop a place based approach to improving the environmental performance of and community benefit of Morwell's key water way assets through improved public access, management, and reporting
- To provide a framework for collaborative action for improvements to the water systems within and beyond the urban areas of Morwell
- To provide the basis for Morwell's waterways to contribute to a broader "rebranding" of the town and its region as a healthy and environmentally sustainable place to live, work and visit
- To work with agencies to establish a framework for the management plans for key waterways and environmental assets within and adjacent Morwell, utilising a Neighbourhood Improvement Plan approach
- To advocate for medium to longer term rehabilitation plans for mined land along the length of the Morwell River.

#### EXISTING SITUATION (KEY ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES):

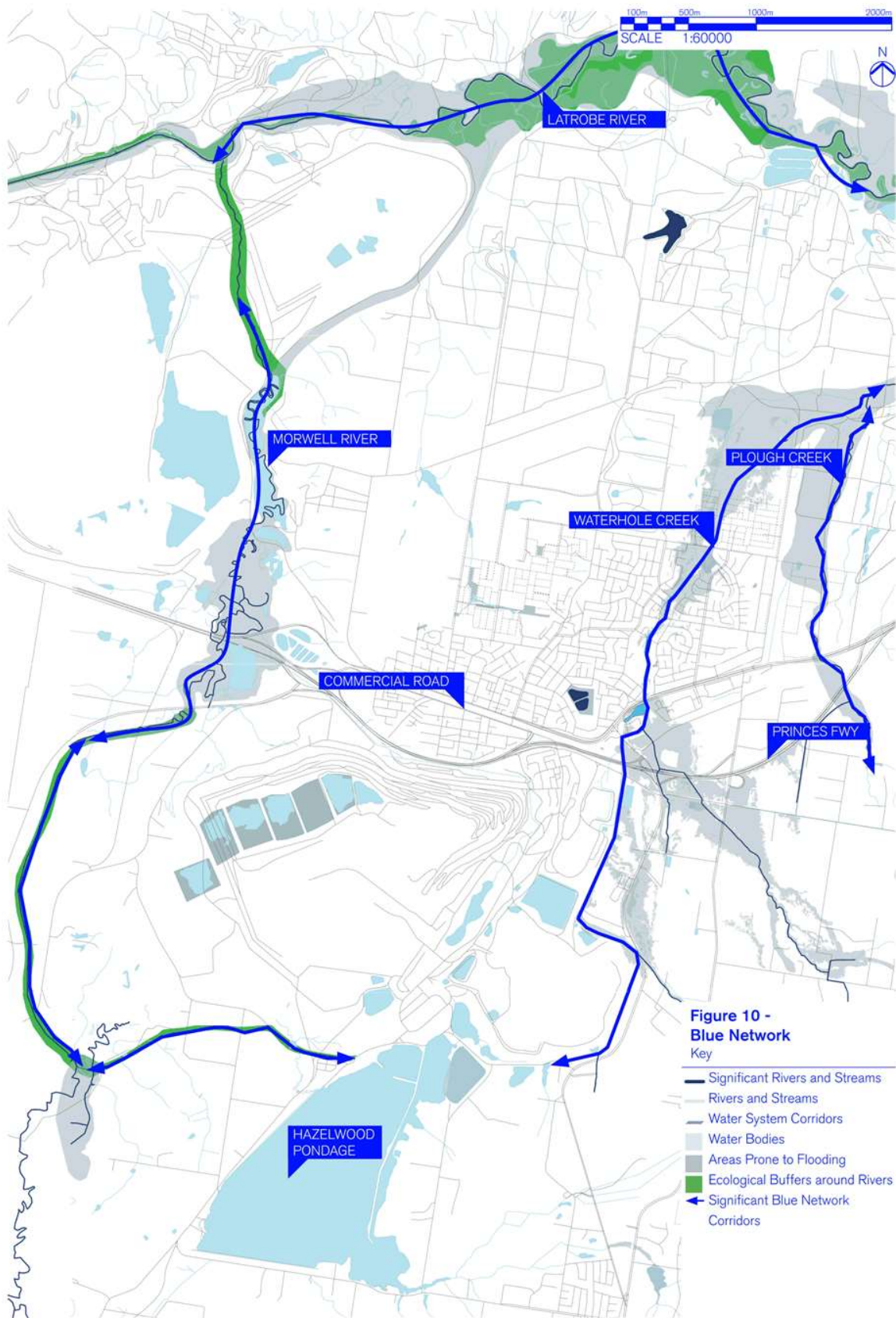
- The environmental health of waterways adjacent Morwell is varied in quality
- The Morwell River reaches close to Morwell have been heavily affected by mining operations including major redirections of the river around both Hazelwood and Yallourn mines
- Water flows and management are significant issues for current mining operations and longer term rehabilitation plans for mining
- Artificial wetlands and water bodies such as the Hazelwood Pondage (and Lake Narracan) serve industrial, environment and social functions within the current landscape

#### FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

- Ensure remediation plans acknowledge the community costs and benefits associated with the use and management of waterways and their catchments
- Establish an integrated framework for water management that includes urban streets, parks, development constrained land, and redundant mining land
- Review current land use policy and guidelines relating to land subject to inundation particularly on industrial zoned former agricultural land between Morwell and Churchill
- Work with other agencies to develop a framework review (as required) the Morwell River Neighbourhood Environment Improvement Plan community benefit opportunities associated with short/medium/long term remediation of mining lands
- Confirm current status and likely future impacts of mining at Yallourn on the Morwell wetlands
- Work with other agencies to develop a framework to adjust (as required) the Waterhole Creek Management plan to include opportunities associated with additional land acquisitions

#### FUTURE MORWELL – APPENDIX. REFER TO:

- FIGURE 9 - BLUE NETWORK (AT A3 FORMAT)



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#### FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS (CONT'D):

- Establish feasibility/ business case for strategic public acquisition of land along Waterhole Creek to the south of the regional rail corridor including land at Monash Way, and to the eastern boundary of the soon to be redundant Energy Brix site adjacent and associated rail line
- Establish the potential for waterway corridors, and to address broader bio-region connectivity (bio-links)
- Review existing Neighbourhood Environment Improvement Plan and Morwell River Management Plan in response to Future Morwell recommendations
- Review remediation plans for mines and power station sites with respect to public benefit and water way management

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#### EXISTING PLANS & STRATEGIES:

- Victorian Waterway Management Strategy, 2013
- West Gippsland Waterway Strategy 2014-2022
- Latrobe City Council MSS Clause 21.04 Environmental risks
- Latrobe City Council Natural Environment Sustainability Strategy 2014-2019
- Waterhole Creek Management Plan
- Mine Rehabilitation Master Plans
- Victorian River Health Strategy
- Gippsland Regional Sustainable Water Strategy (2011)
- West Gippsland Regional Catchment Strategy 2014-2022

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#### ADDITIONAL MATERIAL(S) :

- Latrobe City Council GIS layers
- Victorian Waterway Management Strategy, 2013
- Water Sensitive Urban Design Guidelines (South Eastern Councils), Melbourne Water

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#### FUTURE MORWELL – APPENDIX. REFER TO:

- 2.2 A PRODUCTIVE TOWN - BLUE NETWORK
- 2.2 A PRODUCTIVE TOWN - BLUE NETWORK - REBATES & INCENTIVES



PUBLIC WORKS

## QUNLI STORMWATER PARK



Ecological Remediation



Viewing Platform



### Where:

Haerbin City, Heilongjiang Province, CN

### Objectives:

- Preserving a disappearing wetland in the city
- Designing an ecosystem that works in an urban context
- Providing an economically feasible project

### Outcomes:

The completely transformed site performs many functions, including collecting, cleansing, and storing stormwater, and recharging underground aquifers. The pre-existing wetland habitat has been restored and native biodiversity preserved. Potentially flooding stormwater now contributes to an environmental amenity in the city.

### More Info:

<https://www.asla.org/2012awards/026.html>

PUBLIC WORKS

## GREAT LAKES CENTURY VISION



Visualizing sustainable land use, vibrant urban centres and intercity connections



### Where:

Chicago, IL, USA

### Objectives:

- Envision and take action towards a prosperous and sustainable future for the Great Lakes.

### How:

8 Strategic Principles:

- Bigger than a National Park
- Green Cities and Great Lakes
- Great Minds and Great Lakes
- Blue is the new Green
- Tapping renewable energy
- Achieving mobility
- Leaders in new economies
- Commitment to local food

### Outcomes:

The vision document, "Recognizing a Global Resource: The Need for a 100-Year Vision for the Great Lakes, and St Lawrence River Region," identified the basin's most pressing issues and opportunities for the next 100 years of development.

### More Info:

<https://www.asla.org/2013awards/488.html>

## 2.1.1 | A SUSTAINABLE TOWN MOVEMENT NETWORK

(CYCLE NETWORKS, STREET WIDTHS/HIERARCHY, PEDESTRIAN ROUTES)

### Key Objectives:

- To better connect people and activities within Morwell and between centres within the networked city via a range of transport modes
- To improve the overall visitor experience of Morwell for the visitor arriving by various modes of transport
- To promote active movement (walking and cycling) as a healthy and cost effective mode of transport

### EXISTING SITUATION (KEY ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES):

- Multiple entry routes to Morwell from the Princes Freeway makes way-finding for visitors confusing
- Rail/ former highway corridor divides activity on the south and north of the centre
- Public transport connections between centres and within Morwell are relatively infrequent commensurate with relatively low population densities & patronage
- Activity within Morwell centre and Mid Valley are well supported by existing on-street and off street car parking
- Walking and cycling are popular modes of transport however there are barriers to use of the network
- Expansion of mining activities to the west and south have progressively reduced connections between Morwell and adjacent townships
- Rail trails within the Networked City in Moe & Traralgon are popular with both tourists and locals. Redundant rail infrastructure associated with Yallourn & Hazelwood mines may present opportunities to connect Morwell to the rail trail network
- The Gippsland Intermodal Freight Terminal, centrally located within Morwell's industrial precincts presents an opportunity to enhance Morwell's role in regional freight logistics

### KEY RECOMMENDATION:

- Develop concept plans for each gateway that improve the experience and navigation for visitors / casual users of the town centre through improved and differentiated entrances to Morwell from the Princes Freeway

### ACTIONS:

1. Gateway Concept Plan \$350,000.00 State Government Funding Has Been Secured  
*Refer to chapter 4.1 Making it Happen - Project 4*

### FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

- Develop concept plans for a linear park along the length of the former highway corridor to enhance visitor experience and pedestrian / cycle connectivity
- Enhance the movement within Morwell through the development of a priority Network for streetscape improvements that better support walking and cycling

### FUTURE MORWELL – APPENDIX.

#### REFER TO:

- 2.3 A LIVEABLE TOWN - CURRENT BUS NETWORK
- 2.3 A LIVEABLE TOWN - BUS NETWORK
- FIGURE 10 - SHARED PATHWAY NETWORK (AT A3 FORMAT)

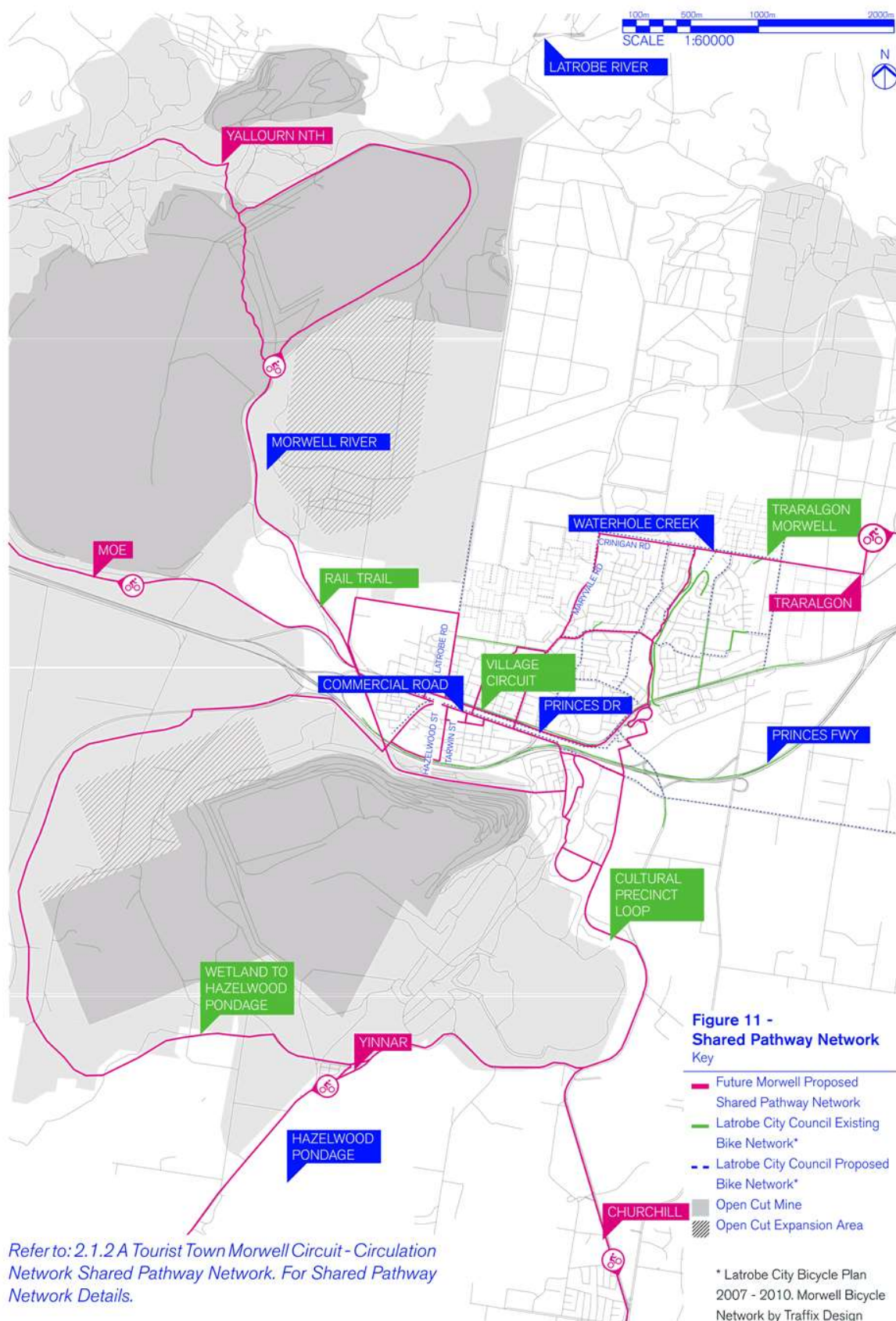
### EXISTING PLANS & STRATEGIES:

- Latrobe City Council Bicycle Plan 2007 – 2010
- Latrobe City Council Tracks Trails and Paths Strategy (2016 draft)
- Latrobe City Council Car Parking Framework Review Traralgon & Morwell, 2014
- State Government Victoria, Cycling into the Future 2013-23
- State Government Victoria, Victoria's Trails Strategy 2014 – 2024
- State Government Victoria, Victoria's Cycle Tourism Action Plan 2011 - 2015

### ADDITIONAL MATERIAL(S) :

- LCC GIS data
- Land Victoria GIS data
- Gippsland Plains Rail Trail: [www.gippslandplainsrailtrail.com.au](http://www.gippslandplainsrailtrail.com.au)
- Bicycle Network: [www.bicyclenetwork.com.au](http://www.bicyclenetwork.com.au)
- Latrobe City Public Road Register as at 21st March 2016.pdf
- Vicroads Application: Maps of Declared Roads <http://vicroadsmaps.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=e8fa54687853433eb58e51584b36f681>
- Morwell to Traralgon Shared Path Feasibility Study No 133956



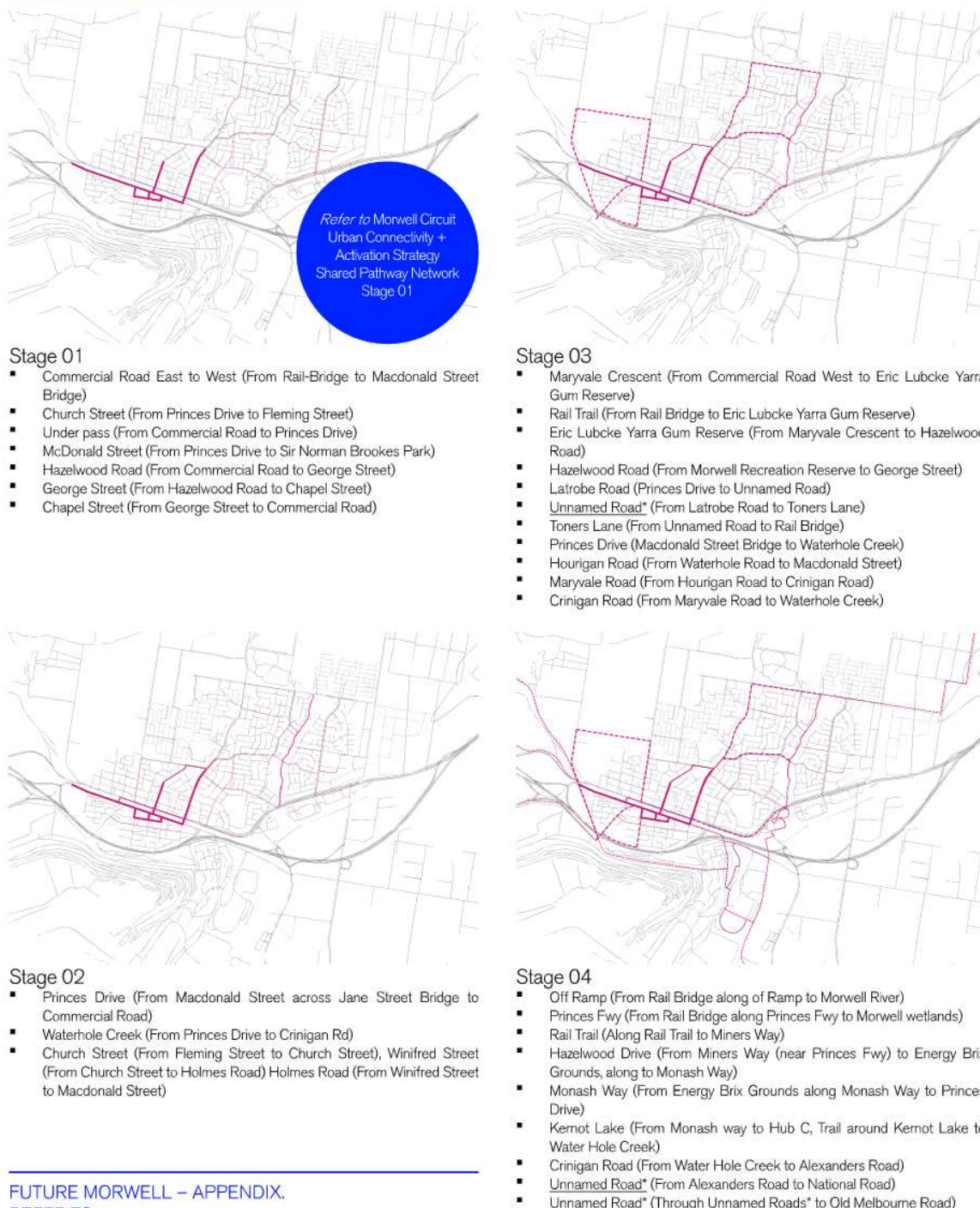


## 2.1.1 | A SUSTAINABLE TOWN

### MOVEMENT NETWORK

#### MORWELL CIRCUIT - SHARED PATHWAY NETWORK

Figure 12 -  
Staged Circuit Implementation

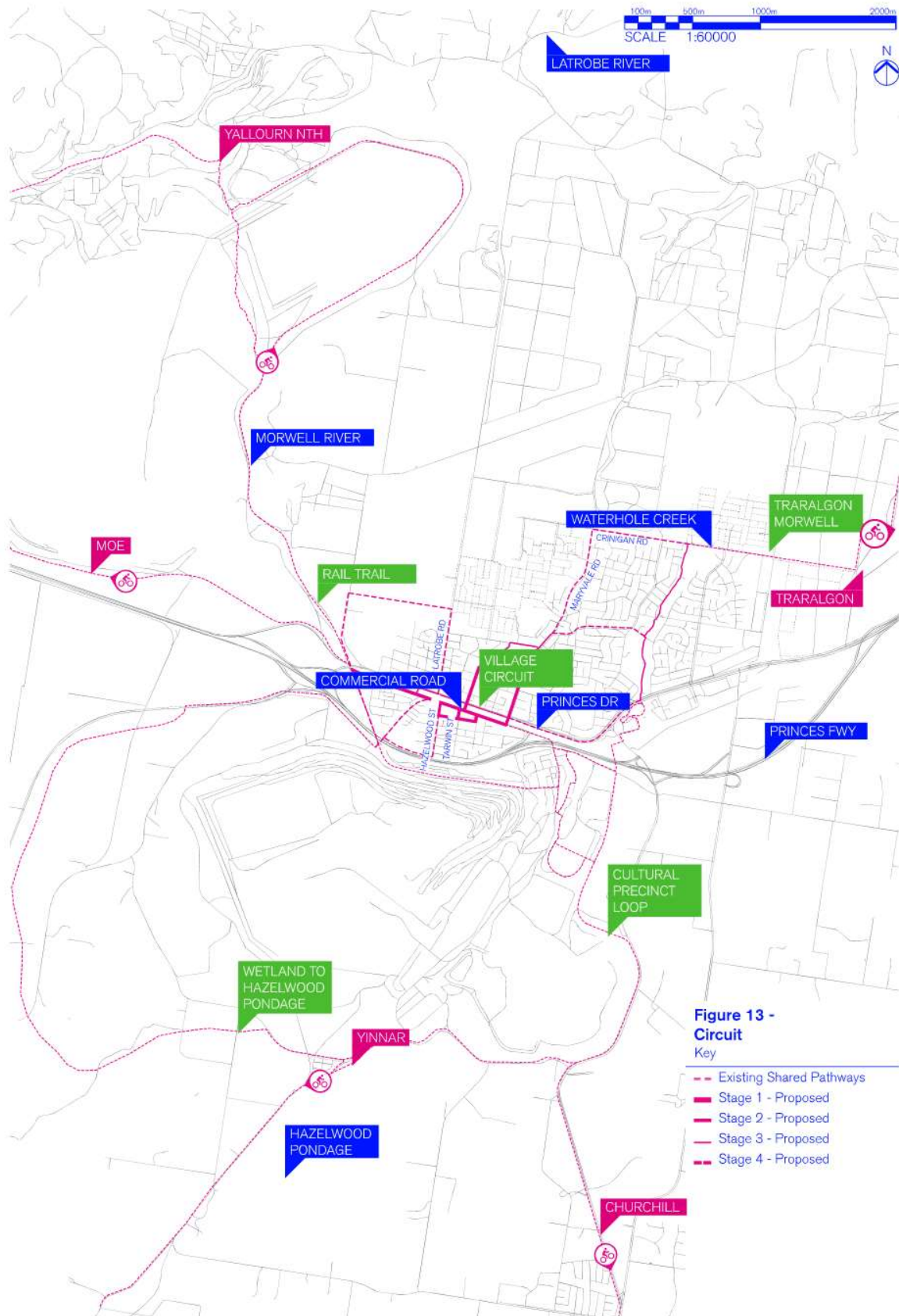


#### FUTURE MORWELL – APPENDIX. REFER TO:

- 2.3 A LIVEABLE TOWN - CURRENT BUS NETWORK
- 2.3 A LIVEABLE TOWN - BUS NETWORK

\* For information on Unnamed Road refer to: Morwell to Traralgon Shared Path Feasibility Study No 133956





**Figure 13 -  
Circuit**  
Key

- Existing Shared Pathways
- Stage 1 - Proposed
- - - Stage 2 - Proposed
- ... Stage 3 - Proposed
- . - . Stage 4 - Proposed

## 2.1.1 | A SUSTAINABLE TOWN

### MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE

(GAS, WATER, POWER)

Key Objectives:

- To identify/clarify the strategic advantages of major service infrastructure
- To identify infrastructure relating to coal mining and electricity production that will likely become redundant but may have value to a future industry/ use

#### EXISTING SITUATION (KEY ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES):

*Refer to legend on Major Infrastructure - Regional Growth Plan*

- Electricity Transmission and Gas Line: opportunities related to supply versus constraints relating to easements
- Gippsland Intermodal Freight Terminal
- Inter-mine rail connections: confirmation of current use/ ownership/ and likely further usefulness
- Airport: There is a lack of certainty (and therefore potential barrier to investment) associated with various easements and overlays

#### FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

- Promote advantages of key infrastructure including sites with access to major service infrastructure as part of a strategy for growing existing industries and attracting new industries
- Clarify planning constraints and opportunities for sites affected by major infrastructure to promote/ attract new industries and uses

#### EXISTING PLANS & STRATEGIES:

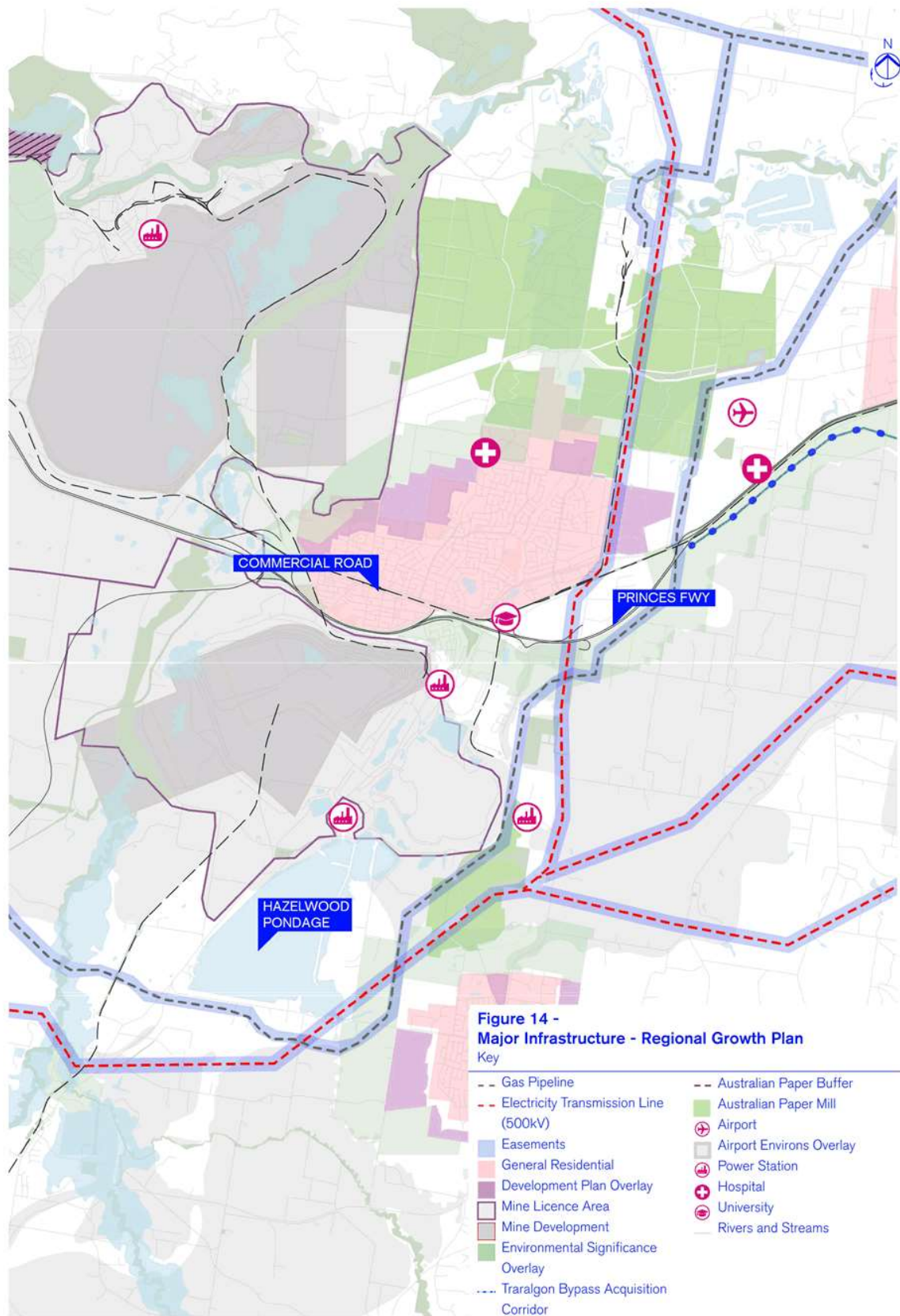
- Gippsland Regional Growth Plan (Assets)
- Gippsland Logistics Precinct Master Plan
- Latrobe Airport Master Plan

#### ADDITIONAL MATERIAL(S) :

- LCC GIS data
- Latrobe Framework Plan, Regional Growth Plan Gippsland

#### FUTURE MORWELL – APPENDIX. REFER TO:

- FIGURE 11 - MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE - REGIONAL GROWTH PLAN (AT A3 FORMAT)





## 2.1.2 | A TOURIST TOWN A DISTINCTIVE AND PROUD TOWN

### Key Objectives:

- To identify and define local and district hubs which anchor the neighbourhoods and town
- To activate and define key activity hubs that improve the meaning, and experience of the town
- To redefine gateways through the town to improve navigation and experience for visitors and locals

### KEY RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Reposition town centre as Village Hub. Reduce permit processes and waive fees that allow for open air dining and busking throughout the main roads of Commercial Road, Tarwin Street and Church Street
- Develop building facade design guidelines for Village Hub

### ACTIONS:

1. Arts & Government Services Precinct Plan State Government Funding To Be secured. \$25,000.00 (Council Funding Contribution.)

Refer to chapter 4.1 Making it Happen - Project 1.  
Draws on objectives from 2.2 Assets and 3.1 Hub A.

2. Building Facade Guidelines  
Latrobe City Council to secure State Government Funding.

Refer to chapter 4.1 Making it Happen - Project 8.

### FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

- Develop key activities and events at each hub location
- Consolidate resources and infrastructure to hub locations
- Develop detailed plans for each hub that have a multi-use and intensified objective for each location
- Ensure connections between hubs through the continuous development of pedestrian and bicycles network
- Identify a range of opportunities, at local, district and state level to activate and rebrand each hub
- Ensure there is clarity of connection between gateways
- Ensure there is a clear identity for each gateway

### ADDITIONAL MATERIAL(S) :

- Destination Gippsland Strategic Directions
- Case studies – industrial tourism, virtual tourism (virtual Yallourn)

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### HUBS

#### A Local Village Commercial and Office



#### B Local Hub Educational Hub



#### C District Centre Education and Training



#### D District Centre Historical and Cultural



#### E Local Hub Recreational



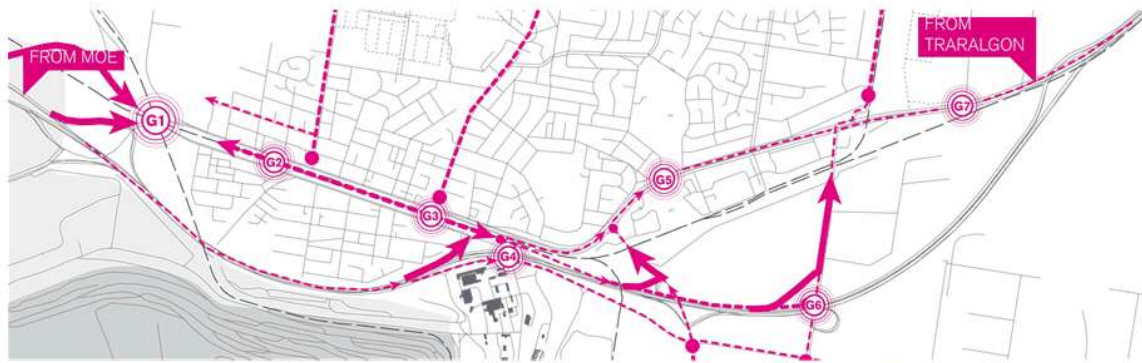
#### F District Centre Recreational



Above: Hub existing and example images

### EXISTING PLANS & STRATEGIES:

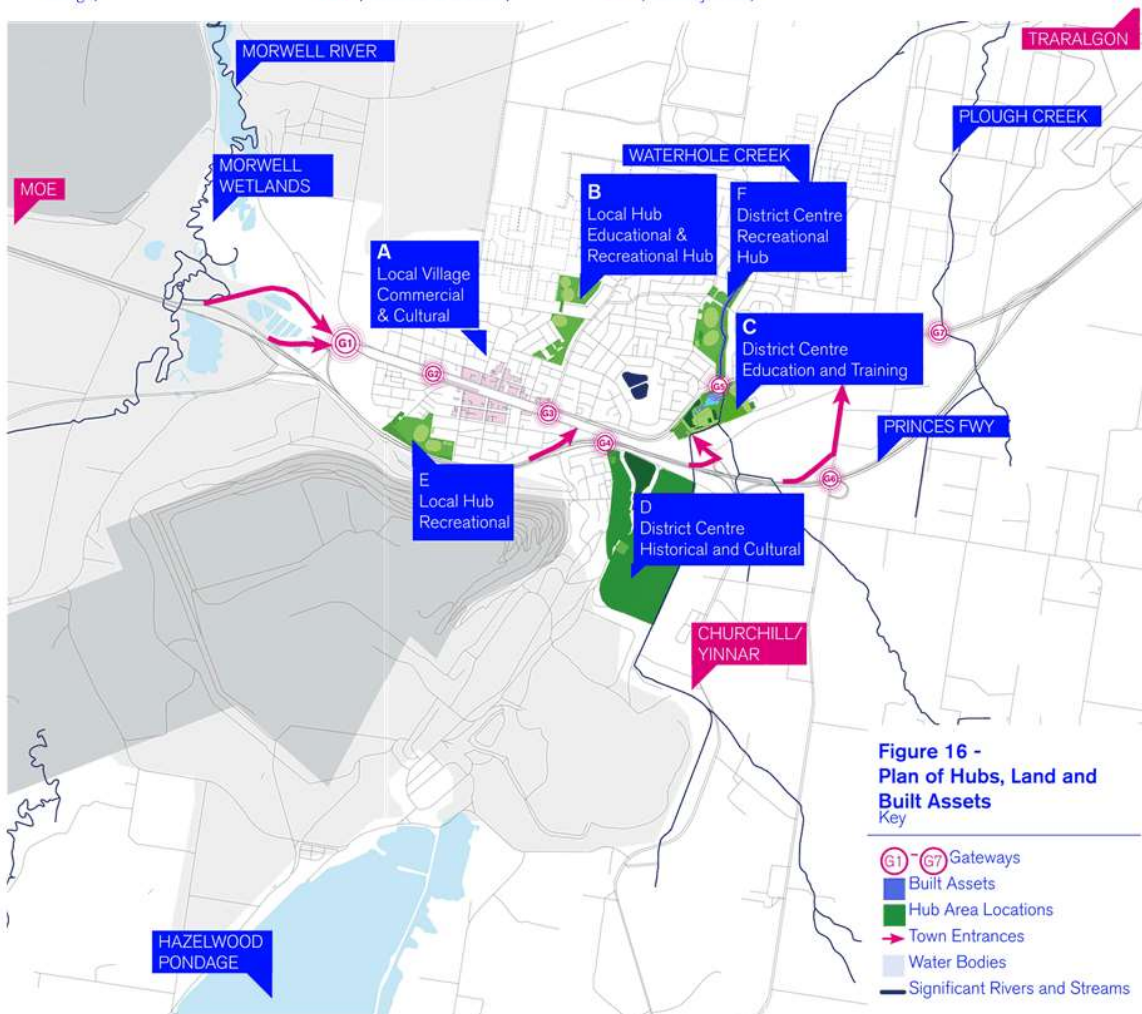
- Latrobe City Council Precinct Plans
- Latrobe City Council Heritage Study
- Visit Latrobe City – History of Latrobe City



**Figure 15 -  
Plan of Gateways**

Key

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|---|---|---|--|
| G1 Gateway: Entrance (Railbridge) (primary gateway)               | G3 Gateway: Orientation Point (Commercial Rd + Macdonald St + Princes Dr) | G5 Gateway: Orientation Point (District Centre & Waterhole Creek) | G7 Gateway: Orientation Point (Princes Drive & Plough Creek) |
| G2 Gateway: Orientation Point (Commercial Rd + Princes Dr Bridge) | G4 Gateway: District Centre (Historical & Cultural)                       | G6 Gateway: Orientation Point (Tramway Road)                      |  |



**Figure 16 -  
Plan of Hubs, Land and  
Built Assets**

Key

- |                                |
|--------------------------------|
| G1 G7 Gateways                 |
| Built Assets                   |
| Hub Area Locations             |
| Town Entrances                 |
| Water Bodies                   |
| Significant Rivers and Streams |

Refer to Future Morwell Future Latrobe Valley  
Revitalisation Plan  
My Town (3.1 Hubs) for the concept plans of each hub  
and the associated recommended actions and strategies.



## 2.1.2 | A TOURIST TOWN

### MINING LAND - REHABILITATION CORRIDOR

#### Key Objectives:

- To minimise the adverse economic, social, environmental impacts of mining operations directly adjacent Morwell in the short – medium term
- To identify the potential economic, social, and environmental benefits of future remediation of mining land in the context of current agreed rehabilitation master plans for Yallourn and Hazelwood (Morwell) Mines

#### EXISTING SITUATION (KEY ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES):

- Image and Identity: Much of Morwell's (and Latrobe City's) civic and regional pride was drawn from its role in delivering power to the state. The decline of this industry, the global shift towards renewable/clean energy and uncertainty of energy policy at the state and federal level have shifted mining and power generation into the realm of a "negative" place brand element
- Historically the required buffer around each of the major mines has pushed urban growth away from the traditional centre of Morwell to the east
- The Powerworks centre on Ridge Road has recently been handed over to a proactive community group and provides a valuable resource for telling the story of mining in Latrobe Valley and within the broader context of Gippsland

#### EXISTING PLANS & STRATEGIES:

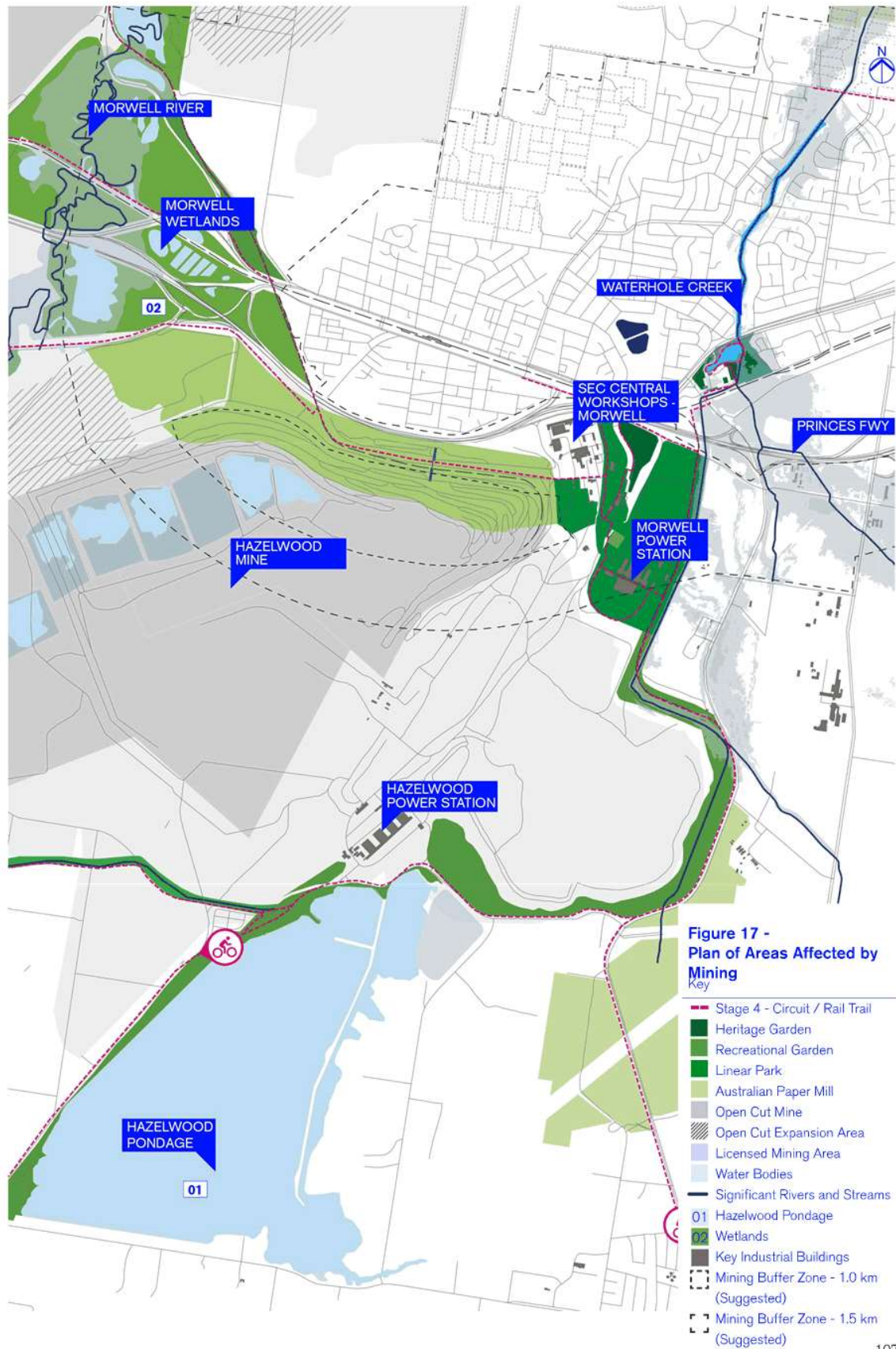
- Mining in Victoria Heritage Study
- Latrobe City Council Heritage Study
- Visit Latrobe City – History of Latrobe City:
  - Old Brown Coal Museum: [www.browncoalminemuseum.websyte.com.au](http://www.browncoalminemuseum.websyte.com.au)
  - Power Drive Route 98 map: [www.visitlatrobevalley.com/pages/power-trail/](http://www.visitlatrobevalley.com/pages/power-trail/)
  - Gippsland Heritage Walk: [gippslandimmigrationpark.com.au](http://gippslandimmigrationpark.com.au)
  - Morwell Historic Society: [www.morwellhistoricalsociety.org.au/](http://www.morwellhistoricalsociety.org.au/)
  - Heritage Studies relating to Coal Mining: [www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/\\_\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0020/219251/COAL\\_Context.pdf](http://www.dtpli.vic.gov.au/___data/assets/pdf_file/0020/219251/COAL_Context.pdf)

#### ADDITIONAL MATERIAL(S) :

- Destination Gippsland Strategic Directions
- Case studies – industrial tourism, virtual tourism (virtual Yallourn)
- Powerworks Business Plan 2015 - 2018

#### FUTURE MORWELL – APPENDIX. REFER TO:

- FIGURE 14 - PLAN OF AREAS AFFECTED BY MINING (AT A3 FORMAT)



## 2.1.2 | A TOURIST TOWN

### MINING LAND - REHABILITATION CORRIDOR( CONT'D)

### Key Objectives:

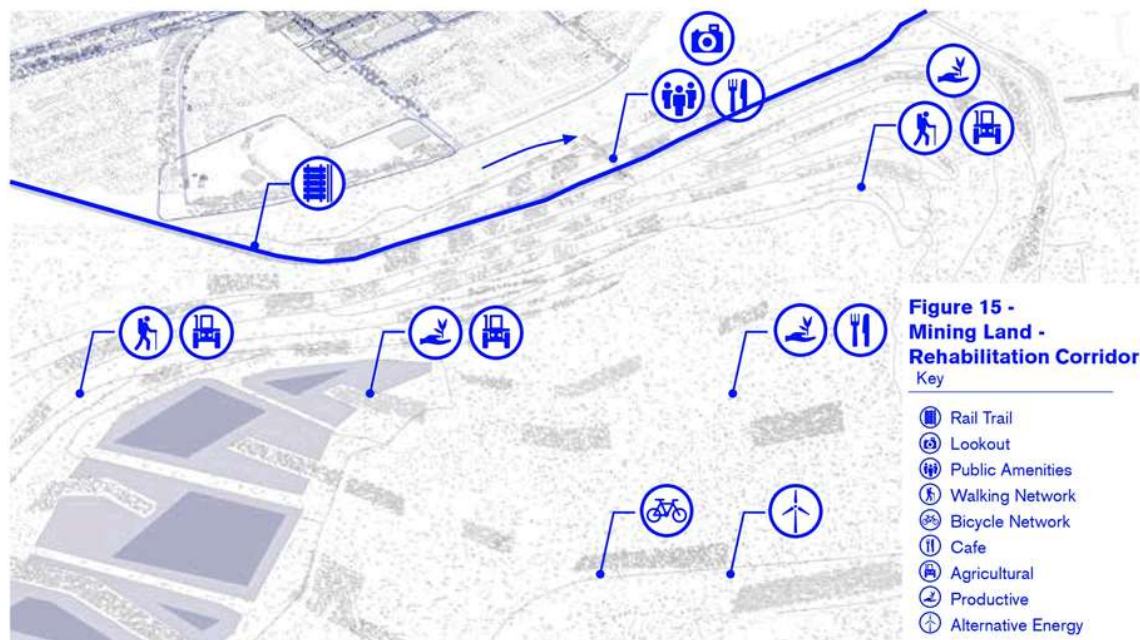
- Land rehabilitation is the process of returning the land in a given area to some degree of its former state, after some process (industry, mining, natural disasters, etc.) has resulted in its damage
- Many projects and developments will result in the land becoming degraded, for example mining, farming and forestry

EXISTING SITUATION (KEY ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES):

- Enabling future jobs in transition and rehabilitation
- Creates an ecological and socio-economical process of transformation for the region
- Protect and preserve industrial buildings, machinery and infrastructure as landmarks
- Attract new social, community and economic oriented activities
- Provide solutions for the transformation of regional centres in their vicinity
- Develop an industrial region with a new spatial and economic identity

### FUTURE CONSIDERATION (CONT'D):

- Explore opportunities for engagement of local workforce in the rehabilitation tasks (as healthy, meaningful work)
- Develop Ridge Rd as a cultural, community and visitor destination with a focus on:
  1. Interpretation of the areas mining and engineering past, present and future
  2. Contemporary art and cultural activities
  3. Public Parkland





PUBLIC WORKS

## DUISBURG-NORD LANDSCAPE PARK



Tourist Attraction and Event Venue



Event Venue



### Where:

Duisburg-Meiderich, DE

### Objectives:

- Preservation of an industrial monument
- Renewal of the river Emscher
- The recovery of an important green area

### Outcomes:

The conversion of a site occupied by a disused mining zone and an iron and steel works in a landscape park involved a completely innovative decision without any previous examples. Today, all the surfaces in the park can be used freely, its is the venue for a varied range of cultural and recreational activities.

### More Info:

<http://www.publicspace.org/en/works/a008-landschaftspark-duisburg-nord>

PUBLIC WORKS

## ALCOA MINE REHABILITATION



Reforestation



Rehabilitating the affected area



### Where:

Jarrah Forest, Western Australia, AU

### Objectives:

- Establish a self-sustaining Jarrah forest
- Enhance or maintain pre-mining forest land use

### Outcomes:

Results from monitoring and research projects have shown that 100 per cent of mammal species, 90 per cent of bird species and 89 per cent of reptile species that inhabit upland parts of the forest where mining occurs have recolonised rehabilitated areas within 10 years.

### More Info:

[http://www.alcoa.com/Australia/en/info\\_page/land\\_management\\_bau\\_mine\\_rehab.asp](http://www.alcoa.com/Australia/en/info_page/land_management_bau_mine_rehab.asp)

## 2.1.2 | A TOURIST TOWN

### MORWELL TOWN OF GARDENS

#### OVERVIEW: VISION & OBJECTIVES

##### Garden Town

The concept of 'Morwell the Town of Gardens' aspires to shift the town's identity by building on the positive qualities and characteristics of its industrial heritage, and connecting and re-purposing existing open spaces and assets within the town to build a new relevant perception and identity of Morwell.

It defines a network of green spaces interwoven throughout the town to provide an important means to change the urban environment of the town. This green network will contribute to the purification of air, adjust the climate of a space, improve soil quality and ecology as well as enhance the visual environment. It aspires to change how people experience, perceive and interact with their surroundings and neighbourhood through a range of active, passive, productive and connecting spaces.

Green, healthy cities attract investment for innovation and can act as hubs for creativity and wealth creation.

Increasing urban green space improves air quality, replenishes groundwater, and reduces air temperature. Trees and flowers provide sense of seasonal change that enhances the visual interest of the city scene and vibrancy of the city life, and offer visual and psychological comfort and relief, which are vital to the health and wellbeing of people.

This network will bring with it various benefits. It can be a tourist attraction, an economic stimulus that brings investment into the region, and a re-definition of the town's identity.

For Morwell residents this network of green spaces would mean a significant increase in usable public space within the town. This network will establish Morwell as the town of gardens and allow residents to utilise and enjoy outdoor spaces in a variety of forms and uses.

##### Garden Festival

The Morwell garden festival acts as a catalyst for a staged building approach for transforming Morwell into a town of gardens. The festival structure will explore and establish strategies to bring together community groups and other organisations to participate in the building process.

The Morwell garden festival aspires to generate Morwell as a premier garden destination and be a catalyst for beautification, education, tourism, promotion, community-building, healthy living, sustainability, and civic pride.

The artistic and tourism event also gives visitors a chance to discover inspiring spaces bringing together the visual arts, design, landscape and the environment within the specific context of Morwell.

The Festival is an attraction for visitors, while also a significant factor associated with enterprise, the generation of wealth and socio-economic development. It wants to contribute to long-term sustainable profiling and image strengthening.

"Green infrastructure provides the foundation that underpins the function, health, wealth and identity of our communities. It provides a network of open spaces and natural assets that include trees, parks, gardens, allotments, cemeteries, woodlands, green corridors, rivers and waterways. And it can reduce carbon, generate renewable energy, raise air quality, enhance biodiversity, improve water management, increase local food production, and promote healthy communities to provide lasting economic, social, cultural and environmental returns."<sup>1</sup>

Cities, he says, are learning that the environment is something not to be sidelined. 'We have repositioned the idea of open space from something that is 'nice' to something that is fundamental to the way we prosper and develop.'

1. <http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2009/mar/25/green-infrastructure>





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## 2.1.2 | A TOURIST TOWN MORWELL TOWN OF GARDENS

### Key Objectives:

- Aspire to shift the town's identity by building on the positive qualities and characteristics of its industrial heritage
- To connect and re-purpose existing open spaces and assets within the town to build a new relevant perception and identity of Morwell
- To develop integrated strategies for beautification, education, tourism, community-building, healthy living, and civic pride

### EXISTING SITUATION (KEY ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES):

- Green, healthy cities attract investment for innovation and can act as hubs for creativity and wealth creation
- Morwell Contains a number of underutilised open space and land assets that can be used to enhance the image and identity of Morwell as a Town of Gardens.
- This network will bring with it various benefits. It can be a tourist attraction, an economic stimulus that brings investment into the region, and a re-definition of the town's identity
- The network aspires to change how people experience, perceive and interact with their surroundings and neighbourhood through a range of active, passive, productive and connecting spaces
- To utilise the Festival is an attraction for visitors, while also a significant factor associated with enterprise, the generation of wealth and socio-economic development. It wants to contribute to long-term sustainable profiling and image strengthening

### KEY RECOMMENDATIONS:

- To develop a branding strategy for Morwell Garden festival
- To develop the Garden Festival structure and staged plan that addresses revue, financing, activation and programming for the event

### ACTIONS:

- Garden Festival Event Strategy  
\$60,000.00 State Government Funding Has Been Secured

Refer to chapter 4.1 Making it Happen - Project 2. Garden Festival Strategy draws on objectives from 2.1.1 A Sustainable Town - Green Network.

- Branding Strategy for Morwell Town of Gardens  
\$100,000 State Government Funding Has Been Secured  
\$15,000 (Council Funding Contribution)

Refer to chapter 4.1 Making it Happen - Project 8.

### EXISTING PLANS & STRATEGIES:

- Community Vision for Latrobe Valley 2026

### ADDITIONAL MATERIAL(S) :

- <http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2009/mar/25/green-infrastructure>

### FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

- Establish a network of green spaces interwoven throughout the town to act as the framework for Morwell Town of Gardens
- To explore strategies for how to reduce barriers in creating small community events in public spaces
- To establish and capture an annual and biannual calendar of events that can be advertised and profiled through municipal and regional online and print portals



**FUTURE MORWELL – APPENDIX.  
REFER TO:**

- 3.8 MORWELL TOWN OF GARDENS - COMMUNITY ORIENTED RENEWAL



2.1.2 | **A TOURIST TOWN**  
**GARDEN FESTIVAL**

A Healthy Town



Festival



A Sustainable Town



Community Led



A Tourist Town



Community Led



A Beautiful Town



Garden Town





### Garden Festival

The concept of 'Morwell the Town of Gardens' focuses on the shift of the town's identity, through the establishment of a healthy town, a sustainable town, a tourist town, and a beautiful town. The 'Garden Festival' is a short to medium term strategy aimed to transform and beautify Morwell into the 'Town of Gardens'.



## PUBLIC WORKS

## SEATTLE FESTIVAL STREET PROGRAM

**Where:**

Seattle, USA

**Objectives:**

- Community-driven activation of streets by lowering the barriers for community groups trying to organise free events for their neighbours and friends
- Provide pedestrian friendly shared spaces
- Infrastructure to support events and programming, including bike racks and an outdoor power source

**How it's done:**

The Seattle Department of Transportation initiated the Festival Street program as a way to generate momentum towards implementation of the city's Pedestrian Master Plan. The finished street will function as a shared space - the road will slow vehicles down, and provide new parking amenities. The finished project will also feature infrastructure to support events and programming, including new bike racks and an outdoor power source.

**Outcomes:**

Activation and programming are at the centre of the Festival Street Program, with the sponsoring entities providing a calendar of proposed events throughout a given year.

**More Info:**

<http://publicspacestewardship.org/>

## EVENT

## GARDEN WALK BUFFALO NIAGARA

**Where:**

Buffalo, New York State, USA

**Objectives:**

- Generate tourism
- Build civic pride

**How it's done:**

A summer-long festival expands the opportunities for garden tourists to visit Buffalo beyond the Garden Walk Festival. With weekend garden tours, private gardens, art exhibition, garden art sale/exhibition and symposia to attract visitors.

**Outcomes:**

Generates USD \$4.5 Million economic impact for a 2 Day garden event, including USD \$163,135 worth of Out-of-Town Media Coverage.

**More Info:**

<http://gardenwalkbuffalo.com/>

## PUBLIC WORKS

## FLORIADE ALMERE 2022

**Where:**

Almere, Amsterdam, NL

**Objectives:**

- Experiment in sustainable urban development
- Working together with residents and other parties, to create the event
- Stimulate economic activity – not only during the event, but particularly during 'The making of...' phase
- As part of a wider programme of city-wide development designed to allow Almere to grow into a green city of the future, equipped to provide suitable answers to urgent urbanisation issues

**Outcomes:**

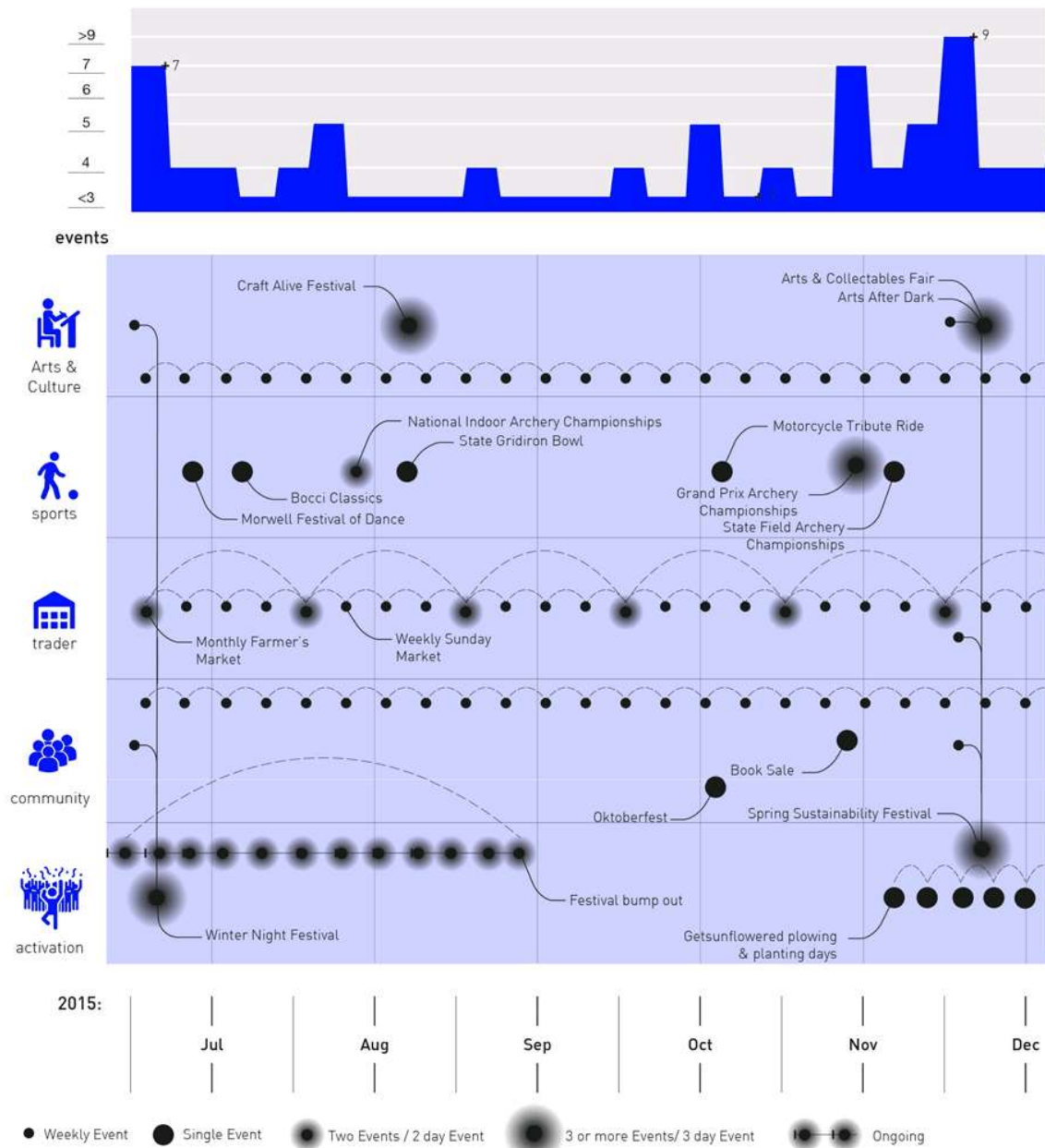
A world horticulture expo event aiming to drive the development of new knowledge and innovation. Floriade 2022 is sowing the seeds for the creation of a flourishing Green Campus. On the one hand, the Dutch horticultural sector's passion for innovation with regard to food production, sustainability and health; on the other, Almere's ambition of becoming a 'green' city that is healthy, self-sufficient and a pleasant place to live. This edition of will be devoted to the topic of Growing Green Cities and the urgent issues connected with global urbanisation, such as food supply, climate change and energy production.

**More Info:**

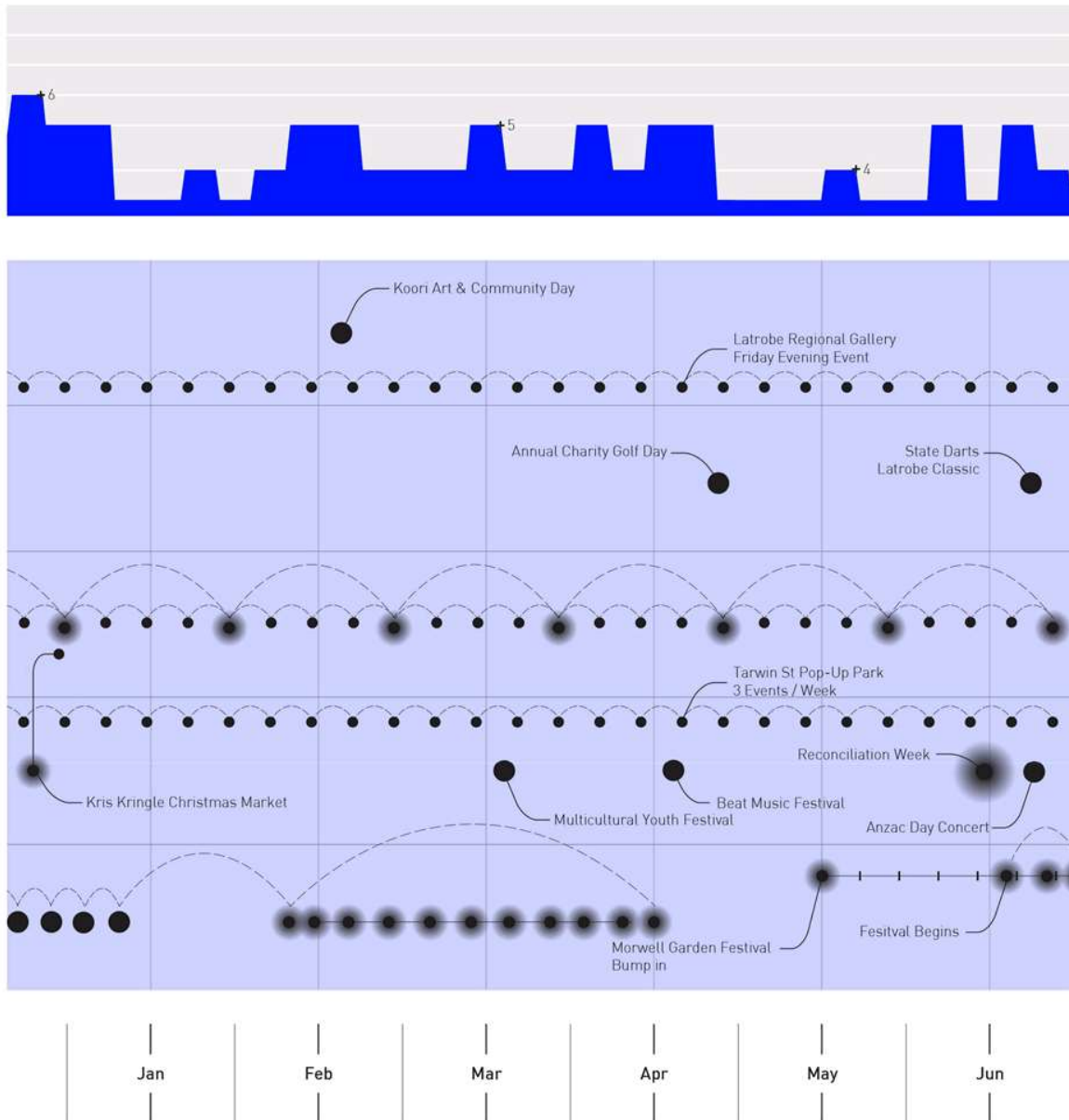
<https://floriade.almere.nl>



## 2.1.2 | A TOURIST TOWN EVENT CALENDAR







## 2.1.3 | A LIVEABLE TOWN NEIGHBOURHOODS

### Key Objectives:

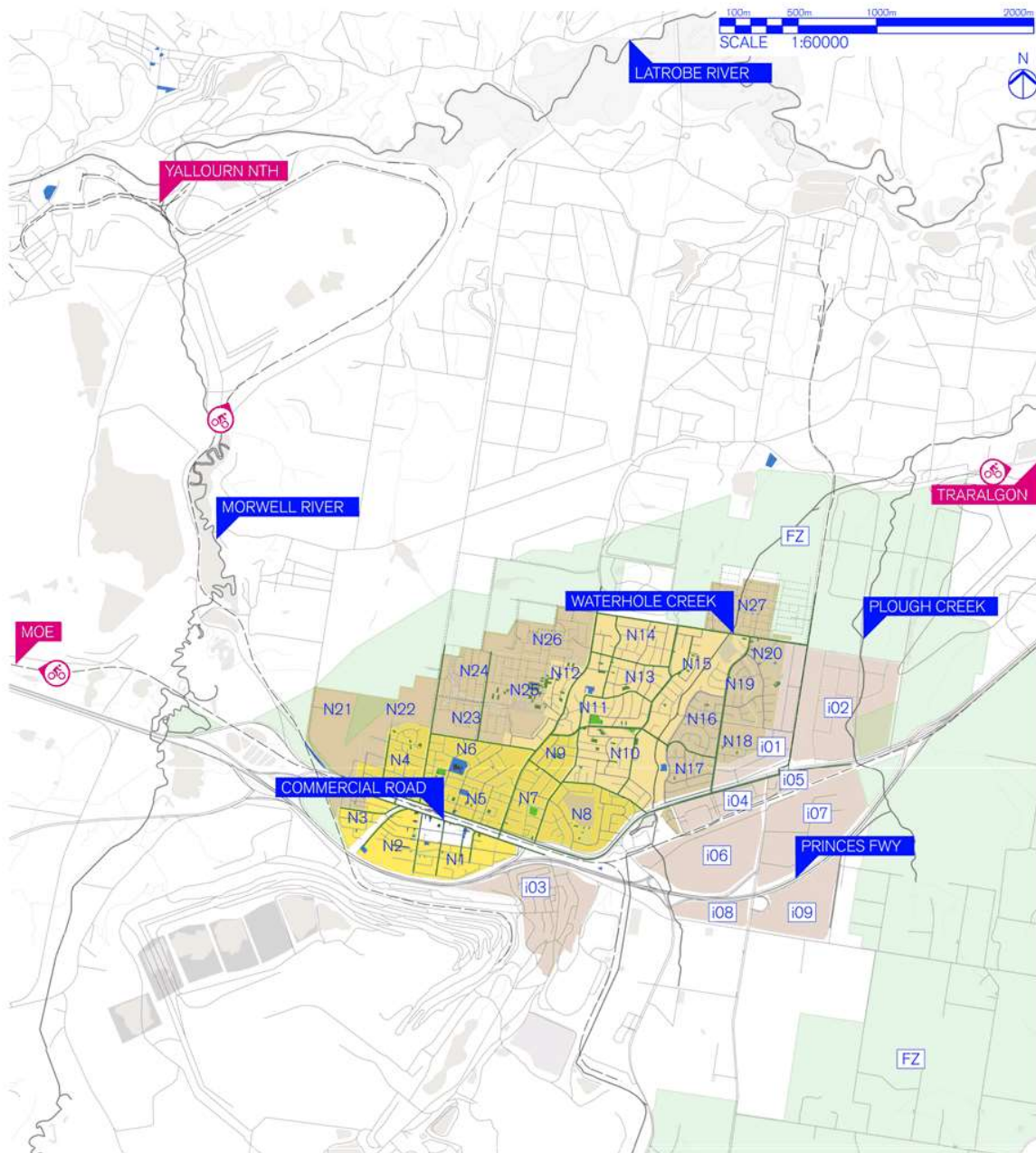
- To identify naturally forming neighbourhoods in current residential areas
- To identify the extent and use of community facilities across Morwell
- To identify how these facilities can be better connected
- To identify how these facilities can be better shared/managed
- To identify gaps in provision of spaces to meet community needs

### EXISTING SITUATION (KEY ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES):

- Morwell Neighbourhood House occupies a position at the north eastern edge of Morwell with limited transport connections
- Public Services and Administration including Latrobe City Council, DHS and the Regional Police form a hub of facilities and activities adjacent to the intersection of Hazelwood and Commercial Roads
- A variety of community groups and services operate from facilities generally clustered around Morwell Village Centre (approx. 80%) with the remainder distributed through eastern Morwell
- Extensive sports facilities serve as a focus for physical activity at edges of Morwell and within open spaces along Waterhole Creek
- There is currently a lack of space for events within the Town Centre (with the exception of the Regional Art Gallery) with the traditional "community hall" space remaining at the former Council administration facilities at Kernot Lake
- Morwell is currently home to more than 15 education facilities ranging from early childhood to tertiary education and community learning programs
- The Morwell Primary Schools Renewal Program will see the consolidation of 3 primary schools into a new higher quality facility on McDonald Street in Morwell. The future use of redundant schools at Commercial Road, Crinigan Road and Tobruk Street is yet to be determined
- Federation Training occupies a campus of ageing buildings adjacent Kernot Hall outside of the Morwell activity centre
- Morwell has a number of naturally forming neighbourhoods characterised by housing stock, topography and key infrastructure routes
- The housing stock in some neighbourhoods are poor and expensive to run or require minor works to improve neighbourhood character
- Town residents highly value the neighbourhoods they live in

### FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

- Advocate for stronger bus links to Morwell neighbourhood house and the proposed hubs
- Identify and develop an 'administrative' precinct plan which consolidates activity along Hazelwood Road between George Street and Commercial Road and along the western end of Commercial Road towards the Rose Garden
- Provide for and promote greater use of the town centre for events and community use through temporary use of street space at Commercial Road and Tarwin Streets
- Explore options to locate community groups and town library to a more central and accessible location including potential re-use of the Commercial Road Primary School
- Explore options to locate a 'Community hall' and event facility within the town commons and Commercial Road primary school precinct
- Explore options to intensify and expand the education precinct at Kernot lake for Secondary, VET and Tertiary education activities.
- Develop and diversify activities at the Morwell Recreation Precinct as the premier destination for active recreation in Morwell and exploit synergies with the retail centre
- Support the Morwell & District Community Recovery Group establish resident groups for each neighbourhood facilitating them to become champions for the residents in the community and facilitate a more connected community
- Encourage resident groups, name each neighbourhood adjacent to the Village Hub, and identify a character type for the neighbourhood
- Seek opportunities to integrate blue and green networks into open space and neighbourhood plans
- Create co-location spaces for residential, artistic and entrepreneurial uses in small neighbourhood shopping strips



#### EXISTING PLANS & STRATEGIES:

- Morwell Recreation Reserve Master Plan
- Maryvale Reserve Master Plan
- Morwell Open Space Strategy
- Morwell Schools Renewal Master Plan
- Morwell Emergency Services Hub Master Plan
- Latrobe Performing Arts Centre Feasibility/ Options assessment
- Latrobe Arts & Culture Strategy 2016 Draft

#### ADDITIONAL MATERIAL(S) :

- LCC GIS Layers

**Figure 20 -  
Plan of Neighbourhoods**

#### Key


- Existing Neighbourhoods
- Future Neighbourhoods
- Industrial Land
- Water Bodies
- Urban Parks
- Vacant Land: Urban Production
- Industrial Zones
- FZ Farming
- Water Bodies
- Neighbourhood Primary Road
- Neighbourhood Secondary Road
- Built Assets



## 2.1.3 | A LIVEABLE TOWN INDUSTRIAL PRECINCT

### OVERVIEW

- Morwell's sense of place/ image and identity is heavily influenced by its industrial character. Its periphery is defined by the dominant mining and forestry activities to its north, west and southern edges. Smaller scaled local and regional industrial activity frame the town along its lower lying eastern boundary
- Approximately 28.5% of the proposed urban area of Morwell has been allocated to industrial uses
- Existing industrial areas accommodate a diverse range of industrial uses within precincts that are diverse in their urban structure and lot sizes
- Current policy and zoning provides for growth in industrial activity with an additional 230 ha of land within key development sites including the Gippsland Logistics Precinct and Morwell East Industrial Precinct development plan area
- Small and older industrial areas at the western entrance of Morwell make a questionable contribution to Morwell's economy and liveability and may present conflicts with current and potentially expanded residential areas
- The potential closure of the Energy Brix Power station & briquette factory in addition to the former Lurgi site present a further impetus for re evaluating the role of these sites and surrounding lands between Morwell and Churchill

 areas within the proposed urban boundary of the city of Morwell

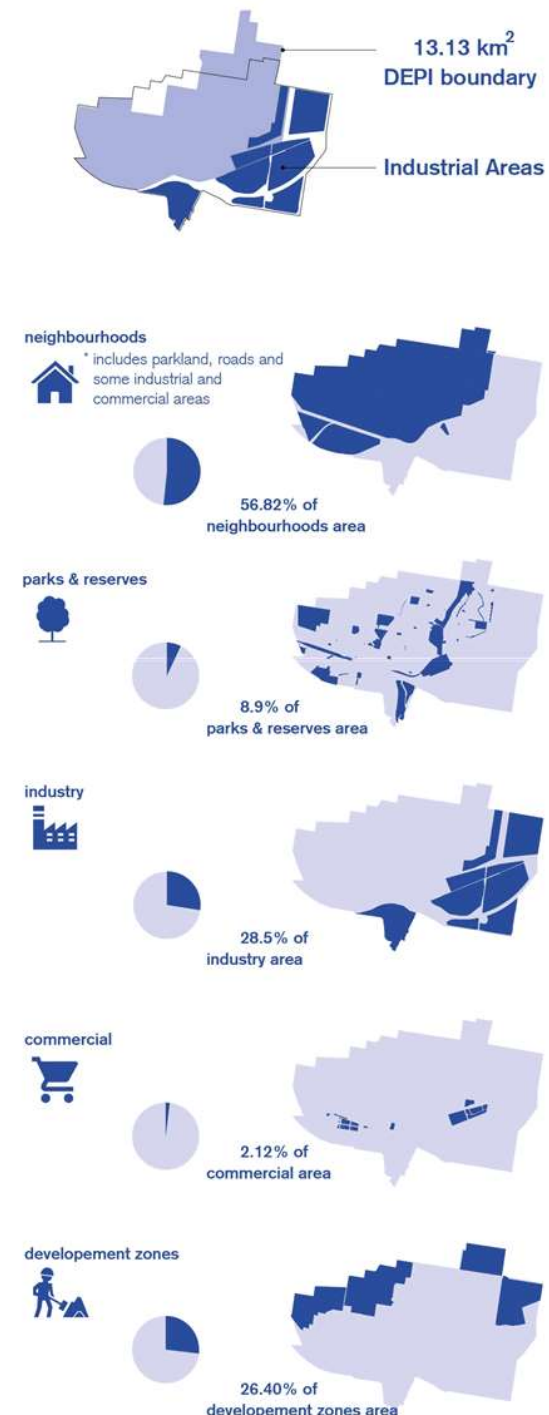
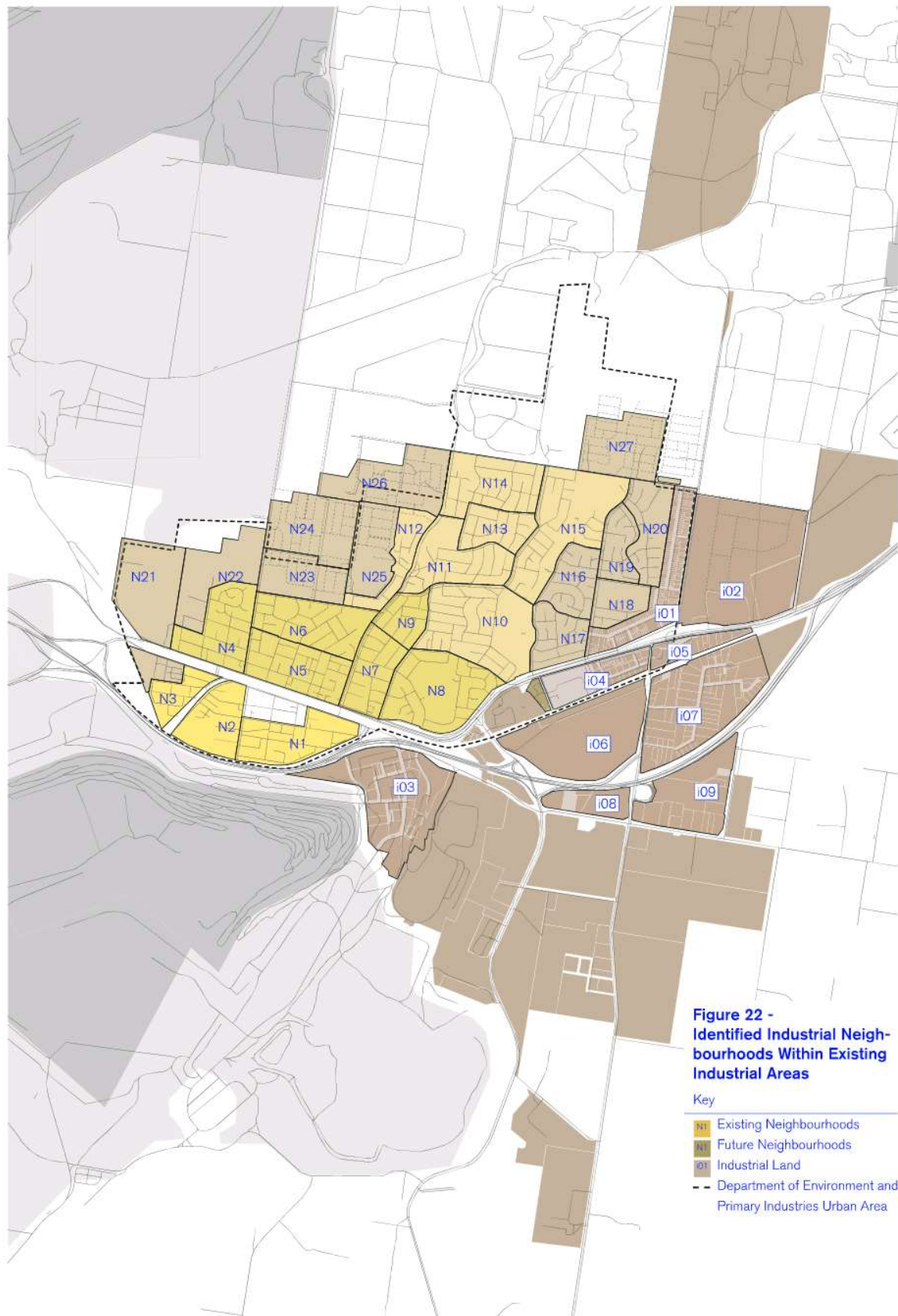


Figure 21 -





## 2.1.3 | A LIVEABLE TOWN INDUSTRIAL PRECINCT

### Key Objectives

- To develop and promote Morwell as an important centre for offices and industry within the Latrobe Regional Networked city
- To provide for the intensification of activity within existing industrial areas along the north south spine along Tramway and Alexander's Roads, and adjacent the Hazelwood mine at the eastern extension of Commercial Road
- To attract new/enhance existing business operations through development of the Gippsland Logistics Precinct
- To accommodate new larger format industrial activity east of Alexander's Road
- To identify appropriate uses for former mining/power industry land including the Energy Brix site
- To enhance the overall image and identity of Morwell as a productive, environmentally and economically sustainable town through distinctive, healthy and well connected industrial & commercial precincts
- Explore and encourage business start-ups and develop support packages for new small businesses
- Develop tailored development packages for industrial adaptive reuse

### KEY RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Develop a "prospectus" of industrial and commercial land within Morwell including positive profile of the diverse precincts, existing businesses, locational advantages and assets of each

### ACTIONS:

1. Prospectus for industrial & Commercial Areas State Government Funding To Be Secured.

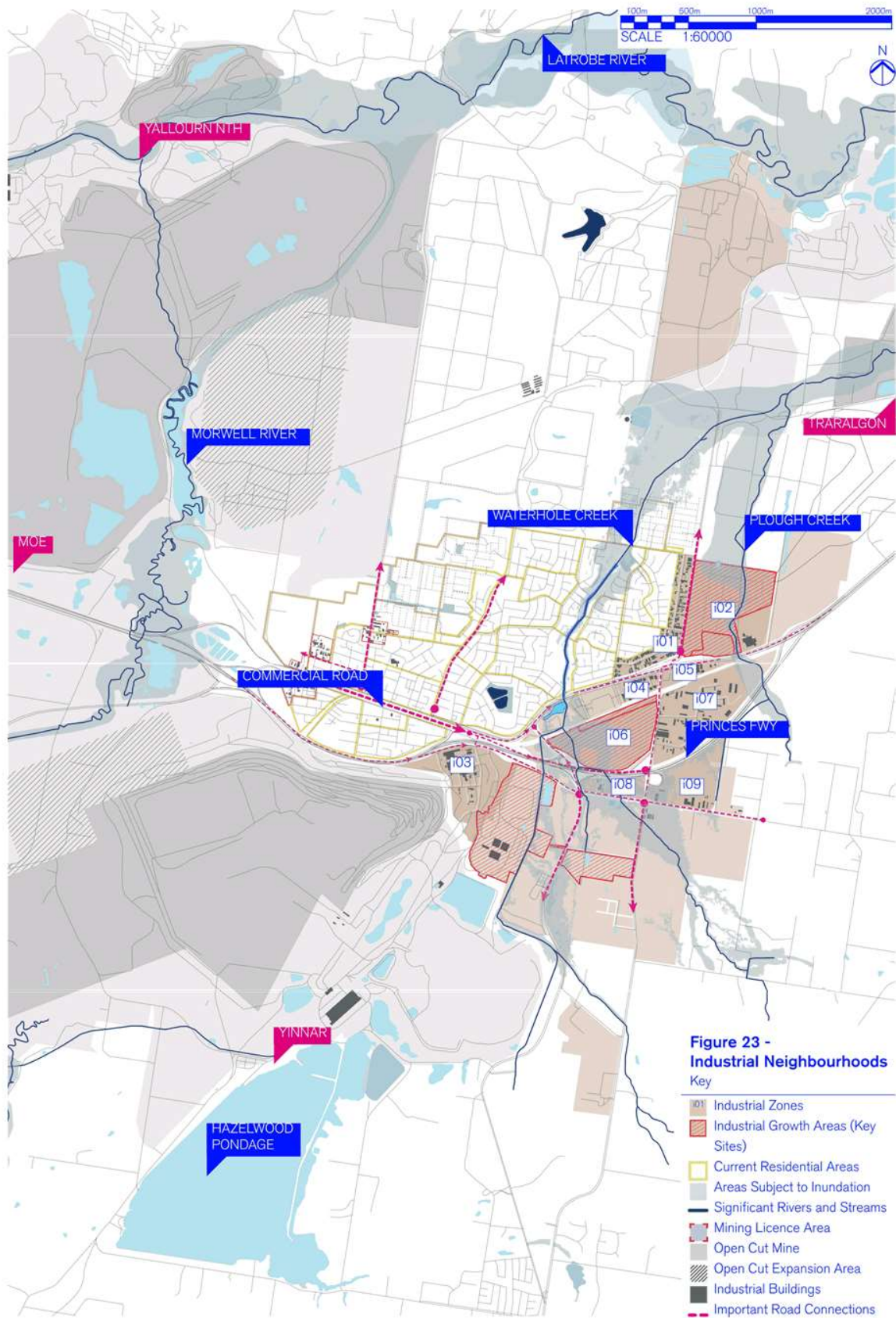
*Refer to chapter 4.1 Making it Happen - Project 8.*

### FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

- Undertake a detailed audit of existing uses/businesses within industrial lands to better understand the dynamics of use with respect to past and future supply and demand
- Develop a public realm framework for streets through industrial areas complementary to residential and activity centre neighbourhoods i.e. street hierarchy and function with respect to infrastructure needs (green, blue)
- Undertake detailed consultation with land/business owners within individual older industrial areas within the west of Morwell to establish a shared longer term vision and plan for their neighbourhoods
- Develop an integrated environmental & land use plan for land associate with current/former farming land and redundant energy industry land to the south of Princes Freeway
- Develop a CLUE (Census of Land Use & Employment) for on-going monitoring, reporting and strategic planning for industrial/ commercial land within the Latrobe Regional Networked City - made available to the public, business community and potential investors in order to make informed decisions
- Develop detailed site design guidelines for properties, and public land along key waterways within the Waterhole creek catchment as an extension/enhancement of the current Waterhole Creek Management Plan

### ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

City of Melbourne C.L.U.E (publicly available spatial data)



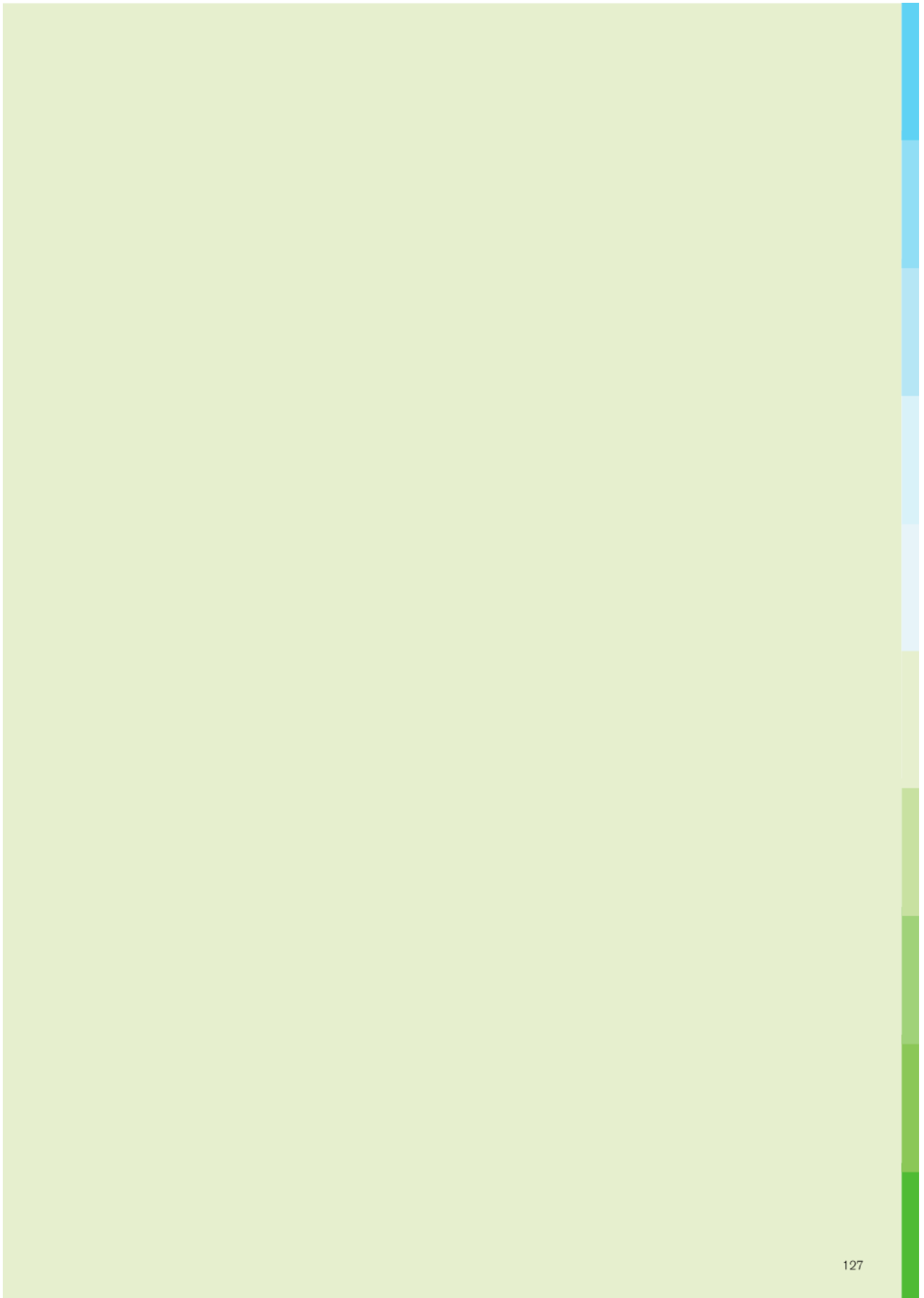
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# FUTURE MORWELL

## 2.0 | OUR TOWN MORWELL

### 2.2 | ASSETS

- 2.2.1 | BUILT ASSETS
- 2.2.2 | LAND ASSETS
- 2.2.3 | HERITAGE ASSETS
- 2.2.4 | COMMUNITY FACILITIES & PROGRAMS
- 2.2.5 | EVENT VENUES



## 2.2 ASSETS

### LISTED AND NON-LISTED HERITAGE

#### Key Objectives:

- To preserve, enhance and better connect sites within and around Morwell that are valued and offer opportunities to "tell the story of Morwell"
- To identify a range of opportunities to tell this story (stories) in a way that is accessible to the local community and visitors alike
- To enhance and better link recreational precincts, wetlands, rivers, gardens and other nature based assets to tell a story of Morwell which is green, healthy and distinct to complement the "nature based tourism" agenda regional/ state policy focus and national campaigns such as the 2020 vision
- To better link the history of Morwell with the region including through its industrial heritage and explore opportunities for cultural/ industrial tourism to complement the current "nature based tourism" regional/ state policy focus
- To improve and expand the current arts precinct and associated creative activities to tell a rich cultural story of Morwell

#### EXISTING SITUATION (KEY ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES):

- Compared to other regional towns (e.g. gold rush towns, Warragul) Morwell's heritage is not immediately apparent in its central shopping street (Commercial Road)
- Morwell's history and story is inextricably linked to the development of the mining and power sectors and is a story that can be told through collections of artefacts images and social documentary
- Morwell's Historic Society is an active community organisation with a newly acquired location within central Morwell
- The wetlands, water bodies, creeks and rivers have been identified as being difficult to access or underutilised
- Morwell is the home to a valued historical buildings and gardens throughout the town but remain unknown or difficult to access
- Morwell is home to nine recreational precincts.
- Latrobe Regional Gallery currently contains its collection within its dedicated facility and is often associated to home grown talent

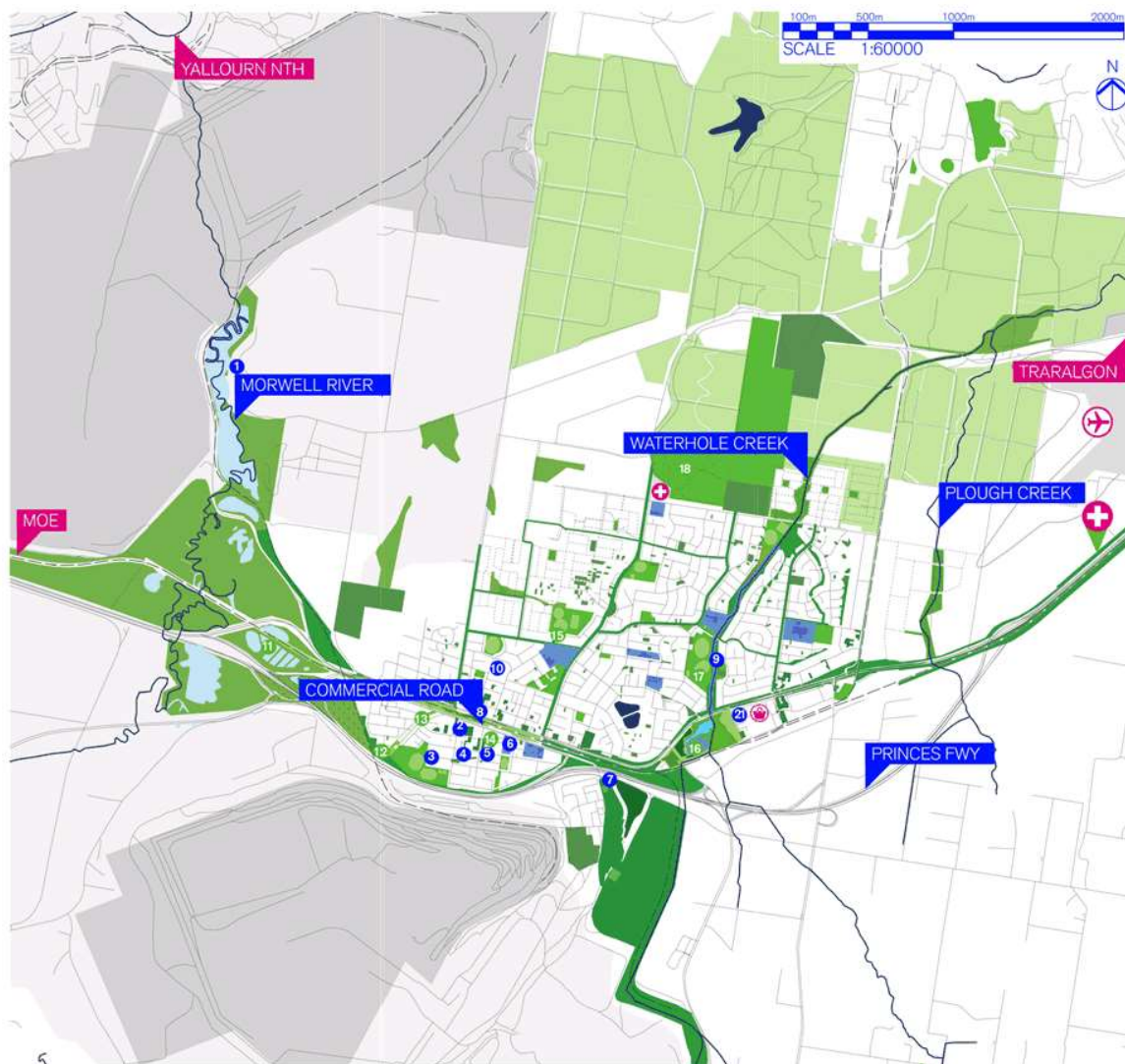
#### KEY RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Develop an open source database of heritage assets considered of value to the community including built assets, sites of significance, and collections of artefacts / images held locally or at state / national libraries
- Develop an online and publicly accessible virtual Morwell site that consolidates and curates significant historical, visual and artefact material
- Develop a 'public art' strategy, which aims to build a trail of commissioned art work throughout the town enhancing connection between disconnected areas and activating underutilised space
- Integrate high speed internet at key public built and open space facilities to enable greater connectivity for residents and profile to the facilities

#### ACTIONS:

1. Open Source Database  
Latrobe City Council to secure State Government Funding.  
*Refer to chapter 4.1 Making it Happen - Project 7.*
2. Virtual Morwell  
Latrobe City Council to secure State Government Funding.  
*Refer to chapter 4.1 Making it Happen - Project 7.*
3. Public Art Strategy  
Latrobe City Council to secure State Government Funding. \$20,000 (Council Funding Contribution).  
*Refer to chapter 4.1 Making it Happen - Project 6.*
4. Arts & Government Services Precinct Plan  
Latrobe City Council to secure State Government Funding. \$25,000.00 (Council Funding Contribution).  
*Refer to chapter 4.1 Making it Happen - Project 1.*  
Draws on objectives from 2.1.2 A tourist town and 3.1 Hub A.





## 01 Heritage Assets

House, 30 Ann St.  
 St Mary's Church of England, Chapel St. (former)  
 La Mode Factory, 73-83 Church St.  
 Railway substation Commercial Rd.  
 Colonial Bank of Australasia (former)  
 154 Commercial Rd.  
 New Buildings, 168-78 Commercial Rd.  
 Commonwealth Bank, 200 Commercial Rd.  
 Commercial Road Primary School, Commercial Rd.  
 Morwell World War I Memorial Cnr. Elgin & Tarwin St.  
 Presbyterian Manse (former) 42 Elgin St.  
 Our Lady of Dormition Greek Orthodox Church, 44 Elgin St.  
 Horse Trough, Hazelwood Rd.  
 Morwell Masonic Temple, 12 Hazelwood Rd.  
 House and former surgery, 26 Hazelwood Rd.  
 House, 28 Hazelwood Rd.  
 Speechly & Ingram Organ (St Andrew's Presbyterian Church), 11 James Street. The Ascending Christ (St Mary's Church of England), 8 Latrobe Rd.  
 Jack Dwyer's House, 620 Maryvale Rd. Club Astoria, Maryvale Cres.  
 House, 21 Maryvale Cres.  
 Washingtonia Palms(off) Princes Dr.  
 House, 103 Princes Dr.  
 Morwell Post Office, 209 Princes Dr.  
 Shops, 8-16 Tarwin St.  
 Airlie Bank, 33 The Blvd.  
 Oak row, Toner's Ln.  
 Canary Island Palm row, Traver's St.  
 Latrobe Regional Art Gallery

## 02 Key Features/Landmarks

- 1 Morwell Bridge
- 2 Morwell Masonic Temple
- 3 Canary Island Palm Avenue
- 4 Our Lady of Dormition Greek Orthodox
- 5 Morwell World War I Memorial
- 6 Commercial Road Primary School
- 7 No 21 Dredger
- 8 Legacy Place - Sir Stanley Savage
- 9 Airlie Bank Homestead
- 10 Edna Walling Gardens

## 03 LAND ASSETS

- 11 Morwell Wetlands
- 12 Eric Lubcke Yarra Gum Reserve
- 13 Morwell Centenary Rose Garden

## Figure 24 - Built and Land Assets

### Key

- 14 Morwell Town Common
- 15 Maryvale Recreation Reserve
- 16 Kernot Lake
- 17 Waterhole Creek Park System (Ronald Reserve, Morwell Park, Crinigan South Reserve)
- 18 Crinigan Road Bushland Reserve
- 19 Morwell National Park (Further South)
- 20 Hazelwood Cooling Pondage (Further South)

### 04 Other Assets

- Airport
- Hospital
- Educational Institute
- 21 Mid Valley Shopping Centre

#### FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

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- Advocate that rehabilitation plans for mines and power stations have appropriate provisions for the recording, and retention of assets of heritage significance with respect to telling the story of Morwell in the future. Conduct assessment and concept plans for potential future use of mines and power stations
- Develop detailed trail plans which explore the links to and in-between recreational precincts, wetlands, rivers, gardens and other nature based assets to form a 'nature based' trail
- Evaluate recreational precinct design plans to ensure that they consolidate and intensify recreational areas into key town precincts, which are clearly signposted, visible and integrate with other surrounding activities and connected to other precincts
- Deploy a variety of low cost, low maintenance streetscape and open space improvements
- Develop a driving, walking and cycling trail network plan that assists in telling Morwell's historical, current and future story. Capture this trail network as a guidebook available in hard-copy and digital format

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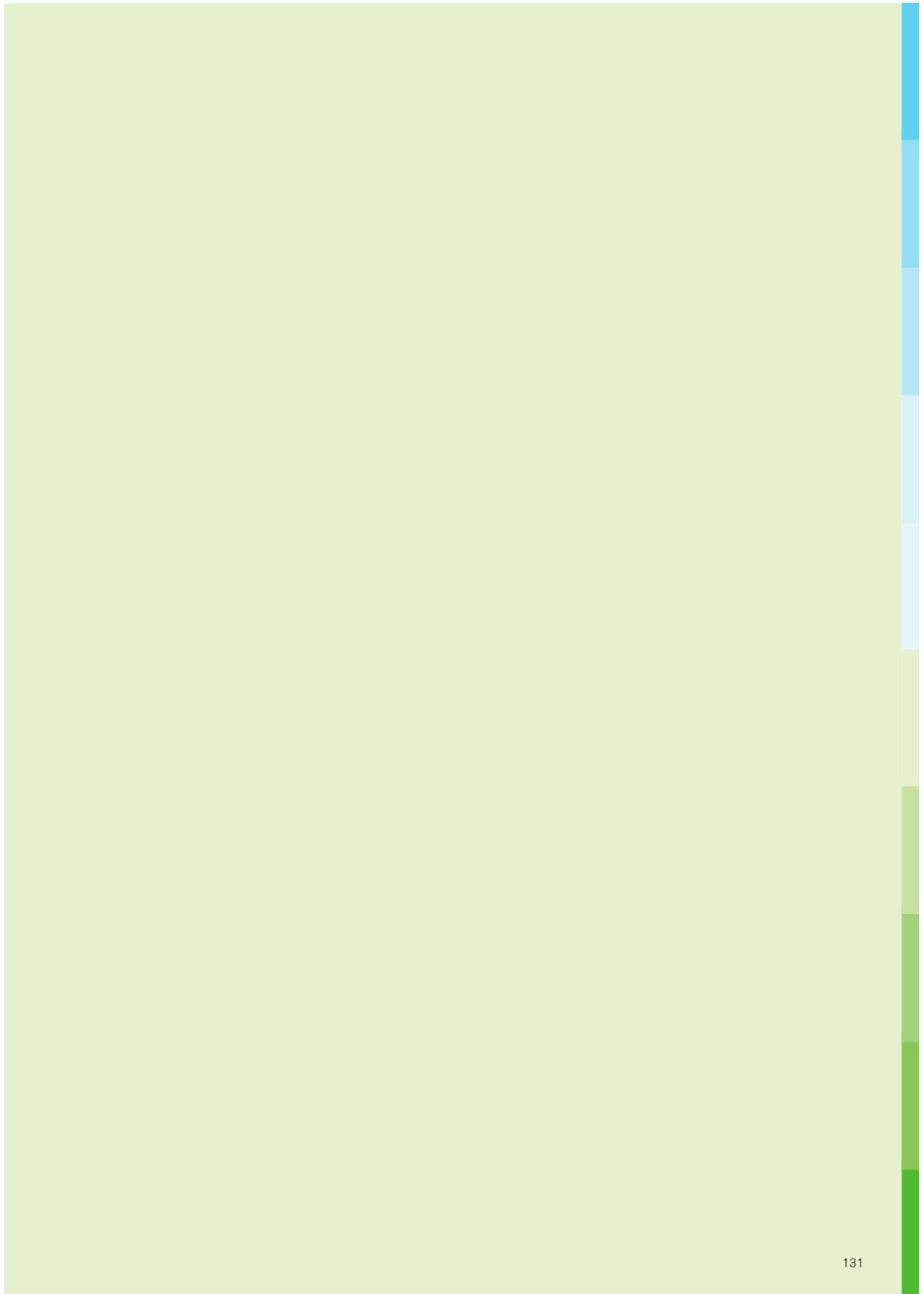
#### EXISTING PLANS & STRATEGIES:

- Mining in Victoria Heritage Study
- Latrobe City Council Heritage Study
- Visit Latrobe City – History of Latrobe City:
  - Old Brown Coal Museum: [www.browncoalminemuseum.websyte.com.au](http://www.browncoalminemuseum.websyte.com.au)
  - Power Drive Route 98 map: [www.visitlatrobevalley.com/pages/power-trail/](http://www.visitlatrobevalley.com/pages/power-trail/)
  - Gippsland Heritage Walk: [gippslandimmigrationpark.com.au](http://gippslandimmigrationpark.com.au)
  - Morwell Historic Society: [www.morwellhistoricalsociety.org.au/](http://www.morwellhistoricalsociety.org.au/)
  - Heritage Studies/ Citations relating to Power Stations
  - Latrobe City Council Arts Strategy and Action Plan 2016- 2019 (draft document)

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#### ADDITIONAL MATERIAL(S) :

- Destination Gippsland Strategic Directions
- Case studies – industrial tourism, virtual tourism (virtual Yallourn)
- Case studies – Participation Works, New Economics Foundation



## 2.2.1 | ASSETS

### BUILT ASSETS

#### Key Objectives:

- To identify the extent and use of community facilities across Morwell
- To identify how these facilities can be better connected
- To identify how these facilities can be better shared/ managed
- To identify gaps in provision of spaces to meet community needs

#### EXISTING SITUATION (KEY ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES):

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- There is currently a lack of space for events within the Activity Centre (with the exception of the Regional Art Gallery) with the traditional "community hall" space remaining at the former council administration facilities at Kernot Lake

#### FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

- Provide for and promote greater use of the town centre for events and community use through temporary use of street space at Commercial Road and Tarwin Streets
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#### EXISTING PLANS & STRATEGIES:

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#### ADDITIONAL MATERIAL(S) :

- Latrobe City Council GIS

#### FUTURE MORWELL – APPENDIX. REFER TO:

- 2.5 ASSETS - SPORTS FACILITIES





**Figure 25 -  
Current Built Assets**  
Key

#### Council

##### Educational Facilities

1. Parkland Preschool
2. Morwell Neighbourhood House
3. Elizabeth Wilmot Preschool
7. St Vincent de Paul

##### Community Groups

19. Latrobe Regional Gallery
34. Mitchell House

##### Event Venues

36. Commercial Road
37. Latrobe Sports Stadium
38. Twin City Archers
39. Morwell Skate Park
41. Kernot Hall

##### Sports Venues

30. Latrobe Leisure Morwell
47. Morwell Golf Range
48. Morwell Cricket Club
49. Morwell Bowling Club
50. Morwell Tigers Junior

##### Football Club

51. Morwell Tennis Club
52. Morwell East Football Club

#### State

##### Educational Facilities

11. Waratah Training Restaurant
12. Woolum Bellum Campus

##### Event Venues

36. Commercial Road
37. Latrobe Sports Stadium
42. Waterhole Creek

##### Sports Venues

45. Latrobe City Stadium
46. Morwell Gold Club
48. Morwell Cricket Club
49. Morwell Bowling Club

##### Other

54. Morwell Water Tower

#### Other

##### Educational Facilities

4. Morwell Park Primary School
5. Kurnai College
6. Mid Valley Child Care
8. Carinya Early Learning Centre
9. Tobruk Street Primary School
10. Federation Training
13. Commercial Road Primary School
14. Goodstart Early Learning Morwell
15. Sacred Heart Primary School

##### Community Groups

16. Yallourn Association
17. Scope VIC
18. Latrobe Valley Chess Club
20. Gippsland Community Legal Service
21. Morwell RSL
22. BNYM Indigenous Designs

23. Morwell Historical Society
24. Salvation Community Welfare
25. Latrobe Community Health Service
26. International Women's Groups Inc.
27. YSAS Latrobe Valley
28. Lifeline Gippsland
29. Productivity in Gardening
30. Girls Guide
31. Morwell Urban Fire Brigade
32. Coal Valley Male Chorus
33. Noah's Ark Inc.
35. Italian Australian Club

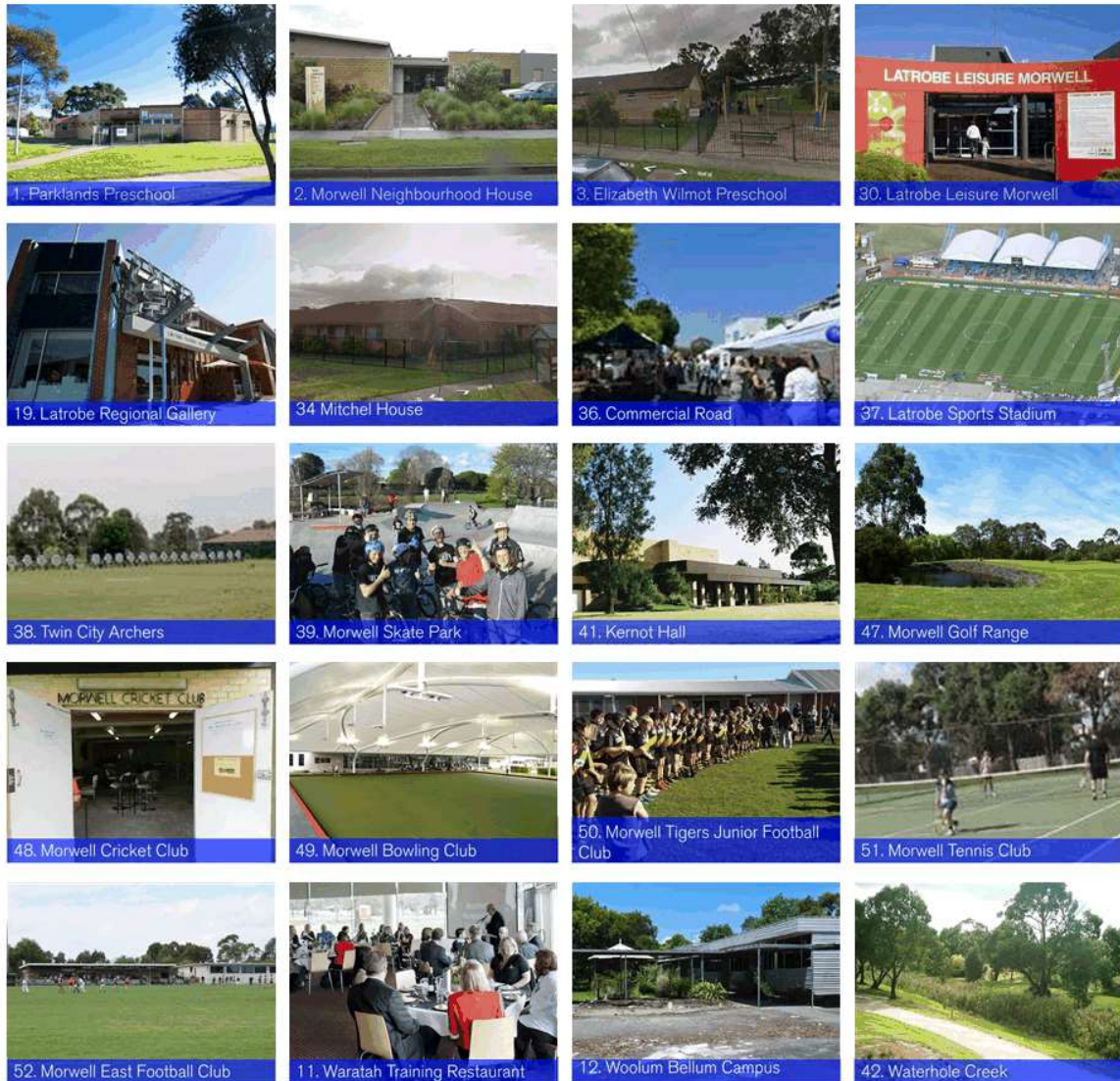
##### Event Venues

40. Morwell RSL
43. Tramway Park Raceway
44. Italian Australian Club

##### Sports Venues

53. Morwell Tram Raceway Park







Current Built Assets



## 2.2.2 ASSETS

### LAND ASSETS

Public land used/under utilised, redundant industrial, vacant sites, land zoned for use but undeveloped

Key Objectives:

- To ensure all land assets contribute to the overall productivity, and vitality of Morwell
- To facilitate short term low cost activity in suitable locations

#### EXISTING SITUATION (KEY ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES):

Publicly owned land:

- Morwell has significant vacant and under utilised public land assets
- Future Development: Supply of residential and industrial land

Land within buffer zones:

- Land subject to State Significance overlays
- Land subject to flooding
- Commercial/ Retail Vacancies are currently high within the context of the local economic cycle

#### KEY RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Develop and maintain a database of vacant land to better understand patterns of usage, issues & opportunities to inform an activation/ utilisation strategy
- Work with land owners and real estate agents within key hubs/ centres to address barriers to occupation of vacant buildings and sites

#### ACTIONS:

1. Open Source Database  
Latrobe City Council to secure State Government Funding.

*Refer to chapter 4.1 Making it Happen - Project 7.*

2. GIS Database  
Council operations - Geographic Information System (GIS) layer.

*Refer to chapter 4.1 Making it Happen - Project 7.*

#### FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

- Facilitate the temporary use of spaces for short term lease/ use through improved permit systems and planning support for community groups, start up businesses, event organisers etc.

#### EXISTING PLANS & STRATEGIES:

- Vacant Land Audit 2015 OTR
- Get Sunflowered 2014 – 2016

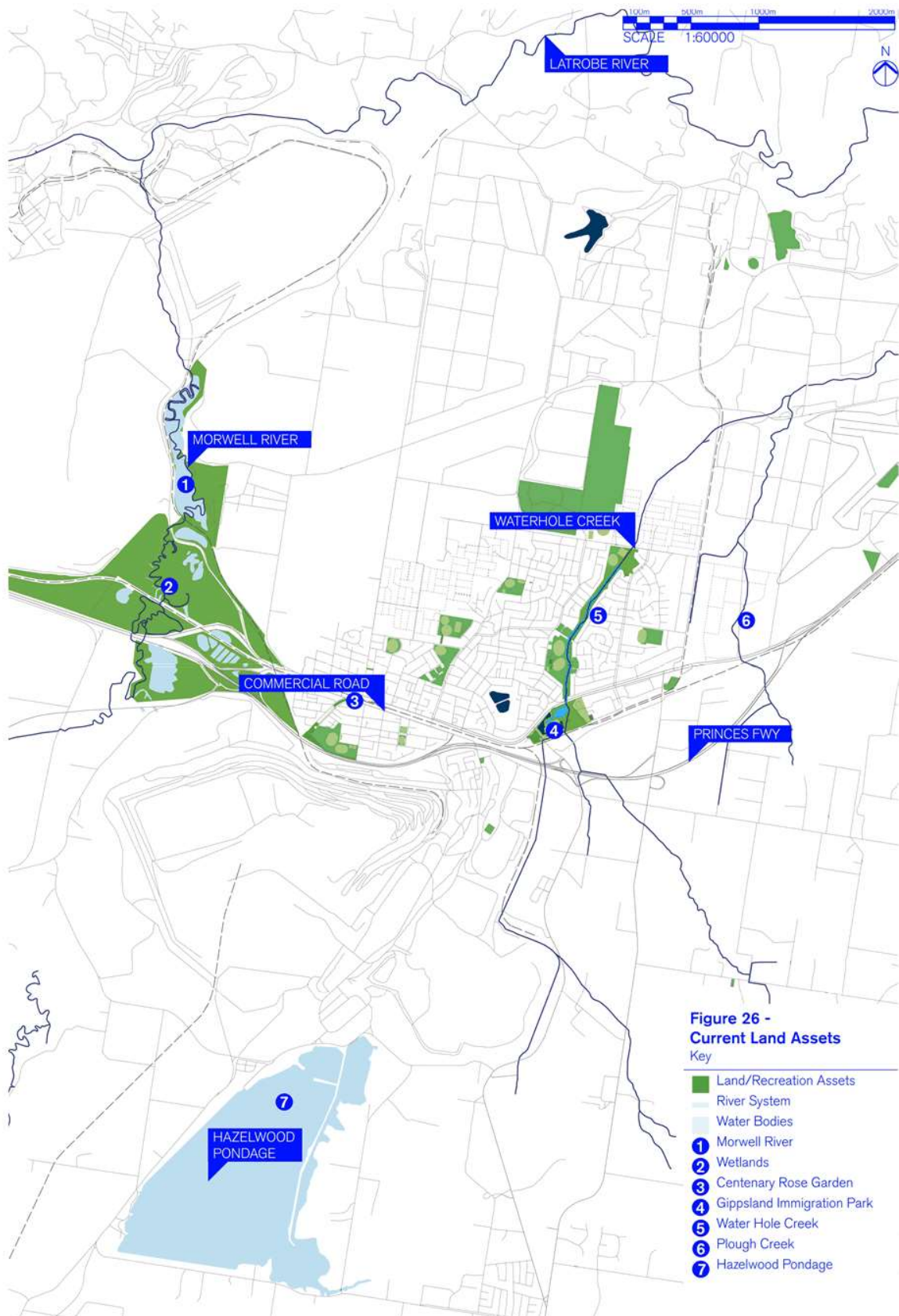
#### ADDITIONAL MATERIAL(S) :

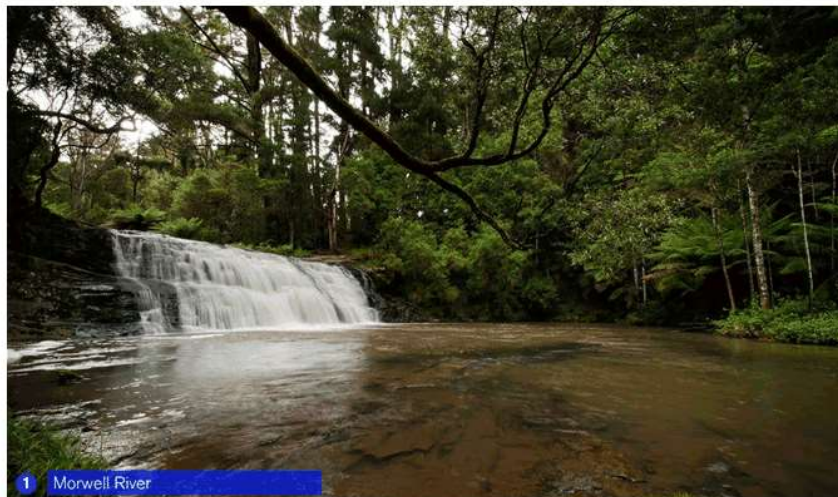
- Latrobe City Council GIS
- Case Study: Tactical Urbanism, [www.tacticalurbanismguide.com/](http://www.tacticalurbanismguide.com/)
- Case Study: Compendium for the Civic Economy

#### FUTURE MORWELL – APPENDIX.

##### REFER TO:

- 2.5 ASSETS - SPORTS FACILITIES
- 2.5 ASSETS - EDUCATION
- 2.5 ASSETS - LAND ASSETS









4 Gippsland Immigration Park



5 Water Hole Creek



7 Hazelwood Pondage

## 2.2.3 | ASSETS

### HERITAGE ASSETS

#### Key Objectives:

- To preserve, enhance and better connect sites within and around Morwell that are valued and offer opportunities to "tell the story of Morwell"
- To identify a range of opportunities to tell this story(ies) in a way that is accessible to the local community and visitors alike
- To better link the history of Morwell with the region including through its industrial heritage and explore opportunities for cultural/ industrial tourism to complement the current "nature based tourism" regional/ state policy focus

#### EXISTING SITUATION (KEY ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES):

- Compared to other regional towns (e.g. gold rush towns, Warragul) Morwell's heritage is not immediately apparent in its central shopping street (Commercial Road)
- Morwell's history and story is inextricably linked to the developments of the mining and power sectors and is a story that can be told through collections of artefacts images and social documentary
- Morwell's Historic Society is an active community organisation with a newly acquired location within central Morwell
- The once popular Powerworks centre on Ridge Road has recently been handed over to a proactive community group and provides a valuable resource for telling the story of mining in Morwell

#### FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

- Develop a database of heritage assets considered of value to the community (not necessarily for the purposes of planning scheme inclusion/ amendment) including built assets, sites of significance, collections of artefacts/ images held locally or at state/ national libraries
- Explore potential for driving, walking, cycling trails that can assist in the telling of Morwell's story through interpretation of the Latrobe Thematic Heritage
- Conduct a feasibility study that examines the potential for an expansion of the collection/ stories/ exhibition at the Power Works site.
- Ensure rehabilitation plans for mines and power stations have appropriate provisions for the recording, retention of assets of heritage significance with respect to telling the story of Morwell in the future
- Consider development of a virtual Morwell site as a means of consolidating/ curating significant visual/ artefact material

#### ADDITIONAL MATERIAL(S) :

- Destination Gippsland Strategic Directions
- Case studies – industrial tourism, virtual tourism (virtual Yallourn)

#### EXISTING PLANS & STRATEGIES:

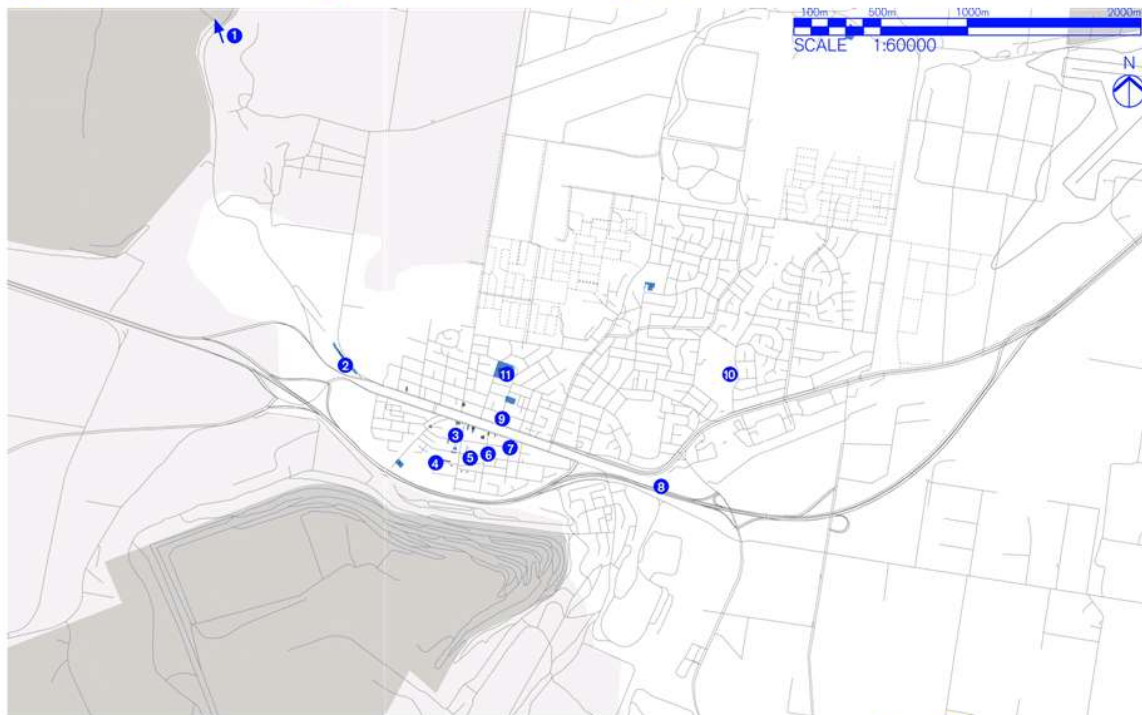
- Mining in Victoria Heritage Study
- Latrobe City Council Heritage Study: Thematic
- Visit Latrobe City – History of Latrobe City:
  - links to Old Brown Coal Mine Museum
  - Power Drive Route 98 map
- Gippsland Heritage Walk
- Morwell Historic Society
- Heritage Studies/ Citations relating to Power Stations





**Figure 27 -  
Heritage  
Key**

- |                               |  |                                  |   |
|-------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|
| 1 Morwell Bridge (Historical) | (Travers St)                           | 7 Commercial Road Primary School | Savige  |
| 2 Railway Bridge              | 5 Our Lady of Dormition Greek Orthodox | 8 No 21 Dredger                  | 10 Airlie Bank Homestead                          |
| 3 Morwell Masonic Temple      | 6 Morwell World War I Memorial         | 9 Legacy Place - Sir Stanley     | 11 Edna Walling Gardens (La Mode Factory Grounds) |
| 4 Canary Island Palm Avenue   |  |                                  |   |



**Figure 28 -  
Heritage  
Key**

#### 01 Heritage Overlay

House, 30 Ann St.  
St Mary's Church of England, Chapel St.  
La Mode Factory, 73-83 Church St.  
Railway substation Commercial Rd.  
Colonial Bank of Australasia (former) 154 Commercial Rd.  
New Buildings, 168-78 Commercial Rd.  
Commonwealth Bank, 200 Commercial Rd.  
Commercial Road Primary School, Commercial Rd.  
Morwell World War I Memorial Cnr. Elgin & Tarwin St.  
Presbyterian Manse (former) 42 Elgin St.  
  
Our Lady of Dormition Greek Orthodox Church, 44 Elgin St.

Horse Trough, Hazelwood Rd.  
Morwell Masonic Temple, 12 Hazelwood Rd.  
House and former surgery, 26 Hazelwood Rd.  
House, 28 Hazelwood Rd.  
Speechly & Ingram Organ (St Andrew's Presbyterian Church), 11 James Street.  
The Ascending Christ (St Mary's Church of England), 8 Latrobe Rd.  
Jack Dwyer's House, 620 Maryvale Rd. Club Astoria, Maryvale Cres.  
House, 21 Maryvale Cres.  
Washingtonia Palms (off) Princes Dr.  
House, 103 Princes Dr.  
Morwell Post Office, 209 Princes Dr.  
Shops, 8-16 Tarwin St.  
Airlie Bank, 33 The Blvd.  
Oak row, Toner's Ln.

Canary Island Palm row, Traver's St.

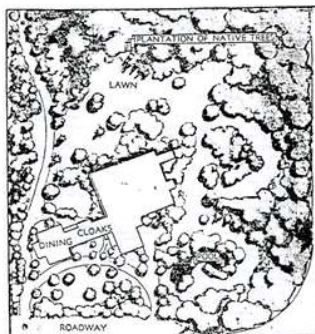
#### 02 Key Features/ Landmarks

- 1 Morwell Bridge (Historical)
- 2 Railway Bridge
- 3 Morwell Masonic Temple
- 4 Canary Island Palm Avenue (Travers St)
- 5 Our Lady of Dormition Greek

- 6 Orthodox
- 6 Morwell World War I Memorial
- 7 Commercial Road Primary School
- 8 No 21 Dredger
- 9 Legacy Place - Sir Stanley
- Savige
- 10 Airlie Bank Homestead
- 11 Edna Walling Gardens (La Mode Factory Grounds)









## 2.2.4 ASSETS

### COMMUNITY FACILITIES & PROGRAMS

#### Morwell Community Groups



#### Sporting Clubs

Boola Valley Field Archers  
 Ex-Students Cricket Club  
 Fortuna 60 Soccer Club  
 Gippsland Gladiators Gridiron Club  
 Gippsland Knights Football Club  
 Gippsland Power Football Club  
 Gippsland Soccer Club  
 Gippsland Soccer Club Referees Group  
 Gippsland Soccer League  
 Gippsland Tigers Superules  
 Latrobe City Cycling Club  
 Latrobe Cricket Club  
 Latrobe Valley 4WD Club Inc  
 Latrobe Valley Baseball Association  
 Latrobe Valley Naturalists  
 Latrobe Valley Scuba Club  
 Latrobe Valley Umpires (Aussie Rules) Association  
 Latrobe Valley Volleyball Inc.  
 Latrobe Valley Yacht Club  
 Mid Gippsland Football League  
 Morwell Academy of Gymnastics  
 Morwell Badminton Club  
 Morwell Basketball Association  
 Morwell Bowling Club  
 Morwell Club Billiards/Snooker Club  
 Morwell Club Bowling Club  
 Morwell Club Bowls Club  
 Morwell Club Fishing Club  
 Morwell Club Golf Club  
 Morwell Cougars Baseball Club  
 Morwell Cricket Club  
 Morwell Croquet Club Inc  
 Morwell East Football Netball Club  
 Morwell East Tennis Club

Morwell Field & Game  
 Morwell Football Netball Club  
 Morwell Golf Club  
 Morwell Gun Club  
 Morwell Horse & Pony Club  
 Morwell Netball Association  
 Morwell Pegasus Soccer Club  
 Morwell RSL & Citizens Youth Club Junior Football Club  
 Morwell Swimming Club  
 Morwell Tennis Club  
 Morwell Tigers Junior Football Club  
 St. Vincent's Cricket Club  
 The Taiji Centre  
 Twin City Archers Gippsland

#### Arts & Culture

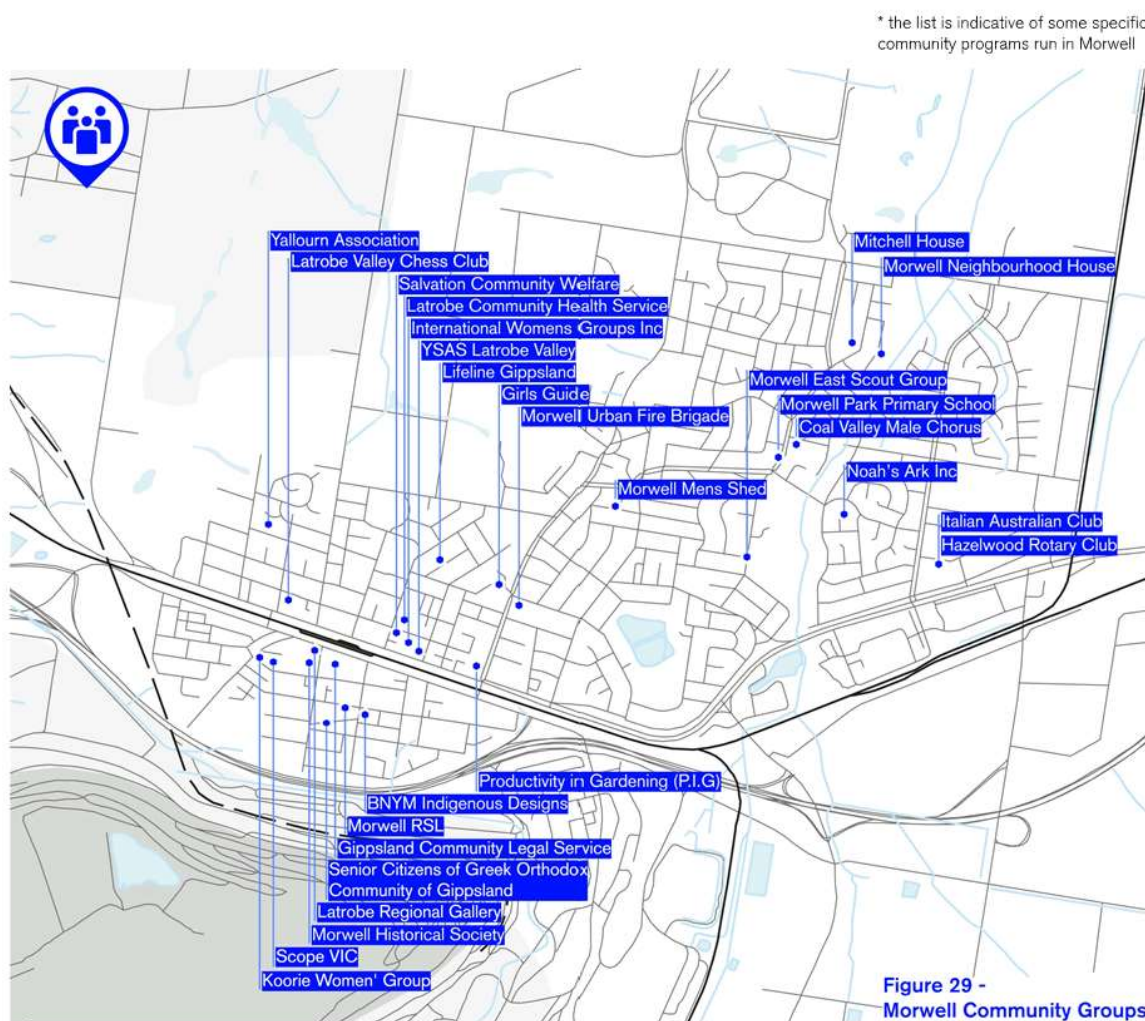
Coal Valley Male Chorus  
 Morwell Historical Society  
 Morwell Caledonian Pipe Band  
 Latrobe Valley Community Choir  
 Senior Citizens of Greek Orthodox Community of Gippsland

#### Children

Morwell Girl Guides  
 Morwell East Scout Group  
 Bridle Road Playgroup  
 Morwell Park Primary School  
 Morwell Primary School Playgroup

#### Environment

Morwell Centenary Rose Garden Advisory Committee  
 Crinigan Bushland Reserve Committee of Management  
 P.I.G. Productivity in Gippsland  
 Latrobe Valley Sustainability Group



Friends of Morwell National Park  
Morwell River Neighbourhood Environment Improvement Plan Committee

#### Other

International Womens Group Inc.  
Senior Citizens of Greek Orthodox Community of Gippsland  
Latrobe Valley Chess Club  
Mitchell House Ladies Auxillary  
Morwell Lapidary Club Inc  
Morwell Mens Shed  
Advance Morwell  
Rotary Club of Morwell  
Morwell Lions Club  
Gippsland Obedience Dog Club Inc.  
Morwell Horse and Pony Club  
German Club Astoria Morwell  
Deadly Migais - Koorie Women' Group  
Latrobe Valley Self Help Arthritis Group  
Budjeri Napan - Latrobe Valley Koorie Sports Committee  
Morwell Neighbourhood House  
Latrobe Valley Support Network  
Latrobe Valley U3A Inc.  
Morwell Returned and Services League

Hazelwood Rotary Club  
Scope VIC  
Morwell Urban Fire Brigade  
Gippsland Community Legal Service  
Latrobe Community Health Service  
Noah's Ark Inc  
Salvation Community Welfare  
Lifeline Gippsland  
Gippsland Multicultural Services

#### Churches

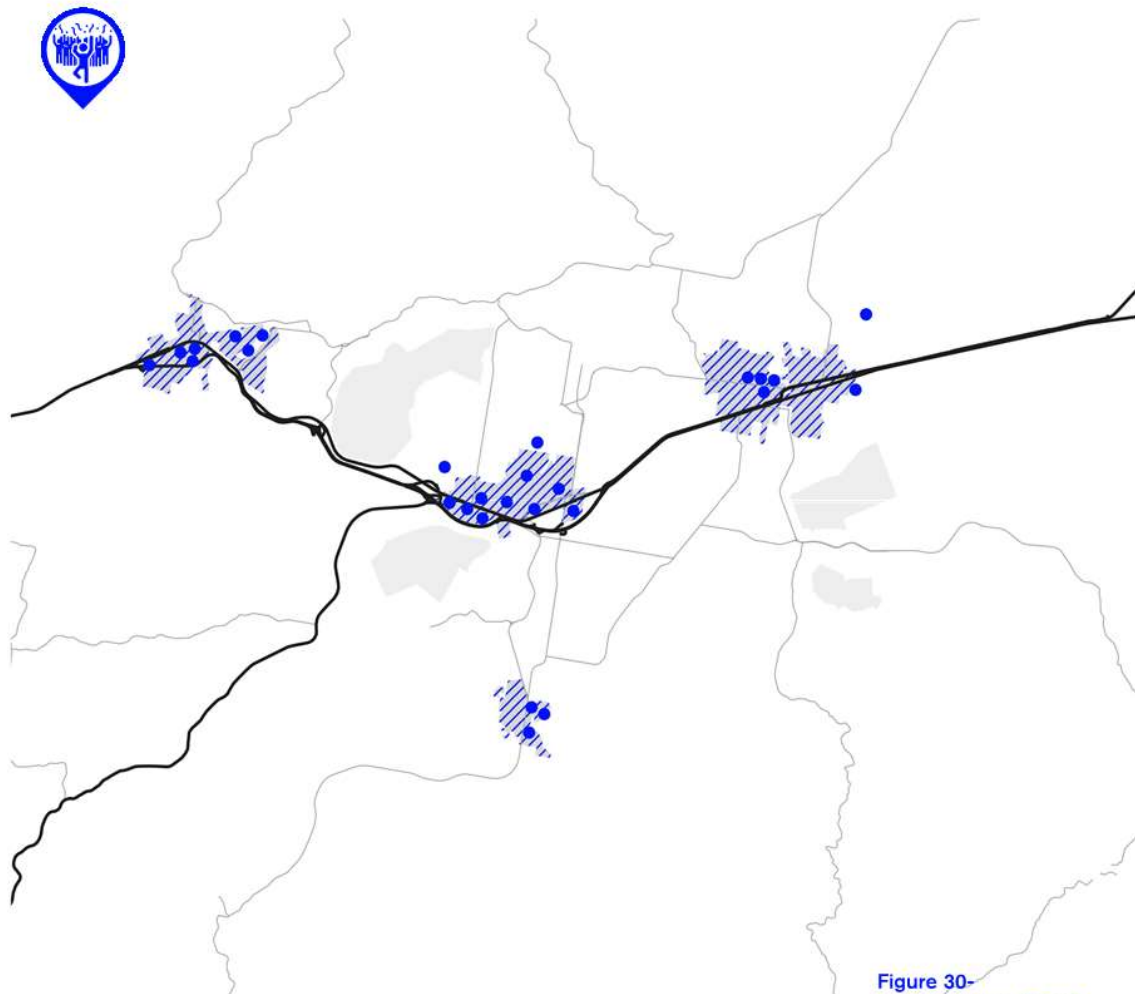
Morwell Presbyterian Church  
Eternity Church  
Morwell Family Church  
Christian Community Church Morwell  
Enjoy Church  
Morwell Church of the Nazarene  
Uniting Church Morwell  
Greek Orthodox Church  
Morwell Catholic Parish  
Latrobe Regional Church of Christ  
St. Mary's Anglican Church  
The Salvation Army Community and Worship Centre



## 2.2.5

**ASSETS****EVENT VENUES**

Latrobe Valley / Morwell



**Figure 30-  
Latrobe Valley Event  
Venues**

**Event Venues - Morwell**

Twin Archers  
Ellen Street  
Commercial Road  
Morwell RSL  
Morwell Skate Park  
Waterhole Creek  
Kernot Hall  
Italian Australian Club  
Tramway Park  
Latrobe City Sports  
Stadium (Soccer Ground)  
Latrobe Leisure Morwell

**Event Venues -****Traralgon**

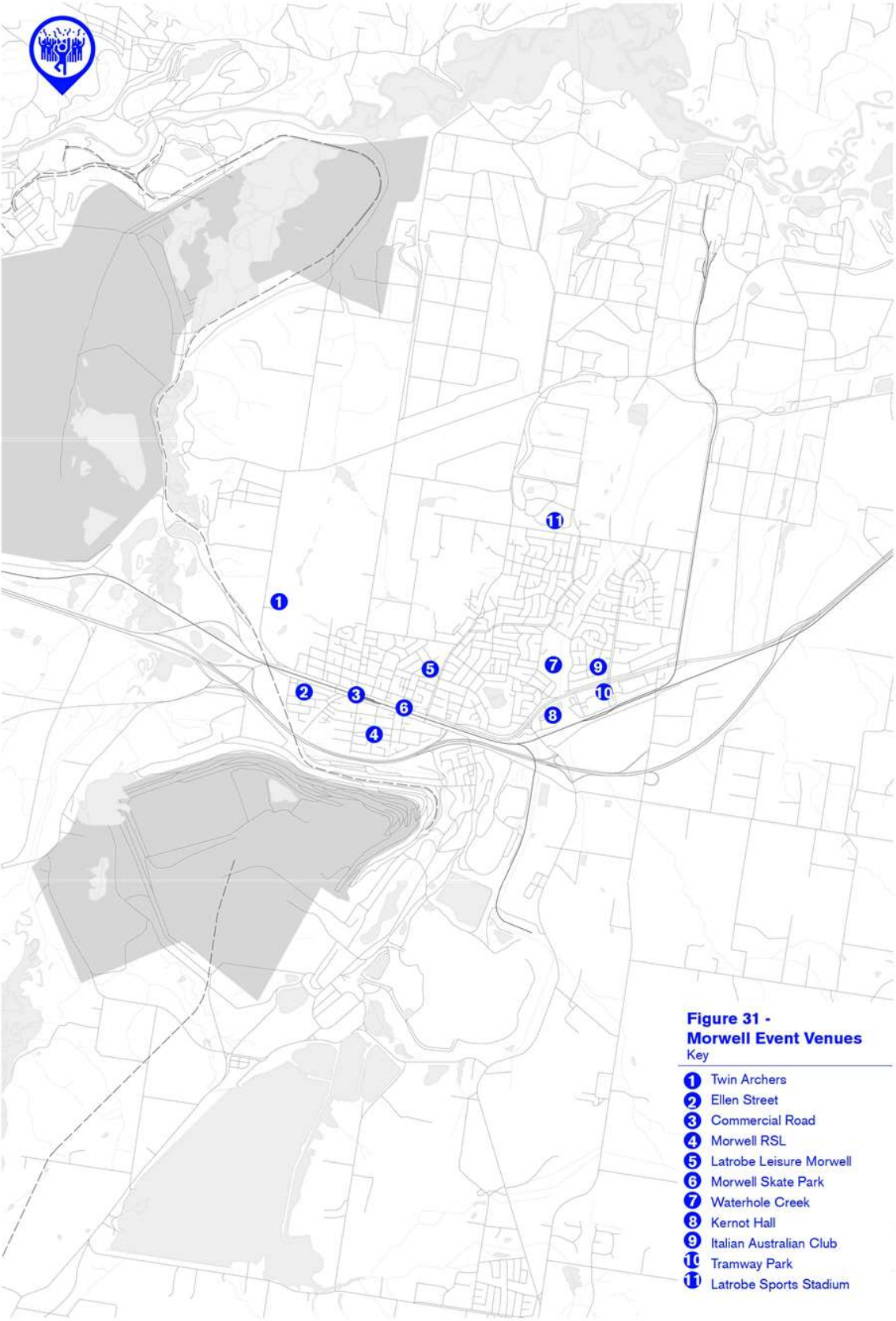
Latrobe Performing Arts  
Traralgon Vineyard  
Premiere Function Centre  
Traralgon Outdoor Pool  
Traralgon Service Centre  
and Library  
Traralgon Greyhound  
Racing Club Inc.

**Event Venues - Moe**

**and Newborough**  
Moe Outdoor Pool  
Moe P.L.A.C.E  
Moe Senior Citizen  
Centre  
Old Gipps town -  
Gippsland's Heritage  
Park  
Latrobe Leisure Moe  
Newborough  
Moe Yallourn Rail Trail  
Newborough Senior  
Citizen Centre

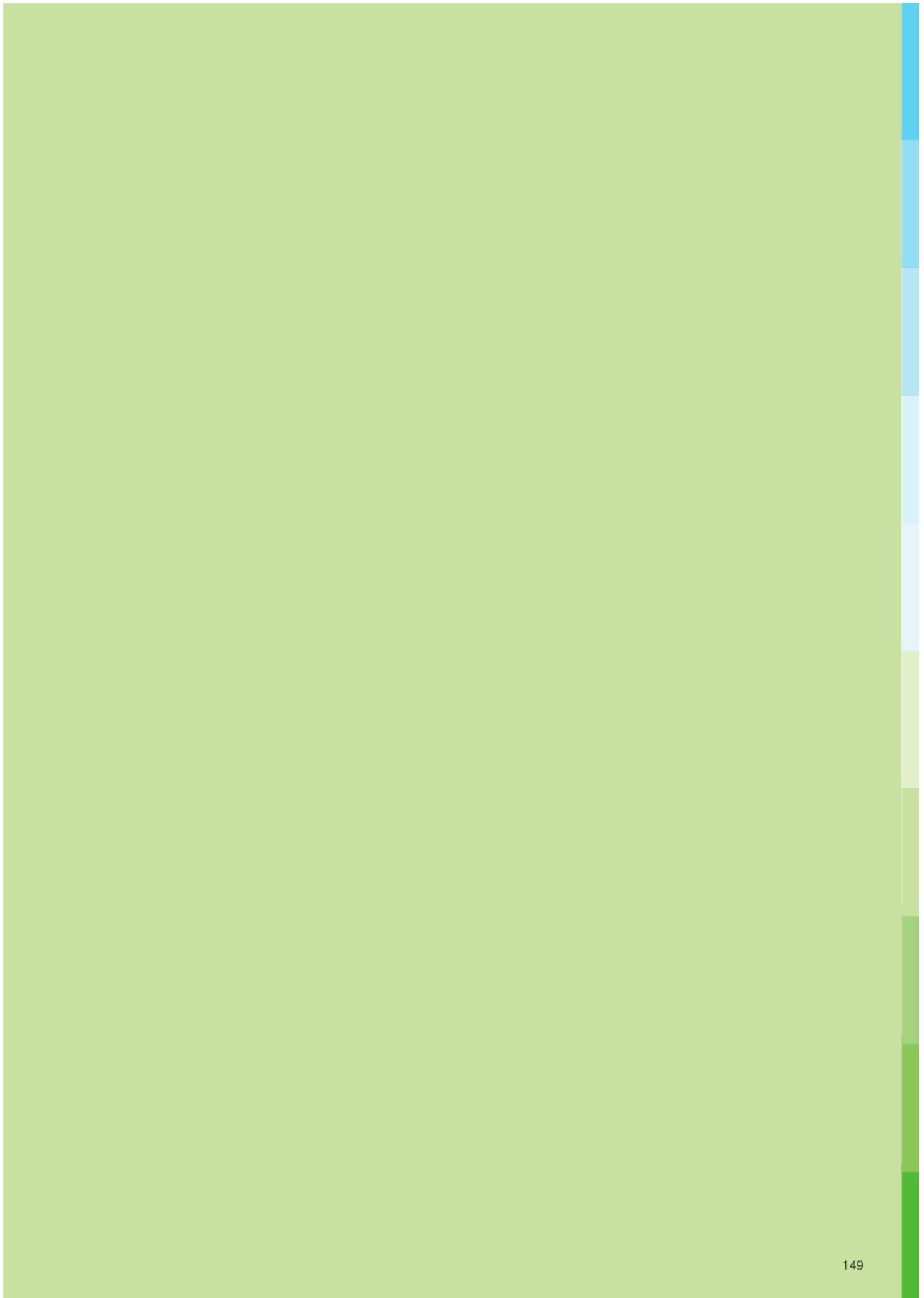
**Event Venues -****Churchill**

Churchill Hub  
Churchill Service Centre  
& Library  
Latrobe Leisure Churchill  
Federation University  
Australia - Gippsland  
Campus













# **3.0 REVITALISATION PLAN: PART 02: MY TOWN NEIGHBOURHOODS & COMMUNITIES**

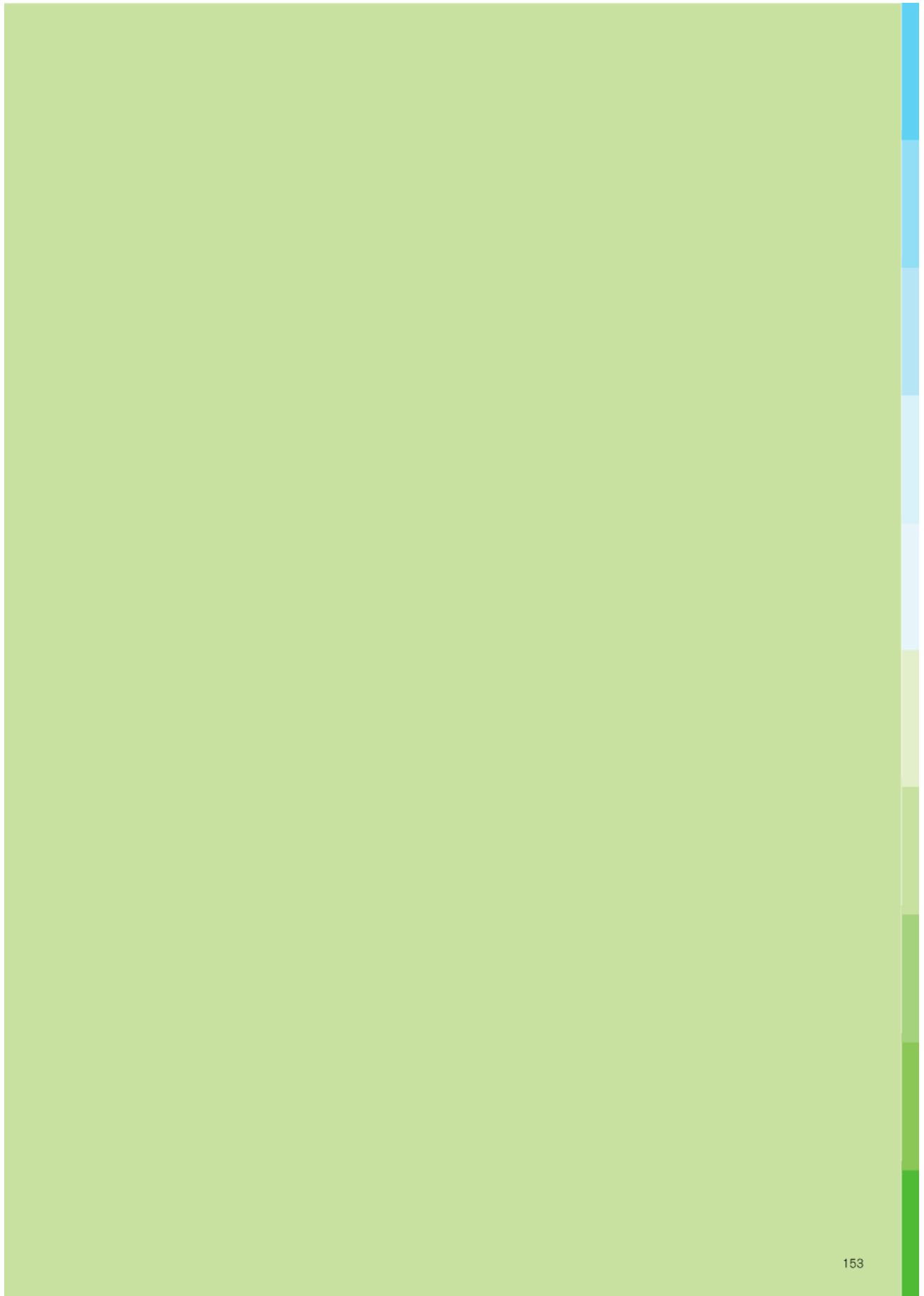


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## **FUTURE MORWELL**

### **3.0 | MY TOWN**

#### **3.1 | HUBS**





### 3.1 | HUBS

Morwell's Hubs are planned as activity centres of specific types, functions, and amenities around which the town revolves. They are the focus of a variety of large scale programs, clustered resources, and activities that operate across a range of different time schedules.

*Activity centres should be the focal points of the local community they service and can be essential components of an area's local identity. They should be the places where local services are concentrated and at which public transport interchange occurs. Their design and appearance should emphasise public and civic values.\**

The term 'Hub' is strategically utilised in this document to describe these focal points in a manner that considers them as more than autonomous 'centres', and redefines them to operate as a network of nodes connected and contributing to the social and physical fabric of Morwell.

This document identifies and defines a range of key Hubs for Morwell that are to contribute to re-branding and re-defining the operation of significant town assets, and create a useful and generative relationship of difference. In this manner each Hub is encouraged to adopt and grow its own defined identity in order to develop its own capacity through its unique qualities, and simultaneously remove the possibility of competition between Hubs in the town. Each Hub is active during different spans of time in the day, week, month, season, and year, periodically activated in response to the key activities they support. For example, activities centred on education and training Hubs during the week days will shift to the recreation Hubs which are generally most active after hours and on weekends. Each shift of activity over time is potentially drawn through the Local Village commercial Hub which itself is supported to be continuously active. Identifying where and when Hubs are active is significant to their management, maintenance, resource allocation, and scheduling so that each Hub can most effectively be enabled to support others, for example a significant event accommodated by one of the recreational Hubs would be supported by the retail and entertainment activities of the Local Village commercial Hub.

The Hubs are vibrant centres, they 'are areas that encourage development to foster more sustainable and vibrant communities\*\* and act as key destinations for local residents, and tourists visiting or planning to visit Morwell.

This strategy is also a means to activate redundant assets, engage with existing planned future

developments + policy, and connect the community in a range of ways across the town. It is a means by which resources might be effectively distributed and managed throughout a scheduled integrated town wide and community wide calendar, and a mechanism by which facilities, businesses, and clubs that are struggling to operate autonomously might be affectively supported. *A key to developing vibrant and attractive centres is providing a strong identity that builds on existing local character.\**

The Hubs are to provide mixed-use activities that are;

- Accessible by neighbourhood walking and cycling networks
- Served by public transport that is connected to the regional public transport network
- Located at public transport interchange points for the convenience of passengers and easy connections between public transport services
- Located on arterial roads or connector streets
- Of appropriate size to accommodate a mix of uses that meet local community needs
- Oriented to support active street frontages, support street-based community interaction and pedestrian safety.\*\*\*

Morwell's Hubs are:

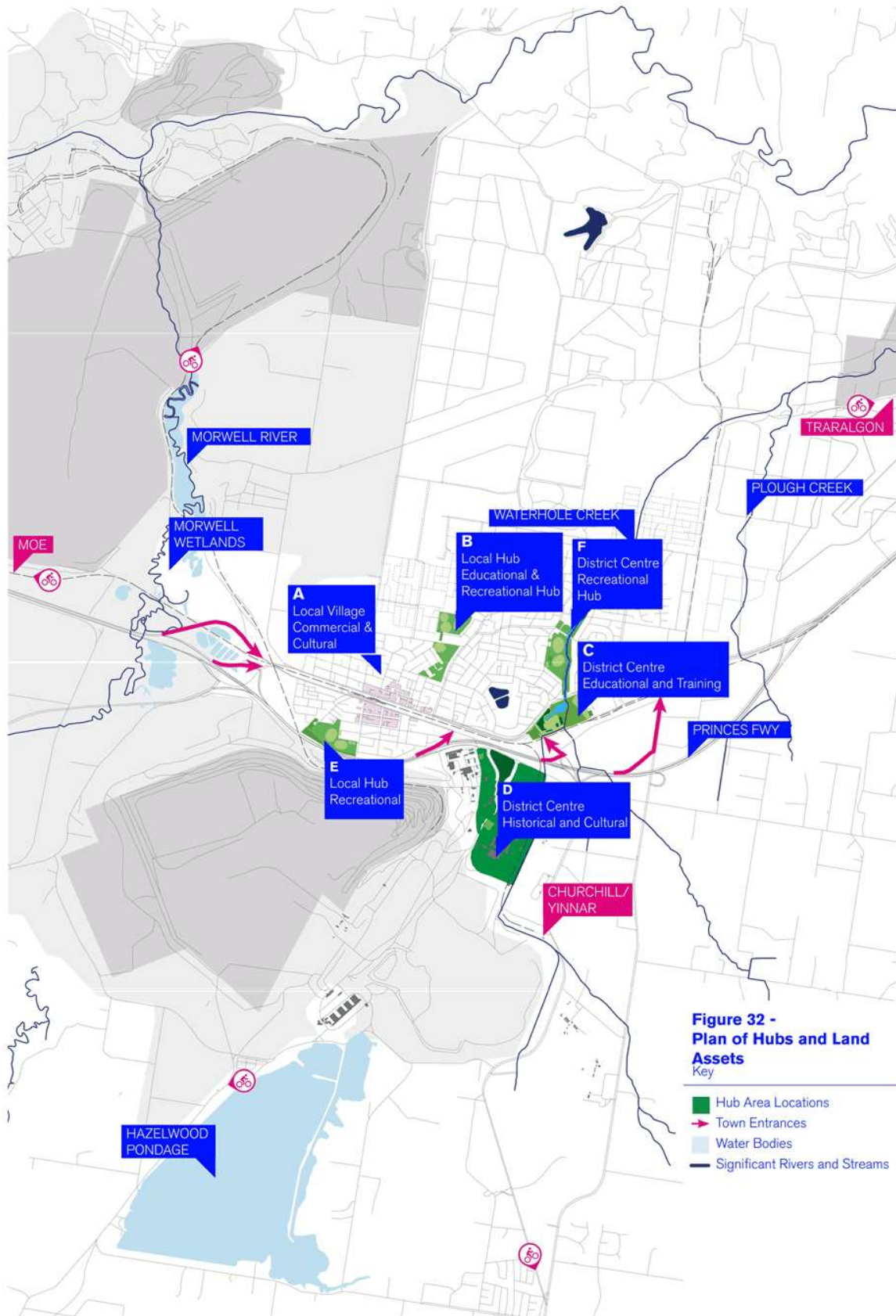
- Hub A **LOCAL VILLAGE**  
Commercial and Cultural
- Hub B **LOCAL HUB**  
Educational & Recreational Hub
- Hub C **DISTRICT CENTRE**  
Educational and Training
- Hub D **DISTRICT CENTRE**  
Historical and Cultural
- Hub E **LOCAL HUB**  
Recreational Hub
- Hub F **DISTRICT CENTRE**  
Recreational Hub

#### ADDITIONAL MATERIAL

\* Activity Centre Design Guidelines, the State of Victoria Department of Sustainability and Environment 2004

\*\* Victoria State Government, Department of Environment, Land, Water + Planning

\*\*\*Liveable and Sustainable Communities, Particular Provisions-Clause 56.03





## EXISTING AND PRECEDENT IMAGES

**A** Local Village  
Commercial and Cultural



**B** Local Hub  
Educational Hub



**C** District Centre  
Events and Training





**D** District Centre  
Historical and Cultural



**E** Local Hub  
Recreational



**F** District Centre  
Recreational

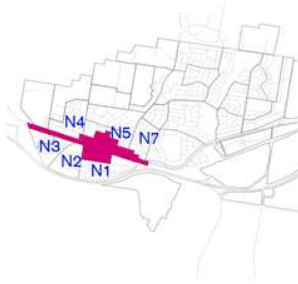


# HUB A

## HUB STATEMENT

### THE VILLAGE HUB

**Associated  
Neighbourhood(s) :**  
N01, N02, N03, N04 & N05



Morwell's Village Hub is a commercial activity centre devoted to trade in the form of cafés, restaurants, boutiques, offices, and shops, as well as service-based businesses such as real estate agencies, banks, health services, legal services, and personal services.

The design of the Morwell Circuit aspires to support commerce and business development through improvements to cycling infrastructure, walkability and connections to public transport through provision for pedestrian comfort and inclusion.

#### HUB PROFILE

**Land Area :**  
0.4 km<sup>2</sup>

**Indicative Use :**  
High

**Hierarchy Classification :**  
Regional

**Primary Function :**  
Retail, Commercial, Village Hub

#### KEY ASSET(S) / FACILITY(IES) :

**Commercial Streets :**

- Commercial Road
- Princes Drive
- Tarwin Street
- Church Street
- George Street
- Hazelwood Road
- Chapel Street
- Elgin Street
- Buckley Street

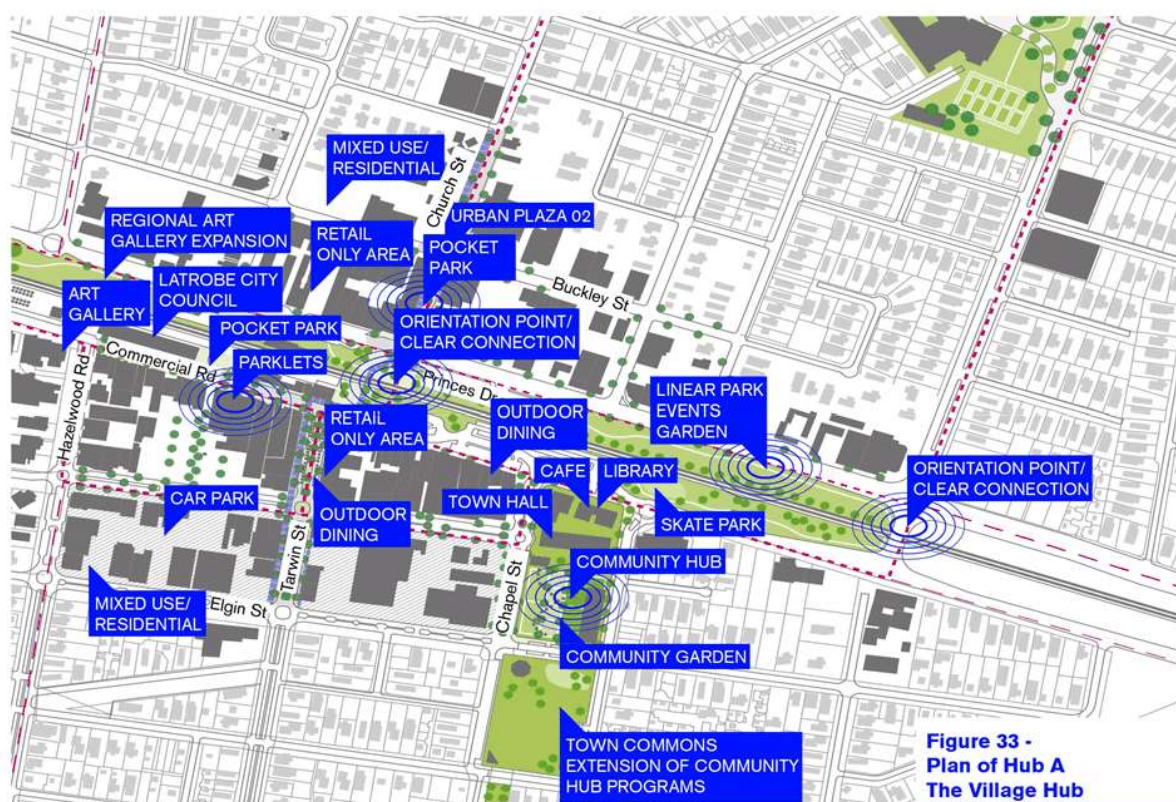
**Heritage Sites :**

- Morwell Masonic Temple
- Our Lady of Dormition Greek Orthodox
- Morwell World War I Memorial

**Community Groups :**

- Gippsland Community Legal Service
- Morwell Historical Society
- Salvation Community Welfare
- Latrobe Community Health Service
- International Women's Groups Inc
- YSAS Latrobe Valley





**Figure 33 -  
Plan of Hub A  
The Village Hub**

In so doing the Village Hub also becomes more connected to its surrounding neighbourhoods. These improvements have been demonstrated to increase visitation and the economic benefit to activity centres in many cases. Street tree planting will work with, and encourage opportunities for walking, cycling and other modes of transport.

In this manner the proposal strives to create a safe and sustainable streetscape that increases accessibility and walkability, supported by a healthy urban tree population that enhances the community's daily experience while ensuring environmental, economic and social sustainability into the future.

#### EXISTING PLANS & STRATEGIES:

##### VICTORIA'S TOURISM STRATEGY 2014-24, JULY 2014, TOURISM VICTORIA

- The purpose of Victoria's Trails Strategy 2014-2024 is to provide a whole-of-government approach and clear vision regarding the planning, management and promotion of trails in Victoria.
- <https://www.tourism.vic.gov.au/component/edocman/?view=document&task=document.download&id=748>

##### TRACKS, TRAIL AND PATHS DRAFT STRATEGY, 2015, LATROBE CITY COUNCIL

- The strategy is designed to encourage more walking and cycling in Latrobe City to reach a target of two kilometres or 30 minutes a day.
- [http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/files/13b0030a-4b51-4161-b75c-a4a7011d040f/150331\\_Strategy\\_for\\_Consultation\\_Version\\_3.pdf](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/files/13b0030a-4b51-4161-b75c-a4a7011d040f/150331_Strategy_for_Consultation_Version_3.pdf)

#### FUTURE MORWELL – APPENDIX. REFER TO:

- 3.1 COMMUNITY HUB - COMMUNITY ORIENTED RENEWAL





Commercial Road - Circuit Stage 1

## Key Objectives:

- The Morwell Circuit aspires to create a positive change in the physical spaces of the town's centre in order to shift its identity, inspire diverse ways in which people might actively occupy and use these spaces, and contribute to a healthy community
- The circuit intends to renew and connect existing infrastructure and assets in the town's built environment and contribute to its development as Morwell's Village Hub
- Streetscapes help define a community's activities, appearance, identity and transport conditions. Improved streetscapes offer a range of benefits including potential economic growth, increased habitat within the urban core, spaces for passive and active recreation, places for residents to interact with neighbours and increased civic pride
- Memorable sidewalks and streets that are orientated toward the pedestrian experience characterise excellence in streetscape design. Each part of the space is important to its success; these may include gathering spaces, public art, street furniture, landscape planting, lighting, benches, tables, chairs, bins, bicycle racks, drinking fountains, and other amenities
- The Morwell Garden festival aspires to generate Morwell as a premier garden destination and be a catalyst for beautification, education, tourism, promotion, community-building, healthy living, sustainability, and civic pride

## EXISTING SITUATION (KEY ISSUES &amp; OPPORTUNITIES):

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Car dominated streetscape</li> <li>▪ Harsh landscape + lack of vegetation</li> <li>▪ Minimal amenity</li> <li>▪ No discerning qualities contributing to identity of place</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Gathering spaces to attract people</li> <li>▪ Potential to create spaces and a schedule to celebrate + activate the town.</li> <li>▪ Potential to connect to Centenary Rose Garden</li> </ul> |
|---|--|

## WHAT WE HAVE HEARD:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Morwell needs a physical 'heart' to the town</li> <li>▪ Rebranding of centre into a eco village (use of solar panels etc)</li> <li>▪ Improve signage and physical improvements</li> <li>▪ More shops to support 'village' atmosphere</li> <li>▪ Rebranding of town centre with the use of solar power</li> <li>▪ Relocation of Sunday market to town centre</li> <li>▪ Develop indoor market</li> <li>▪ Upgrade street facade</li> <li>▪ Activating the spotlight building</li> <li>▪ Reduced /subsidised rent</li> <li>▪ Interest free loans for retrofitting</li> <li>▪ Improved visual and physical connections between Tarwin Street and Church Street</li> <li>▪ More street trees and greenery/gardens</li> <li>▪ Focus on Tarwin, Commercial and Church Streets</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Focus on seating and comfort</li> <li>▪ Improved destination facilities for cyclists in centre (parking etc)</li> <li>▪ Improved disability access within centre</li> <li>▪ Pedestrian only road in town centre</li> <li>▪ More lighting</li> <li>▪ Improvements to key buildings (Anglicare, Latrobe City Council building, regional gallery)</li> <li>▪ A Street that is home to events and activities</li> <li>▪ A more centrally located neighbourhood house</li> <li>▪ Public art could enhance</li> <li>▪ More colour along Commercial road</li> <li>▪ More crossing points</li> <li>▪ More seating/gathering spaces</li> <li>▪ Activation of current and projected empty buildings (eg primary school buildings due to combined school)</li> </ul> |
|--|--|



Commercial Road with Parklets, No Event



Commercial Road Garden Event

**KEY RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- To develop a circuit that acts as an framework for other activities, infrastructure and actions to stem from, and contributes to the health and safety of the area
- To clearly define the Latrobe Regional Gallery and Government services precinct as a bookend Commercial Road west
- Develop a curated events and activities calendar to activate the Village Hub, and celebrate place + community, supported by the circuit and piazza

**ACTIONS:****1. Circuit Stage 01 A + B**

*Refer to chapter 4.1 Making it Happen - Project 6*

**2. Arts & Government Services Precinct Plan**

Latrobe City Council to secure State Government Funding. \$25,000.00 Council Funding Contribution

*Refer to chapter 4.1 Making it Happen - Project 1. Draws on objectives from 2.1.2 A tourist town and 2.2 Assets.*

**3. Open Air Dining Permit Waiver**

*Refer to chapter 4.1 Making it Happen - Project 9.*

**4. Street Design Tool kit**

Latrobe City Council to secure State Government Funding.

*Refer to chapter 4.1 Making it Happen - Project 9.*

**FUTURE CONSIDERATION:**

- To conduct a feasibility study on the relocation and renewal of the Sunday market in the town centre. Investigate ways to consult with private owners about bringing Sunday Market into town centre
- Consolidate and direct retail, commercial and social enterprises to the following areas:
  - Commercial Road (between Chapel Street and Hazelwood Road)
  - Tarwin Street (between George Street and Commercial Road)
  - Church Street (between Princes Drive and Buckley Street)
- Develop concept plans for a town square located at the corner of Tarwin Street and Commercial Road supporting the idea of an identifiable heart to the Village Hub
- To develop a circuit around the Village Hub that prioritises the bicycle and pedestrian network, and provides safe inclusive access for all during the day and evening
- To develop a clear entrance and navigation through the town

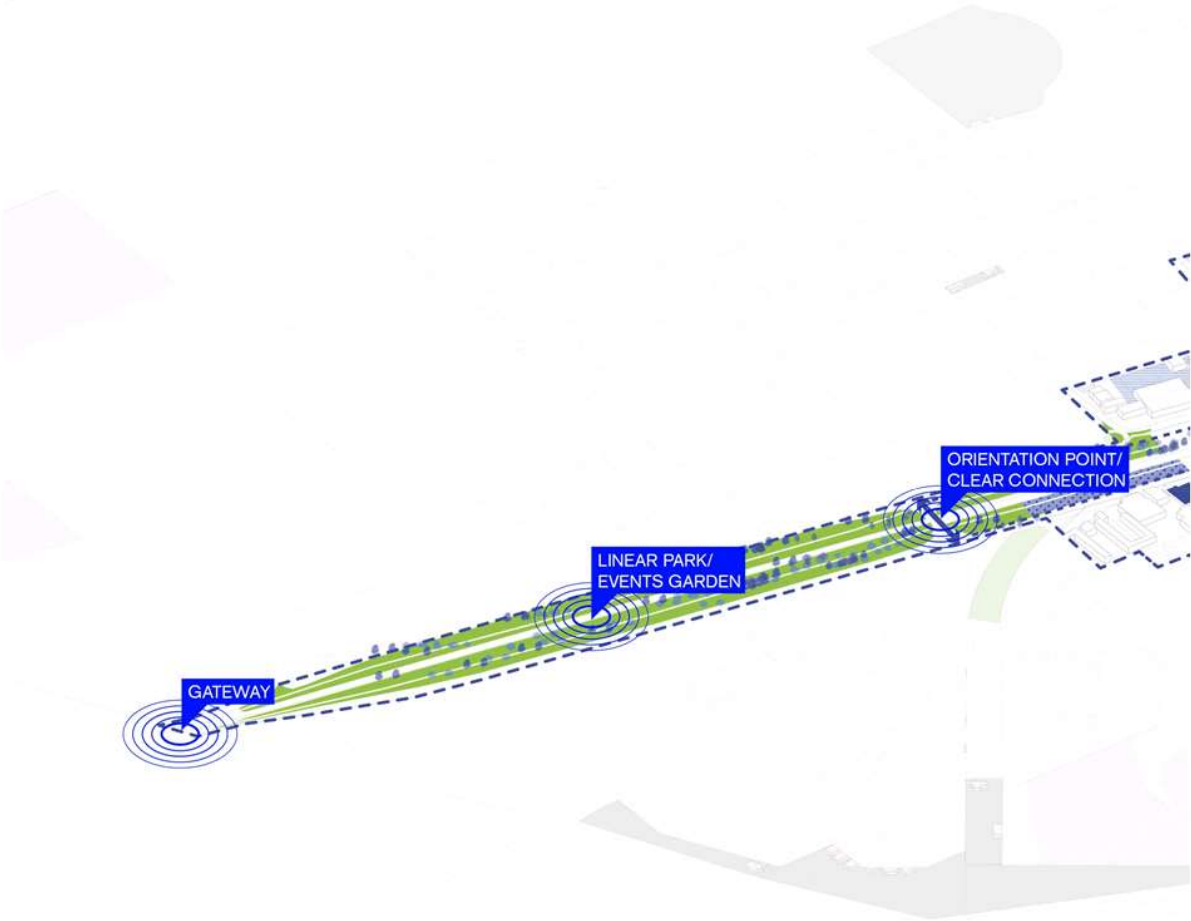
**FUTURE MORWELL – APPENDIX.  
REFER TO:**

- 3.2 FACADE STRATEGY - HUB A
- 3.3 PARKLETS - STREET STRATEGY



HUB ACTIVITY

HUB A, COMMERCIAL AND CULTURAL LOCAL VILLAGE  
PROGRAM AND SPATIAL INTENT



**LINEAR PARK/ EVENT GARDEN**  
A long park that travels along the rail corridor connecting North and South. Appropriation of existing disused green buffers as Multiprogram spaces to aid in town connectivity and urban activation.

**ORIENTATION POINTS**  
Clear signage indicating to pedestrian and car traffic the location of significant town event spaces, gardens and recreation spaces.

**CLEAR CONNECTIONS**  
Strengthening of connection

between Tarwin Street and Church Street through signage, parks and circuit connection.

**ART GALLERY**  
Expansion of art gallery events into surrounding town spaces. To allow for visibility of events and expansion to reach a wider audience.

**MARKET PLACE**  
Existing City Council car park to be used for temporary events such as a Market.

**CAR PARK/ SPACES FOR EVENT EXPANSION**

Re appropriation of existing car park as shared space to aid in town connectivity and urban activation.

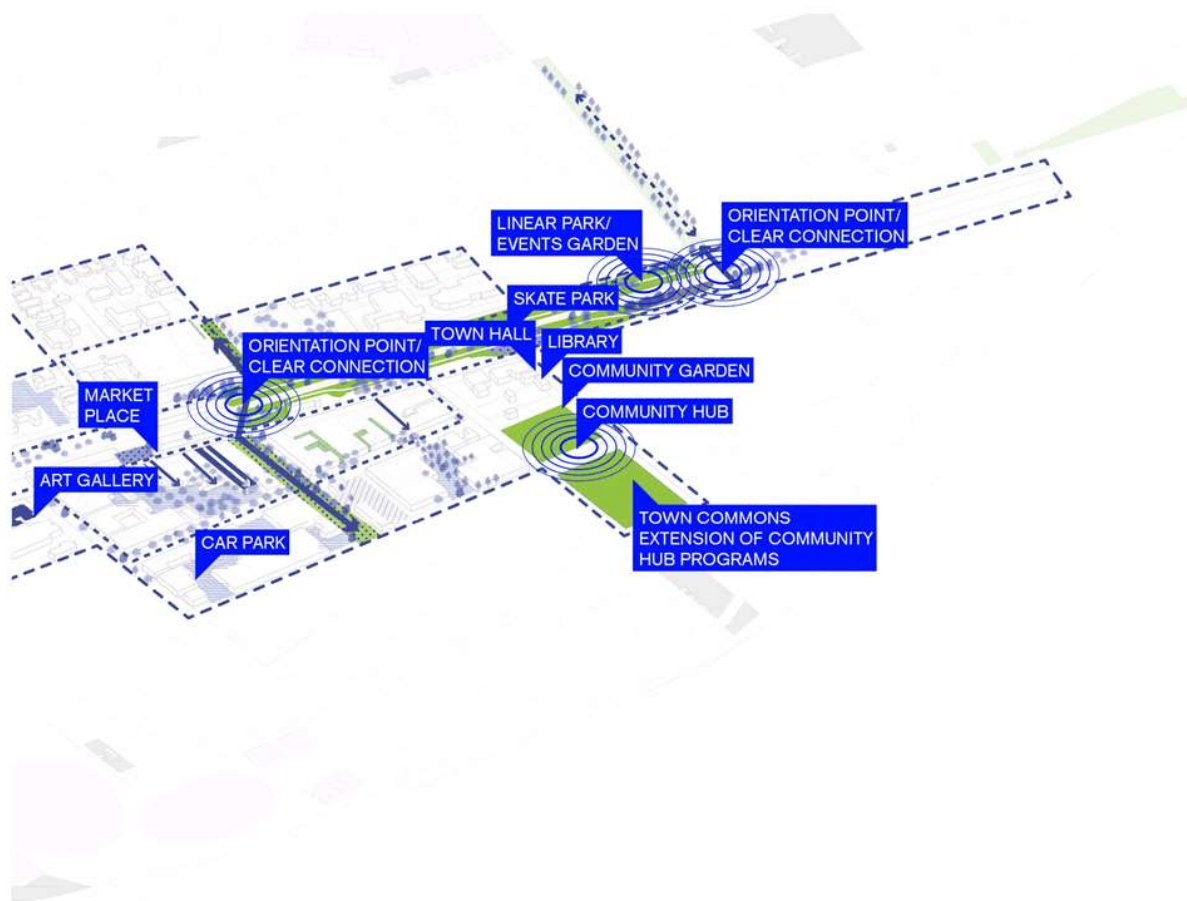
Developing a plan that relates to the pocket spaces. Taking the form of outdoor murals, sculptures and interactive pieces.

**ART WALKS**  
Utilising the Morwell Circuit and the

connectivity provided by it, to host gallery related and independent art works. A village centre and linear park that allows for leisurely walk around the village centre of Morwell.

**FUTURE MORWELL – APPENDIX.  
REFER TO:**

- 3.4 STREET ACTIVATION - TARWIN STREET ACTIVATION STRATEGIES



**Figure 34 -  
Axonometric of Hub A  
The Village Hub**

## PUBLIC WORKS

### RENEW NEWCASTLE FREE WIFI

Renew Newcastle and local ISP Ipera partnered in 2009 to introduce a free wireless internet service in and around the Hunter Street Mall, enabling temporary projects to access internet without having to establish broadband or telephone contracts and providing visitors to the city the convenience of free internet access. (Urban)  
<http://renewnewcastle.org/projects/project/free-wifi/>

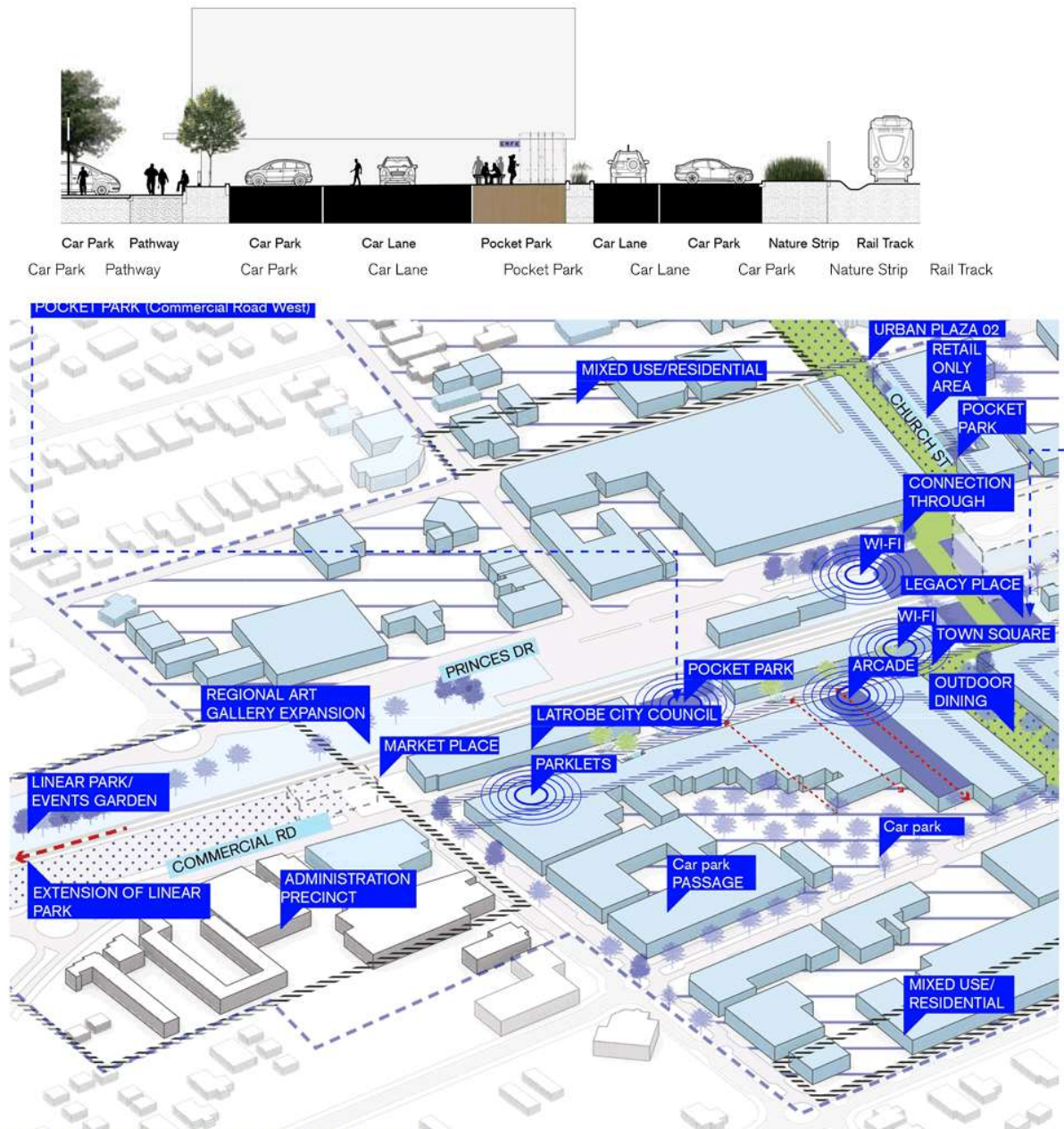
**VICGOVFREE PUBLIC WIFI** The Victorian Government has partnered with iiNet to deliver free public Wi-Fi in three locations across Victoria - Melbourne, Ballarat and Bendigo. The Wi-Fi network makes use of existing public infrastructure, such as light poles, bus shelters and government buildings, and is available outdoors. (Regional)  
<https://vimeo.com/thestorylab/review/109101586/c0091e9e23>

### ACCELERATED DEPRECIATION FOR SMALL BUSINESS

New Australia-wide laws have passed that allow small businesses to claim an immediate deduction for assets they start to use – or have installed ready for use – provided each depreciable asset costs less than \$20,000. This will temporarily replace the previous instant asset write-off threshold of \$1,000. (Regional)  
<https://www.ato.gov.au/General/New-legislation/In-detail/Direct-taxes/Income-tax-for-businesses/Small-Business---expanding-accelerated-depreciation/>







#### Hub A, Commercial and Cultural Local Village Close up of Program and spatial intent

##### TOWN SQUARE

Part of green network circuit for urban connectivity and Garden Festival Ground.

##### LEGACY PLACE

Redevelopment of city park as a focal point/meeting area and connector to the other side of town.

##### POCKET PARK (Church St.)

Re appropriation of existing car park as shared space to aid in town connectivity and urban activation.

##### POCKET PARK (Commercial Rd.)

Re appropriation of existing car park as shared space to aid in town connectivity and urban activation.

##### PARKLETS

Activation of Morwell streets through providing more public seating areas.

##### EVENTS GARDEN

Gardens that get activated through town walks. Act to beautify the town, encourage connectivity and walking trails.

##### WI-FI

Area where free public wi-fi is accessible.

##### Car park

Re appropriation of existing car park as shared space to aid in town connectivity and urban activation.

##### URBAN PLAZA 01 (Tarwin St.)

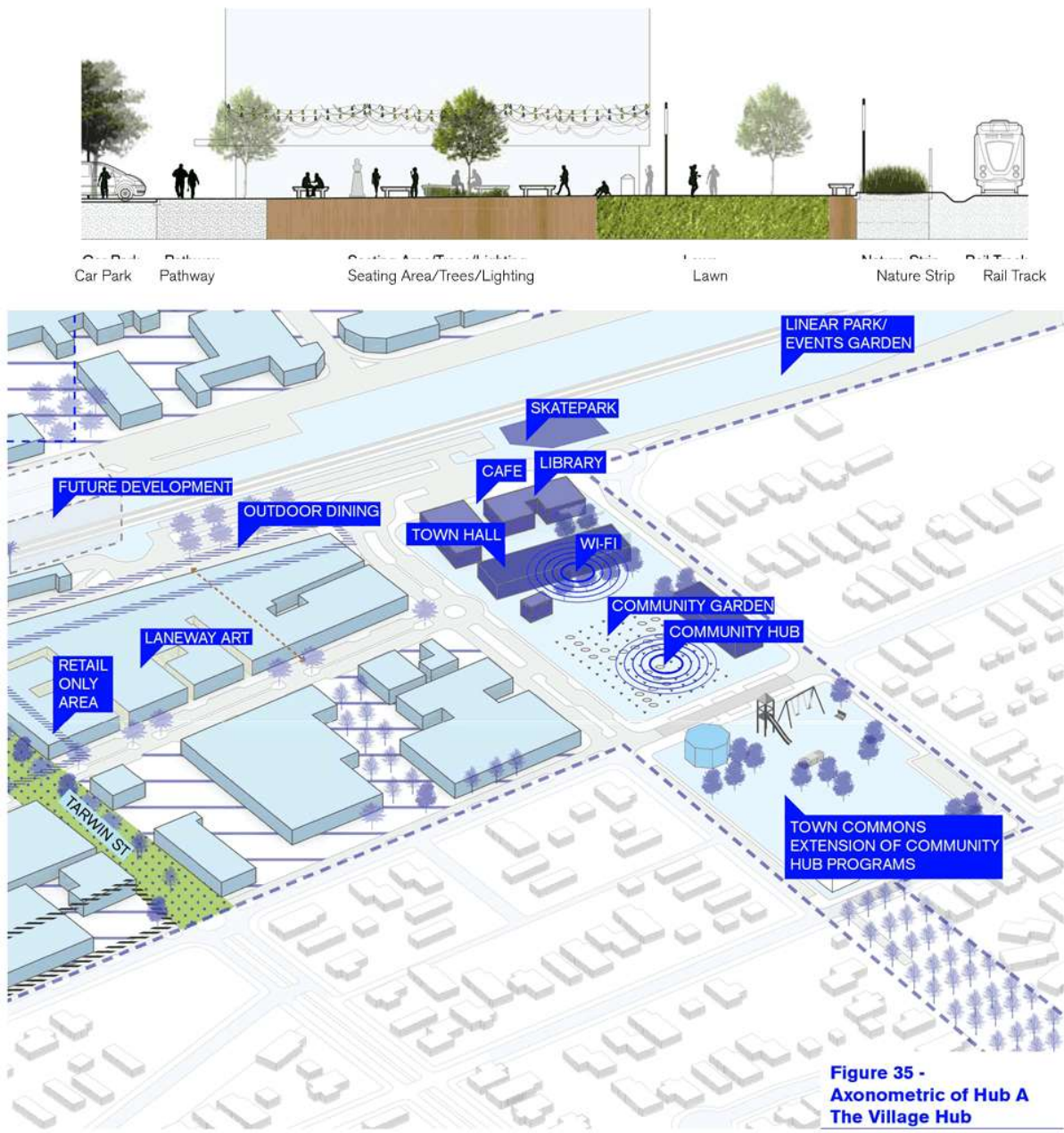
Re-configuration of Tarwin St streetscape to be turned into the town's plaza and zoned as events and community activity area.

##### MARKET PLACE

Existing City Council car park to be used for temporary events such as a Market.

##### FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

Building Crossover railway lines with easy access across and into town. Incorporating train station, vocation training school and student housing.



**Figure 35 -  
Axonometric of Hub A  
The Village Hub**

#### RETAIL ONLY AREA

Areas within the circuit that are most visible and have the potential to yield greater foot traffic due to their proximity to busy walking routes to be allocated to retail businesses.

#### MIXED USE/ RESIDENTIAL

Allowing for potential incorporation of residential buildings within the town circuit area.

#### CONNECTION THROUGH

Strengthening of connection through between Tarwin Street and Church Street through signage, parks and circuit connection.

#### LANEWAY ART

Utilising wall space within laneways to allow community groups and local artists the opportunity to represent and beautify their town through murals in town laneways.

#### COMMUNITY HUB

Consist of community library, Town Hall, Cafe, and Community Garden.

#### COMMUNITY GARDEN

Community led Urban Farming plots for edible vegetation. Plots could be expanded to neighbouring shared space for lease/rent.

#### COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Relocation of current Morwell Public Library to the community hub.

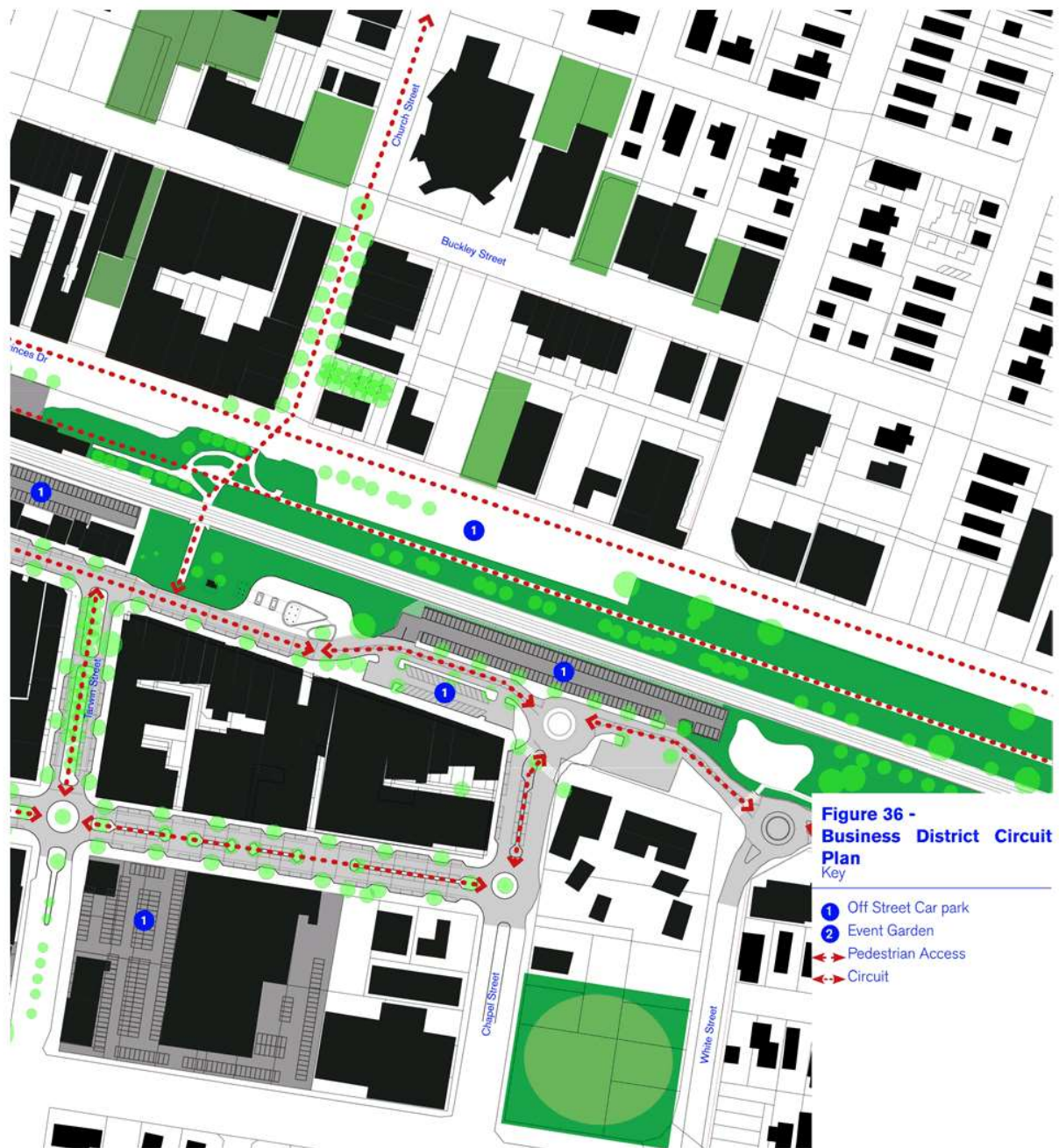
#### COMMUNITY HALL

Small scale Community Hall located within Community Hub



### 3.1 HUBS SHARED PATHWAY NETWORK – STAGE 01





### Morwell Circuit

This plan drawing describes a portion of the extended Morwell Circuit within the context of Morwell's Village Hub.



### 3.1 HUBS VILLAGE CIRCUIT PLAN

The Morwell Circuit aspires to create a positive change in the physical spaces of the town's centre in order to shift its identity, inspire diverse ways in which people might actively occupy and use these spaces, and contribute to the development of a sense of a stable and healthy community.

The circuit intends to renew and connect existing infrastructure and assets in the town's built environment and contribute to its development as Morwell's Village Hub.

Morwell's Village Hub is a commercial activity centre devoted to trade in the form of cafés, restaurants, boutiques, offices, and shops, as well as service-based businesses such as real estate agencies, banks, health services, legal services, and personal services. The design of the Morwell Circuit aspires to support commerce and business development through improvements to cycling infrastructure, walkability and connections to public transport through provision for pedestrian comfort and inclusion. In so doing the Village Hub also becomes more connected to its surrounding neighbourhoods.



**Figure 37 -  
Proposed Village Circuit for  
Morwell Garden Town**  
Key

— Circuit	05 Orientation Point	G Tarwin Street Precinct	H Commercial Road West
01 Rose Garden Pavilion		D Hazelwood Road Precinct	J Gateway West
02 Recreational Garden	<b>Garden Festival Precinct</b>	E Princes Drive East	
03 Community Amenity	A Commercial Road Precinct	F Princes Drive West	
04 Entrance Gateway	B George Street Precinct	G Train Station	



**Figure 38**  
**Morwell Circuit**  
**Stage 01 - Phases**



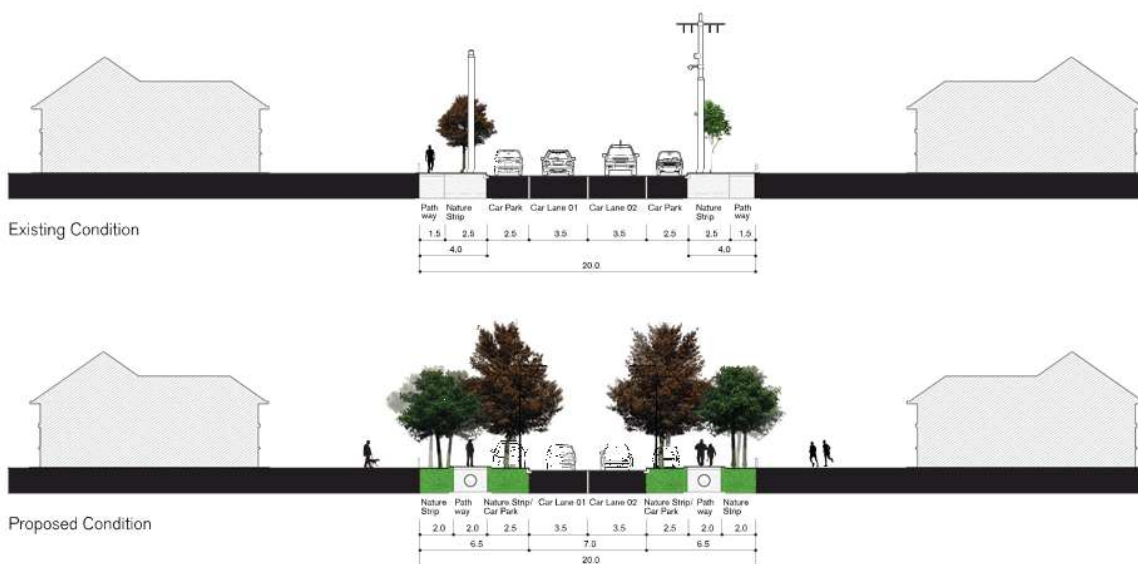
### 3.1 HUBS

## CONNECTION NETWORK: STREET GUIDELINES

### VILLAGE CIRCUIT - STAGE 01 - PHASE 05

#### North Circuit Extension : Church Street

The following street profile studies are intended as guidelines as to how streets might be reconsidered within their regular maintenance and upgrading schedule. These studies recognise that a number of streets were originally designed and implemented to support a large scale utilitarian purpose that it may no longer be required to support, or can be more appropriately re-directed. As such greater opportunities can be made to 'green' the streets, and provide better pedestrian and cycling to re-define and re-connect the town.



**Figure 39 -**  
**Church Street Existing and Proposed Condition**



#### FUTURE MORWELL – APPENDIX.

##### REFER TO:

- FIGURE 39 - CHURCH STREET EXISTING AND PROPOSED CONDITION (AT A3 FORMAT)
- FIGURE 40 - CHURCH STREET EXISTING AND PROPOSED CONDITION (AT A3 FORMAT)

Example 01: Church Street



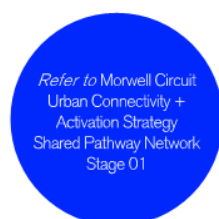
Figure 40 - Church Street Existing and Proposed Condition

**VILLAGE CIRCUIT - STAGE 01 - PHASE 08****Neighbourhood Precinct Road Strategy**

- Target areas are main roads/boulevards leading up to residential and neighbourhoods
- Conversion from 2 carriage to 1 carriage
- Minimizing roadside parking
- Expansion of roadside nature strips and introduction of "common-trenching" for the utilities
- Expansion of median nature strip as shared pathways (bicycle & pedestrian) as a part of the urban green network
- Introducing big structural plant species with distinct character
- Target areas are small secondary roads leading up to residential areas
- Minimizing roadside parking and expansion of nature strips and pedestrian pathway to allow structural planting
- Introducing indigenous tree species with distinct feature to create unique character for each neighbourhood

**Green Network Road Strategy**

- Target areas are main roads/boulevards that connect with urban parks/sports field
- Conversion from 2 carriage to 1 carriage
- Expansion of roadside nature strips and introduction of "common-trenching" for the utilities
- Zoning of urban parks/sports fields into activity zones and vegetation areas as a part of the buffer zones. Introducing big structural plant species with distinct character
- Man-made infiltration surface ponds to respond to the surrounding stormwater run-off
- Minimizing roadside parking
- Expansion of median nature strip as shared pathways (bicycle & pedestrian) as a part of the urban green network



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**FUTURE MORWELL – APPENDIX.****REFER TO:**

- FIGURE 41 - MCDONALD STREET EXISTING AND PROPOSED CONDITION (AT A3 FORMAT)



Example 02: McDonald Street

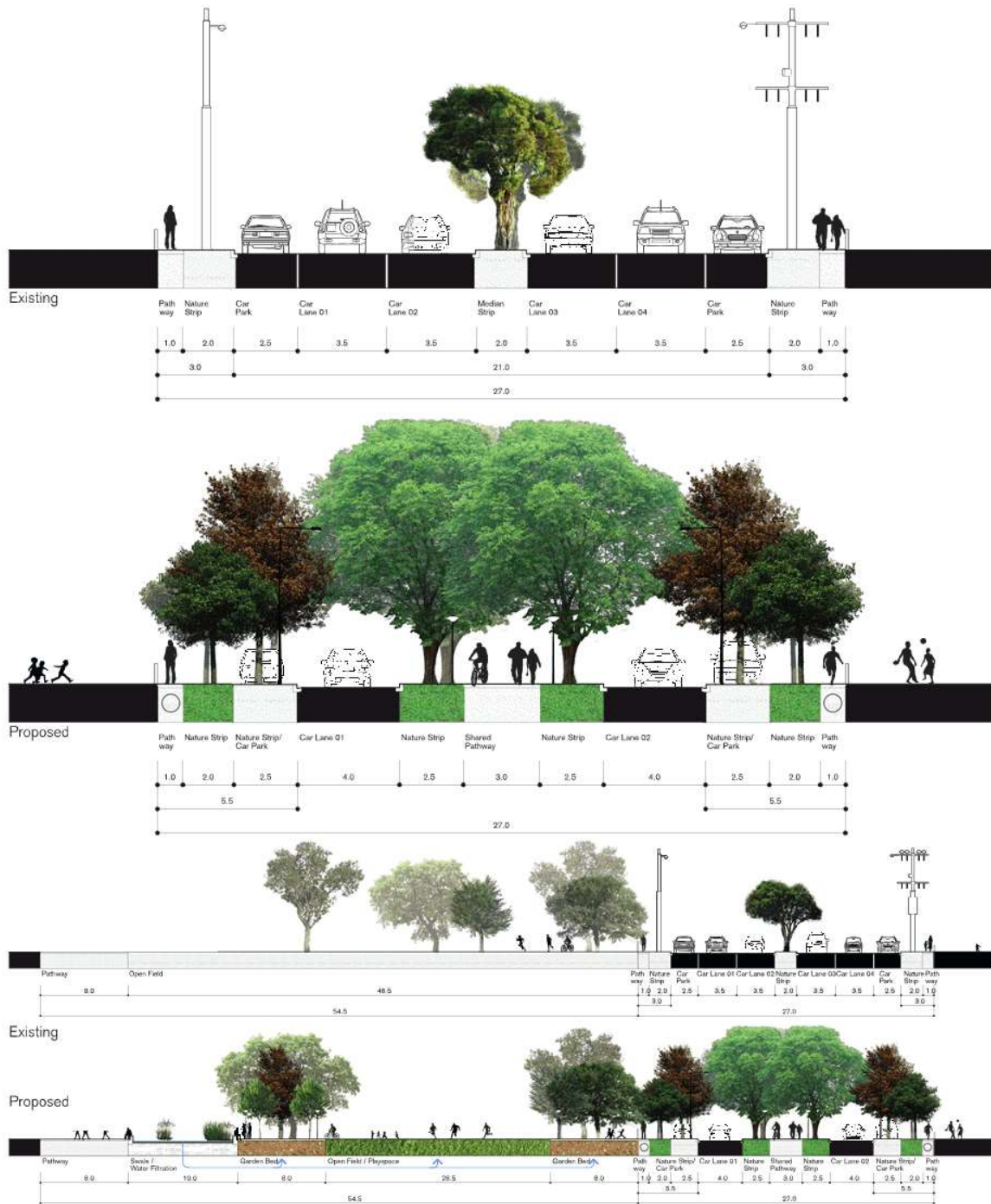


Figure 41 - McDonald Street Existing and Proposed Condition



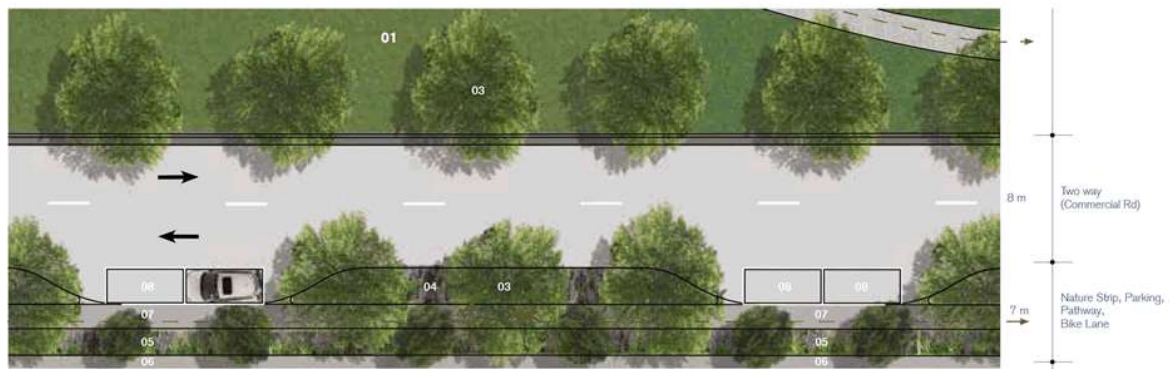
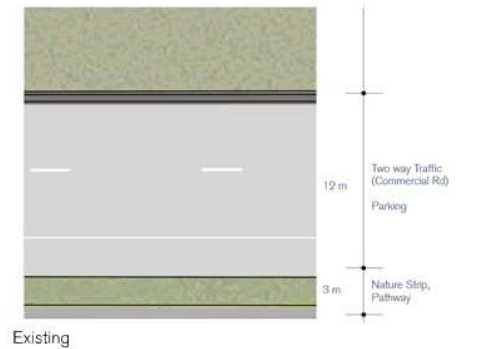
## VILLAGE CIRCUIT - STAGE 01 - PHASE 08

**Figure 42 -  
Commercial Road - West**  
Key

- 01 Event Garden
- 02 Existing Trees
- 03 Proposed Tree Boulevard
- 04 Proposed Nature Strip
- 05 Existing Nature Strip (Proposed Planting)
- 06 Existing Pedestrian Path
- 07 Proposed Pedestrian Path
- 08 Car Park

FUTURE MORWELL -  
APPENDIX.  
REFER TO:

- 3.3 PARKLETS - STREET STRATEGY
- 3.3 PARKLETS - MODULES



Proposed Gateway - Linear Parks Event Gardens

Existing

Existing



Proposed

**Figure 43 -  
Commercial Road - West**



Proposed Gateway - Linear Parks Event Gardens



# HUB B

## HUB STATEMENT

**Associated  
Neighbourhood(s) :**  
N05, N06, N07, N09, N12, N25



**Figure 44 -  
Plan of Hub B  
Education & Recreation**

### HUB PROFILE

**Land Area :**  
0.12 km<sup>2</sup>

**Indicative Use :**  
High Level of community and sporting  
group usage

**Hierarchy Classification :**  
Regional

**Primary Function :**  
Sport

### KEY ASSET(S) / FACILITY(IES) :

- Fully equipped gym
- Heated pool
- Toddler pool
- Sauna
- Spa
- Aerobics room
- Stadium
- Café
- Meeting room

#### Facilities:

- Pool
- Gymnasium
- Multipurpose Courts
- Future Combined Primary School

#### Community Groups :

- Morwell Swimming Club
- 1st Morwell Scout Group
- Girl Guides
- Latrobe Valley Volleyball
- Morwell Basketball
- Morwell Netball
- Morwell Badminton
- Traralgon Swim Club
- LV Self Help Arthritis Group
- Seal Diving Services

## DESIGN GUIDELINES

## Key Objectives:

- Hub B, Local Hub: Educational & Recreational Hub
- Education: Consolidation of schools
- Recreation facilities to support school activities
- Recreation facilities to be scheduled to support after hours activities, health + wellbeing for the community
- McDonald Street to be re-considered as a boulevard to provide safe + healthy pedestrian + bicycle paths, control traffic, incorporate bus links
- Support development of local retail activities

## EXISTING SITUATION (KEY ISSUES &amp; OPPORTUNITIES):

- An existing collection of different sporting grounds and associated facilities.
- Proximity to local residential neighbourhoods
- Adjacency to McDonald Street
- Proximity to Hub A the Local Village Hub

## WHAT WE HAVE HEARD:

- Strengthen nature based tourism
- Strengthen sport based tourism
- Improve signage & physical improvements.
- After school programmes
- Focus On Youth/Child Friendly Activity
- Better Use/ Maintenance Of Existing Open spaces
- Improved Visual & Physical Connections
- Better Connections To External Landscape
- Assets

## FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

- Explore the connectivity of this Hub to other Hubs in Morwell, and the local neighbourhoods through walking and bike path links
- Advocate for a strong connection and use between the public recreational facilities and educational facilities
- Consider how the management of each space might be more efficiently managed, and effectively scheduled to contribute to the health and safety of the area
- Consider the type and location of specific activities to support the local neighbourhoods, with careful attention given to the youth demographic
- Utilise the facilities (Morwell Leisure Centre, Morwell Scout Hall, tennis + basketball courts, and football grounds) outside of school operating hours, and after school programs
- Develop landscape plan for Sir Norman Brookes Park that integrates the recreational community organisations and new tennis courts
- Support the upgrade and development of McDonald Street to be a safe and healthy boulevard controlling local car traffic, and enabling better pedestrian and bike links, incorporate bus links, and reactivate retail shops

## EXISTING PLANS &amp; STRATEGIES:

## MORWELL OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN, JUNE 2008, LATROBE CITY COUNCIL

- The Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan provides a policy position and clear directions for the provision of outdoor recreation facilities in Morwell in line with Council's 2021 vision.
- [http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/files/f0593ad9-def2-4883-820d-a0c300f2dd95/Morwell\\_Outdoor\\_Recreation\\_Plan\\_adopted\\_16\\_June\\_2008.pdf](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/files/f0593ad9-def2-4883-820d-a0c300f2dd95/Morwell_Outdoor_Recreation_Plan_adopted_16_June_2008.pdf)

## VICTORIA'S TRAILS STRATEGY 2014 - 24, JULY 2014, TOURISM VICTORIA

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## LATROBE CITY PUBLIC HEALTH &amp; WELLBEING PLAN 2013-2017

- The Latrobe City Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2013 – 2017 demonstrates Council's commitment, and recognition of our role as a key partner in enabling community members to live in a diverse and equitable community where their health and wellbeing is a priority.
- [http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/files/02eea43d-0537-4fb8-a636-a29300c1ba10/Latrobe\\_City\\_Municipal\\_Public\\_Health\\_and\\_Wellbeing\\_Plan\\_2013-2017.pdf](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/files/02eea43d-0537-4fb8-a636-a29300c1ba10/Latrobe_City_Municipal_Public_Health_and_Wellbeing_Plan_2013-2017.pdf)



## HUB ACTIVITY

VIEW OF HUB B, EDUCATION & RECREATION PROGRAM AND SPATIAL INTENT







Figure 45 -  
Axonometric of Hub B  
Education & Recreation





## DESIGN GUIDELINES

## Key Objectives:

- Hub C, District Centre: Educational and Training
- Consider a greater connection to local neighbourhoods
- Explore connection to Hub A Local Village Hub, and Hub F District Centre Recreational Hub
- Connect to Mid Valley
- Enhance + extend park and recreation

## EXISTING SITUATION (KEY ISSUES &amp; OPPORTUNITIES):

- Kernot Hall
- Kernot Lake park + garden
- VET + Higher Education Facilities
- Federation Training
- Water Hole Creek
- GippsTAFE
- car parking facilities + adjacency to Princes Drive

## WHAT WE HAVE HEARD:

- Transition & diversification plan in relation to energy sector
- Greater access to training
- Morwell identity distinct from other LV towns
- Better connections between Traralgon & Morwell & Midvalley/Kernot Hall
- Better connections to external landscape
- Assets (Wetlands & Parkland)
- Improved destination facilities for cyclists in centre (Parking Etc.)
- Improved Frequency & More Connections (Train & Bus)
- Telling 'The Morwell Story' (Past/Present/Future)
- Waterhole Creek - Clean Up But Generally Beautification/Activation

## EXISTING PLANS &amp; STRATEGIES:

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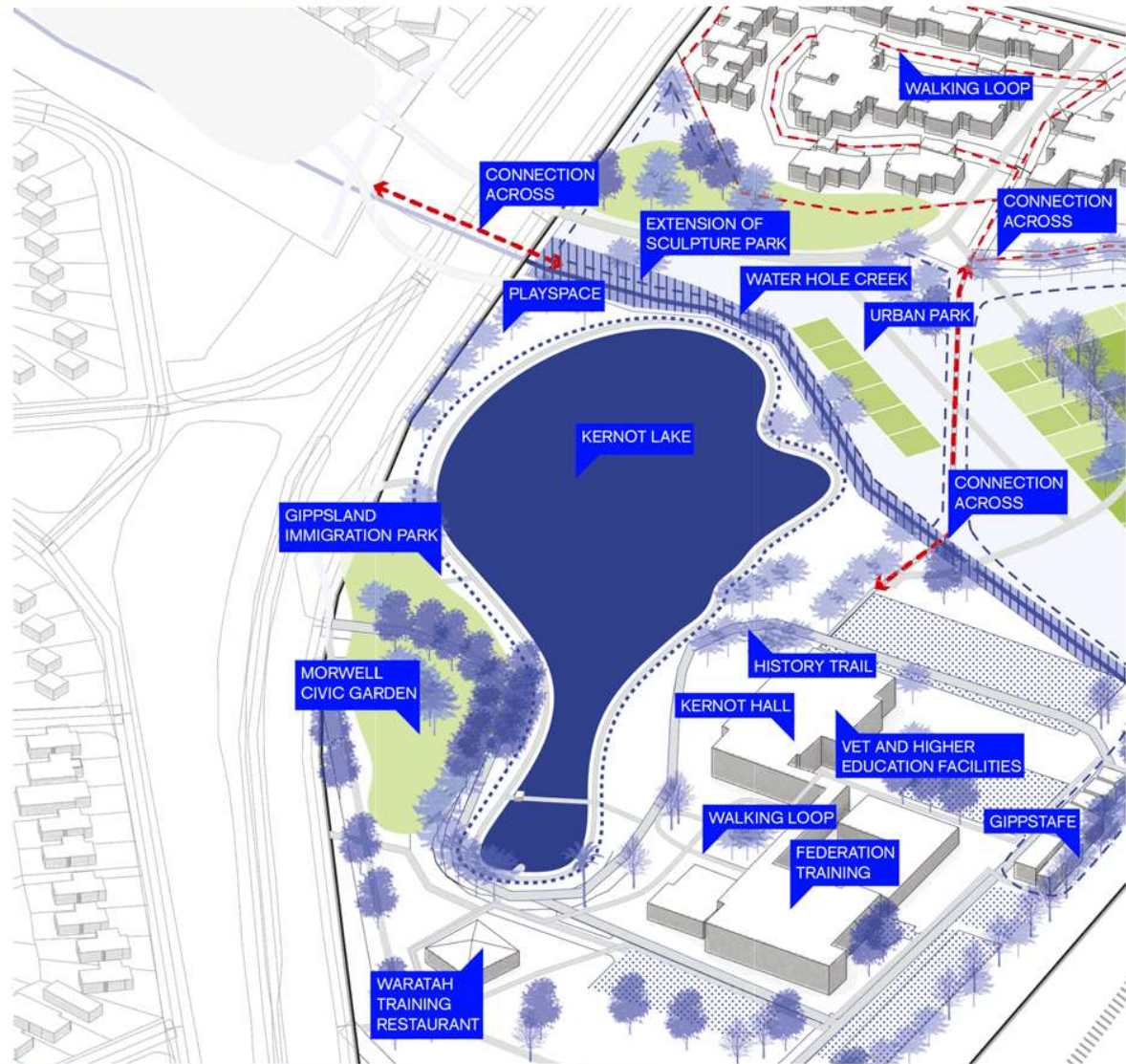
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## FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

- Explore the connectivity of this Hub to other Hubs in Morwell, and the local neighbourhoods through walking and bike path links, including the connection to Hub F along Waterhole Creek, Hub D along redundant rail way paths, and to Hub A the Local Village centre
- Consider the potential to connect to other towns through an extended bike and pedestrian path network
- Re-define the identity of Mid Valley as a shopping complex orientated around large scale big retail chains servicing the needs of the district that complements and provides difference to Hub A as the Village centre created around a local scale atmosphere as a place to gather and celebrate the community of Morwell among a collection of unique shops, cafes, services, and activities
- Support and Enhance the existing training and education capacity of this Hub to grow through its relationship to the other activities and facilities contained in this area, or adjacent to it
- A Hub that integrates and provides direct pathway from secondary school, VET and Higher-Ed sectors
- Develop landscape plan that extends the recreation, park and lake reserves through a productive garden/park operated, managed and utilised by training schemes located in this Hub

## HUB ACTIVITY

VIEW OF HUB C EVENTS, TRAINING AND COMMERCIAL PROGRAM AND SPATIAL INTENT



**KERNOT HALL**  
Existing events hall suited for events, expos, seminars and conferences.

**FEDERATION TRAINING**  
Federation Training offering a diverse range of education.

**GIPPSTAFE**  
Hands on Horticulture course experience, with Greenhouse, classrooms and other facilities.

**PRODUCTIVE ZONE**  
A possible expansion of GippsTAFE horticulture program into the urban park.

**KERNOT LAKE/ GIPPSLAND IMMIGRATION PARK/ MORWELL CIVIC PARK** Strengthening of connections within the hub.

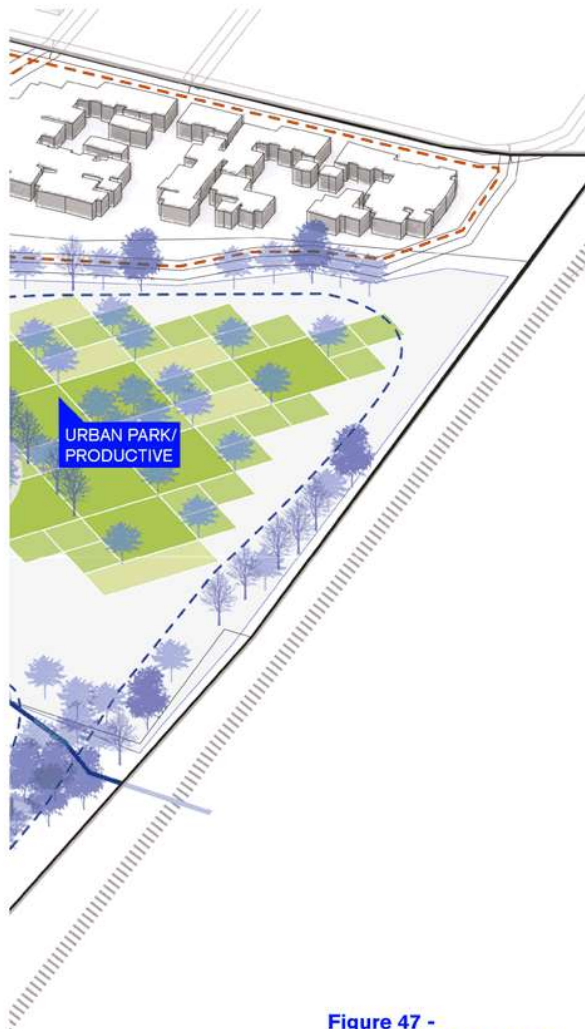
**WALKING & BICYCLE LOOP**  
Link education facilities within the hub through walking and bicycle loop. And a connection between adjoining neighbourhoods and the hub area.

**WATERHOLE CREEK/ SCULPTURE PARK**  
Friends of water hole creek to be involved in hub development and liaisons of extents of care and work. Possible extension of sculpture park from Hub F.



## PRECEDENTS

### PUBLIC WORKS



**Figure 47 -  
Axonometric of Hub C  
Events, Training and Com-  
mercial**

#### WESTERGASFABRIEK AMSTERDAM

As a former gasworks on the edge of the vibrant city of Amsterdam, the Westergasfabriek oozes a unique mood of adventure and energy. There are various galleries, shops and restaurants, a cinema and a theatre. (Urban) <http://www.westergasfabriek.nl/>

#### WESTERGASFABRIEK, CONFERENCE HALL



#### EVENT SPACE



#### WHAKATANE LIBRARY & EXHIBITION CENTRE

Linking the Whakatane District community with their Library, Museum and Gallery. Events will be held at the museum and gallery, with the aim of learning from the past, engage with the present and inspire the future. (Suburban) <http://www.whakatanemuseum.org.nz/>

#### LEARNING SPACE/PRODUCTIVE



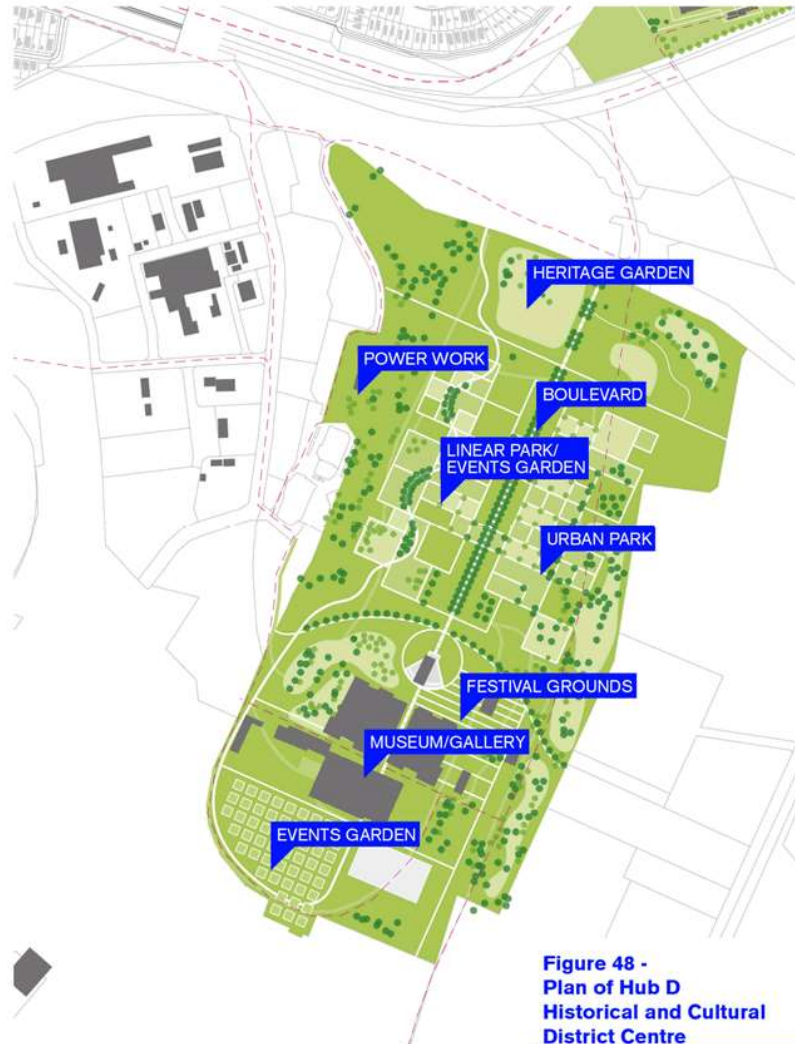
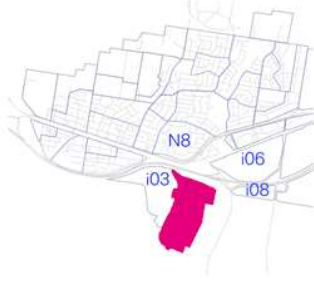
#### WHAKATANE EXHIBITION CENTRE



**HUB  
D**

## POTENTIAL HUB

**Associated Neighbourhood(s) :**  
i03, i08, i06 and N8



**Figure 48 -  
Plan of Hub D  
Historical and Cultural  
District Centre**

## HUB PROFILE

Land Area :  
0.36 km<sup>2</sup>

Indicative Use :  
Low

Hierarchy Classification : State

Primary Function :  
Historical & Cultural

KEY ASSET(S) / FACILITY(IES) :

- Energy Brix
- Power Works Museum
- Lookout Point
- Land
- Former Rail Paths
- Bridge crossing Princes Freeway

## DESIGN GUIDELINES

## Key Objectives:

- Hub D, District Centre Historical and Cultural
- Consider re-purposing redundant infrastructure, building and land assets that are unique and significantly representative of the town's industrial heritage
- Develop land assets as event gardens + festival grounds
- Utilise redundant infrastructure trails to extend town pedestrian and bike paths, connect to other Hubs, and connect to Hazelwood Pondage

## EXISTING SITUATION (KEY ISSUES &amp; OPPORTUNITIES):

- Redundant infrastructure, building and land assets that are unique and significantly representative of the town's industrial heritage.
- Power Works Museum education and tourist centre
- Topographic height with lookout point from which to view key aspects of the town's industrial heritage.
- Proximity to Hub C, District Centre: Educational and Training, and potential connection to Hazelwood pondage.
- historical industrial coal-digger

## WHAT WE HAVE HEARD:

- Strengthen industrial tourism
- Strengthen nature based tourism
- Morwell identity distinct from other LV towns
- Telling 'The Morwell Story' (Past/Present/Future)
- Preservation/celebration of heritage
- Better connections to external landscape assets
- More street trees, and greenery/gardens
- Re-use of power stations
- Grow local arts & crafts base and make more visible public art

## EXISTING PLANS &amp; STRATEGIES:

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## FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

- Advocate and support the preservation, re-purposing, renovation, and re-branding of industrial built assets that are unique in Australia, to celebrate Morwell's industrial heritage, contribute to the transformation and re-branding of Morwell, and develop new industries in the region to diversify and support businesses and industry across the town.
- Promote industrial tourism as an integrated component of rejuvenated parks, event gardens, heritage gardens and reserves as a green network encouraging active healthy lifestyle choices
- Support and extend the existing Power Works industrial tourism activities
- Explore the connectivity of this Hub to other Hubs in Morwell, and adjacent neighbourhoods through walking and bike path links that utilise redundant rail paths and infrastructure assets
- Consider the potential to connect to other industrial assets, such as the Hazelwood Pondage, and other towns through an extended bike and pedestrian path network



## POTENTIAL HUB ACTIVITY

VIEW OF HUB D, HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL DISTRICT CENTRE PROGRAM AND SPATIAL INTENT



### HERITAGE GARDEN

These heritage gardens and trees will provide a setting and context to the Hub and suggested activities. The Gardens and trees will add cultural significance – aesthetic, cultural, historical, and social.

museum and festival grounds, while meandering through the urban park and boulevard.

### URBAN PARK

### FESTIVAL GROUNDS

### LINEAR PARK/ EVENT GARDEN

A linear park containing a number of trails, a shared path for cyclists and pedestrians which has good connections to on-road paths, and links directly to nearby attractions like power works, heritage garden,

### MUSEUM/GALLERY



## PRECEDENTS



**Figure 49 -  
Axonometric of Hub D  
Historical and Cultural  
District Centre**

### TATE MODERN

In December 1992 the Tate Trustees announced their intention to create a gallery for international modern and contemporary art in London. The former Bankside Power Station was selected as the new gallery site in 1994. (Urban) <http://www.tate.org.uk/visit/tate-modern>



## PUBLIC WORKS

### ZOLLVEREIN COAL MINE INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

#### TOURIST ATTRACTION AND EVENT VENUE



#### EVENT VENUE



#### Where:

City of Essen, North Rhine-Westphalia, DE

#### Objectives:

- Preservation of an industrial monument
- Creation of cultural hub

#### Outcomes:

Zollverein Coal Mine Industrial Complex is a large former industrial site in the city of Essen, North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany. It has been inscribed into the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites, and is one of the anchor points of the European Route of Industrial Heritage.

#### More Info:

<http://www.zollverein.de/>

# HUB E

## HUB STATEMENT

Associated  
Neighbourhood(s) :  
N02, N03

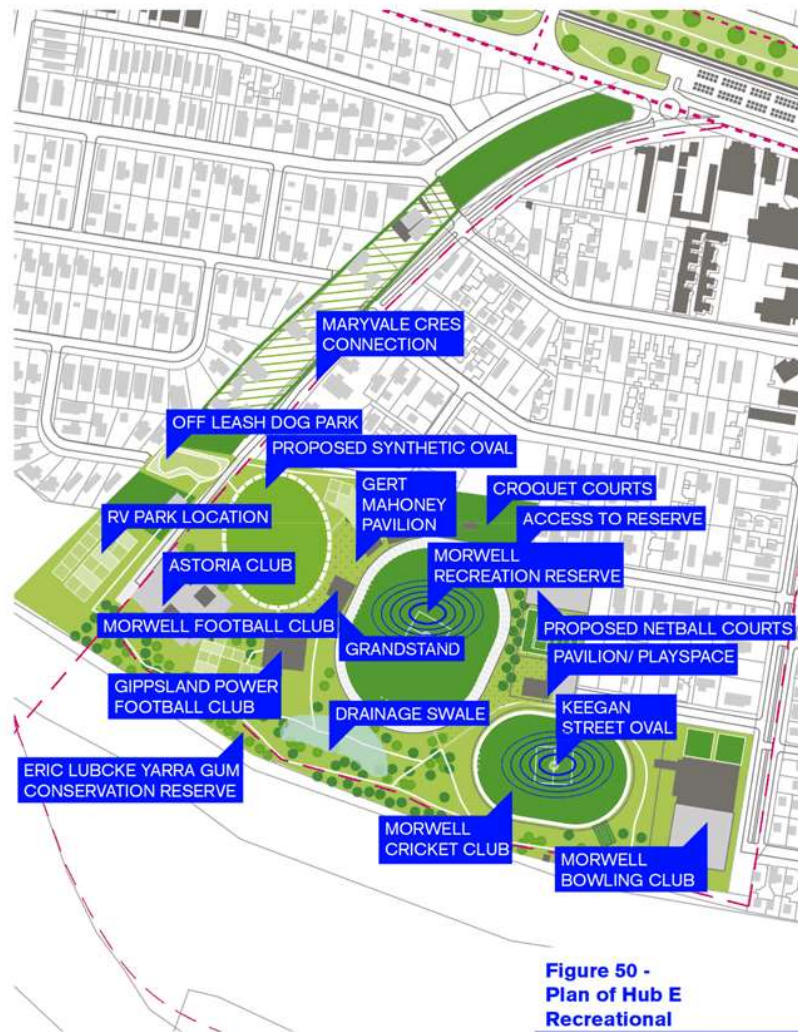


Figure 50 -  
Plan of Hub E  
Recreational

### HUB PROFILE

Land Area :  
0.15 km<sup>2</sup>

Indicative Use :  
High Level of community and sporting  
group usage

Hierarchy Classification :  
Regional

Primary Function :  
Sport

Level Of Use :  
High

### KEY ASSET(S) / FACILITY(IES) :

- |   |   |   |
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| <p><b>Morwell Recreation Reserve</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'A' grade oval</li> <li>• Sports field floodlighting</li> <li>• Grandstand</li> <li>• Morwell Football Netball Club social rooms</li> <li>• Gert Mahoney Pavilion</li> <li>• Gippsland Power offices</li> <li>• Gippsland Power indoor training facility</li> <li>• 'Legends Bar'</li> <li>• Netball court</li> <li>• Scoreboard</li> <li>• Ticket booth</li> <li>• Public toilets</li> <li>• Change room facilities</li> <li>• Croquet Courts (2)</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Croquet clubhouse+storage</li> <li>• Car parking</li> </ul> <p><b>Keegan Street Reserve</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'B' grade oval</li> <li>• Sports field floodlighting</li> <li>• Pavilion</li> <li>• Cricket nets (4)</li> <li>• Public toilets</li> </ul> <p><b>Old Morwell Caravan Park</b></p> <p><b>Eric Lubcke Yarra Gum Conservation Reserve</b></p> | <p><b>Facilities :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ AFL</li> <li>▪ Cricket</li> <li>▪ Netball</li> <li>▪ Croquet</li> <li>▪ Oktoberfest</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Groups :</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Gippsland Power Football Club</li> <li>▪ Morwell Football Netball Club</li> <li>▪ Morwell Cricket Club</li> <li>▪ Morwell Croquet Club</li> <li>▪ German Astoria Club</li> </ul> |
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**Key Objectives:**

- Hub E, Local Hub Recreational Hub
- Connect through networked pedestrian and bicycle paths
- Enhance + upgrade parks and reserves
- Support recreation facilities

**EXISTING SITUATION (KEY ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES):**

- Redundant Caravan Park to be utilised to increase all-year recreation facilities
- A collection of diverse clubs, facilities and sports grounds
- Adjacency to local neighbourhoods
- A buffer between the town and the Princes Freeway, and Hazelwood Mine

**WHAT WE HAVE HEARD:**

- Strengthen nature based tourism
- Strengthen sport based tourism.
- Enclosed off leash dog & children parks
- Focus on youth/child friendly activity
- Better use/ maintenance of existing open spaces
- Improved visual & physical connections
- Better connections to external landscape assets
- Improved destination facilities for cyclists in centre
- Recreational vehicle parking

**EXISTING PLANS & STRATEGIES:****MORWELL RECREATION RESERVE PRECINCT MASTER PLAN**

- The Morwell Recreation Reserve Precinct Master Plan was commissioned by Latrobe City Council in 2013 to establish a 'precinct scale' vision and direction for the future planning and provision of sport and community infrastructure across the multifacility and sporting site.
- [http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/files/e6cc323f-530a-447a-be59-a35c00a43d51/Morwell\\_Recreation\\_Reserve\\_Master\\_Plan\\_Final\\_Report\\_June\\_2014.pdf](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/files/e6cc323f-530a-447a-be59-a35c00a43d51/Morwell_Recreation_Reserve_Master_Plan_Final_Report_June_2014.pdf)

**MORWELL OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN, JUNE 2008, LATROBE CITY COUNCIL**

- The Morwell Outdoor Recreation Plan provides a policy position and clear directions for the provision of outdoor recreation facilities in Morwell in line with Council's 2021 vision.
- [http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/files/f0593ad9-def2-4883-820d-a0c300f2dd95/Morwell\\_Outdoor\\_Recreation\\_Plan\\_adopted\\_16\\_June\\_2008.pdf](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/files/f0593ad9-def2-4883-820d-a0c300f2dd95/Morwell_Outdoor_Recreation_Plan_adopted_16_June_2008.pdf)

**FUTURE CONSIDERATION:**

- Consider how the management of each space might be more efficiently managed, and effectively scheduled to contribute to the health and safety of the area
- Advocate and promote the utilisation of the sports facilities (Morwell recreation reserve, netball courts, football grounds, Morwell Bowling Club) to be utilised for local, regional, state, and national schedule of sporting events, shows, and activities.
- Explore the provision of an off-leash dog area to service the local neighbourhood and adjacent aged care facility
- Enhance and care for the adjacent linear nature reserve and Eric Lubcke Reserve + consider how these spaces might be integrated as a part of the area's maintenance and management schedule to aesthetically and practically develop and support a healthy and active environment
- Investigate the possibility of locating an RV park adjacent to the Eric Lubcke Reserve to service and attract RV tourism
- Explore the connectivity and access of this Hub to other Hubs in Morwell, and the local neighbourhood through walking and bike path links along Maryvale Crescent, and existing reserves, including the connection to and activation of the redundant rail path
- Consider how to support and schedule the operations and activities of the Astoria Club and the Morwell Bowling Club to extend, enhance and activate the area with diverse events that operate in times when the sports grounds are not occupied
- Explore the development of a concept plan for rose garden to rose park extension

**VICTORIA'S TRAILS STRATEGY 2014 - 24, JULY 2014, TOURISM VIC**

- The purpose of Victoria's Trails Strategy 2014 - 2024 is to provide a whole-of-government approach and clear vision regarding the planning, management and promotion of trails in Victoria.
- <https://www.tourism.vic.gov.au/component/edocman/?view=document&task=document.download&id=748>

**TRACKS, TRAIL AND PATHS DRAFT STRATEGY, 2015, LATROBE CITY COUNCIL**

- The strategy is designed to encourage more walking and cycling in Latrobe City to reach a target of two kilometres or 30 minutes a day.
- [http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/files/13b0030a-4b51-4161-b75c-a4a7011d040f/150331\\_Strategy\\_for\\_Consultation\\_Version\\_3.pdf](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/files/13b0030a-4b51-4161-b75c-a4a7011d040f/150331_Strategy_for_Consultation_Version_3.pdf)

**GIPPSLAND TOURISM MARKETING PLAN, 2012 - 2015**

- [http://www.destinationgippsland.com.au/images/Marketing\\_Gippsland\\_Final\\_10\\_DPS.pdf](http://www.destinationgippsland.com.au/images/Marketing_Gippsland_Final_10_DPS.pdf)

## HUB ACTIVITY

**MORWELL RECREATION RESERVE**  
Walking paths and loops through the hub for accessibility and exercise. Formalise connection between east and west side of Maryvale Crescent.

**KEEGAN STREET OVAL**  
Improve drainage and surface of Keegan Street Reserve playing field.

**PROPOSED SYNTHETIC OVAL**  
Multiuse community synthetic playing field to be used for a range of sport and community activities.

**PAVILION/PLAYSPACE**  
Proposed new shared pavilion to

service both Keegan Street. New accessible public playspace.

**PROPOSED NETBALL COURTS**  
Relocate existing netball court and construct additional asphalt netball courts North of proposed pavilion.

**DRAINAGE SWALE**  
Improve amenity to the drainage swale and consider boardwalk connections in flood prone areas.

**OFF-LEASH DOG PARK**

**ERIC LUBCKE YARRA GUM CONSERVATION RESERVE**

Improve access to Eric Lubcke Yarra Gum Conservation Reserve and provide interpretive signage at entry points and along the new shared pathway.

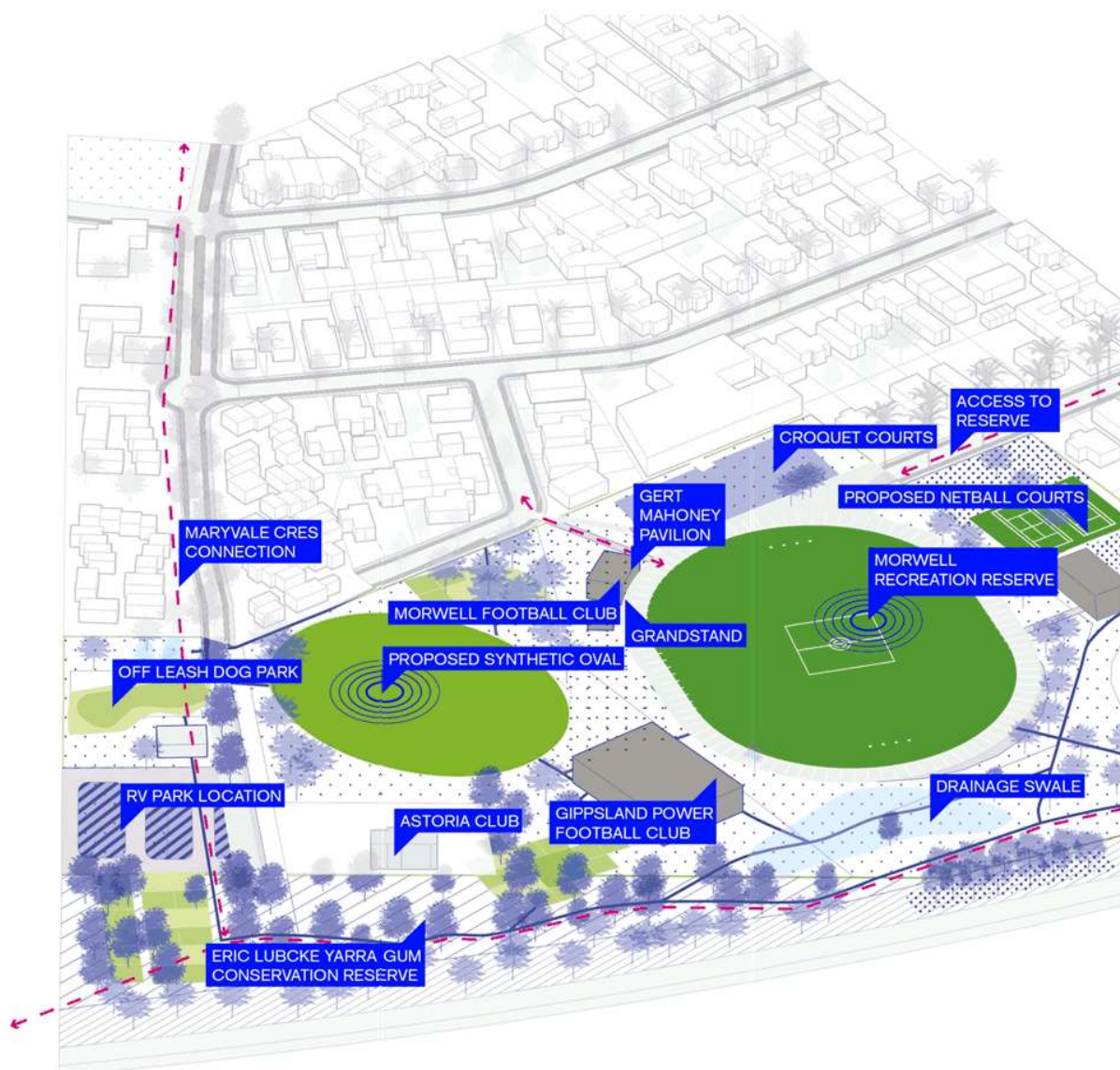
**GRANDSTAND**  
Extend and refurbish existing Morwell Football Club change facilities and amenities to service both the synthetic playing field and Morwell Recreation Reserve.

**GIPPSLAND POWER FOOTBALL CLUB**  
Extend and refurbish existing Gippsland Power offices to

accommodate the AFL Victoria Regional Administration Centre and other sports administration groups.

**GERT MAHONEY PAVILION**  
Upgrade existing Gert Mahoney Pavilion, Morwell Football/Netball clubrooms, kiosk and grandstand.

**RV PARK**  
Relocation of RV Park into adjoining area. Providing opportunity within the park for event overflow parking, egress and fire truck access.





## PRECEDENTS

### PUBLIC WORKS

#### TEMPLESTOWE RESERVE SPORTING PAVILION

The sports center makes use of solar panels on its roof to mitigate its energy usage. A large portion of the building materials were actually bricks recycled from an old stadium that used to occupy the site.  
<http://www.phooney.com.au/projects/99/templestowe-reserve-sporting-pavilion>



#### RMIT A'BECKETT URBAN SQUARE



#### ACCESS TO GUM RESERVE



#### OFF LEASH DOG PARK

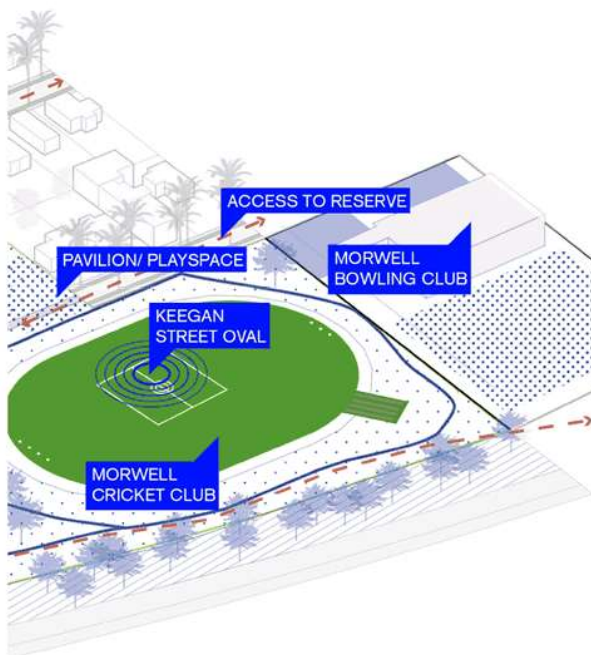


Figure 51 -  
Axonometric of Hub E  
Recreational

HUB  
F

HUB STATEMENT

Associated  
Neighbourhood(s) :  
N10, N15, N16 & N17

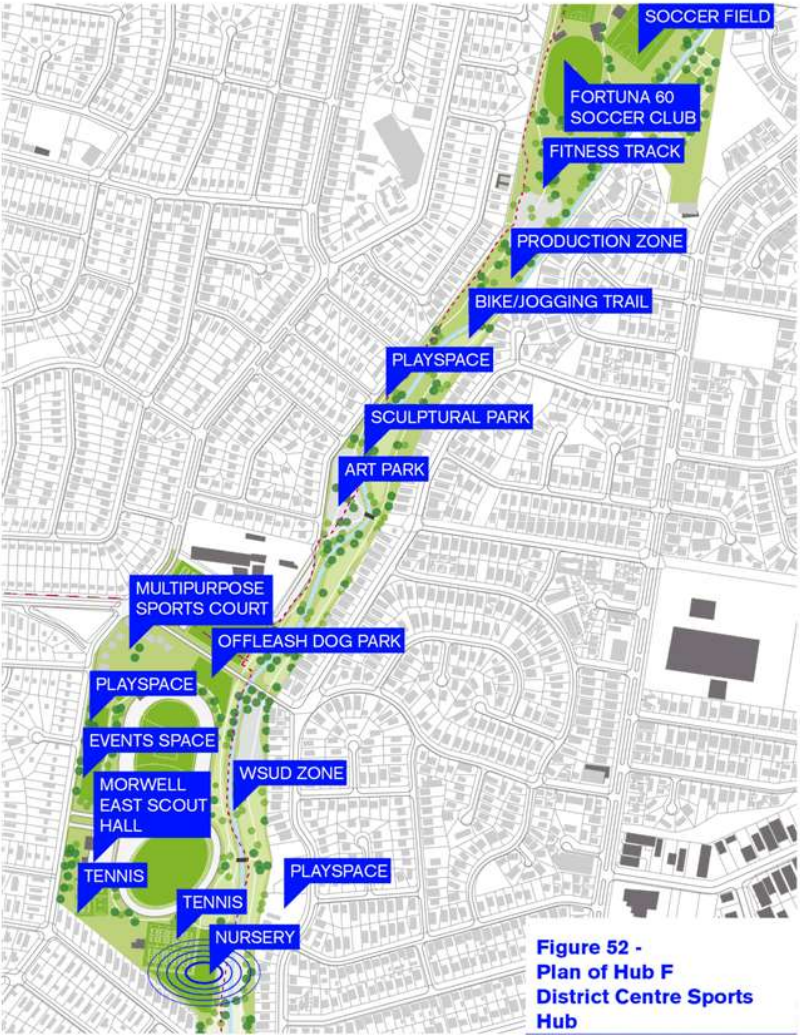


Figure 52 -  
Plan of Hub F  
District Centre Sports  
Hub

HUB PROFILE

Land Area :  
0.24 km<sup>2</sup>

Indicative Use :  
High

Hierarchy Classification :  
Local

Primary Function :  
Sport

KEY ASSET(S) / FACILITY(IES) :

- Football / cricket oval
- Cricket nets
- Netball court
- Tennis courts (5 with lighting)
- Soccer pitch
- Pavilions and Halls
- Playgrounds
- Public Restroom
- Art Work at Waterhole Creek

Community Groups :

- Morwell East Football Netball Club Morwell East Tennis Club
- Morwell Pegasus Soccer Club
- Morwell Tennis Club
- Morwell Cricket Club



## DESIGN GUIDELINES

## Key Objectives:

- Connect and integrate all recreation facilities through the enhancement of the Water-Hole Creek natural corridor
- Connect through networked pedestrian and bicycle paths
- Enable a greater connection to local neighbourhoods

## EXISTING SITUATION (KEY ISSUES &amp; OPPORTUNITIES):

- Water-Hole Creek natural corridor
- Underutilised open space
- A collection of diverse clubs, facilities and sports grounds
- Adjacency to local neighbourhoods
- Proximity to Hub C, District Centre: Educational and Training
- proximity to Mid-Valley

## WHAT WE HAVE HEARD:

- Strengthen nature based tourism
- Strengthen sport based tourism
- Enclosed off leash dog & children parks
- Focus on youth/child friendly activity
- Better use/ maintenance of existing open spaces
- Improved visual & physical connections
- Waterhole creek - clean up but generally beautification/activation
- Better connections to external landscape assets
- Improved destination facilities for cyclists in centre

## EXISTING PLANS &amp; STRATEGIES:

## MORWELL OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN, JUNE 2008, LATROBE CITY COUNCIL

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## DRAFT LATROBE CITY COUNCIL, ARTS STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN, 2016-2019

- The strategy will guide provision of arts services, activities and events into the future and will provide a focus on the important role that the arts can play in Latrobe City being a vibrant and great place to live, work and visit.
- [http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/files/ba2a2fa4-dc72-4f63-97f3-a51400e71baa/Draft\\_LC\\_Arts\\_Strategy\\_Action\\_Plan\\_2016-19.pdf](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/files/ba2a2fa4-dc72-4f63-97f3-a51400e71baa/Draft_LC_Arts_Strategy_Action_Plan_2016-19.pdf)

## KEY RECOMMENDATION:

- Develop landscape design plan for Hub F that integrates the diverse recreational programs (e.g. playgrounds, sculpture park, off-leash dog areas, nursery, art parks, fitness track, walking + bike paths) along Waterhole Creek to activate the area and support the natural health of the riparian landscape

## ACTIONS:

## 1. Off Leash Dog Parks

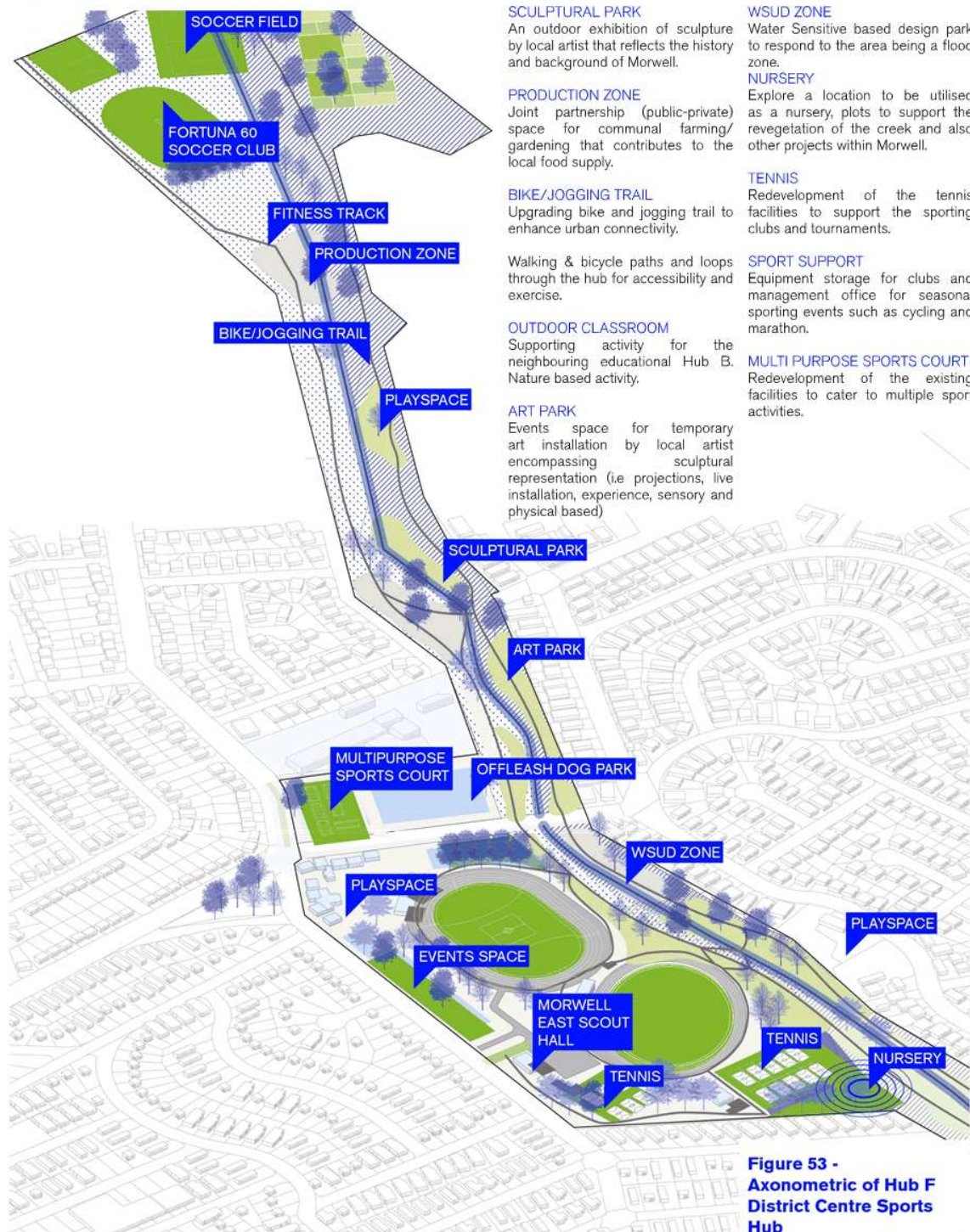
\$12,000 (Council Funding Contribution)  
Latrobe City Council to secure State Government Funding.  
*Refer to chapter 4.1 Making it Happen - Project 5.*

## FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

- Consider the type and location of specific activities to support the local neighbourhoods, with careful attention given to the youth demographic
- Advocate and promote the utilisation of the sports facilities (Tennis club, netball courts, football grounds, soccer fields) to be utilised for local, regional, state, and national schedule of sporting events, shows, and activities
- Explore the connectivity of this Hub to other Hubs in Morwell, and the local neighbourhood through walking and bike path links
- Consider how the management of each space might be more efficiently managed, and effectively scheduled to contribute to the health and safety of the area

## HUB ACTIVITY

View of Hub F, District Centre Sports Hub  
Program and spatial intent



**Figure 53 -  
Axonometric of Hub F  
District Centre Sports  
Hub**



## PRECEDENTS



## PUBLIC WORKS

### WESTERGASFABRIEK AMSTERDAM

As a former gasworks on the edge of the vibrant city of Amsterdam, the Westergasfabriek oozes a unique mood of adventure and energy. There are various galleries, shops and restaurants, a cinema and a theatre. (Urban Area)  
<http://www.westergasfabriek.nl/>

### BRISBANE CITY - ART IN PUBLIC PLACES

Art in Public Places recognises that a creative city celebrates its diversity through a range of activities that enliven public space. (Urban Area)  
[http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/sites/default/files/20141017\\_-\\_art\\_policy\\_booklet.pdf](http://www.brisbane.qld.gov.au/sites/default/files/20141017_-_art_policy_booklet.pdf)

### COPSLEY ORNAMENTALS

Ornamental sunflower growing in Mornington Peninsula. (Regional Area)

### SCULPTURAL PARK



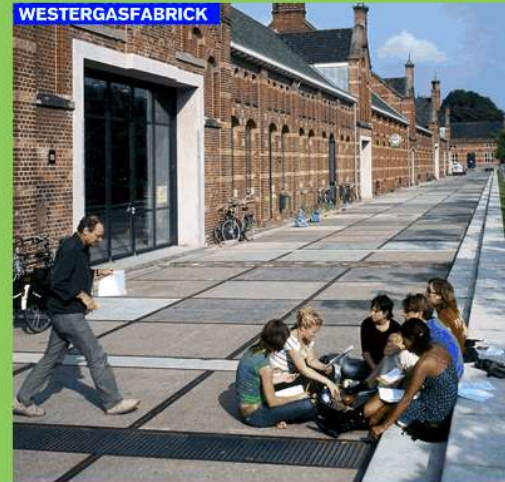
### SUNFLOWER FIELD



### JOGGING/BIKE TRAIL



### WESTERGASFABRICK



### PUBLIC ART



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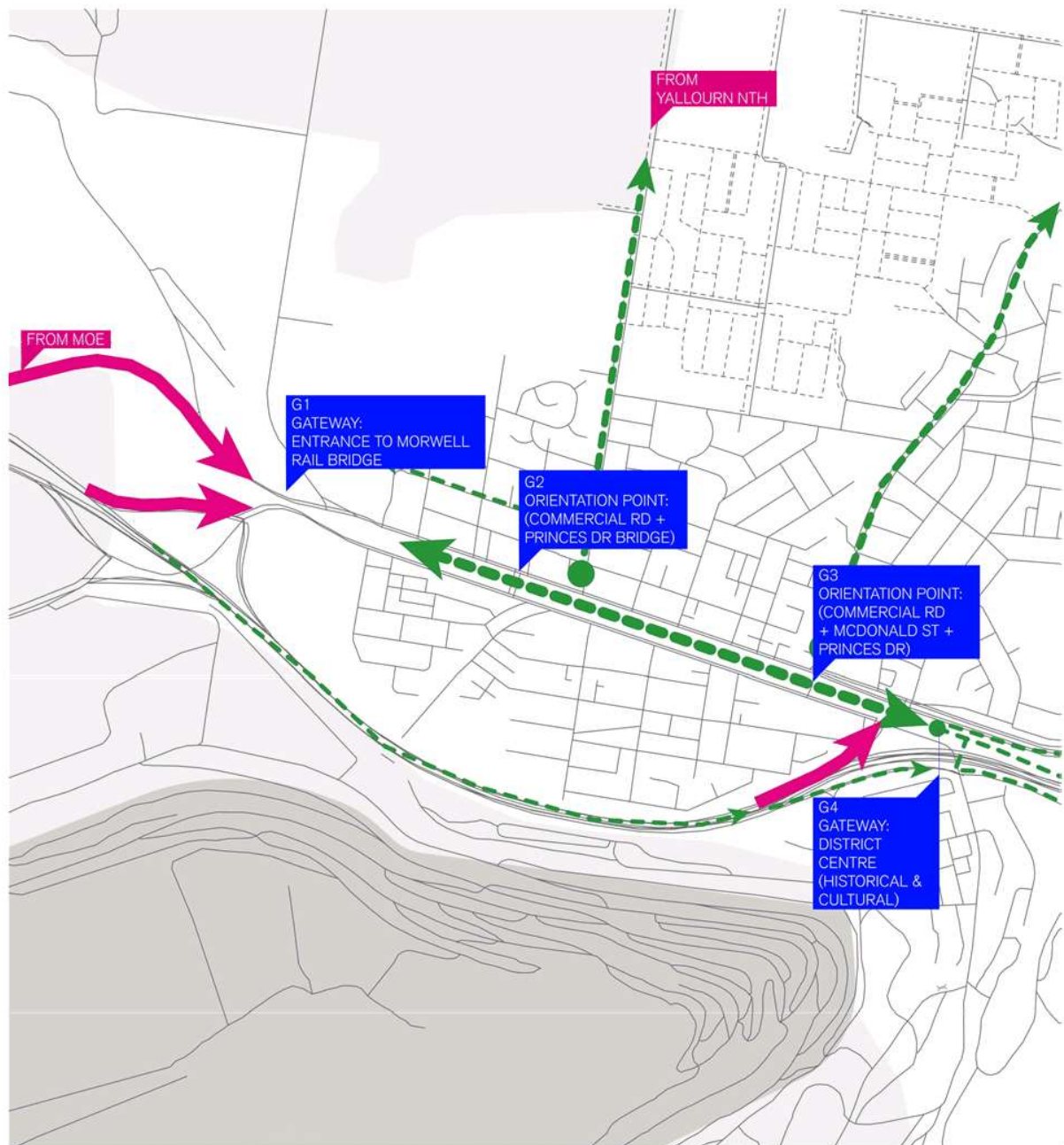
## **FUTURE MORWELL**

### **3.0 | MY TOWN**

#### **3.2 | TOWN GATEWAYS**



## 3.2 TOWN GATEWAYS

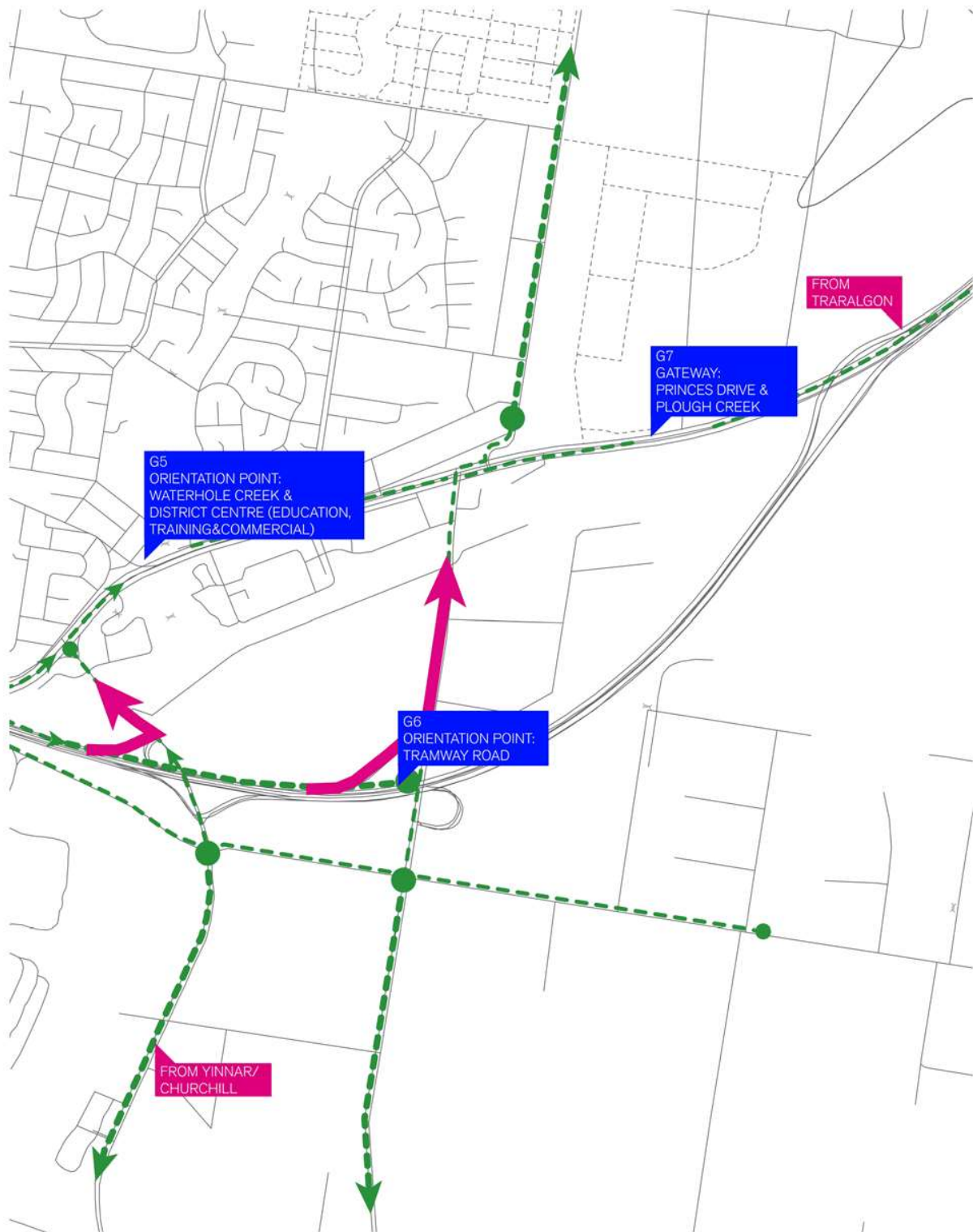


**Figure 54 -  
Plan of Gateways**

Key

<b>G1</b> Gateway: Entrance (Rail Bridge)	<b>G3</b> (Commercial Rd + McDonald St+Princes Dr)	<b>G5</b> & District Centre (Education, Training & Commercial)	<b>G7</b> (Princes drive & Plough Creek)
<b>G2</b> (Commercial Rd+Princes Dr Brg)	<b>G4</b> Gateway: District Centre (Historical & Cultural)	<b>G6</b> (Tramway Road)	
Gateway: Orientation Point	Gateway: Waterhole Creek	Gateway: Orientation Point	



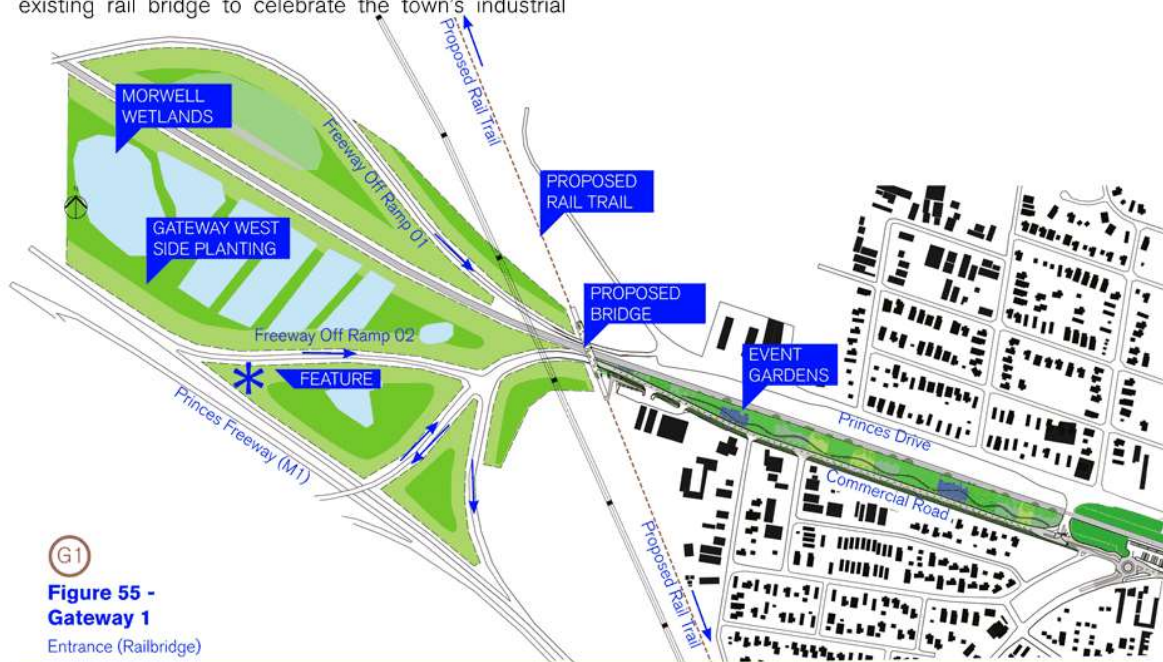


## 3.2 TOWN GATEWAYS

### GATEWAY 1

Gateways are the opportunity to celebrate and contribute to building an identity for Morwell, and develop key points for orientation, navigation and legibility in the urban fabric for locals and visitors. There are currently 5 off-ramp exits from the Princes Freeway into Morwell which serve residents with a local-knowledge of the town well, but may be confusing to visitors. Gateway 'G1' is proposed as the Western entrance and the major entrance to the town, it will act as a welcoming to visitors, a 'welcome-home' to locals, and utilise the existing rail bridge to celebrate the town's industrial

heritage reshaped to project a new future. Gate 'G7' is proposed as the Eastern entrance. The remaining freeway off-ramps will be defined as navigational gateways 'G4' and 'G6'. Two orientation gateways 'G2' and 'G3' are proposed at the rail bridges that connect Commercial Road to Princess Drive and another at 'G5' at the Waterhole Creek crossing, to identify the area, and assist in navigation.







Gateway Precident Images



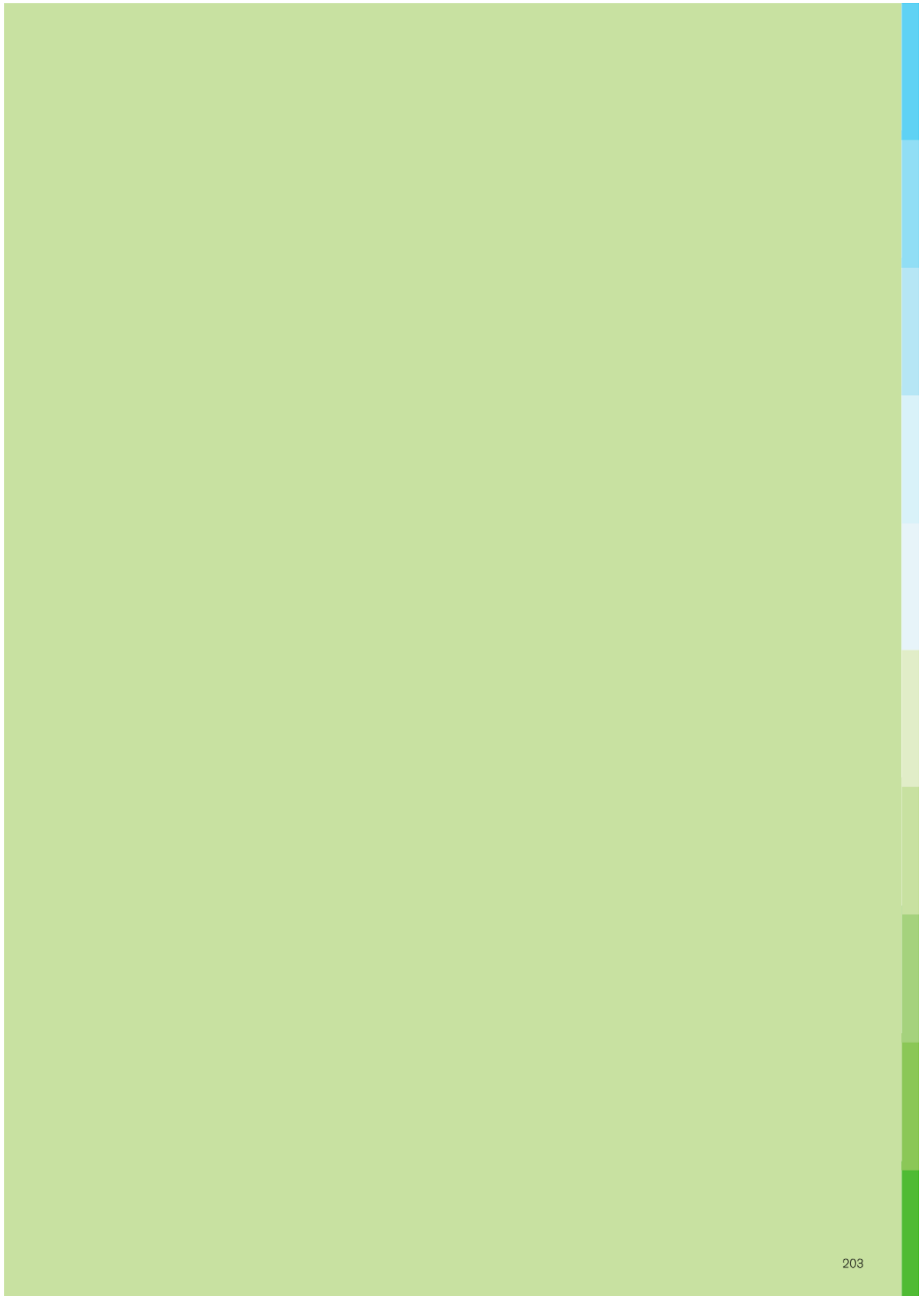
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## **FUTURE MORWELL**

### **3.0 | MY TOWN**

#### **3.3 | NEIGHBOURHOODS**





### 3.3 | NEIGHBOURHOODS OVERVIEW

#### NEIGHBOURHOODS

In simple terms a neighbourhood is conceived of as a localised community within Morwell's larger town structure. In good examples, neighbourhoods can be seen to be important in creating a sense of place and belonging for individuals and the communities they make, and contributing to the richness of one's life. They are places in which individuals and families come together, healthy communities are fostered, personal growth is encouraged, and dynamic life thrives in a safe and healthy environment that provides many options for residents in all stages of their lives.

A considered neighbourhood structure woven through with the town's assets that include a network of parks and gardens, recreation centres, schools, cultural centres, neighbourhood organisations, and retail activities punctuated by moments of its historical industrial heritage. A better quality of life that is inviting, attractive, sustainable and affordable to a diverse range of households can be encouraged by utilising these assets through a diversified neighbourhood structure.

The aspiration is that residents can be conscious of belonging to a neighbourhood community and have a feeling of responsibility for it that inspires a sense of ownership and personal investment in its prosperity from which they, and their community, can benefit.

The neighbourhood structure is defined through existing characteristics, and elements that include existing land qualities, built assets, natural environment, accessibility, services, and public space that together significantly contribute to the liveability of our town and produce healthy, social and environmental benefits. These are compact neighbourhoods orientated around a population of approximately 500 people within easy walking distance of amenity and easy movement between neighbourhoods. They act as the foundation for greater social connectivity and the renewal of the built and public realm. Renewal strategies will vary per neighbourhood.

The neighbourhood strategy is intended to promote our understanding of public space and a productive sense of ownership to create a more sustainable, resilient, and healthy community orientated network throughout Morwell. It builds upon the existing social capital, contributes to greater social cohesion, and contributes to a sense of trust and inclusion.

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD DIVERSITY

The variety of neighbourhoods identified in this document aspires to celebrate the diversity of Morwell's physical and social fabric by building on its strengths. This is important to contributing to a range of neighbourhood choices that reinvigorate existing areas, and give direction to new development so as to improve the quality of life for its residents and attractiveness to potential new residents.

The diversity of neighbourhoods is an important way in which we can provide insight into the local community to which people can choose to identify. This may include the location and proximity to potential employment, education, health and community services, as well as social, cultural, and recreational opportunities.

A diversity of neighbourhoods across Morwell is important for the overarching prosperity of the town. Different types of neighbourhoods enable and support a diverse range of social amenities. Individual neighbourhoods are to have the capacity to address a range of qualities of life that we may not find existing entirely in any one neighbourhood, but we expect to find in the town's collective neighbourhoods.

Morwell's ability to enable liveability through its neighbourhoods and Hubs supports the health, wellbeing and the quality of life of people who live and work in them. This includes the broader societal and cultural characteristics of places and communities reflected in both its historical and contemporary ways of living. These values are also attached to places, objects, activities, events, the application of technology, and our interaction with the natural environment.

Supporting community wellbeing is one of the key objectives of the National Urban Policy (2012). Communities that 'support healthy living, social inclusion and civic engagement and offer good quality housing, education, employment, accessibility and amenity are more likely to develop, attract and retain talented and enterprising people, business and innovation'.

The State of Australian Cities report (2012) states that 'close attention to indicators of liveability such as equality, health, safety, affordability, accessibility, amenity and community wellbeing will help to monitor quality of life and social inclusion for Australia's diverse urban communities'.

Factors contributing to liveability include:

- **SAFETY**

The sense of physical and emotional security, primarily focused on the individual or family, but also extending to surroundings.

- **HEALTH**

Physical and mental wellbeing for all, including mental health + physical activity (walkable neighbourhoods).

- **EDUCATION**

The opportunity to gain a quality education for all ages, incomes + abilities.

- **PROSPERITY AND INCOME**

The opportunity for long-term, fulfilling employment that allows for personal growth, self-sufficiency, + wealth creation.

- **COMMUNITY**

The inherent sense of belonging with neighbours, sharing common interests + working together to achieve common goals, participation in sports activities, cultural + leisure activities, social capital, + volunteering.

- **PHYSICAL CONDITION**

The state of the built + natural environment.

- **HOUSING**

Quality dwelling options, the cost of living, + affordable housing.

- **MOBILITY + ACCESSIBILITY**

The ability to effectively and efficiently travel to work, access public transport, use of motorised mobility aids, modes of active travel, + internet access.

- **ENVIRONMENT**

The physical, chemical, + biotic factors that affect the surroundings + conditions in which a person, animal, or plant lives.

- **RECREATION + AMENITY**

Places to accommodate physical activity + social interaction, quality public spaces, recreational + cultural facilities, retail services + amenities.

- **CULTURE**

Numerous events + cultural activities that define the social composition of daily life.

'A liveable town supports the health, wellbeing and the quality of life of people who live and work in them. The way they are planned, designed, built and managed can enhance or detract from liveability.'

'The physical characteristics that contribute to the liveability of a town include land use, built form, quality and conservation of public spaces and natural environments, efficiency and options of transport, accessibility to work, education, health and community services and social and recreational opportunities.'

'The cultural characteristics of a town reflect both historical and contemporary ways of living, the values and meaning attached to places, objects, activities and events, the application of technologies and the interaction with the natural environment in which towns are located. The social aspects of cities include social capital and social cohesion that contribute to a sense of trust and inclusion.'

*Adapted from the National Urban Policy*

### 3.3

## NEIGHBOURHOODS

### HOW THE NEIGHBOURHOODS ARE DEFINED?

#### NEIGHBOURHOODS

The neighbourhood precincts are defined through key existing characteristic elements. These elements are utilised to identify a neighbourhood precinct which in turn is to inform the proposed future design and development of the area.

Many of these characteristics are defined through its physical qualities, however it also recognises identifiable existing communities through their broader social and cultural connection to place reflected in contemporary and historical ways of living together.

In this manner the neighbourhood structure is proposed to strengthen existing neighbourhood communities, and promote the development of others, so that it might engender greater connection within each neighbourhood, and bolster connectivity across the all neighbourhoods in Morwell.

The intention is to enhance the physical, economic, environmental, and social character of Morwell through its neighbourhood structure, and add to its regional lifestyle. This Plan recognises that significant change will be most effective when the governance structures of the local government work collaboratively with the community (Refer to: Future Morwell Future Latrobe Valley - Steps to a Shared Vision). This is important in enabling the community to play an important role in the transformation of their neighbourhood that also engenders a sense of ownership, shared management, diversity, and pride of place.

Key characteristics include:

- **EXISTING BUILDING**

Historical Building  
Heritage Significance  
Quality & Condition  
Era & Style of Building

- **VEGETATION**

Area & Density of Vegetation  
Types of Vegetation  
Height & Topology

- **HEIGHT & BUILDING FORM**

Shapes & Form  
Visual Accessibility / Composition  
Spacing of Structures & Pattern

- **MATERIAL & DESIGN DETAIL**

Colour of the Structures  
Features of Structure  
Types of Material  
Design Details

- **FRONT BOUNDARY TREATMENT**

Size of Frontage Area  
Surface Treatment  
Landscape Type

- **LOT LAND AREA / DENSITY**

Lot Area of Properties  
Shapes & Pattern of Lot  
Structures Orientation

- **ROAD-SPACE TREATMENT**

Road Designs  
Design Material  
Pedestrian Connectivity  
Nature Strips & Features

- **TOPOGRAPHY**

Form (Steep, Flat & Undulating)

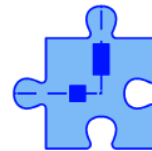


## BUILDING THE NEIGHBOURHOODS



### 01 IDENTIFY NEIGHBOURHOOD

- a. Building character
- b. Relationship to primary road
- c. Topography and natural landscape features
- d. Size of area and current population



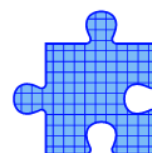
### 05 IDENTIFY & DEFINE PUBLIC OPEN SPACE, COMMUNITY FACILITIES, COMMERCIAL & RETAIL

- a. Define through Landscape treatment
- b. Connect Asset with Path
- c. Consolidate and enhance



### 02 DEFINE NEIGHBOURHOOD

- a. Apply landscape treatment to perimeter road. (Treatment consistent where possible across all neighbourhoods)
- b. Tree Planting



### 06 IDENTIFY & DEFINE TERTIARY ROADS

- a. Apply Landscape Treatment to Tertiary Roads within the each neighbourhood.
- b. Identify community strategies for tertiary renewal



### 03 IDENTIFY ASSETS

- a. Built Assets
- b. Land Assets
- c. Historical or Architectural Character
- d. Community Groups



### 07 NEIGHBOURHOOD ADJACENCIES WITH OTHER LANDUSE

- a. Edge as buffer
- b. Define a thicken buffer between neighbourhoods + industry/ infrastructure define space



### 04 IDENTIFY & DEFINE CONNECTING ROADS

- a. Key Secondary Roads apply with landscape treatment that is specific and connected to edge
- b. Connection to (Pedestrian & Bike) Pathway network



### 08 EDGES AS TRANSITION SPACE FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS & INDUSTRY/INFRASTRUCTURE DEFINE

- a. Define and thicken buffer between neighbourhood and open space/ hub
- b. To be permeable and act as a transition space.

## FUTURE MORWELL – APPENDIX.

## REFER TO:

- 3.5 NEIGHBOURHOOD COMPARISONS - NEIGHBOURHOOD BREAKDOWN

**IDENTIFYING NEIGHBOURHOODS**

This Plan defines 27 potential residential neighbourhoods in Morwell (including existing residential areas and future planned developments) and 7 industrial neighbourhoods.

The urban fabric of the town has been mapped to identify the existing and future residential areas, the existing and planned industrial areas, and the commercial zones. Further distinction of the neighbourhoods was made through an examination of the existing built character in relationship to the primary arterial network of roads. This relationship begins to define and distinguish the 'place' of the neighbourhood, and minimise unwanted through-traffic from each area. The major roads contribute to defining the perimeter of the neighbourhoods, whereas internal neighbourhood streets describe and control the internal circulation. These secondary and tertiary streets are physically thinner than the major roads, and are often found to be curved in design for both safety and aesthetic purposes. They discourage through traffic, and simultaneously enhance pedestrian safety.

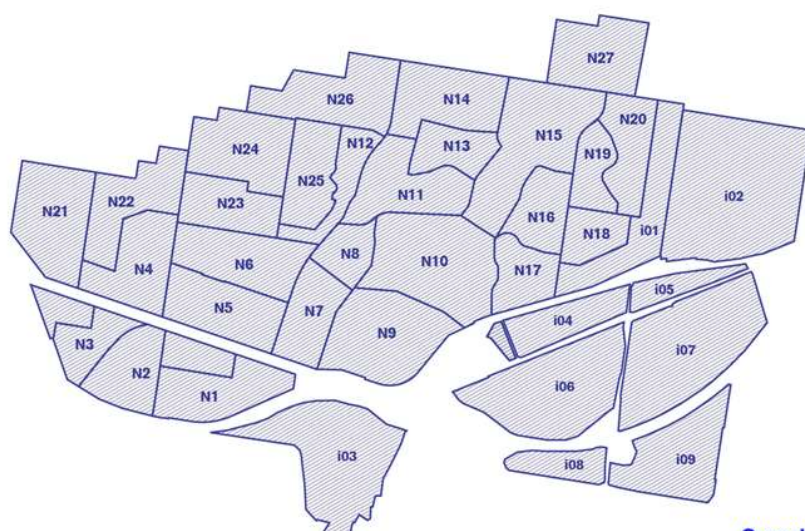
The natural topography of the land can be seen to inform the primary road network, and consequently shape neighbourhoods into specific terrain types. The terrain can be seen to inform the built fabric through the consideration of view and aspect that informs the location and building type. Historically identifiable

architectural styles, building materials, and construction techniques also play a role in distinguishing individual neighbourhoods.

Much of the physical definition of the neighbourhood's urban form is symptomatic of the period in which it was built that typically. The design of the neighbourhoods typically focused on engineering, surveying and lot yield efficiency.

The town's neighbourhood structure is inseparable from the historical processes that formed them, so that it can be observed to contain elements and characteristics that are uniquely associated with its industrial heritage.

The combination of these factors has been fundamental in shaping Morwell, and the location and physical character of its neighbourhoods. Moving forward it is important that this plan consider and direct how neighbourhoods also constitute the social and economic wellbeing of the area, and provide a framework for a community that is sustainable, safe, efficient and vibrant.



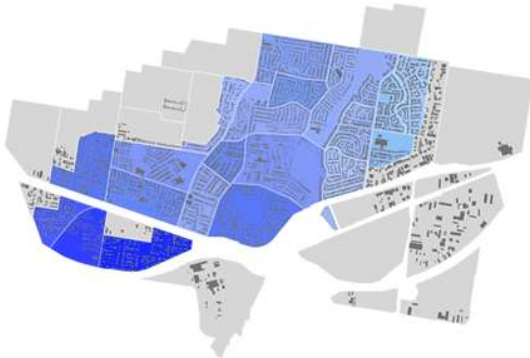
**Overall Morwell  
Neighbourhoods**



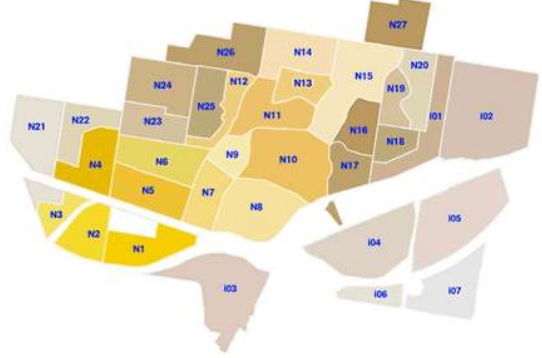
Aerial Image of Morwell



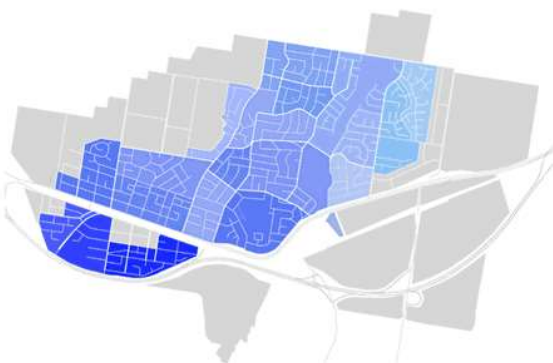
Landscape Character



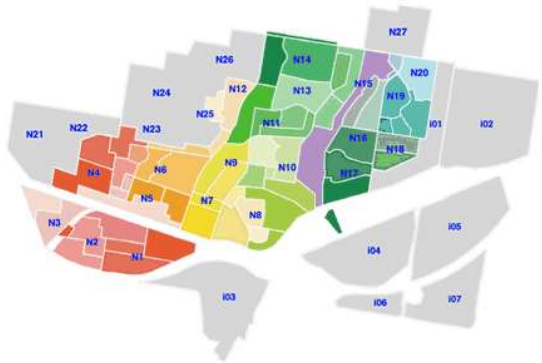
Built Character



Neighbourhood Precincts



Road Network



Neighbourhoods

#### EXISTING PLANS & STRATEGIES:

- Morwell North West Development Plan, Latrobe City Council, CPG
- Morwell North West Development Plan Background Analysis, Latrobe City Council, CPG
- Morwell East Industrial Precinct Development Plan, NBA Group

#### ADDITIONAL MATERIAL(S) :

- Latrobe City Council GIS layers
- Morwell North West Development Plan
- Morwell East Industrial Precinct Development Plan



# Neighbourhood N01

## NEIGHBOURHOOD STATEMENT

### KEY ACTIONS

#### Community Hub

Library relocation, community centre, event venue, town hall and community garden. An element within the production network.

#### Linear Park / Events Garden

#### Extension of Green Boulevard

into neighbouring precinct to create a connection between the linear park and the production buffer zones.

#### Green Boulevard

Develop the nature strip to increase parking and pedestrian connection to surrounding sporting and recreation facilities.

#### Existing Roadside Planting

as a reference planting character of the precinct.

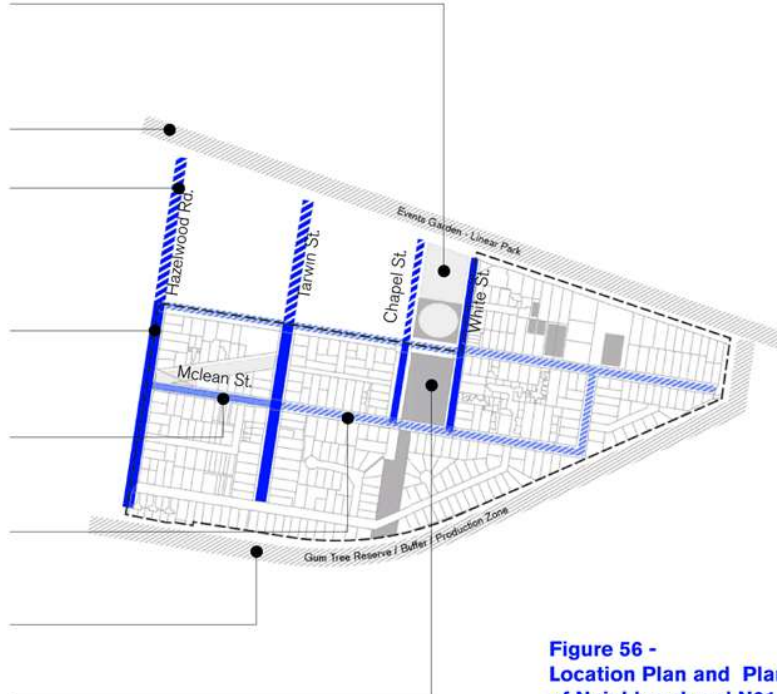
#### Extension of Roadside Planting

with the same tree species throughout the precinct.

#### Production Buffer Zones

with pathways connecting to trails, public fruit tree trail and nursery.

#### Expansion of Community Hub Programs



**Figure 56 -  
Location Plan and Plan  
of Neighbourhood N01**

### LOCATION PLAN



### PRECINCT PROFILE

Land Area :  
0.41 km

No. Of Houses :  
420 units

Indicative Population :  
882

Indicative Housing Cost :  
\$212,000

### KEY ASSET(S)

Community Group(s) :  
Morwell RSL Club  
BNYM Indigenous Designs  
Morwell Catholic Parish

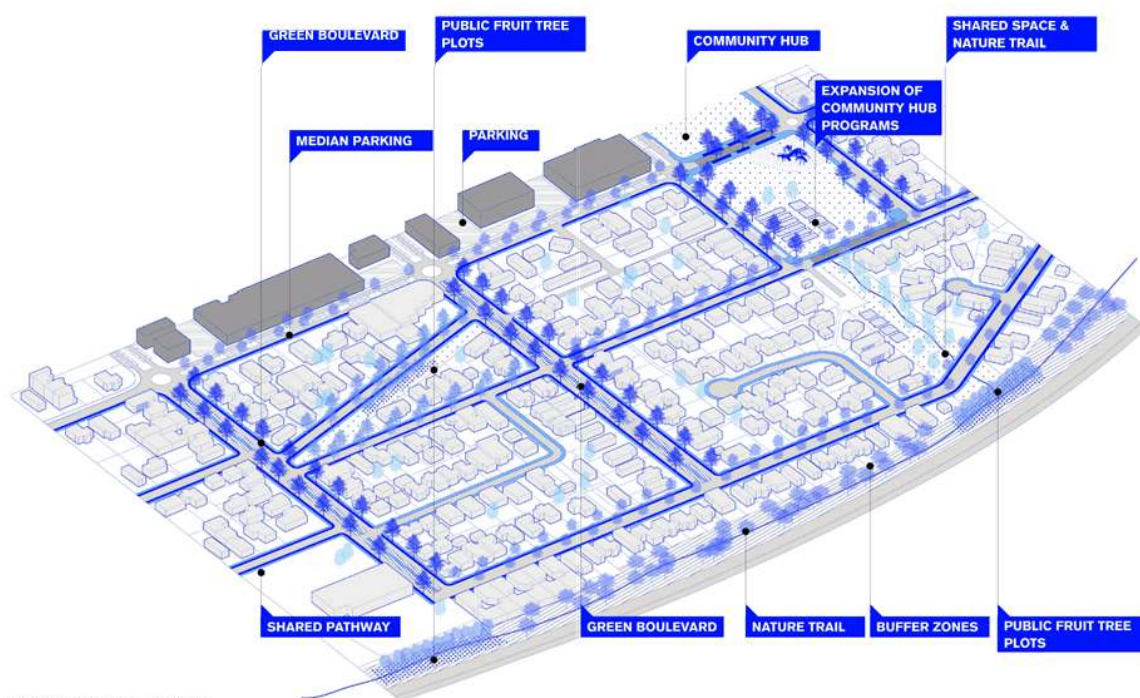
Green Space/Park(s) :  
Morwell Wooden Park  
Morwell Park Primary School

Heritage Building(s) :  
Greek Orthodox Church  
46 Elgin St.  
  
Presbyterian Manse - Weatherboard House  
42 Elgin St.  
  
1890's Weatherboard Cottage  
30 Ann St.  
  
Luxford Appliance Repairs Art Deco  
29 White St.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD EXAMPLES







**Nature Trail Connects to Neighbouring Precinct. N02**

**Figure 57 - Axonometric of Neighbourhood N01**

#### SHARED PATHWAY

Standardise roadside shared pathway minimum width to enable roadside planting and add character to the area.

#### PUBLIC FRUIT TREE PLOTS

Various types of fruit to be used across public fruit trail plots.

Managed and maintained by local community with the help of a seed bank. Diversification of activity to support events and festivals.

#### BUFFER ZONES

Planted with native species.

Plots of land used by and for community projects.

Outdoor classroom trail; outdoor activities e.g. identifying plant species.

#### NATURE TRAIL

Trails that accommodate walkers, joggers and recreational cycling, connecting to other green networks throughout Morwell.

#### GREEN BOULEVARD

Boulevard with shared space and pathways as a connector from linear park to the Productive Buffer Zones.

Roadside planted with deciduous tree species to add character to neighbourhood and differentiate hierarchy of connection.

#### MEDIAN PARKING

Re-appropriated parking spaces to enable and aid urban activation strategies.

#### PARKING

Re-appropriated parking spaces to enable and aid urban activation strategies.

#### COMMUNITY HUB

Library relocation, community centre, event venue, town hall and community garden. An element within the production network.

#### SHARED SPACE & NATURE TRAIL

Trail connecting community hub to buffer zones. Spaces within could be used for urban farming expansion or be rented out to eligible individuals or organization.

### NEIGHBOURHOOD EXAMPLES



**MORWELL RSL**



**BERG ST. NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK**

#### EXPANSION OF COMMUNITY HUB PROGRAMS

Urban Farming Plots

Community led Urban Farming plots for edible vegetation.

Plots could be expanded to neighbouring shared space for lease/rent.

## Neighbourhood N02

### NEIGHBOURHOOD STATEMENT

#### KEY ACTIONS

##### Linear Park / Events Garden

##### Rose Garden

##### Extension of Roadside Planting

with the same tree species throughout the precinct and continuity with appropriate species in the neighbouring precinct.

##### Green Boulevard

Develop the nature strip to increase parking and pedestrian connection to surrounding sporting and recreation facilities.

##### Existing Roadside Planting

Historical entry statement planting (palm) at Travers St. As a reference of street planting.

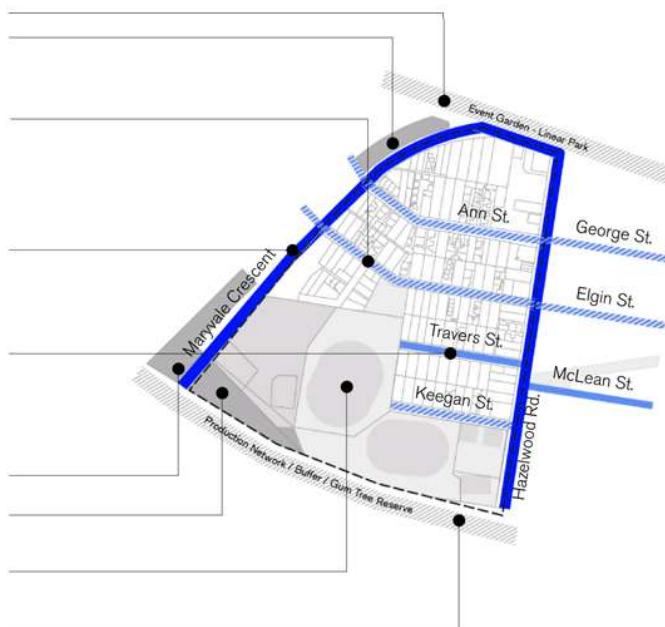
##### Expansion of Rose Garden

##### Eric Lubcke Yarra Gum Reserve

##### Recreational Sports Hub

##### Production Buffer Zones

With pathways connecting to trails, public fruit tree trail and nursery.



**Figure 58 -  
Location Plan and Plan of  
Neighbourhood N02**

#### LOCATION PLAN



#### PRECINCT PROFILE

Land Area :  
0.33 km

No. Of Houses :  
264

Indicative Population :  
554

Indicative Housing Cost :  
\$194,000

#### KEY ASSET(S)

Community Group(s) :  
Morwell Bowling Club  
Club Astoria

Green Space/Park(s) :  
Morwell Recreation Reserve  
Eric Lubcke Yarra Gum  
Reserve

Heritage Building(s) :  
Club Astoria  
Canary Island Palm Avenue - Travers Street  
Palms  
House - 28 Hazelwood Road  
House - 26 Hazelwood Road  
Annie's & George Bills' Horse Trough  
Morwell Masonic Temple  
House 30 - Ann Street  
Former Morwell Town Hall – Latrobe Valley Art  
Gallery

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSETS

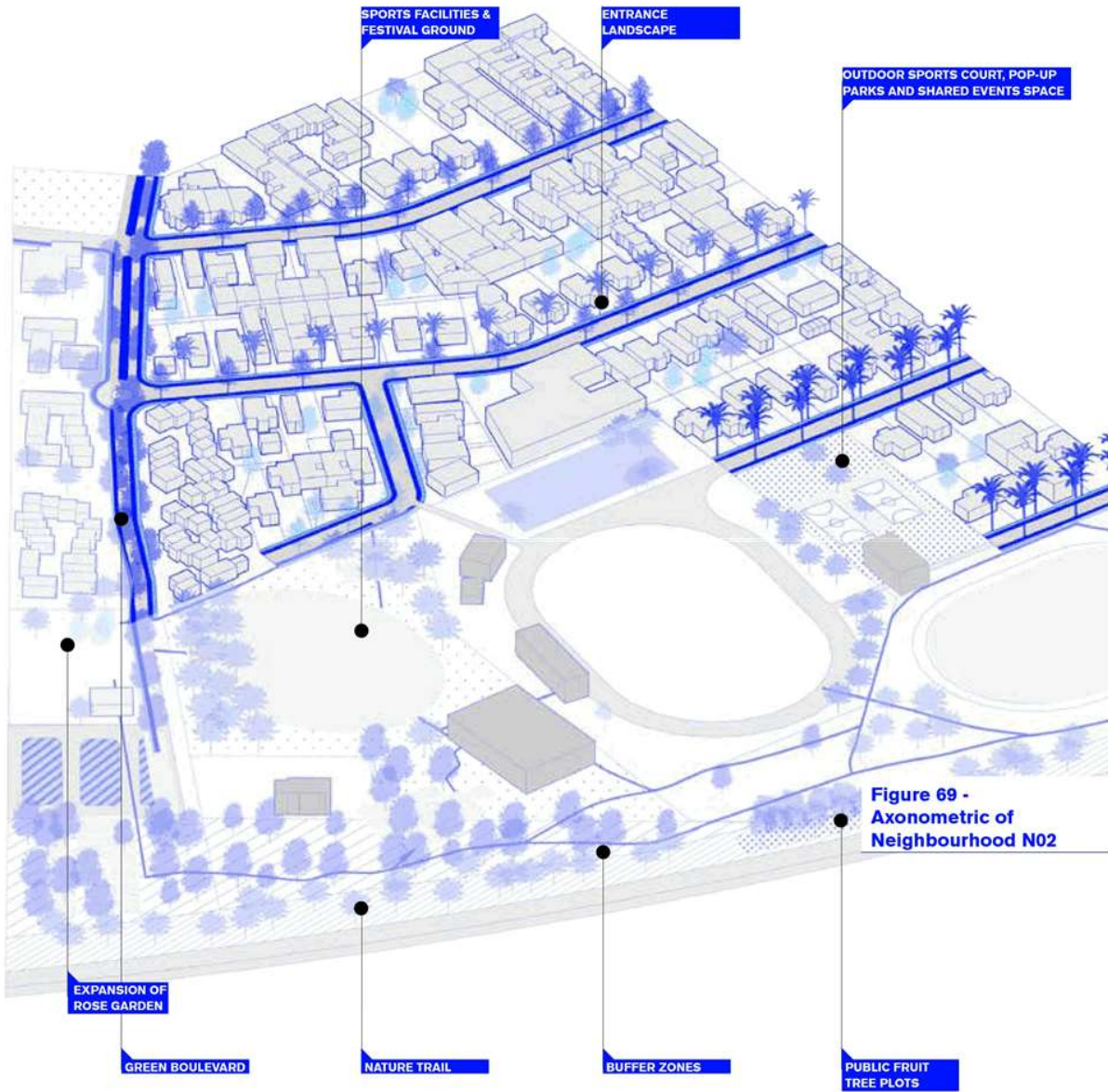
##### TRAVERS ST. ENTRANCE PLANTING



##### 30 ANN ST. WEATHERBOARD COTTAGE







#### NEIGHBOURHOOD EXAMPLES

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SPORTS PARK



OREGON STATE STUDENT LEGACY



OREGON STATE STUDENT LEGACY PARK



## Neighbourhood N03

### NEIGHBOURHOOD STATEMENT

#### KEY ACTIONS

##### Linear Park / Events Garden

##### Rose Garden

##### Extension of Roadside Planting

With the same tree species throughout the precinct and continuity with appropriate species in the neighbouring precinct.

##### Green Boulevard (Avondale Rd.)

Develop the nature strip to increase parking and pedestrian connection to surrounding sporting and recreation facilities.

##### Avondale Rd. - Historical Connector

Road within the precinct with historical significance as it previously led to Morwell's temporary settlement; 'White City' in the 1940's.

##### Existing Roadside Planting

Deciduous tree with colour character at Polden Crescent as a reference of street planting and to be replicated throughout the precinct secondary road.

##### Railway Trail/Buffer Zones

With pathways connecting to trails, public fruit tree trail and nursery.

##### Eric Lubcke Yarra Gum Reserve

##### Expansion of Rose Garden

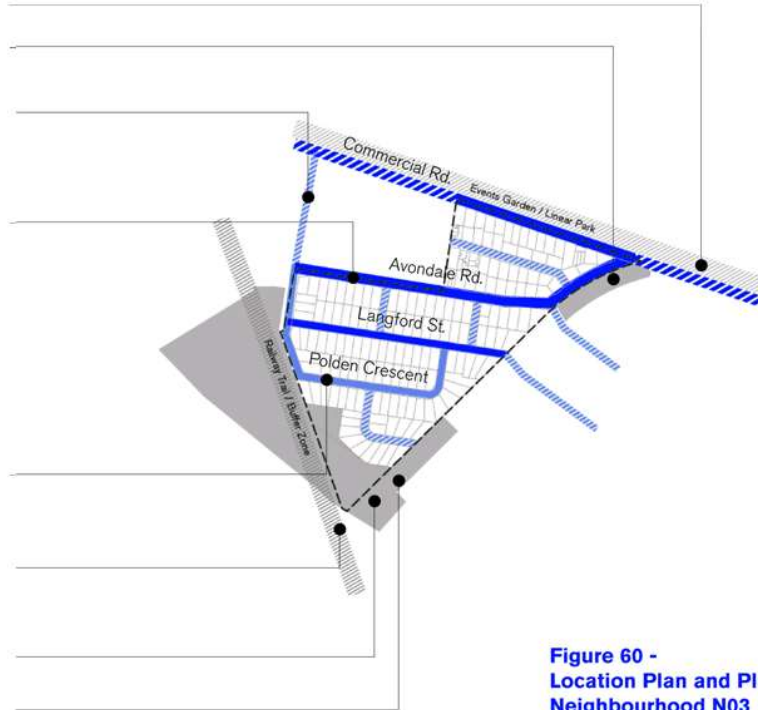


Figure 60 -  
Location Plan and Plan of  
Neighbourhood N03

#### LOCATION PLAN



#### PRECINCT PROFILE

Land Area :  
0.17 km

No. Of Houses :  
264 units

Indicative Population :  
554

Indicative Housing Cost :  
\$198,000

#### KEY ASSET(S)

Community Group(s) :  
Morwell Rose Garden

Green Space/Park(s) :  
Ivan Madden Reserve Picnic Area  
Morwell Centenary Rose Garden  
Eric Lubcke Yarra Gum Reserve

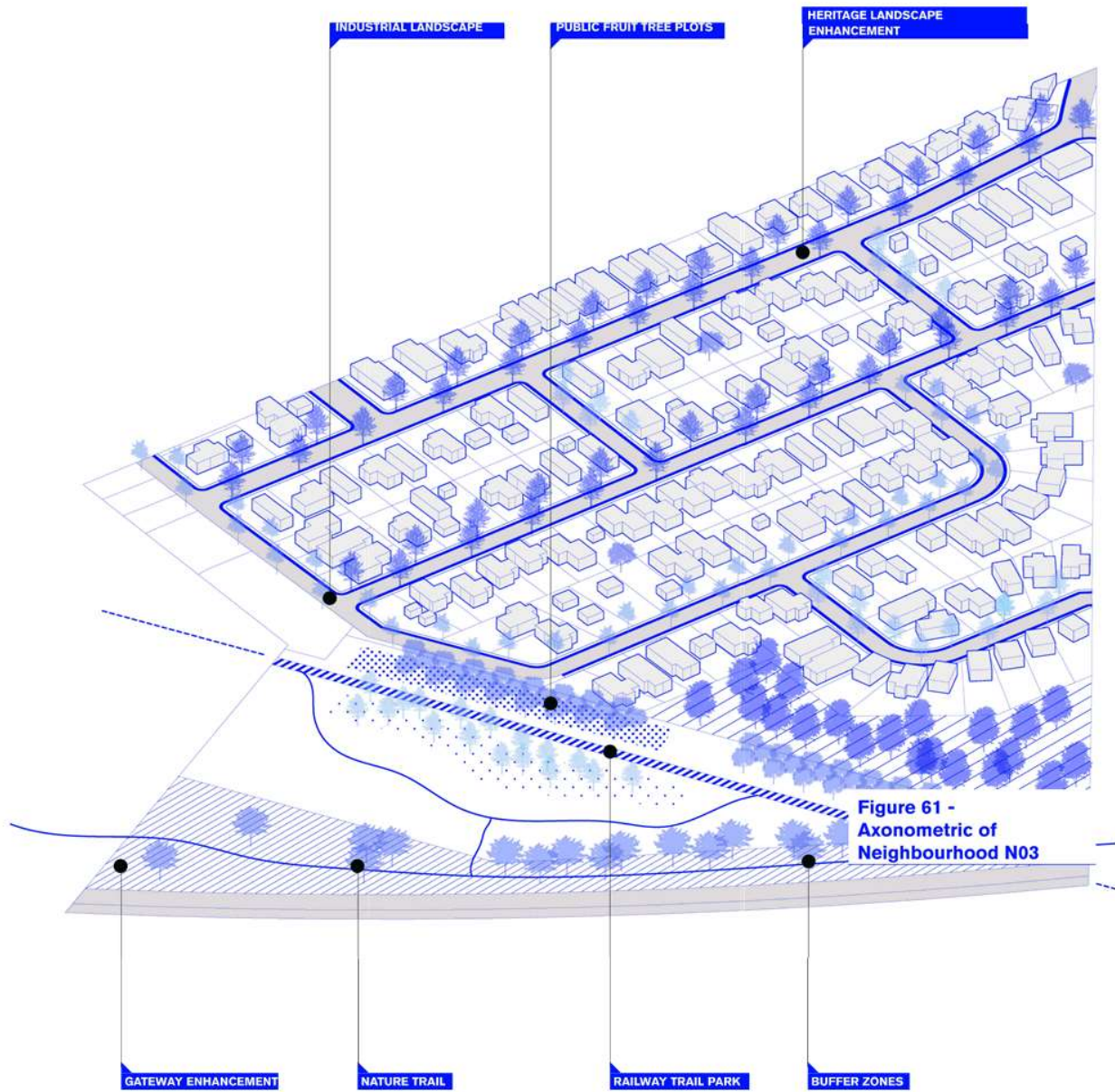
Heritage Building(s) :  
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Avondale Rd. is the main connector to 'White City', an infamous temporary settlement with its own district character.

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSETS







## NEIGHBOURHOOD EXAMPLES

ADELAIDE HILLS AMY GILLET RAIL TRAIL



BIRCH RESIDENTIAL STREETSCAPE



## Neighbourhood N04

### NEIGHBOURHOOD STATEMENT

#### KEY ACTIONS

##### Green Boulevard (Latrobe Rd.)

Develop the nature strip to increase parking and pedestrian connection to surrounding sporting and recreation facilities.

##### Extension of Roadside Planting

With the same tree species throughout the precinct and continuity with appropriate species in the neighbouring precinct.

##### Existing Roadside Planting

Hardy eucalyptus tree at Catherine St. As a reference of street planting and to be replicated throughout the precinct's secondary roads.

##### Community Node

Morwell Bowls Club to be a community / group node for activity. Enhancement of compound to highlight the area.

##### Linear Park / Events Garden

##### Commercial Shop

Development and introduction of new commercial strip for neighbourhood.

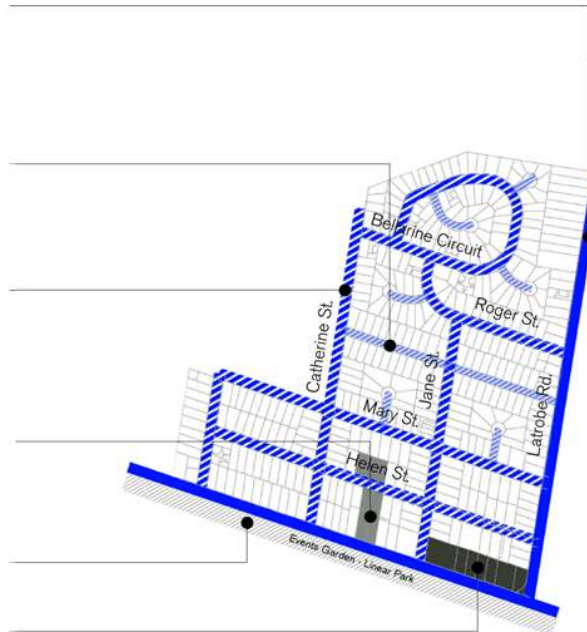


Figure 62 -  
Location Plan and Plan  
of Neighbourhood N04

#### LOCATION PLAN



#### PRECINCT PROFILE

Land Area :  
0.42 km

No. Of Houses :  
294 units

Indicative Population :  
617

Indicative Housing Cost :  
\$242,000

#### KEY ASSET(S)

Community Group(s) :  
Morwell Club Inc.

Green Space/Park(s) :  
Helen Street Park

Heritage Building(s) :  
103 Princes Drive

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSETS

##### MORWELL CLUB INC BOWLING



##### HELEN ST. STREETSCAPE







**Figure 63 -  
Axonometric of  
Neighbourhood N04**

**PRESERVATION & ENHANCEMENT**  
character of local neighbourhood architecture.

Exposed red brick facade. Street planting in the area to reflect the dominant colour in the neighbourhood.

Deciduous plants that are maroon/ red coloured or change colour during the autumn season.

**GREEN BOULEVARD (LATROBE RD.)**  
Joint partnership (public-private) space for communal farming/ gardening that contributes to the local food supply.

**BUSINESS DISTRICT ROAD TREATMENT**  
Road enhancement to enable activation of future retail/seasonal/ temporary events. Widening of sidewalk - pedestrian friendly and increase location of

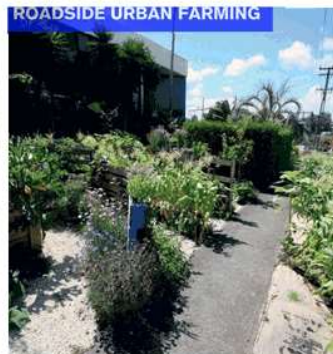
pedestrian crossing for connectivity and safety. Acts as visual boundary for way-finding and connector to neighbouring commercial/business district within the town.

**SIGNIFICANT ENTRANCE TREATMENT**  
Preserving and enhancing existing entrance planting on Catherine St. and replicating it throughout neighbourhood's identified main roads. Same planting species to instil character.

**COMMUNITY NODE**  
Morwell Bowls Club to be a community / group node for activity. Enhancement of compound to activate the area.

**COMMERCIAL STRIP**  
Development and introduction of new commercial strip for neighbourhood.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD EXAMPLES



## Neighbourhood N05

### NEIGHBOURHOOD STATEMENT

#### KEY ACTIONS

##### Green Boulevard (McDonald St.)

Develop the nature strip to increase parking and pedestrian connection to surrounding sporting and recreation facilities.

##### Green Boulevard (Latrobe Rd.)

Roadside nature strip as part of the street module with pathways, parking and shared space as an extension from the neighbouring precinct and to support the events garden activities.

##### Historical Connector (Church St.)

Road within the precinct with historical significance as it leads to La Mode factory. Shaded vegetation with the same species at La Mode Factory. Type and designs will be replicated to neighbouring roads (Collins St., Hoyle St. & Hopetoun Ave.)

##### Extension of Roadside Planting

Character design from neighbouring precinct to be extended to the almost non-existent landscape along the road and replicated throughout the adjacent roads within the precinct.

##### Secondary Arterial Road

Sparse vegetation and focus on residential perimeter fencing (i.e. paint and material)

##### Linear Park / Events Garden

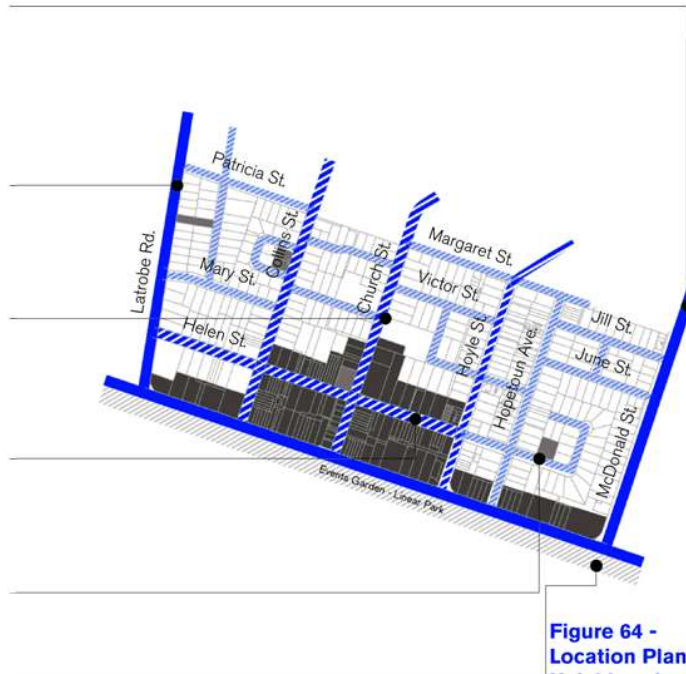


Figure 64 -  
Location Plan and Plan of  
Neighbourhood N05

#### LOCATION PLAN



#### PRECINCT PROFILE

Land Area :  
0.43 km

No. Of Houses :  
311 units

Indicative Population :  
653

Indicative Housing Cost :  
\$195,000

#### KEY ASSET(S)

Community Group(s) :  
International Women's Group Inc.  
Morwell Lapidary Club Inc.

Heritage Building(s) :  
103 Princes Drive

Green Space/Park(s) :  
Joy Street Park

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSETS

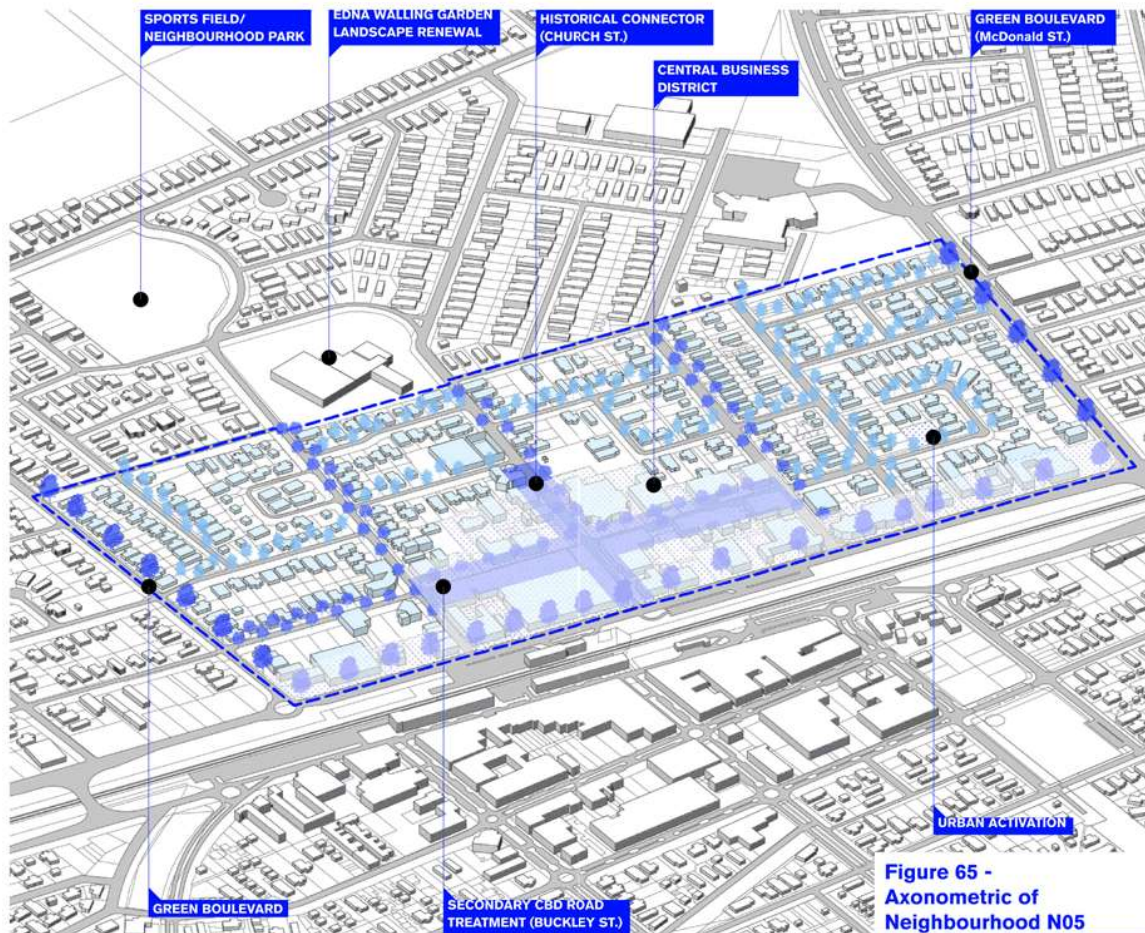
##### CHURCH STREET



##### LATROBE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES







**Figure 65 -  
Axonometric of  
Neighbourhood N05**

**HISTORICAL CONNECTOR  
(CHURCH ST.)**

Road within the precinct with historical significance as it leads to La Mode factory.

Shaded vegetation with the same species at La Mode factory. Type and designs will be replicated to neighbouring roads (Collins St., Hoyle St. & Hopetoun Ave.)

Pocket Park - Parklet - Streetscape - Lighting.

**CENTRAL BUSINESS  
DISTRICT**

Establishing a Secondary Central Business District for Morwell town North Side of the railway tracks.

Strengthening the activity and running urban activation programs to be inclusive of the Secondary CBD area.

**GREEN BOULEVARD**

Roadside nature strip as part of the street module with pathways, parking and shared space as an

extension from the neighbouring precinct and to support the events garden activities.

**SECONDARY CBD ROAD  
TREATMENT (BUCKLEY ST.)**

Rest stop and meeting point for walkers, joggers and cyclists using the trail.

Public-Private partnership, managed and maintained as an extension of the Rose Garden. Diversification of activity to highlight the area.

**URBAN ACTIVATION**

Current vacant lot within neighbourhood have the potential to be used as temporary urban activation.

Shared space - pop-up parks - Urban Farming - Community events - Mini Market.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD EXAMPLES**

**URBAN LINKAGES**



**STREET ACTIVATION**



**CHARACTER PLANTING**



**GREEN BOULEVARD**





## Neighbourhood N06

### NEIGHBOURHOOD STATEMENT

#### KEY ACTIONS

##### **Green Boulevard (McDonald St.)**

Widening of roadside nature strip and pathways. Introduce median nature strip with shared pathway for joggers and cyclist. Roadside character changes as it progresses north. Big structural planting with roadside deciduous vegetation to complement neighbouring precincts.

##### **Green Boulevard (Latrobe Rd.)**

Develop the nature strip to increase parking and pedestrian connection to surrounding sporting and recreation facilities.

##### **Sports Field Enhancement/ Neighbourhood Park**

Northern reserve sports field perimeter vegetation to highlight its presence.

##### **Historical Connector (Church St.)**

Historical significance as it led to La Mode factory. Shaded vegetation with the same species at La Mode Factory.

##### **Renewal of Edna Walling Garden**

Garden Lighting at night and removal of perimeter fence to allow public accessibility.

##### **Extension of Roadside Planting**

Character design from neighbouring precinct to be extended to the almost non-existent landscape along Patricia St. & Margaret St. and replicated throughout the precinct secondary arterial roads.

##### **Education/Recreation Hub**

Garden Lighting at night and removal of perimeter fence to allow public accessibility.

##### **Combined Primary School Location**



**Figure 66 -  
Location Plan and Plan of  
Neighbourhood N06**

#### LOCATION PLAN



#### PRECINCT PROFILE

Land Area :  
0.46 km

No. Of Houses :  
368 units

Indicative Population :  
772

Indicative Housing Cost :  
\$251,000

#### KEY ASSET(S)

Community Group(s) :

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Green Space/Park(s) :  
Northern Reserve  
Sir Norman Brookes Park  
Morwell Leisure Centre

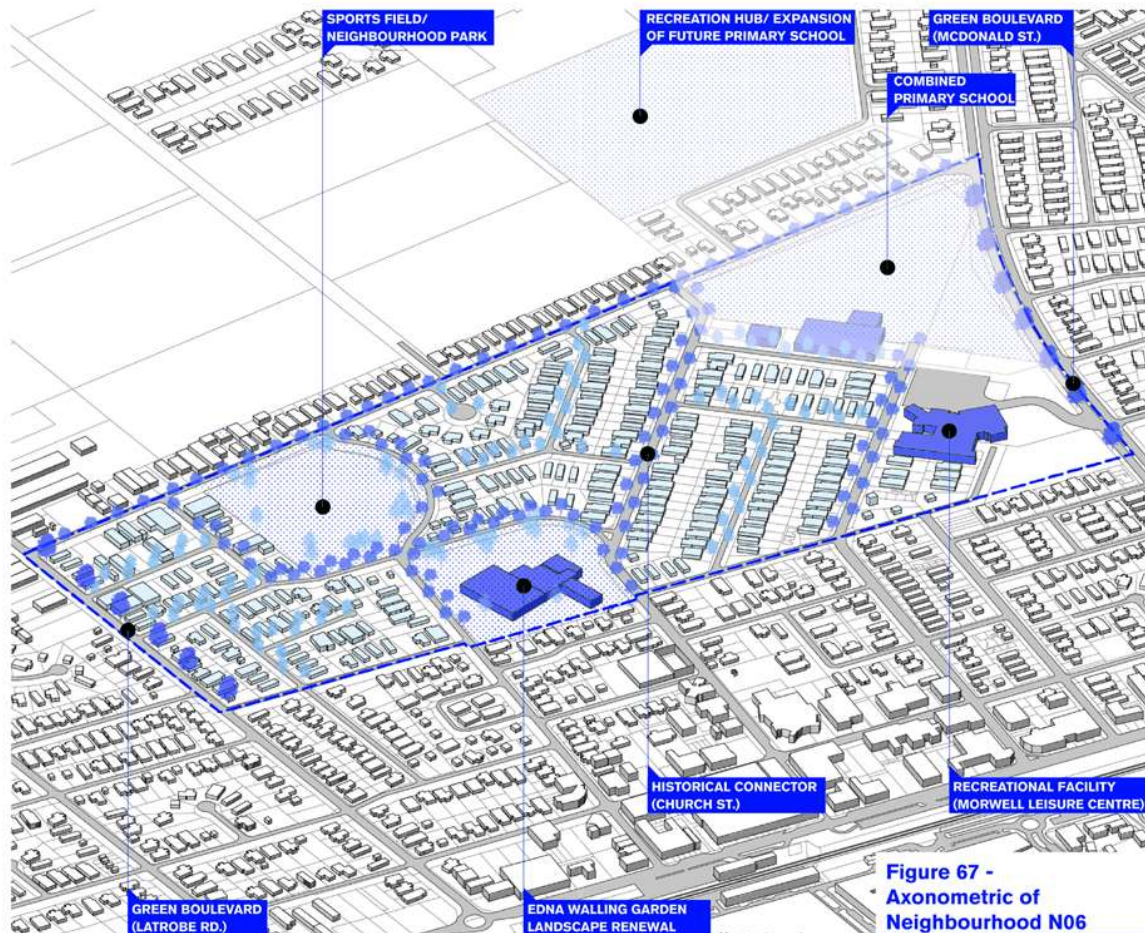
Heritage Site(s) :

Edna Walling Garden – La Mode Factory  
- Church Street

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSETS







**Figure 67 -  
Axonometric of  
Neighbourhood N06**

**SPORTS FIELD ENHANCEMENT/  
NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK**  
Northern reserve sports field  
perimeter vegetation to highlight its  
presence.

Perimeter re-vegetation -  
Playground - Garden Lighting.

**RENEWAL OF EDNA WALLING  
GARDEN**  
Garden Lighting at night and remov-  
al of perimeter fence to allow public  
accessibility.

Re-purpose usage for shared space  
through Public-Private Partnership.

Gallery - Museum - Shared Space -  
Community Workshop - Rent Space  
for weddings and Events.

**RECREATION HUB**  
Maryvale Recreation Reserve &  
Morwell Leisure Centre Reserve  
Green Space to be develop as a  
Northern part recreation hub to  
cater for the surrounding  
neighbourhood.  
The location also connects to the

larger Morwell Circuit Network  
which increase accessibility to the  
hub.

**GREEN BOULEVARD  
(MCDONALD ST.)**  
Widening of roadside nature strip  
and pathways. Introduce median  
nature strip with shared pathway for  
joggers and cyclist.

Roadside character changes as  
it progresses north. Big structural  
planting with roadside deciduous  
vegetation to complement

neighbouring precincts.

**GREEN BOULEVARD  
(LATROBE RD.)**  
Develop the nature strip to increase  
parking and pedestrian connection  
to surrounding sporting and  
recreation facilities.

**HISTORICAL CONNECTOR  
(CHURCH ST.)**  
Historical significance as it led to  
La Mode factory. Shaded vegetation  
with the same species at La Mode  
Factory.

Roadside Planting and treatment to  
reflect La Mode Factory landscape  
and Edna Wallings work.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD EXAMPLES



**RECREATIONAL FACILITY  
(MORWELL LEISURE CENTRE)**  
Diversification of usage and  
spreading the coverage to cater to a  
more diverse group of people, club  
or community through programs.

Allocate space within facility as  
temporary HQ for groups or clubs.



# Neighbourhood N07

## NEIGHBOURHOOD STATEMENT

### KEY ACTIONS

#### Demarcation Planting

Roadside planting treatments as identification and borders of the neighbouring precinct. Different species or planting intervals of tree for each side of the road.

#### Green Boulevard (McDonald St.)

Develop the nature strip to increase parking and pedestrian connection to surrounding sporting and recreation facilities.

#### Entrance Enhancement

Character design from neighbouring precinct to be extended to the almost non-existent landscape along Comans St. shoulder widening to increase nature strip area and enable shared pathway activation.

#### Extension of Roadside Planting

Character design from neighbouring precinct to be extended to the almost non-existent landscape along Fairfield St., Cynthia St. & Hyland St. and replicated throughout the precinct secondary arterial roads.

#### Secondary Arterial Road



Figure 68 -  
Location Plan and Plan of  
Neighbourhood N07

### LOCATION PLAN



### PRECINCT PROFILE

Land Area :  
0.32 km

No. Of Houses :  
291 units

Indicative Population :  
611

Indicative Housing Cost :  
\$188,000

### KEY ASSET(S)

Community Group(s) :

Heritage Site(s) :

Green Space/Park(s) :  
Northern Reserve  
Sir Norman Brookes Park  
Morwell Leisure Centre

### NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSETS

#### FAIRFIELD ST. PLAYGROUND



#### MORWELL FIRE BRIGADE







**Figure 69 -  
Axonometric of  
Neighbourhood N07**

**DEMARCATON PLANTING**

Roadside planting treatments as identification and borders of the neighbouring precinct.

Different species or planting intervals of tree for each side of the road.

**ENTRANCE ENHANCEMENT**

Character design from neighbouring precincts to be extended to the almost non-existent landscape along Comans St.

Road shoulder widening to increase nature strip area and enable shared pathway activation.

**GREEN BOULEVARD  
(MCDONALD ST.)**

Widening of roadside nature strip and pathways. Introduce median nature strip with shared pathway for joggers and cyclist.

Roadside character changes as it progresses north.

Big structural planting with roadside deciduous vegetation to complement neighbouring precincts.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK**

Rest stop and meeting point for walkers, joggers and cyclists using the trail.

Diversification of activities to support events and festival.

Add public facility and amenities - Lighting.

Densification of perimeter landscape.

**NEIGHBOURHOOD EXAMPLES**

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKS**



**NEIGHBOURHOOD STREET PLANTING**



**NEIGHBOURHOOD PARKS**





## NEIGHBOURHOODS STREETSCAPE RENEWAL

STREETSCAPE RENEWAL AS A METHOD FOR  
NEIGHBOURHOOD BUILDING

### INTERVENTION

#### LEAF: LEGACY PUBLIC SPACE MAKEOVER



##### Where:

Buffalo and Niagara, New York State, USA

##### Objectives:

- Foster community spirit
- Street greening

##### How it's done:

The work was done by a group of professionals in the field of landscape design, community group members, and garden walks participants.

Funding for the trees came from the Western New York State Nurseryman's Foundation, the New York State Nurseryman's Foundation and ReTreeWNY.

##### Outcomes:

During 'LEAF a Legacy' the landscapers will be joining together each year in a non-competitive environment to give a facelift to a public space within Frederick Law Olmsted's system of parks.

##### More Info:

<http://gardenwalkbuffalo.com/>

### PUBLIC WORKS

#### DOGPATCH AND NORTHWEST POTRERO HILL GREEN BENEFIT DISTRICT



##### Where:

San Francisco, USA

##### Objectives:

- Create a new funding source for improved maintenance of neighbourhood green spaces
- Build neighbourhood capacity to create new open spaces and advocate for better neighbourhood parks and services
- Create a new model of "open-source" neighbourhood level governance by providing state-of-the-art citizen engagement technology and transparent management framework

##### How it's done:

A Green Benefit District is a new form of neighbourhood based special assessment district that is designed to facilitate community investment in neighbourhood public spaces.

The nonprofit organisation Build Public is working with stakeholders in the city's Dogpatch and Northwest Potrero Hill neighbourhoods to launch California's first-ever Green Benefit District.

##### Outcomes:

Enhanced maintenance and development of parks, open spaces, and green infrastructure within the district.

##### More Info:

<http://publicspacestewardship.org/>

FUTURE MORWELL – APPENDIX.  
REFER TO:

- 3.7 NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTIVATION - GARDEN TYPES

## INTERVENTION

## 3000 ACRES

**Where:**

Melbourne, Victoria, AU

**Objectives:**

- Connection people to land
- Connect people who want to grow food, and local councils and other organisations who hold the keys to vacant land

**How it's done:**

3000 Acres help to connect people who want to grow food, with land. The website provides a map of existing and potential places to grow food. A team including representatives from local government review potential sites and help make suitable land easier to find. Coupled with community events, food swaps, building days and working bees.

**Outcomes:**

45+ sites across Melbourne being grown and activated, with hundreds of potential sites proposed. Resources to help get started and make connections with land owners, local councils, and a whole range of resources.

**More Info:**

<http://www.3000acres.org/>

## INTERVENTION

THEASTER GATES'S  
DORCHESTER PROJECTS**Where:**

Chicago, USA

**Objectives:**

- Acquisition of an abandoned 2 story property
- Urban reuse and activation as a library
- Community access to books and knowledge

**How it's done:**

Theaster Gates renovates sites of neglect so that they become a vibrant cultural locus. The success of this project led to the acquisition of a third building across the street, which with the support of grants will be redesigned as a space for film programming and artist residencies.

**Outcomes:**

A cluster of formerly abandoned buildings are transitioned into community resources. They are comprised of studio spaces, gallery space, a public library, a record store, reading room and listening room.

**More Info:**

[http://theastergates.com/section/117693\\_Dorchester\\_Projects.html](http://theastergates.com/section/117693_Dorchester_Projects.html)



## NEIGHBOURHOODS STREETSCAPE RENEWAL

NEIGHBOURHOOD BUILDING THROUGH SOCIAL  
ENTERPRISE

### INTERVENTION

#### LATROBE VALLEY ENTERPRISES



##### Where:

Morwell, Victoria, AU

##### Objectives:

- Employment opportunities
- Opportunities for disabled & disadvantaged
- Skill learning

##### How it's done:

Removes barriers to employment by empowering people to develop real work skills that will enable them.

##### Outcomes:

LVE is a not for profit company that provides employment opportunities for people disadvantaged by disability. Services include sign making, grounds maintenance, recycling services, document destruction, and business support services.

##### More Info:

<http://www.lve.com.au/>

### INTERVENTION

#### SAXON STREET COMMUNITY HUB AND GARDEN



##### Where:

Brunswick, Victoria, AU

##### Objectives:

- Provide the community with a range of facilities within a former college and heritage-listed house, for skills sharing, ideas generation, experimental teaching and technology-related development

##### How it's done:

In collaboration with Moreland City Council, is a new shared community hub and food garden at Brunswick.

##### Outcomes:

Providing a new public open space for community members. On the site of a now vacant primary school, 30 wicking beds are constructed from repurposed industrial plastic containers with the help of over a dozen local volunteers, and are planted.

##### More Info:

<http://www.saxonstreet.com/>



## INTERVENTION

## THE GLOBAL STUDIO

**Where:**

Morwell, Victoria, AU

**Objectives:**

- Creative learning
- Community workspace
- Create jobs

**How it's done:**

Designs have been made by award winning international and national designers, and community groups.

**Outcomes:**

A not for profit, incorporated body with a mission to create jobs, provide accessible education, encourage community engagement and address social isolation.

The Global Studio is a space for making friends whilst also incorporating an innovative program that combines; English lessons with sewing and craft sessions for women of all nationalities.

**More Info:**

<http://www.globalstudio.org.au/>

## INTERVENTION

## BRUNSWICK TOOL LIBRARY

**Where:**

Brunswick, Victoria, AU

**Objectives:**

- Providing community members who do occasional home improvement, garden or DIY projects but don't want to buy a tool they might only use once
- Support a shared economy

**How it's done:**

A non-profit organisation run by volunteers, a lot like a book library, but you get to loan tools instead of books.

**Outcomes:**

The BTL offers its surrounding area residents and community groups access to hand tools, power tools, garden tools, ladders, etc. for use on their own projects. Supporting a shared economy.

**More Info:**

<http://brunswicktoolibrary.org/>

## NEIGHBOURHOODS STREETSCAPE RENEWAL

NEIGHBOURHOOD BUILDING THROUGH REGULAR  
TEMPORARY EVENTS

### INTERVENTION

#### MORWELL ROSE GARDEN WALKING GROUP



##### Where:

Morwell, Victoria, AU

##### Objectives:

- It is a social, fun and easy way for people to walk and be active
- Safe way to exercise and enjoy the benefits of regular walking

##### How it's done:

As part of the Healthy Together Latrobe program; the Heart Foundation Walking Network is a free, community-based network of walking groups that provide easy options for ensuring physical activity, safety and health prevention.

Providing an ideal opportunity for residents to increase physical activity in a social way that is safe and motivational.

##### Outcomes:

It's a great way to build relationships and strengthen neighbourhoods while increasing the physical benefits of walking.

##### More Info:

[http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/About\\_Us/Media\\_and\\_Publications/Latest\\_News/New\\_walking\\_group\\_for\\_Morwell](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/About_Us/Media_and_Publications/Latest_News/New_walking_group_for_Morwell)

### EVENT

#### STREET PARTY KIT



##### Where:

Various City Councils, AU

##### Objectives:

- Have fun and establish friendships
- Help with safety and increase security by knowing your neighbour
- Increase that special sense of belonging to the community

##### How it's done:

City Council releases a document that clearly outlines a step by step process to get a community event of the ground. Including types of parties, who to invite, utilise space and city permits needed to host a successful event.

##### Outcomes:

Temporary events that bring neighbours talking and building a vision together. Strengthening the sense of place and heart for the city.

##### More Info:

e.g. [http://www.launceston.tas.gov.au/upfiles/lcc/cont/\\_council/council/council\\_meetings/sppc/3\\_march\\_2014/attachment\\_1\\_draft\\_neighbourhood\\_street\\_party\\_kit\\_pages\\_\\_18.pdf](http://www.launceston.tas.gov.au/upfiles/lcc/cont/_council/council/council_meetings/sppc/3_march_2014/attachment_1_draft_neighbourhood_street_party_kit_pages__18.pdf)



## INTERVENTION

**MOBILE COFFEE CART/  
MOBILE LIBRARY****Where:**

Victoria, AU

**Objectives:**

- Start a conversation with your neighbour
- Build stronger connections within the community

**How it's done:**

City council funded (weather permitting) weekly gathering of neighbours over free or subsidised coffee made on a portable coffee cart.

**Outcomes:**

A low cost initiative to start a conversation between neighbours and build a heart to the city.

**More Info:**

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## EVENT

**CINEROLEUM****Where:**

Clerkenwell Road, Stratford, UK

**Objectives:**

- Demonstrate the wider potential for re-claiming redundant automobile infrastructure into spaces for public use
- Have visible, creative impact on the built environment

**How it's done:**

Enclosed by an ornate curtain strung from the forecourt roof, The Cineroleum was an improvisation of the decadent interiors that greeted audiences during cinema's golden age, when going to the picture was a social experience at the heart of the community.

**Outcomes:**

A five-week programme drew two thousand visitors, with every screening selling out.

Manuals for making were developed which offer a step-by-step instructions for the creation of each element of the cinema, thus allowing anyone with any level of experience to join in.

**More Info:**

[http://assemblestudio.co.uk/?page\\_id=2](http://assemblestudio.co.uk/?page_id=2)







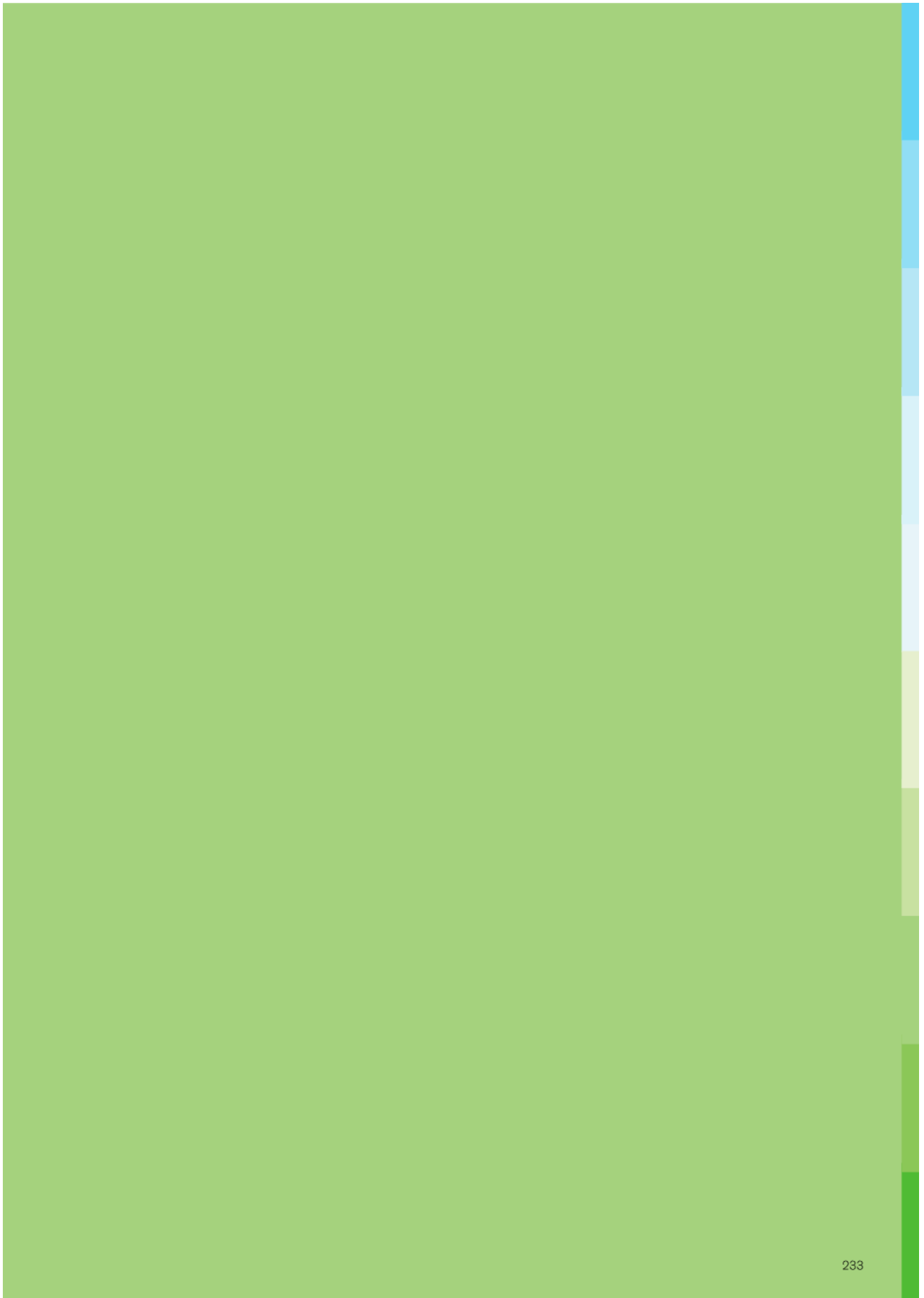
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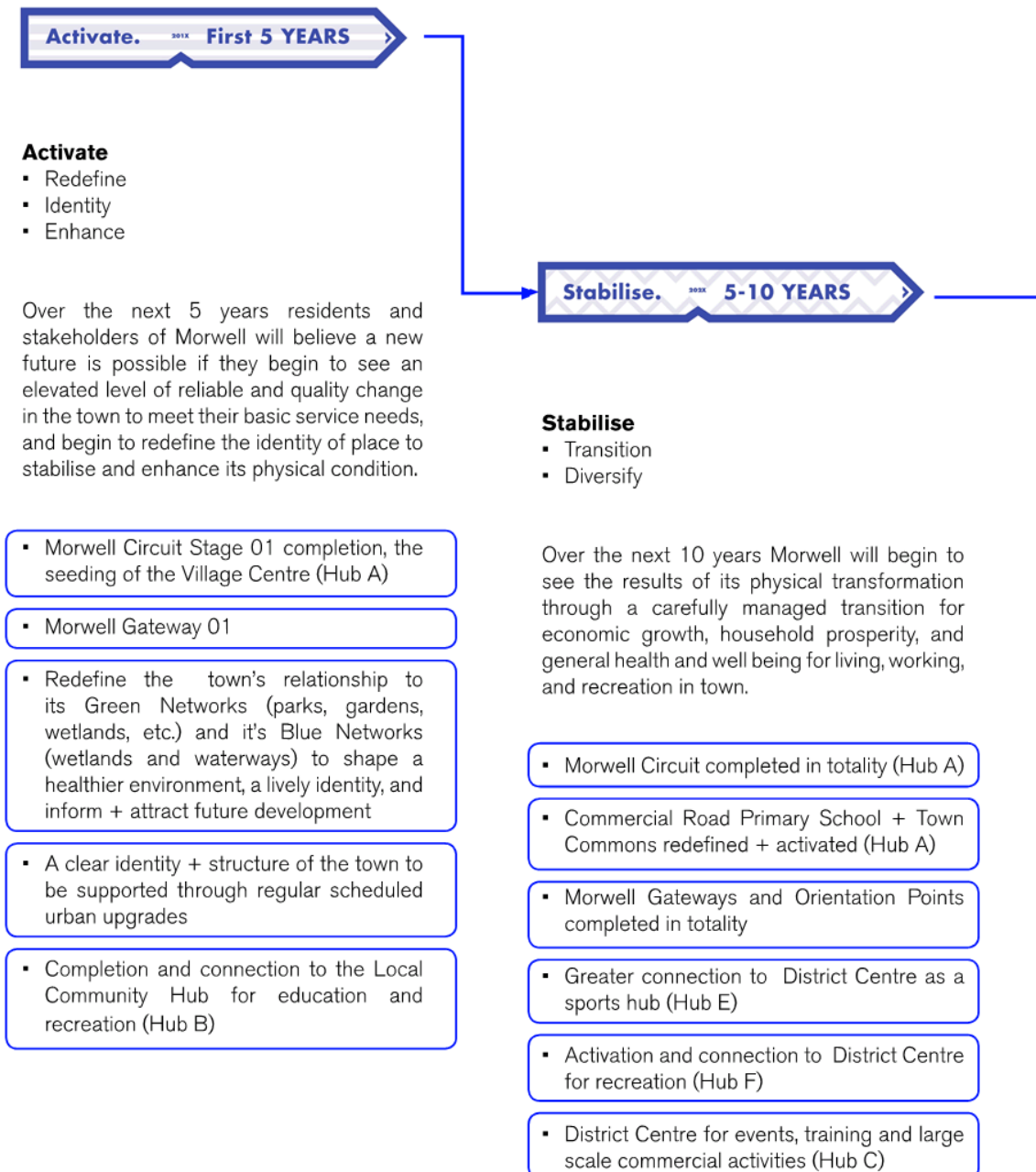
## **FUTURE MORWELL**

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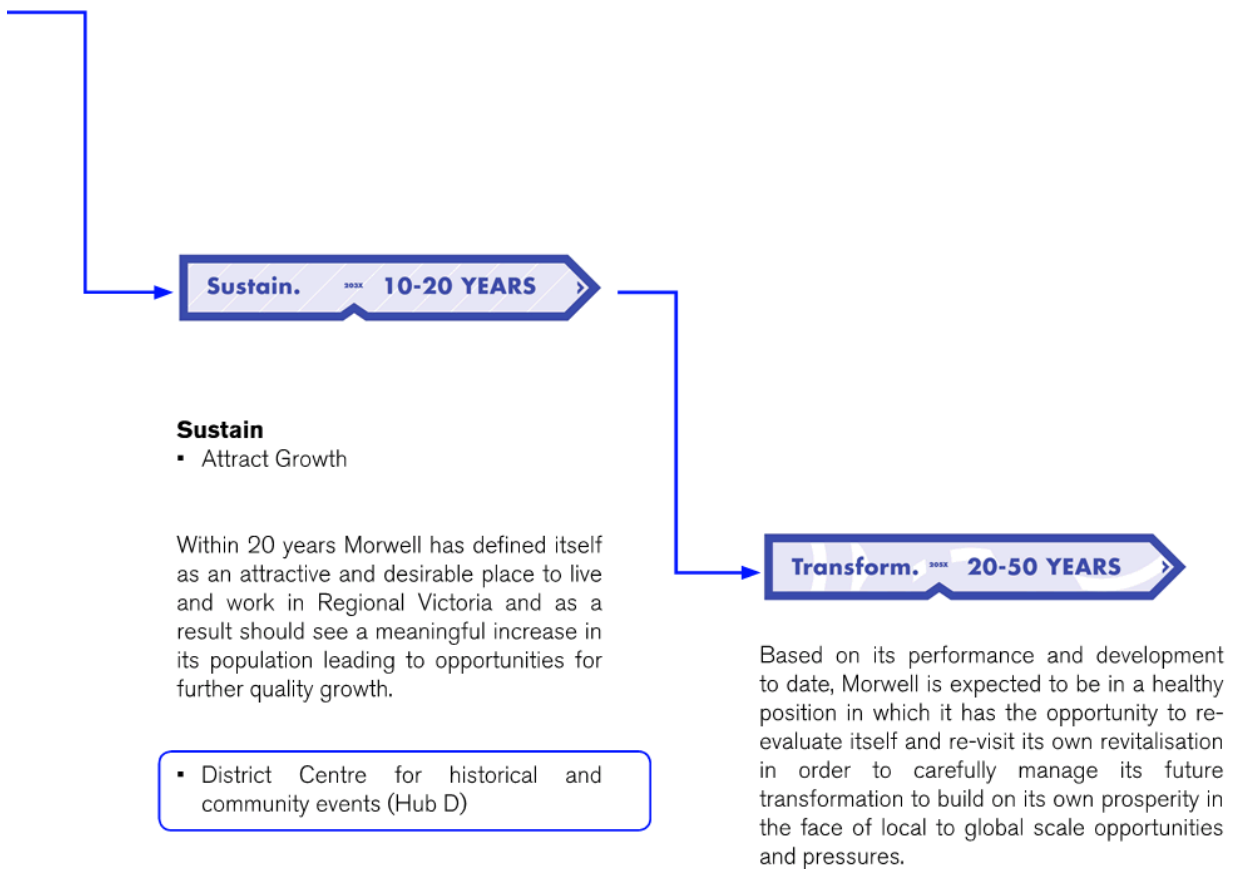
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## 4.1 | MAKING IT HAPPEN IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE







## **4.1 MAKING IT HAPPEN**

### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION YEARS 1 - 5**

#### **FUTURE MORWELL REVITALISATION PLAN**

<b>Project 01 - MORWELL HUBS</b>		
Project Description		
Develop Morwell's Hubs as differentiated networked vibrant activity centers through strategic management of key activities and events to consolidate and direct retail, commercial and social enterprises fostering a sustainable community and shaping a strong town identity that builds on existing local character.		
<b>Objectives</b>		<b>When</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To identify how these facilities can be better connected</li> <li>Streetscapes help define a community's activities, appearance, identity and transport conditions. Improved streetscapes offer a range of benefits including potential economic growth, increased habitat within the urban core, spaces for passive and active recreation, places for residents to interact with neighbours and increased civic pride</li> </ul>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>Year</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clearly define the Latrobe Regional Gallery and Government services precinct as a bookend Commercial Road west</li> <li>Investigate the cost to integrate high speed internet at key public built and open space facilities to enable greater connectivity for residents and profile to the facilities</li> </ul>	<p><b>Arts &amp; Government Services Precinct Plan</b> Latrobe City Council to secure State Government Funding.</p> <p>\$25,000.00 (Council Funding Contribution)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>year 03</li> </ul>
<b>Document Reference</b>		
2.1.3 - A Liveable Town: Neighbourhoods, 2.2 - Hubs: Hub A		

<b>Project 02 - MORWELL TOWN OF GARDENS</b> Project Description		
Celebrate the town's existing gardens, parks, open spaces, and reserves to develop the concept of "Morwell Town of Gardens" to rejuvenate and develop new meaningful relationships between the open spaces and the built fabric activated by "garden" events and festivals.  Note: actions identified in project 3 are to be concurrently		
<b>Objectives</b>		<b>When</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aspire to shift the town's identity by building on the positive qualities and characteristics of its industrial heritage</li> </ul>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>Year 01</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To develop the Garden Festival structure and staged plan that addresses venue financing, activation and programming for the event</li> </ul>	<b>Garden Festival Event Strategy</b> \$50,000.00 State Government Funding Has Been Secured	
<b>Objectives</b>		<b>When</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To develop integrated strategies for beautification, education, tourism, community-building, healthy living, and civic pride</li> </ul>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>Year 01</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To develop a branding strategy for Morwell Garden festival</li> </ul>	<b>Garden Festival Event Strategy</b> \$10,000.00 State Government Funding Has Been Secured	
<b>Document Reference</b>		
2.1.2 - A Tourist Town: Morwell Town of Gardens		



<b>Project 03 - GREEN + BLUE MORWELL</b>		
Project Description		
<p>Link Morwell to its environmentally and culturally significant "green and blue" networks of interwoven waterways and green spaces to improve the integrity of its natural assets, optimize the integrity and efficiency of urban water management, inform and support development, and enhance the health and wellbeing of the community through active movement, connections with nature, and improved ecological conditions.</p> <p>Note: actions identified in project 4 are to be concurrently</p>		
<b>Objectives</b>		<b>When</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To enhance the health and wellbeing of the Morwell Community through the promotion of active movement, urban agriculture and healthy eating, connections with nature, improved air and water quality.</li> </ul>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>Year 02</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop an integrated "green infrastructure" plan for Morwell that recognises and optimises the benefits of urban greening and contribute to the ecological integrity of the regional environment systems.</li> </ul>	<b>Green Infrastructure Plan</b> Latrobe City Council to secure State Government Funding.	
<b>Objectives</b>		<b>When</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To improve the image and identity of Morwell and its attractiveness as a place to live, work, visit and invest</li> </ul>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>Year 02</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To develop coordinated landscape planning strategy for larger redundant public/industrial land parcels including mine license areas to contribute positively to the local economy and ecology</li> </ul>	<b>Vacant Land Strategy</b> Latrobe City Council to secure State Government Funding.	
<b>Objectives</b>		<b>When</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To improve how green and blue facilities can be better connected</li> </ul>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>Year 02</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To seek opportunities to integrate blue and green networks into open space and neighbourhood plans</li> </ul>	<b>Neighbourhood Green Infrastructure Plan</b> Latrobe City Council to secure State Government Funding.	
<b>Document Reference</b>		
2.1.1 - A Sustainable Town: Green Network, 2.1.3 - A Livable Town: Neighbourhoods		

<b>Project 04 - GATEWAYS</b> Project Description		
Promote a strategy for the entrances to Morwell through clear gateway concepts that celebrate place, improve the experience and navigation through differentiated entrances, and contribute to a new town identity.		
<b>Objectives</b>		<b>When</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To improve the overall visitor experience of Morwell for the visitor arriving by various modes of transport</li> </ul>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>Year 01</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To develop concept plans for each gateway that promotes a strategy for the entrances to Morwell through clear gateway concepts that celebrate place, improve the experience and navigation through differentiated entrances, and contribute to a new town identity.</li> <li>To implement changes to the main entrance.</li> </ul>	<b>Gateway Concept Plan</b> \$350,000.00 State Government Funding Has Been Secured	
<b>Document Reference</b>		
2.1.1 A Sustainable Town: Movement Network		

<b>Project 05 - NEIGHBOURHOODS</b> Project Description		
Identify and support the formation of a neighborhood structure woven through the town to understand how community facilities can be better connected, shared and managed, recognise gaps in provisions of spaces to meet community needs to create a sense of place and belonging for individuals and the healthy communities they make for residents in all stages of their lives that inspires belonging, cultivates ownership, and contribute to greater social cohesion, trust and inclusion.		
<b>Objectives</b>		<b>When</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enhance + upgrade parks and reserves</li> </ul>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>Year 01</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To implement off-leash dog parks to service the local neighbourhoods. Note: A trial will occur initially in either neighbourhood N2 or N10.</li> </ul>	<b>Off Leash Dog Parks</b> \$12,000 Council Funding Contribution. Latrobe City Council to seek State Government Funding.	
<b>Document Reference</b>		
3.1 - Hubs: Hub E or Hub F		

<b>Project 06 - MOVEMENT NETWORK: Morwell Circuit</b> Project Description		
Develop a shared movement network (bike, pedestrian, + vehicle) that links Morwell to all its natural assets, hubs and neighborhoods to better connect people and promote active healthy movement through a range of transport modes, and operate as a framework to support other activities such as public art.		
<b>Objectives</b>		<b>When</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To renew and connect existing infrastructure and assets in the town's built environment and contribute to its development as Morwell's Village Hub</li> </ul>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>Year 01</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To develop and implement a circuit that acts as an framework for other activities, infrastructure and actions to stem from, and contributes to the health and safety of the area</li> </ul>	<b>Circuit Stage 01A</b> \$350,000 State Government Funding Has Been Secured <b>Commercial Road - Morwell Circuit Stage 01A:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>~ \$330,000 - without infrastructure connections</li> <li>~ \$600,000 - full connections (power, water &amp; drainage)</li> </ul> <b>Circuit Stage 01B</b> Latrobe City Council to secure State Government funding.	
<b>Objectives</b>		<b>When</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To improve and expand the current arts precinct and associated creative activities to tell a rich cultural story of Morwell</li> </ul>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>Year 02</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To develop a 'public art' strategy, which aims to build a trail of commissioned art work activating underutilised space</li> </ul>	<b>Public Art Strategy</b> \$20,000 (Council Funding Contribution) State Government Funding To Be Secured	
<b>Document Reference</b>		
3.1 - Hubs: Hub A, 2.2 - Assets: Listed and Non-listed Heritage		

<b>Project 07 - LAND + BUILT ASSET STRATEGY</b>		
Project Description		
Develop a 'prospectus' of land and built assets, including industrial and commercial precincts, to build informative profiles for investment, opportunities for greater use, and growth within the larger revitalization strategy.		
<b>Objectives</b>		<b>When</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To ensure all land assets contribute to the overall productivity, and vitality of Morwell</li> </ul>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>Year 01</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To develop and maintain a database of vacant land to inform an activation/utilisation strategies</li> </ul>	<b>GIS Database</b> Council operations - Geographic Information System (GIS) layer	
<b>Document Reference</b>		
2.2.2 - Assets: Land Assets		
<b>Objectives</b>		<b>When</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To better link the history of Morwell with the region including through its industrial heritage and explore opportunities for cultural/ industrial tourism to complement the current "nature based tourism" regional/ state policy focus</li> </ul>		
<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>Year 02</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To develop an open source database of heritage assets considered of value to the community including built assets, sites of significance, and collections of artefacts/images held locally or at state/national libraries</li> </ul>	<b>Open Source Database</b> Latrobe City Council to seek State Government Funding.	
<b>Objectives</b>		<b>When</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To identify a range of opportunities to tell this story (stories) in a way that is accessible to the local community and visitors alike</li> </ul>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>Year 03</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To develop an online and publicly accessible virtual Morwell site that consolidates and curates significant historical, visual and artefact material</li> </ul>	<b>Virtual Morwell</b> Latrobe City Council to secure State Government Funding.	
<b>Objectives</b>		<b>When</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To ensure all land assets contribute to the overall productivity, and vitality of Morwell.</li> </ul>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>Year 03</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To develop a "prospectus" of industrial and commercial land within Morwell including positive profile of the diverse precincts, advantages and assets of each</li> </ul>	<b>Prospectus</b> Latrobe City Council to secure State Government Funding.	
<b>Document Reference</b>		
2.2 - Assets: Listed and Non-Listed Heritage, 2.1.3 - A Liveable Town: Industrial Precinct		



<b>Project 08- IDENTITY + BRANDING</b>		
Project Description		
Develop a branding and garden festival events strategy that improves the image and identity of Morwell, to identify and celebrate its qualities, support community and industry growth, and promote short term activities that rebrand Morwell as an attractive, healthy, innovative place to live work and visit.		
<b>Objectives</b>		<b>When</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To identify the potential economic, social, and environmental benefits of future remediation of mining land in the context of current agreed rehabilitation master plans for Yallourn and Hazelwood Mines</li> </ul>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>Year 01</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To develop a branding strategy for Morwell that identifies unique qualities and its role and function with respect to other growing industries and the broader Gippsland brand</li> </ul>	<b>Branding Strategy for Morwell Town of Gardens</b> \$100,000 State Government Funding Has Been Secured	
<b>Objectives</b>		<b>When</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To develop and promote Morwell as an important centre for offices and industry within the Latrobe Regional Networked City.</li> </ul>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>Year 01</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To develop a branding and events strategy that builds on the success of the Centenary Rose Garden to brand and promote Morwell as a Garden Town, for investment attraction and a key platform for community led revitalisation</li> </ul>	<b>Branding Strategy for Morwell Town of Gardens</b> \$15,000 (Council Funding Contribution)	
<b>Document Reference</b>		
2.1.2 - A Tourist Town: Mining Land - Rehabilitation, 2.1.1 - A Sustainable Town: Green Network		
<b>Objectives</b>		<b>When</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To improve the image and identity of Morwell and its attractiveness as a place to live, work, visit and invest</li> </ul>		
<b>Action</b>	<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>Year 03</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To develop building facade design guidelines for Village Hub</li> </ul>	<b>Building Facade Guidelines</b> Latrobe City Council to secure State Government Funding.	
<b>Document Reference</b>		
2.1.2 - A Tourist Town: A Distinctive and Proud Town		

<b>Project 9 - STREETSCAPE</b>		
Project Description		
Develop an online 'kit of parts' and organizational strategy to clearly define the character and improve the function of Morwell's streetscapes and create defined an identity for the town's public realm and neighborhoods		
Objectives		When
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To activate and define key activity hubs that improve the meaning, and experience of the town</li> </ul>		
Action	Project Cost	Year
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To undertake a service review to support a permit waiver that allows for open air dining and busking throughout the main roads within the "Village Hub" (Commercial Road, Tarwin Street &amp; Church Street)</li> <li>Develop street Design tool kit that identify the hierarchy of streetscapes and utilise green infrastructure elements to improve the performance and character of Morwell's public realm and neighbourhoods. The streetscape types are to be defined by their function, use and movement</li> <li>Seek opportunities to integrate blue and green networks into open space and neighbourhood plans</li> </ul>	<b>Open Air Dining Permit Waiver</b> Council to deliver with operations	1
	<b>Street Design Tool kit</b> State Government Funding To Be Secured	2
	<b>Open Space &amp; Street Scape Principles Strategy</b> State Government Funding To Be Secured	2
Document Reference		
2.1.2 - A Tourist Town: A Distinctive and Proud Town		



## 4.1 MAKING IT HAPPEN

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

#### FUTURE MORWELL REVITALISATION PLAN

#### OUR TOWN MORWELL

##### OVERVIEW | VISION & OBJECTIVES

- Develop online design manual for the Future Morwell Revitalisation Plan which provides an integrated design tool kit for the public realm providing options for hubs, gateways, neighbourhoods, streets, park land, waterways, lighting and commercial building frontages

##### FUTURE MORWELL | A SUSTAINABLE TOWN

##### GREEN NETWORK

- Aspire to establish a future master plan for the Centenary Rose Garden enabling expansion of the garden and integration of the homes located along Maryvale Crescent to Eric Lubcke Yarra Gum Reserve
- Develop street Design tool kit that identify the hierarchy of streetscapes and utilise green infrastructure elements to improve the performance and character of Morwell's public realm and neighbourhoods. The streetscape types are to be defined by their function, use and movement

##### VACANT LOTS STRATEGY

- Connect local government and communities on a neighbourhood level
- Increase the importance and usability of public space
- Increase community input and representation in public spaces across Morwell
- Enable community groups to shape, deliver and manage local public space
- Generate a series of diverse public spaces that are dispersed throughout neighbourhoods

##### BLUE NETWORK

- Ensure remediation plans acknowledge the community costs and benefits associated with the use and management of waterways and their catchments
- Establish an integrated framework for water management that includes urban streets, parks, development constrained land, and redundant mining land

- Review current land use policy and guidelines relating to land subject to inundation particularly on industrial zoned former agricultural land between Morwell and Churchill
- Review and augment (as required) the Morwell River Neighbourhood Environment Improvement Plan community benefit opportunities associated with short/medium/long term remediation of mining lands
- Confirm current status and likely future impacts of mining at Yallourn on the Morwell wetlands
- Review and adjust (as required) the Waterhole Creek Management plan to include opportunities associated with additional land acquisitions
- Establish feasibility/ business case for strategic public acquisition of land along Waterhole Creek to the south of the regional rail corridor including land at Monash Way, and to the eastern boundary of the soon to be redundant Energy Brix site adjacent and associated rail line
- Establish the potential for waterway corridors, and to address broader bio-region connectivity (bio-links)
- Review existing Neighbourhood Environment Improvement Plan and Morwell River Management Plan in response to Future Morwell recommendations
- Review remediation plans for mines and power station sites with respect to public benefit and water way management

##### MOVEMENT NETWORK

- Develop concept plans for a linear park along the length of the former highway corridor to enhance visitor experience and pedestrian / cycle connectivity
- Enhance the movement within Morwell through the development of a priority Network for streetscape improvements that better support walking and cycling

##### MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE

- Promote advantages of key infrastructure including sites with access to major service infrastructure as part of a strategy for growing existing industries and attracting new industries
- Clarify planning constraints and opportunities for sites affected by major infrastructure to promote/ attract new industries and uses



## FUTURE MORWELL | A TOURIST TOWN

### A DISTINCTIVE AND PROUD TOWN

- Develop key activities and events at each hub location
- Consolidate resources and infrastructure to hub locations
- Develop detailed plans for each hub that have a multi-use and intensified objective for each location
- Ensure connections between hubs through the continuous development of pedestrian and bicycles network
- Identify a range of opportunities, at local, district and state level to activate and rebrand each hub
- Ensure there is clarity of connection between gateways
- Ensure there is a clear identity for each gateway

### MINING LAND - REHABILITATION CORRIDOR

- Develop a branding strategy for Morwell that identifies unique qualities and its role and function with respect to other growing industries, and the broader Gippsland brand.
- Explore & develop a rail trail network that utilises redundant rail infrastructure and connects to the proposed shared pathway network.
- Utilise the outcomes of the Mine Fire Inquiry to promote certainty (through greater transparency) and positive speculation about the post-coal future with planning for, and the staging of, remediation strategies commencing in the short term
- Recognise and explore the potential of "artificial/ engineered landscape" elements to contribute to/ complement the regions tourism brand and product offer
- Explore opportunities for engagement of local workforce in the rehabilitation tasks (as healthy, meaningful work)
- Develop Ridge Rd as a cultural, community and visitor destination with a focus on:
  1. Interpretation of the areas mining and engineering past, present and future
  2. Contemporary art and cultural activities
  3. Public Parkland

### MORWELL TOWN OF GARDENS

- Establish a network of green spaces interwoven throughout the town to act as the framework for Morwell Town of Gardens
- To explore strategies for how to reduce barriers in creating small community events in public spaces
- To establish and capture an annual and biannual calendar of events that can be advertised and profiled through municipal and regional online and print portals

## FUTURE MORWELL | A LIVEABLE TOWN

### NEIGHBOURHOODS

- Advocate for stronger bus links to Morwell neighbourhood house and the proposed hubs

- Identify and develop an 'administrative' precinct plan which consolidates activity along Hazelwood Road between George Street and Commercial Road and along the western end of Commercial Road towards the Rose Garden
- Provide for and promote greater use of the town centre for events and community use through temporary use of street space at Commercial Road and Tarwin Streets
- Develop and diversify activities at the Morwell Recreation Precinct as the premier destination for active recreation in Morwell and exploit synergies with the retail centre
- Support the Morwell & District Community Recovery Committee establish resident groups for each neighbourhood facilitating them to become champions for the residents in the community and facilitate a more connected community
- Explore options to locate a 'Community hall' and event facility within the Morwell CBD precinct
- Encourage resident groups, name each neighbourhood adjacent to the Village Hub, and identify a character type for the neighbourhood
- Create co-location spaces for residential, artistic and entrepreneurial uses in small neighbourhood shopping strips

### INDUSTRIAL PRECINCT

- Undertake a detailed audit of existing uses/ businesses within industrial lands to better understand the dynamics of use with respect to past and future supply and demand
- Develop a public realm framework for streets through industrial areas complementary to residential and activity centre neighbourhoods i.e. street hierarchy and function with respect to infrastructure needs (green, blue)
- Undertake detailed consultation with land/business owners within individual older industrial areas within the west of Morwell to establish a shared longer term vision and plan for their neighbourhoods
- Develop an integrated environmental & land use plan for land associate with current/former farming land and redundant energy industry land to the south of Princes Freeway
- Develop a CLUE (Census of Land Use & Employment) for on-going monitoring, reporting and strategic planning for industrial/ commercial land within the Latrobe Regional Networked City - made available to the public, business community and potential investors in order to make informed decisions
- Develop detailed site design guidelines for properties, and public land along key waterways within the Waterhole creek catchment as an extension/enhancement of the current Waterhole Creek Management Plan

## FUTURE MORWELL | ASSETS

### LISTING AND NON-LISTED HERITAGE

- Advocate that rehabilitation plans for mines and power stations have appropriate provisions for the recording, and retention of assets of heritage significance with respect to telling the story of Morwell in the future. Conduct assessment and concept plans for potential future use of mines and power stations
- Develop detailed trail plans which explore the links to and in-between recreational precincts, wetlands, rivers, gardens and other nature based assets to form a 'nature based' trail
- Evaluate recreational precinct design plans to ensure that they consolidate and intensify recreational areas into key town precincts, which are clearly signposted, visible and integrate with other surrounding activities and connected to other precincts
- Deploy a variety of low cost, low maintenance streetscape and open space improvements
- Develop a driving, walking and cycling trail network plan that assists in telling Morwell's historical, current and future story. Capture this trail network as a guidebook available in hard-copy and digital format

### BUILT ASSETS

- Provide for and promote greater use of the town centre for events and community use through temporary use of street space at Commercial Road and Tarwin Streets
- Develop and diversify activities at the Morwell Recreation Precinct as the premier destination for active recreation in Morwell and exploit synergies with the retail centre

### LAND ASSETS

- Facilitate the temporary use of spaces for short term lease/ use through improved permit systems and planning support for community groups, startup businesses, event organisers etc.

### HERITAGE ASSETS

- Develop a database of heritage assets considered of value to the community (not necessarily for the purposes of planning scheme inclusion/ amendment) including built assets, sites of significance, collections of artefacts/ images held locally or at state/ national libraries
- Explore potential for driving, walking, cycling trails that can assist in the telling of Morwell's story through interpretation of the Latrobe Thematic Heritage
- Conduct a feasibility study that examines the potential for an expansion of the collection/ stories/ exhibition at the Power Works site.

- Ensure rehabilitation plans for mines and power stations have appropriate provisions for the recording, retention of assets of heritage significance with respect to telling the story of Morwell in the future
- Consider development of a virtual Morwell site as a means of consolidating/ curating significant visual/ artefact material

## FUTURE MORWELL | HUBS

### HUB A

- Consolidate and direct retail, commercial and social enterprises to the following areas:
  - Commercial Road (between Chapel Street and Hazelwood Road)
  - Tarwin Street (between George Street and Commercial Road)
  - Church Street (between Princes Drive and Buckley Street)
- Develop concept plans for a town square located at the corner of Tarwin Street and Commercial Road supporting the idea of an identifiable heart to the Village Hub.
- To develop a circuit around the Village Hub that prioritises the bicycle and pedestrian network, and provides safe inclusive access for all during the day and evening.
- To develop a clear entrance and navigation through the town

### HUB B

- Explore the connectivity of this Hub to other Hubs in Morwell, and the local neighbourhoods through walking and bike path links
- Advocate for a strong connection and use between the public recreational facilities and educational facilities
- Consider how the management of each space might be more efficiently managed, and effectively scheduled to contribute to the health and safety of the area
- Consider the type and location of specific activities to support the local neighbourhoods, with careful attention given to the youth demographic
- Utilise the facilities (Morwell Leisure Centre, Morwell Scout Hall, tennis + basketball courts, and football grounds) outside of school operating hours, and after school programs
- Develop landscape plan for Sir Norman Brookes Park that integrates the recreational community organisations and new tennis courts
- Support the upgrade and development of McDonald Street to be a safe and healthy boulevard controlling local car traffic, and enabling better pedestrian and bike links, incorporate bus links, and reactivate retail shops

## HUB C

- Explore the connectivity of this Hub to other Hubs in Morwell, and the local neighbourhoods through walking and bike path links, including the connection to Hub F along Waterhole Creek, Hub D along redundant rail way paths, and to Hub A the Local Village centre
- Consider the potential to connect to other towns through an extended bike and pedestrian path network
- Re-define the identity of Mid Valley as a shopping complex orientated around large scale big retail chains servicing the needs of the district that complements and provides difference to Hub A as the Village centre created around a local scale atmosphere as a place to gather and celebrate the community of Morwell among a collection of unique shops, cafes, services, and activities
- Support and Enhance the existing training and education capacity of this Hub to grow through its relationship to the other activities and facilities contained in this area, or adjacent to it
- A Hub that integrates and provides direct pathway from secondary school, VET and Higher-Ed sectors
- Develop landscape plan that extends the recreation, park and lake reserves through a productive garden/ park operated, managed and utilised by training schemes located in this Hub

## HUB D

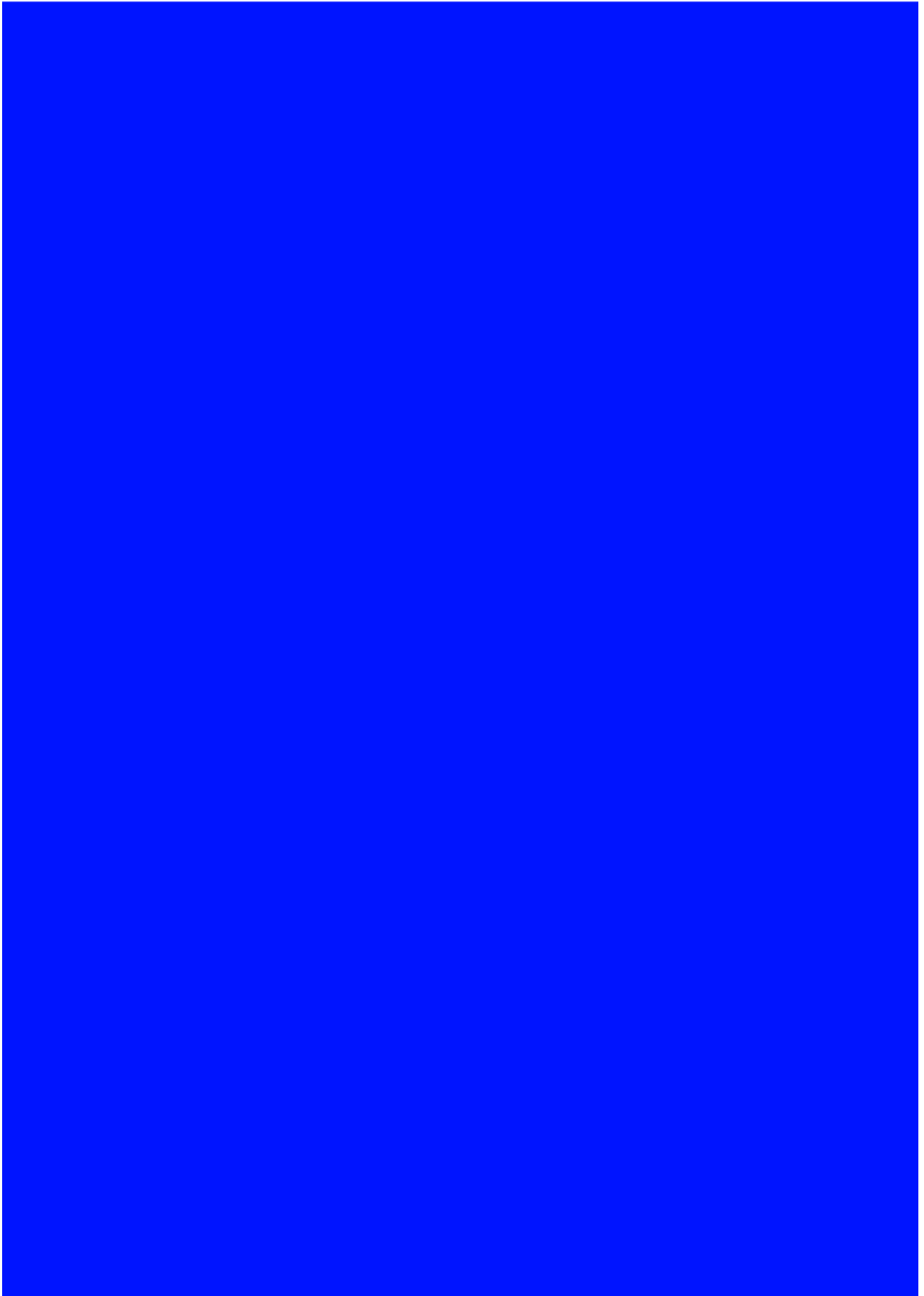
- Advocate and support the preservation, re-purposing, renovation, and re-branding of industrial built assets that are unique in Australia, to celebrate Morwell's industrial heritage, contribute to the transformation and re-branding of Morwell, and develop new industries in the region to diversify and support businesses and industry across the town.
- Promote industrial tourism as an integrated component of rejuvenated parks, event gardens, heritage gardens and reserves as a green network encouraging active healthy lifestyle choices
- Support and extend the existing Power Works industrial tourism activities
- Explore the connectivity of this Hub to other Hubs in Morwell, and adjacent neighbourhoods through walking and bike path links that utilise redundant rail paths and infrastructure assets
- Consider the potential to connect to other industrial assets, such as the Hazelwood Pondage, and other towns through an extended bike and pedestrian path network

## HUB E

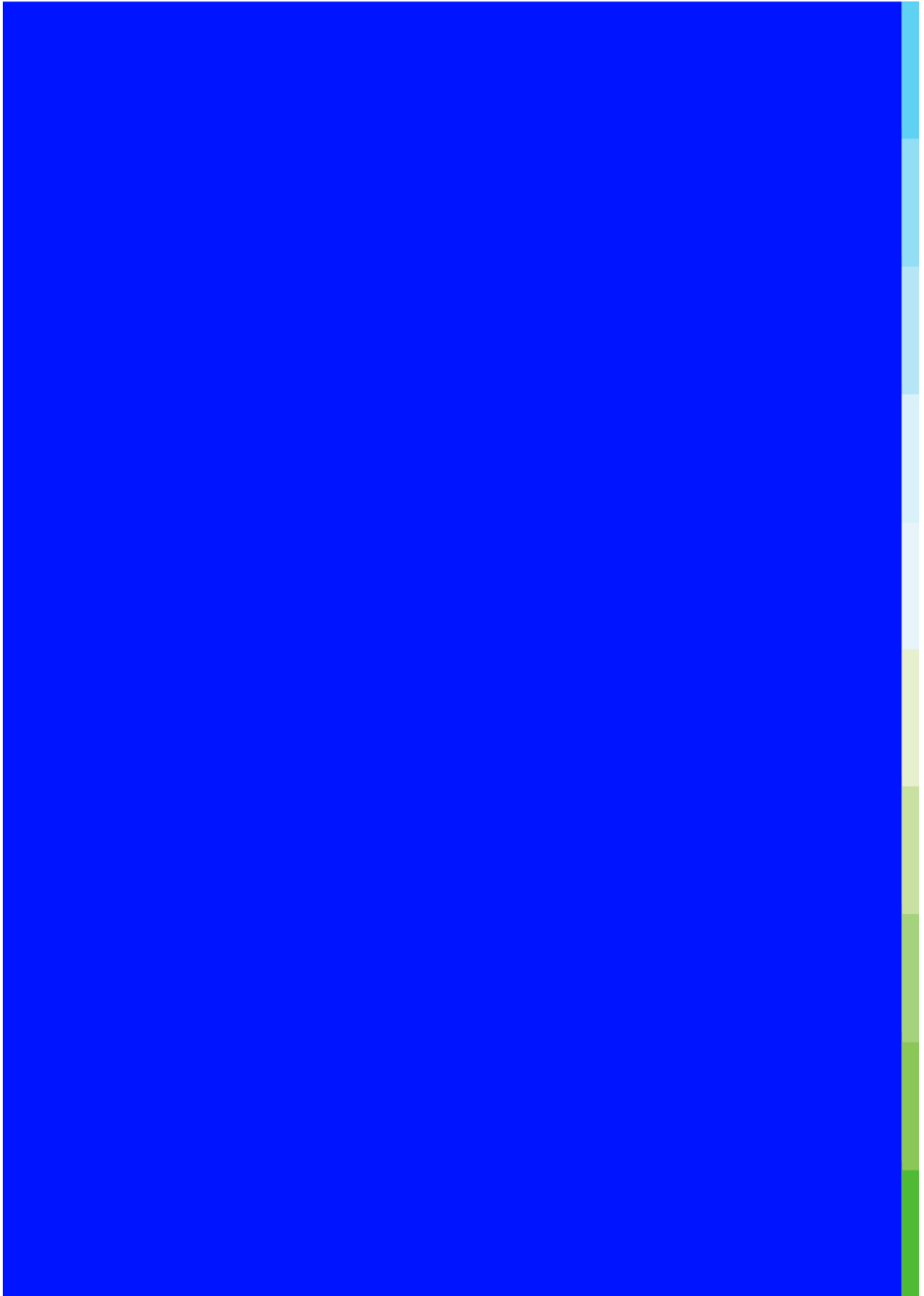
- Consider how the management of each space might be more efficiently managed, and effectively scheduled to contribute to the health and safety of the area
- Advocate and promote the utilisation of the sports facilities (Morwell recreation reserve, netball courts, football grounds, Morwell Bowling Club) to be utilised for local, regional, state, and national schedule of sporting events, shows, and activities.
- Enhance and care for the adjacent linear nature reserve and Eric Lubcke Reserve + consider how these spaces might be integrated as a part of the area's maintenance and management schedule to aesthetically and practically develop and support a healthy and active environment
- Investigate the possibility of locating an RV park adjacent to the Eric Lubcke Reserve to service and attract RV tourism
- Explore the connectivity and access of this Hub to other Hubs in Morwell, and the local neighbourhood through walking and bike path links along Maryvale Crescent, and existing reserves, including the connection to and activation of the redundant rail path
- Consider how to support and schedule the operations and activities of the Astoria Club and the Morwell Bowling Club to extend, enhance and activate the area with diverse events that operate in times when the sports grounds are not occupied
- Explore the development of a concept plan for rose garden to rose park extension

## HUB F

- Consider the type and location of specific activities to support the local neighbourhoods, with careful attention given to the youth demographic
- Advocate and promote the utilisation of the sports facilities (Tennis club, netball courts, football grounds, soccer fields) to be utilised for local, regional, state, and national schedule of sporting events, shows, and activities
- Explore the connectivity of this Hub to other Hubs in Morwell, and the local neighbourhood through walking and bike path links
- Consider how the management of each space might be more efficiently managed, and effectively scheduled to contribute to the health and safety of the area









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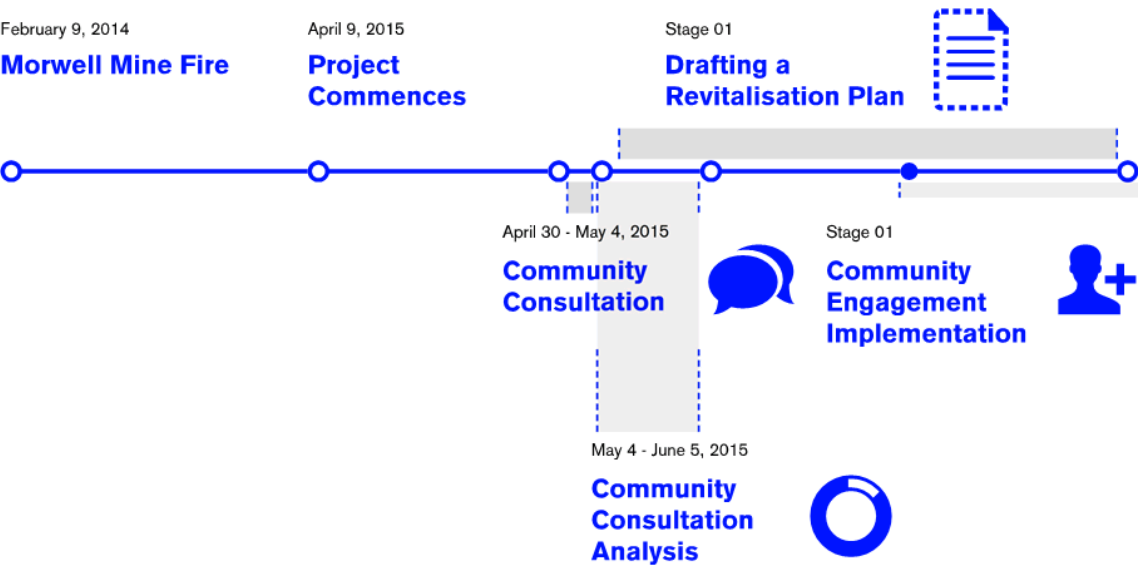
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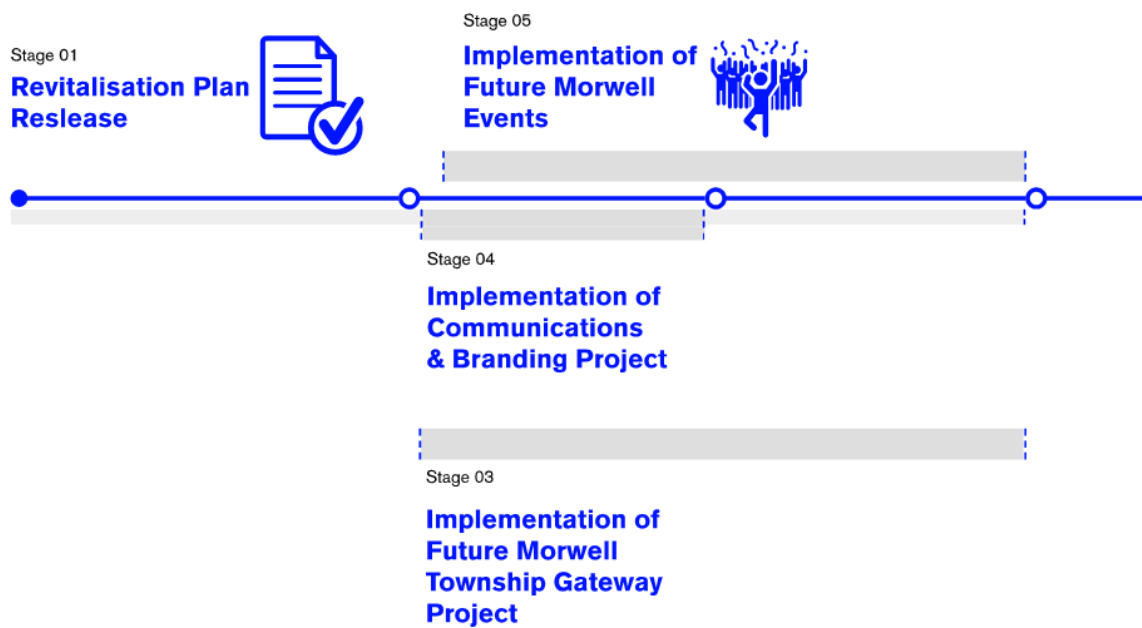
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1.1

OVERVIEW

PROJECT TIMELINE

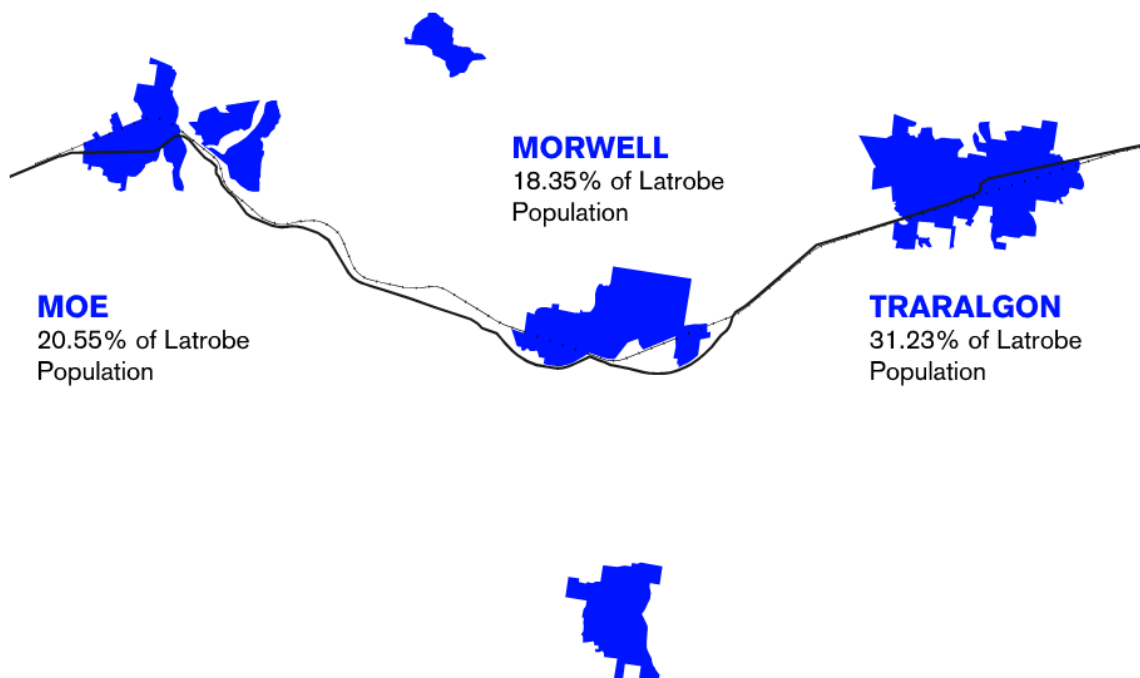




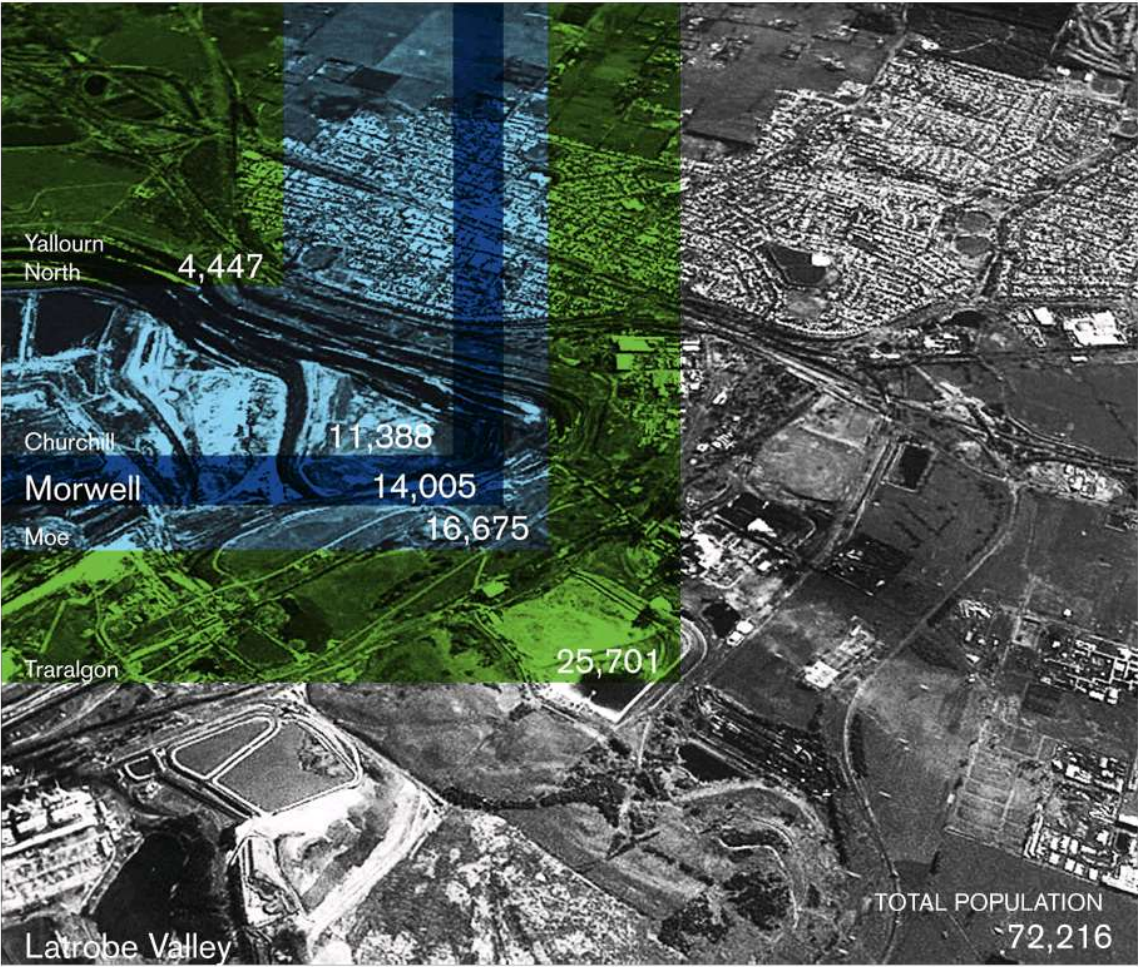
## 1.1 | OVERVIEW POPULATION

### POPULATION PEOPLE

The total number of people usually resident in Morwell on Census Night 2011 was 14,005. This represents 18.3% of the total number of people usually resident in Latrobe. 0.9% is the rate of Morwell & Latrobe Valley's annual population growth. Morwell & Latrobe Valley's Population distribution is 51% female 49% male.





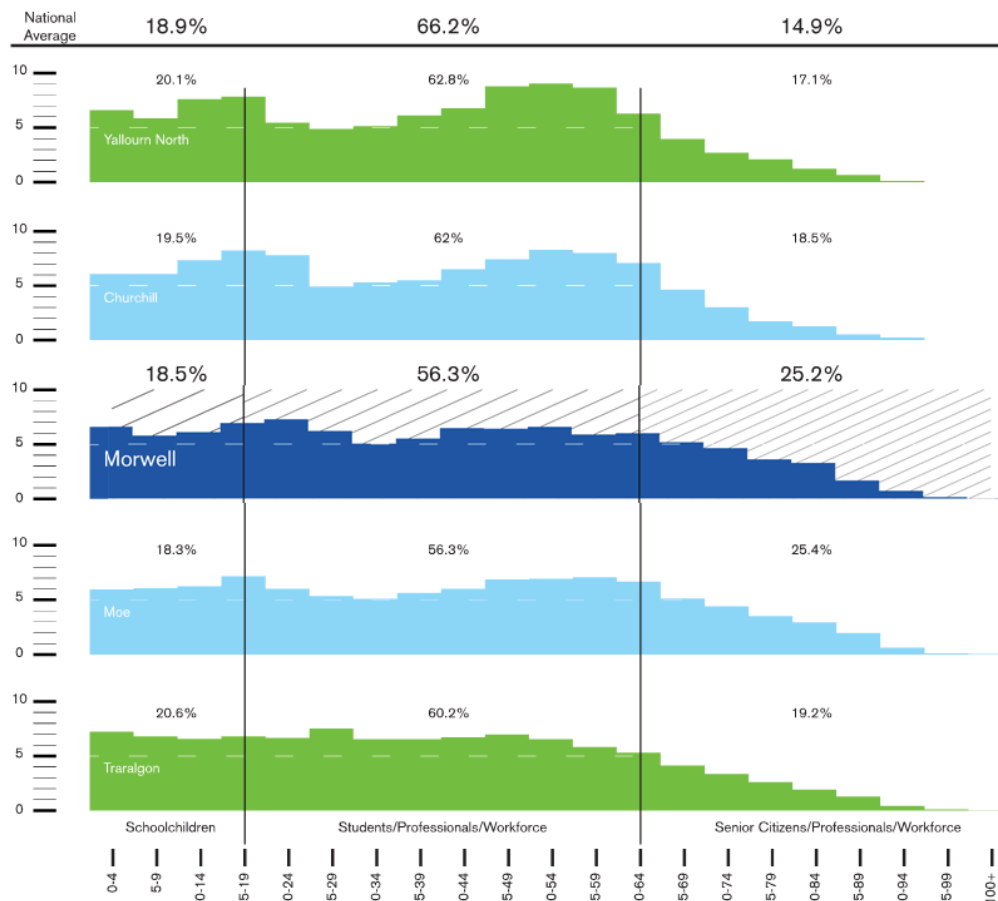


## 1.1 OVERVIEW AGE DEMOGRAPHICS

The number of 0-19 year old residents in Morwell is 18.5%, lower than 18.9% on a national level. 20-64 year olds make up 56.3%, compared to 66.2% on a national level. As for 65+ residents, Morwell's 25.2%, is much higher than the national of 14.9%.

### Population Age Demographics

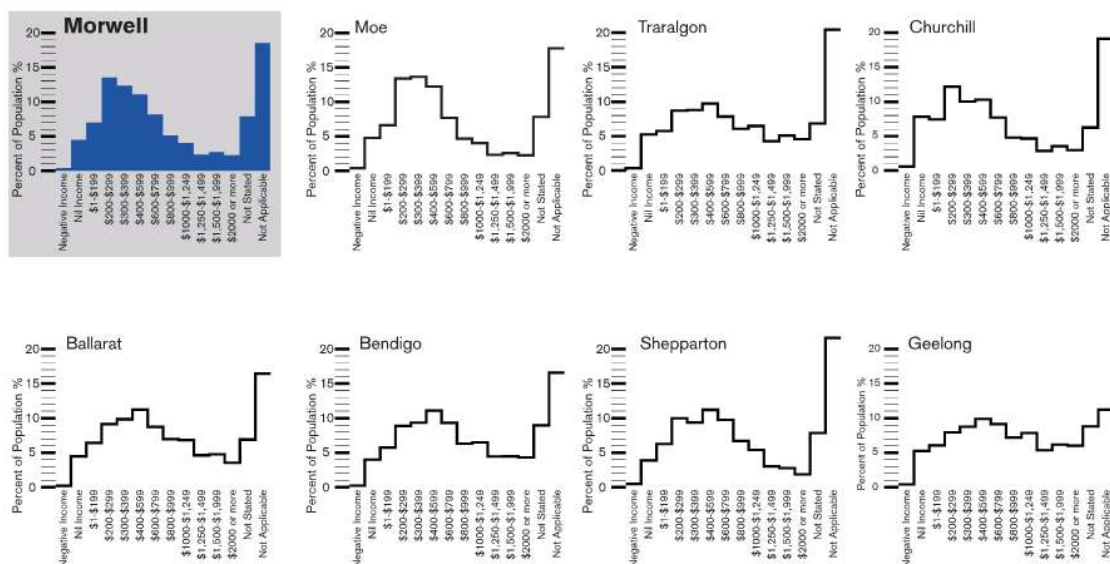
Latrobe City Inter-town Population Age Demographics Percentage Comparison



## 1.1 OVERVIEW INCOME & HOUSE OWNERSHIP

Compared to other regional cities, Morwell has a higher percentage of 57.3% owned property, and much higher than Bendigo's 43.5%. Less people rent in Morwell, at 27.8%, much lower than Bendigo's 35.6%.

### Income Per Week



### House Ownership



\*Higher % of owned with mortgage

Not stated: where no response is provided

Not applicable: where the question does not apply to the person and so no response is required (for example, Year of Arrival in Australia is not applicable for people born in Australia)

## 1.2 INTRODUCTION

### SUMMARY OF APPROACH

#### RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER KEY CURRENT PLANS

##### PLAN MELBOURNE - STATE OF CITIES- 14/05/2015

Dept. Transport,  
Planning & Local  
Infrastructure (DTPLI);  
MPA (renewal & infill  
areas in regional  
cities) with Dept. State  
Development, Business  
& Innovation

Maximise the growth  
potential of Victoria by  
developing a state of cities  
which delivers choice,  
opportunity and global  
competitiveness

- Review Regional City Growth Opportunities
- Consistent monitoring framework & data sources
- Improved Transport Connections
- Strengthened Transport Links on National Networks for the Movement of Goods Between Regional Cities, Melbourne, Interstate & Internationally

##### GIPPSLAND REGIONAL GROWTH PLAN (20-30 year landuse strategy) - 14/05/2015

Dept. Transport,  
Planning & Local  
Infrastructure (DTPLI);  
MPA (renewal & infill  
areas in regional  
cities) with Dept. State  
Development, Business  
& Innovation

- Vibrant & Prosperous commercial centres (responsive to changing population & market conditions);Diversified service & manufacturing; Productive & Innovative Agriculture/forestry/ fisheries;strengthened energy
- Manage risk from natural hazards; manage environmental & cultural heritage assets (competing demands); Address impacts & opportunities re: climate change
- Sustainable Growth through network of settlements; settlements are strong, prosperous, sustainable
- Strategic Infrastructure plans (gas,electricity,drainage, water, sewerage,telecoms) to growth areas through development; Improved road rail & port (Morwell logistics precinct); Local Health education, cultural and sporting infrastructure



1. DIRECTION 6.2

Rebalance Victoria's population growth from Melbourne to Rural and Regional Victoria over the life of the strategy

2. DIRECTION 6.3

Bring together Planning Strategies for Metropolitan Melbourne and Regional Victoria

3. DIRECTION 6.4

Improve connections between cities

- Facilitation of redevelopment of state/regionally significant employment precincts; planning framework supporting increased residential & business densities and social civic & cultural facilities in regional city CBDs; identify pipeline of renewal and infill opportunities in relation to surplus Govt. land
- Planning Framework and Measures need to be consistent across each centre within the Networked Regional City (Traralgon, Morwell, Moe, Churchill)
- Road & Rail Upgrades
- Princes Hwy West upgrades including bypass for Traralgon; Regional Transport Plan

1. Strengthening economic resilience by growing a more diverse economy, supported by new investment, innovation and value adding in traditional strengths

2. Promote a healthy environment by valuing Gippsland's environmental and heritage assets, and minimising exposure to natural hazards & risks

3. Develop Sustainable Communities through a settlement framework comprising major urban centres ensuring access to jobs, services, infrastructure, community facilities

4. Deliver Timely & Accessible Infrastructure to meet regional needs for transport, utilities & community facilities

- Vibrant town centre (economic & social /cultural activity); Need to establish drivers for population growth & catchment daily through to periodic/ tourism; show case of agricultural & forestry sector through show case of goods/ timber products & innovation
- Buffer zones/ interface with mines; support for large scale native vegetation corridor projects; focus is heavily on negative impacts on growth; role for community in protecting natural & cultural assets (expanded definition); support for initiatives that monitor/assess/ adapt to climate change
- Latrobe City as Gippsland's regional city & single urban system; 20-30 year structure plan for Latrobe City/Morwell including clarification of mine buffer; subregional integration of infrastructure & services; housing strategy; heritage & urban design initiatives that support liveability & identity; strategy for increased demographic diversity & youth retention; need to define locally meaning of words "strong", "prosperous", "sustainable"
- Regional City social infrastructure plan(s) for regional city; growth area planning & DCPs; logistics precinct Morwell

## 1.2 INTRODUCTION

### SUMMARY OF APPROACH

#### RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER KEY CURRENT PLANS

##### LATROBE VALLEY INDUSTRY & EMPLOYMENT ROAD MAP

Joint Ministerial Forum  
(Federal & State):  
Mayoral Reference  
Group; Latrobe Valley  
Transition Committee  
(Federal, State & Local  
government; RDA  
Gippsland Committee,  
VECCI; Gippsland  
Trades & Labour  
Council; CFMEU;

A framework for action to  
help minimise the impact  
of changes in the region's  
energy industry whilst  
positioning the area for a  
prosperous and sustainable  
future. Includes City of  
Latrobe, Baw Baw &  
Wellington Shires. See also  
Latrobe Valley Transition  
Committee Discussion  
Paper (Apr 2012)

- Transitioning business & workers
- Strengthening the Workforce
- Infrastructure for growth
- Strengthening innovation and competitiveness
- Attracting and facilitating investment
- Enhancing liveability
- Working together

##### SECURING OUR FUTURE - GOVERNMENT INVESTING OPPORTUNITIES 2013 - 13/06/2015

Council on behalf  
of local industries &  
organisations to secure  
Regional Development  
Australia Funds, and  
Latrobe Valley Industry  
and Infrastructure Funds  
(or recently renamed  
versions)

Outlines Latrobe City  
Council's key priorities  
for local projects that can  
create real and sustainable  
jobs and growth within  
Municipality

- A New Resource: Leveraging innovation and jobs  
from the brown coal asset. Aligning federal/state  
policies with opportunities for innovative research  
& development including alternative uses for Coal  
resource
- Economic Development: Infrastructure Enabling  
Job Creation: to further diversify its economy by  
attracting new industries as well as capitalising and  
expanding on existing businesses, services and  
skills in the region
- Liveability: Gippsland's Liveable City: Holistic  
approach to development with opportunities  
to use the natural features of the land, to link  
pathways and community infrastructure, to ensure  
a connectedness both within the development  
itself and to the wider community; promoting  
development while maintaining a unique regional  
lifestyle

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- Ensuring workers and businesses affected by changes in energy industry have employment and business opportunities
  - Ensuring education provision and local industry needs are better aligned, and participation in training and higher education increases are in line with future industry skills demands
  - Ensuring governments and industry plan and coordinate infrastructure to support industry growth and diversification
  - Ensuring businesses are supported to increase their competitiveness and drive innovation
  - Ensuring existing businesses are helped to expand, and new businesses are encouraged to locate in the Latrobe Valley
  - Ensuring the Latrobe Valley maintains and enhances its reputation as a liveable community
  - Ensuring governments, business, unions and other regional stakeholders work cooperatively to diversify and grow the region's economy
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- While the Latrobe Valley has quality infrastructure, transport constraints reduce the efficiency of logistics and freight handling, and passenger movement within the region. Upgrades to Gippsland's rail and road connectivity, both intra-regionally and to Melbourne's ports and airports, will better position the region to capitalise on diversification opportunities
  - Given the natural advantage of resource industries and their reliance on a secure water supply, the Latrobe Valley will require further upgrades to increase output in burgeoning sectors such as dairy, agriculture and forestry industries. These improvements will help grow jobs, and unlock the potential of further diversification and investment
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- Primarily seeking "red tape" and certainty regarding Energy Policy, additional rail freight infrastructure, and part funding to support a range of projects including: hydrothermal dewatering processes (40% emission reduction); upgrade of coal for international export; conversion of fly ash to cementitious material
  - Includes unlocking the industrial potential of Logistics Precinct land and former Lurgi Site, Improved transport infrastructure including rail, port of Hastings, airport; Additional health & training facilities; decentralised government jobs
  - Ambitious program of planned upgrades of recreational and community facilities; focus on Traralgon including regional aquatic centre, performing arts/ convention centre, Courthouse redevelopment, Gippsland Plain Rail trail
  - Greater certainty of jobs in relation to Transition Plan; Overall greater confidence with future. Note: total of approx 1300 temp jobs and 800 permanent across all project
  - Many of the developments to be facilitated relate to the southern edge of Morwell/ Churchill, with potential direct benefits in terms of business activity and accessibility from Melbourne. Estimated 250+ jobs from GLP & Lurgi site redevelopments. 400+ jobs in health sector/Govt. sector
  - Outstanding "competition" for Performing Arts Centre between Morwell & Traralgon with current review slightly favouring Traralgon based on already determined. Morwell Family and Children's Hub / Early Learning Centre associated with School Regeneration project

## 1.2 INTRODUCTION

### SUMMARY OF APPROACH

#### RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER KEY CURRENT PLANS

##### LATROBE 2026 -2011-2026

Latrobe City Council;  
Lists community  
aspirations as identified  
in 2009 survey

The aim of this document is to identify current strengths and issues that can be built upon or improved to achieve the Community Vision by 2026: In 2026 the Latrobe Valley is a liveable and sustainable region with collaborative and inclusive community leadership. Liveable and vibrant - A place where people feel safe, connected and proud of their city; Sustainable and enterprising - A place where community life complements the environment, and diverse employment opportunities secure our future; and Committed to collaborative and inclusive leadership - A place where people work in partnership to facilitate local outcomes

- **ECONOMY:** Latrobe Valley has a strong and diverse economy built on sustainable and innovative enterprise. As the Business Centre of Gippsland, it contributes to the regional and broader economies, whilst providing opportunities and prosperity for our local community
- **NATURAL ENVIRONMENT:** Latrobe Valley Enjoys a beautiful natural environment that is managed and protected with respect to ensure a lasting legacy for future generations
- **BUILT ENVIRONMENT:** Latrobe Valley benefits from a well planned built environment that is complimentary to its surroundings and which provides a connected and inclusive community
- **COMMUNITY:** Latrobe Valley is one of the most liveable regions in Victoria, known for its high quality health, education and community services, supporting communities that are safe, connected and proud
- **CULTURE:** Latrobe Valley celebrates the diversity of heritage and cultures that shape our community, with activities and facilities that support the cultural vitality of the region
- **RECREATION:** Latrobe Valley encourages a healthy and vibrant lifestyle, with diversity in passive and active recreational opportunities and facilities that connect people with their community
- **GOVERNANCE:** Latrobe Valley has a reputation for conscientious leadership and governance, strengthened by an informed & engaged community, committed to enriching local decision making



- Expansion & diversification; Effective transition of the economy to an increasingly carbon emission constrained future.
- Air Pollution; Climate Change; Retention & Management of Native Vegetation; Water health & Biodiversity
- Population Growth Up to 86,450 in 2026; 15 year supply of residential rezoning; water quality, biodiversity links, and passive and active recreation links between communities; accessibility of community services and facilities; infrastructure (transport, water, sewerage, open space/ recreation)
- Liveability: relaxed country lifestyle along with high quality health and education services, affordable housing and a strong sense of community; reduction in individual disadvantage and welfare dependency through opportunity for participation in community life; improved safety through Safety Committees; education/research aligned with facilities & local issues as contributor to economy; Well-being supported by high quality health services & programmes
- Diversity of indigenous and multicultural heritage, well-established international relationships (Chinese/ Japanese sister cities); recent Sudanese arrivals; Arts and cultural programs, activities, events, festivals and facilities, international corporations; university student population
- Regional sporting hub Strengthening the capacity of sport and recreational clubs and organisations and seeking to improve the quality of local facilities; national and international events
- Good governance through competent management of resources and affairs; Community leadership through bringing people together with common goal e.g. Gippsland Community Leadership Program
- Community leadership requires a combination of government, business and community members with established local interest; people with diverse expertise, perspective and function ; e.g. 2009 bushfire recovery, Central Gippsland Essential Industries Group
- Morwell is a regular host of AFL regional challenge matches

1.2

INTRODUCTION

SUMMARY OF APPROACH

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER KEY CURRENT PLANS

COUNCIL PLAN -  
2013 - 2017

The Council Plan identifies a range of objectives and strategies that will shape the direction and priorities for our community over the next four years.	<div>The aim is to provide the best possible facilities, services, advocacy and leadership for Latrobe City as one of Victoria's four major Regional Cities</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Job creation &amp; economic sustainability</li><li>• Appropriate, affordable &amp; sustainable facilities, service, recreation</li><li>• Efficient, effective &amp; accountable governance</li><li>• Advocacy for &amp; consultation with our community</li><li>• Planning for our future</li></ul></div>
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LATROBE CITY  
MUNICIPAL PUBLIC  
HEALTH &  
WELL-BEING PLAN  
2013-2017

The plan will inform the operational processes of council, other local organisations and local community activity.	<div>The aim of this plan is in the primary prevention of disease and promotion of wellbeing. The plan aims to keep well people well and sets the strategic directions, objectives and strategies to promote health and wellbeing in the municipality.</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Being active</li><li>• Eating well</li><li>• Protecting our health</li><li>• Staying connected</li><li>• Feeling safe</li><li>• Skills for healthy communities</li></ul></div>
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- Actively pursue long term economic prosperity for Latrobe City, one of Victoria's four major regional cities
- Actively pursue and support long term job security and the creation of new employment opportunities in Latrobe City
- Work in partnerships with all levels of governments to ensure Latrobe City is well supported, resourced and recognised as one of Victoria's four major regional cities
- Strengthen relationships with the Victorian and Australian Governments to ensure Latrobe City is positioned to maximise benefits from regional policy and funding opportunities
- Review our policy and guidelines for new residential development in particular lot density, unit development, road widths and emergency vehicle access
- Work with stakeholders to maintain and enhance the natural environment and biodiversity of Latrobe City and the region.
- To ensure effective two-way communication and consultation processes with the community
- Provide timely and targeted infrastructure to support economic growth and the marketability of Latrobe City to industry and investors.
- Improved health and wellbeing are fundamental aims for all residents who live, learn, work and play in Latrobe City. Latrobe City Council is committed to creating environments that support our community's health and wellbeing.
- The council is dedicated to enabling community members to live in a diverse and equitable community where their health and wellbeing is a priority. Based on solid community consultation and research, the plan provides a clear course of action to jointly address our community's health and wellbeing needs and aspirations over the next four years.
- The aim of the Latrobe City Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan (MPHWP) is to achieve maximum levels of health and wellbeing through identifying and assessing the actual and potential public health issues in the community and outlining strategies and actions to prevent or minimise them. It also aims to identify opportunities to support health and wellbeing through the four domains of Environments for Health: built, social, economic and natural environments.
- Council's role in Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Planning is to bring together stakeholders around key public health and wellbeing focus areas, to lead and facilitate partnerships to develop local health planning priorities, and to support initiatives that promote positive health and wellbeing. It is not Council's role to meet all of the objectives in the Plan, but to provide a point of coordination and oversight to plan and evaluate strategies that meet the objectives of the Plan.

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## LATROBE CITY A NETWORK CITY

### OVERVIEW: A COMPARISON OF VICTORIA'S REGIONAL CITIES

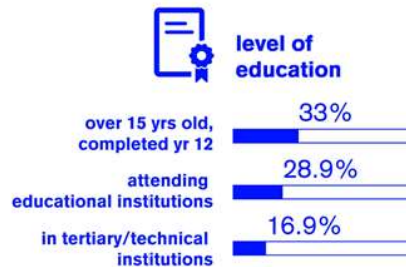
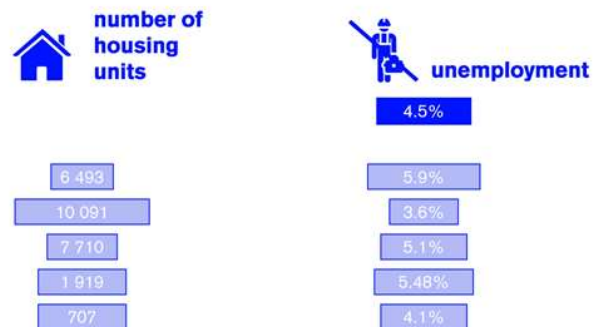
#### Latrobe City



#### population



#### employment

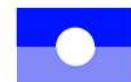


#### cultural diversity

top 5 'country of birth'  
top 5 languages spoken



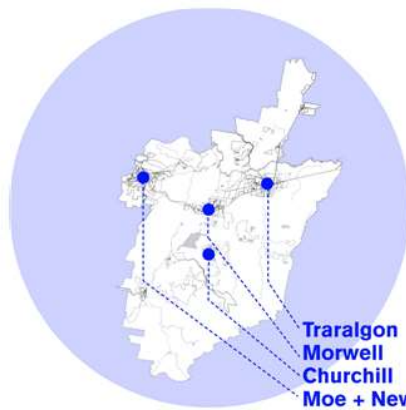
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U.K. 4.3%	English 88.5%
Italy 1%	Italian 1.4%
	Greek 0.5%
	Mandarin 0.4%
Australia 80.5%	
New Zealand 0.9%	



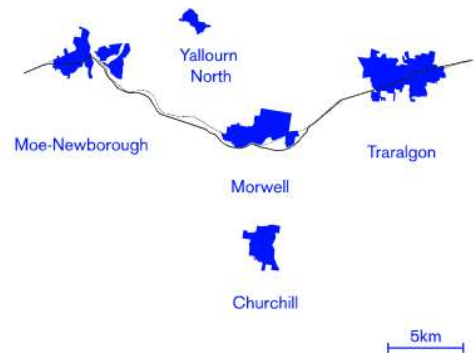
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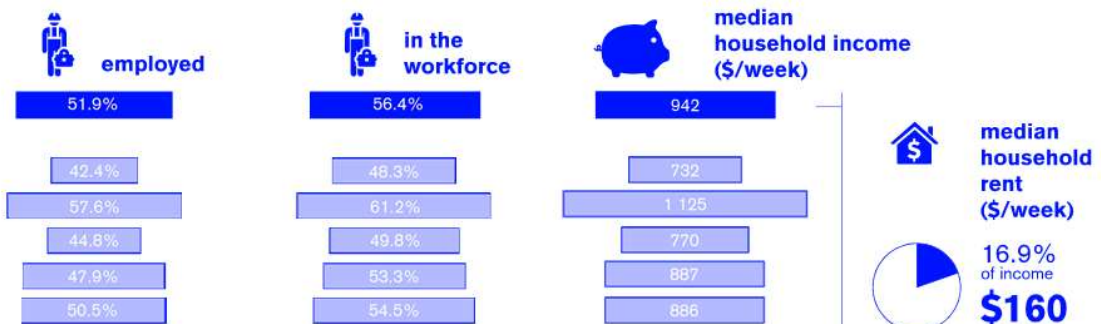


Traralgon  
Morwell  
Churchill  
Moe + Newborough



5km

## households



## occupations

### top 5 industries



### top 5 occupations





1247 km<sup>2</sup>



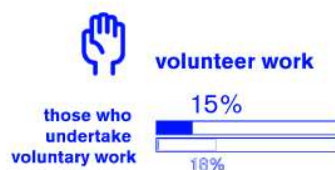
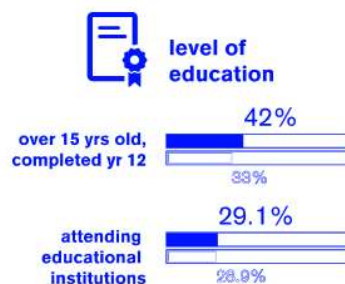
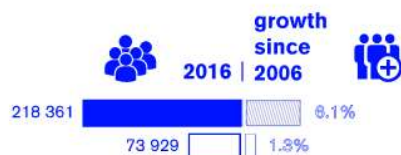
1425 km<sup>2</sup>



Relative Size

20km

## population



City  
of  
Greater  
Geelong

20

## employment



### top 5 industries



### top 5 occupations



## households





740 km<sup>2</sup>



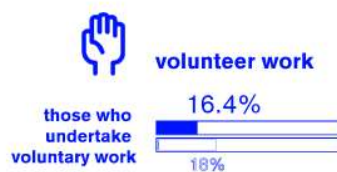
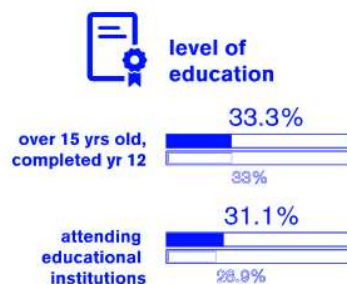
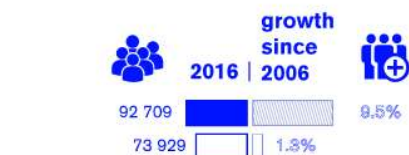
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## population



## employment



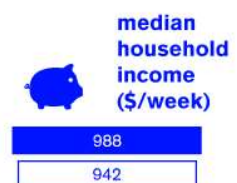
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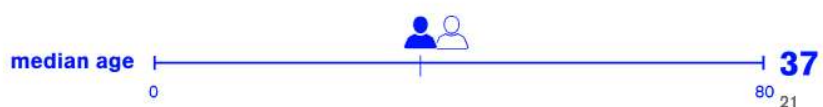
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## households



City of Ballarat





2422 km<sup>2</sup>



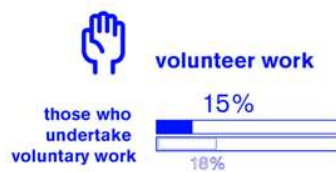
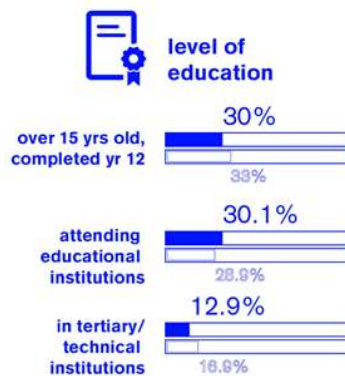
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20km

## population



City  
of  
Greater  
Shepparton

22

## employment



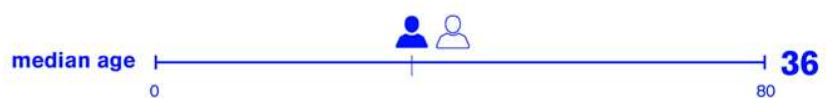
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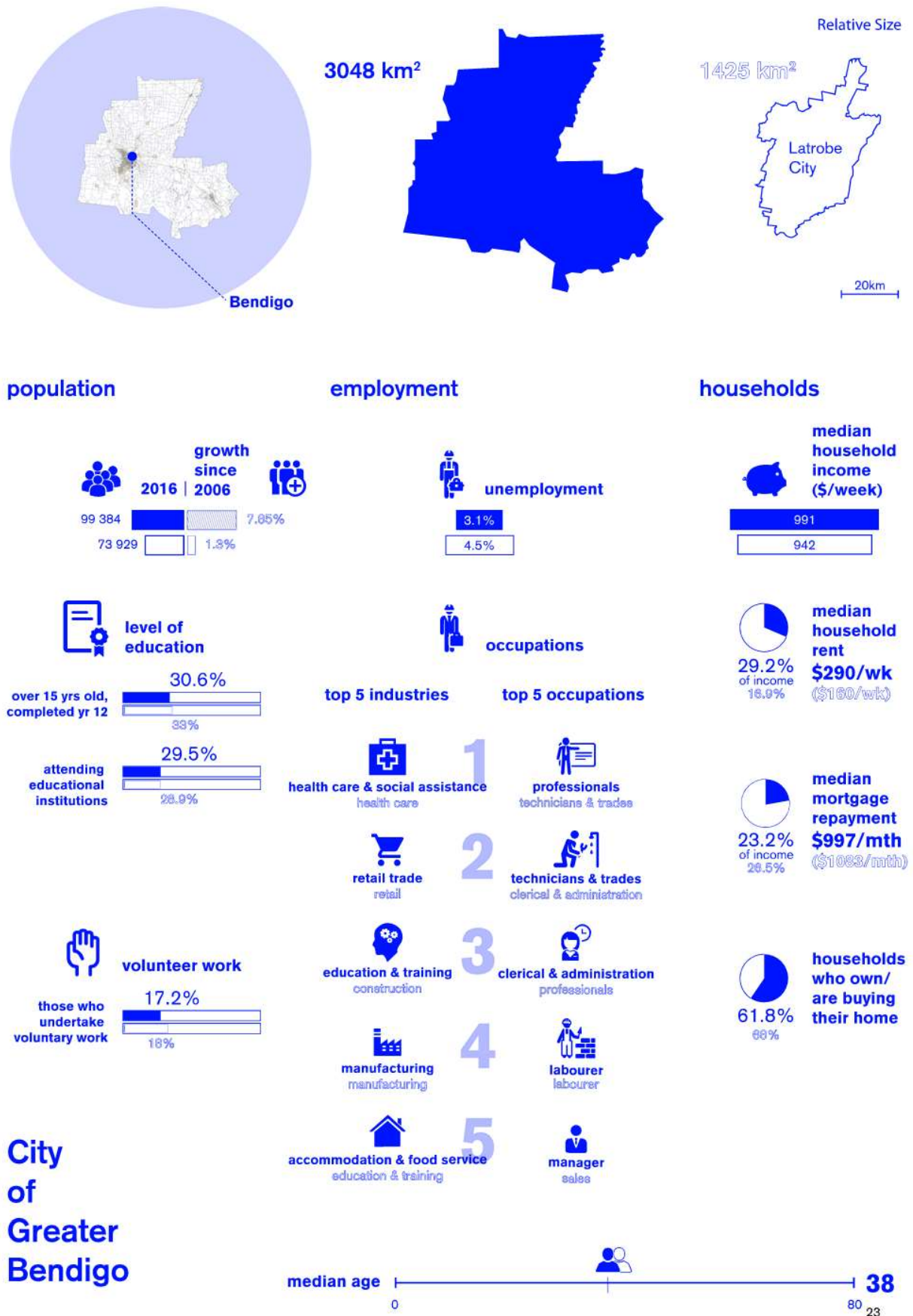
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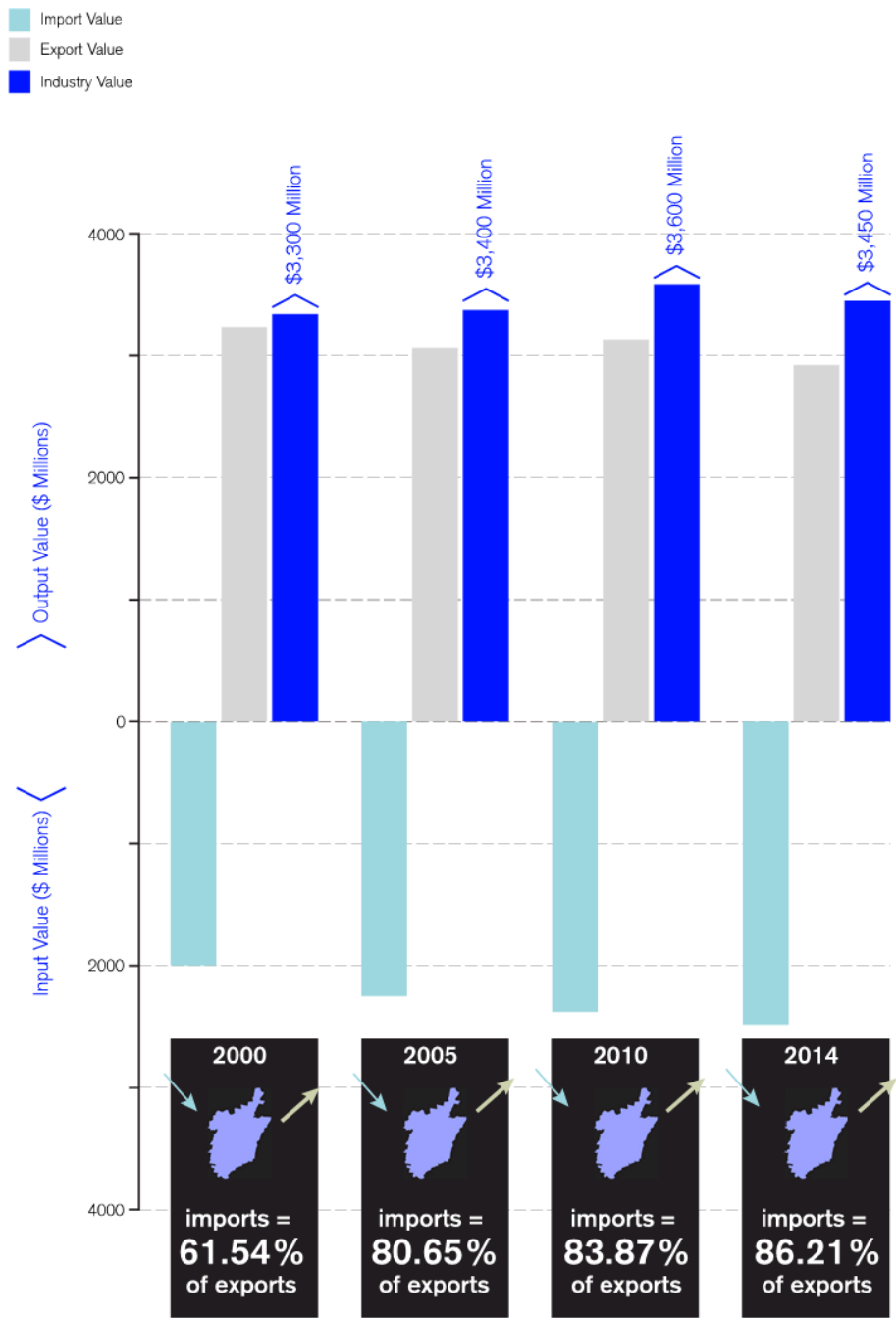
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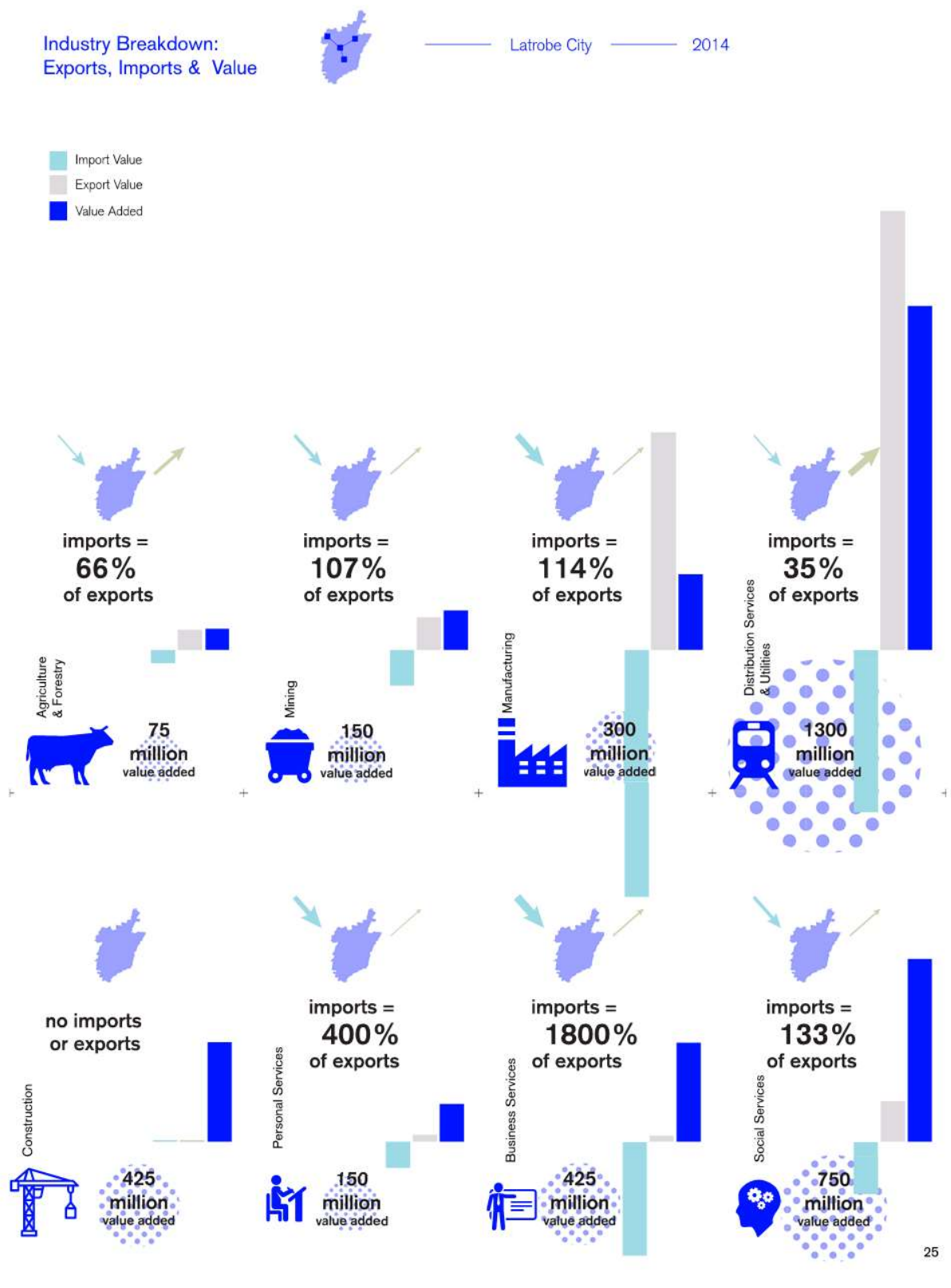
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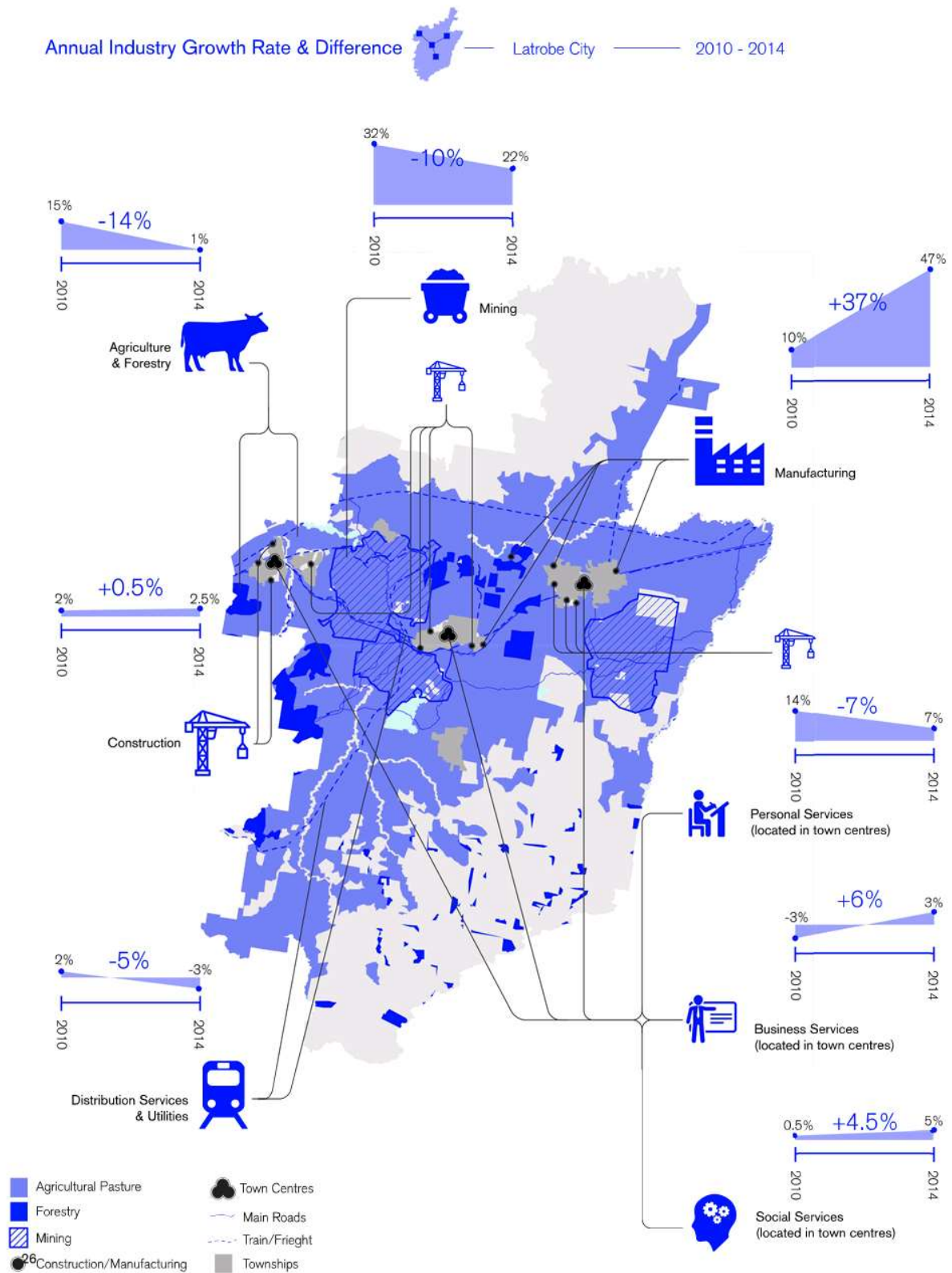
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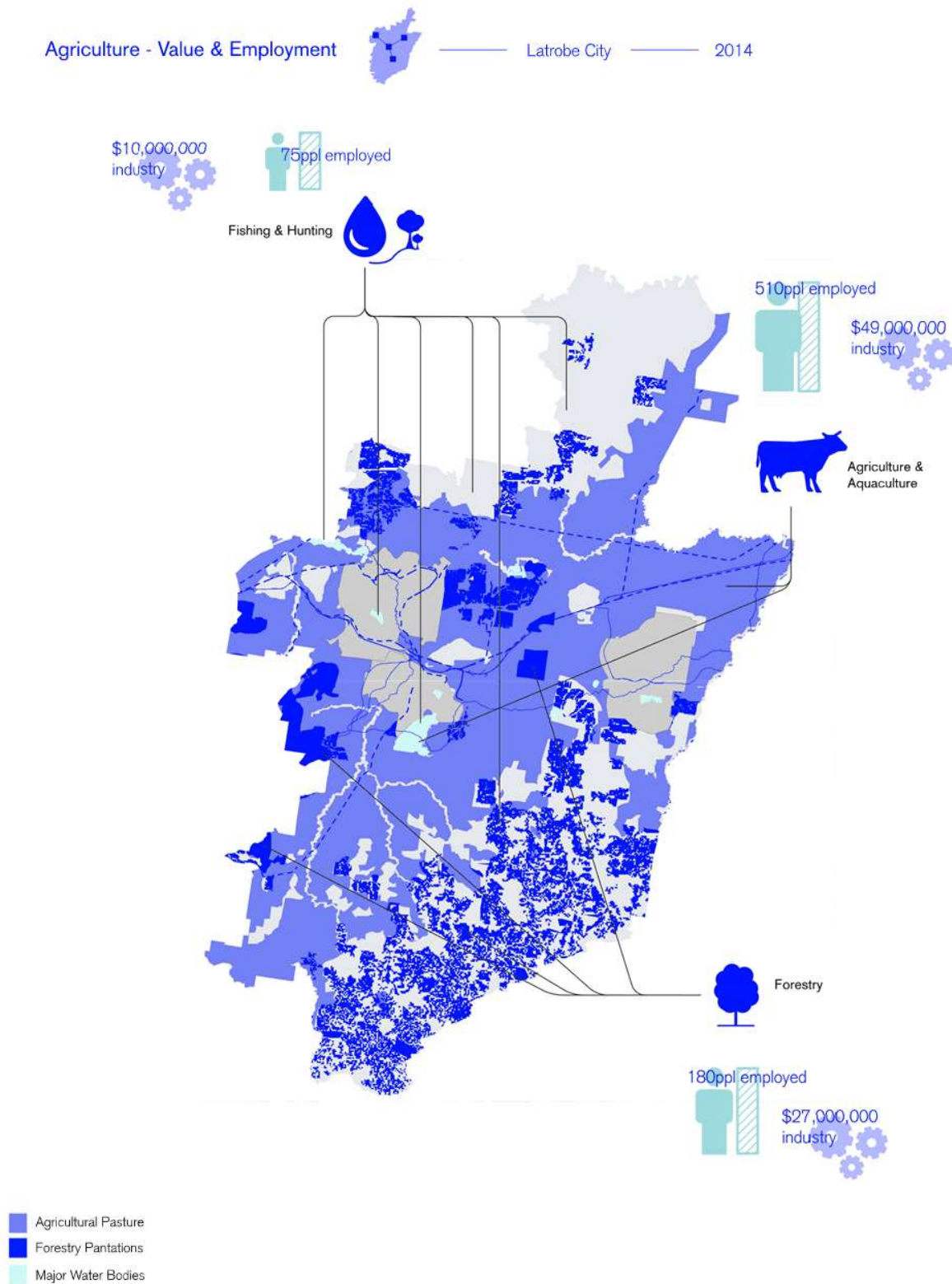
Latrobe City      2000 - 2014











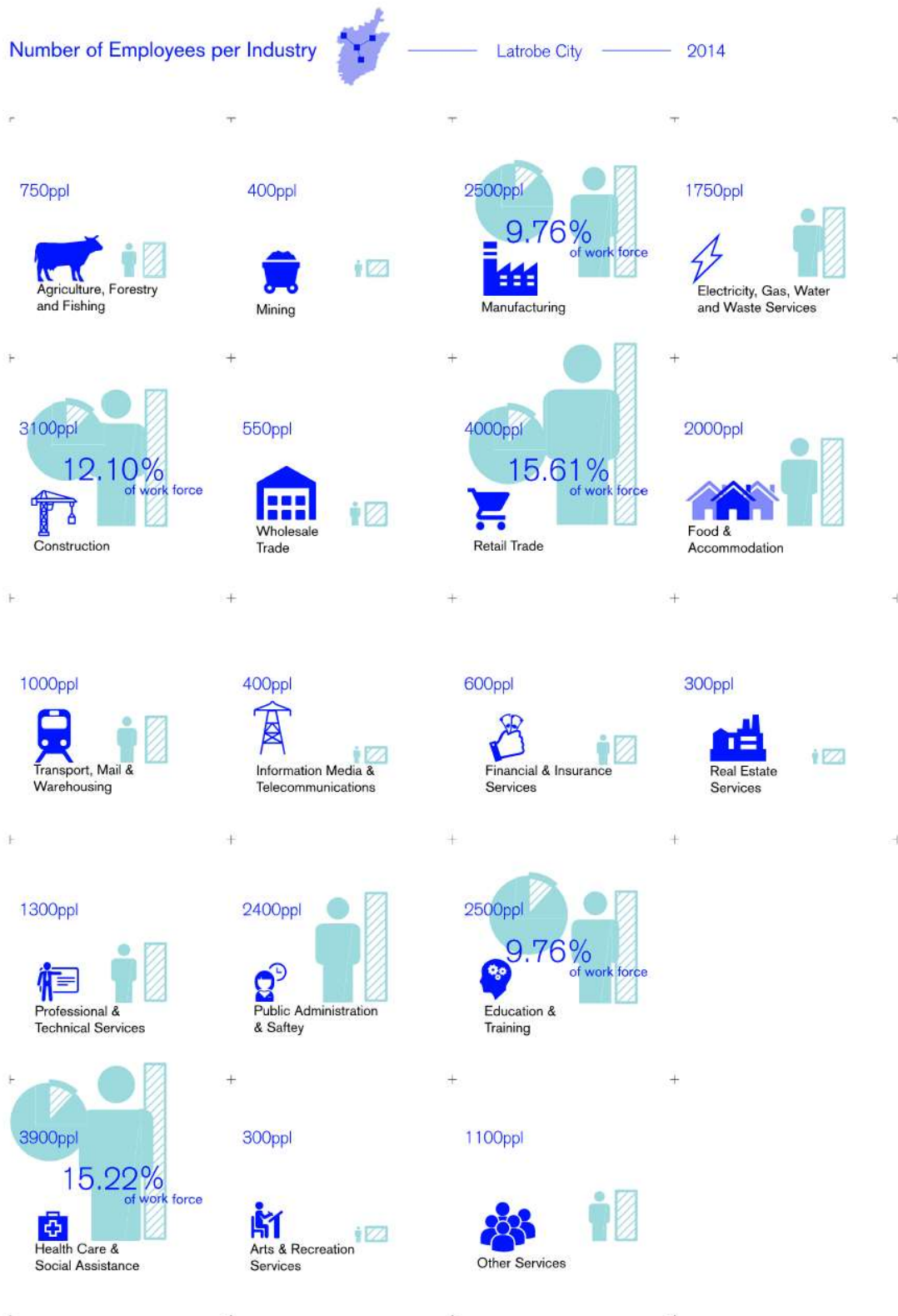
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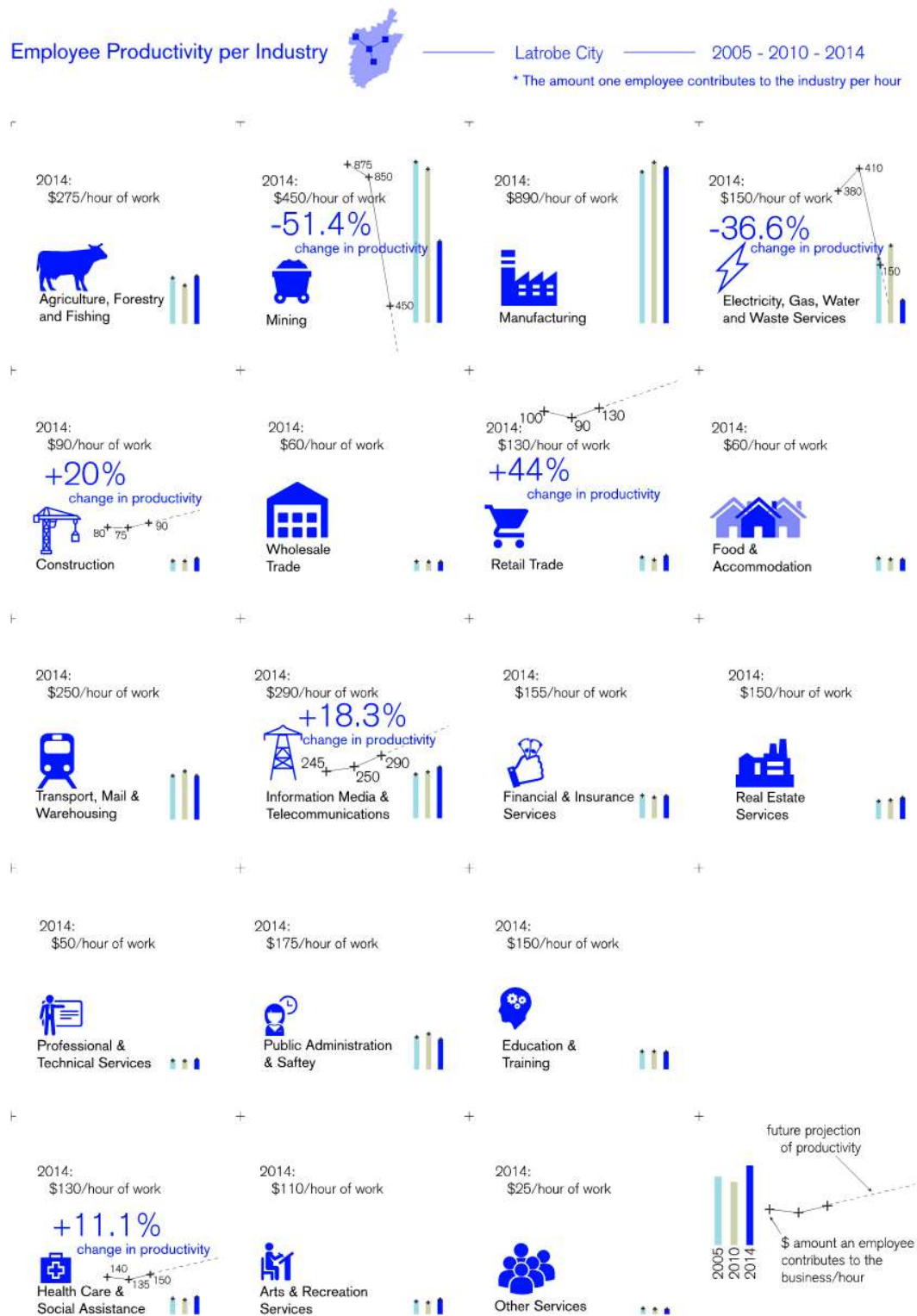
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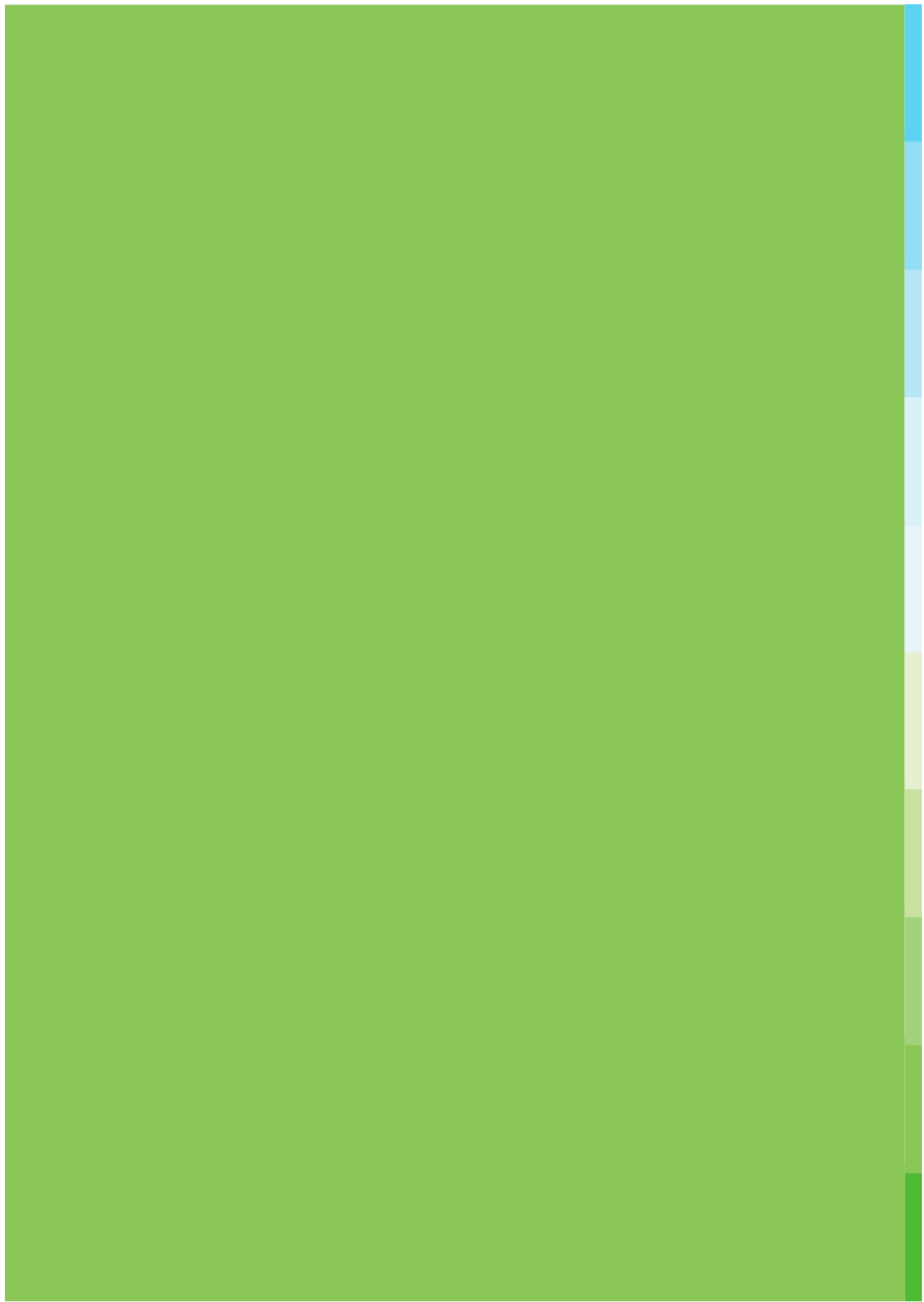
Latrobe City 2010 - 2014  
% refers to percentage of work force











## 1.5 | LATROBE CITY PLANNING CONTEXT ECONOMY & INVESTMENT

Unemployment is highest in Morwell at 11% in comparison to the rest of Latrobe Valley. Similarly, Latrobe has the highest unemployment rate of 8.1% in comparison to Regional areas. Primary & Secondary Industries make up 8.5% of Latrobe's total employment by industry. Mining makes up 5.9% of primary and secondary sectors of employment.

### Labour Force Framework

Employed

Engaged in economic work

Unemployed

Available to start work

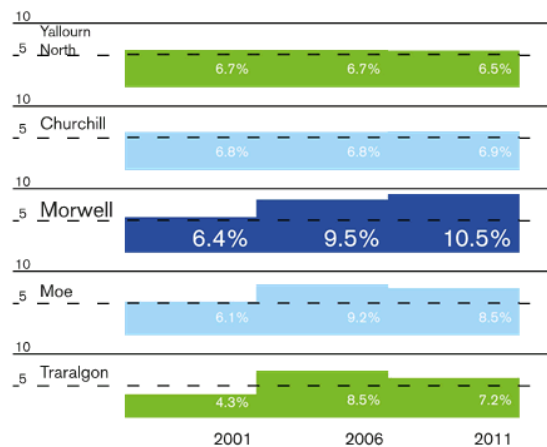
Not in Labour Force

Not available to start work or not actively looking for work



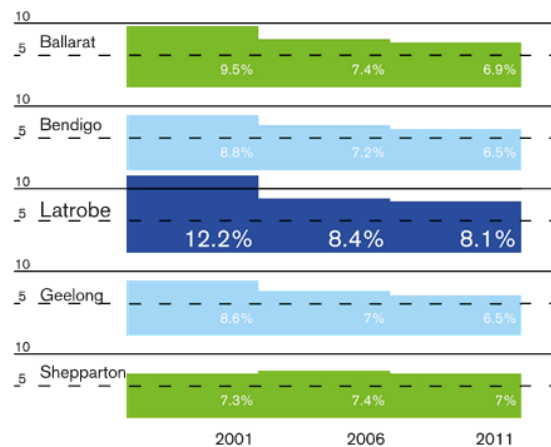
### Unemployment Rate

Latrobe Valley Intertown Unemployment Rate  
Percentage Comparison between 2001-2011



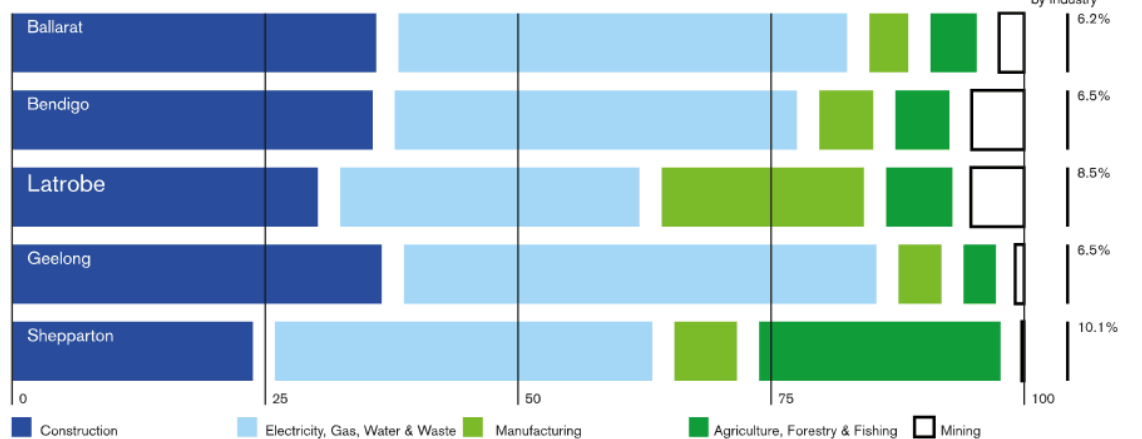
### Regional Labour Unemployment Rate

Victoria Inter Region Labour Unemployment Rate  
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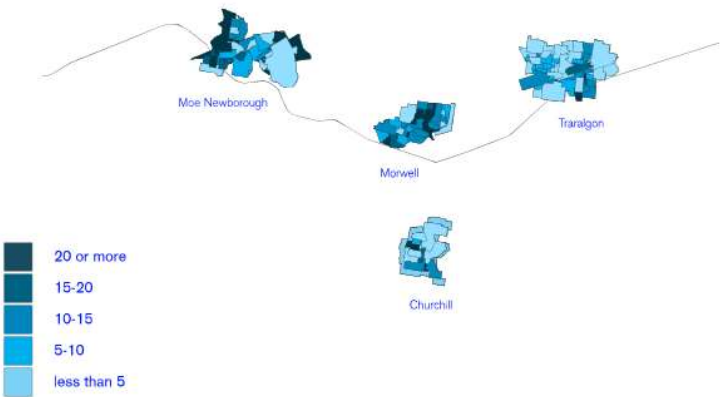
### Total Employment by Primary and Secondary Industries

Victoria Inter Region Total Employment by Primary and Secondary Industries Percentage



youth disengagement

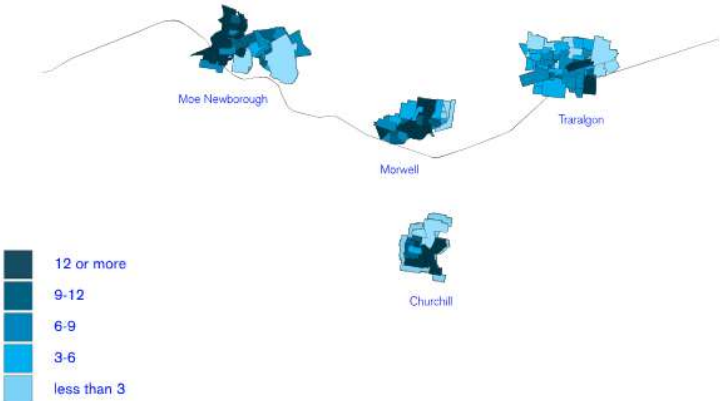
people aged 15-24 years, not in labour force or education system  
(% of total population)



**Morwell and Moe suffer from the highest rates of youth disengagement in the City of Latrobe**

unemployed and living in state housing

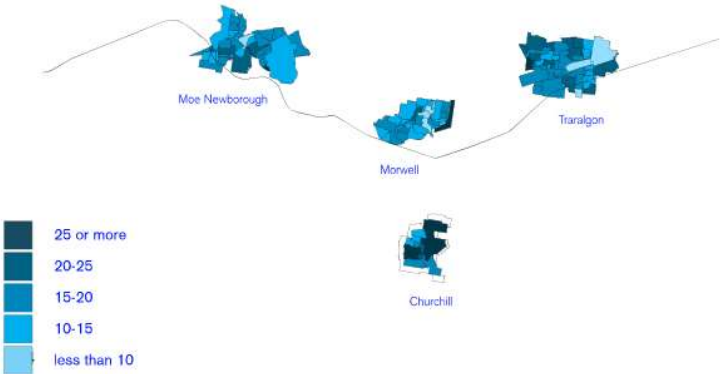
people aged 15-24 years, not in labour force or education system  
(% of total population)



**Each town in the City of Latrobe has relatively high rates of unemployed people who also depend upon subsidised government housing**

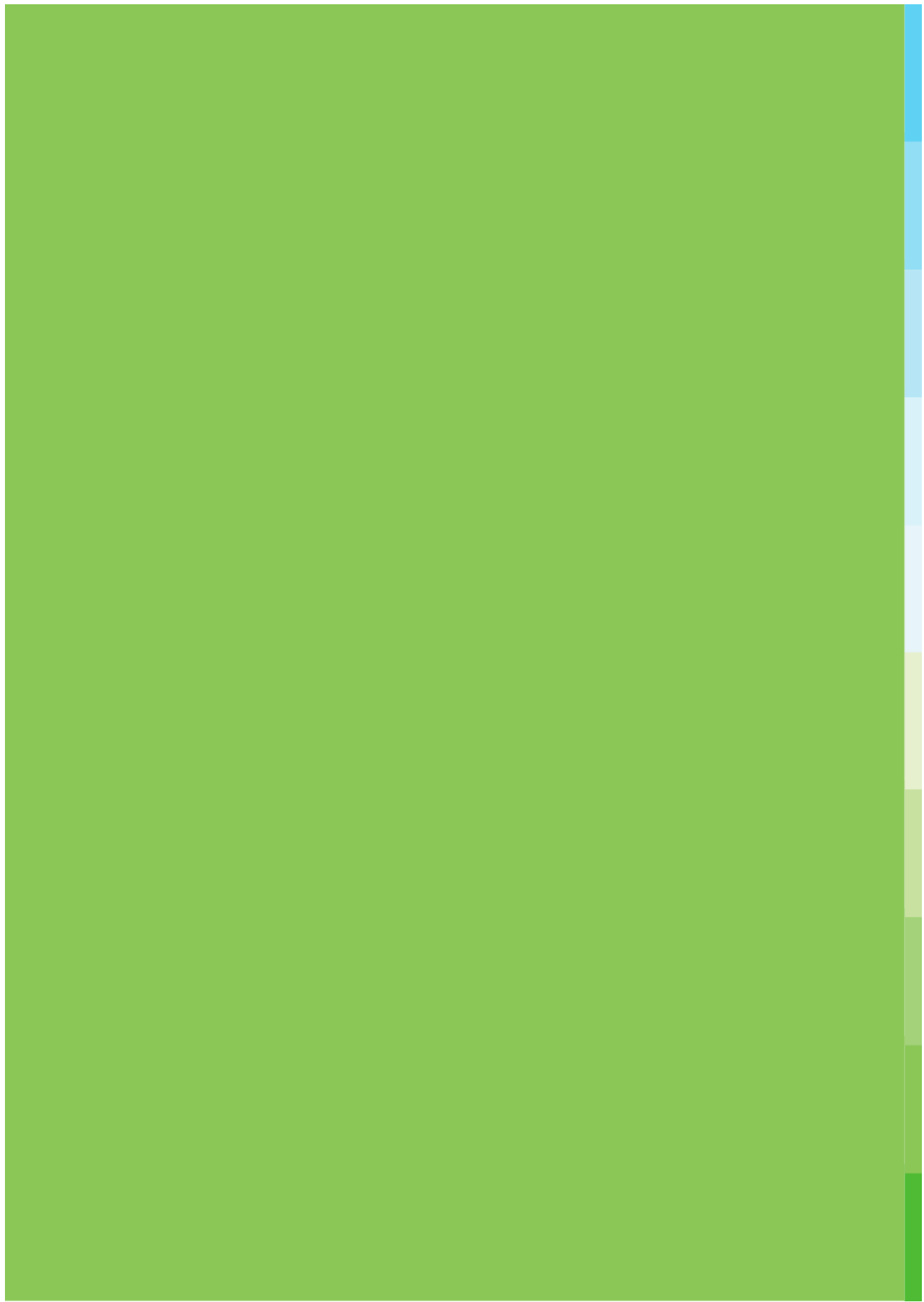
those undertaking volunteer work

people aged over 15 years  
(% of total population)



**in most Latrobe City neighbourhoods at least 10% of people undertake voluntary work**

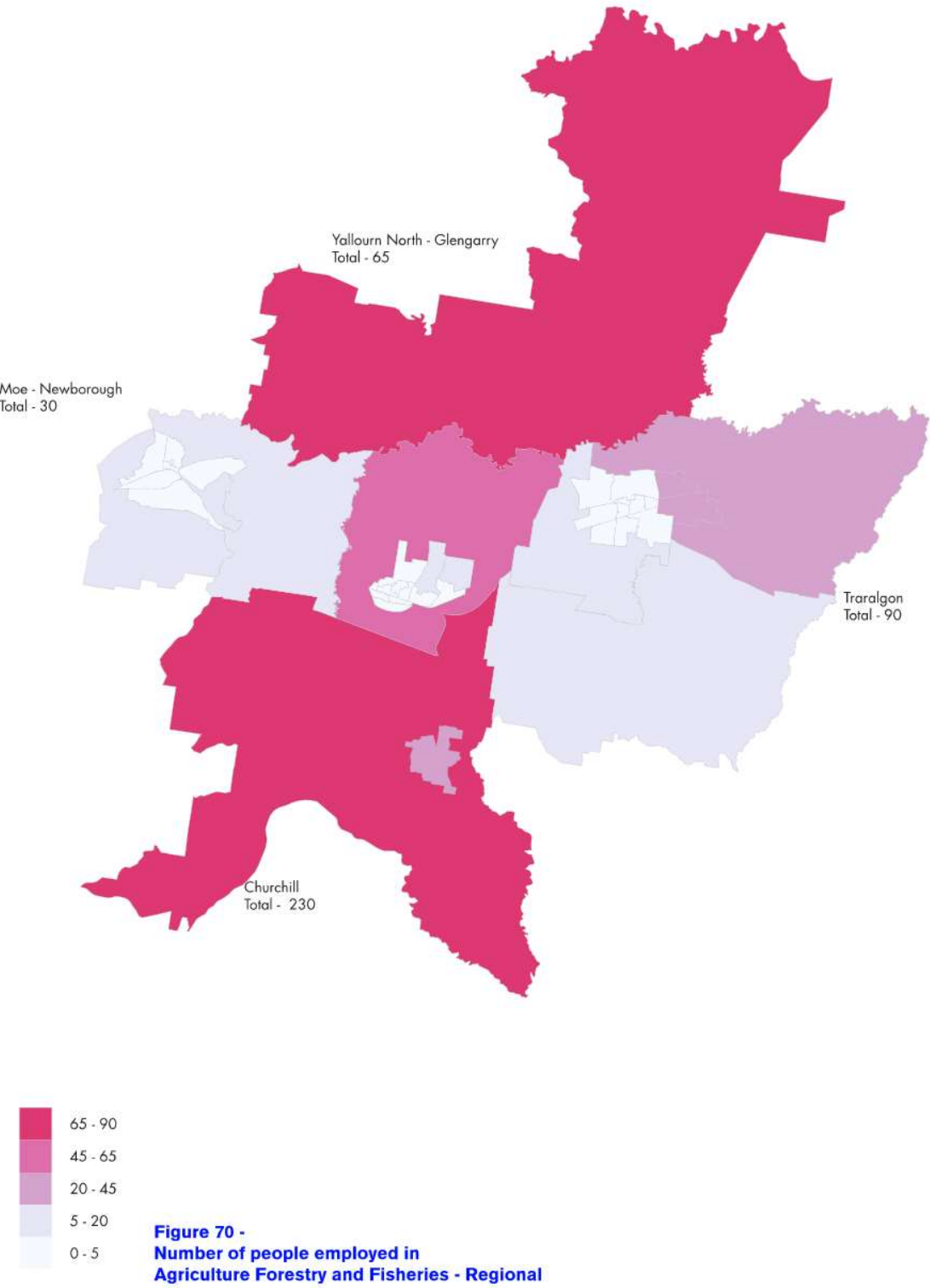




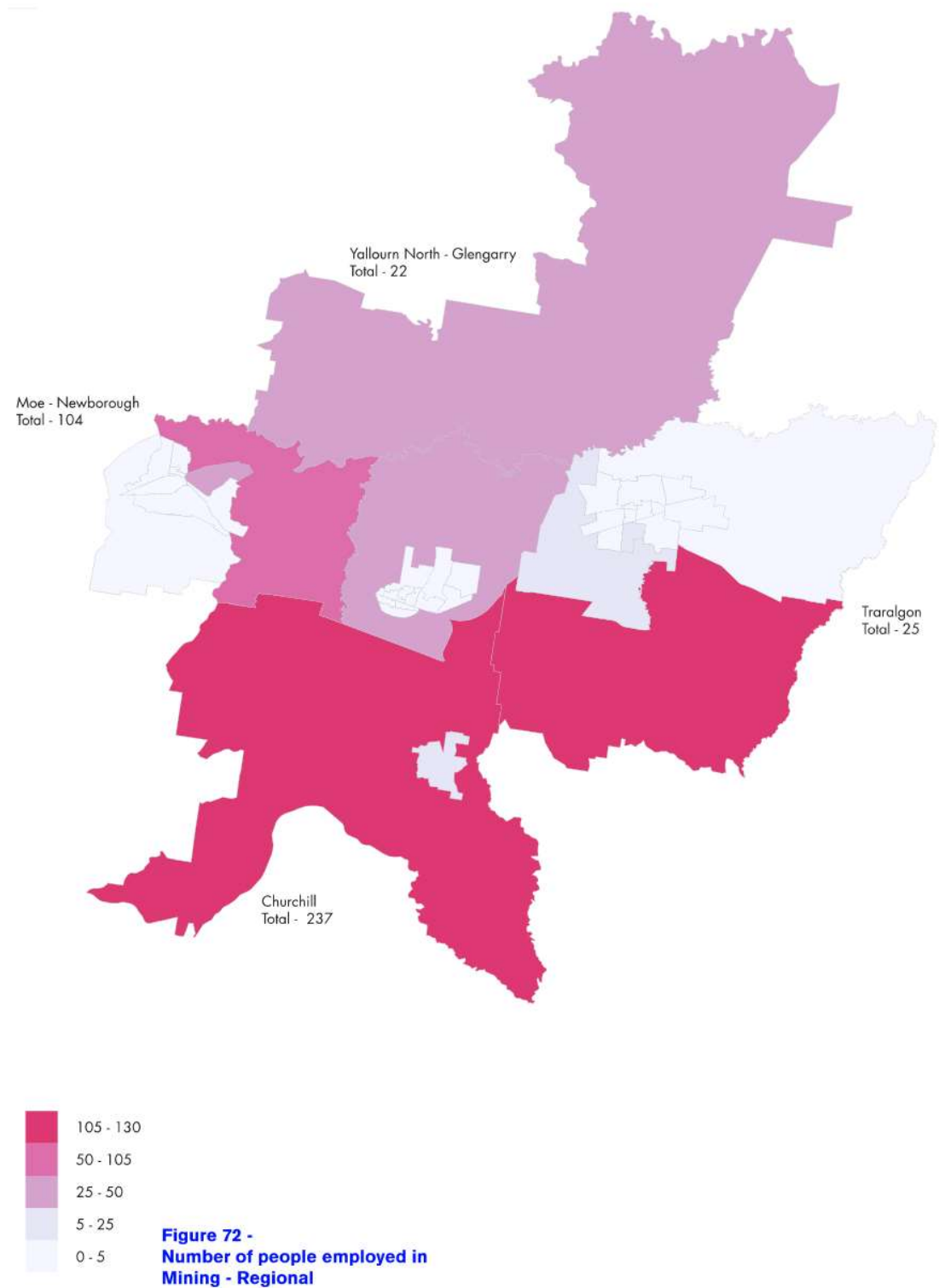
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MORWELL’S ROLE IN THE NETWORK CITY

INDUSTRY

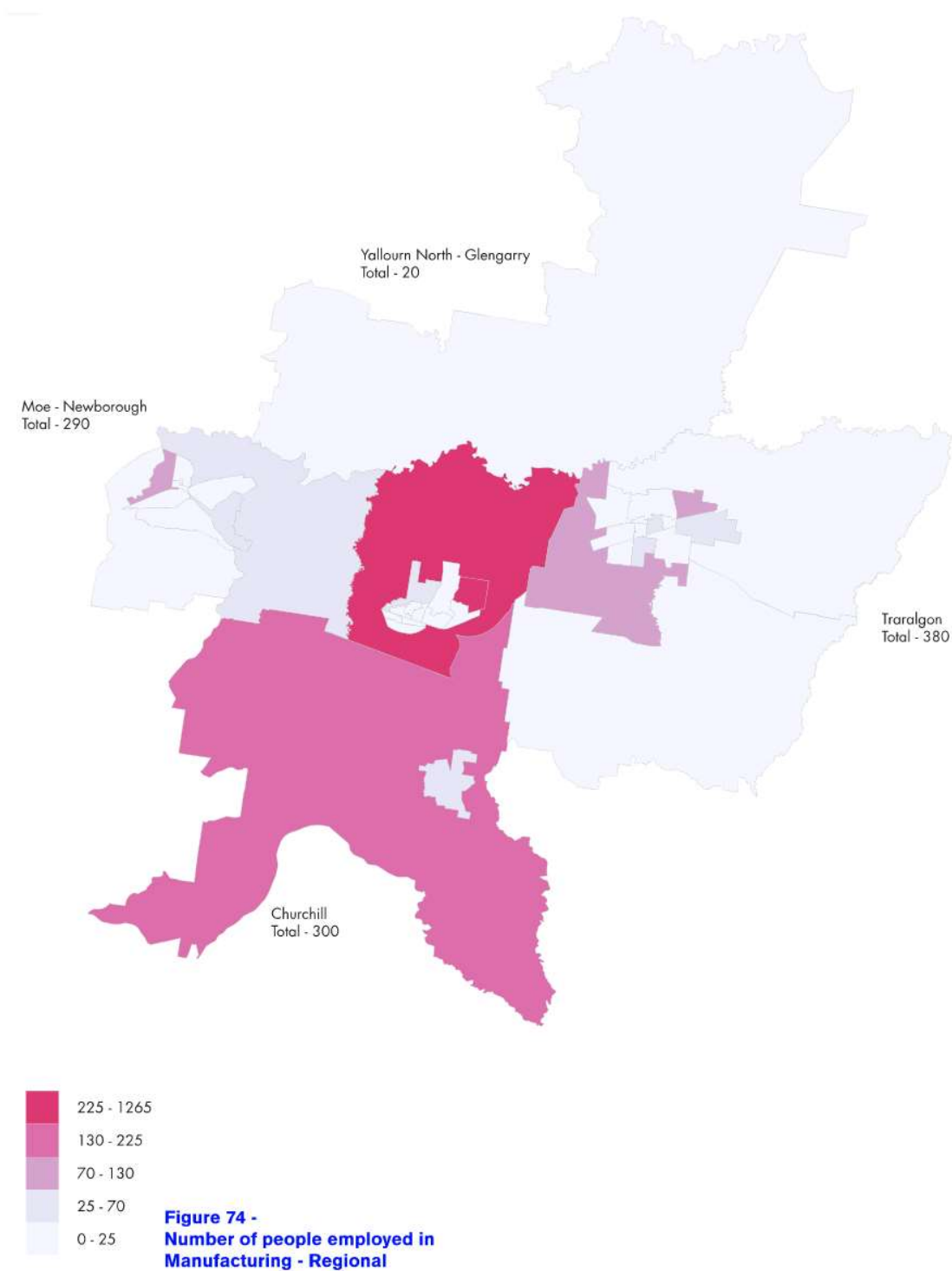


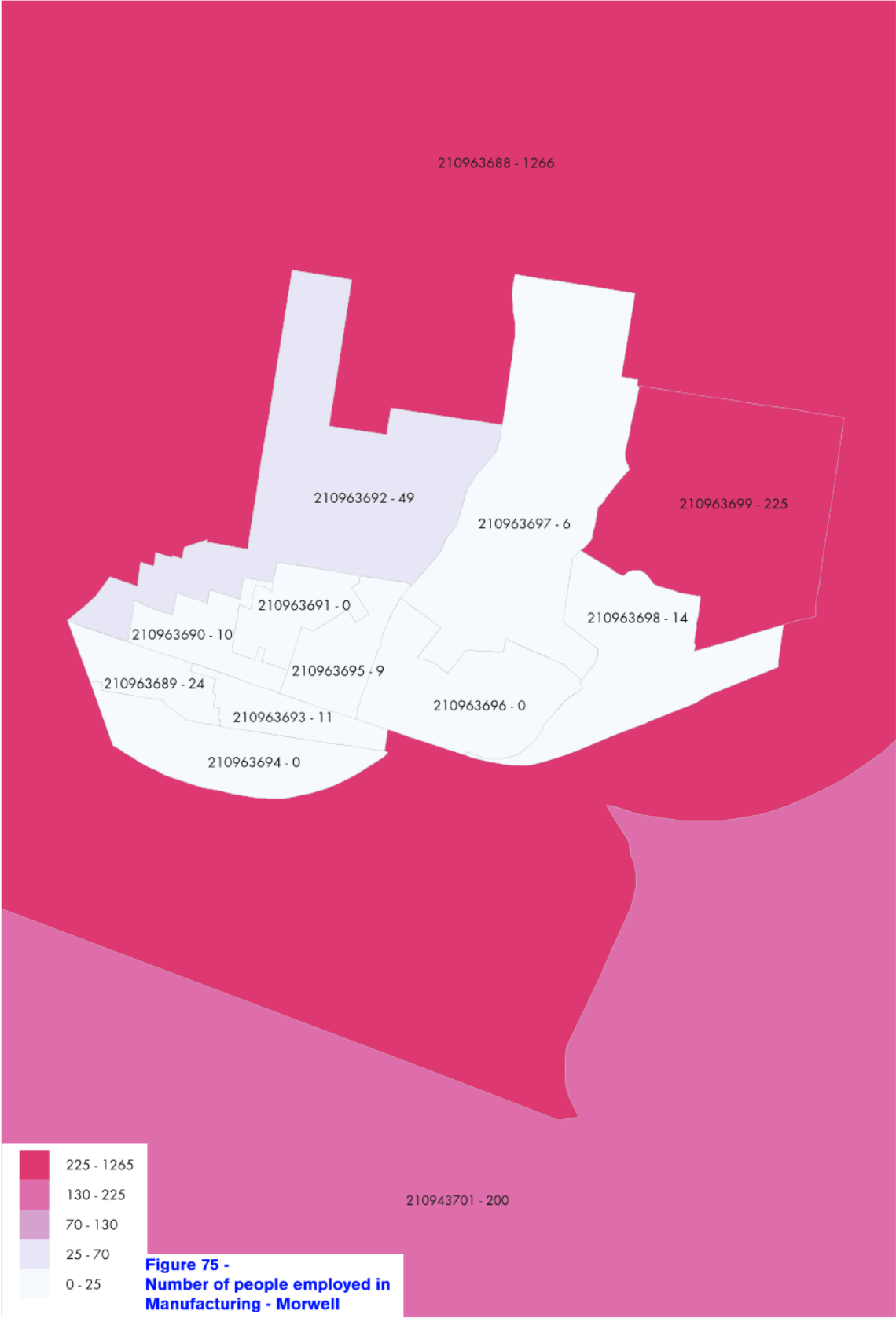


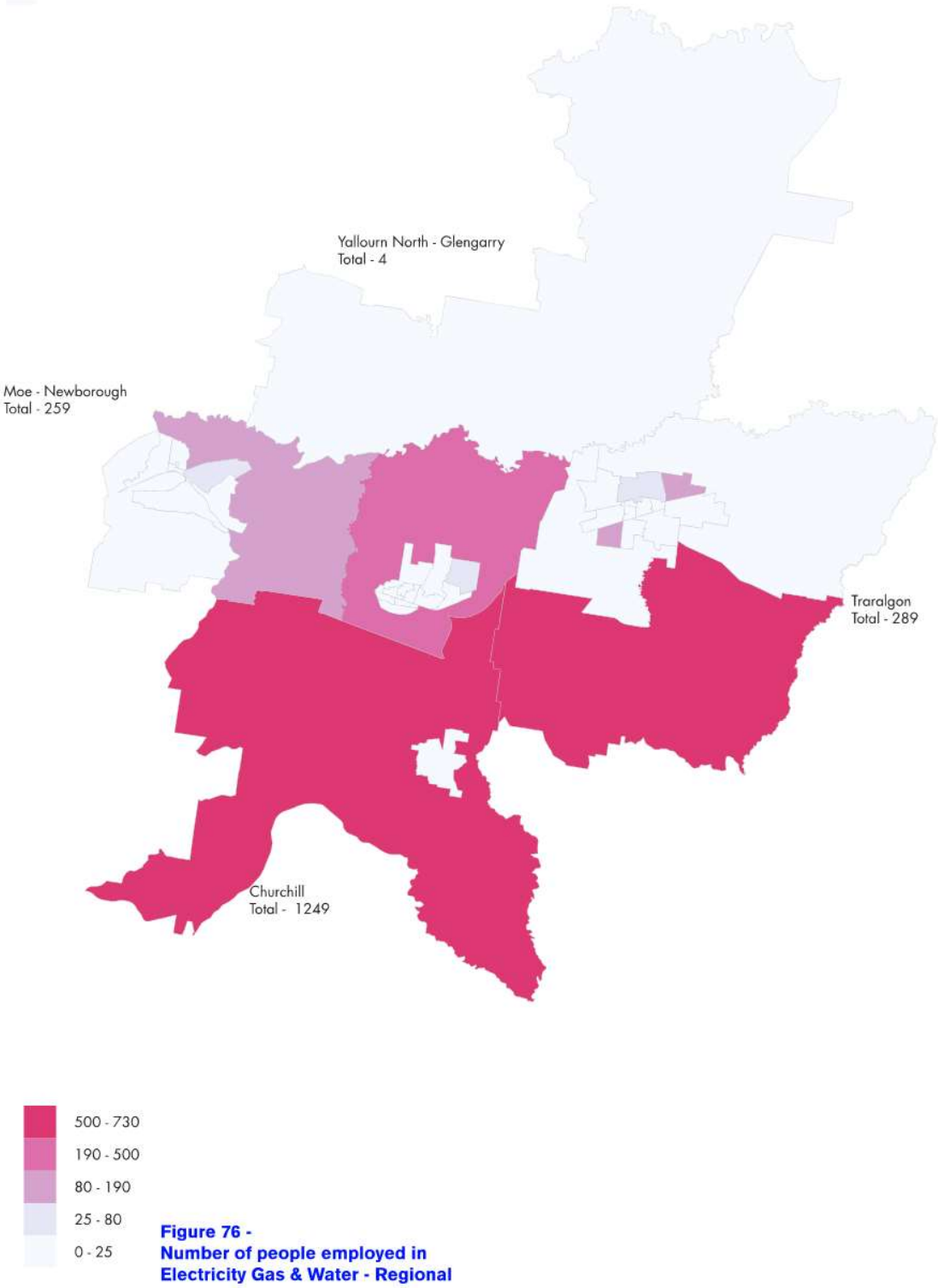




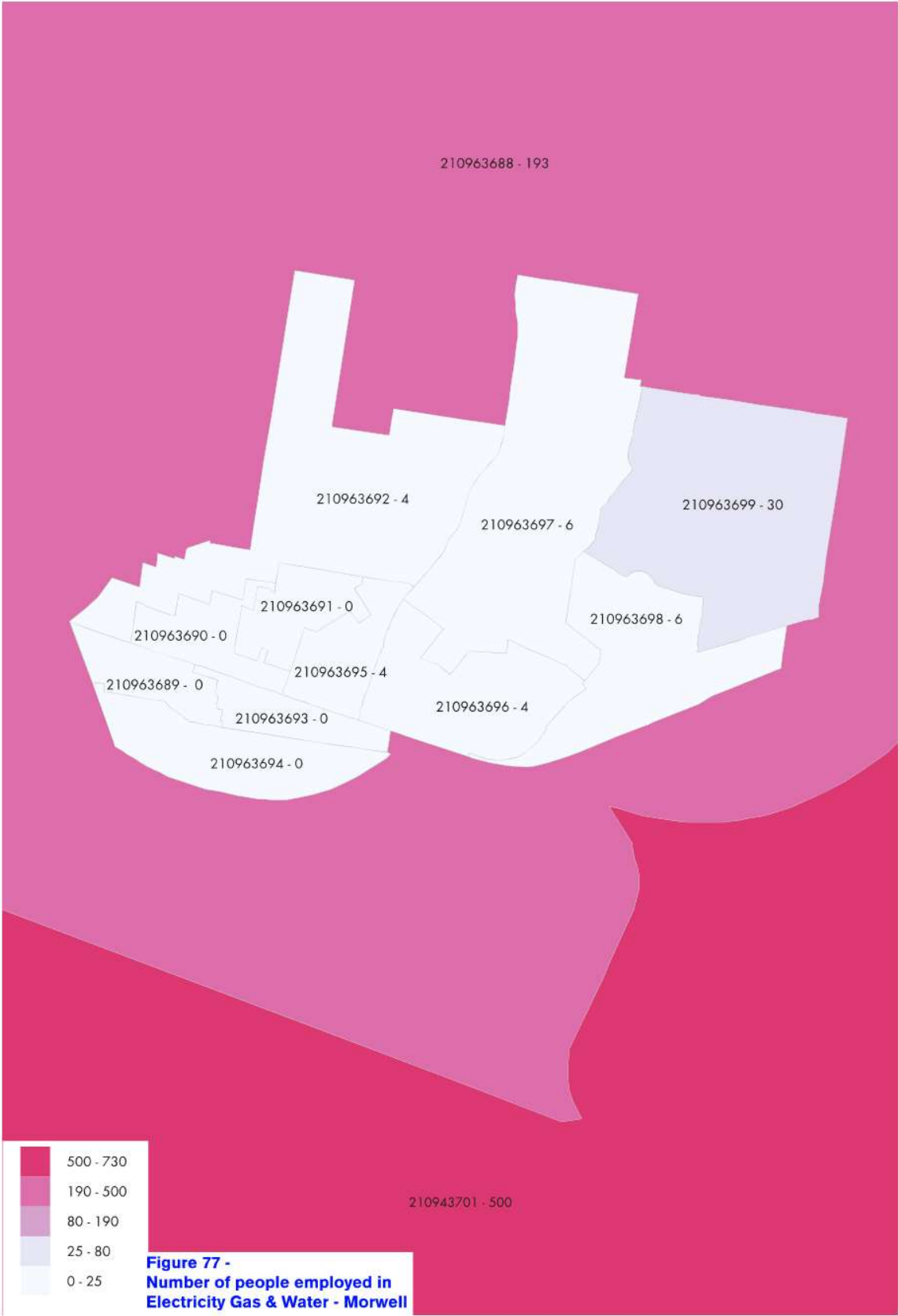


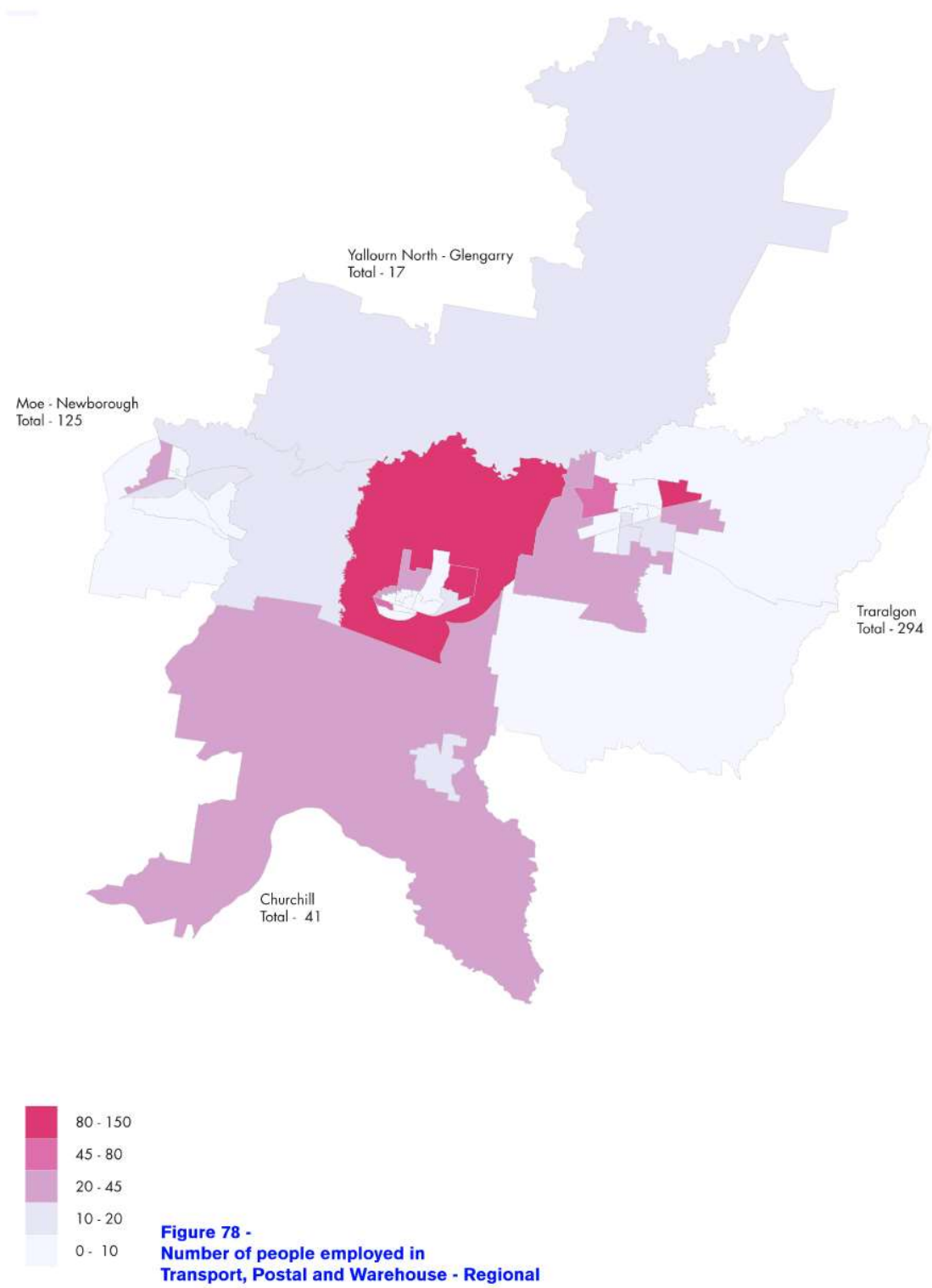


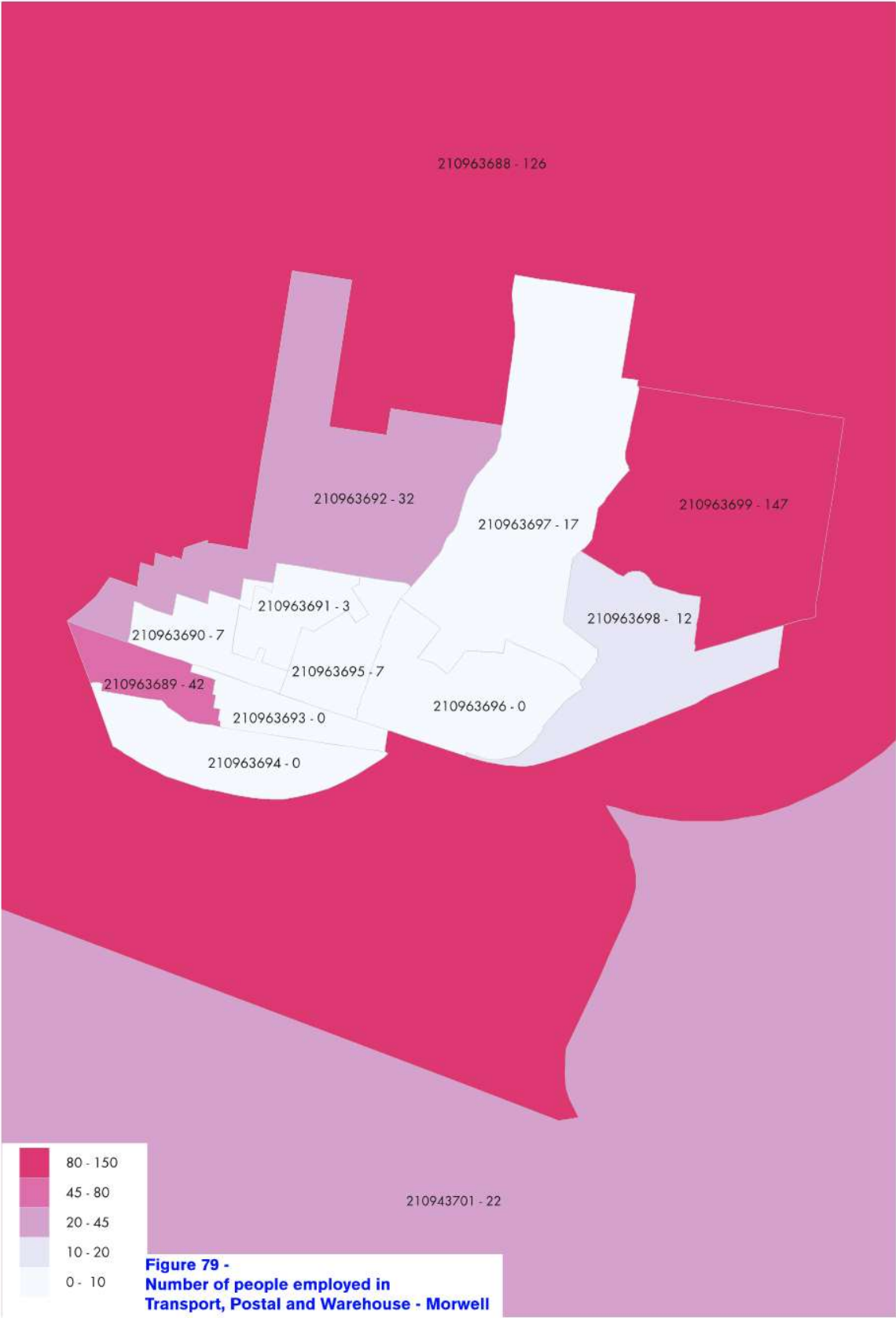


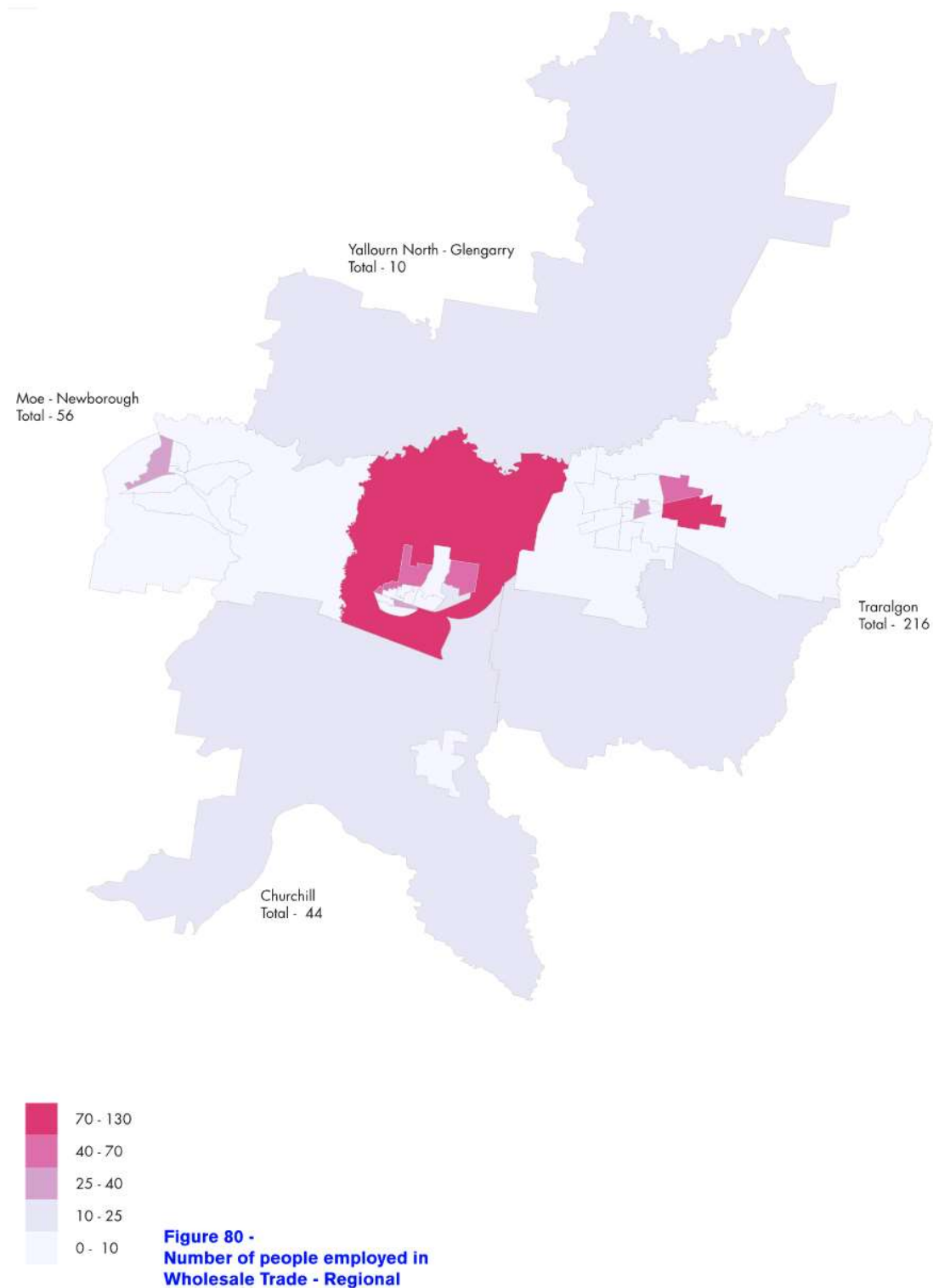




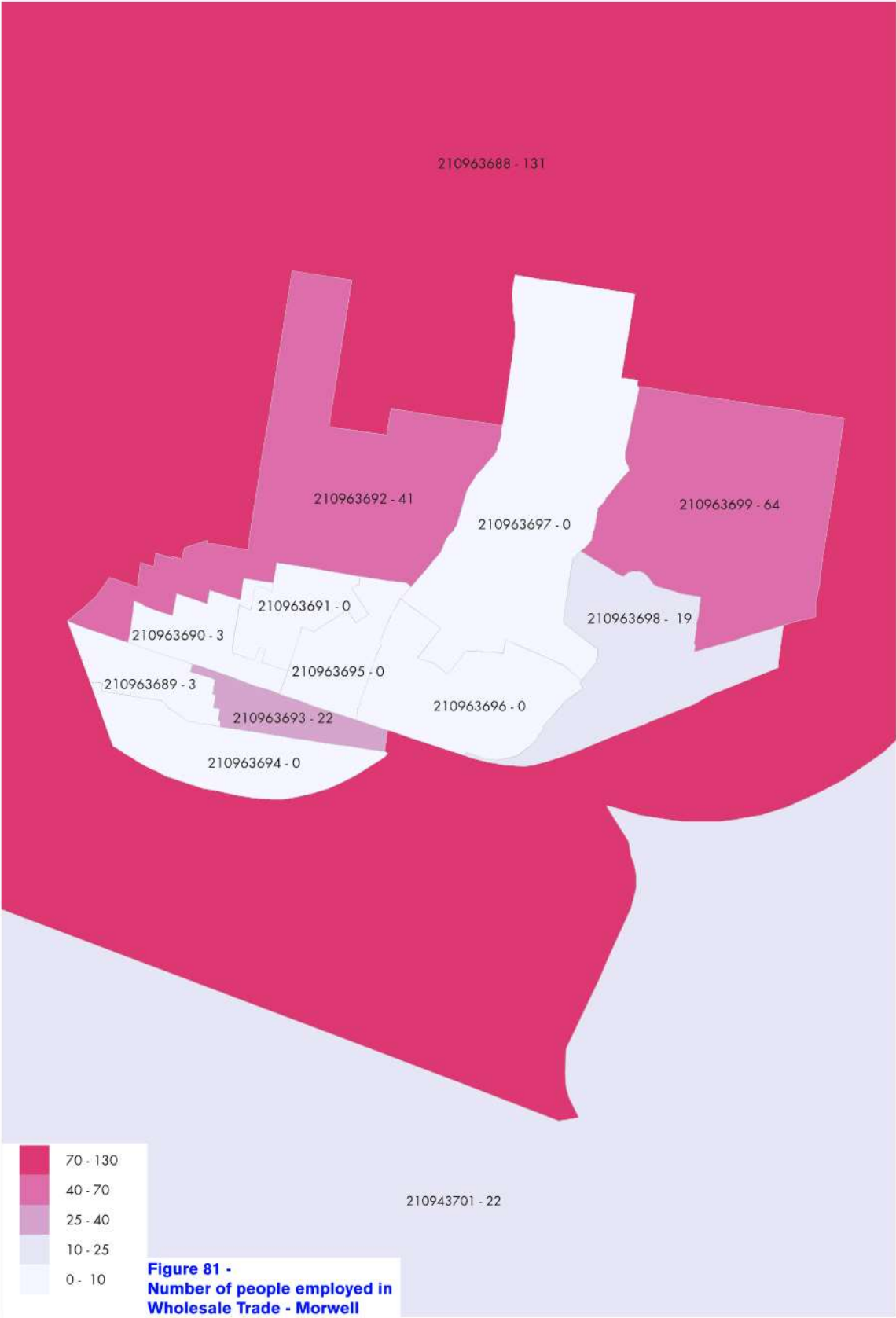


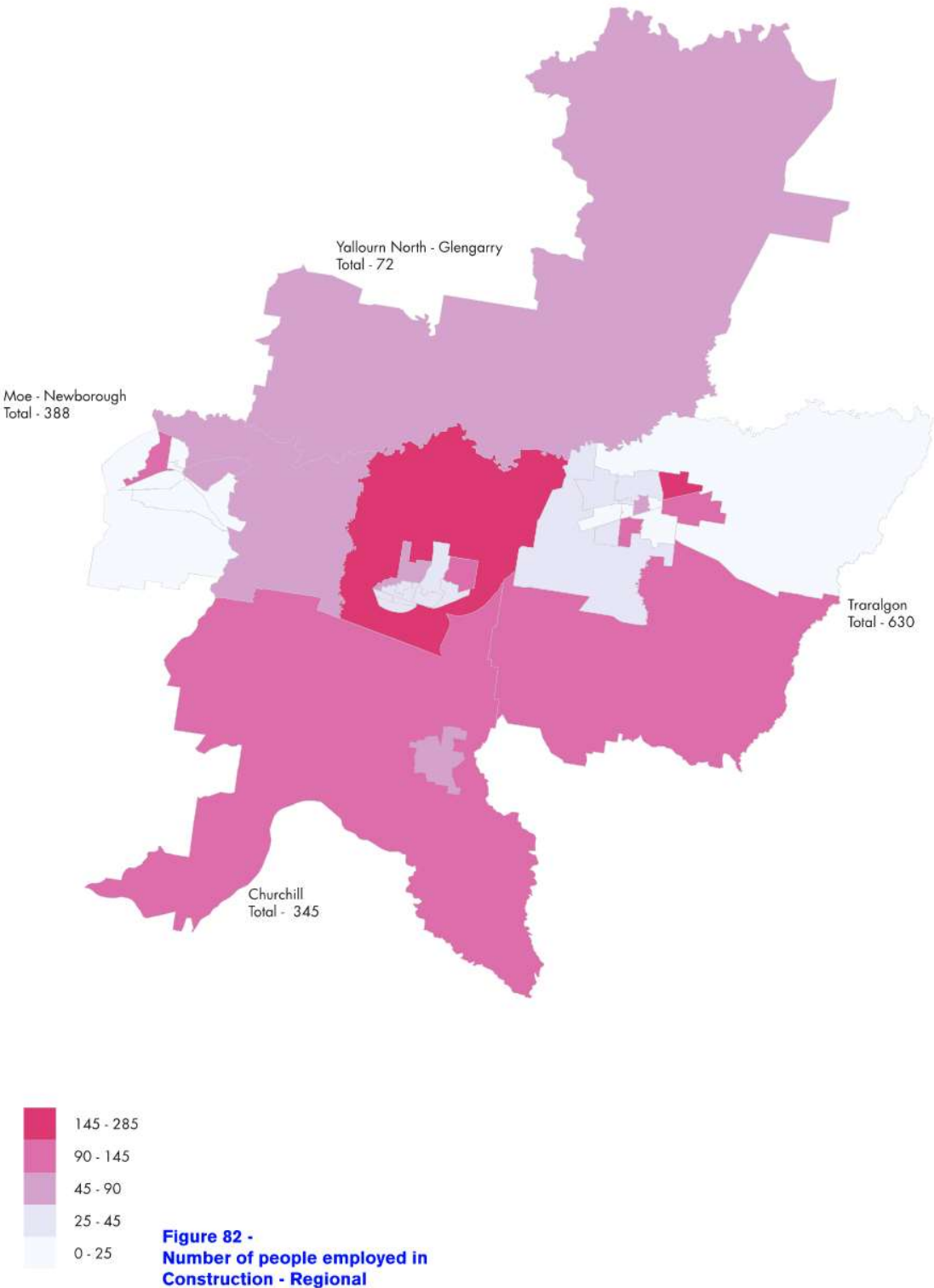








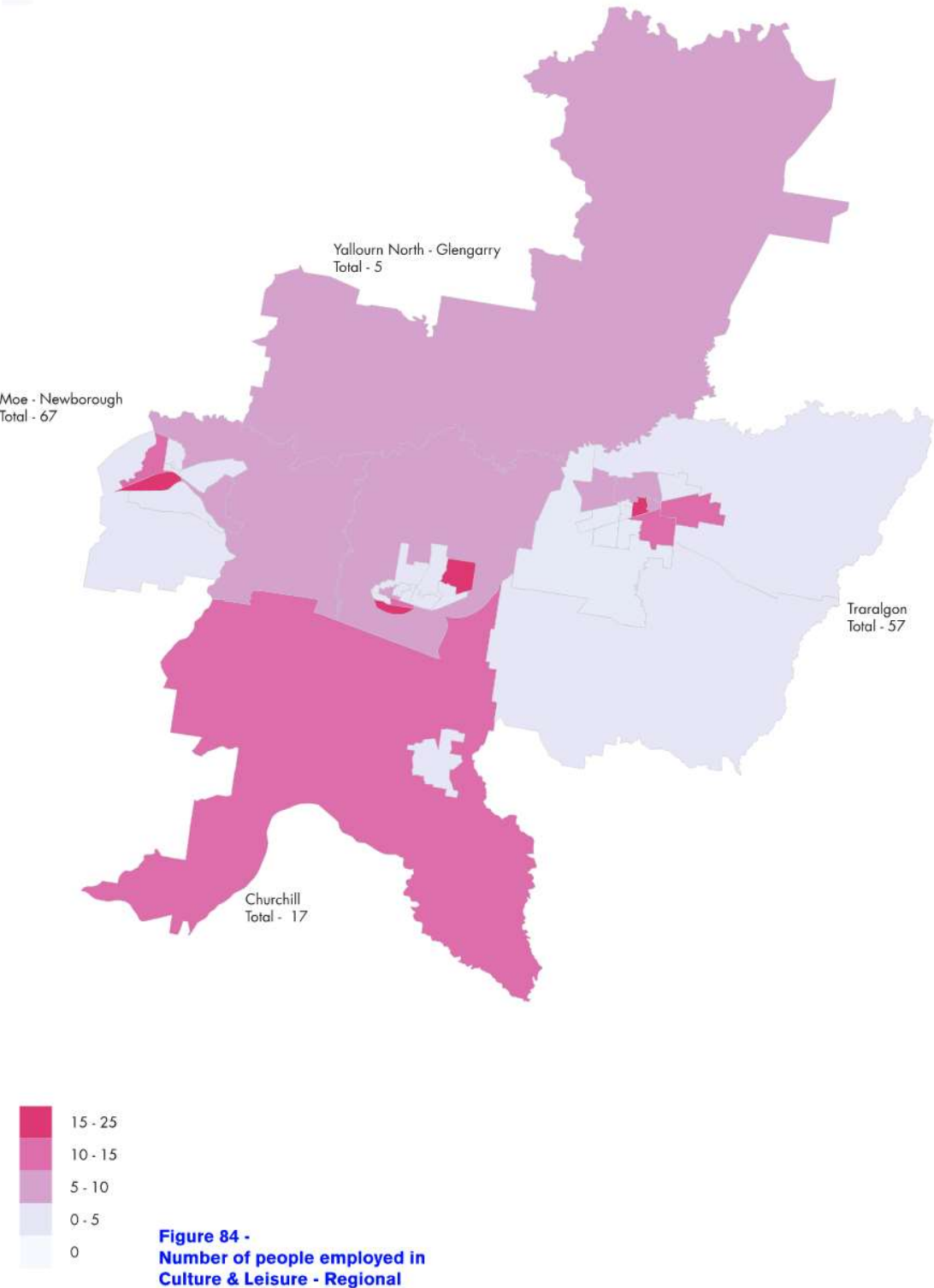




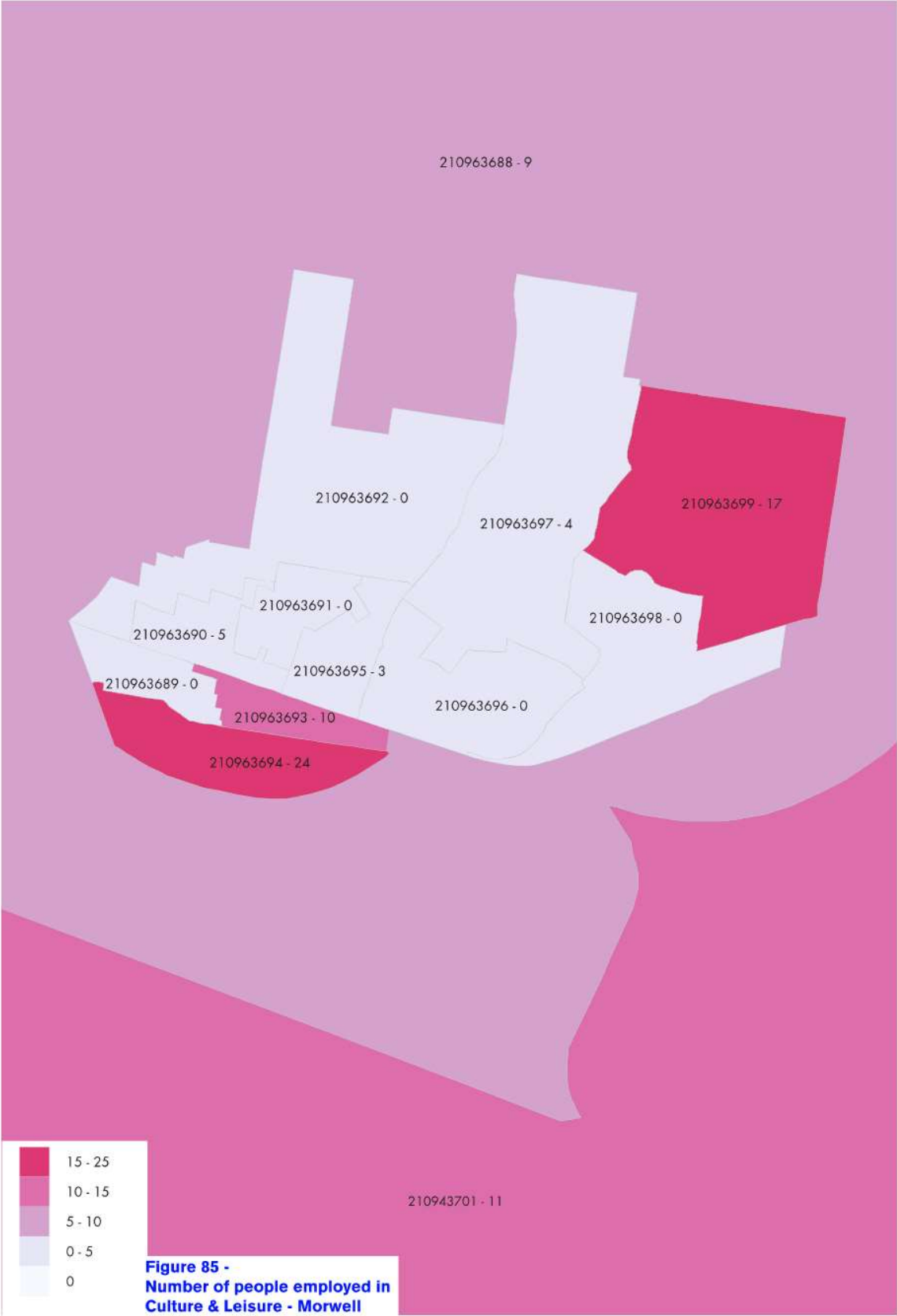


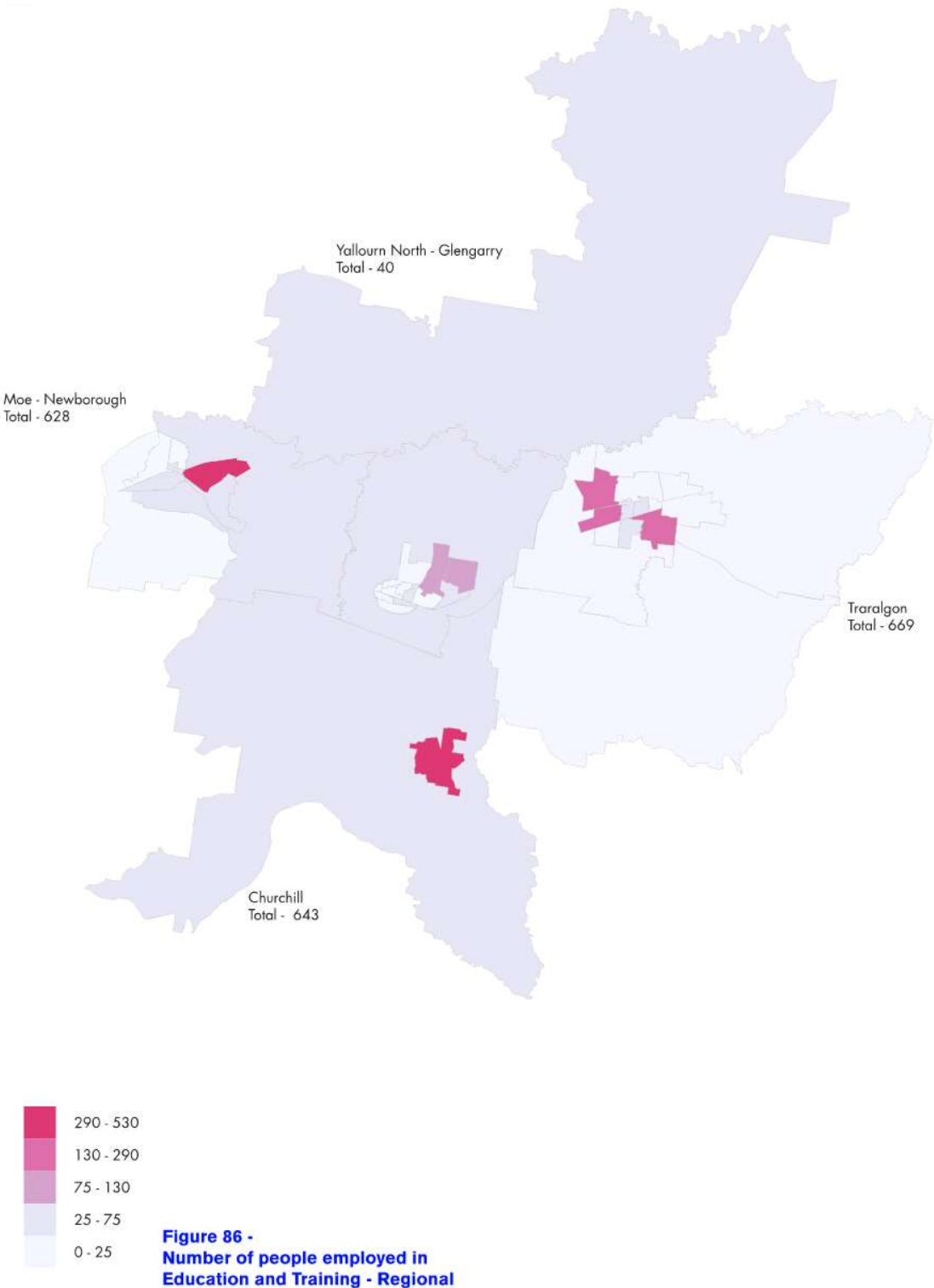
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MORWELL’S ROLE IN THE NETWORK CITY  
EMPLOYMENT IN SERVICES

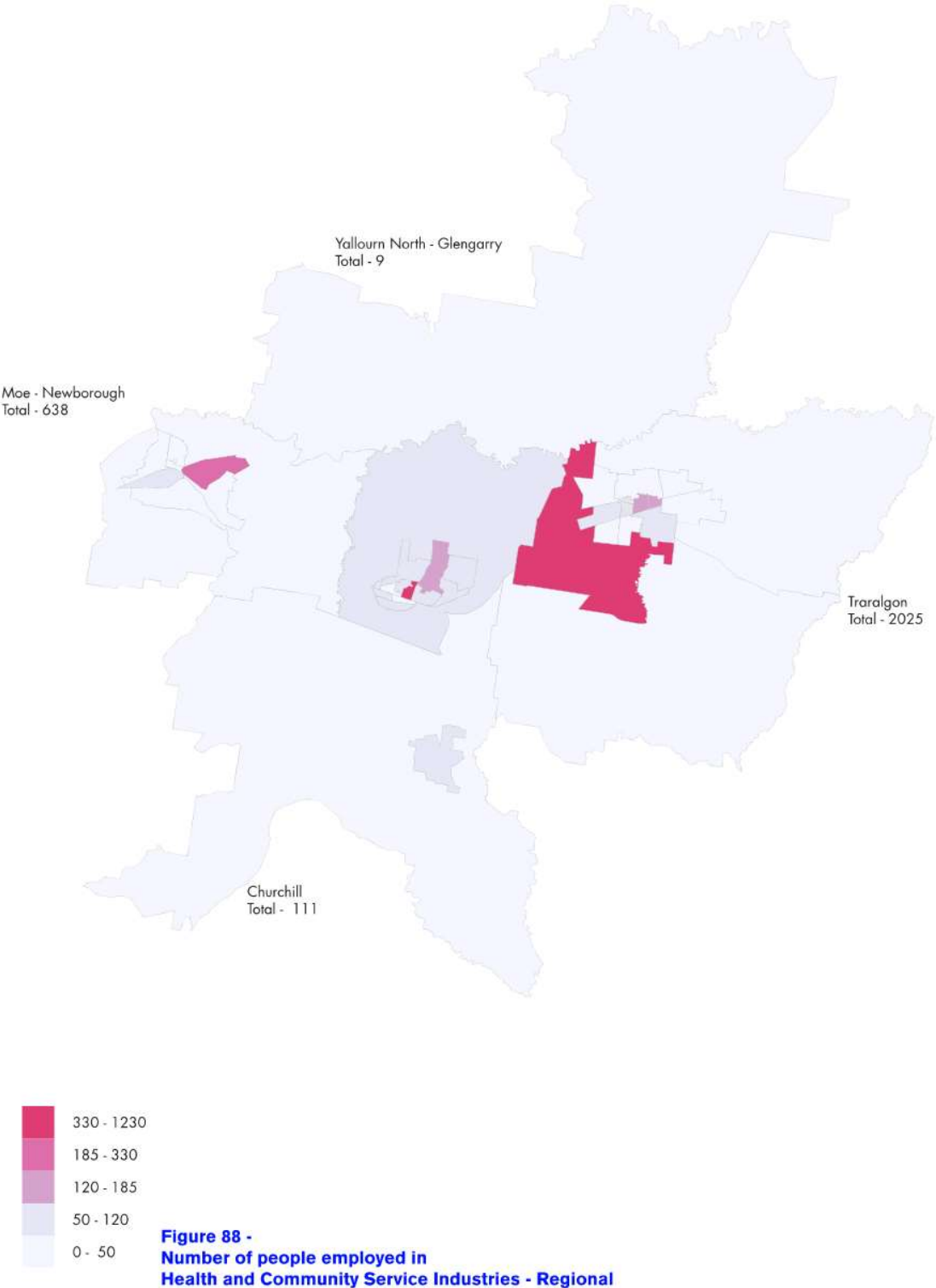




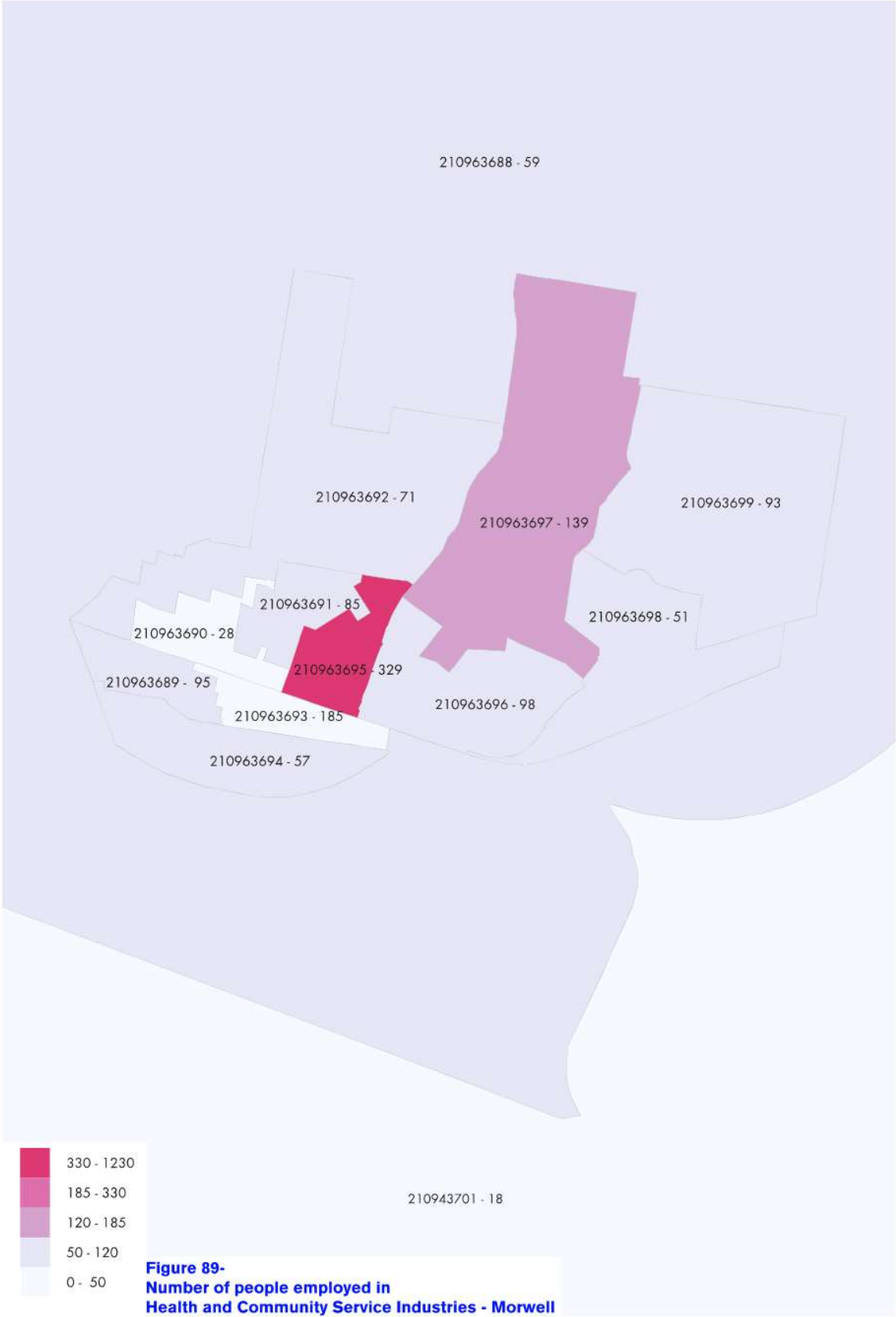


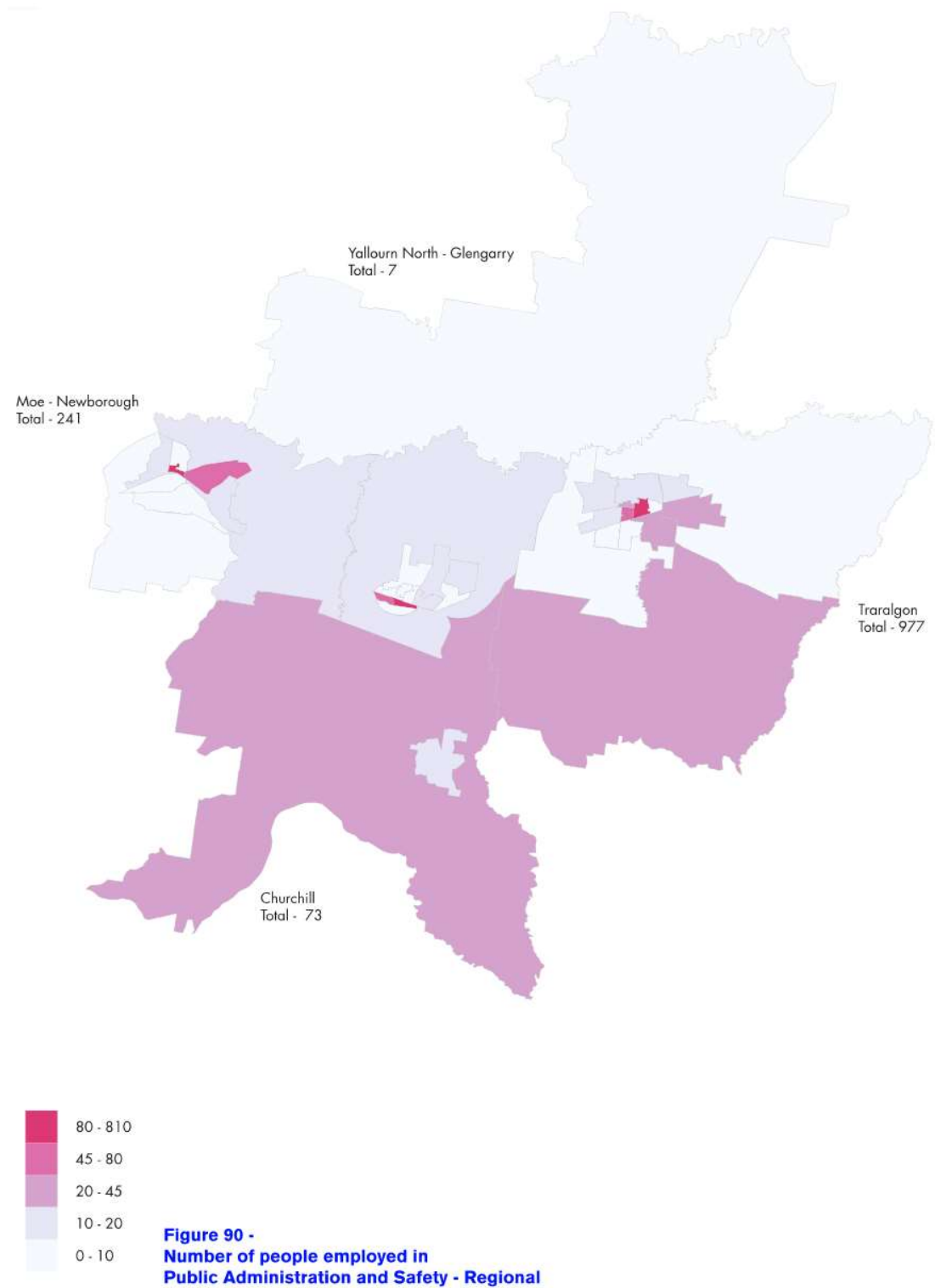




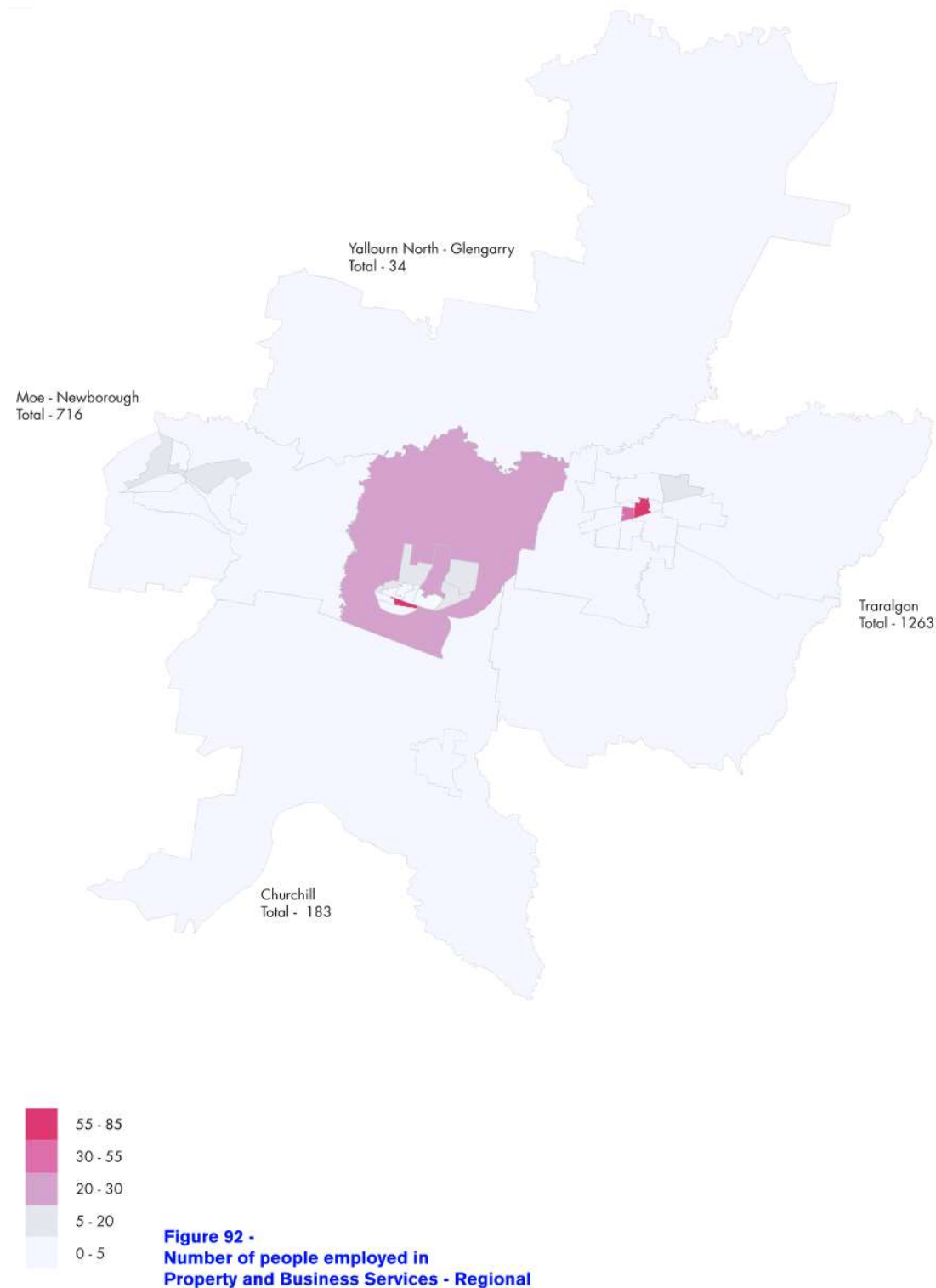










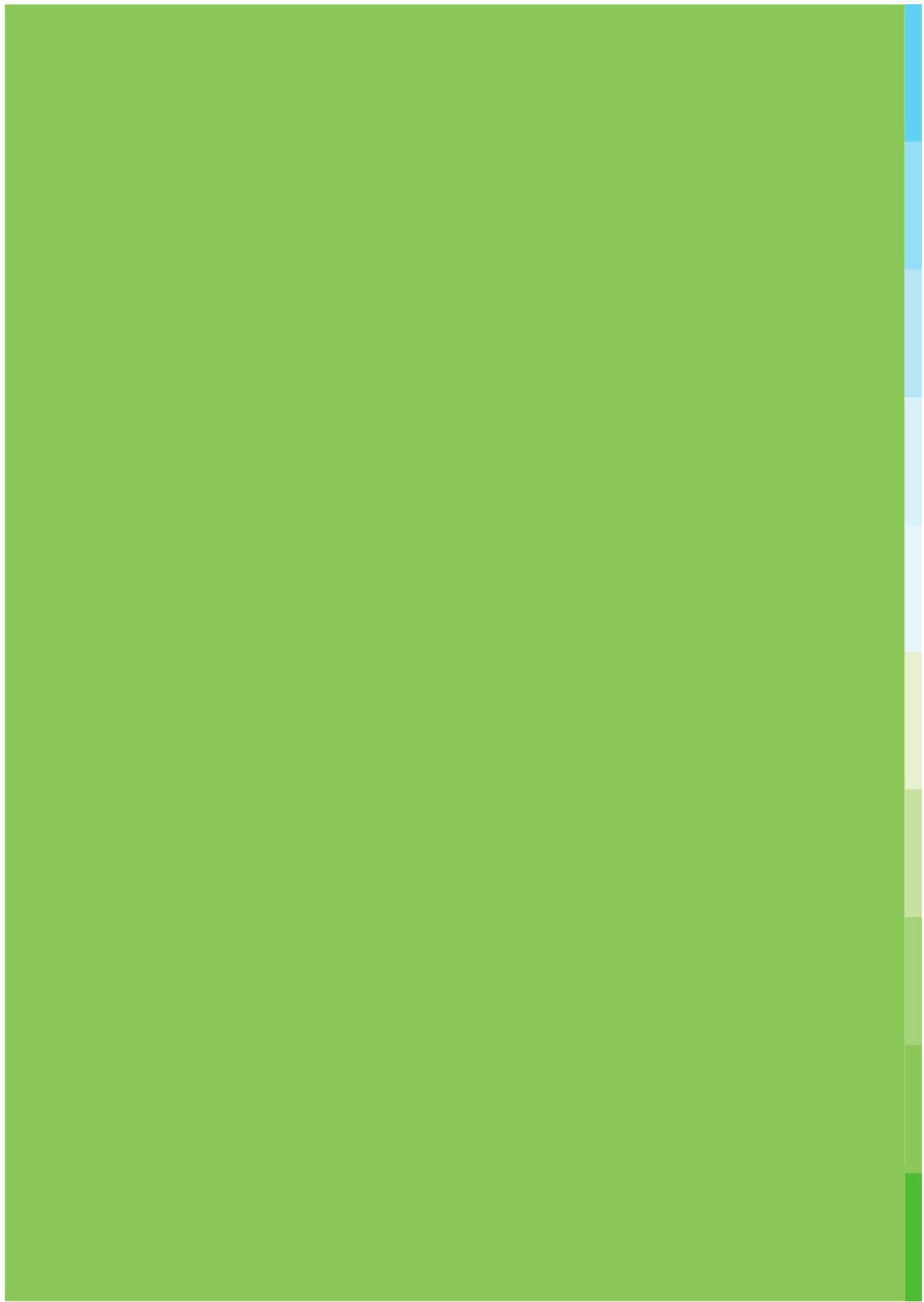






FUTURE MORWELL  
APPENDIX





2.1

A SUSTAINABLE TOWN

GREEN NETWORK

- Green Network
- Blue (Water) Network
- Waste, Recycling & Reuse
- Energy
- Connections: Biking & Walking
- Communication



## GREEN NETWORK TYPOLOGIES



### Commons

A large green area in cities and towns used for leisure activities.



### Playground

Play area located in neighbourhood that can either feature traditional play equipment like swings and slides or innovative designs such as Adventure Playgrounds.



### Public Park

Publicly developed and managed open space as part of zoned open space system of city; often larger than neighbourhood park.



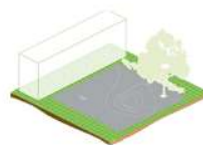
### Closed Off Spaces

Open spaces that have the potential to be used as informal through fares or leisure/play areas for neighbourhoods, but access is closed/fenced off.



### Urban Park

Green parks with grass and trees located in urban areas.



### Schoolyard

Schoolyard as play area; developed as place for environmental learning or as community use spaces.



### Neighbourhood Park

Open space in residential environments, publicly developed and managed; may include playgrounds, sports facilities, etc.



### Greenways/Linear Parkways

Interconnected recreational and natural areas connected by pedestrian and bicycle paths



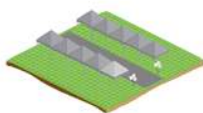
### Mini Park

Small urban park bounded by buildings; may include water feature.



### Urban Wilderness

Undeveloped or wild natural area in or near urban areas. Often popular for hiking, dog walking and recreation.



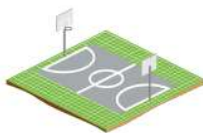
### Markets

Open space or streets used for temporary markets.



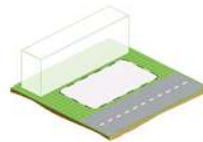
### Neighbourhood Spaces

Vacant or undeveloped space located in neighbourhood that can also be future building sites; often used by children, teenagers and local residents.



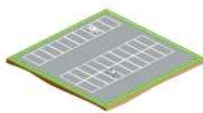
### Sports Field

Play areas designed for specific sporting activity eg; rugby, tennis, etc.



### Everyday Spaces

Publicly accessible open places such as street corners, steps to buildings, etc, which people claim and use.



### Car Parks

Areas designated as spaces for car parking, usually concrete or asphalt.



### Remnant Open Spaces

Often remnant spaces between infrastructure that are not easily accessible; can be traffic islands or green areas next to highways.

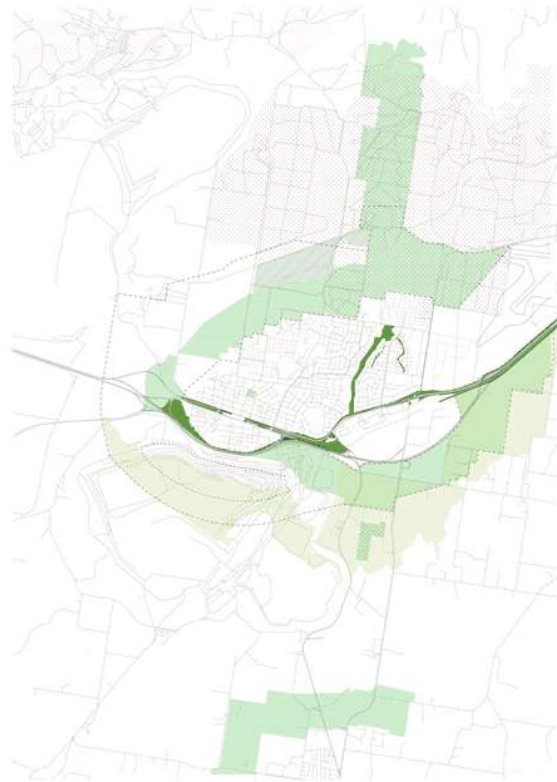
Figure 94 -  
Green Network Typologies

## 2.1 | A SUSTAINABLE TOWN ECOLOGICAL NETWORK

- Buffer Zones
- Remediation & Wetlands
- Wildlife Corridor

Ecological networks consist of core areas, buffer zones, wildlife sanctuary and reserves, and corridors as links between these areas. The core areas are the centres of biodiversity of both flora and fauna. As population dynamic and landscape ecological theories indicate that many species can not survive in isolated reserves, it is essential to establish the ecological corridor and link these areas as a whole greater network for it to thrive.

**Figure 95 -  
Buffer Zones**



A buffer zone is generally a zonal area that lies between two or more other areas (often, but not necessarily, countries), but depending on the type of buffer zone, the reason for it may be to segregate regions or to conjoin them.



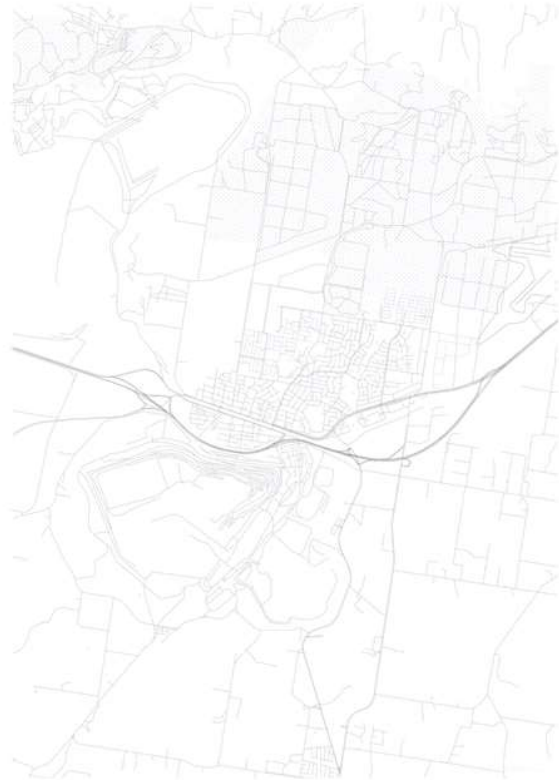
**Figure 96 -  
Remediation & Wetlands**



Remediation and Wetlands consist of areas with the needs of remediation within the context of Morwell. They also include wetland areas to promote and introduce biodiversity both at the fringes of the town and within the urban area.



**Figure 97 -  
Wildlife Sanctuary**



A wildlife corridor is a link of wildlife habitat, generally native vegetation, which joins two or more larger areas of similar wildlife habitat. Corridors are critical for the maintenance of ecological processes including allowing for the movement of animals and the continuation of viable populations.





## 2.2 | A PRODUCTIVE TOWN PRODUCTION NETWORK

- Agriculture & Livestock
- Urban Production

Productive Network advocates for the interlinked productive landscape into cities or towns as an essential element of sustainable urban infrastructure. The key features of the productive networks includes urban agriculture, community gardens and farms, outdoor spaces with both social and economic benefits, and non-vehicular routes which aim to attain optimised high yield to area ratio.

### INTERVENTION

#### BALLARAT FISH HATCHERY



##### Where:

Ballarat, Victoria

##### Objectives:

- Community Involvement
- Alternate Economies
- Community Education

##### How it's done:

The Ballarat Fish Acclimatisation Society has operated the hatchery continuously since 1870. The Ballarat Hatchery is unique in the way its business is conducted. It is managed, supported and maintained by a group of about 25 members who volunteer their time and services in an honorary capacity.

##### Outcomes:

The hatchery sources up to 700,000 trout eggs for breeding every year and once grown the trout are sold to farmers and fishing clubs.

##### More Info:

<http://www.ballaratfishhatchery.com.au/>

### INTERVENTION

#### SEED LIBRARY



##### Where:

Community Seed Bank, Regional

##### Objectives:

- Headquarters for saving the diversity of seeds that make up the foundation of resilient local food systems
- Regenerating ecological systems and empowering individuals in areas with limited resources

##### How it's done:

Unlike their larger counterparts, community seed libraries are less about long-term preservation and more about sharing seed season to season. The essence of all community seed banks is the same: they're a central place where seeds (often locally grown) are stored and shared with local growers.

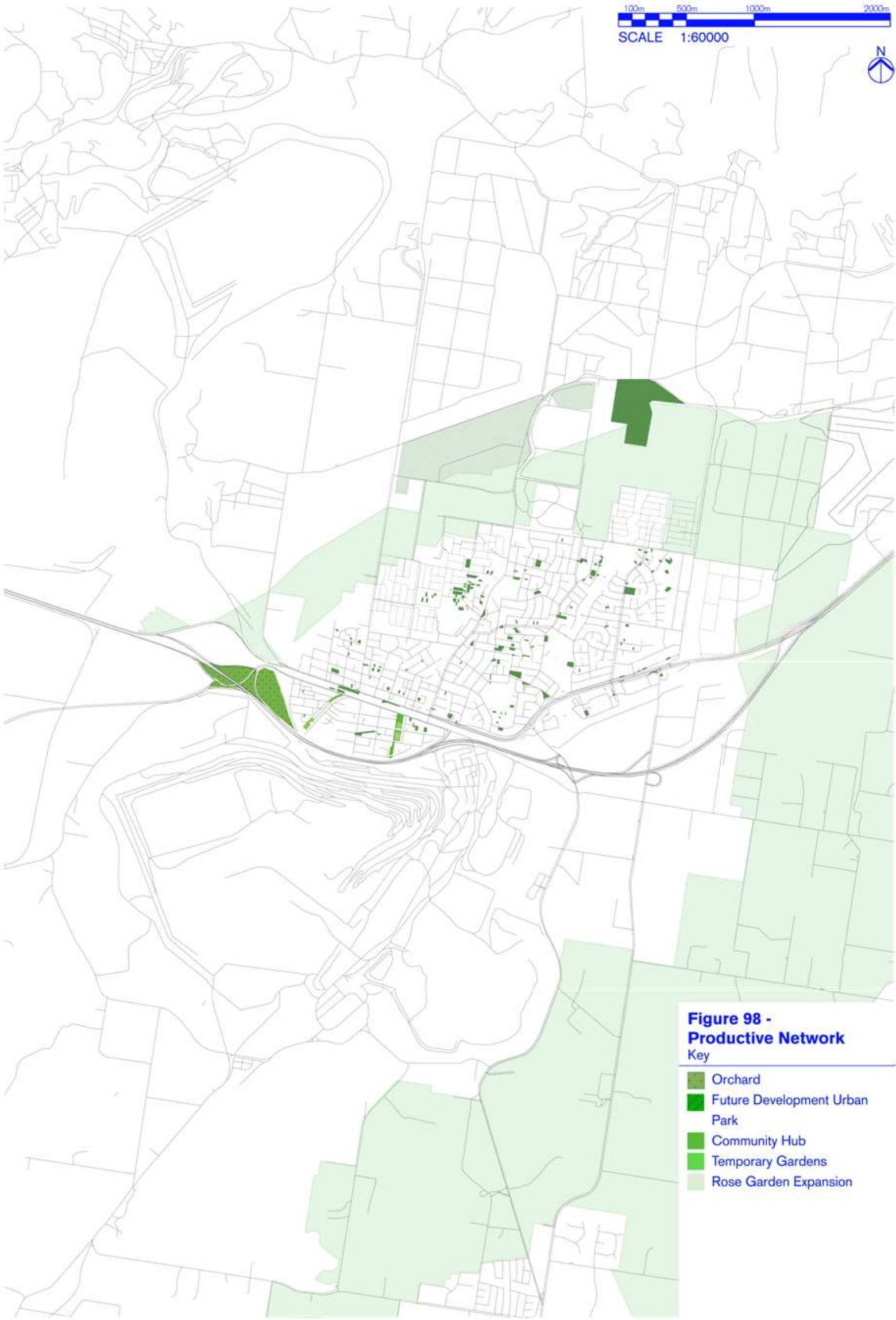
##### Outcomes:

Seed libraries reduce barriers to accessing seeds and resources necessary to grow and enjoy healthy food. Completing the food cycle, they further empower people to affect positive change in their lives and communities.

##### More Info:

<http://www.torontoseedlibrary.org/about/>





## 2.2 | A PRODUCTIVE TOWN URBAN PARK NETWORK

- Sports & Entertainment
- Parks & Pavilion
- Recreational Ground

### INTERVENTION

#### URBAN FARMING TASMANIA



#### Where:

Launceston, Tasmania

#### Objectives:

- Opportunities in education
- Empowerment to grow share and eat fruit and vegetables

#### How it's done:

Urban Farming Tasmania is a group of volunteers who works with no formal funding. The group depends on donations, and opportunities given by community.

#### Outcomes:

List of ongoing projects:

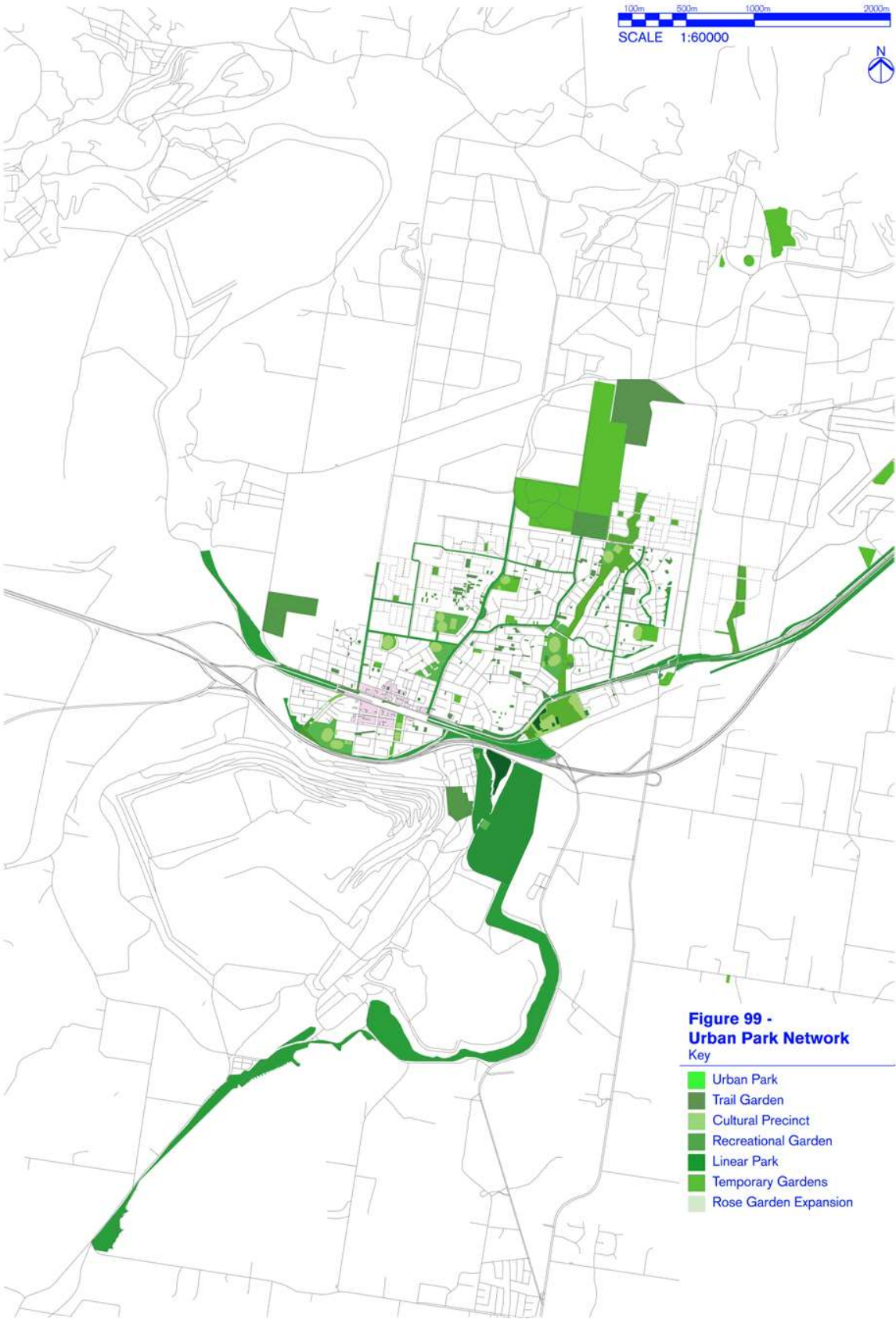
- Community Seed bank
- Pop-up markets & patches
- Public Fruit Tree Map
- Community Composting and Worms
- Colony 47 Patch & Big Xmas
- Permaculture & Permablitz

#### More Info:

<https://urbanfarmingtasmania.org/>







## 2.2 | A PRODUCTIVE TOWN BLUE NETWORK

An integrated water network that allows for resilience when it comes to droughts and floods.

### INTERVENTION

#### SWEET WATER ORGANICS



#### Where:

Sweet Water, Milwaukee

#### Objectives:

- Growing the Neighbourhood
- Intergenerational, interdisciplinary educational programs in urban agriculture and aquaponics

#### How it's done:

Converting a former crane factory into an indoor wetland, raising approximately 80,000 fish in tanks topped by beds of lettuce and other crops. Sweet Water Foundation, a non-profit organization, started at the beginning of 2010.

#### Outcomes:

SWF managed volunteer operations and hosted training and education programs at the Sweet Water urban farm, while developing programs on a local, regional, national, and international scale.

#### More Info:

<http://sweetwater-organic.com/>



Water Hole Creek

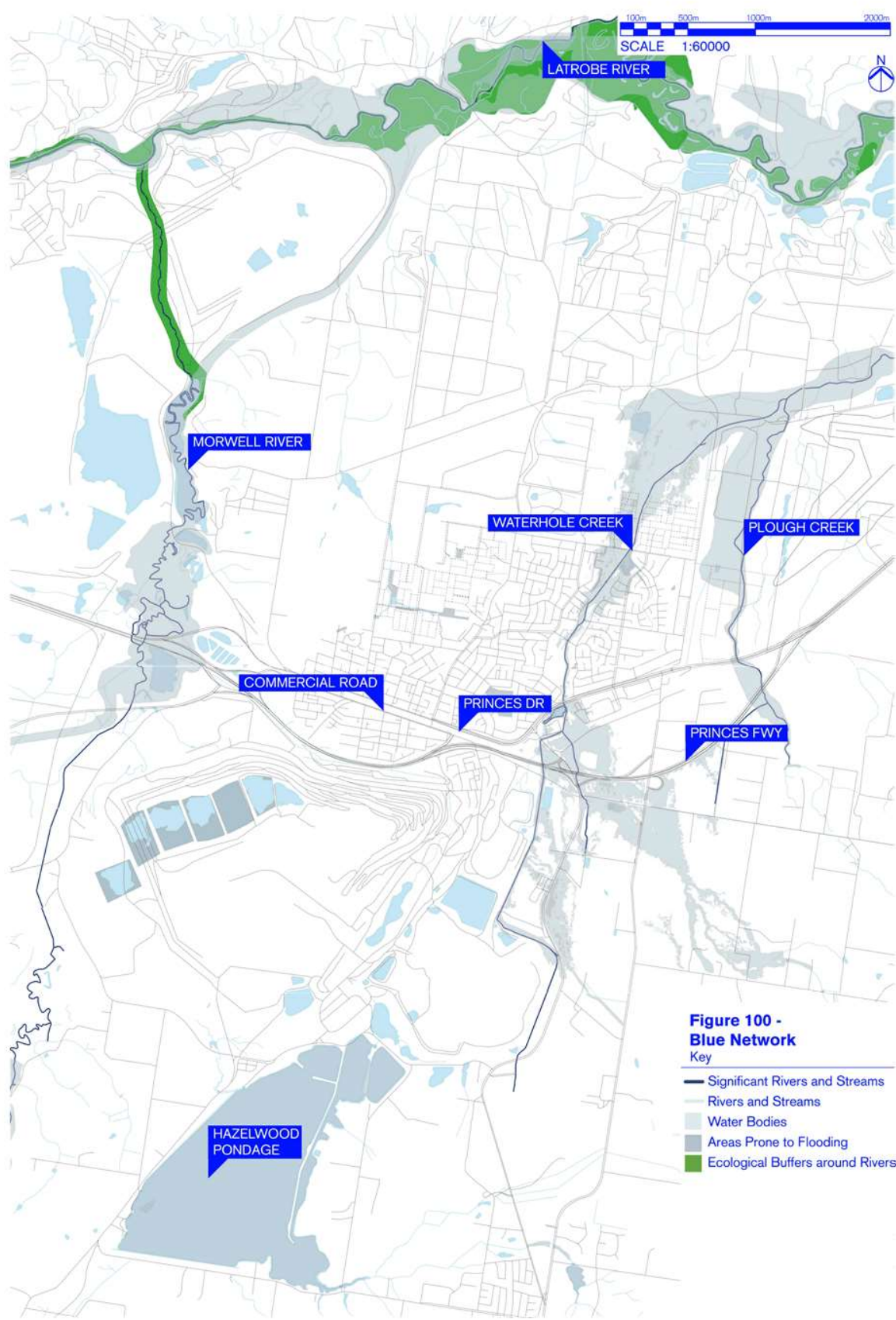


Latrobe River



Hazelwood Pondage





## 2.2 | A PRODUCTIVE TOWN BLUE NETWORK

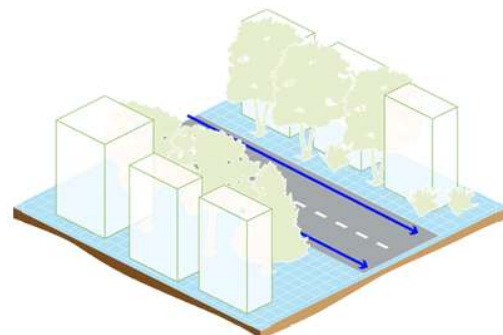
An integrated water network that allows for resilience when it comes to droughts and floods. Connections across network through typologies and components.

### Stormwater Boulevard

Citywide, broad, retrofitted streets that include swales along their length and intermittent roadside detention ponds. Character of boulevard adapts to different urban conditions along their length.

Primary function is for conveyance and detention. Collect stormwater from many areas of city and transport to areas with road-side detention ponds for holding and slow release back into the combined system. Ideally located along primary corridors: Radial arterial, roads connecting employment districts.

Elements consist of bio retention swales, sand filters, swale/buffer systems, and potential aquifer storage & recovery functions.



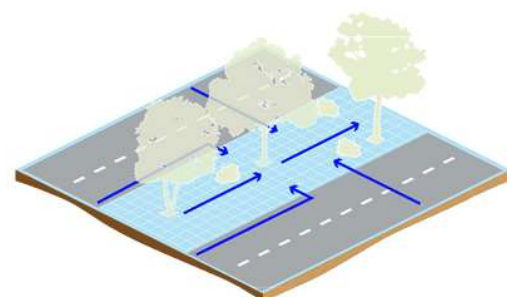
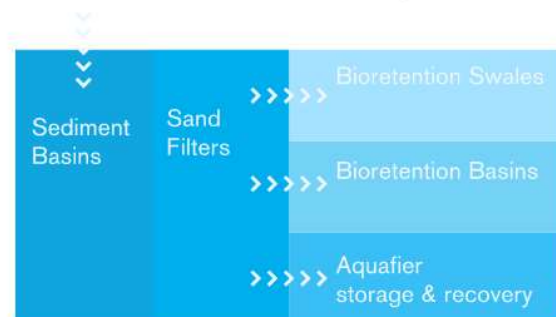
### Wet Buffer

High concentration of ponds at significant edges between framework zones or along interstates.

Primary function would be for detention and neighbourhood stability. Wet buffers catch runoff before it enters an area of lower vacancy with fewer opportunities for blue infrastructure, or immediately after runoff leaves an area of lower vacancy.

It can be located on up-hill interstate edges and the high vacancy sides of edges between framework zones.

Elements consist of sediment basins, bio retention swales & basins, sand filters and swale/ buffer systems.



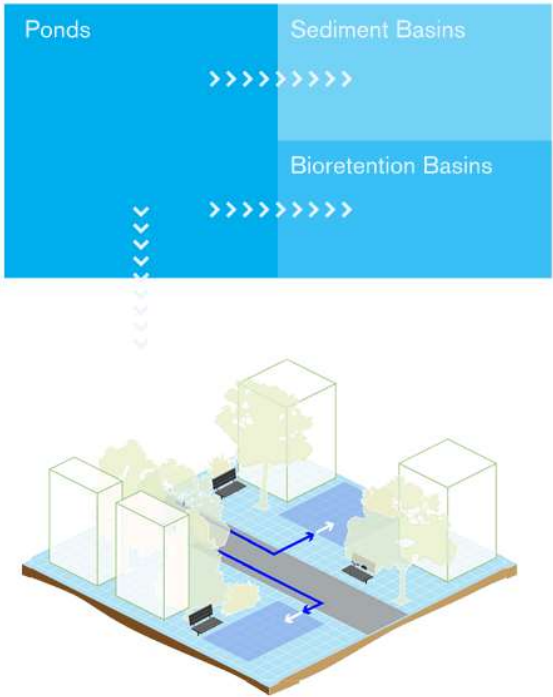
Dispersed Ponds

Small ponds, rain gardens, or other small-scale blue infrastructure within neighbourhoods or employment districts that can fit within 1-2 average sized residential lots.

Primary function is for small scale retention, neighbourhood stability, and visual amenity.

Low or moderate vacancy areas; should especially be prioritized in land depressions that are not candidates for surface lakes because there is not enough residential vacancy.

Elements consist of ponds, sediment basins and bioretention basins.





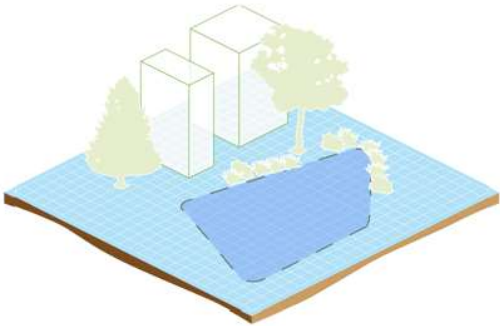
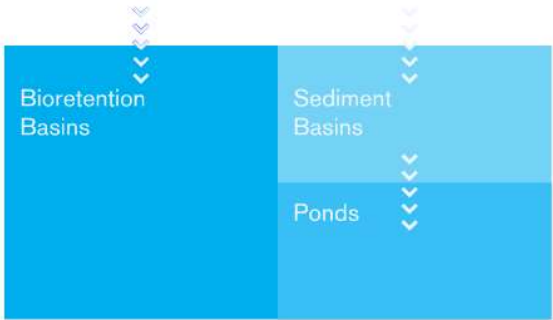
Surface Lakes

Large, low-lying vacant areas allow for flooding to create lakes, which provide significant retention capacity for storms; swales and other surface conveyance mechanisms direct stormwater into these areas.

Primary function is for high capacity detention and retention.

Ideally located in depressions in topography, where surface runoff naturally directs to these areas for stormwater capture.

Elements consist of ponds, sediment basins and bioretention basins, with infiltration measures for overflow.

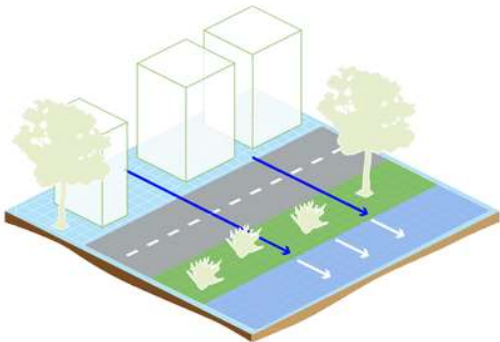


Creek Marsh

Treatment wetlands and vegetated buffer strips in parks and vacant lots.

Primary function is to treat stormwater before it flows into the water system; these components are a last chance to capture and clean stormwater before it enters creeks and rivers.

Wetlands and buffer strips also create additional aquatic habitats.



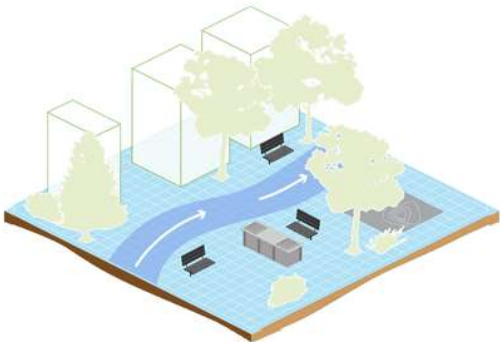
Infiltration Park

Parks that combine stormwater management with recreation.

Primary function is for low maintenance detention and retention

Limited maintenance parks are good candidates to be retrofitted as infiltration parks, but parks in high vacancy areas, or low-lying areas, may be considered as well.

Elements consist of infiltration measures, bioretention basins and potentially aquifer storage & recovery.



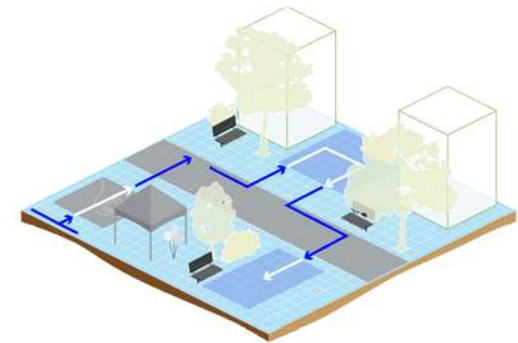
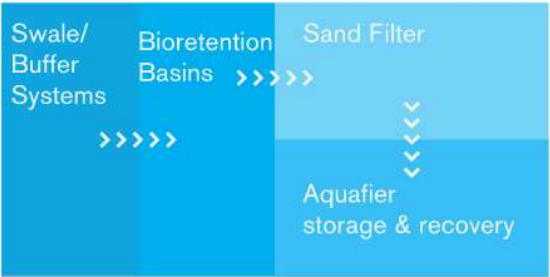
Distributed Network

Multiple independent networks of swales and other surface conveyance elements that direct stormwater to small and medium-scale retention/detention ponds in lower lying areas.

Primary functions is for conveyance and detention.

Ideally located in areas with greater internal variation in topography, these areas have many high points and low areas in close proximity to one another.

Elements consist of sand filters, swale/buffer systems, ponds, and ideally aquifer storage & recovery.



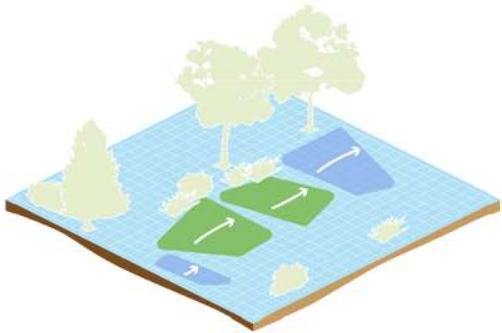
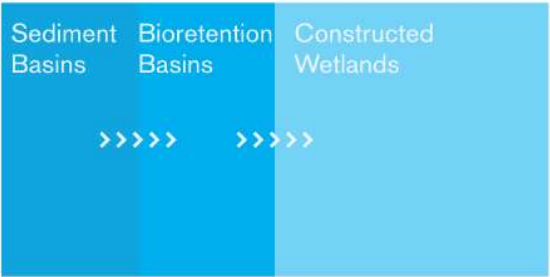


Constructed Wetlands

Treatment wetlands and vegetated buffer strips in parks and vacant lots.

Primary function is for retention and treatment. These components are a last chance to capture and clean stormwater before it enters rivers. Wetlands and buffer strips also create additional aquatic habitats.

Elements consist of constructed wetlands and bio retention basins and sediment basins.



## 2.2 | A PRODUCTIVE TOWN

### BLUE NETWORK - REBATES & INCENTIVES

Government water rebates & incentives, as well as education portals.

The Australian Government is giving priority to investment in water saving infrastructure projects over buybacks as a means of returning water to the environment, with over \$2.3 billion forecast to be spent over the next four years.

#### Showerhead Exchange State Government Victoria (DEPI)

The Showerhead Exchange Program can help eligible Victorian households swap old inefficient showerheads for brand new 3-star water-efficient showerhead/s. The water-efficient showerhead/s are free and can help you save water, energy and money.

#### Water Management Action Plan Gippsland Water

The water management action plan (waterMAP) program was developed by the State Government. Industrial and commercial businesses who use more than 5 million litres of treated water each year are encouraged to develop a waterMAP with their local water corporation, to demonstrate how they will use water more efficiently in the future.

#### Environment and Resource Efficiency Plan Gippsland Water

EPA Victoria (Environment Protection Authority) has developed the Environment and Resource Efficiency Plan. This program supports investigations or feasibility studies focused on reducing the use of drinking water and energy in industrial processes.

The business opportunities presented through EPA projects will assist your company to achieve environmental benefits and direct cost savings in a short time frame.

#### Resource Efficiency Assist Program Gippsland Water

The Resource Efficiency Assist Program will help through offering free services for companies with less than 200 employees cut costs and boost productivity.

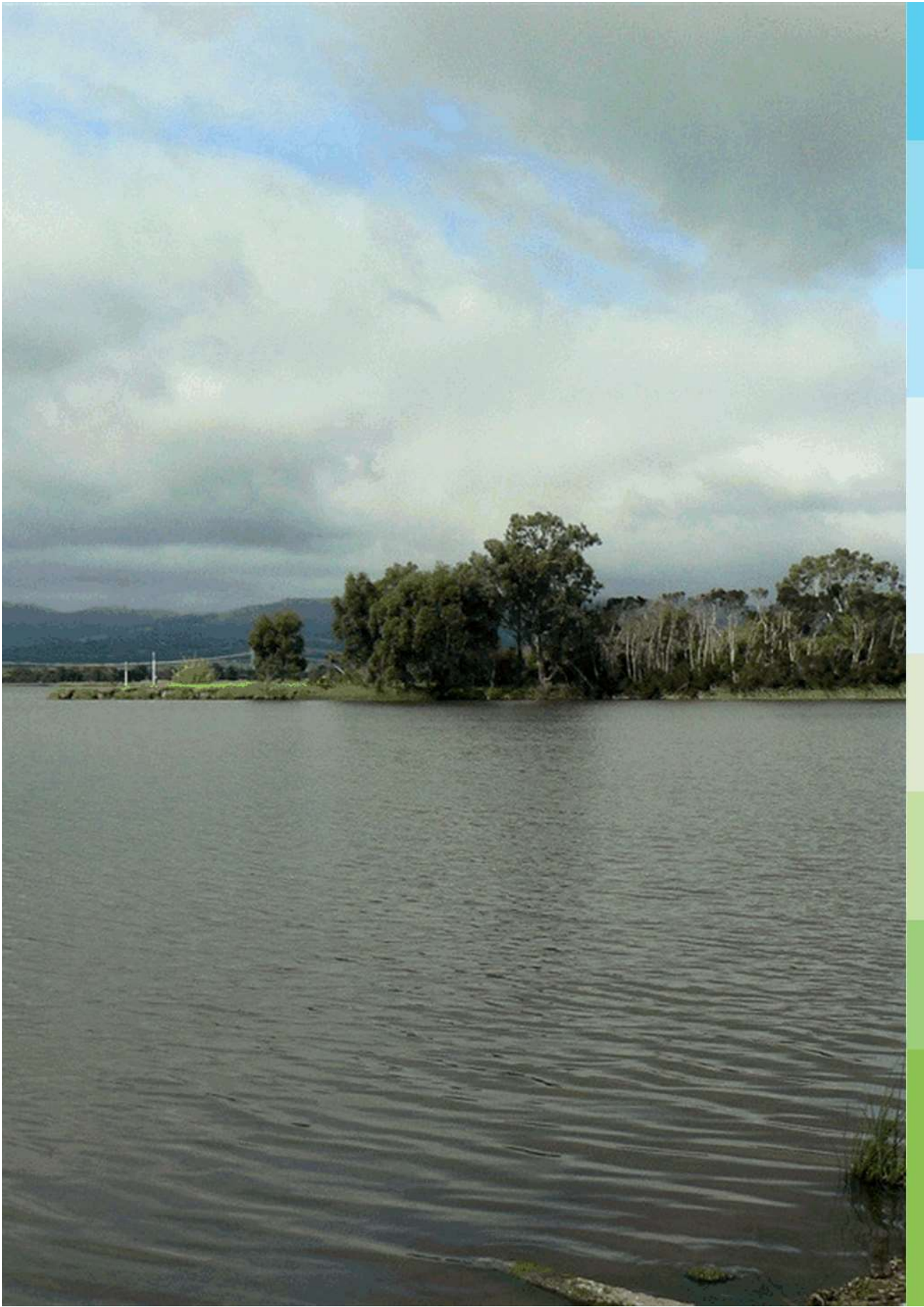
This includes: Onsite assessments, master classes and site visits to companies that have implemented resource efficiency projects and are reaping the rewards

#### On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program

The Australian Government is working to improve the efficiency and productivity of on farm irrigation water use and management. The On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program is part of the Sustainable Rural Water Use and Infrastructure Program.

The \$626 million On-Farm Irrigation Efficiency Program (the programme) is assisting irrigators within the southern connected system of the Murray-Darling Basin to modernise their on-farm irrigation infrastructure while returning water savings to the environment. The southern connected system for the programme encompasses the New South Wales Murray, Victorian Murray, South Australian Murray, Campaspe, Murrumbidgee, Goulburn, Broken, Loddon and the Lower Darling (south of Menindee Lakes) river catchments.

<http://www.environment.gov.au/water/rural-water/srwui/on-farm-irrigation-efficiency-program>



## 2.3 | A LIVEABLE TOWN CURRENT BUS NETWORK

### Existing Bus Connections

**Figure 101 -  
Bus Route 1  
Moe - Traralgon (Via Morwell)**



Weekday: Every half an hour (6 am - 9 pm)  
Saturday: Every half an hour (7 am - 6 pm)  
Sunday: Every half an hour (8 am - 6 pm)

**Figure 102 -  
Bus Route 2  
Morwell - Churchill (Via Monash University)**



Weekday: Every hour (6 am - 9 pm)  
Saturday: Every hour (6 am - 5 pm)  
Sunday: Every hour (7 am - 8 pm)

**Figure 103 -  
Bus Route 20  
Moe - Traralgon (Via Morwell)**



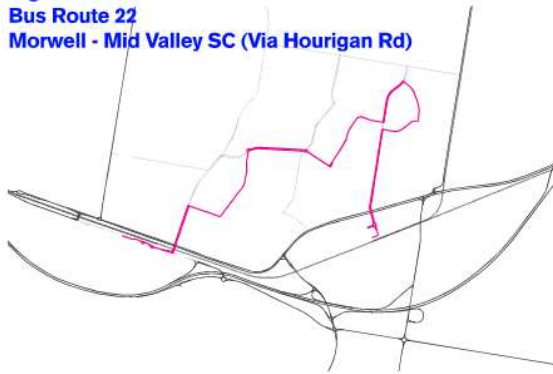
Weekday: Every 2 hours (8 am - 4 pm)  
Sat&Sun: Every 2 hours (8 am - 4 pm)

**Figure 104 -  
Bus Route 21  
Morwell - Mid Valley SC (Via Crinigan Rd)**



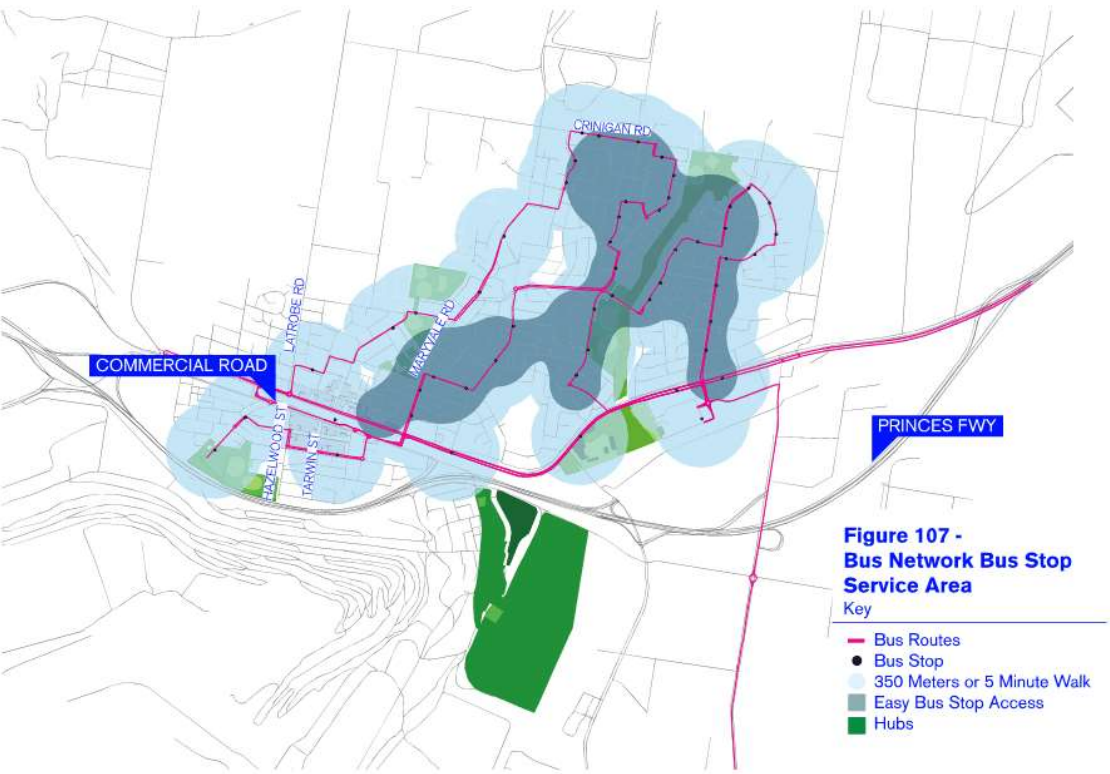
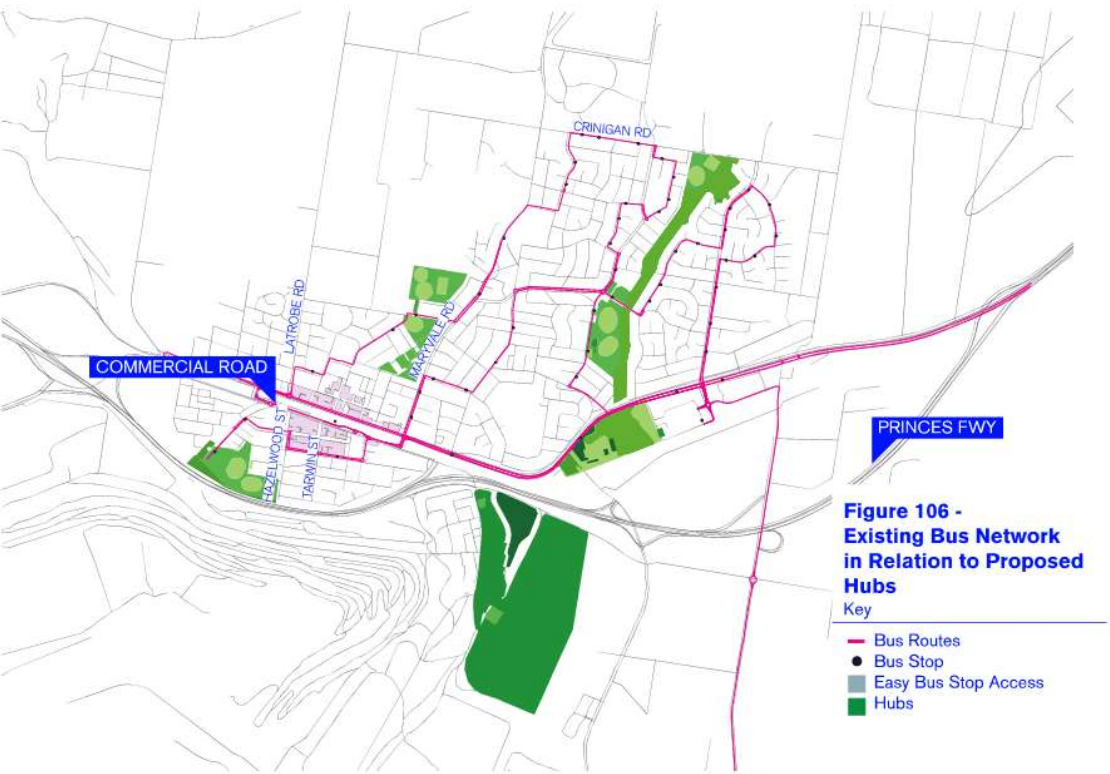
Weekday: Every hour (7 am - 6 pm)  
Saturday: Every hour (7 am - 5 pm)  
Sunday: Every hour (8 am - 4 pm)

**Figure 105 -  
Bus Route 22  
Morwell - Mid Valley SC (Via Hourigan Rd)**



Weekday: Every hour (7 am - 6 pm)  
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Sunday: (8 am - 4 pm)





## 2.3 | A LIVEABLE TOWN BUS NETWORK

Key Objectives:

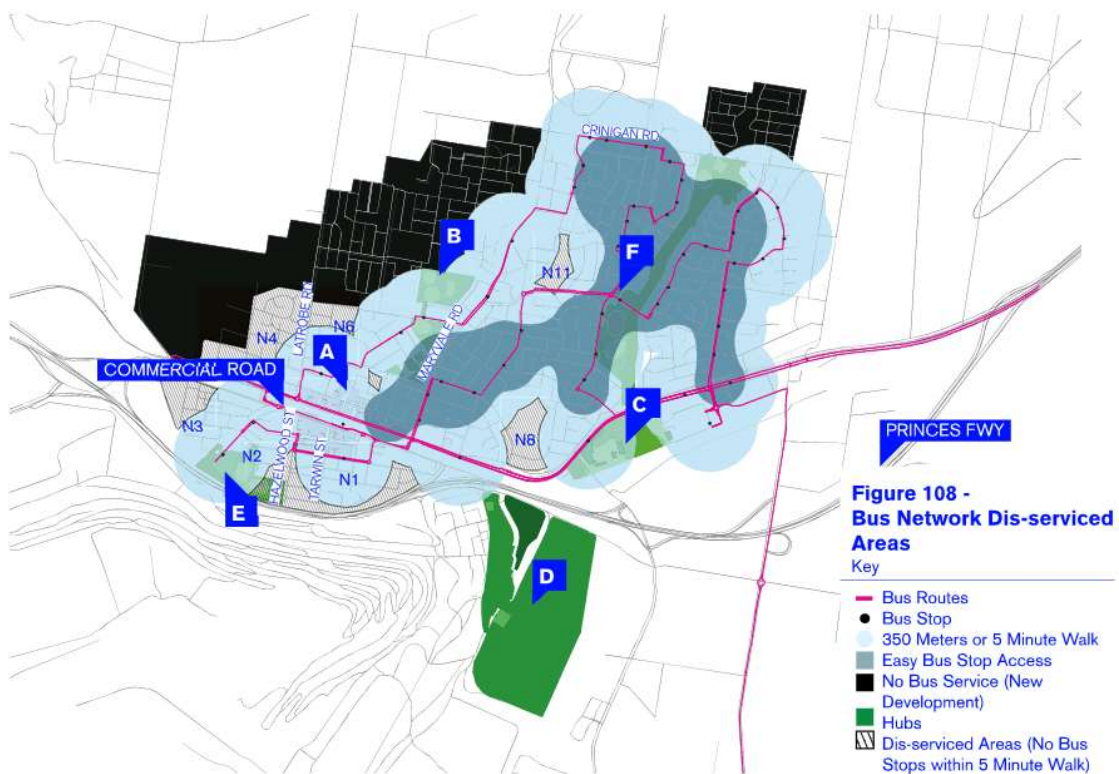
- Better connections for community members to proposed future Morwell hubs
- Promote better access to town amenities
- Improve overall experience of public transport

### EXISTING SITUATION (KEY ISSUES & OPPORTUNITIES):

- Dis-served areas within Neighbourhoods where no bus stops are within a 5 minute walk:  
N1, N2, N3, N4, N6, N8 and N11
- Hub D is not accessible via bus services

### RECOMMENDED ACTIONS/ STRATEGIES:

- To take advantage of underutilised community buses located in Latrobe Valley
- Provide direct links for residents to hubs
- Conduct a feasibility study to service hub D and proposed residential areas with the intent of providing direct routing





## COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Community Transport are not for profit organisations providing transport solutions for people and communities. This is facilitated by assisting clients to access social and recreational activities that fosters their capacity to maintain an active and engaged social and civic life.



### PUBLIC WORKS

#### THE VILLAGER



##### Where:

Cotswolds Villages, UK

##### Objectives:

- Connection communities with town amenities

##### Outcomes:

The service began as a direct result of a Government Inquiry into the causes of depopulation of rural areas, a major factor in the Inquiry's report being lack of access to shops and medical facilities, which is still just as relevant today.

Supported Financially by Country Councils, and managed and run entirely by volunteers. Operating nineteen regular scheduled timetable bus routes.

##### More Info:

<http://www.villagerbus.com/>

### PUBLIC WORKS

#### COMMUNITY BUS



##### Where:

City of Unley, SA

##### Objectives:

- Connection communities with town amenities

##### Outcomes:

The Fixed Route service is available for all residents of the Unley Council area. Accredited volunteers drive the community bus which operates on a fixed circuit three times a day.

Passengers can hail the bus from any safe locality on the bus route or from a designated Community Bus Zone.

A Hire Service is available to community and not for profit organisations.

##### More Info:

[www.unley.sa.gov.au/parking-transport/access-guide](http://www.unley.sa.gov.au/parking-transport/access-guide)

## 2.4 | A HEALTHY TOWN

### PEOPLE - HEALTH INDICATORS

The Parks and Recreation facilities in a community are the places that people go to get healthy. Parks also provide gathering places for families and social groups. Environmentally parks protect groundwater, prevent flooding and contribute to an improved quality of the air we breathe.

#### Key Health & Social Indicators

##### Latrobe Valley

##### Victoria

##### Life Expectancy

Male Life Expectancy	Female Life Expectancy	Male Life Expectancy	Female Life Expectancy
75.7 Years	81.5 Years	79.6 Years	84.3 Years

##### Mental Health Contacts & Community Health Occasions of service

Mental Health Contacts	Community Health Occasions of service	Mental Health Contacts	Community Health Occasions of service
513.4 per 1,000 population	397.4 per 1,000 population	353.1 per 1,000 population	105.1 per 1,000 population

##### Disability Adjusted Life Year (DALY)

DALY is a measure of overall disease burden, expressed as the number of years lost due to ill-health, disability or early death.

A high DALY rate indicates poor health status of a population. A low DALY rate reflects better health.

Male Disability Adjusted Life Years	Female Disability Adjusted Life Years	Male Disability Adjusted Life Years	Female Disability Adjusted Life Years
169.8	138	143	129

##### Years Lived with Disability (YLD)

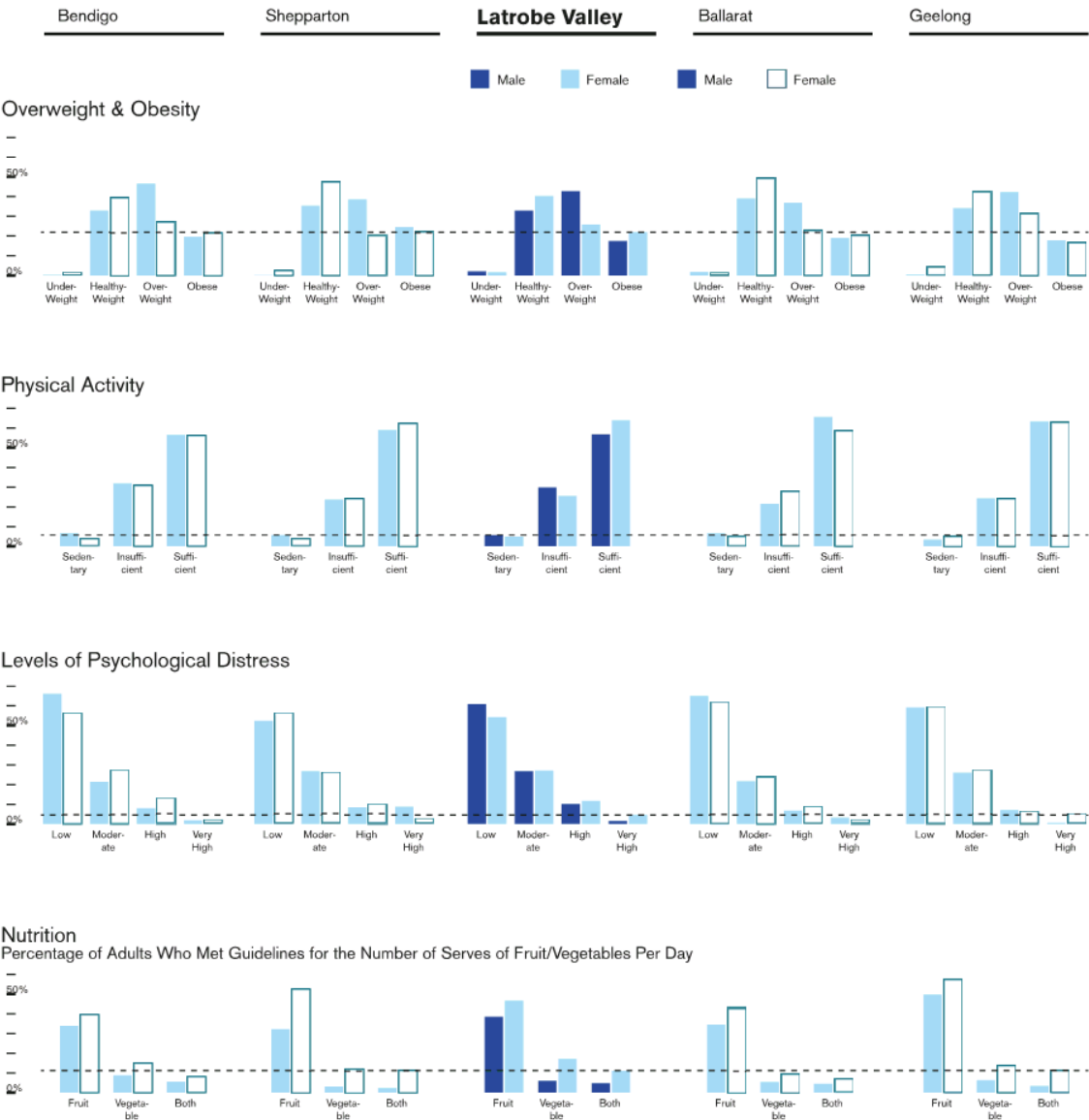
YLD measure includes a measure of what is disabling people or causing ill health.

A high YLD indicates poor health status of the population. A low YLD rate reflects better health.

Male Years Lived With a Disability	Female Years Lived With a Disability	Male Years Lived With a Disability	Female Years Lived With a Disability
80.2	80.7	71.7	71.4

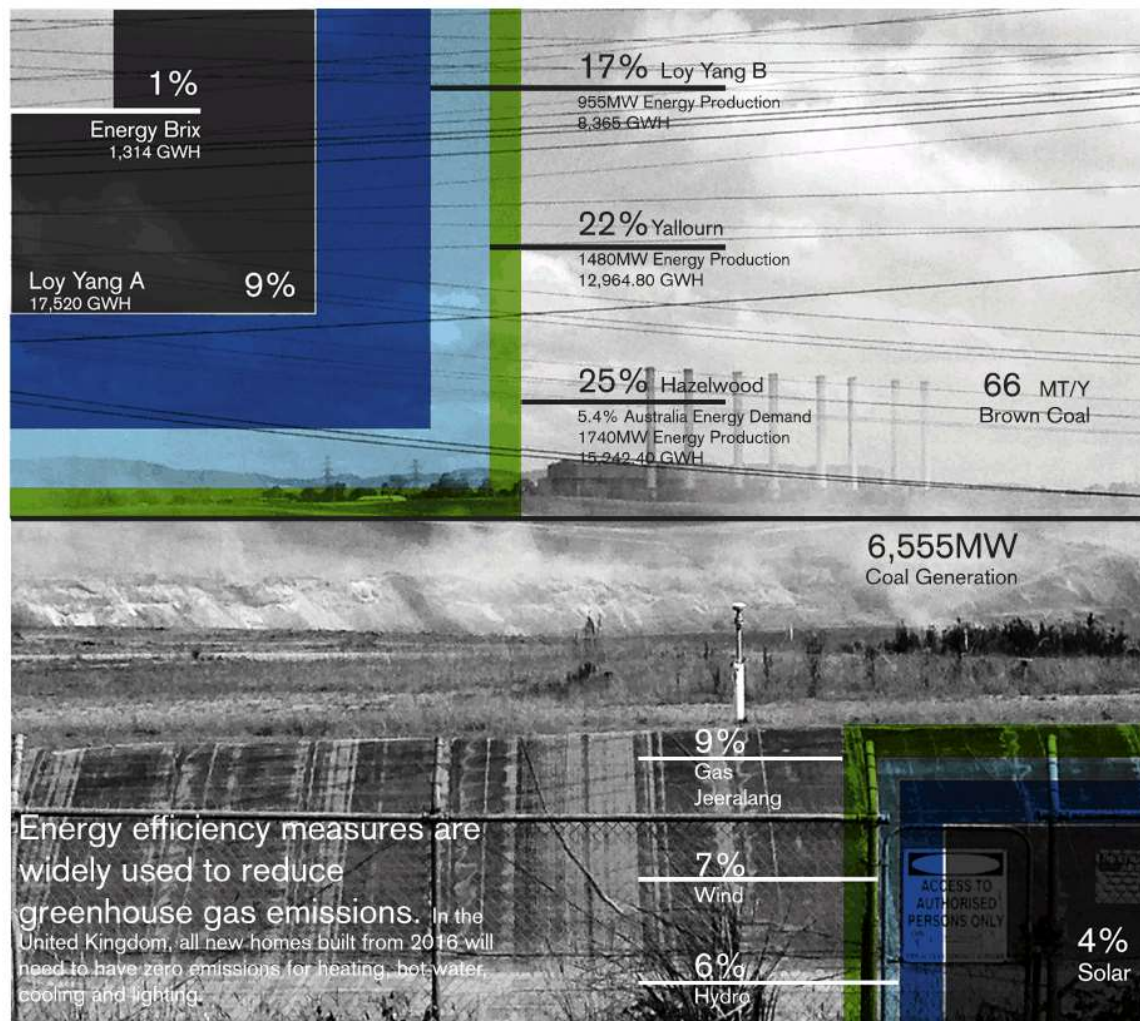


Health Indicators



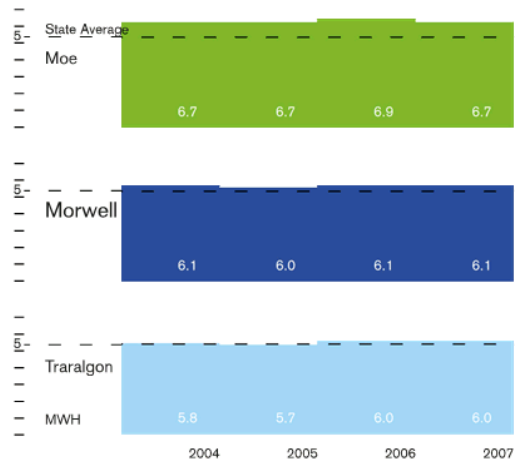
## 2.4 | A HEALTHY TOWN ENERGY CONSUMPTION

Hazelwood Supplies 25% of Victoria's energy requirements & 5.4% of Australia Energy Demand. Morwell's average electricity consumption per dwelling is 6.1 MWH, which is higher than Victoria's 5MWH average. As for Gas consumption per customer, Morwell's v/GC is lower than 55 GJ/GC state average.

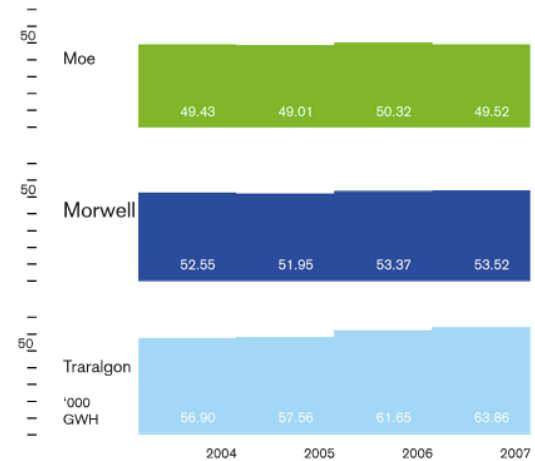


### Electricity & Gas Consumption in Latrobe Valley

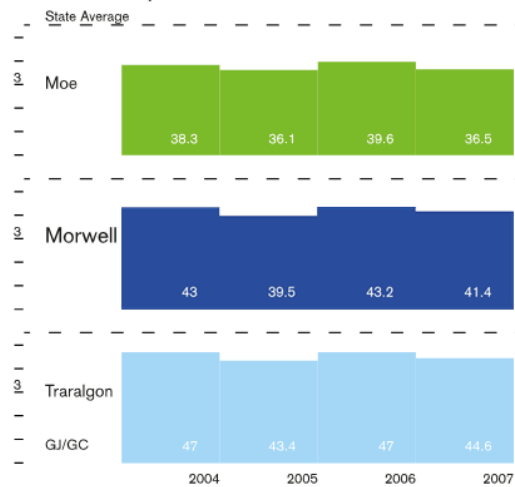
Electricity Consumption Per Dwelling



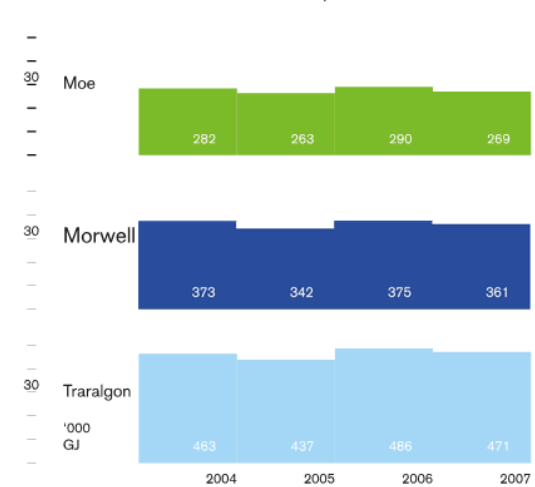
Total Residential Electricity Consumption



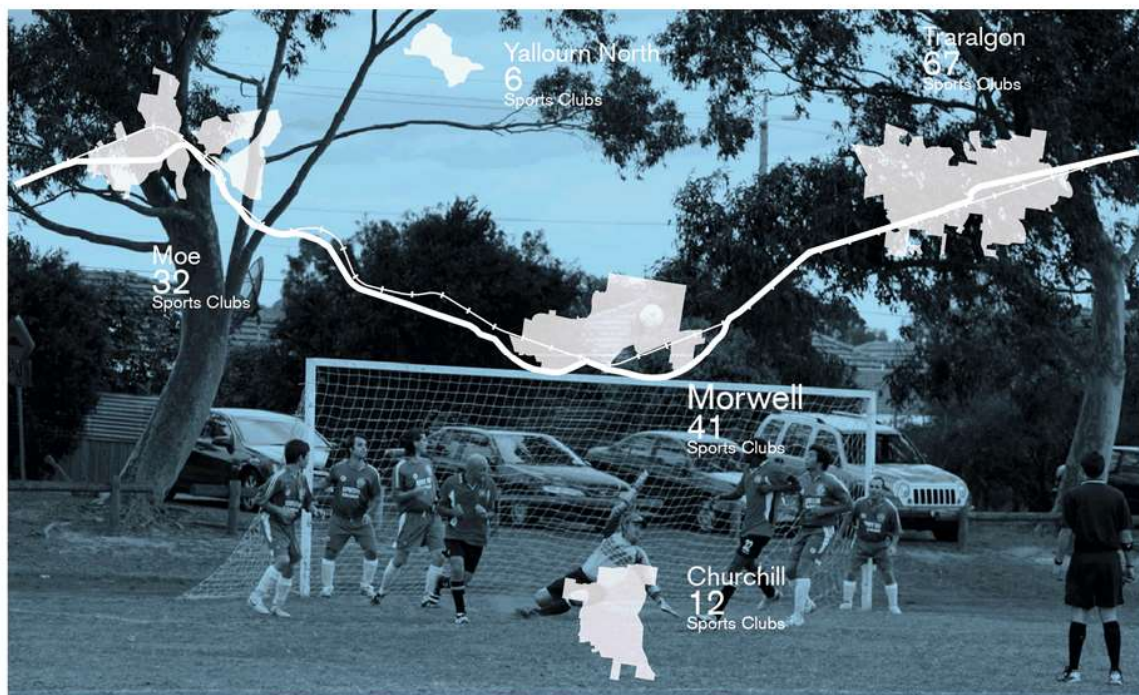
Gas Consumption Per Customer



Total Residential Gas Consumption



## 2.5 ASSETS SPORTS FACILITIES



Boola Valley Field Archers  
 Ex-Students Cricket Club  
 Fortuna 60 Soccer Club  
 Gippsland Gladiators Gridiron Club  
 Gippsland Knights Football Club  
 Gippsland Power Football Club  
 Gippsland Soccer Club  
 Gippsland Soccer Club Referees Group  
 Gippsland Soccer League  
 Gippsland Tigers Superules  
 Latrobe City Cycling Club  
 Latrobe Cricket Club  
 Latrobe Valley 4WD Club Inc  
 Latrobe Valley Baseball Association  
 Latrobe Valley Naturalists  
 Latrobe Valley Scuba Club  
 Latrobe Valley Umpires (Aussie Rules) Association  
 Latrobe Valley Volleyball Inc.  
 Latrobe Valley Yacht Club  
 Mid Gippsland Football League  
 Morwell Academy of Gymnastics  
 Morwell Badminton Club  
 Morwell Basketball Association  
 Morwell Bowling Club

Morwell Club Billiards/Snooker Club  
 Morwell Club Bowling Club  
 Morwell Club Bowls Club  
 Morwell Club Fishing Club  
 Morwell Club Golf Club  
 Morwell Cougars Baseball Club  
 Morwell Cricket Club  
 Morwell Croquet Club Inc  
 Morwell East Football Netball Club  
 Morwell East Tennis Club  
 Morwell Field & Game  
 Morwell Football Netball Club  
 Morwell Golf Club  
 Morwell Gun Club  
 Morwell Horse & Pony Club  
 Morwell Netball Association  
 Morwell Pegasus Soccer Club  
 Morwell RSL & Citizens Youth Club Junior Football Club  
 Morwell Swimming Club  
 Morwell Tennis Club  
 Morwell Tigers Junior Football Club  
 St. Vincent's Cricket Club  
 The Taiji Centre  
 Twin City Archers Gippsland





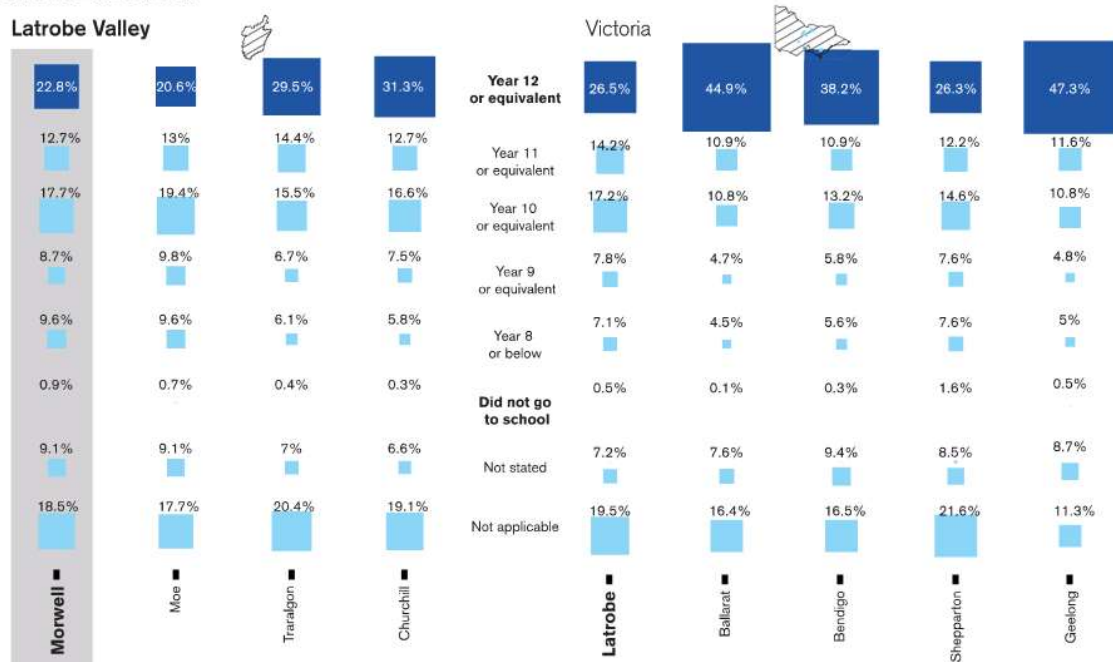
**Figure 109 -  
Morwell Sports Venues**

- Key
- |                                     |                                |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Parks and Sports Grounds            | 9 Maryvale Recreation Reserve  |
| Rivers and Streams                  | 10 Ronald Reserve              |
| Water Bodies                        | 11 Crinigan South Reserve      |
| 1 Morwell Recreational Reserve      | 12 Airlie Bank Reserve         |
| 2 Keegan Street Reserve             | 13 Morwell Golf Club           |
| 3 Morwell Town Commons              | 14 Latrobe City Sports Stadium |
| 4 Latrobe Valley Golf Driving Range |                                |
| 5 Toners Lane Reserve               |                                |
| 6 Northern Reserve                  |                                |
| 7 Sir Norman Brookes Park           |                                |
| 8 Latrobe Leisure Morwell           |                                |

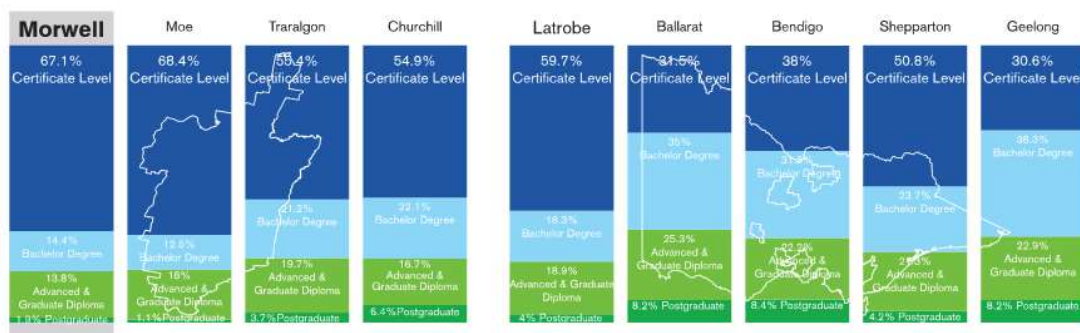
## 2.5 ASSETS EDUCATION

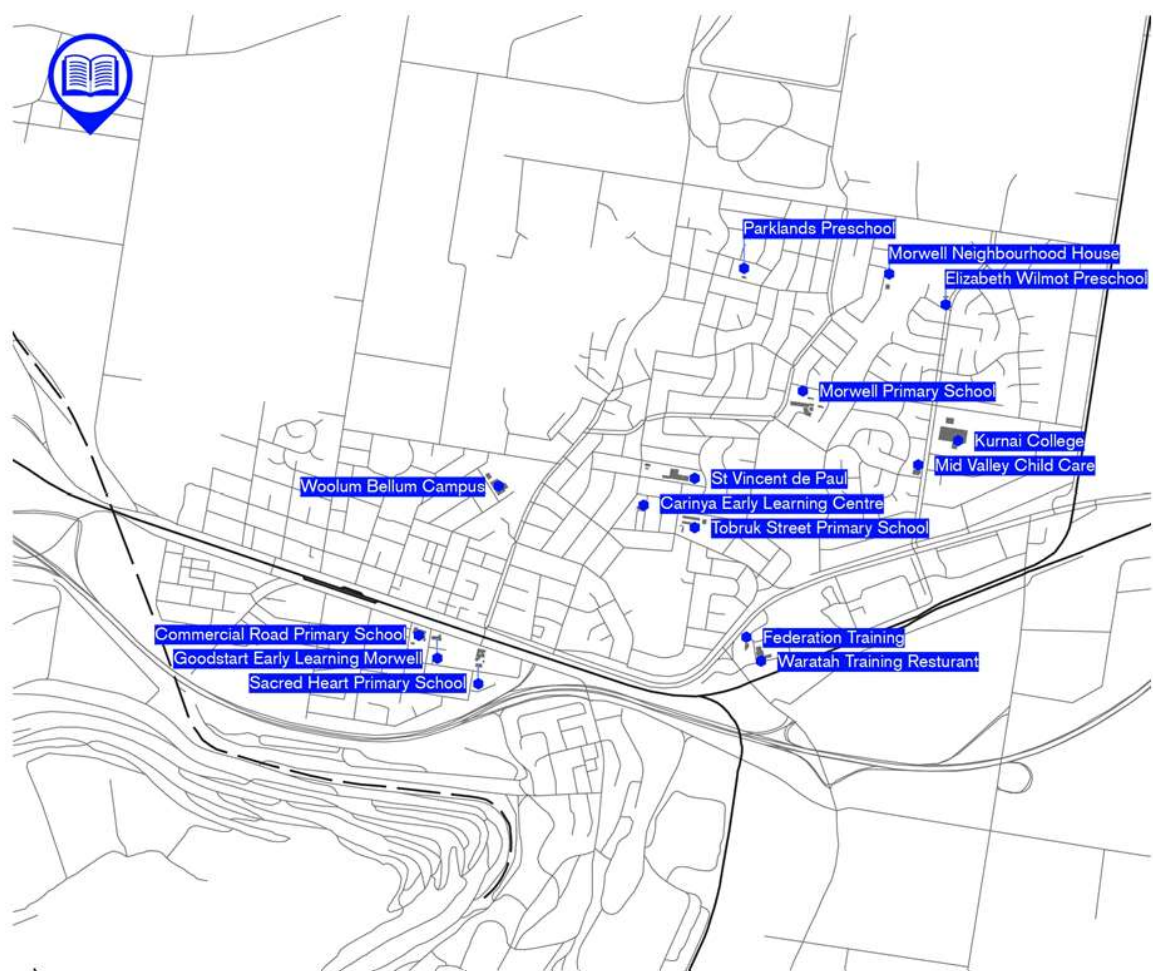
Morwell year 12 completion rate is 22.8% while 0.5% do not go to school. By comparison Victoria's year 12 completion rate is 40.5% while 0.9% did not go to school. Morwell has 67.1% certificate level holders and 1.9% post graduate qualification holders. By comparison Victoria has 13.3% certificate level holders and 3.18% post graduate qualification holders

### School Education



### Tertiary Education





**Figure 110 -  
Morwell Educational  
Facilities**



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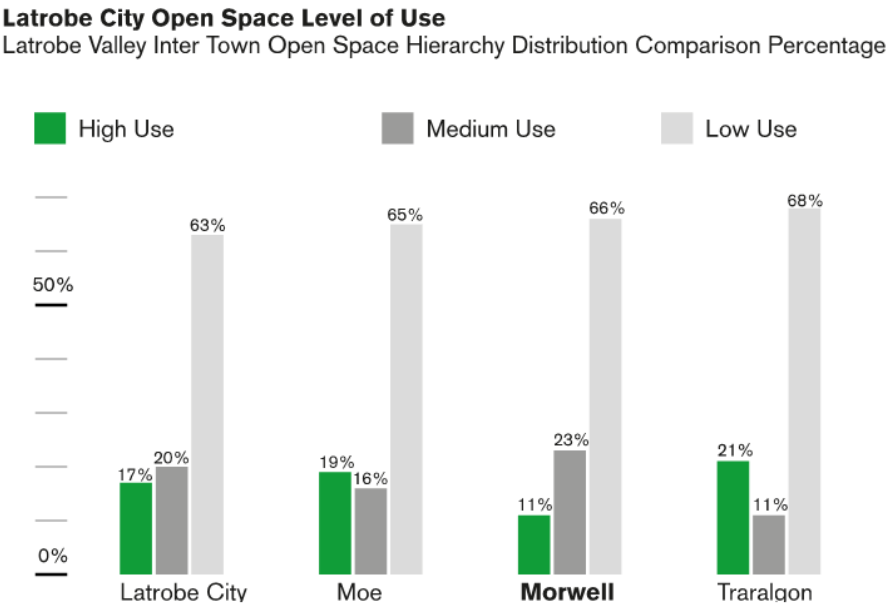
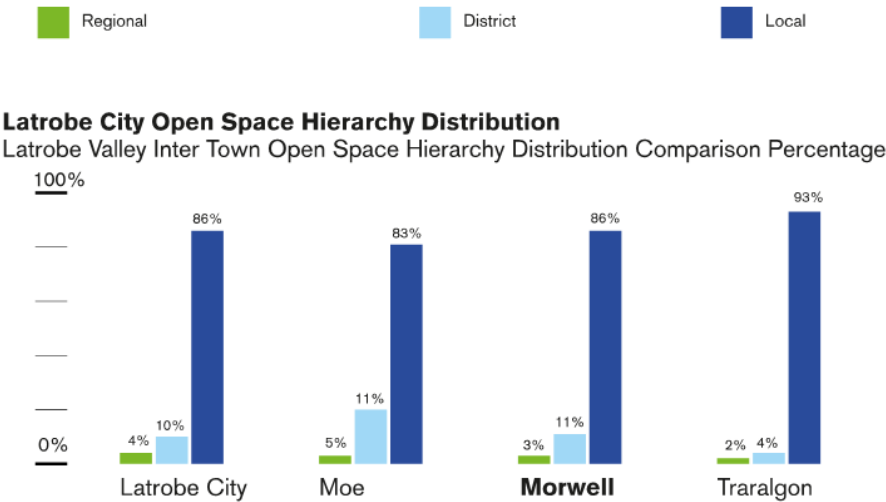
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LAND ASSETS





Latrobe City Open Space Hierarchy

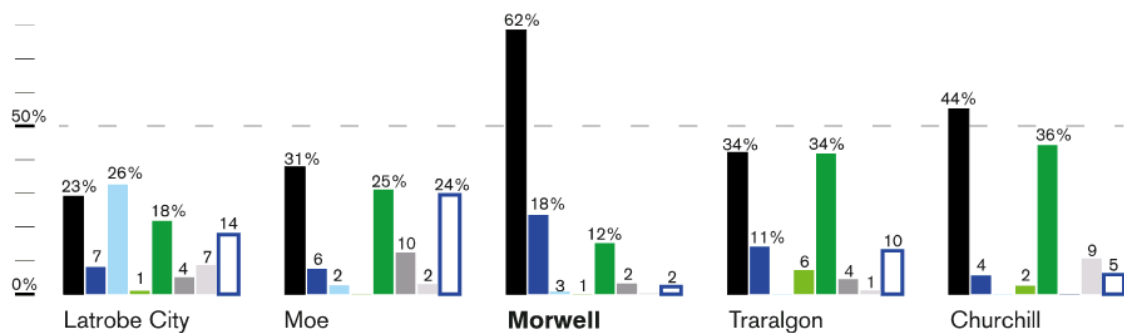


## 2.5 ASSETS OPEN SPACE

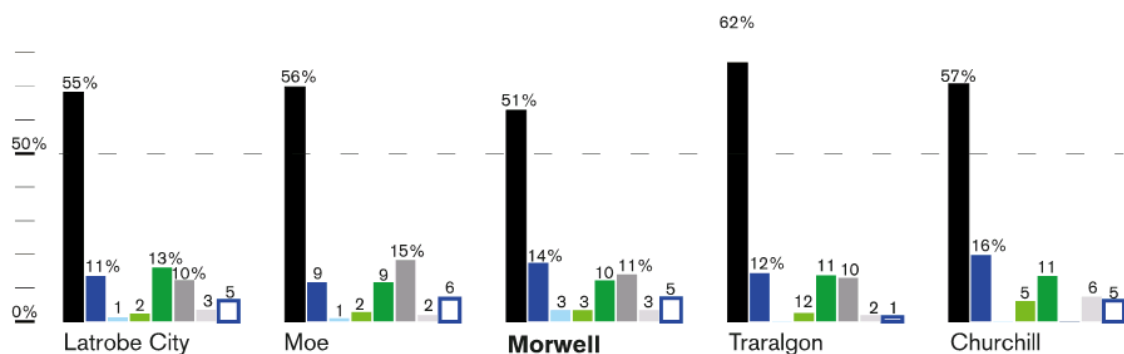
### Latrobe City Open Space Primary Functions



### Overall Open Space Primary Function by Size (Ha) of Reserve



### Overall Open Space Primary Function by Number of Reserves

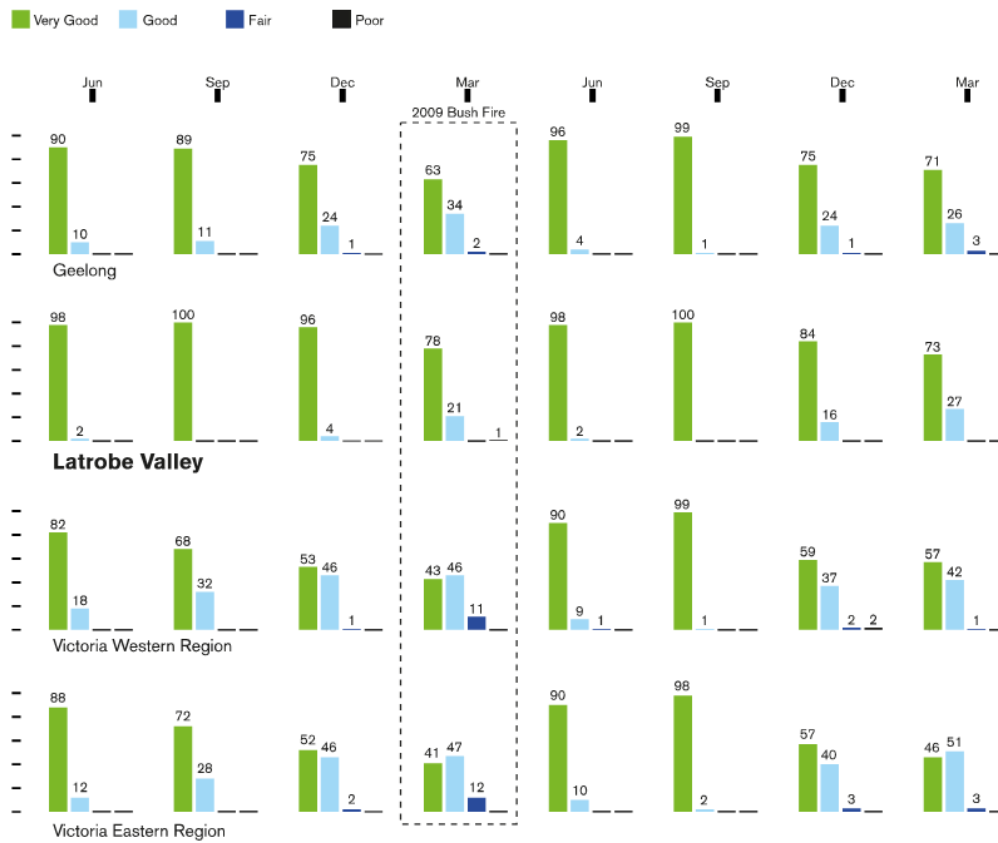


## 2.5 ASSETS ENVIRONMENT

In comparison to other regional centres, Latrobe Valley was less affected by 2009 bushfire.

### Ozone Pollutant Index

Proportion of Days Per Quarter at each Ozone Pollutant Index Level.  
Statistics from 2009



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LAND ACTIVITY

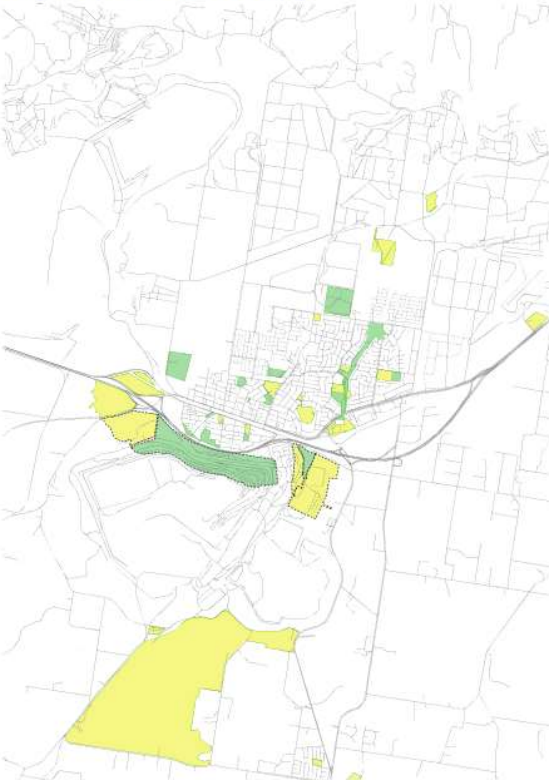
IMMEDIATE PROJECTED CHANGES

Figure 111 -  
Projected Commercial Land Activity



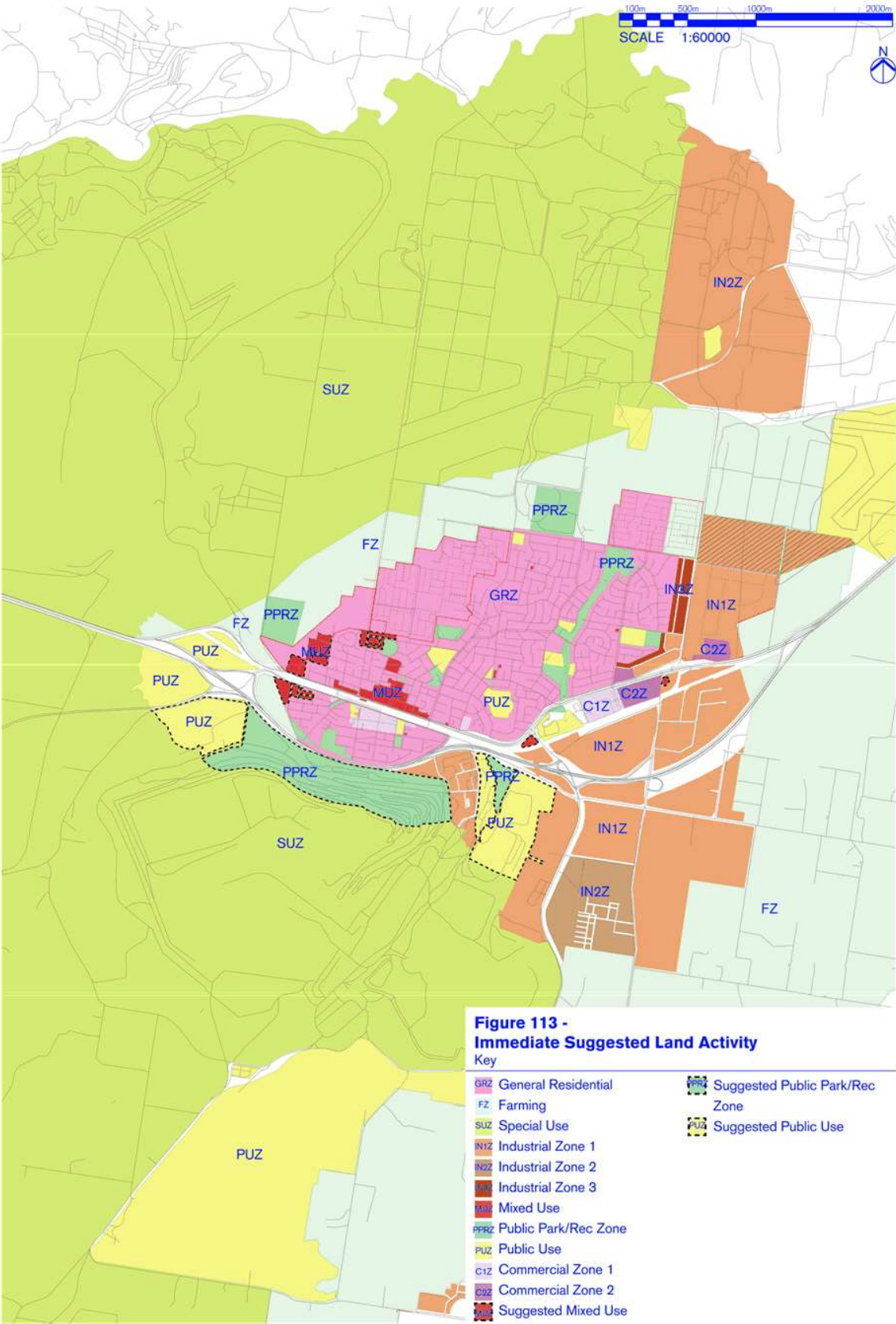
- MUZ - Mixed Use
- C1Z - Commercial Zone 1
- C2Z - Commercial Zone 2
- MUZ - Mixed Use (Suggested)

Figure 112 -  
Projected Public Land Activity



- PPRZ - Public Park/ Rec Zone
- PUZ - Public Use
- PPRZ - Public Park/ Rec Zone (Suggested)
- PUZ - Public Use (Suggested)



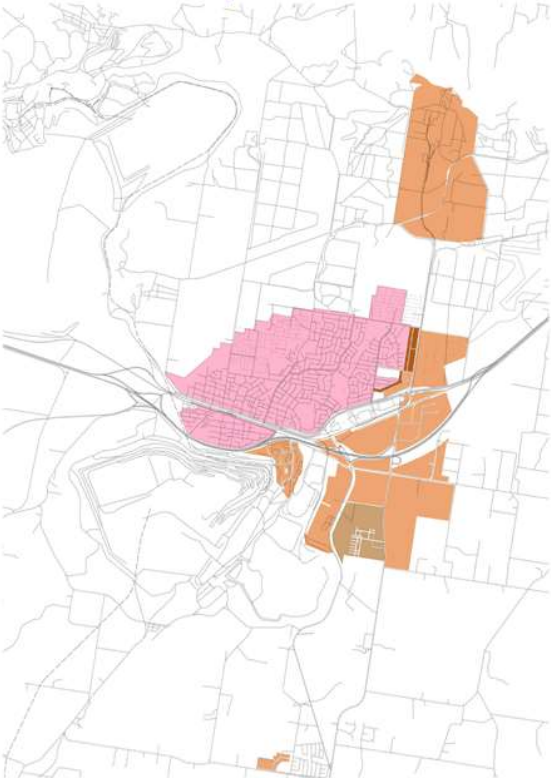


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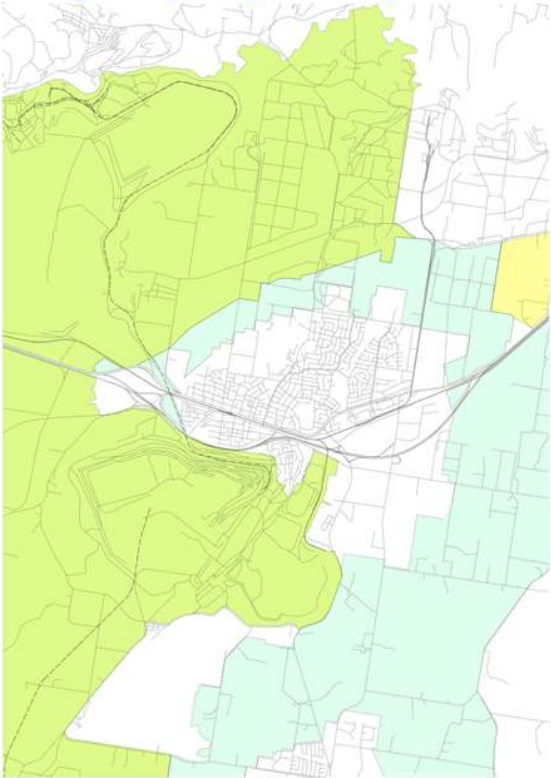
INDUSTRIAL & RESIDENTIAL LAND ACTIVITY

Figure 114 -  
Industrial Land Activity

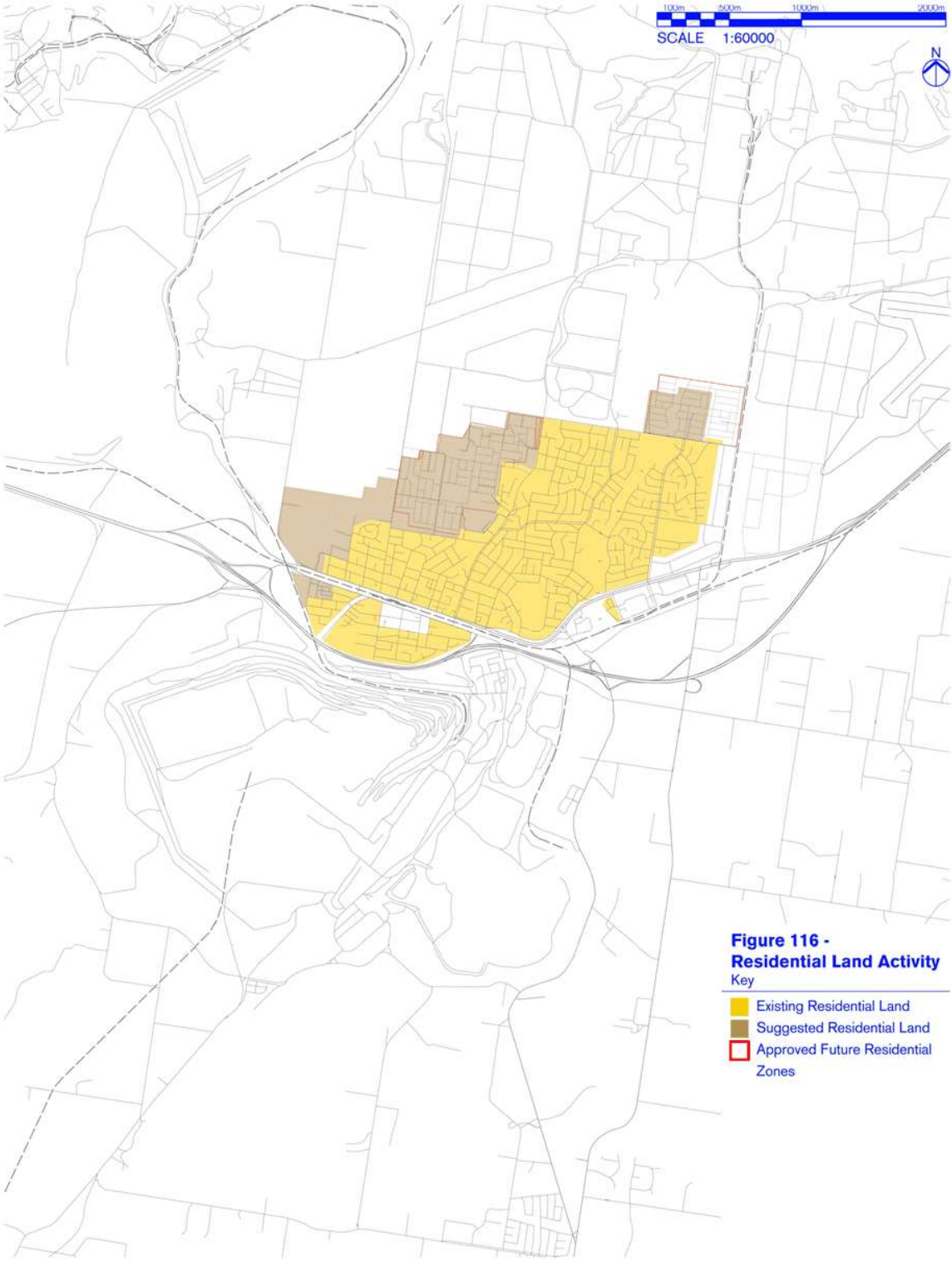


- GRZ - General Residential
- IN1Z - Industrial Zone 1
- IN2Z - Industrial Zone 2
- IN3Z - Industrial Zone 3

Figure 115 -  
Farming/Forestry/Mining Land Activity



- SUZ - Special Use
- FZ - Farming

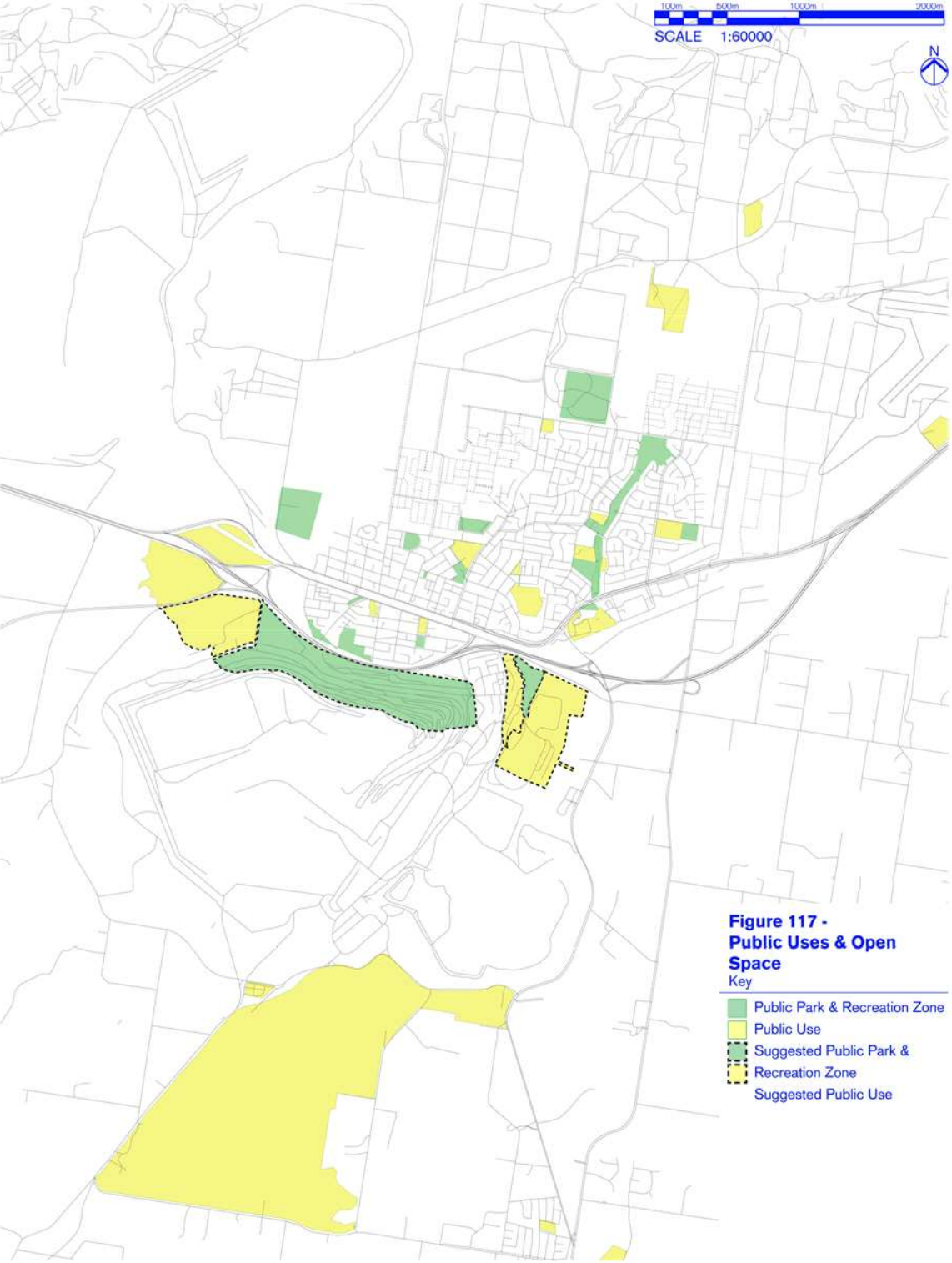




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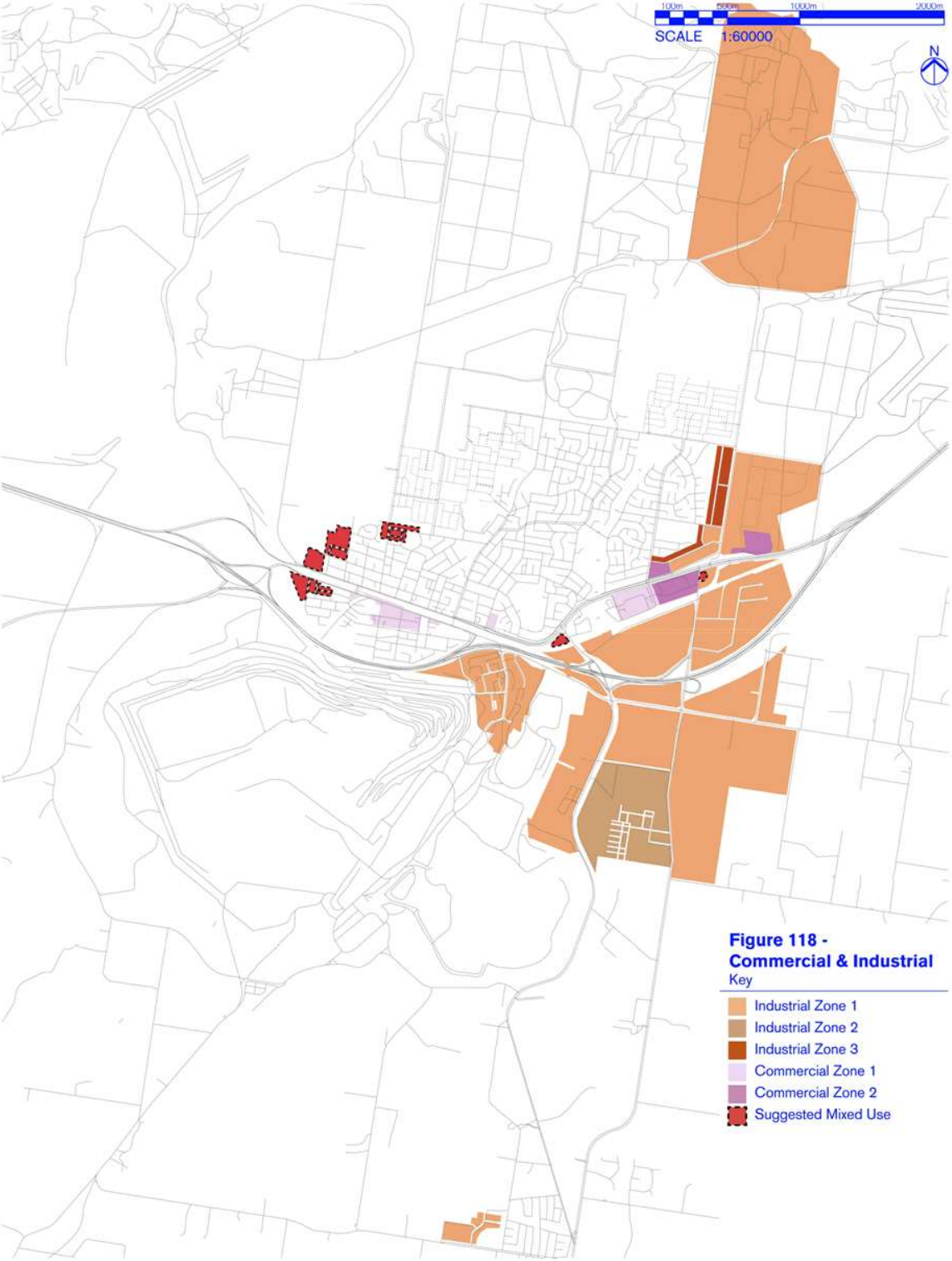
PUBLIC LAND USE & OPEN SPACE





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LAND ACTIVITY  
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL

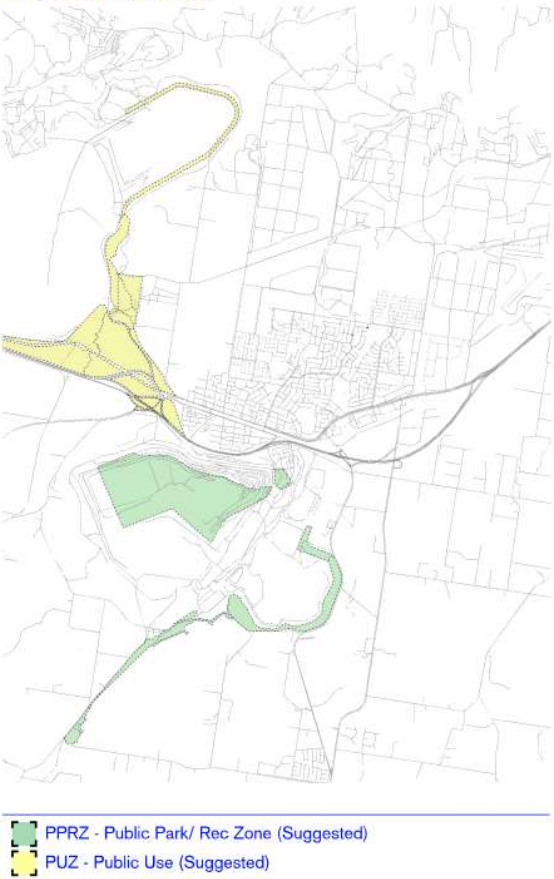


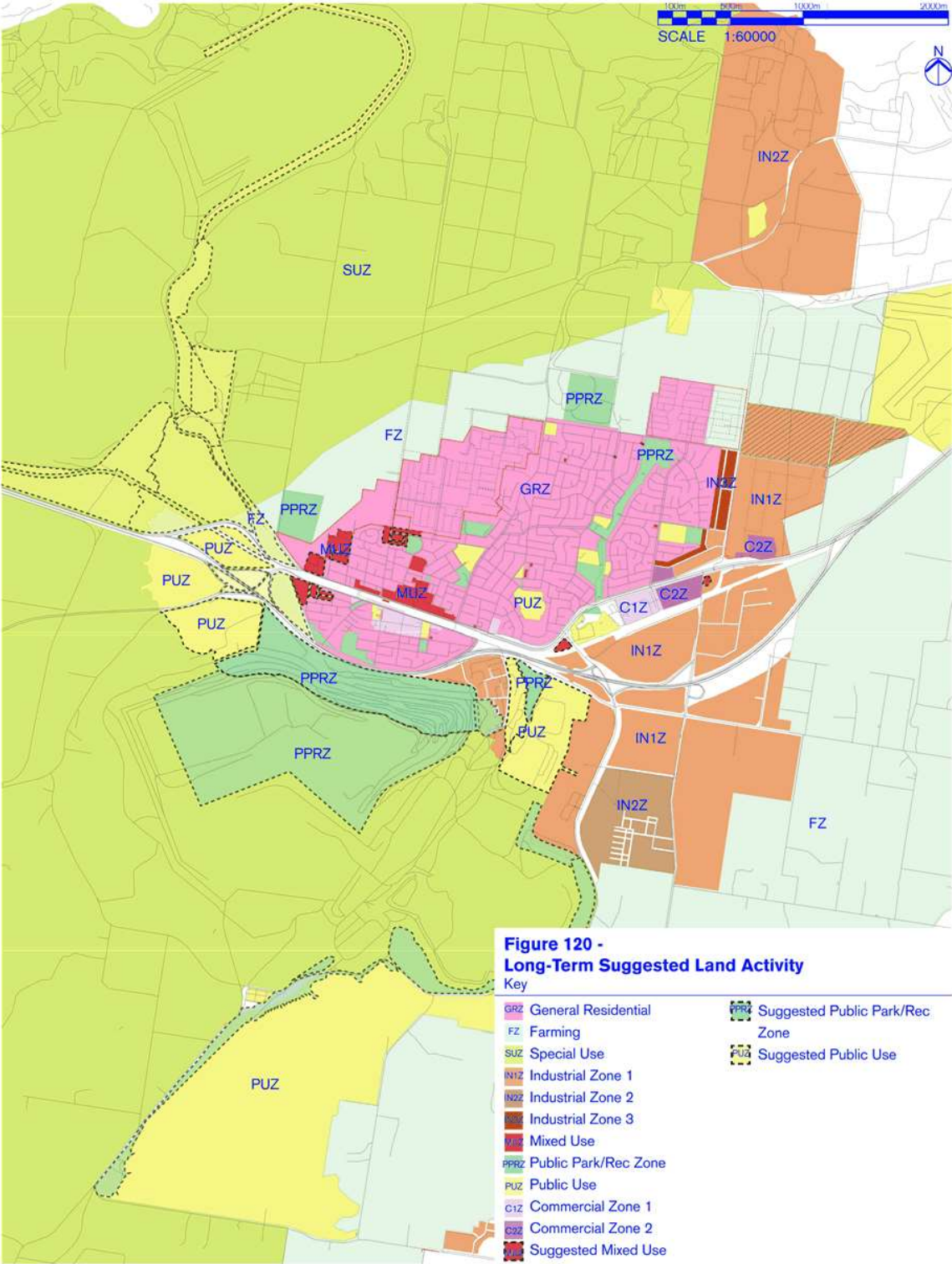
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LAND ACTIVITY

LONG-TERM PROJECTED CHANGES

Figure 119 -  
Projected Public Use





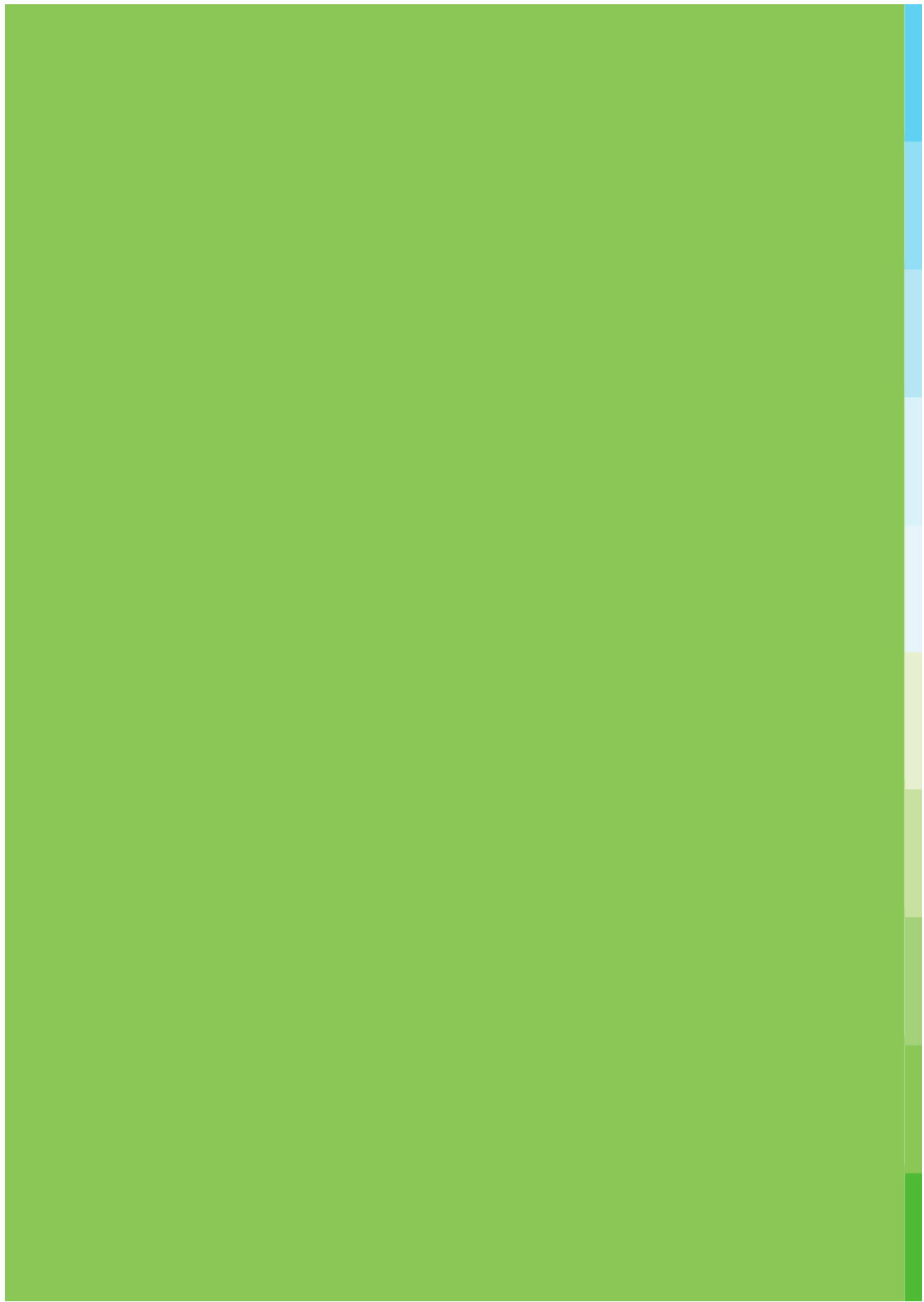
FUTURE MORWELL

APPENDIX

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3.1	COMMUNITY HUB
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### 3.1 COMMUNITY HUB COMMUNITY ORIENTED RENEWAL



#### COMMUNITY HUB

Consist of community library, Town Hall, Cafe, and Community Garden.

#### COMMUNITY GARDEN

Community led Urban Farming plots for edible vegetation. Plots could be expanded to neighbouring shared space for lease/rent.

#### COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Relocation of current Morwell Public Library to the community hub.

#### TOWN HALL

New Town Hall located within Community Hub

Figure 121 -  
Community Hub Location

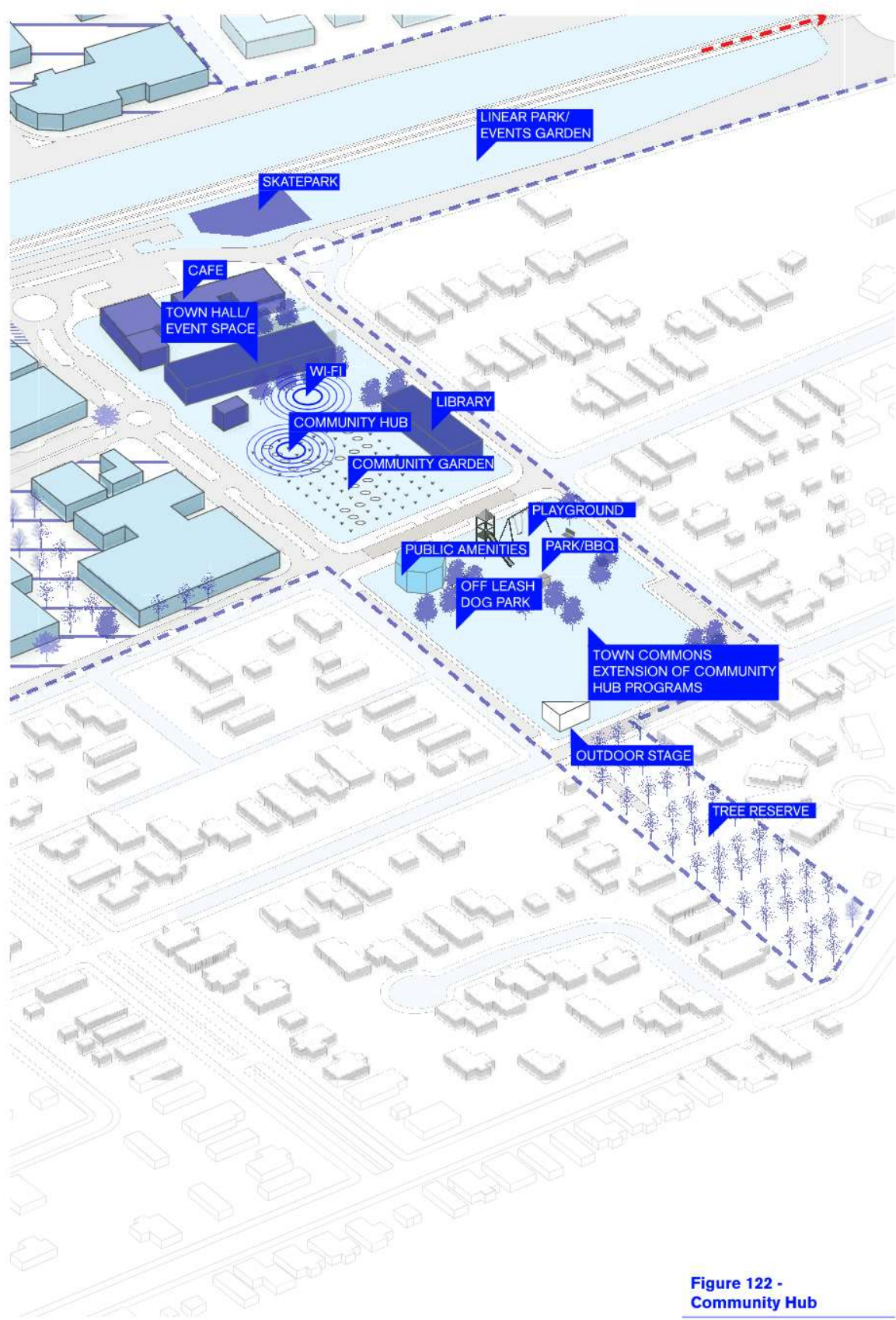


Figure 122 -  
Community Hub



## 3.1 | COMMUNITY HUB CASE STUDIES

### INTERVENTION

#### SPACE TANK STUDIO



##### Where:

Coburg, Victoria

##### Objectives:

- Provide access to state of the art fabrication workshops
- A creative space based around sharing and community

##### How it's done:

Self-regulation and access to enabling equipment builds a strong sense of individual purpose. Space Tank gives you control of your destiny. Give emerging makers the opportunity to transform knowledge into a working prototype and they will become the engine of a design economy. Space Tank provide studio rental and one off / day passes to the fabrication workshops.

##### Outcomes:

Affordable, creative spaces that enable individuals to become a cog in the engine of a design community.

##### More Info:

<https://www.spacetankstudio.com.au/>

### EVENT

#### LANEWAY LEARNING



##### Where:

Venues across Melbourne's inner suburbs

##### Objectives:

- Provide fun cheap and accessible learning events
- Promoting awareness of local community groups
- Strengthen community ties through sharing knowledge

##### How it's done:

Laneway Learning is the name for a ragtag series of informal evening classes ranging from knitting to painting and making preserves. Partnerships are formed with local small businesses to provide venues for classes at little to no cost.

##### Outcomes:

Temporary meeting and learning spaces to strengthen community ties and providing cheap access to local materials and knowledge.

##### More Info:

<http://melbourne.lanewaylearning.com/about-us/>



PUBLIC WORK

## THE PEOPLE'S SUPERMARKET



**Where:**

London, UK

**Objectives:**

- Provide knowledge of food production
- Promote local sourcing of healthy food
- A community run non-profit organisation

**How it's done:**

Through memberships, local food sourcing networks and volunteering (4 hours a month), the community receives seasonal, organic, fresh food at a discount.

**Outcomes:**

to create a commercially sustainable, social enterprise that achieves its growth and targets whilst operating within values based on community development and cohesion. Our intent is to offer an alternative food buying network, by connecting an urban community with the local farming community.

**More Info:**

<http://thepeoplesupermarket.org/>

PUBLIC WORK

## CERES COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT PARK



**Where:**

East Brunswick, Victoria

**Objectives:**

- Educate the community about the environment
- Develop an urban agricultural community
- Demonstrate inclusive social enterprises

**How it's done:**

Coming together to share ideas about living well together, and directly participating in meeting people's social and material needs in a sustainable way. Through social enterprises, education and training, employment and community engagement, CERES provides the means by which people can build awareness of current local and global issues, and join in the movement for economic, social and environmental sustainability.

**Outcomes:**

A place for community-based learning and action to create environmentally beneficial, socially just, economically satisfying, culturally enriching and spiritually nurturing ways of living together.

**More Info:**

<http://ceres.org.au/>

## 3.2 FACADE STRATEGY HUB A

### land type:

commercial  
historical  
community  
park/urban outdoor  
road/car park  
vacant



### street front:

canopy/awning over footpath

no canopy

significant architecture/character

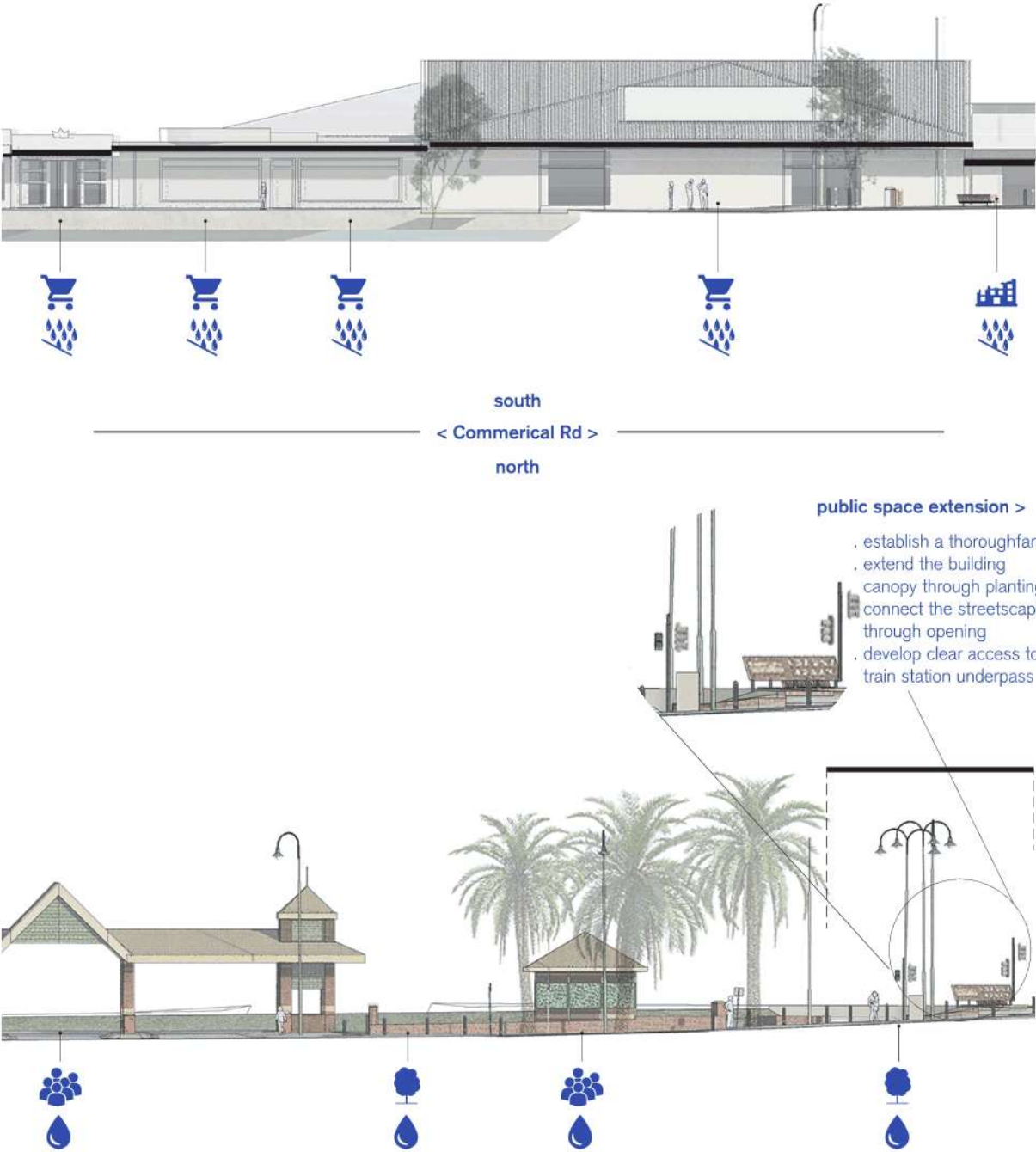


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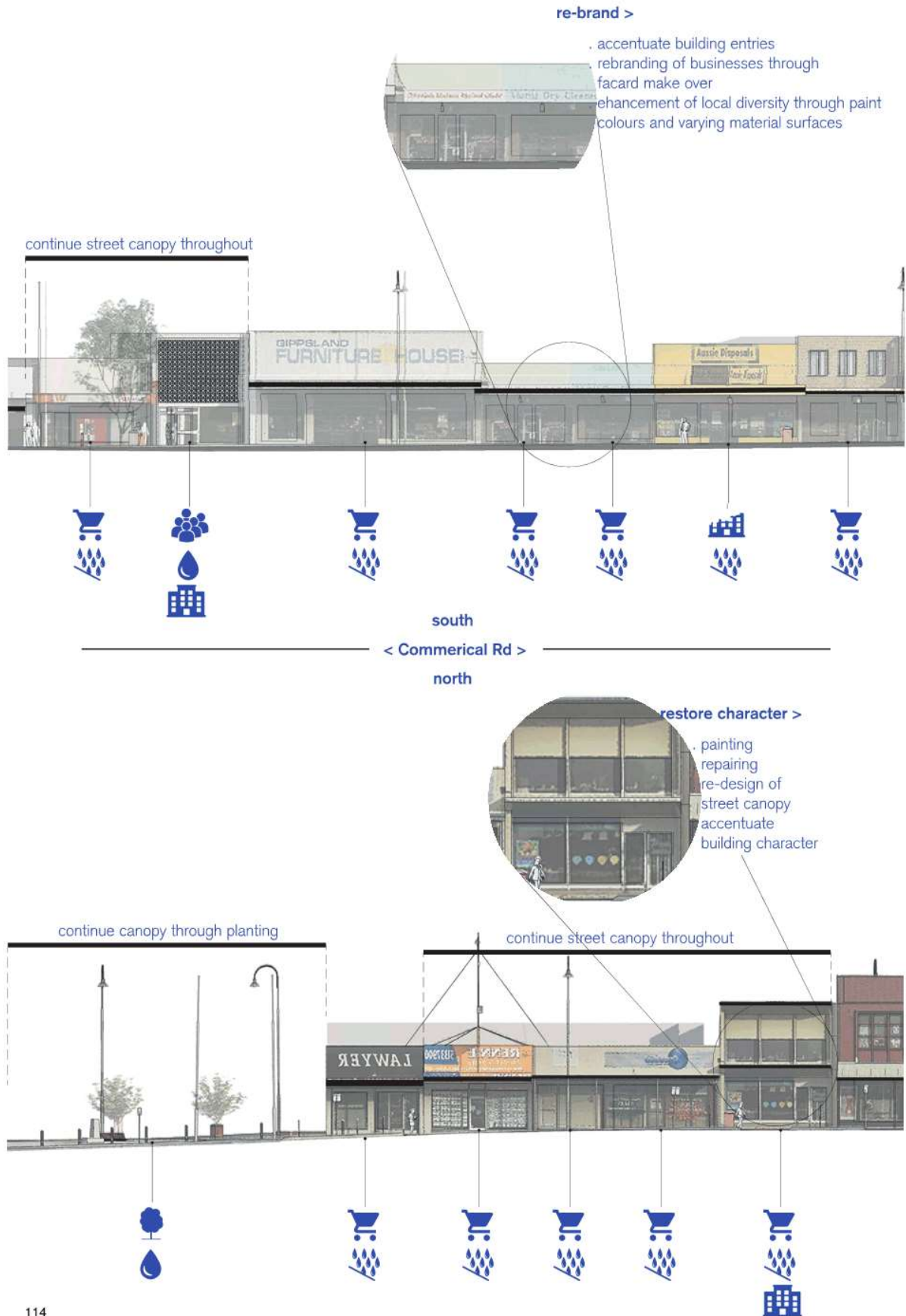
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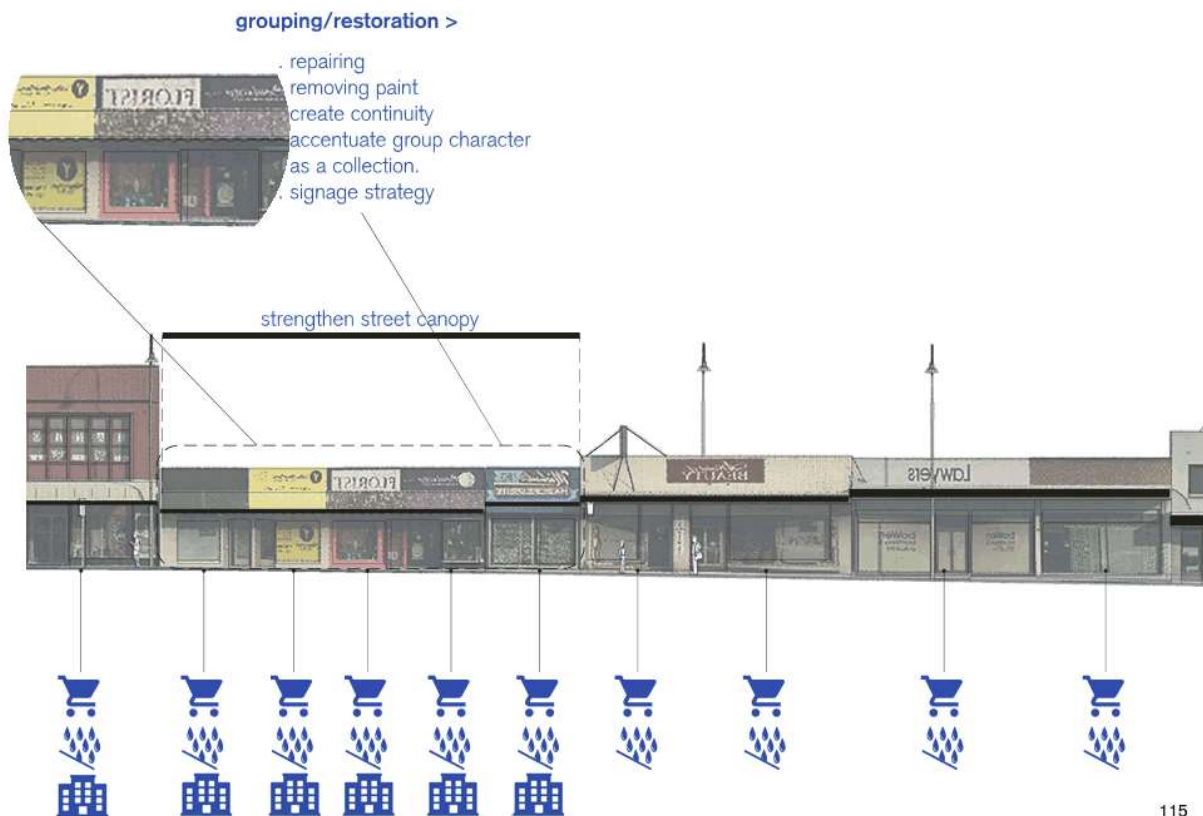
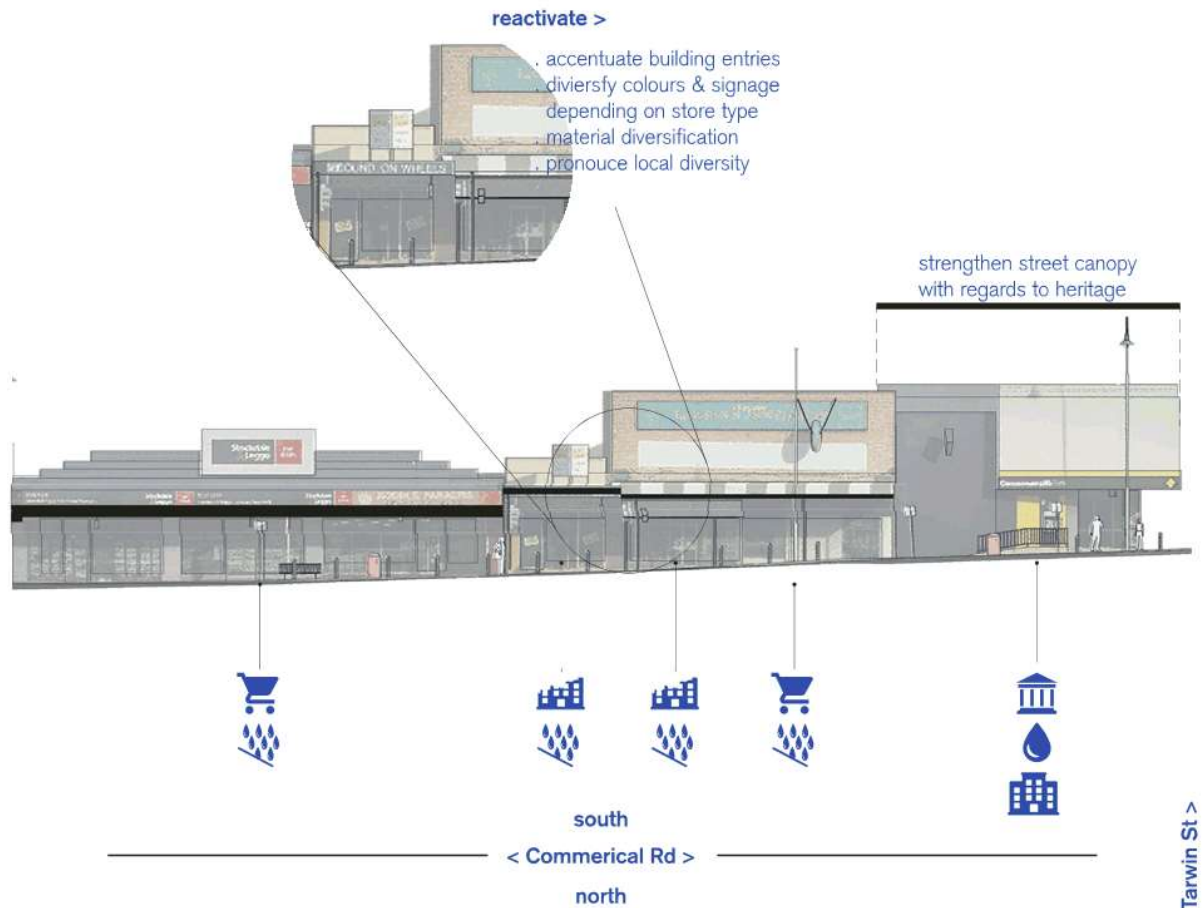


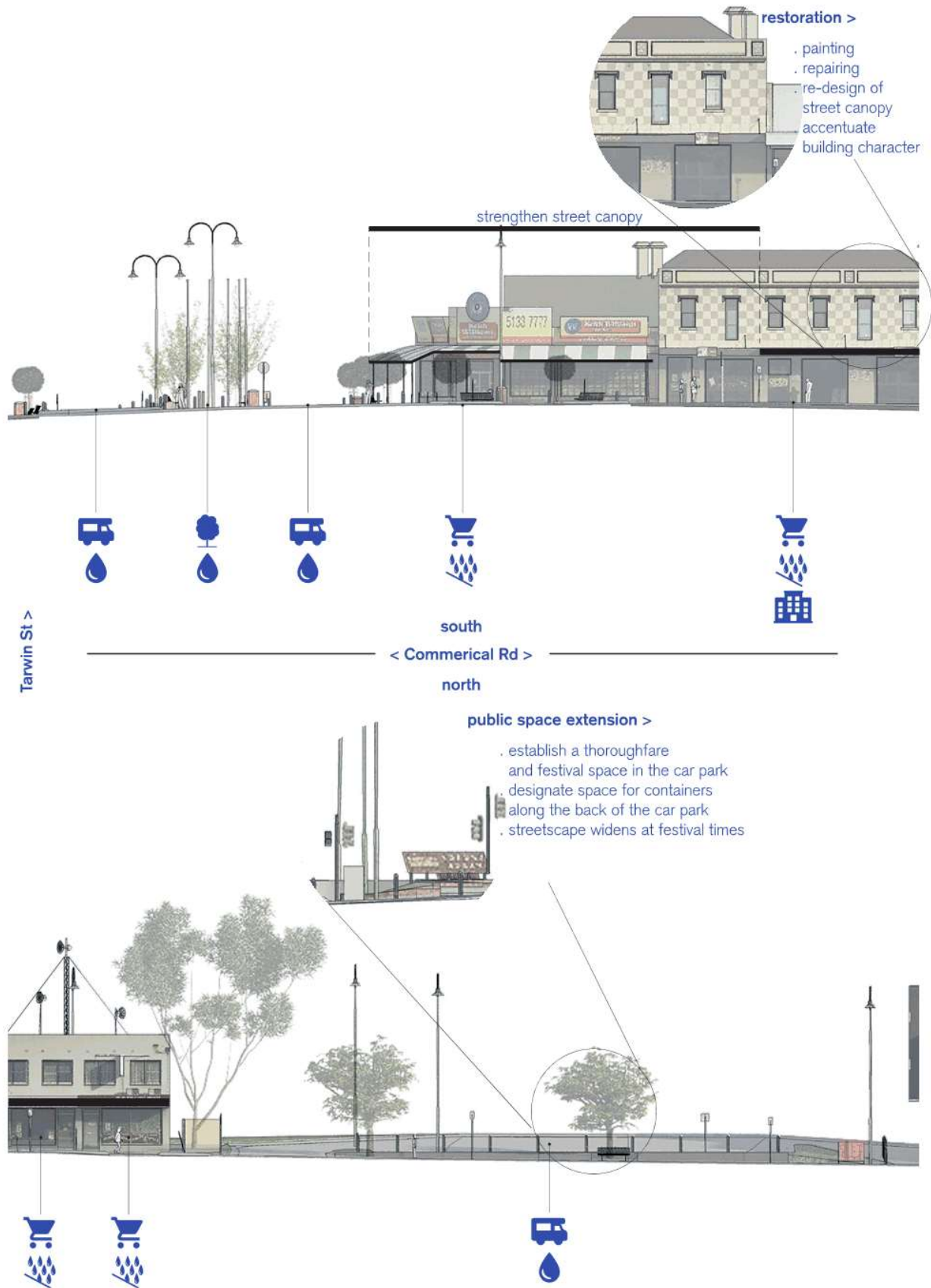


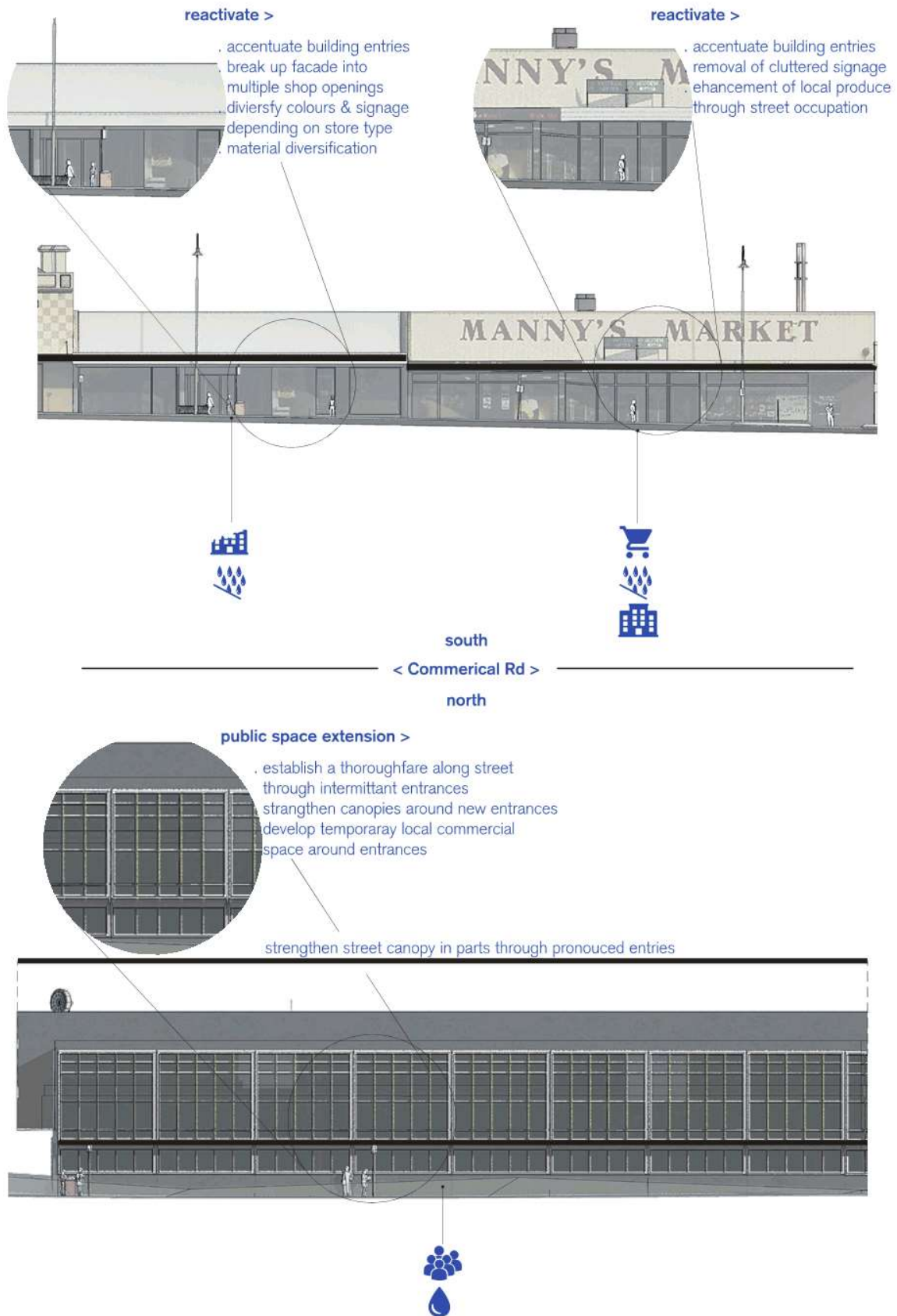


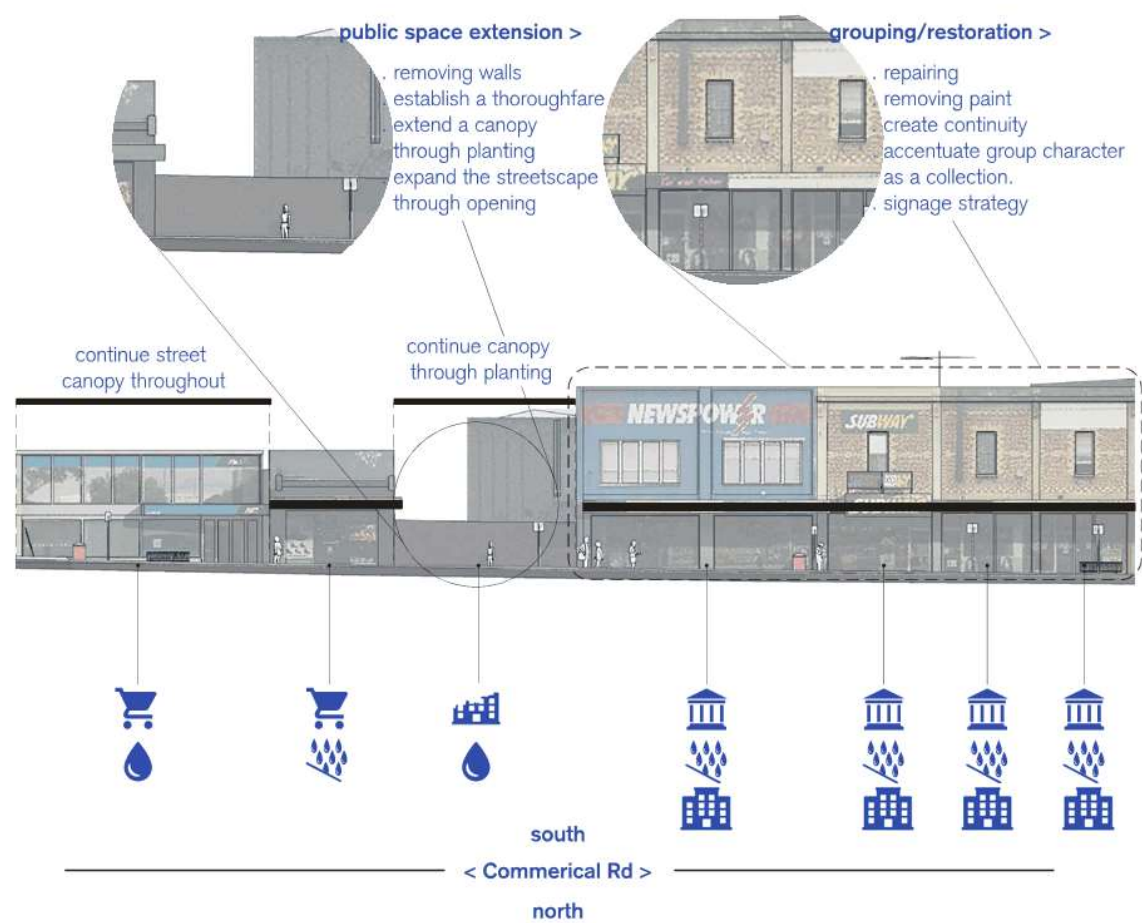




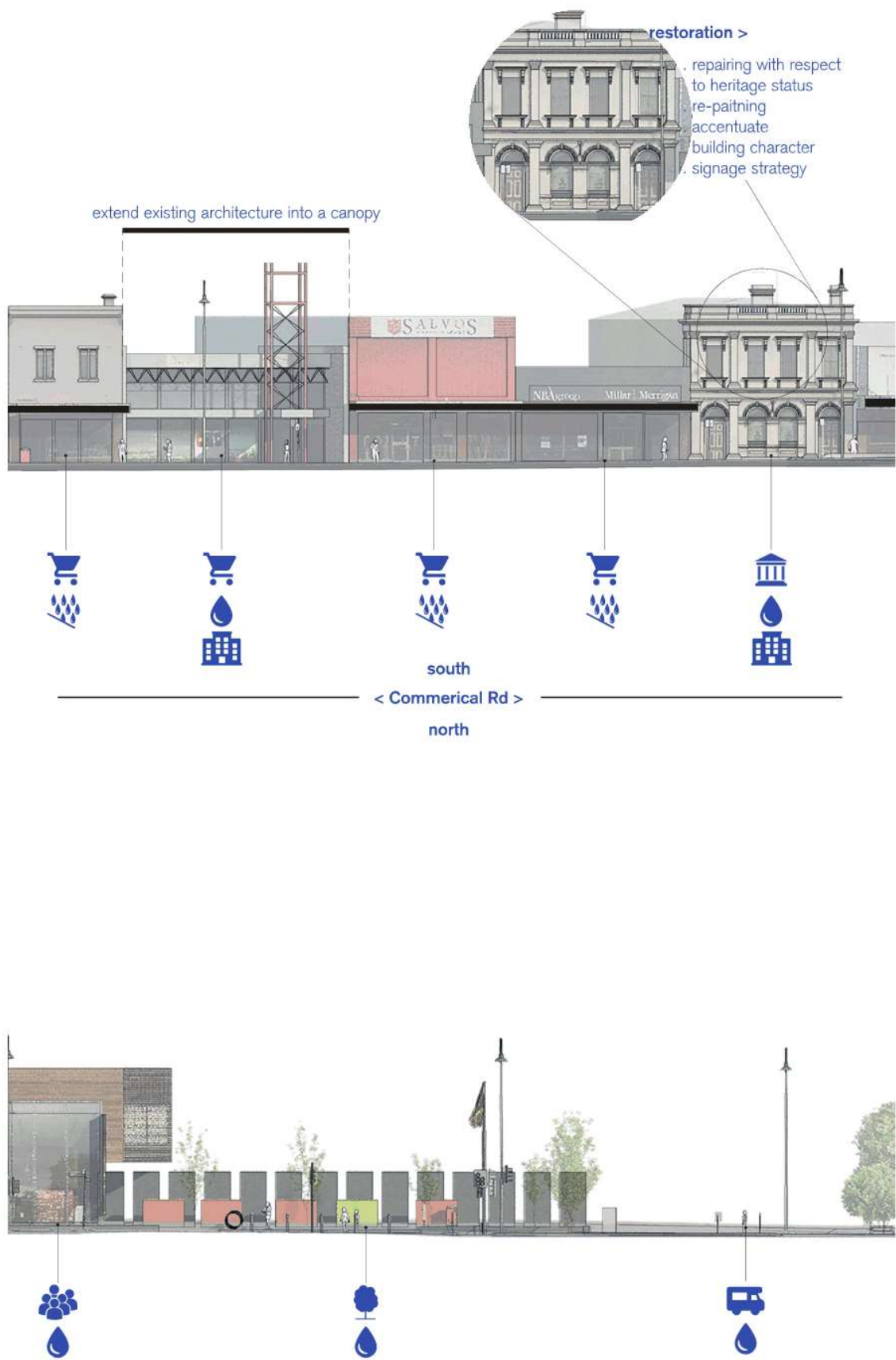




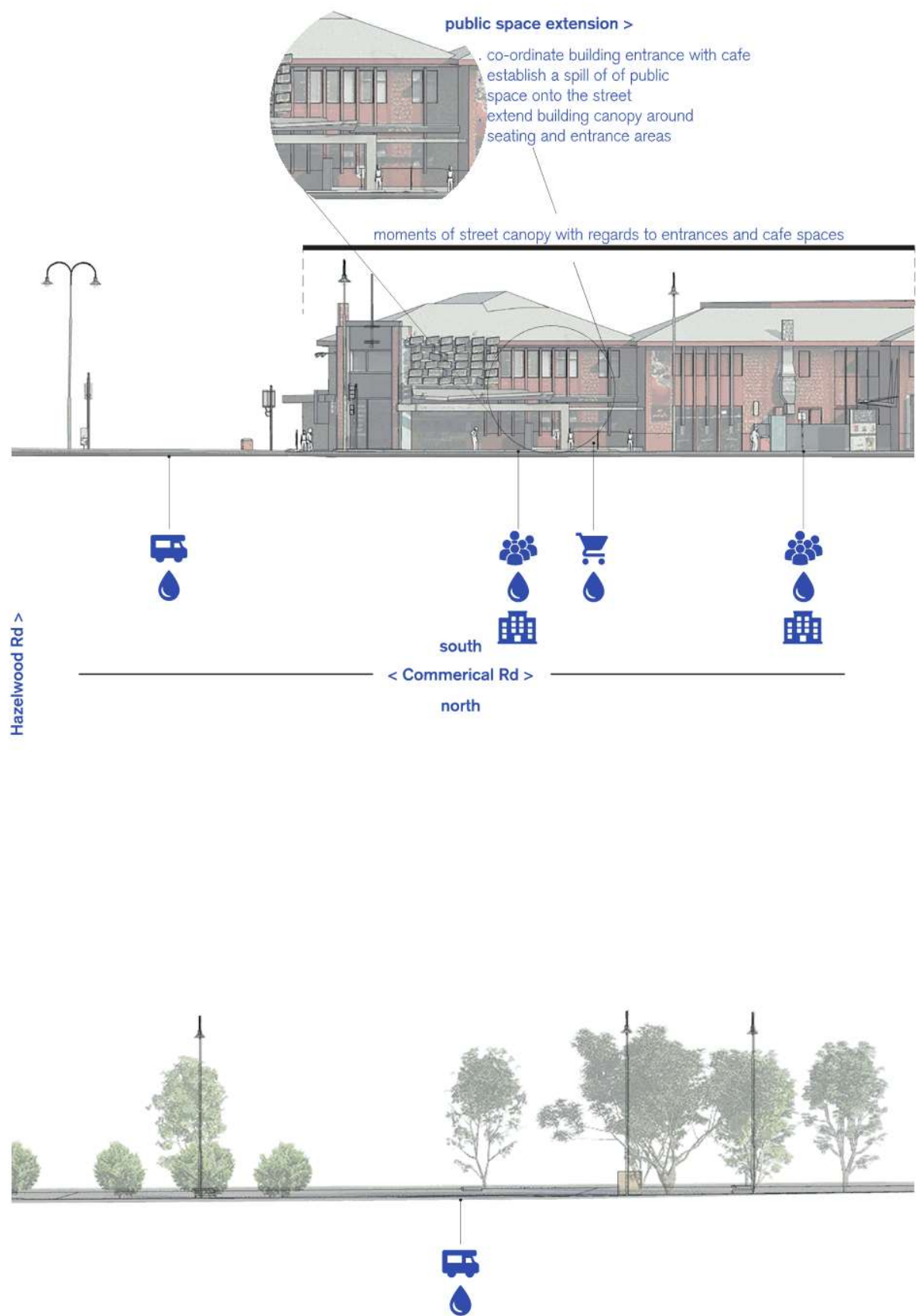


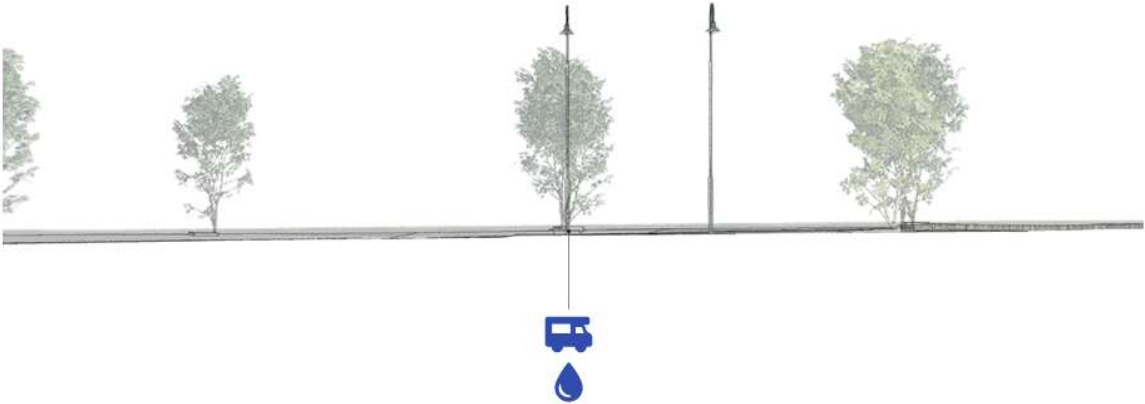




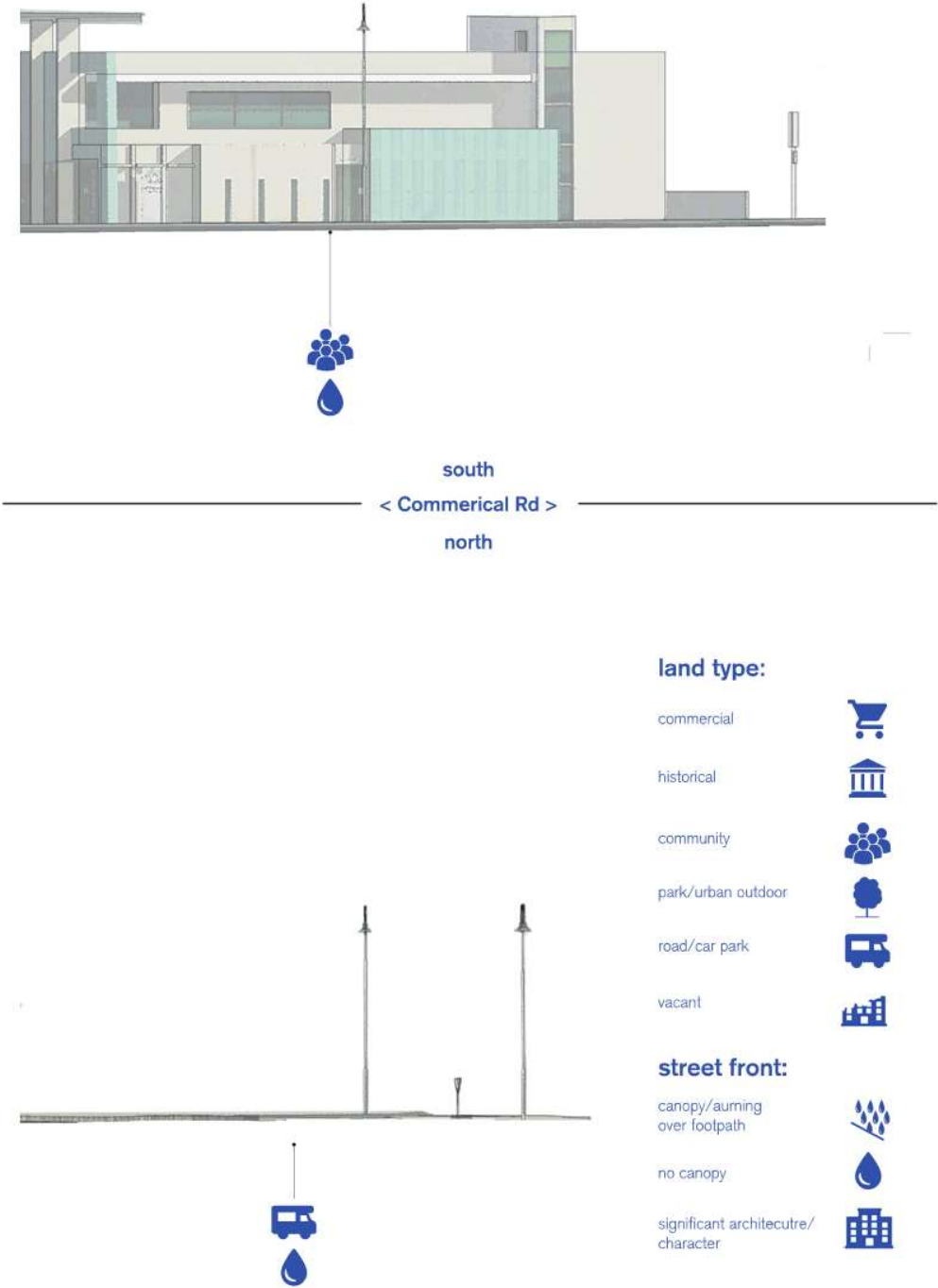










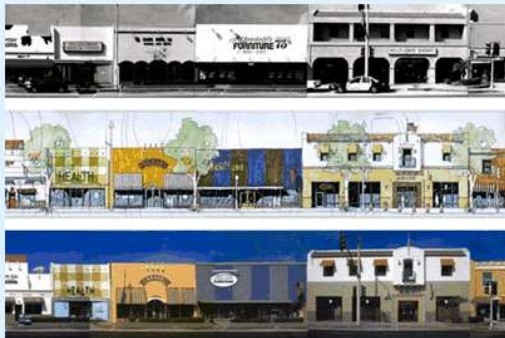


## 3.2 | FACADE STRATEGY CASE STUDIES

### RESTORE CHARACTER / REBRAND

#### INTERVENTION

##### FACADE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME - MACKAY REGIONAL COUNCIL



#### Where:

Queensland, Australia

#### Objectives:

- Increase in property value & tenancy
- A more attractive and welcoming centre
- Increase in foot traffic
- Increase in civic pride

#### How it's done:

Mackay Regional Council has developed a Facade Improvement Scheme, working in partnership with Property owners facilitating and supporting the revitalisation of building facades across the region. Property owners who participate receive a rebate from the council.

#### Outcomes:

Improvements to facades and streetscape have the capacity to enable rapid change to the liveability factor and how inviting a city feels. Spaces that appear liveable and inviting are proven to stimulate perceptions of safety.

#### More Info:

<http://www.mackay.qld.gov.au/business/economicdevelopment/facade>

### PUBLIC SPACE EXTENSION

#### PUBLIC WORKS

##### PARKLET PILOT PROGRAM - CITY OF UNLEY



#### Where:

Unley, South Australia

#### Objectives:

- Extension of public space
- A thriving and prosperous business community
- A dynamic mix of uses and activities
- Activated places

#### How it's done:

The City of Unley Launched a parklet pilot program that outlined design guidelines, call for nomination, design development, management and maintenance. Requiring residents and businesses to nominate sites for development and requesting the types of spaces they want to create and enjoy in their city.

#### Outcomes:

Parklets are temporary structures that create new public spaces within the footprint of one or two car parks along main streets and within town centres across the globe. They provide spaces for people to meet, gather, sit, pause or unwind.

#### More Info:

<http://www.unley.sa.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/Att%202%20Item%201194%20FCM%2028%20July%202014.pdf>

REACTIVATE / GROUPING

PUBLIC WORKS

## BUILDING FACADE LA WALKABILITY CHECKLIST



**Where:**  
Los Angeles, USA

### Objectives:

- A guide to the City of Los Angeles Department of City Planning
- Creating enhanced pedestrian movement, access, comfort, and safety

### How it's done:

The Walkability Checklist provides a list of recommended strategies that institutional projects (i.e. Hospital, Schools and Civic) should employ to improve the pedestrian environment in the public right-of-way and on private property. Each of the implementation strategies on the Checklist should be considered in a proposed project, although not all will be appropriate in every proposed project. Each project will require a unique approach.

### Outcomes:

Incorporating these guidelines into a project's design will encourage pedestrian activity, more appropriate forms, and placemaking. A project that is walkable is good for business and the environment.

### More Info:

<http://urbandesignla.com/resources/LAWalkabilityChecklist.php>

REACTIVATE / PUBLIC SPACE EXTENSION

PUBLIC WORKS

## MELBOURNE WALKS - ARCADES AND LANES



**Where:**  
Melbourne, Victoria

### Objectives:

- A series of arcades and laneways that connect the city and its amenities
- Promoting walkability

### How it's done:

Melbourne's little laneways began life as rear access to properties facing big streets. Many were later roofed as 'arcades' to provide refuge from the weather and crowds and to provide more space for shops. Today, some lanes have been reborn and hum to the rhythm of daily city life. Others are still waiting to be discovered.

### Outcomes:

Lanes, alleyways, little streets, arcades, café society and fascinating shops. The city's laneways have particularly benefited with exceptional growth across retail employment, establishments and floor space.

### More Info:

<https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/SiteCollectionDocuments/retail-hospitality-strategy-2013-17.pdf>



### 3.3 | PARKLETS STREET STRATEGY



**Figure 123 -  
Commercial Road  
Existing Condition**

#### Parklets

The design proposes an extension of the footpath into the street in a series of equally spaced locations along its length called 'Parklets'. The Parklets provide the space for street trees, garden beds, furniture and other amenities in order to completely change the identity of

the street away from its current harsh car dominated state to a lush space with areas to congregate. It also acts to calm traffic, and provides a bike lane to promote cycling.



01 Seating Area



02 Road/Pedestrian Crossing Pavement



03 Public Pavilion Seating



04 Functional Public Art



05 Boulevard Street Scapes



06 Urban Pocket Parks



07 Bike Lane within the urban boulevard



08 Water Sensitive Urban Design





Figure 124 -  
Commercial Road  
Proposed Design

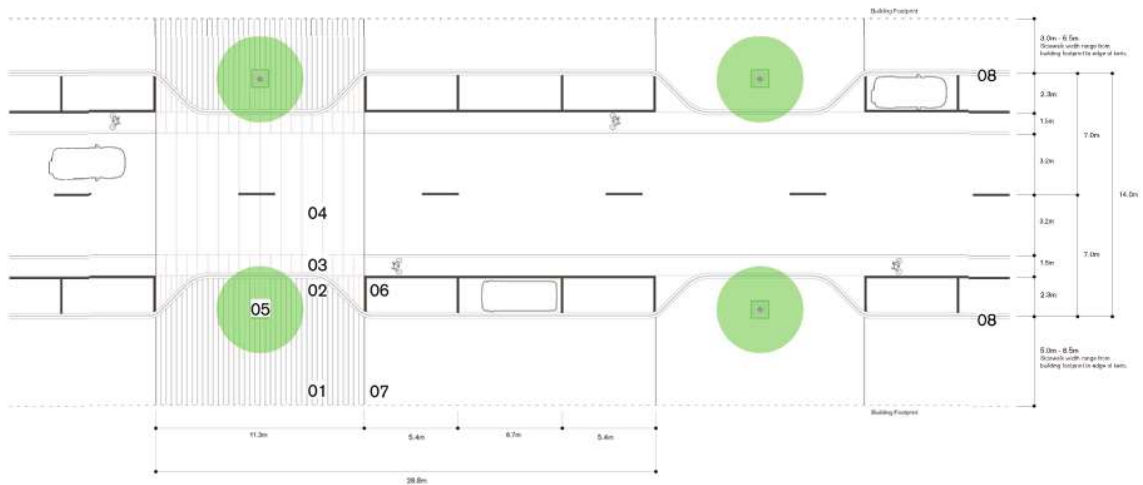


Figure 125 -  
Parklets Typical Proposed  
Circuit Parklet Module  
Key

Images

- 01. West End Longfellow, Boston, Massachusetts, USA
- 02. Lonsdale Street, Dandenong, Victoria, Australia
- 03. Piazza Mazzini, Jesolo, Italy
- 04. Functional Street Art
- 05. Lonsdale Street, Dandenong, Victoria, Australia
- 06. Podium isles, Beethovenstraat, Amsterdam
- 07. Bikeways, Portland, Oregon
- 08. Water Sensitive Urban Design

Refer to  
Morwell Circuit  
Urban Connectivity +  
Activation Strategy

- 01 Pedestrian (Material Change)
- 02 Pedestrian Path Extension
- 03 Bike Path (Material Change)
- 04 Road (Material Change)
- 05 Tree
- 06 Car park
- 07 Existing Pedestrian Path
- 08 Existing Curb Line

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PARKLETS

MODULE 01

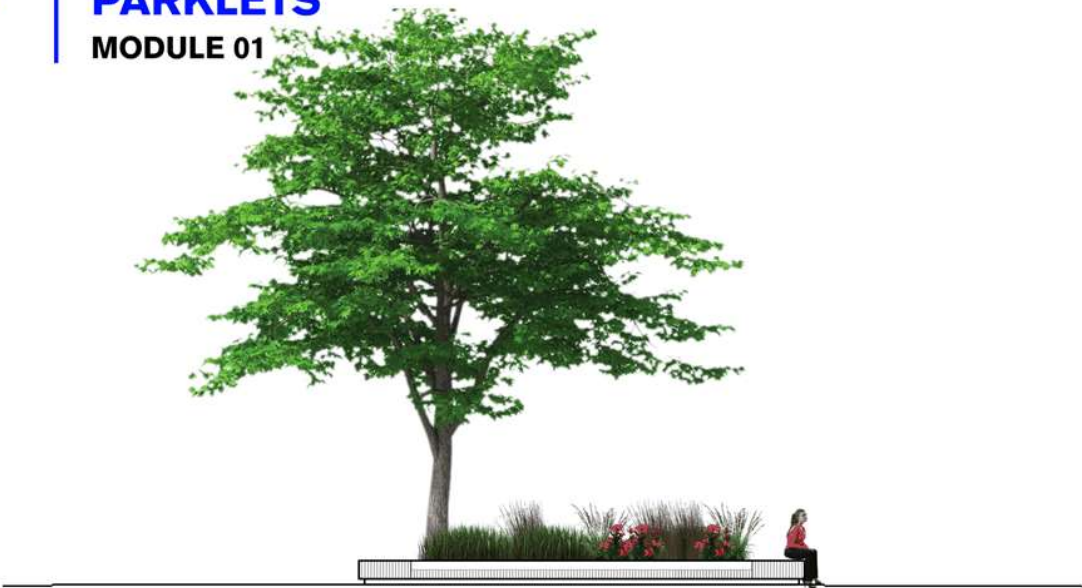


Figure 126 -  
Parklet Module 1  
Elevation

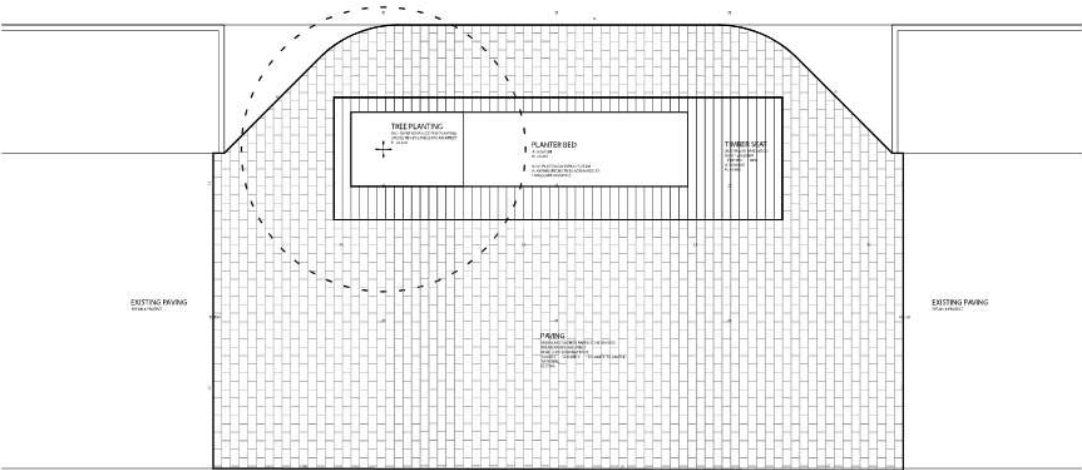


Figure 127 -  
Parklet Module 1  
Plan

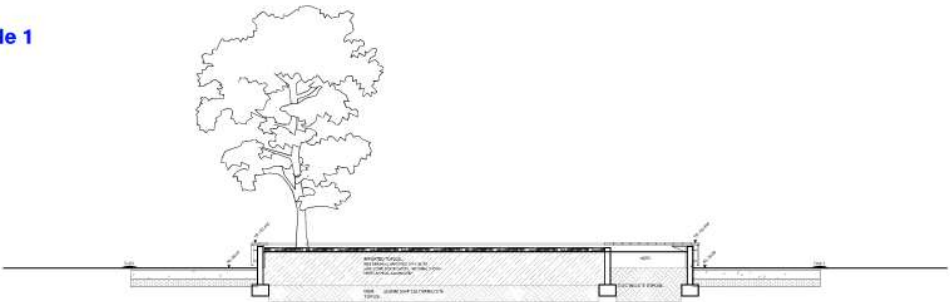


Figure 128 -  
Parklet Module 1  
Section

This is the first and most simple type of furniture Module designed for the Parklets. All modules provide a garden bed sufficient enough to support the placement and growth of a large street tree, a raised garden bed for lush plants, associated water supply, irrigation, power, lighting, and seating. Module 01 has a large garden bed, and an extensive seating area.



**Figure 129 -  
Parklet Module 1  
Render**



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PARKLETS

MODULE 02



Figure 130 -  
Parklet Module 2  
Elevation

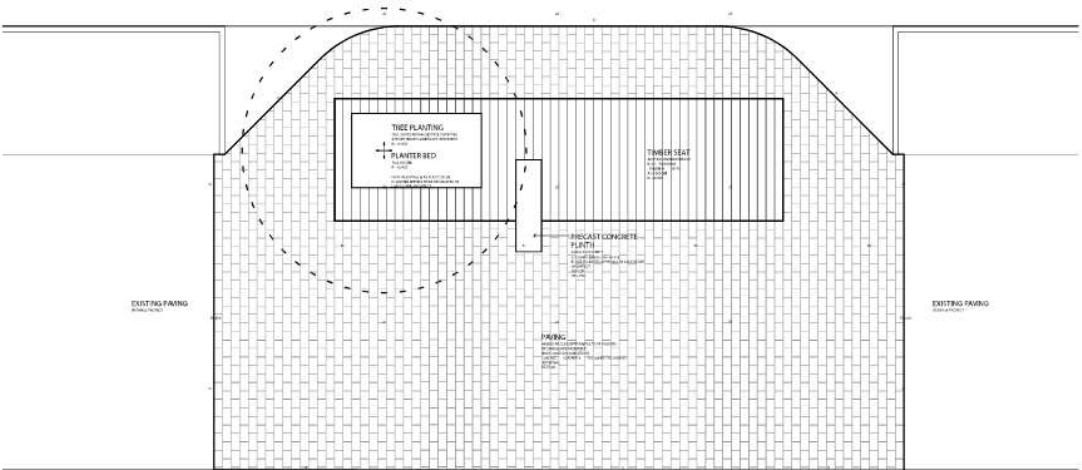


Figure 131 -  
Parklet Module 2  
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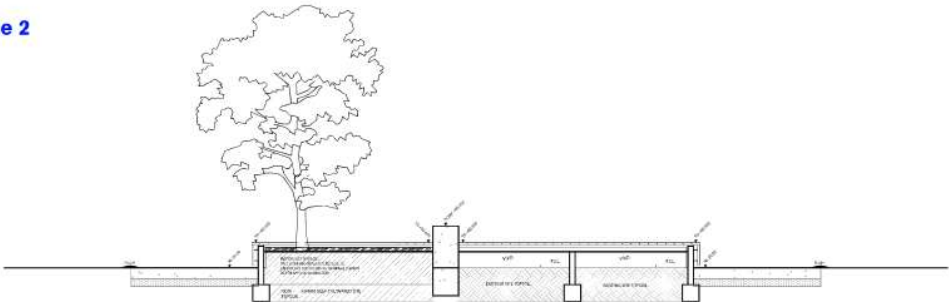


Figure 132 -  
Parklet Module 2  
Section



Module 02 has a small garden bed, and an extensive seating area, and a additional component that might serve as a table, drinking fountain, and signage.



Figure 133 -  
Parklet Module 2  
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PARKLETS  
MODULE 03



Figure 134 -  
Parklet Module 3  
Elevation

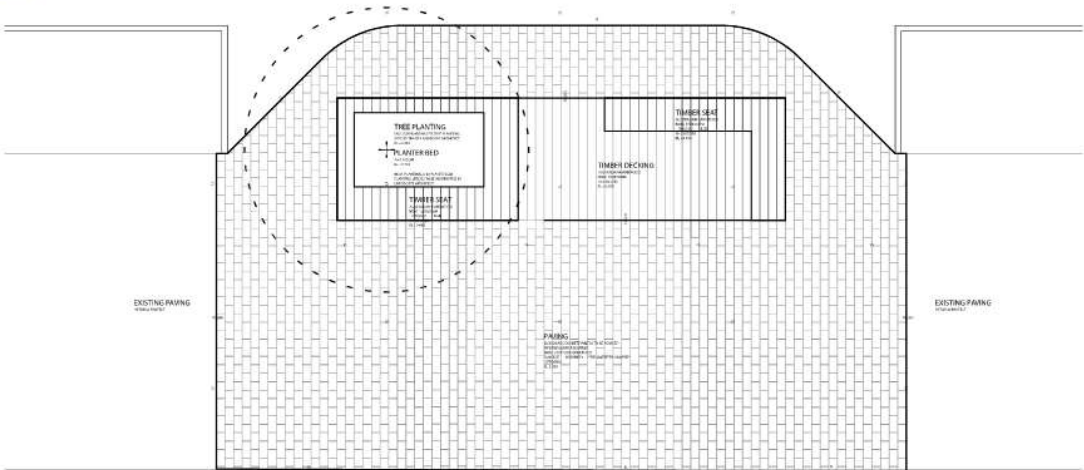


Figure 135 -  
Parklet Module 3  
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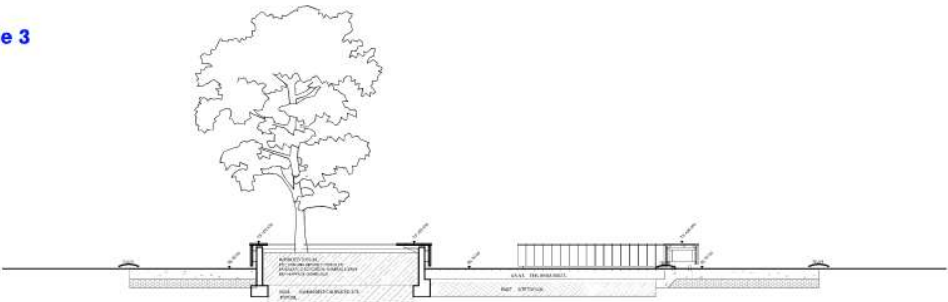


Figure 136 -  
Parklet Module 3  
Section

Module 03 has a small garden bed, and an extensive seating area clustered around a central timber deck that promotes congregation and community interaction.



Figure 137 -  
Parklet Module 3  
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PARKLETS

MODULE 04

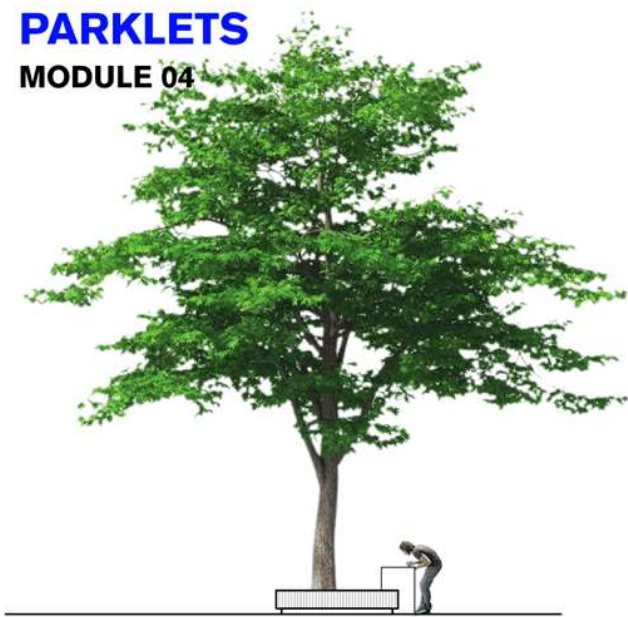


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Parklet Module 4  
Elevation

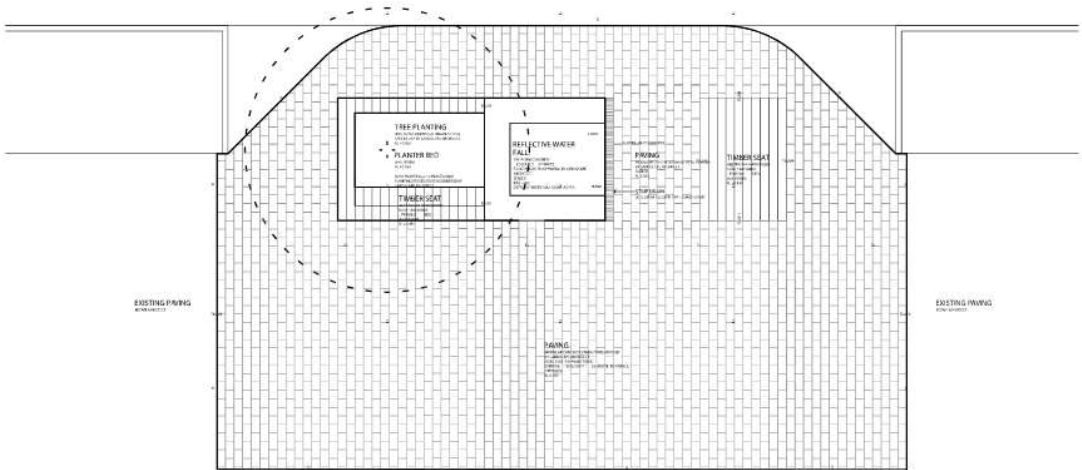


Figure 139 -  
Parklet Module 4  
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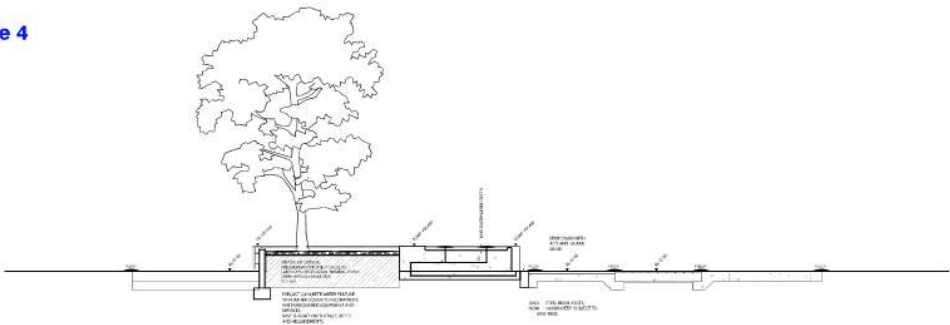


Figure 140 -  
Parklet Module 4  
Section



Module 04 has a small garden bed, an extensive seating area, and a reflective pool with an infinity edge. The pool provides a moment of difference, a joyful moment of interaction, and acts to aesthetically and acoustically enrich the space.



Figure 141 -  
Parklet Module 4  
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PARKLETS  
MODULE 05

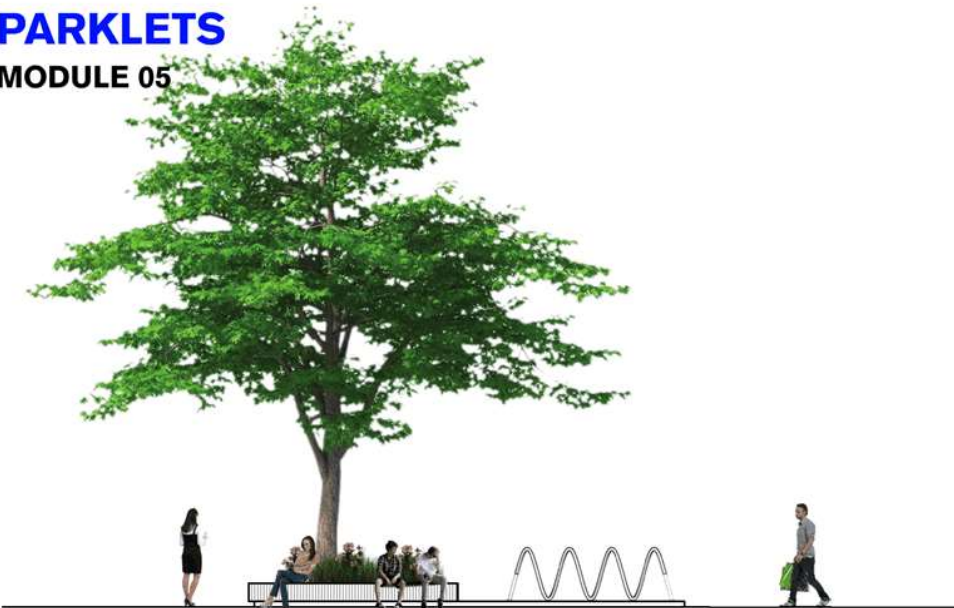


Figure 142 -  
Parklet Module 5  
Elevation

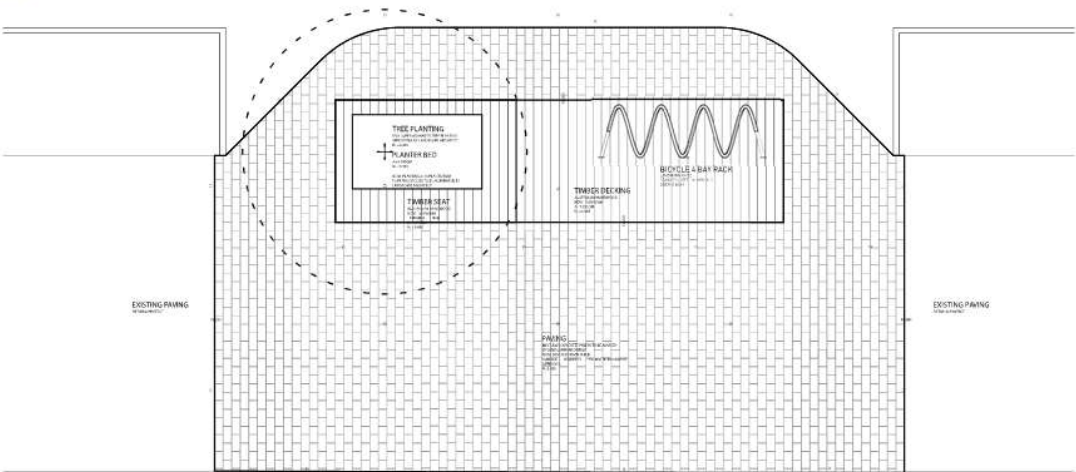


Figure 143 -  
Parklet Module 5  
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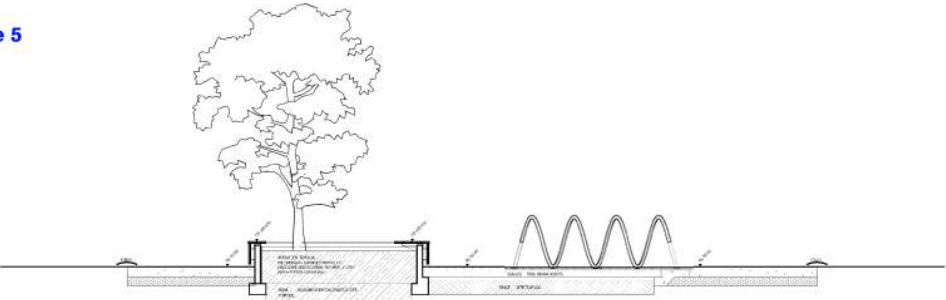


Figure 144 -  
Parklet Module 5  
Section

Module 05 has a small garden bed with attached seating areas. It also has a 4 bay spiral bicycle stand fitted to accommodate and promote the use of bicycles.

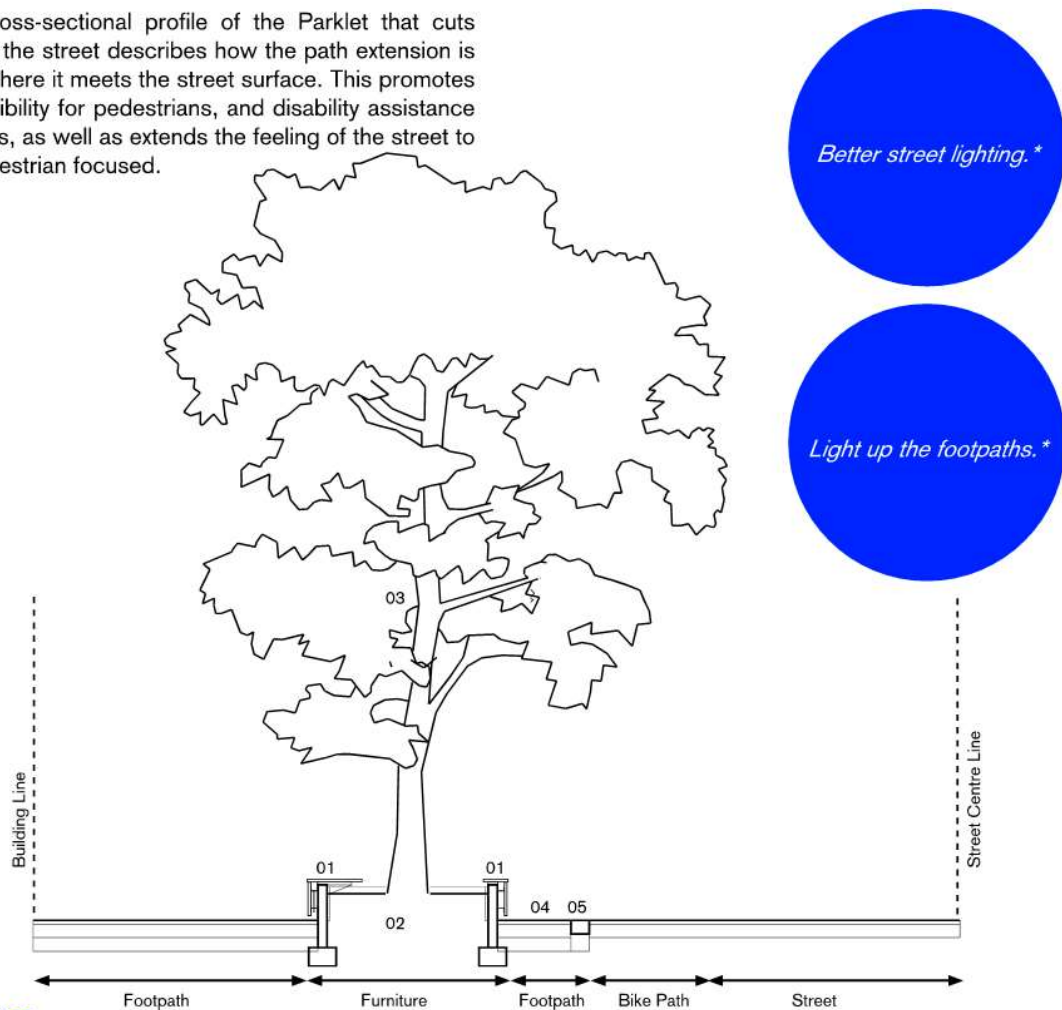


Figure 145 -  
Parklet Module 5  
Render



### 3.3 | PARKLETS PROFILE FOR ALL MODULES

The cross-sectional profile of the Parklet that cuts across the street describes how the path extension is flush where it meets the street surface. This promotes accessibility for pedestrians, and disability assistance vehicles, as well as extends the feeling of the street to be pedestrian focused.



**Figure 146 -  
All modules  
Garden Bed Cross Section**

**Key**

- 01 Timber Bench
- 02 Garden Bed
- 03 Tree
- 04 New Paving
- 05 Drainage





### 3.3 | PARKLETS LIGHTING

Each Module provides 2 sources of lighting; the first is an up-light onto the canopy of the tree to completely transform the night time character of the street, and the second is a strip of light surrounding the base of

the furniture. The lighting is designed to accentuate the furniture, and contribute to a healthy and safe environment. The strip lighting can also be configured to change colour during events, memorial days, seasons, etc.

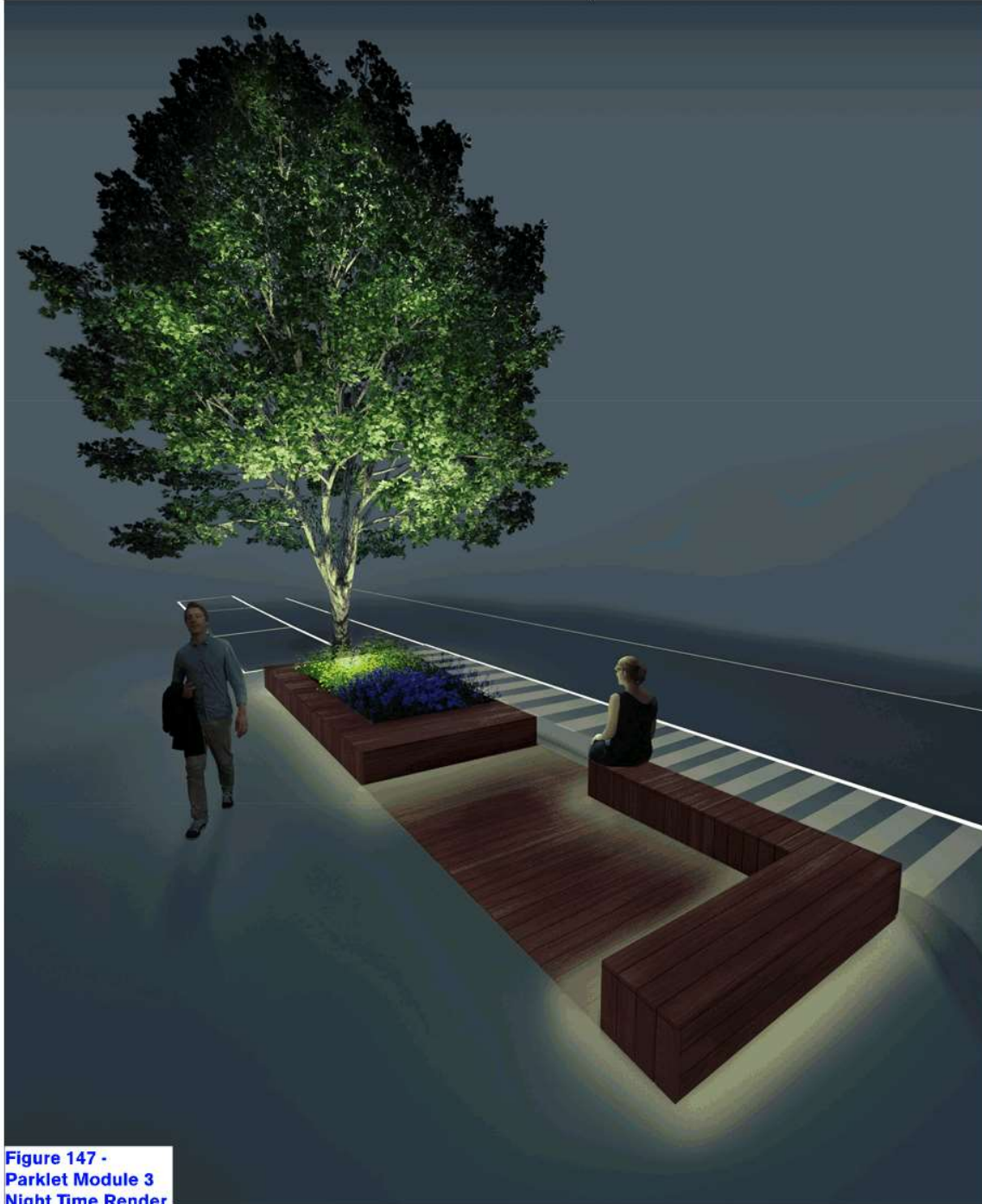


Figure 147 -  
Parklet Module 3  
Night Time Render

3.4

STREET ACTIVATION

TARWIN STREET ACTIVATION STRATEGIES



Figure 148 -  
Tarwin Street Activation  
Area



Figure 149 -  
Tarwin Street Activation -  
Possible Activities



## 3.4 | STREET ACTIVATION CASE STUDIES

### EVENT

#### DLECTRICITY



##### Where:

Detroit, USA

##### Objectives:

- Celebrate the architecture and culture of Detroit
- Engage and broad and diverse audience
- Platform for renowned and emerging art

##### How it's done:

35 visual light and art installation are curated to celebrate the streets of Detroit. The installations are interactive and respond to human engagement.

##### Outcomes:

DLECTRICITY is a free, public, two-night celebration of the arts that will electrify Midtown Detroit's Woodward Corridor as a number of artists—both local, regional and international—light up buildings and other unexpected spaces using projected images, video, light, and other artistic practices that engage technology. It's all about experimentation, innovation, and showing what's possible when art is involved.

##### More Info:

<http://www.dlectricity.com/>

### INTERVENTION

#### TESTING GROUNDS



##### Where:

Melbourne, Victoria

##### Objectives:

- Educate the community about the environment
- Develop an urban agricultural community
- Demonstrate inclusive social enterprises

##### How it's done:

Testing Grounds is curated through an open and ongoing Expression of Interest program and fully encourages experimentation, testing ideas and calculated risks. It occupies crown land that once used to be the YMCA headquarters. It now appears somewhat vacant but has been designated for arts purposes.

##### Outcomes:

Testing Grounds is a free outdoor space for creative practices encompassing design, art and architecture, available for all creative and education - related activities.

##### More Info:

<http://ceres.org.au/>



EVENT

## OPEN HOUSE - WELCOME TO A FUTURE SUBURBIA



**Where:**  
Levittown, USA

### Objectives:

- Engagement between community and residents
- Proposals for new model of suburban housing
- Design platform for discourse

### How it's done:

The individual installation generates conversation between the land owner and the designer about suburban life and the outcome is then presented to the public. Open house encourages self-inventiveness, offers ideas, and proposes new models for suburban housing, striking a new balance between the private and public realm. Starting with an economic argument for the struggling middle class, the proposal also addresses the challenges posed by urban sprawl and single-owner consumption.

### Outcomes:

Various installations across 9 households, encouraging visitor access and participation. The Open House event is coupled with a public symposium and panel discussion.

### More Info:

<http://openhouse2011.com/>

EVENT

## GARDEN DESIGN FESTIVAL



**Where:**  
Victoria, Australia

### Objectives:

- Showcase of designs and gardens that are otherwise private and in-accessible

### How it's done:

During a two-day tour, owners of gardens open their private gardens for visitors to take a rare opportunity to walk through the beautiful gardens, to observe the creative works of their designers.

### Outcomes:

Rotary Kew, the event organiser, has raised over \$300,000 since the start of Garden DesignFest in 2004, all of which has been donated to Charities.




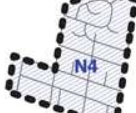


















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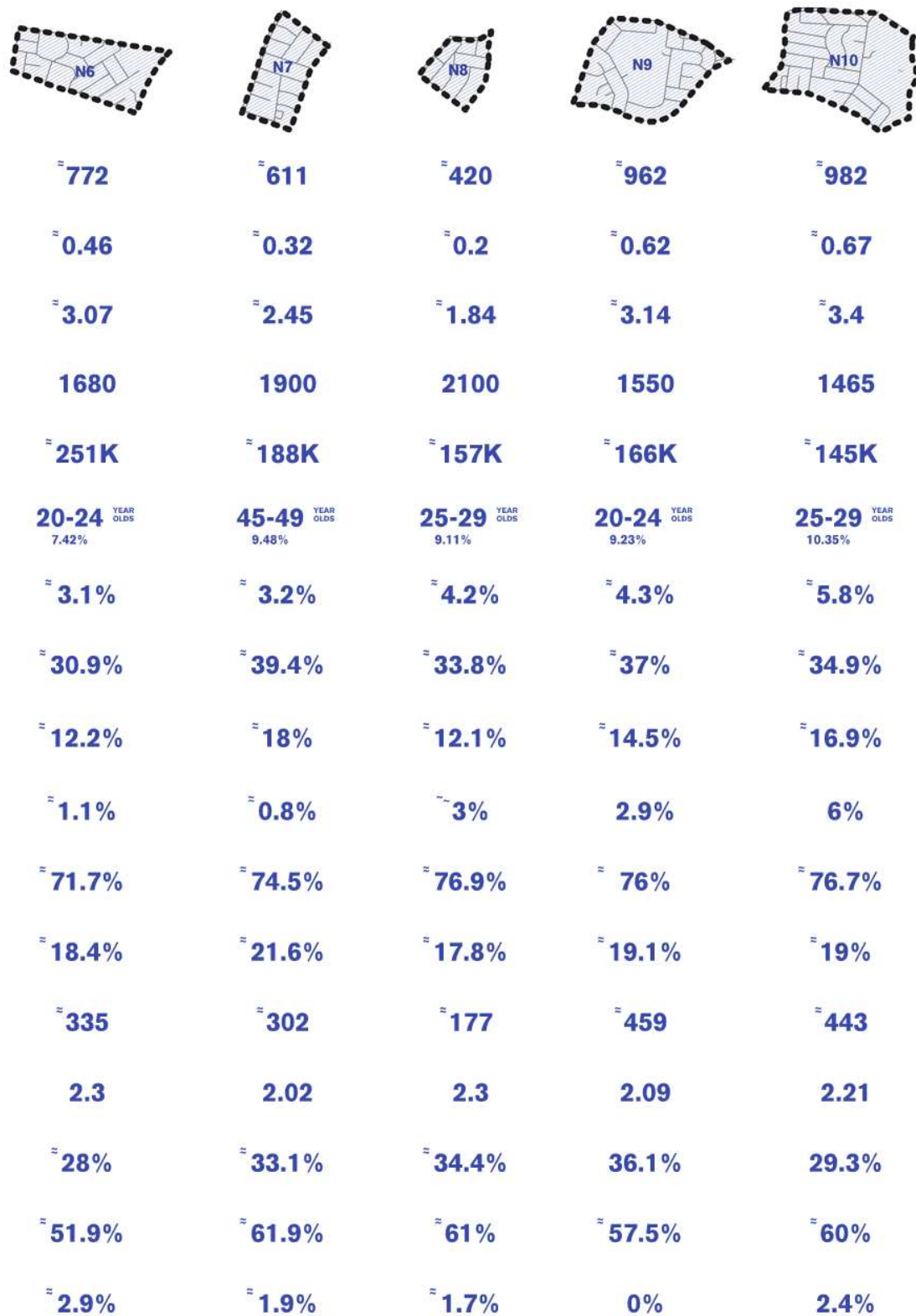
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















## NEIGHBOURHOOD COMPARISONS

### NEIGHBOURHOOD BREAKDOWN







					
Approximate Population	 ≈ 882	≈ 555	≈ 555	≈ 617	≈ 653
Approximate Neighbourhood Area (km <sup>2</sup> )	 ≈ 0.42	≈ 0.32	≈ 0.21	≈ 0.43	≈ 0.44
Approximate Neighbourhood Perimeter (km)	 ≈ 3.08	≈ 2.27	≈ 2.23	≈ 3.06	≈ 2.88
Density (People/km <sup>2</sup> )	 2100	1730	2640	1435	1480
Approx Property Value (Average)	 ≈ 212K	≈ 194K	≈ 198K	≈ 242K	≈ 195K
Largest Age Bracket within Neighbourhood	 <b>0-4</b> YEAR OLDS 7.94%	<b>10-14</b> YEAR OLDS 8.74%	<b>20-24</b> YEAR OLDS 10.74%	<b>25-29</b> YEAR OLDS 8.21%	<b>45-49</b> YEAR OLDS 10.38%
Unemployed, Looking for work	 ≈ 2.15%	≈ 1.8%	≈ 3.78%	≈ 2.91%	≈ 2.9%
Not In Workforce	 ≈ 31.7%	≈ 36.7%	≈ 32.6%	≈ 37.2%	≈ 29.3%
Enrolled in Study	 ≈ 19.3%	≈ 7%	≈ 14.6%	≈ 20%	≈ 13.4%
Indigenous + Torres Strait Islanders + Both	 ≈ 0.45%	≈ 1%	≈ 1%	≈ 3.8%	≈ 1.3%
Birthplace Australia	 ≈ 81.9%	≈ 70.8%	≈ 75.2%	≈ 77.9%	≈ 69.5%
Birthplace Overseas	 ≈ 14.5%	≈ 17.6%	≈ 16.5%	≈ 20.9%	≈ 17.9%
Total Households	 ≈ 375	≈ 240	≈ 237	≈ 336	≈ 226
Occupants per Household (Average)	 2.35	2.31	2.33	1.8	2.8
Non-Family Households (Sharehouse, etc)	 ≈ 40.2%	≈ 62.9%	≈ 48.5%	≈ 33%	≈ 52.2%
Single Family Households	 ≈ 56%	≈ 30%	≈ 46%	≈ 61%	≈ 61%
Multiple Family Households	 ≈ 1.33%	≈ 0%	≈ 0%	≈ 0%	≈ 0.8%





		N11	N12	N13	N14	N15
Approximate Population		≈ 798	≈ 230	≈ 610	≈ 1062	≈ 900
Approximate Neighbourhood Area (km <sup>2</sup> )		≈ 0.46	≈ 0.27	≈ 0.24	≈ 0.19	≈ 0.71
Approximate Neighbourhood Perimeter (km)		≈ 3.36	≈ 3.33	≈ 2.15	≈ 3.12	≈ 4.17
Density (People/km <sup>2</sup> )		1735	850	2540	2170	1270
Approx Property Value (Average)		≈ 174K	≈ 323K	≈ 143K	≈ 160K	≈ 231K
Largest Age Bracket within Neighbourhood		10-14 8.74% YEAR OLDS	35-39 8.86% YEAR OLDS	20-24 8.92% YEAR OLDS	20-24 10.27% YEAR OLDS	60-64 11.58% YEAR OLDS
Unemployed, Looking for work		≈ 3.75%	≈ 2.6%	≈ 4.43%	≈ 3.95%	≈ 5.66%
Not In Workforce		≈ 28%	≈ 42.8%	≈ 34.9%	≈ 38.1%	≈ 50.6%
Enrolled in Study		≈ 10.7%	≈ 21.8%	≈ 25.6%	≈ 15.9%	≈ 17.4%
Indigenous + Torres Strait Islanders + Both		2.6%	0.8%	2.9%	4%	3.88%
Birthplace Australia		≈ 72.8%	≈ 63.1%	≈ 84.1%	≈ 79.4%	≈ 74.5%
Birthplace Overseas		≈ 15.6%	≈ 36.9%	≈ 17.1%	≈ 16.4%	≈ 21.2%
Total Households		≈ 346	≈ 99	≈ 280	≈ 463	≈ 441
Occupants per Household (Average)		2.3	2.3	2.17	2.29	2.04
Non-Family Households (Sharehouse, etc)		32%	25.3%	36.4%	28.5%	33.3%
Single Family Households		≈ 41.3%	≈ 71%	≈ 56.4%	≈ 65%	≈ 72.5%
Multiple Family Households		1.7%	0%	0.3%	3.8%	3.1%



					
≈ 805	≈ 827	≈ 231	≈ 478	≈ 519	≈ 303
≈ 0.28	≈ 0.27	≈ 0.2	≈ 0.21	≈ 0.31	≈ 0.36
≈ 2.26	≈ 2.16	≈ 1.8	≈ 2.11	≈ 2.72	≈ 2.64
2870	3065	1155	2280	1670	840
≈ 256K	≈ 205K	≈ 242K	≈ 299K	≈ 356K	≈ 273K
55-59 YEAR OLDS 8.87%	45-49 YEAR OLDS 6.93%	50-54 YEAR OLDS 10.53%	55-59 YEAR OLDS 11.9%	55-59 YEAR OLDS 10.11%	35-39 YEAR OLDS 8.86%
≈ 2.73%	≈ 2.65%	≈ 2.59%	≈ 2.71%	≈ 0%	≈ 1.98%
≈ 30.4%	≈ 45%	≈ 35.5%	≈ 36.3%	≈ 20%	≈ 64.6%
≈ 14%	≈ 15.8%	≈ 11.6%	≈ 21.5%	≈ 21.3%	≈ 16.5%
3.7%	2.65%	9.95%	2%	1.1%	0.66%
≈ 78.5%	≈ 71.8%	≈ 71.9%	≈ 77%	≈ 81%	≈ 77.4%
≈ 18.2%	≈ 22.4%	≈ 20%	≈ 23.3%	≈ 16.2%	≈ 18.1%
≈ 374	≈ 390	≈ 105	≈ 267	≈ 194	≈ 99
2.14	2.12	2.2	1.79	2.67	3
26.4%	32.1%	40.95%	22.4%	19.5%	25.3%
≈ 52%	≈ 62.4%	≈ 59.1%	≈ 72.2%	≈ 74.2%	≈ 71%
1.06%	1.5%	3.8%	0%	0%	0%

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NEIGHBOURHOOD COMPARISONS

NEIGHBOURHOOD BREAKDOWN

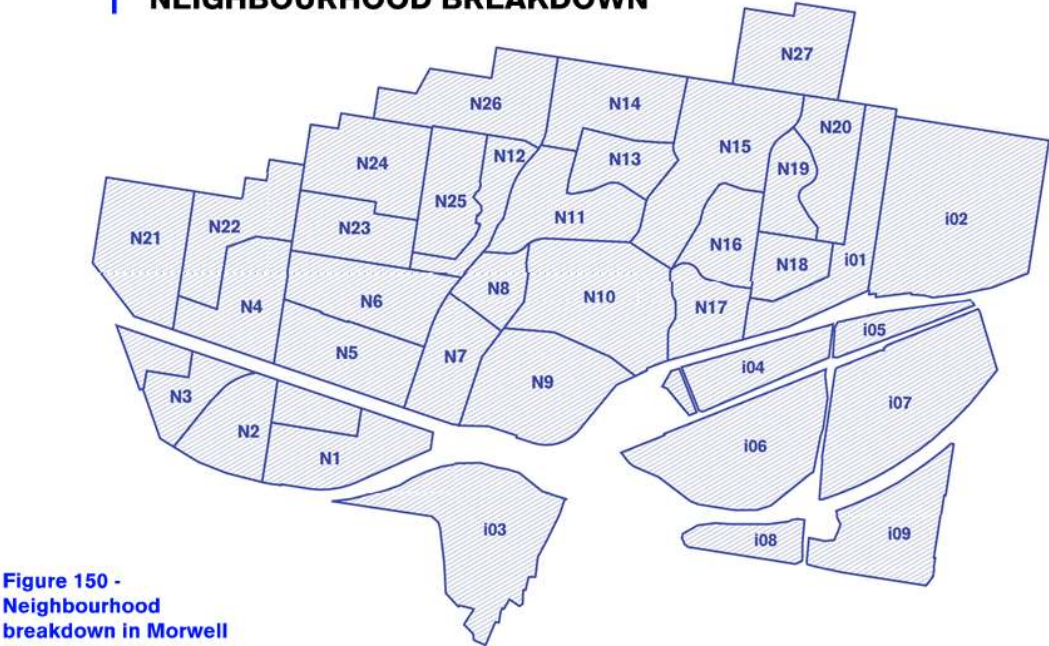
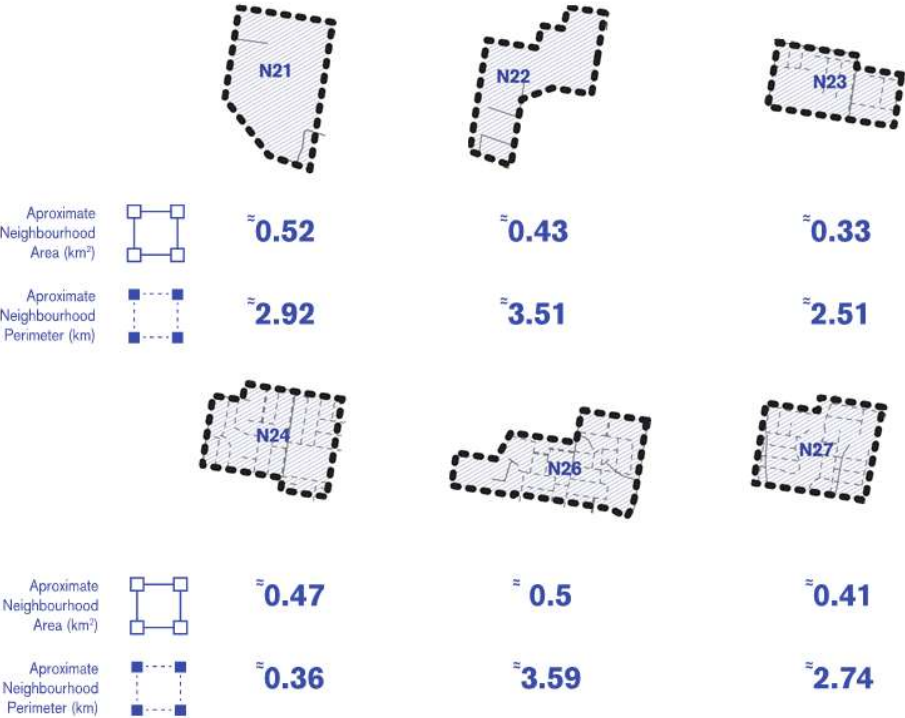


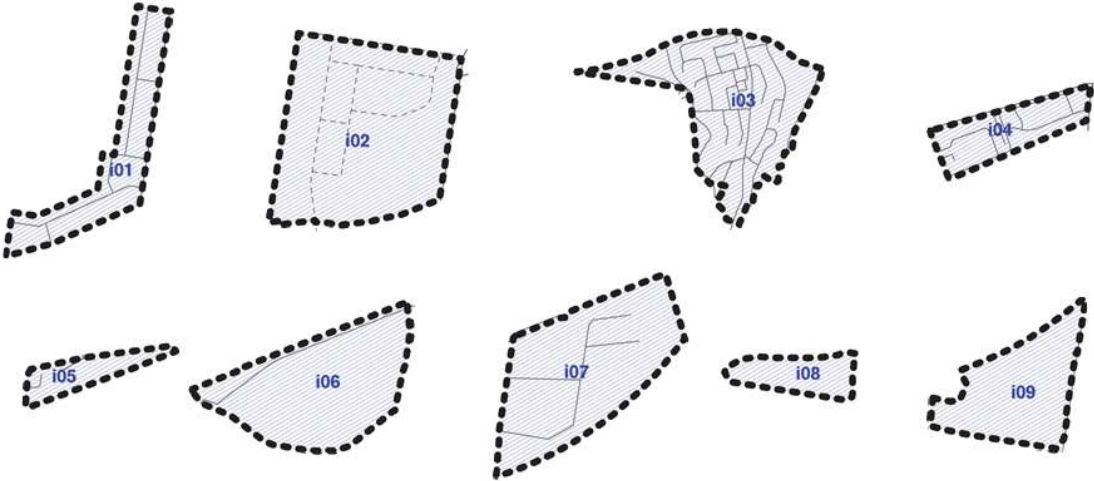
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Neighbourhood  
breakdown in Morwell



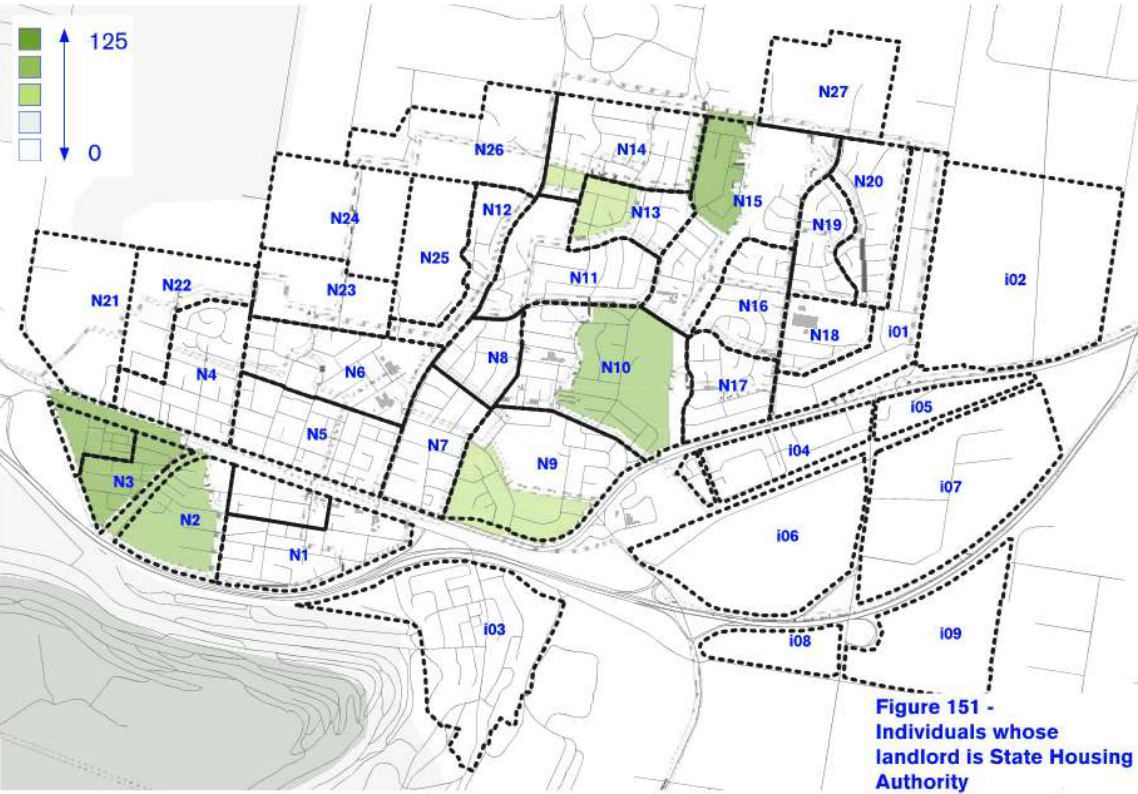
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Industrial Neighbourhoods

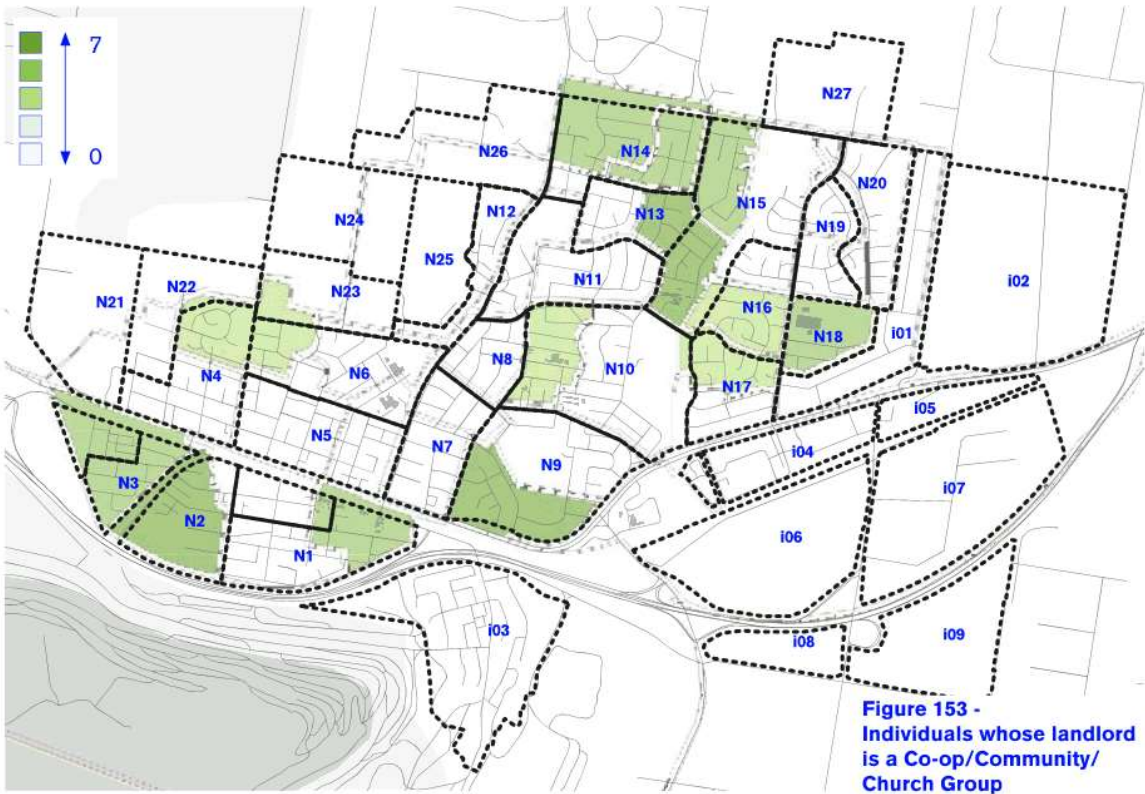
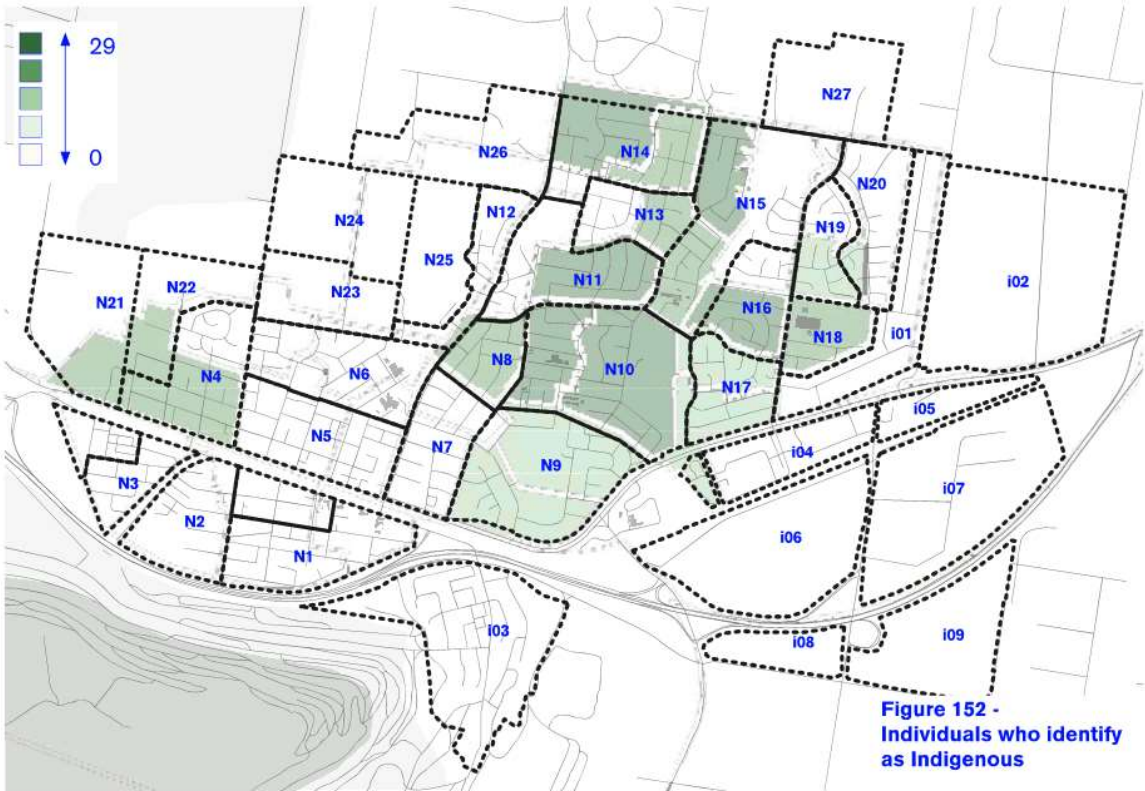


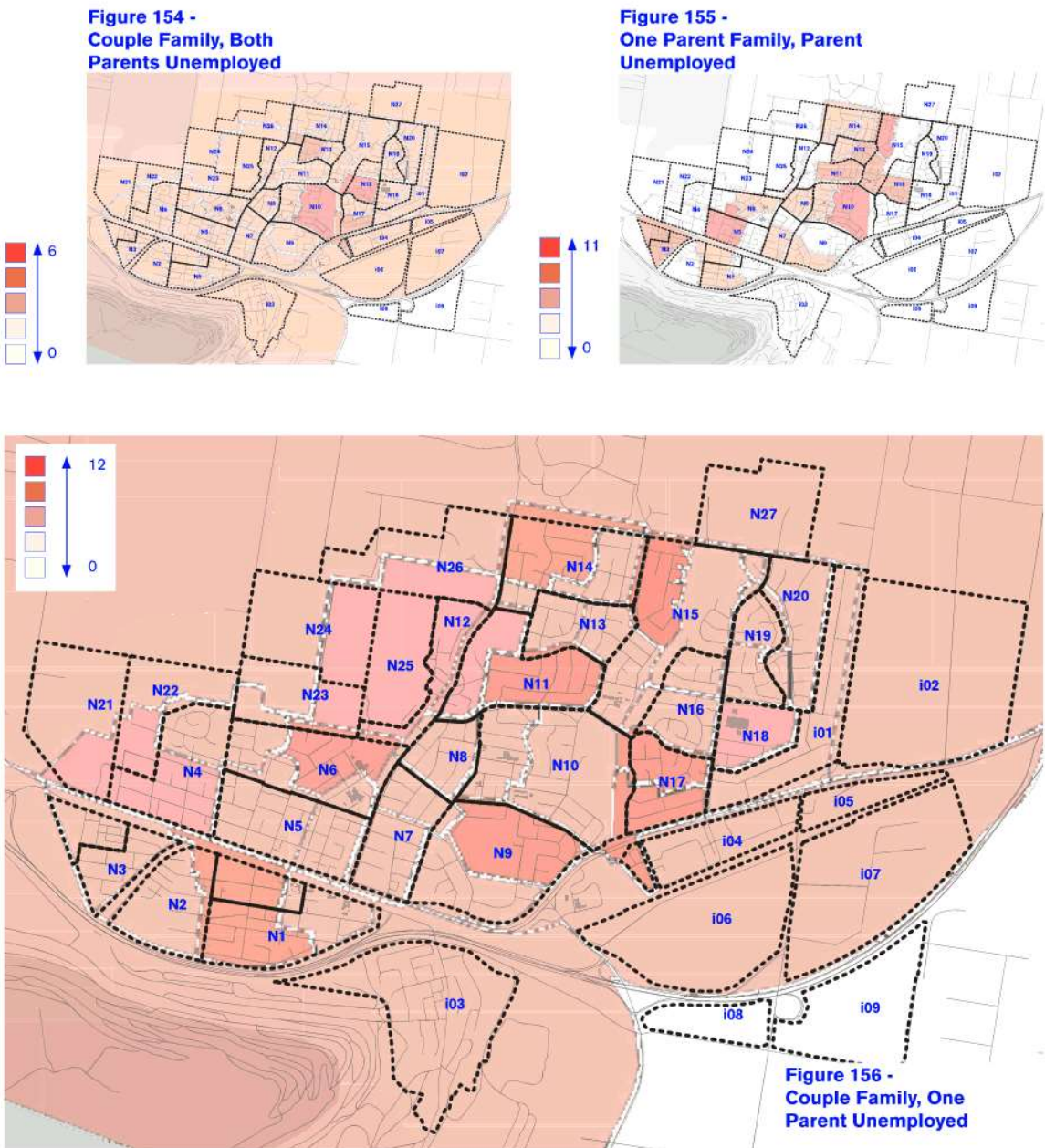
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SOCIO ECONOMIC DEMOGRAPHICS



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census 2011

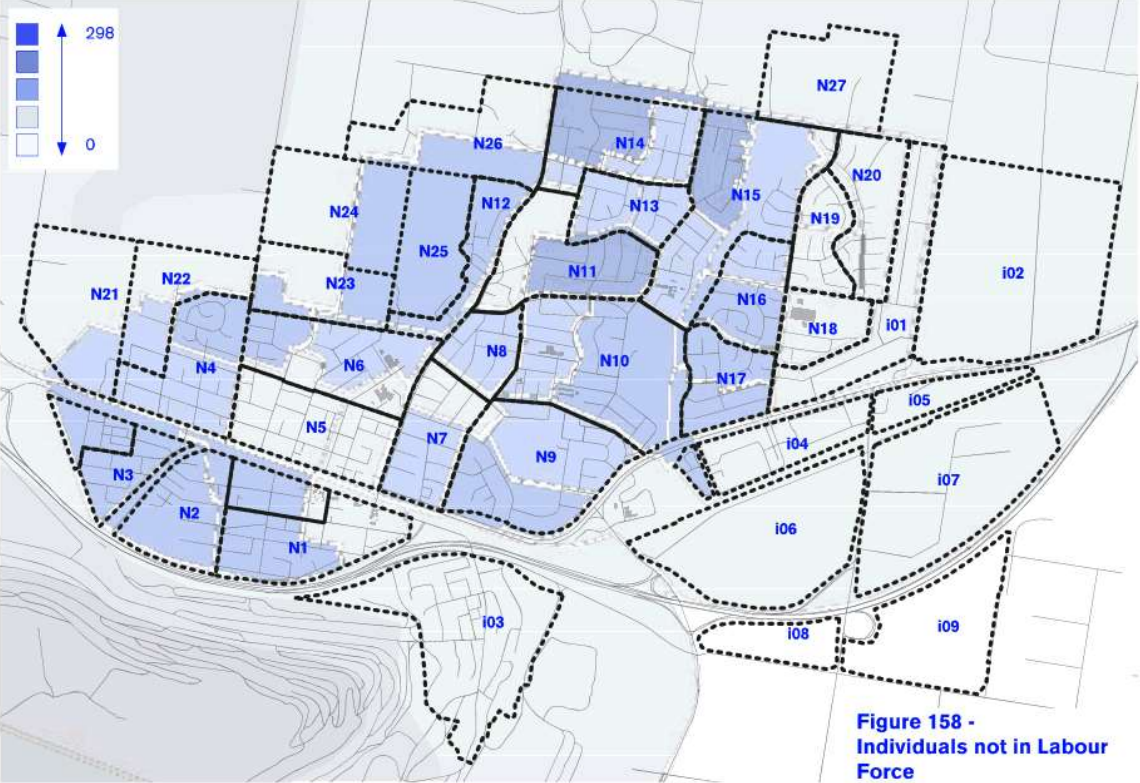
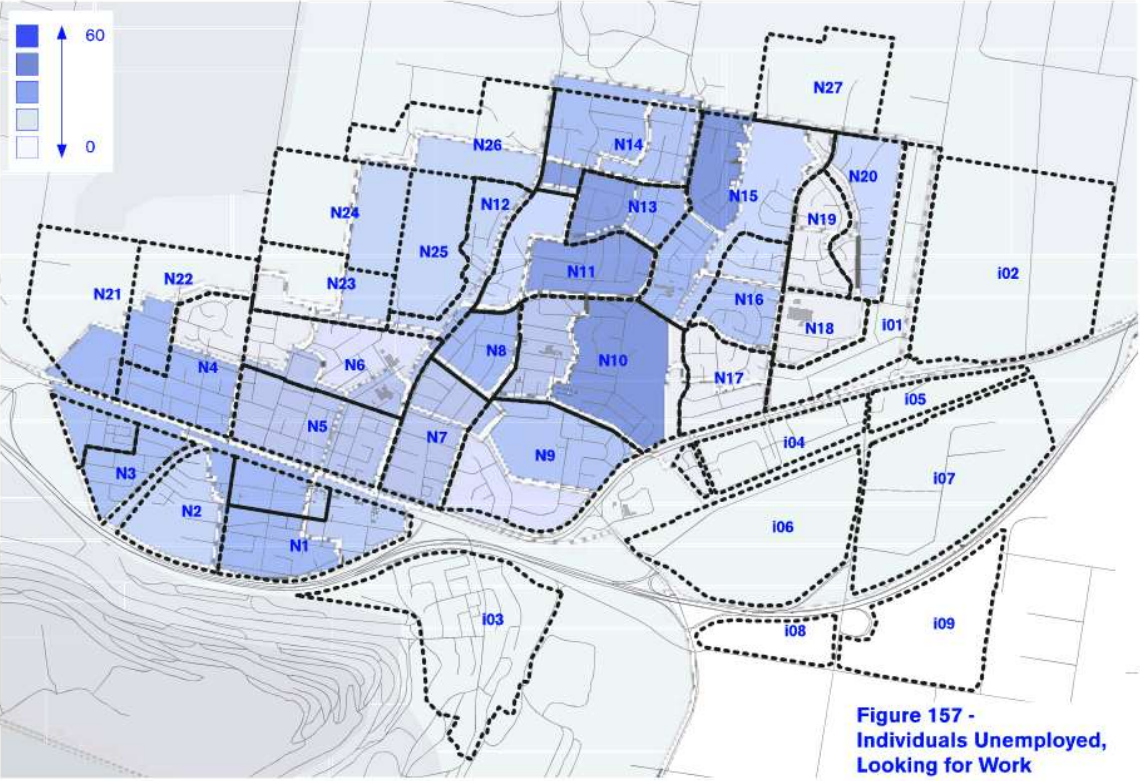




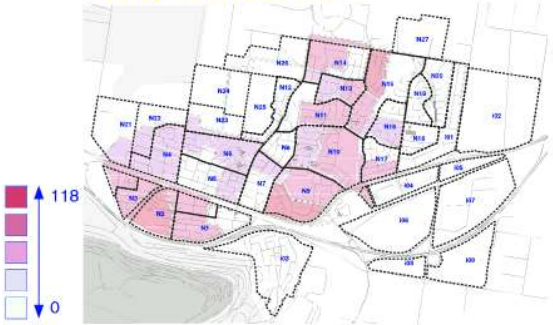


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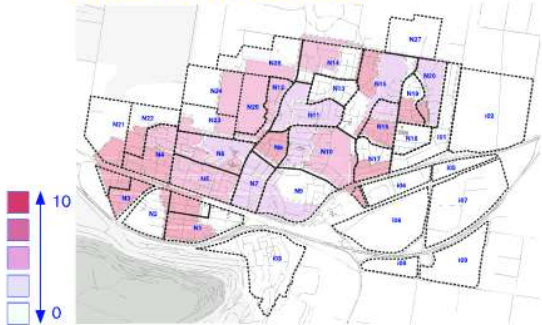




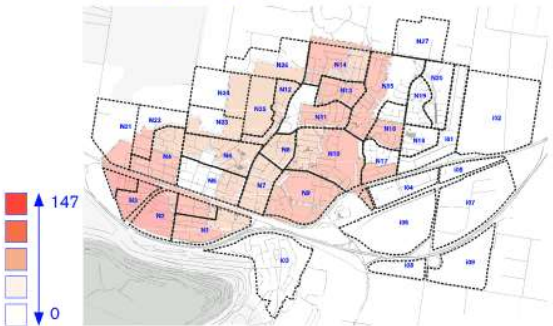
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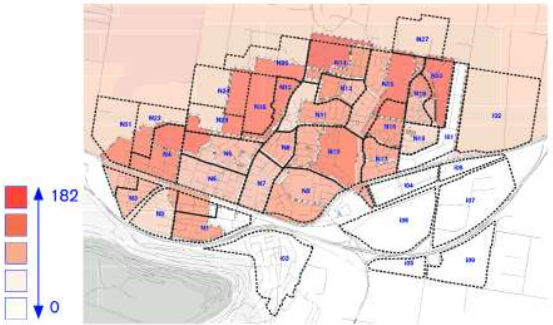
**Figure 160 -  
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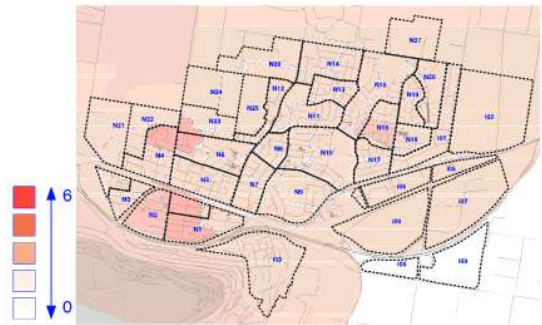
**Figure 161 -  
Dwelling Occupants = 1**



**Figure 162 -  
Dwelling Occupants = 2-4**

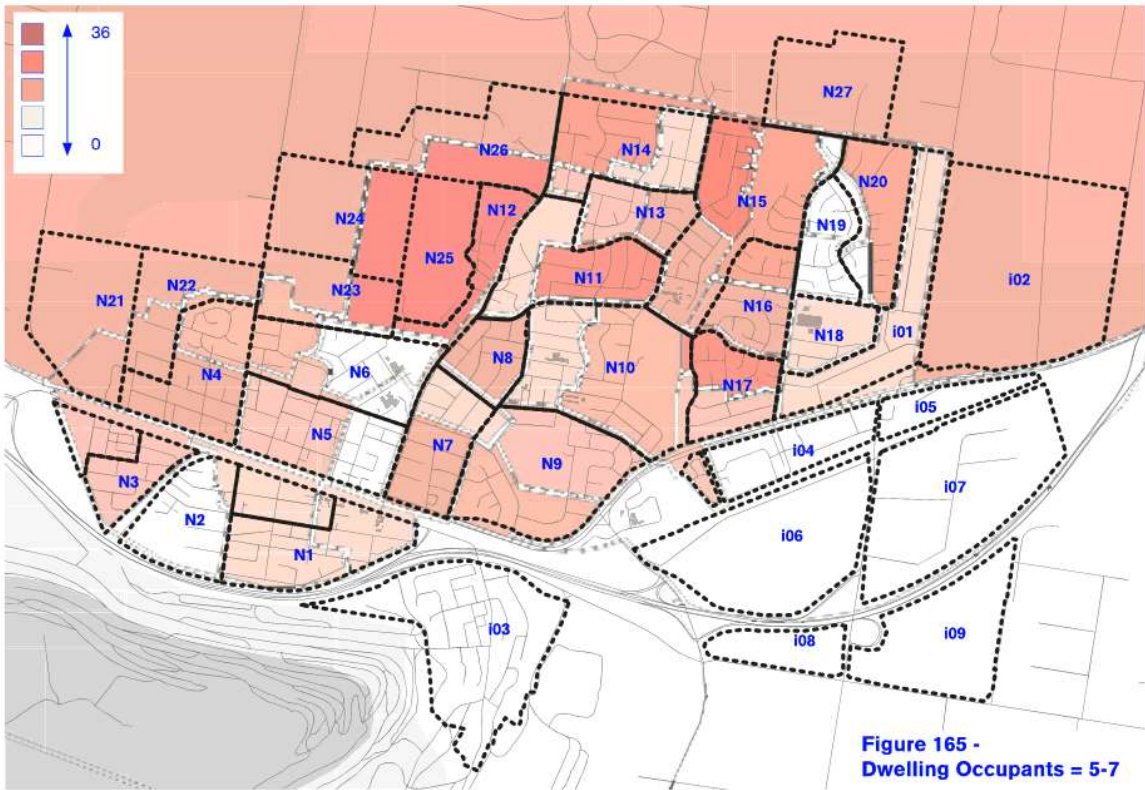
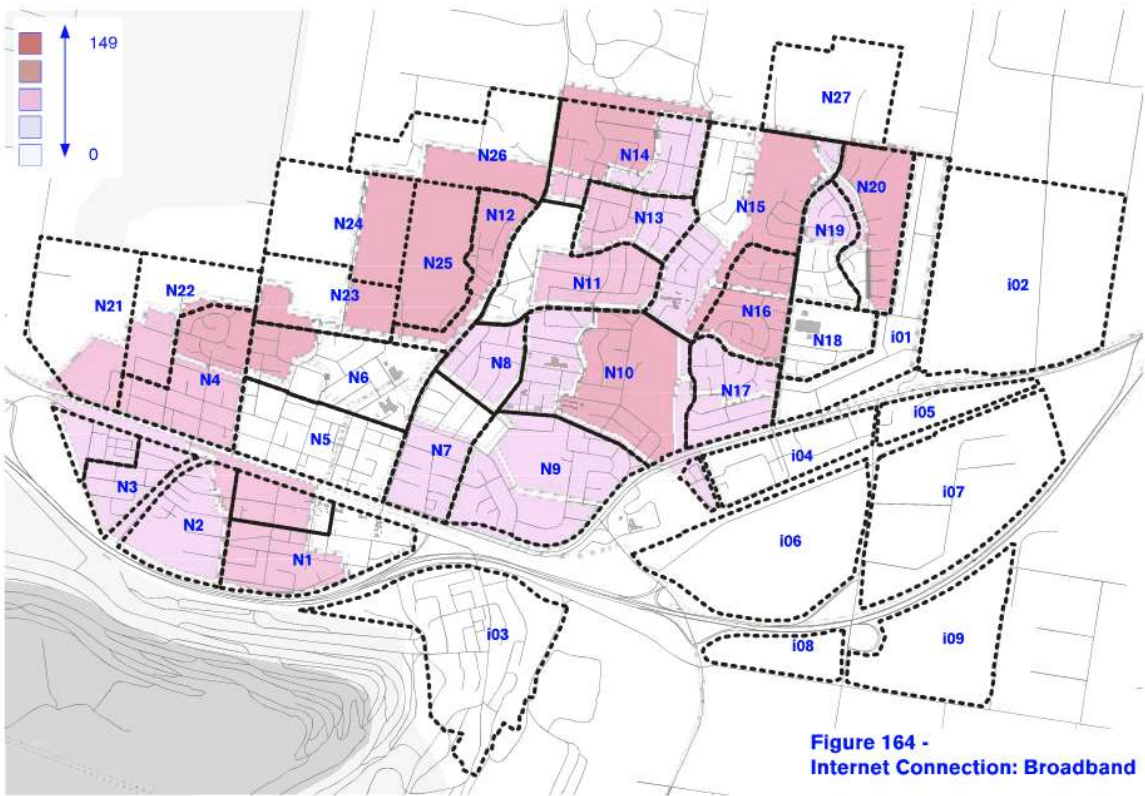


**Figure 163 -  
Dwelling Occupants = >8**



Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, Census 2011





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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN FOR REVEAL  
PLAN OF ACTION

KEY ACTIONS

- Green Boulevard (Hourigan Rd.)**  
Develop the nature strip to increase parking and pedestrian connection to surrounding sporting and recreation facilities.
- Green Boulevard (Mcdonald St.)**  
Widening of roadside nature strip and pathways. Introduce median nature strip with a shared pathway for joggers and cyclist. Roadside character changes as it progresses north. Structural planting with roadside deciduous vegetation to compliment neighbouring precincts.
- Entrance Enhancement**  
Character design from neighbouring precinct to be extended to the almost non-existent landscape along Cormans St. Road shoulder widening to increase nature strip area and enable shared pathway activation.

**Extension of Roadside Planting**  
Character design from neighbouring precinct to be extended to the almost non-existent landscape along Fairfield St., Cynthia St. & Hyland St. and replicated throughout the precinct secondary arterial roads.

Secondary Arterial Road

Neighbourhood  
N08

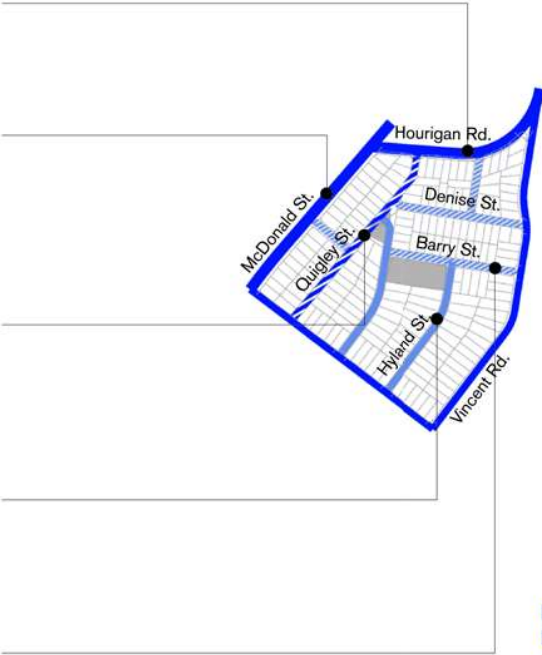


Figure 166 -  
Location Plan and Plan of  
Neighbourhood N08

LOCATION PLAN



PRECINCT PROFILE

Land Area :  
0.19 km

No. Of Houses :  
189 units

Indicative Population :  
396

Indicative Housing Cost :  
\$157,000

KEY ASSET(S)

Community Group(s) :

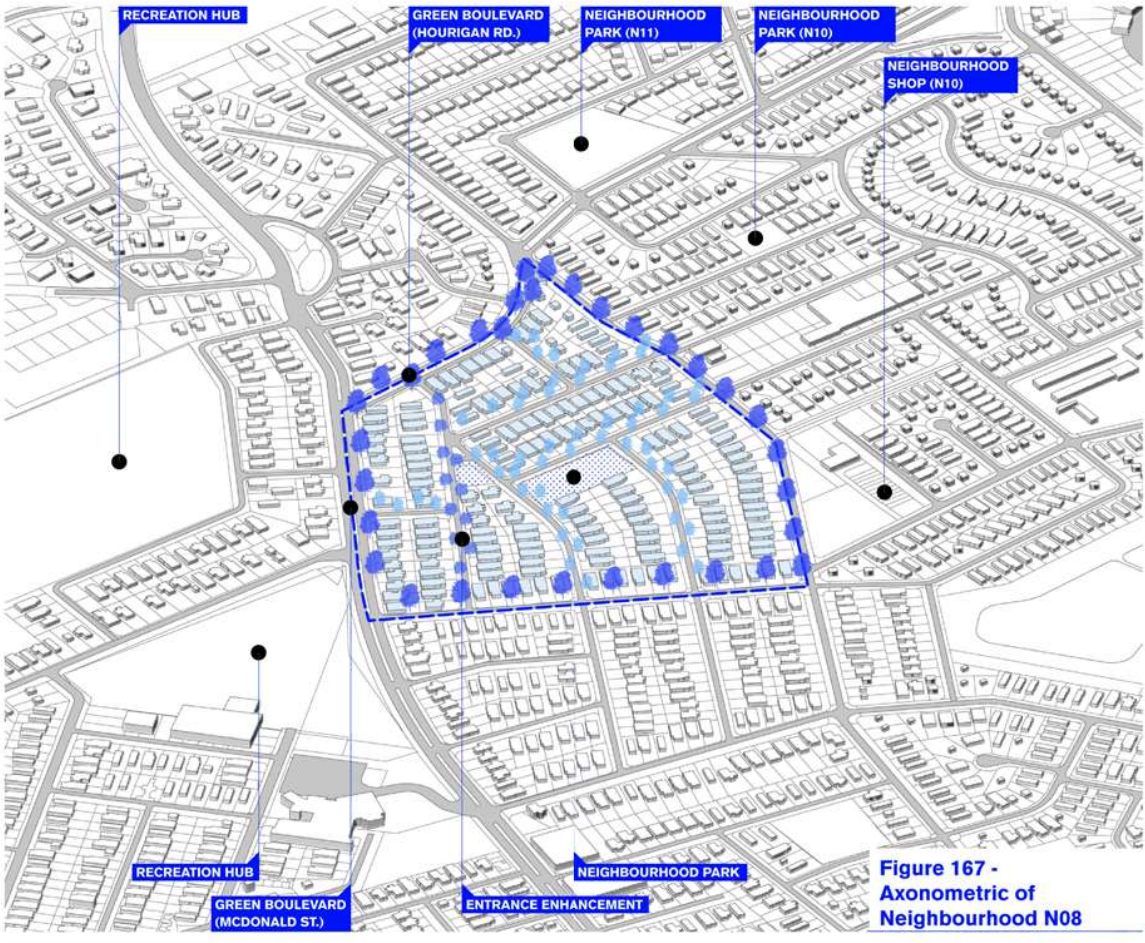
Green Space/Park(s) :  
Northern Reserve  
Sir Norman Brookes Park  
Morwell Leisure Centre

NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSETS

BARRY ST. NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK







NEIGHBOURHOOD EXAMPLES

NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK



PLAYGROUND



MULTIPURPOSE YOUTH PARK



NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK



Neighbourhood

N09

NEIGHBOURHOOD STATEMENT

KEY ACTIONS

**Urban Activation Plots (Public-Private Partnership)**  
Public owned land to be used for urban activities such as community led events, urban farming and getsunflowered.

**Green Boulevard (Vincent Rd - Churchill Rd)**  
Shaded structural planting along the road with shared pathways, median strip, car parks and street lighting.

**Gippsland Water Reserve**  
Soft edges for perimeter planting with existing fence setbacks to allow public usage of the area.

**Neighbourhood Main Road**  
Adding structural planting to existing landscape to achieve neighbourhood character consistency. Upgrade pathways and nature strips.

**Neighbourhood Park Upgrade**  
Upgrade safety features (lighting, playground equipment)

**Production Buffer Zones**  
Pathways connect to trails, public fruit tree trail, community nursery and garden.

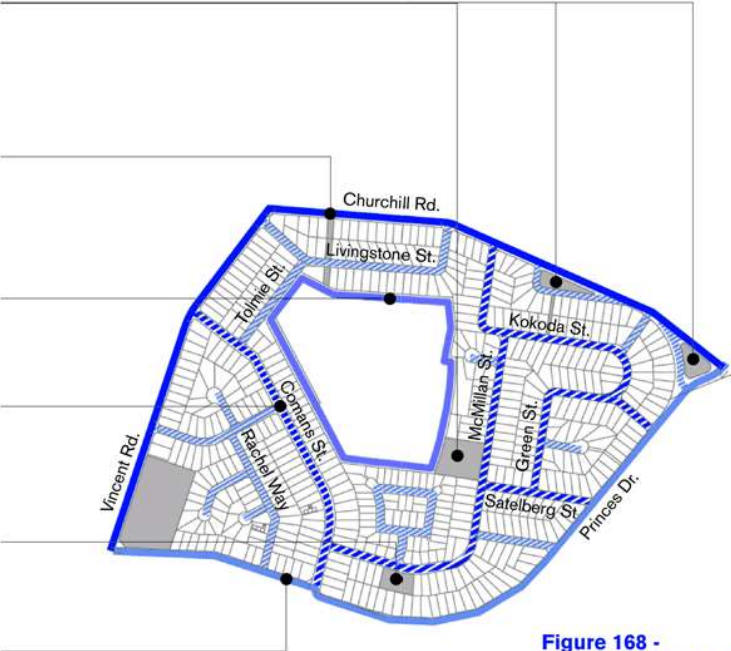


Figure 168 - Location Plan and Plan of Neighbourhood N09

LOCATION PLAN



PRECINCT PROFILE

Land Area :  
0.62 km

No. Of Houses :  
516 units

Indicative Population :  
1083

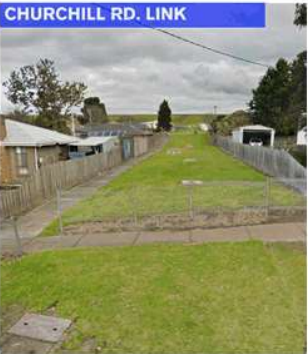
Indicative Housing Cost :  
\$166,000

KEY ASSET(S)

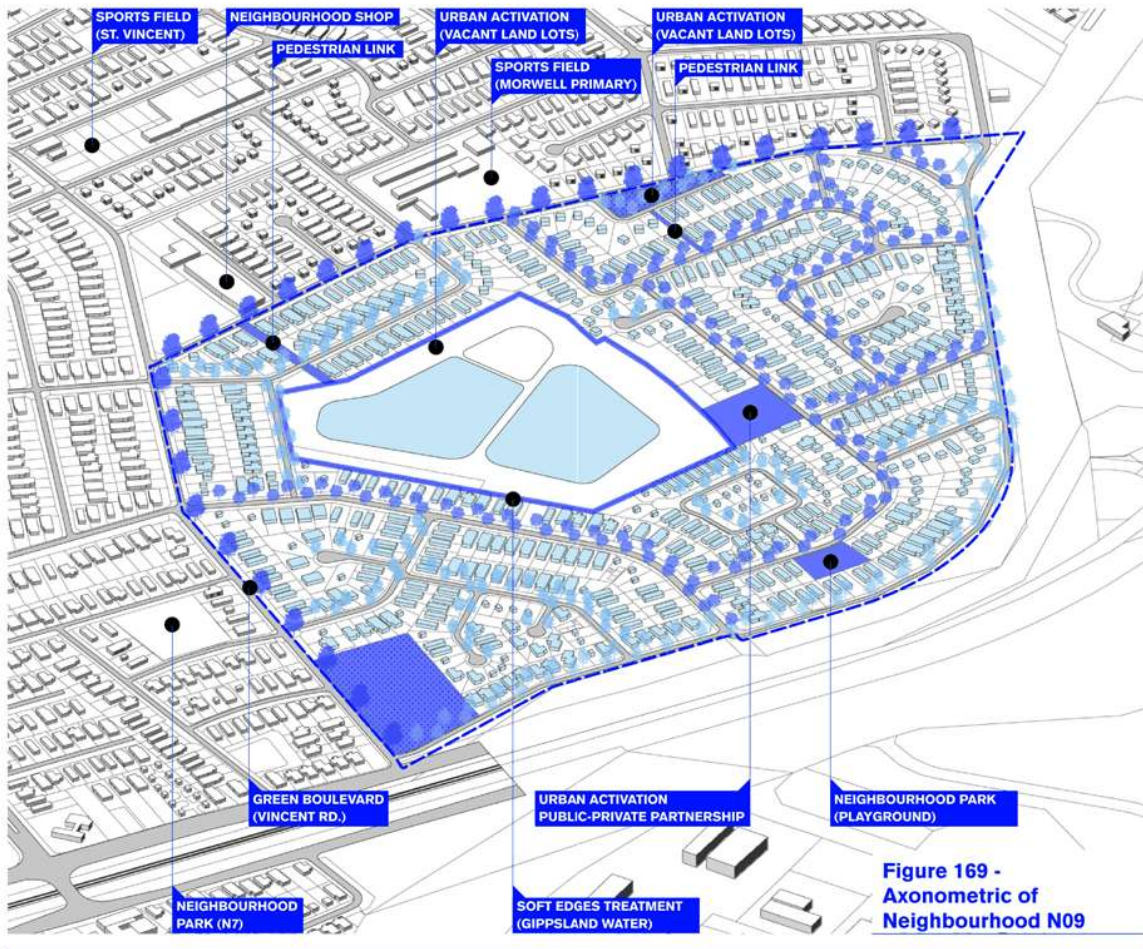
Community Group(s) :

Green Space/Park(s) :  
Northern Reserve  
Sir Norman Brookes Park  
Morwell Leisure Centre

NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSETS







## NEIGHBOURHOOD EXAMPLES





## Neighbourhood N10

### NEIGHBOURHOOD STATEMENT

#### KEY ACTIONS

##### Bike/Recreation Trail

Bike and trail activities and spaces to include an educational nature trail for the outdoor classrooms.

##### Dog-Off-Leash Park

Perimeter fencing for a dog-off-leash park.

##### Neighbourhood Park

Part of a green network that hosts temporary urban activities and provides meeting points & facilities for surrounding users.

##### Ronald Reserve Recreation Hub

##### Soft Edges Treatment

Gippsland water plant perimeter fencing to be given soft edges vegetation treatment to reclaim part of the green spaces for public use.

##### Green Boulevard

(Vincent Rd - Churchill Rd. - Hourigan Rd. - Vary St.)

Shaded structural planting along the road with shared pathways, road median, car parks and street lighting.

##### Art Park

Events space for temporary art installation by local artists encompassing sculptural representation (i.e projections, live installation, experience, sensory and physical based)

##### WSUD Zone



Figure 170 -  
Location Plan and Plan of  
Neighbourhood N10

#### LOCATION PLAN



#### PRECINCT PROFILE

Land Area :  
0.75 km

No. Of Houses :  
468 units

Indicative Population :  
982

Indicative Housing Cost :  
\$145,000

#### KEY ASSET(S)

Community Group(s) :

Green Space/Park(s) :  
Northern Reserve  
Sir Norman Brookes Park  
Morwell Leisure Centre

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSETS

##### WATERHOLE CREEK

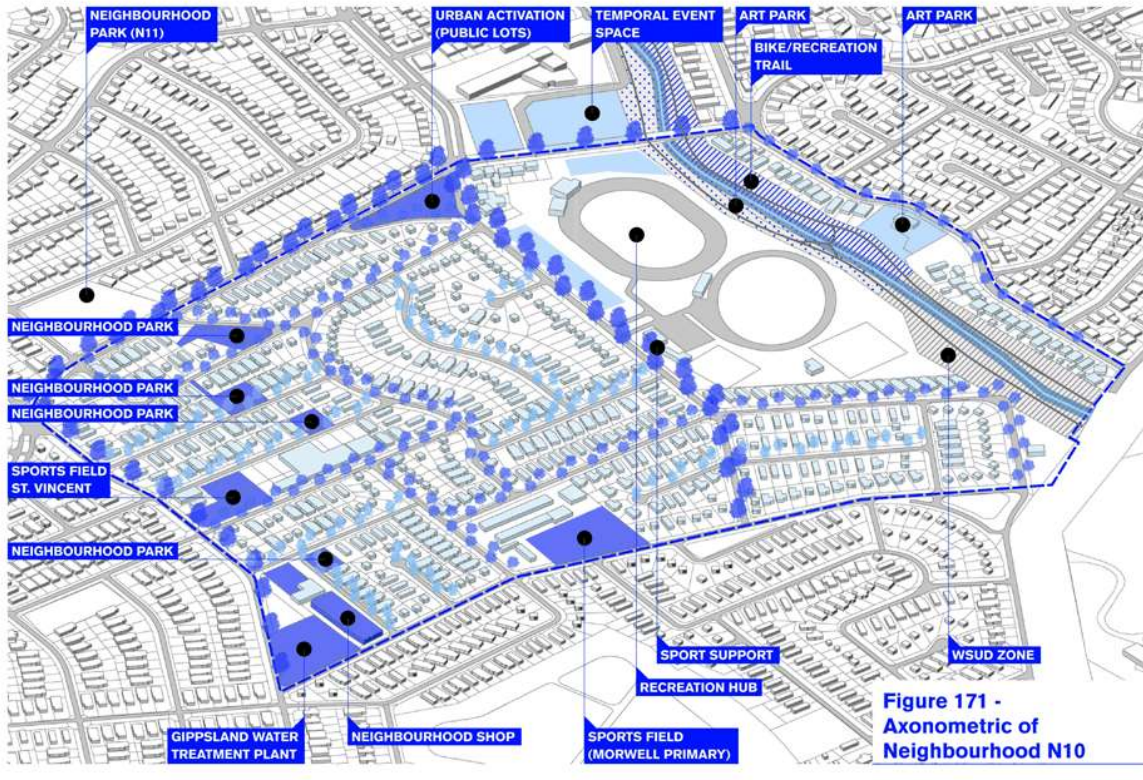


##### RONALD RESERVE RECREATION GROUND



##### AIRLIE BANK GALLERY

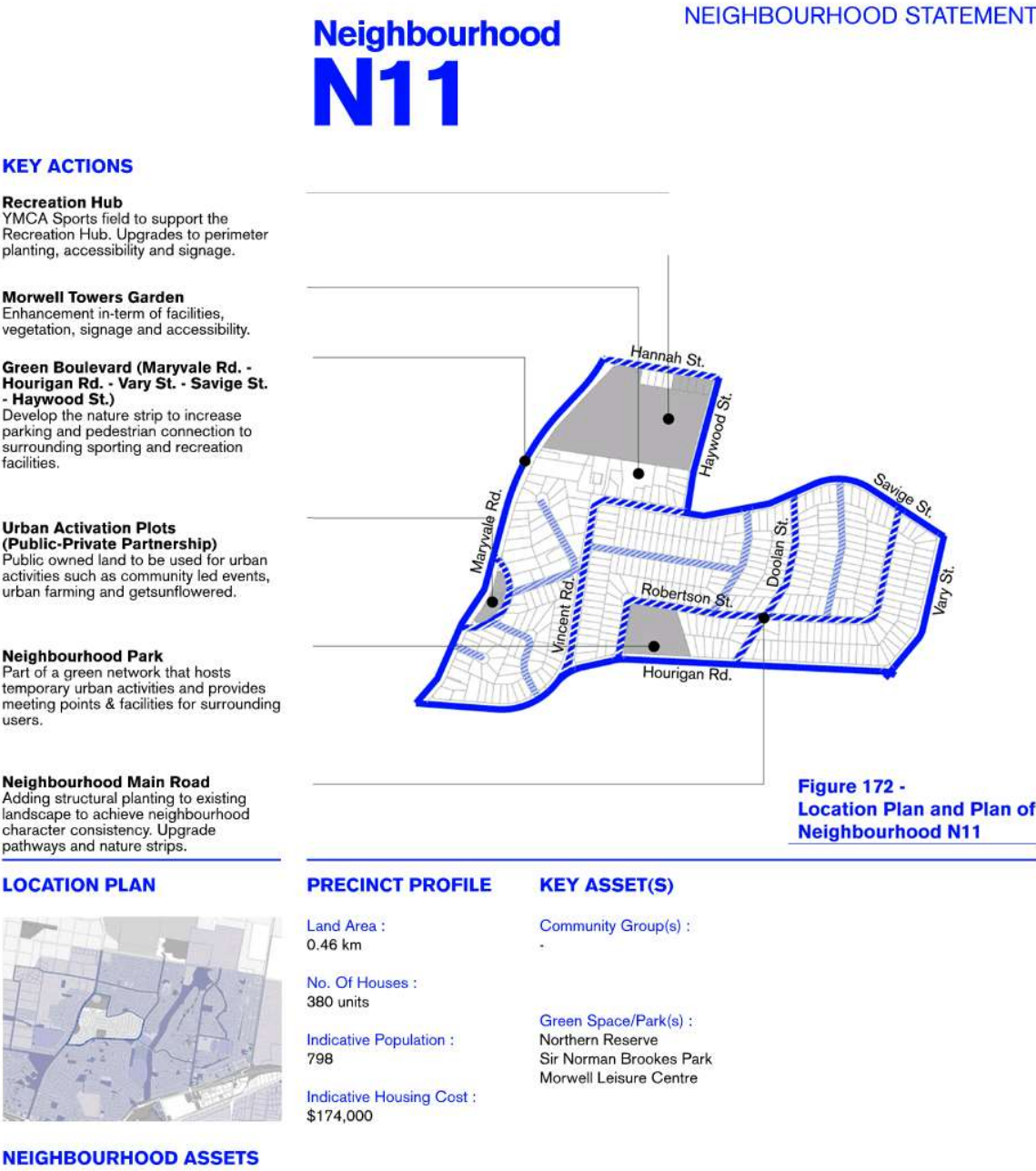




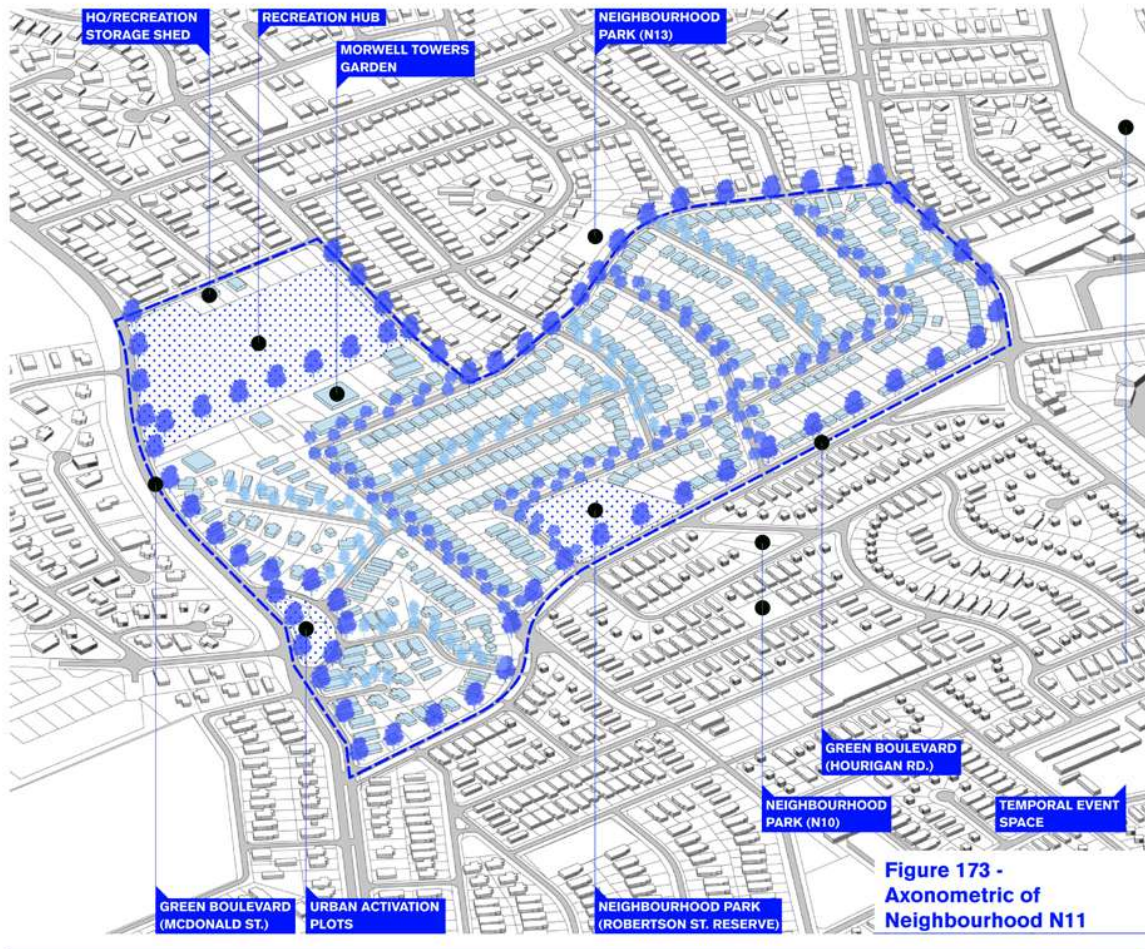
## NEIGHBOURHOOD EXAMPLES





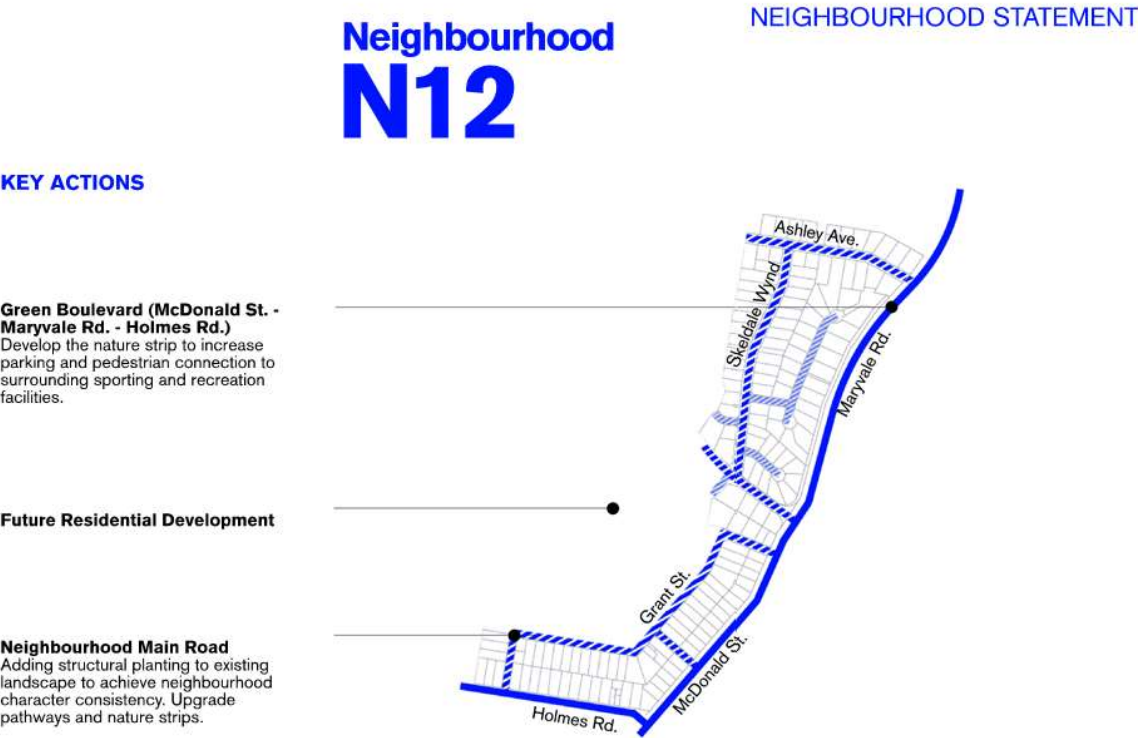




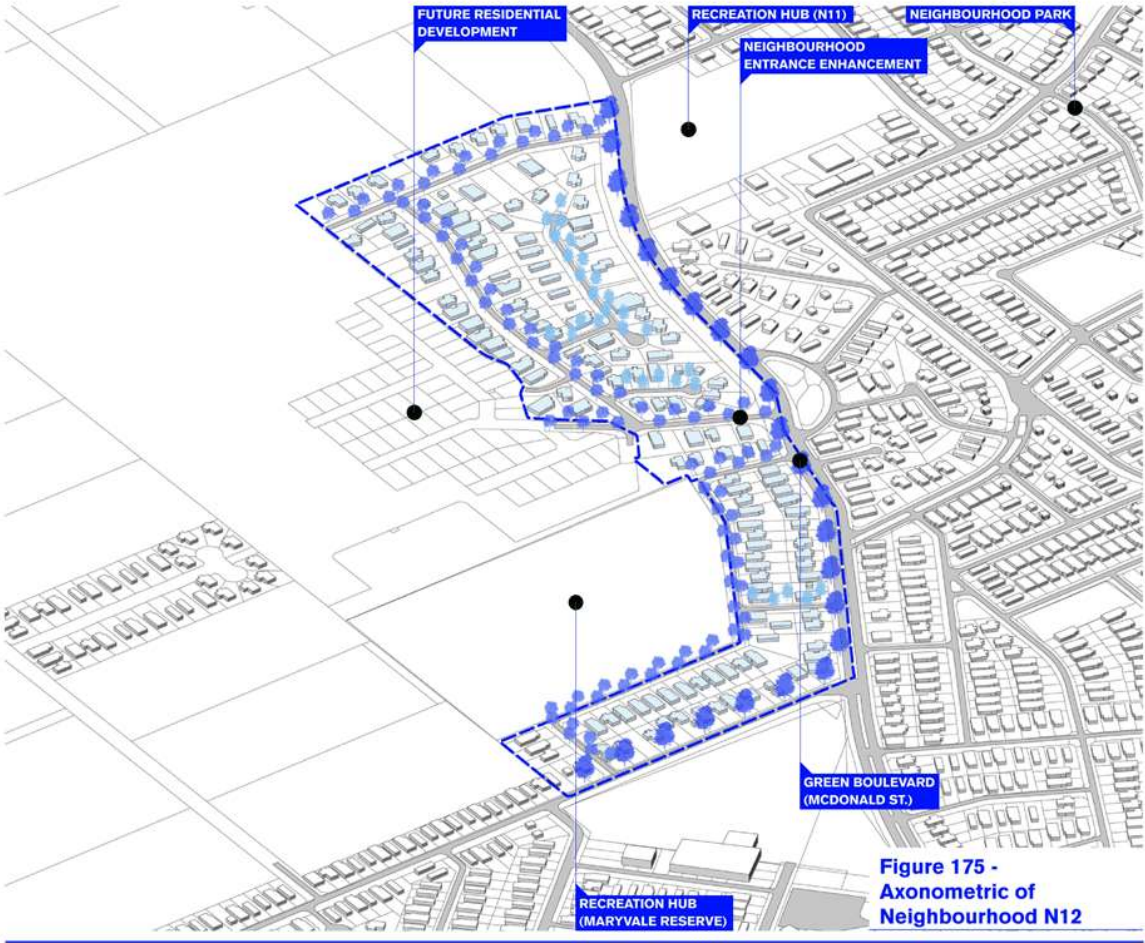


## NEIGHBOURHOOD EXAMPLES









Neighbourhood

N13

NEIGHBOURHOOD STATEMENT

KEY ACTIONS

**Green Boulevard (Savage St. - Haywood St. - Well St. - Vary St. - Junier St.)**  
Develop the nature strip to increase parking and pedestrian connection to surrounding sporting and recreation facilities.

**Urban Activation Plots (Public-Private Partnership)**  
Private owned land to be used for temporary urban activities such as community led events, urban farming and GetsunFlowered mediated by the council.

**Neighbourhood Park**  
Part of a green network that hosts temporary urban activities and provides meeting points & facilities for surrounding users.

**Neighbourhood Main Road**  
Adding structural planting to existing landscape to achieve neighbourhood character consistency. Upgrade pathways and nature strips.

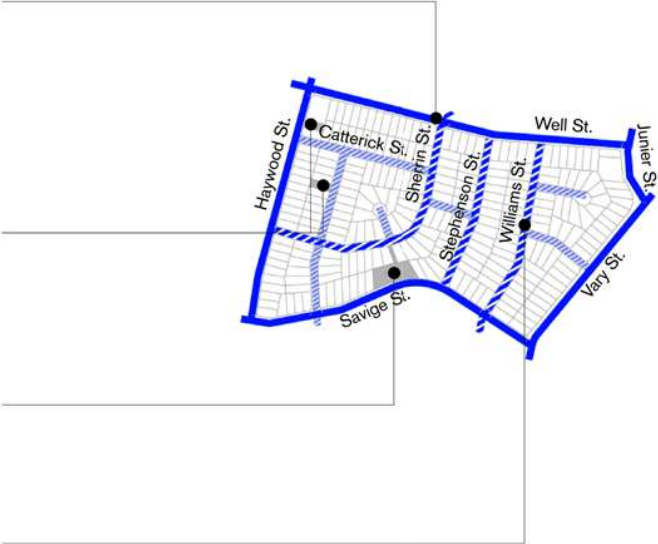


Figure 176 - Location Plan and Plan of Neighbourhood N13

LOCATION PLAN



PRECINCT PROFILE

Land Area :  
0.24 km

No. Of Houses :  
290 units

Indicative Population :  
609

Indicative Housing Cost :  
\$143,000

KEY ASSET(S)

Community Group(s) :

Green Space/Park(s) :  
Northern Reserve  
Sir Norman Brookes Park  
Morwell Leisure Centre

NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSETS







## NEIGHBOURHOOD EXAMPLES



Neighbourhood

N14

NEIGHBOURHOOD STATEMENT

KEY ACTIONS

**Green Boulevard (Haywood St. - Well St. - Vary St. - Junier St. & Maryvale Rd.)**  
Develop the nature strip to increase parking and pedestrian connection to surrounding sporting and recreation facilities (recreational Hub B).

**Recreation Grounds (Morwell Primary School)**  
Perimeter fencing to allow public accessibility & connection to the sports circuit.

**Urban Activation Plots (Public-Private Partnership)**  
Private owned land to be used for temporary urban activities such as community led events, urban farming and GetsunFlowered mediated by the council.

**Existing Roadside Planting**  
Deciduous trees with colour & character. This street planting is to be replicated throughout the secondary road in the precinct.

**Neighbourhood Shop**  
Enhancement of the area surrounding the neighbourhood shop. Community activities to highlight the area to surrounding residents.

**Neighbourhood Park**  
Part of a green network that hosts temporary urban activities and provides meeting points & facilities for surrounding users.

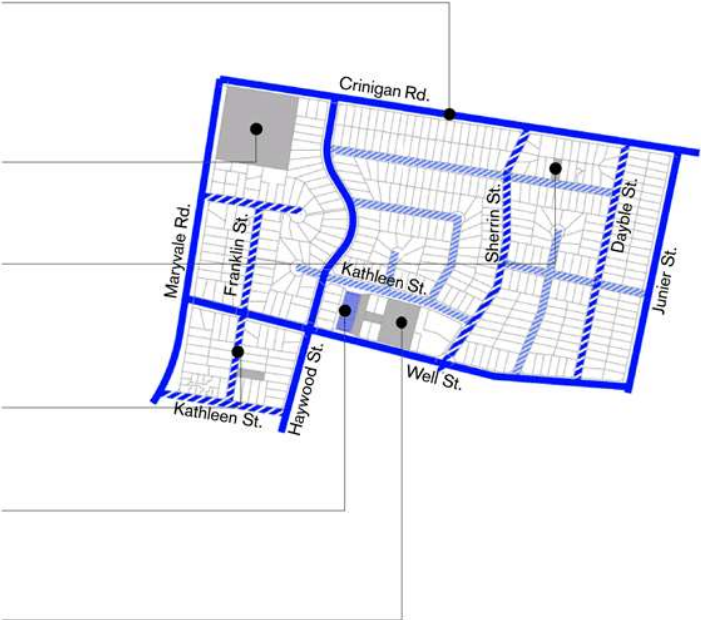


Figure 178 - Location Plan and Plan of Neighbourhood N14

LOCATION PLAN



PRECINCT PROFILE

Land Area :  
0.46 km

No. Of Houses :  
506 units

Indicative Population :  
1062

Indicative Housing Cost :  
\$160,000

KEY ASSET(S)

Community Group(s) :  
-

Green Space/Park(s) :  
Northern Reserve  
Sir Norman Brookes Park  
Morwell Leisure Centre

NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSETS

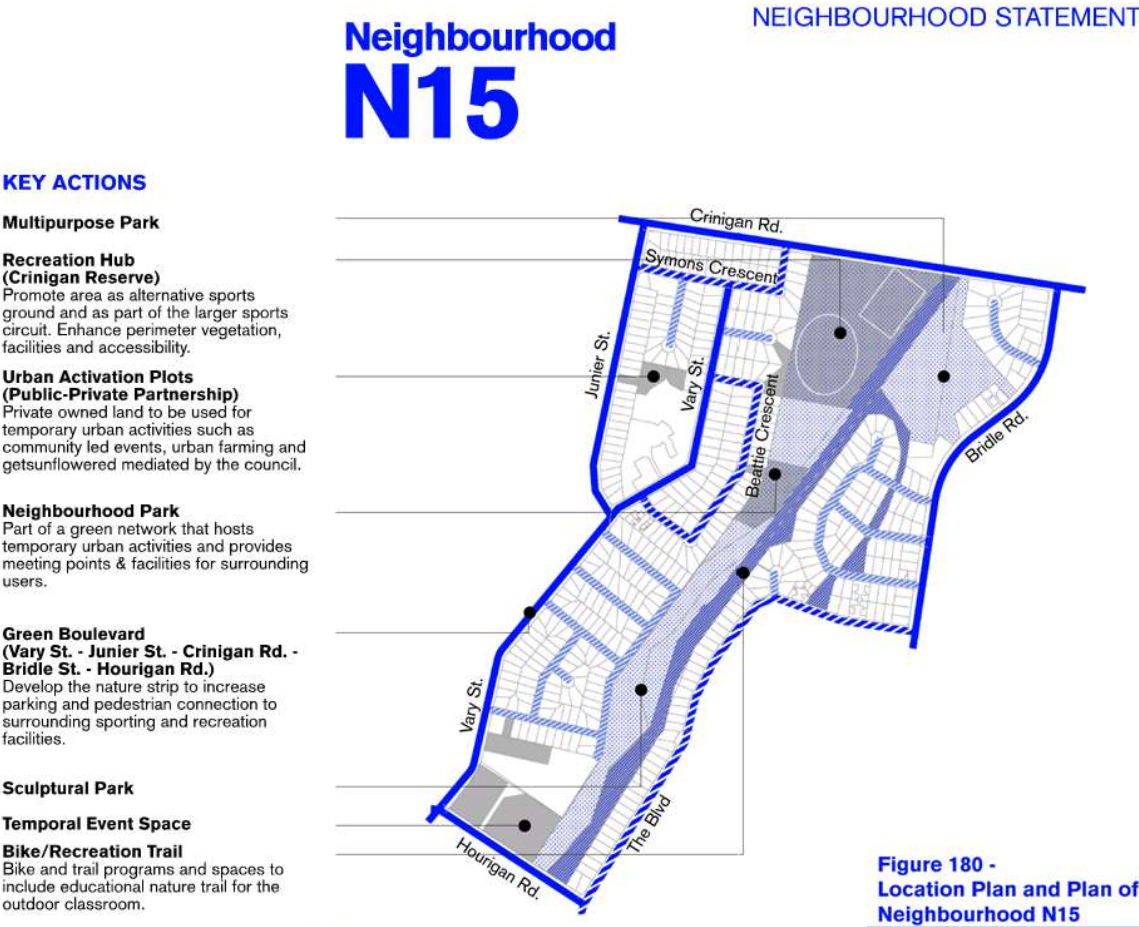






NEIGHBOURHOOD EXAMPLES





LOCATION PLAN	PRECINCT PROFILE	KEY ASSET(S)
	<div>Land Area : 0.72 km</div> <div>No. Of Houses : 429 units</div> <div>Indicative Population : 900</div> <div>Indicative Housing Cost : \$256,000</div>	<div>Community Group(s) :</div> <div>Green Space/Park(s) : Northern Reserve, Sir Norman Brookes Park, Morwell Leisure Centre</div>

NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSETS





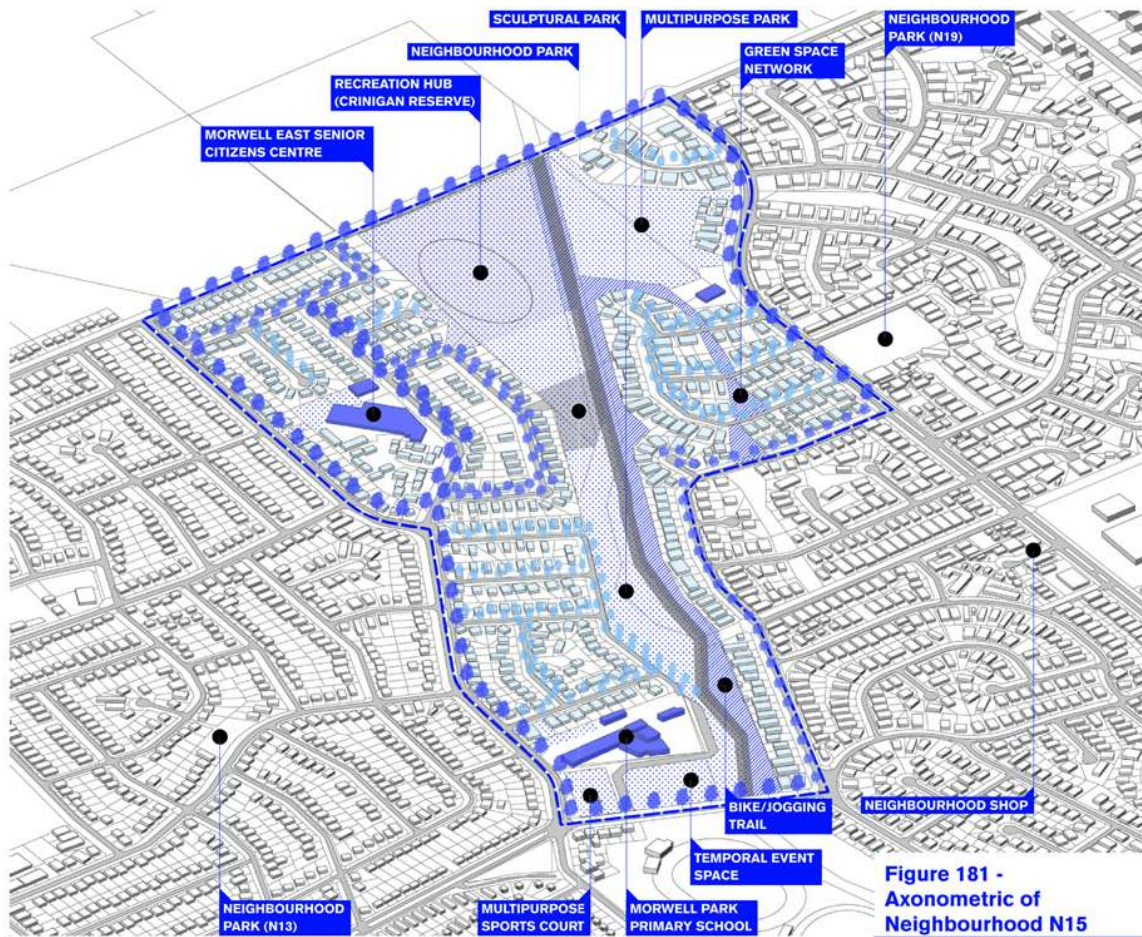


Figure 181 -  
Axonometric of  
Neighbourhood N15

## KEY ACTION BREAKDOWN

### SCULPTURAL PARK

An outdoor exhibition of sculpture by local artist that reflects the history and background of Morwell.

### PRODUCTION ZONE

Joint partnership (public-private) space for communal farming/ gardening that contributes to the local food supply.

### BIKE/JOGGING TRAIL

Upgrading bike and jogging trail to enhance urban connectivity.

### OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Supporting activity for the neighbouring educational Hub B. Nature based activity.

### ART PARK

Events space for temporary art installation by local artist encompassing sculptural representation (i.e projections, live installation, experience, sensory and physical based)

### WSUD ZONE

Water Sensitive based design park to respond to the area being a flood zone.

### NURSERY

Nursery plots to support the revegetation of the creek and also other projects within Morwell.

### TENNIS

Redevelopment of the tennis facilities to support the sporting clubs and tournaments.

### SPORT SUPPORT

Equipment storage for clubs and management office for seasonal sporting events such as cycling and marathon.

### BUFFER / EVENTS OVERFLOW

Revegetation and reappropriation of space to allow resident to view the sporting grounds. Also acts and overflow area for sporting events.

### MULTIPURPOSE SPORTS COURT

Redevelopment of the existing facilities to cater to multiple different sport.

### SPORTS CLUB HEADQUARTERS

Existing City Council carpark to be used for weekly events such as a Market Place.

## Neighbourhood N16

### NEIGHBOURHOOD STATEMENT

#### KEY ACTIONS

##### Green Network

Enhance shared pathways (Bike and joggers) to increase connectivity throughout the neighbourhood.

##### Neighbourhood Park

Part of a green network that hosts temporary urban activities and provides meeting points & facilities for surrounding users.

##### Neighbourhood Shop

Enhancement of the area surrounding the neighbourhood shop. Community activities to highlight the area to surrounding residents.

##### Green Boulevard

(Bridle Rd. - Chestnut Ave.)

Develop the nature strip to increase parking and pedestrian connection to surrounding sporting and recreation facilities.

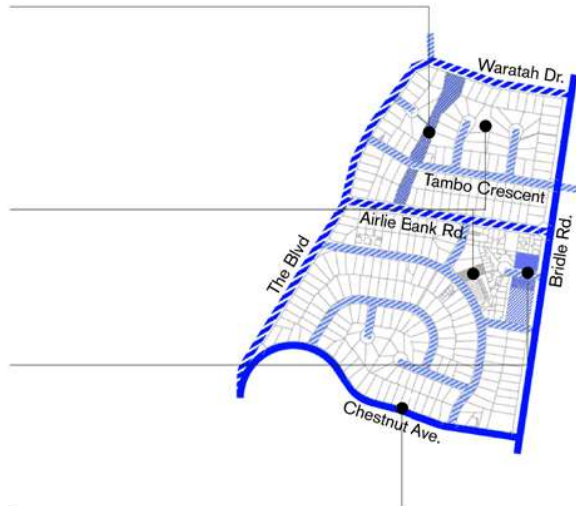


Figure 182 -  
Location Plan and Plan of  
Neighbourhood N16

#### LOCATION PLAN



#### PRECINCT PROFILE

Land Area :  
0.28 km

No. Of Houses :  
383 units

Indicative Population :  
804

Indicative Housing Cost :  
\$256,000

#### KEY ASSET(S)

Community Group(s) :

Green Space/Park(s) :  
Northern Reserve  
Sir Norman Brookes Park  
Morwell Leisure Centre

#### NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSETS

##### OPAL CT NEIGHBOURHOOD SHOP



##### AIRLIE BANK ROAD TO WATER HOLE CREEK

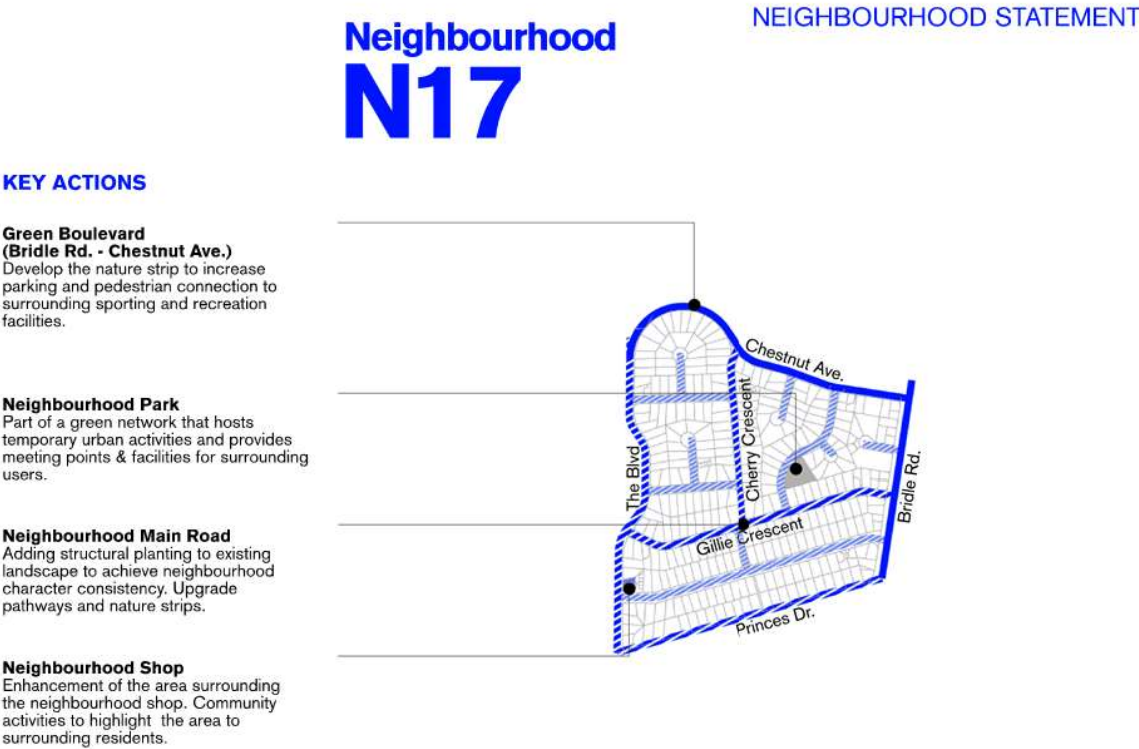






NEIGHBOURHOOD EXAMPLES









## NEIGHBOURHOOD EXAMPLES



Neighbourhood

N18

NEIGHBOURHOOD STATEMENT

KEY ACTIONS

- Recreation Park (Airlie bank Reserve)**

Promote the area as an alternative for recreational ground for its surrounding neighbourhoods. Increase connectivity to the area through enhancing and upgrading the Buffer/Road reserve for shared pathways.
- Buffer/Road Reserve**

Enhancing the area with structural planting and a pathway to increase connectivity to the recreation park and other neighbourhoods.
- Green Boulevard (Bridle Rd.)**

Develop the nature strip to increase parking and pedestrian connection to surrounding sporting and recreation facilities.
- Production Buffer Zones**

Pathways connect to trails, public fruit tree trail and nursery.

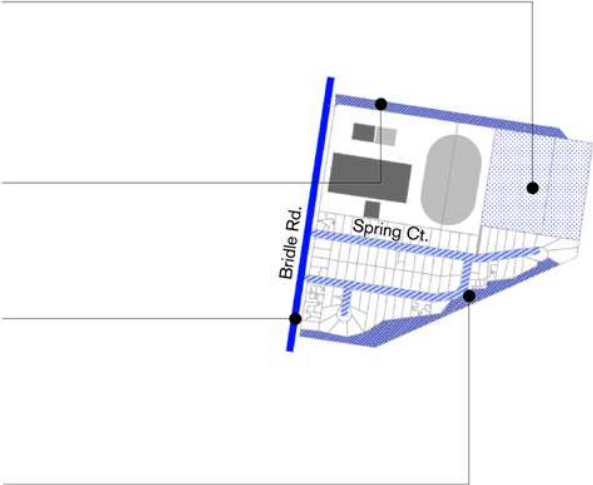


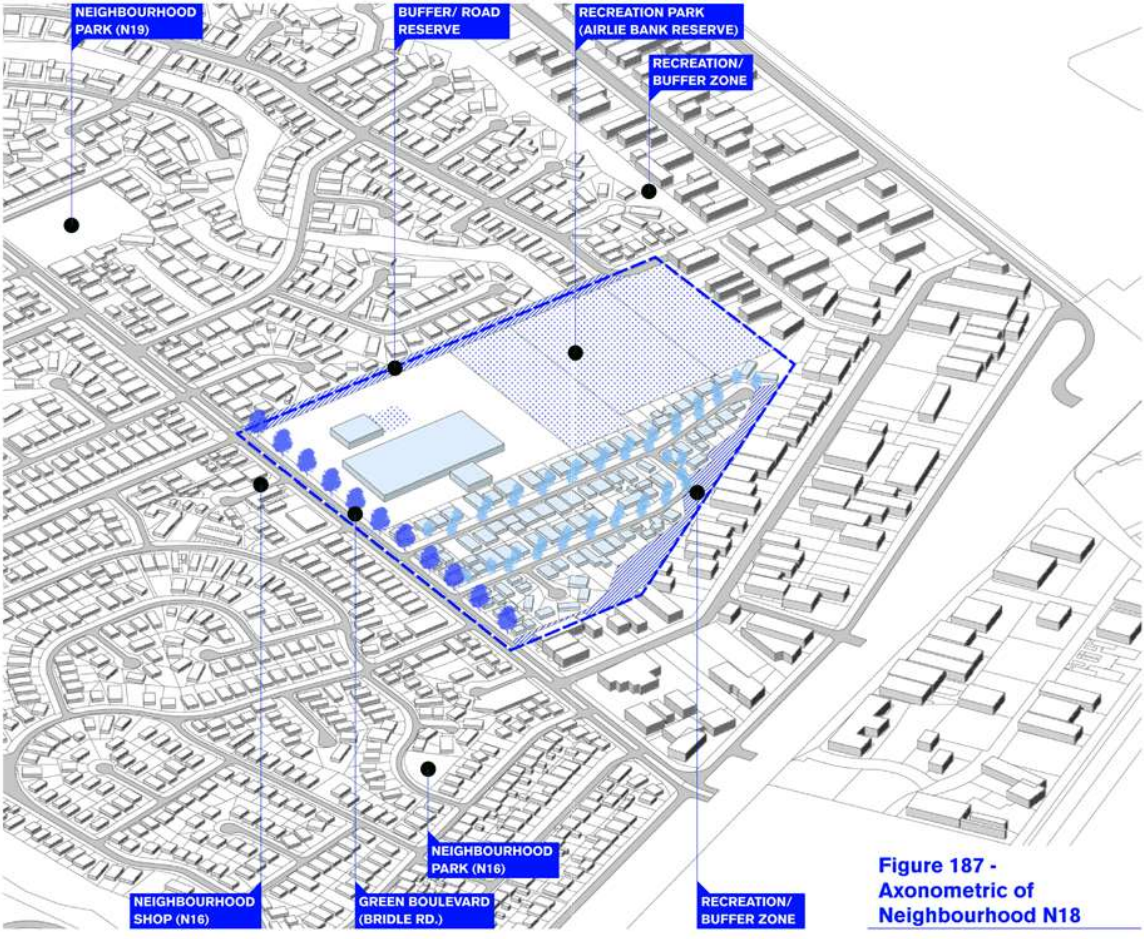
Figure 186 - Location Plan and Plan of Neighbourhood N18

LOCATION PLAN	PRECINCT PROFILE	KEY ASSET(S)
	<p>Land Area : 0.20 km</p> <p>No. Of Houses : 110 units</p> <p>Indicative Population : 231</p> <p>Indicative Housing Cost : \$242,000</p>	<p>Community Group(s) :</p> <p>Green Space/Park(s) : Northern Reserve Sir Norman Brookes Park Morwell Leisure Centre</p>

NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSETS







NEIGHBOURHOOD EXAMPLES



Neighbourhood

N19

NEIGHBOURHOOD STATEMENT

KEY ACTIONS

- Green Boulevard (Bridle Rd.)**

Develop the nature strip to increase parking and pedestrian connection to surrounding sporting and recreation facilities.
- Neighbourhood Park**

Part of a green network that hosts temporary urban activities and provides meeting points & facilities for surrounding users.

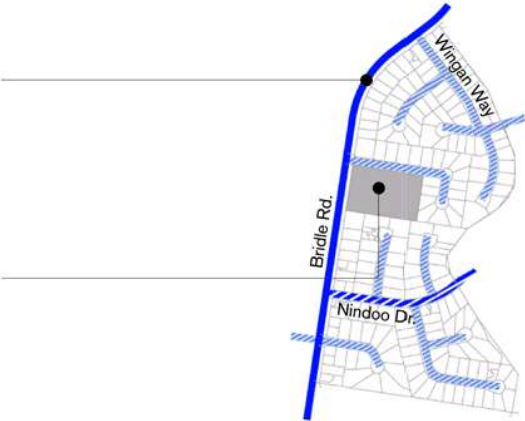


Figure 188 - Location Plan and Plan of Neighbourhood N19

LOCATION PLAN	PRECINCT PROFILE	KEY ASSET(S)
	<p>Land Area : 0.21 km</p> <p>No. Of Houses : 228 units</p> <p>Indicative Population : 478</p> <p>Indicative Housing Cost : \$299,000</p>	<p>Community Group(s) :</p> <p>Green Space/Park(s) : Northern Reserve, Sir Norman Brookes Park, Morwell Leisure Centre</p>

NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSETS







NEIGHBOURHOOD EXAMPLES



Neighbourhood

N20

NEIGHBOURHOOD STATEMENT

KEY ACTIONS

- Green Boulevard  
(Bridle Rd. & Crinigan Rd.)**

Develop the nature strip to increase parking and pedestrian connection to surrounding sporting and recreation facilities.
- Neighbourhood Park**

Part of a green network that hosts temporary urban activities and provides meeting points & facilities for surrounding users.
- Green Network/Flood Zone**

Enhancing the flood zone land buffer with shared pathways to increase connectivity within the neighbourhoods and provide alternative space for recreation. Introduce riparian and floodplains vegetation.
- Neighbourhood Main Road**

Adding structural planting to existing landscape to achieve neighbourhood character consistency. Upgrade pathways and nature strips.
- Production Buffer Zones**

Pathways connect to trails, public fruit tree trail and nursery.

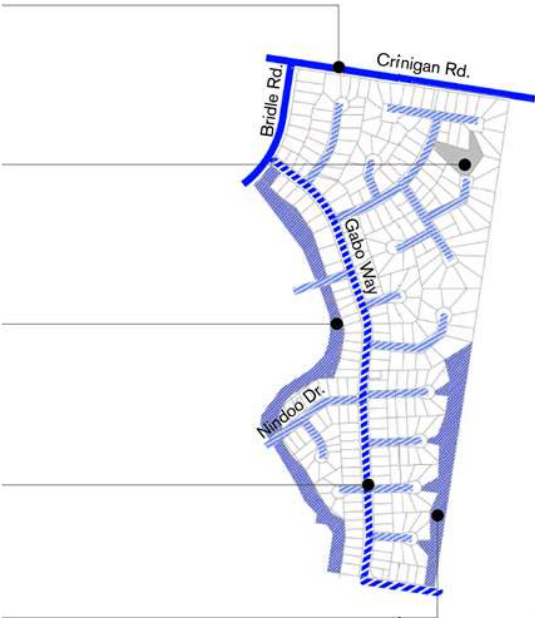


Figure 190 - Location Plan and Plan of Neighbourhood N20

LOCATION PLAN



PRECINCT PROFILE

Land Area :  
0.33 km

No. Of Houses :  
247 units

Indicative Population :  
518

Indicative Housing Cost :  
\$356,000

KEY ASSET(S)

Community Group(s) :

Green Space/Park(s) :  
Northern Reserve  
Sir Norman Brookes Park  
Morwell Leisure Centre

NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSETS

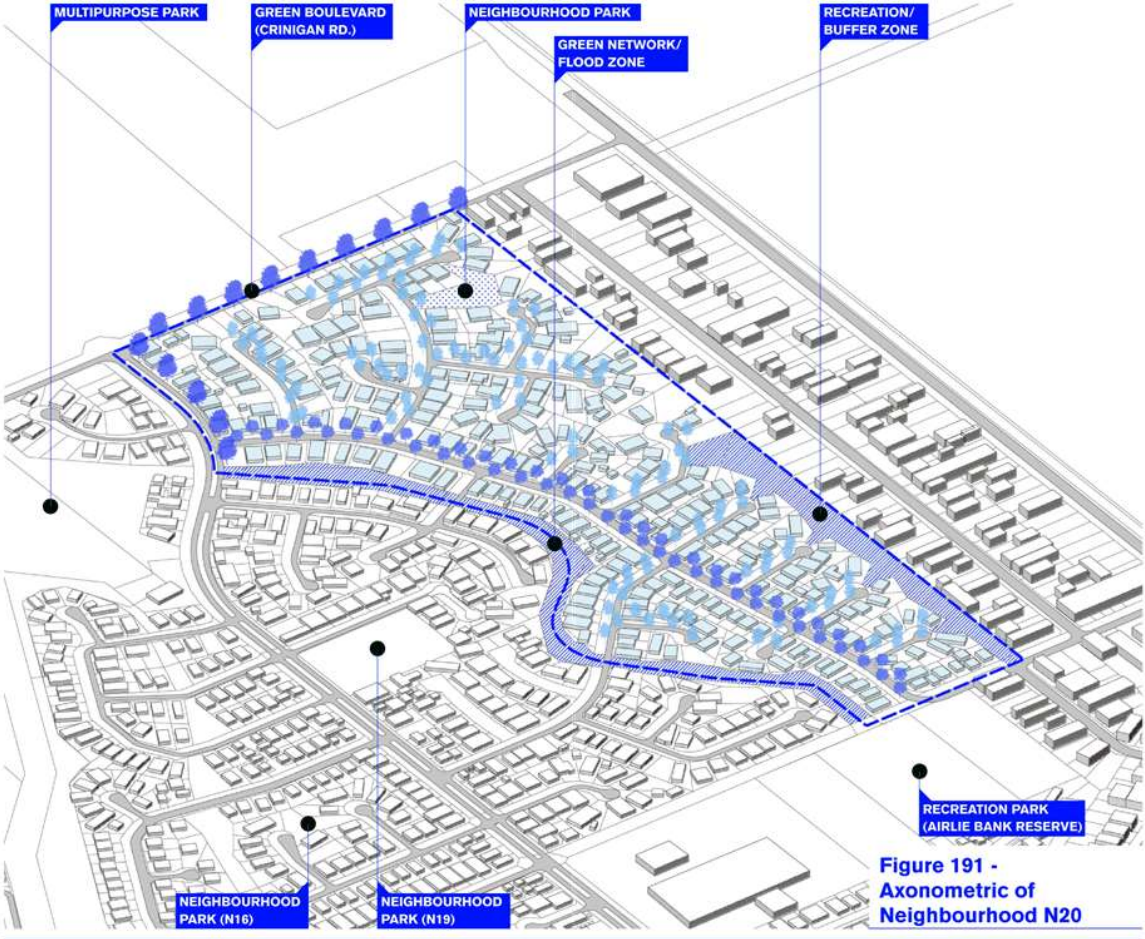
AIRLIE BANK RESERVE FLOOD ZONE



AIRLIE BANK RESERVE FLOOD ZONE







NEIGHBOURHOOD EXAMPLES



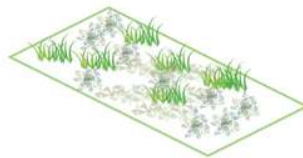
## 3.6 | NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTIVATION VACANT LOT STRATEGY

### EXISTING CONDITIONS



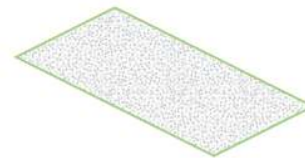
#### Lawn

A lot that has only grasses growing on it. There is little to no shade on a Lawn.



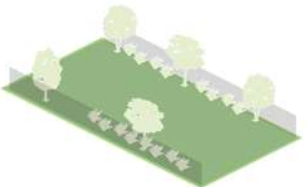
#### Ground Cover

A mix of ground cover plants, the plants don't look or feel entirely like grasses. Depending on the species growing on the lot, indicating the soil to be low on certain nutrients.



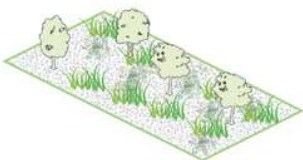
#### Bald

A Bare Lot is a lot with at least 50% of the ground bare, or only dirt. Bald Lots show us that plants are having a difficult time growing roots on them. This usually indicates lack of drainage, and in some cases highly contaminated soil.



#### Along the Fence

Shrub Along the Fence Lot has a collection of trees growing along the lot fence or boundary.



#### Mixed Green

A Mixed Green Lot is a lot with a little bit of everything—grasses, trees, maybe some remnant shrubs or even a mound or two.



STRATEGIES FOR UTILISING VACANT LOTS



3.6

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTIVATION

GARDEN TYPES

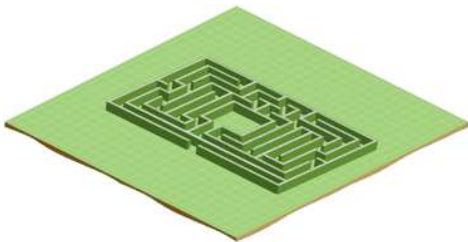
The following pages represent the possible types of gardens that can be implemented as part of Mowell the Town of Gardens.

The principals for the designs are outlines through the following categories:

- Contribution
- Social, Economic, Ecologic
- Who Implements
- Professional, Community Groups, Volunteers
- Location
- Town Centre, Neighbourhood, Outside Built Area
- Space Required
- >100 - > 2000 m2
- Upkeep
- Low, Medium, High
- Cost
- \$ - \$\$\$
- Experience Required
- Beginner, Intermediate, Advnaced
- Sun/Shade
- Sun, Part Shade, Shade
- Stormwater
- Good, Better Best

MAZE

A garden maze is typically made of vertical hedges, as dividers between passages. Historically a garden maze was not intended to confuse visitors, but allow them to wander around indirect walking paths.

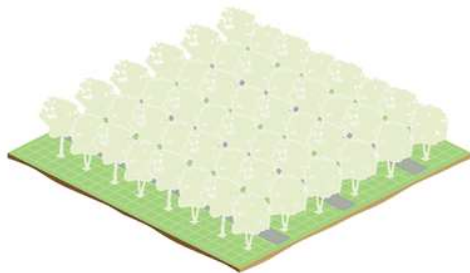


Contribution	<b>Economic</b>
Who Implements	<b>Professional</b>
Location	<b>Town Centre</b>
Space Required	<b>&gt; 2000 m<sup>2</sup></b>
Upkeep	<b>High</b>
Cost	<b>\$\$</b>
Expearence Required	<b>Advanced</b>
Sun/Shade	<b>Sun, Part Shade</b>
Stormwater	<b>Better</b>



## ORCHARD

An orchard is a planting of food producing trees or shrubs, maintained for production. They are typically laid out in a regular grid, to allow for easy maintenance and food harvest. Within a larger context they also serve an aesthetic purpose, for visitors to walk through and enjoy.



Contribution

**Economic** **Ecologic**

Who Implements

**Community Group**

Location

**Outside Built Area**

Space Required

**> 2000 m<sup>2</sup>**

Upkeep

**Medium**

Cost

**\$\$\$**

Expeirence Required

**Advanced**

Sun/Shade

**Sun, Part Shade, Shade**

Stormwater

**Best**



## ROSE GARDEN

Various rose types and species are grown in Rose Gardens. There is a great variety in designs of rose gardens, but they are almost always open to the public.



Contribution

**Social** **Economic** **Eco**

Who Implements

**Community Group**

Location

**Neighbourhood**

Space Required

**100 - 2000 m<sup>2</sup>**

Upkeep

**Medium**

Cost

**\$\$\$**

Expeirence Required

**Intermediate**

Sun/Shade

**Sun, Part Shade**

Stormwater

**Better**





## PAVILION

A free standing, light temporary or semipermanent structure that is intended for events, relaxation and recreation.



Contribution

**Social** **Economic**

Who Implements

**Volunteer**

Location

**Town Centre**

Space Required

**100 - 800 m<sup>2</sup>**

Upkeep

**Low**

Cost

**\$\$**

Expeirince Required

**Intermediate**

Sun/Shade

**Sun, Part Shade, Shade**

Stormwater

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## MEADOW

A meadow is large open grassland with ecological significance. Sunny areas that attract and support flora and fauna. In some cases supporting wildflowers which are important for bee pollination, having a positive impact of the entire eco-system.



Contribution

**Ecologic**

Who Implements

**Volunteer**

Location

**Outside Built Area**

Space Required

**> 2000 m<sup>2</sup>**

Upkeep

**Low**

Cost

**\$**

Expeirince Required

**Intermediate**

Sun/Shade

**Sun**

Stormwater

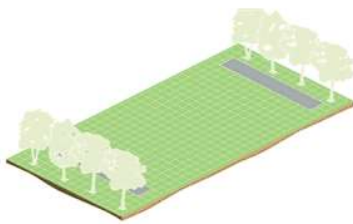
**Best**





## LAWN

A grass clearing allowing for a variety of activities to take place, e.g. unorganised sports, lounging, running, outdoor cinema and other recreation.



Contribution

**Social**

Who Implements

**Volunteer**

Location

**Neighbourhood**

Space Required

**> 800 m<sup>2</sup>**

Upkeep

**Low**

Cost

**\$**

Experience Required

**Beginner**

Sun/Shade

**Sun, Part Shade**

Stormwater

**Better**



## PLAZA

Traditionally a plaza is an open urban public space such as a square, in modern usage; a plaza is a gathering place on a street or between buildings.



Contribution

**Social**

**Economic**

Who Implements

**Professional/Community Group**

Location

**Town Centre**

Space Required

**100 - 800 m<sup>2</sup>**

Upkeep

**Medium**

Cost

**\$\$**

Experience Required

**Advanced**

Sun/Shade

**Sun, Part Shade, Shade**

Stormwater

**Good**



## ARBORETUM

An Arboretum is a botanic garden containing living collections of woody plants intended partly for scientific study.



Contribution

**Social** **Econ** **Ecologic**

Who Implements

**Professional/Volunteer**

Location

**Outside Built Area**

Space Required

**> 2000 m<sup>2</sup>**

Upkeep

**High**

Cost

**\$\$\$**

Expeirince Required

**Advanced**

Sun/Shade

**Sun, Part Shade, Shade**

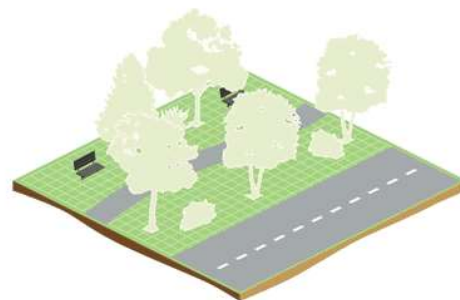
Stormwater

**Best**



## TRAIL

The trail garden is a pathway connection, leading to points of interest.



Contribution

**Social** **Econ**

Who Implements

**Volunteer**

Location

**All Locations**

Space Required

**-**

Upkeep

**Low**

Cost

**\$**

Expeirince Required

**Intermediate**

Sun/Shade

**Sun, Part Shade, Shade**

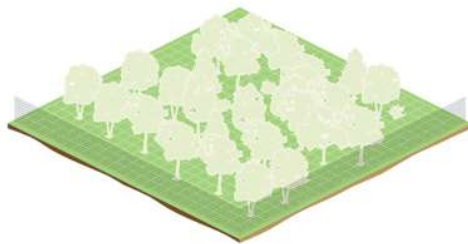
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## NATURE RESERVE

A nature reserve is a protected area of importance for wildlife, flora, fauna or features of geological or other special interest, which is reserved and managed for conservation and to provide special opportunities for study or research.



Contribution

**Ecologic**

Who Implements

**Community Group**

Location

**Outside Built Area**

Space Required

**> 2000 m<sup>2</sup>**

Upkeep

**Medium**

Cost

**\$\$**

Expeirince Required

**Advanced**

Sun/Shade

**Sun, Part Shade, Shade**

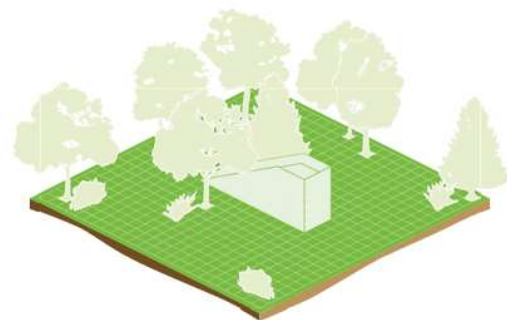
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**Best**



## LOOK OUT

A tourist attraction positioned at high altitude providing a viewing point onto the landscape.



Contribution

**Social**

**Economic**

Who Implements

**Professional**

Location

**Neighbourhood**

Space Required

**800 - 2000 m<sup>2</sup>**

Upkeep

**Low**

Cost

**\$**

Expeirince Required

**Intermediate**

Sun/Shade

**Sun, Part Shade, Shade**

Stormwater

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## POCKET PARK

A pocket park is a small park accessible to the general public. Pocket parks are frequently created on a single vacant building lot or on small, irregular pieces of land.



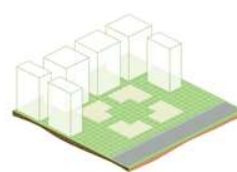
Contribution	<b>Social</b>	<b>Economic</b>
Who Implements	<b>Volunteer</b>	
Location	<b>Town Centre</b>	
Space Required	<b>100 - 800 m<sup>2</sup></b>	
Upkeep	<b>Low</b>	
Cost	<b>\$</b>	
Expeirince Required	<b>Intermediate</b>	
Sun/Shade	<b>Sun, Part Shade, Shade</b>	
Stormwater	<b>Better</b>	



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## COURT

Historically courts were used for social gatherings and great occasions. The court is enclosed by buildings and is open to the sky. Often the primary meeting place of the town.



Contribution	<b>Social</b>	<b>Economic</b>	<b>Eco</b>
Who Implements	<b>Professional/Council</b>		
Location	<b>Town Centre</b>		
Space Required	<b>100 - 800 m<sup>2</sup></b>		
Upkeep	<b>Medium</b>		
Cost	<b>\$\$</b>		
Expeirince Required	<b>Intermediate</b>		
Sun/Shade	<b>Sun, Part Shade, Shade</b>		
Stormwater	<b>Good</b>		





COMMUNITY GARDEN

A community garden is land gardened collectively by a group of people. They provide fresh produce and plants as well as satisfying labour, neighbourhood improvement, sense of community and connection to the environment.



Contribution
<b>Social</b> Economic Ecologic
Who Implements
Community Groups/Volunteers
Location
Neighbourhood
Space Required
100 - 2000 m²
Upkeep
Low - Medium
Cost
\$
Expeirince Required
Beginner
Sun/Shade
Sun, Part Shade
Stormwater
Good



COTTAGE GARDEN

Cottage gardens use informal designs, traditional materials, and a mixture of ornamental and edible plants. The cottage garden depends on grace and charm, rather than formal structure.



Contribution
Social Econ Eco
Who Implements
Community Group
Location
Neighbourhood
Space Required
100 - 800 m²
Upkeep
Low
Cost
\$
Expeirince Required
Intermediate
Sun/Shade
Sun, Part Shade
Stormwater
Better



## 3.6 NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTIVATION CASE STUDIES

### OBJECTIVES

- Community building
- Instils civic pride
- Catalyst for beautification
- Education
- Tourism
- Promotion
- Healthy living and sustainability

Similar to the build of the Morwell Centenary Rose Garden which was built through the support and volunteers from the community. The following case studies represent community and council led projects, which aim to benefit the neighbourhood they are built around, as well as the general population.

### EVENT

#### BALLARAT WINTERLUDE



#### Where:

Ballarat, Victoria

#### Objectives:

- Re-populate the street during cold winter months
- Re-invigorate local economy
- Community awareness of regional resources

#### How it's done:

A month long festival comprised of multiple events is organised with by the Ballarat Council throughout the coldest month of the year. Local business owners, creative communities and regional farmers are brought together to celebrate the region as a fertile and developing resource. The installation of an ice-skating rink assists to draw in the public.

#### Outcomes:

Laneways and cellars will come to life with intriguing lights, illuminations, food carts and musicians, go foraging and feasting at local farms, cook up your own storm at cooking classes featuring the region's best produce. There'll also be cultural wanderings with enticing exhibitions and shows to round out your Winterlude experience.

#### More Info:

<http://www.visitballarat.com.au/winterlude>



## INTERVENTION

### RE : START



#### Where:

Christchurch, New Zealand

#### Objectives:

- Re-populate Christchurch CBD after earthquake
- Re-invigorate tourism industry
- Represent local and big business to boost economic activity

#### How it's done:

Shipping containers are used to fast forward activity as people needed to be encouraged back into the CBD as soon as possible. Re:START has grown steadily over the past three years, increasing from 27 businesses at the opening in October 2011, to well over 50 businesses today. In addition there are market stalls, street performers and buskers.

#### Outcomes:

The Re:START container mall was born from the need to breathe new life into the Christchurch central city, following the devastating earthquake February, 2011. It showcases local and international brands and companies to strengthen activity within the city centre.

#### More Info:

<http://restart.org.nz/>

## EVENT

### THE BOULEVARD LIGHTS - IVANHOE



#### Where:

Victoria, Australia

#### Objectives:

- Celebration/event
- Light shows that engage residents and visitors alike
- Walkable neighbourhoods

#### How it's done:

Residents decorate their houses, gardens and windows along the Boulevard with illuminating displays of lights, nativity scenes and everything Christmas.

#### Outcomes:

Creating an event within residential neighbourhoods, that is walkable, attracts visitors, and strengthens community ties.

#### More Info:

<http://www.banyule.vic.gov.au/Arts-and-Events/Boulevard-Lights>

### 3.7 MORWELL TOWN OF GARDENS COMMUNITY ORIENTED RENEWAL

A part of the goal of this Revitalisation Plan is establishing Morwell as a town of interconnected gardens. This involves developing spaces, community facilities, commercial space and cultural facilities that provide local residents and workers with a day-to-day useful and enjoyable green network whilst and improving the visitor experience of the town.

A Healthy Town



A Sustainable Town



A Tourist Town



A Beautiful Town



Events



Employment





Beyond the individual parklets that make the diverse gardens in Morwell, the street connections between them will be considered to create a holistic green/blue network. The interconnected green network that establishes Morwell as a town of garden will support a wide range of activities and stakeholders and develop Morwell as a diverse and supportive community. The town of gardens works on multiple scales and treats entire neighbourhoods as intersecting garden corridors, at times appearing to be part of the streetscape but leading to and opening up into broader fields of green.

### **A SUSTAINABLE GARDEN NETWORK**

The garden system works to activate existing green and open space, renew neighbourhood street scapes and reconnect them as a green network. Whilst generating new and diverse spaces, existing, under-functioning open space will become thoroughfares and re-activated as destinations along the way. This not only re-connects the town to active green and blue networks, but establishes eco-corridors and immediate access to productive gardens.

### **A TOURIST GARDEN NETWORK:**

The integrated blue and green network with gardens dispersed throughout will give a positive image and become attractive to tourists and visitors. Not only will it invite access and exploration through the town but will also expose visitors to the local character, shifting the town's identity by reconnecting positive characteristics of its industrial heritage.

### **A LIVEABLE GARDEN NETWORK:**

A shared pathway network for pedestrians, joggers, children and cyclists provides fun, safe & alternative ways to get around Morwell, that are not oriented around roads and driving. These new public thoroughfares improve liveability by increasing the resident's proximity and access to different kind environments. Less dependence on cars increases the individual's freedom of mobility and generates more aware and connected communities.

### 3.7 | MORWELL TOWN OF GARDENS STRENGTHENING EXISTING GARDENS

#### MORWELL GARDENS

The town of Morwell has a range of existing garden assets providing, among them, a great range of activities and facilities, and connecting back to a strong heritage of gardening. In some places, strengthening

these assets and providing physical connections between them would allow their activates and benefits to extend out into the community.

#### MORWELL CENTENARY ROSE GARDEN

**Location:**

Maryvale Crescent, Morwell

**Site Information:**

Established on a previously disused former railway cutting, the Rose Garden's site was made available by council, and through the efforts of volunteers.

**Year Built:**

A Community Steering Committee, made up of volunteer citizens was appointed in February 1992. The gardens were opened in November 1992.

**Maintenance:**

Friends of the Rose Garden Volunteers maintain the site.

**Current Conditions:**

The garden proudly showcases about 3000 roses in manicured beds edged with paving stones, complementing the magnificence of the entire garden.

This community project is a continuing work undertaken by the "Friends of the Rose Garden", volunteers and sponsors with the generous support of Latrobe City Council.



## LA MODE FACTORY GROUNDS EDNA WALLING

### Location:

Church Street, Morwell

### Site Information:

Edna Margaret Walling is one of Australia's most influential landscape designers. She designed the landscape compounds of La Mode factory, Church Street.

### Year Built:

1946

### Maintenance:

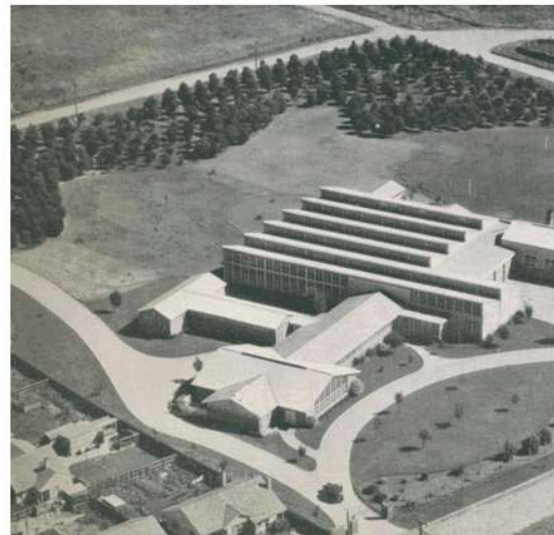
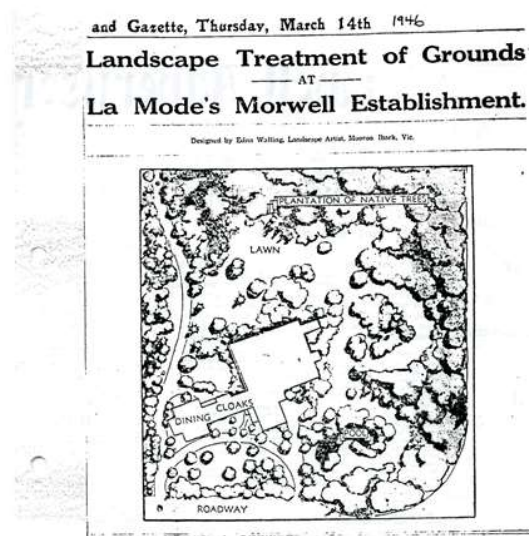
### Current Conditions:

The La Mode garden is dis-used and in need of restoration works.

### More Information:

Edna Walling made landscape drawing into an art form. Her plans are now treasured as works of art; just as her few remaining gardens are highly valued.

Edna Walling's legacy was to encourage a more relaxed style of gardening and through this she found her way into the hearts of generations of gardeners throughout Australia.





## 3.7 | MORWELL TOWN OF GARDENS PLANTING PALETTE

### Ground Covers

#### Chrysocephalum apiculatum **YELLOW BUTTONS**



This ground cover has glaucous foliage which provide a colour contrast among other ground covering plants. Yellow flowers appear in late spring to summer.

**Native, Perennial**  
**Maturity Dimensions**  
Height - 0.4m  
Width- 1m

**Plant Ref:** CAyb

#### Myoporum Parvifolium



#### Creeping Boobiallia

Native, dense low matting groundcover that makes a great weed suppressant. Prostrate shrub with glossy green leaves. A mass of white small flowers appear along the stems in Spring and throughout summer. These flowers are lightly honey scented and waxy. Fast growing and low maintenance, Myoporum is a great choice for bank stabilisation, is fire retardant and for coastal sites.

#### Indigenous, Perennial

#### Maturity Dimensions

Height - Under 15cm  
Width- 1-2m

**Recommended Density:** 2/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** Cm

#### Grevillea **BRONZE RAMBLER**



Sprawling shrub which drapes over the ground plane, colouring it with its red flowers that are present throughout most of the year.

#### Native, Perennial

#### Maturity Dimensions

Height - 0.3m  
Width- 4m

**Plant Ref:** Gbr

#### Convolvulus cneorum **CONVOLVUS**



This useful ground cover, Convolvulus cneorum thrives in dry and exposed sites with silver foliage and pretty white, pink-tinged flowers in summer.

#### Exotic, Perennial

#### Maturity Dimensions

Height - 0.3m  
Width- 4m

**Plant Ref:** Cc

#### Convolvulus Sabatius



#### Convolvulus

A very dense and compact form of this universally popular ground cover. It's often utilised for low maintenance areas due to its tough characteristics. Masses of soft lavender blue flowers are freely produced from late spring through to autumn.

#### Evergreen

#### Maturity Dimensions

Height - 0.1-1m  
Width- 2m

**Recommended Density:** 6/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** Cm

#### Myoporum parvifolium **MYOPORUM**



Fast-growing groundcover with green or purple leaf forms. Masses of white flowers throughout the year. Frost tolerant.

#### Indigenous, Perennial

#### Maturity Dimensions

Height - 0.2m  
Width- 1-4m

**Plant Ref:** Mp

#### Thymus sp. **COMMON THYME**



Best known for its aromatic foliage that comes in green, golden, silver and variegated colors.

#### [Exotic]

#### Maturity Dimensions

Height - 0.3m  
Width- 0.4m

**Plant Ref:** Ty

#### Brachyscome Multifida **CUT LEAF DAISY**



Tall or large headed daisy, robust. Flowers come in lilac blue, mauve, pink and white. Leaves on low, hairy stem. Butterfly attracting, useful for soil bindings. Has a spreads of up to about 1.5m

#### Indigenous, Perennial

#### Maturity Dimensions

Height - 0.25m  
Width- 0.4m

**Plant Ref:** Sb



## Grasses

*Festuca glauca*

### BLUE FESCUE



Stout evergreen grass with needle like blue / green foliage.

**Exotic, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.25m

Width- 0.25m

**Plant Ref:** FGbf

*Lomandra confertifolia*

### LOMANDRA



Extremely hardy to drought, this variety of lomandra are half the height of 'longifolia' with more concealed flowers also.

**Native, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.5m

Width- 0.7m

**Plant Ref:** LCL

*Poa labillardieri*

### COMMON TUSsock GRASS 'Kingsdale'



Similar to 'Courtney' although has a much bluer leaf blade and works well in contrast. It is short in height than 'Eskdale' as well.

**Native, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.4m

Width- 0.4m

**Plant Ref:** PLctgK

*Themeda triandra*

### KANGAROO GRASS



Kangaroo grass is best known for its seed heads that remain after flowering has finished. For this reason has become widely recognised in the Australian Landscape.

**Native, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 1m

Width- 0.5m

**Plant Ref:** TTkg

*Carex Albula*

### CURLY SEDGE



Tufting, silvery-green narrow leaved grass-like perennial with a cascading and mounding habit. Great mass planted around ponds and water features as it tolerates boggy sites. Very versatile as this carex is also drought tolerant.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.3-0.6m

Width- 0.6m

**Recommended Density:** 10/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** LLmr

*Ophiopogon japonicus*

### MONDO GRASS



Fine dark green glossy foliage, and chosen for this reason rather than flowers, as they are hidden to the naked eye.

**Exotic, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.2m

Width- 0.15m

**Plant Ref:** OJmg

*Carex Testacea*

### Orange Sedge



Popular sedge from New Zealand with a weeping habit and distinctive orange and green coloured grass-like foliage. Summer flowers are brown and appear on spikes above the foliage. Grows approx 40cm x W 40cm and is drought and salt-spray tolerant. Widely used in domestic and commercial landscapes.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.3-0.6m

Width- 0.3-0.6m

**Recommended Density:** 10/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** Cm

*Dianella Longifolia*

### SMOOTH FLAX LILLY



Grows in most soil conditions in full sun or part shade. Fast growing, hardy and drought tolerant. Flowers spring to autumn.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.5-1m

Width- 1m

**Recommended Density:** 5/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** Cm

*Carex oshimensis*

### CAREX EVEREST



Carex Everest is an vigorous mound-forming evergreen ornamental grass that provides a groundcover solution for courtyard and patio areas. Its distinctive silvery-white and dark green striped foliage is a refreshing colour combination that is easy to mix with other plants. Flowers are not showy and appear late spring and summer and do not detract from the clean appearance of the plant.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.3-0.6m

Width- 0.3-0.6m

**Recommended Density:** 10/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** Jf

*Poa Poiformis*

### COASTAL TUSsock GRASS



Dense, tufting native perennial with blue-grey foliage. Green-purple clustered spikelets of inflorescences appear in Spring and throughout Summer.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 1m

Width- 1m

**Recommended Density:** 10/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** Jf

## Trees

### Lagerstromia Cultivars



A very popular and easy to grow shrub/ small tree with an open, rounded habit. Depending on your needs, Lagerstroemias can be pruned as either a single trunked tree or a bushy multi-stemmed shrub. Widely used in cooler climates, year round interest includes an attractive truck, autumnal colour change and beautiful summer blooms.

**Indigenous, Deciduous**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 4-10m

Width- 2-4m

**Plant Ref:** Cm

### Tristaniopsis Laurina



**Water Gum**

A small to medium Australian native tree that can be used for screening or hedging. Frequently used as a street tree and planted under power lines because it is easy to prune to contain size. A mass of yellow fragrant flowers in summer with a smooth pale bark that sheds in strips add to the appeal. A great choice for coastal plantings.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.5-1m

Width- 1m

**Plant Ref:** Cm

### Arbutus unedo



**IRISH STRAWBERRY**

Evergreen, tall shrub to small tree. Flowers resemble Lillies of the Valley in autumn, followed by strawberry like fruit which ripens from green/yellow and red giving a multi- coloured effect. (Exotic)

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 6m

Width- 2.5m

**Plant Ref:** Au

### Ulmus Parvifolia



**Chinese Elm**

A popular and versatile deciduous tree with smooth bark and a vigorous upright habit that weeps with age. Growing to approx 10m tall x 4m wide, foliage is dark green with small leaves changing to golden in Autumn. Great for windbreaks, coastal conditions and hedging.

**Exotic, Semi-Deciduous**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 4-10m

Width- 4-10m

**Plant Ref:** Cm

### Elaeocarpus Reticulatus



**Blueberry Ash**

A popular medium evergreen Australian native tree commonly known as the Blueberry Ash. A versatile tree which can be used from small gardens through to streetscapes and is great for hedging or screening, producing clusters of pale pink flowers in spring through to early summer and growing up to 7-9m high.

**Indigenous, Evergreen**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 4-10m

Width- 2-4m

**Plant Ref:** Cm

## Shrubs

### Carpobrotus Modestus



**PIG FACE**

Grows in a range of conditions and soil types, in full sun to part-shade. Fast growing, flowers in spring and summer.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.2m

Width- 1m

**Recommended**

**Density:** 6/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** Cm

### Dianella Revoluta



**BLUE FLAX LILLY**

This is a native Flax Lily with compact blue foliage. This makes a great, low growing garden border or mass planting choice. It is complemented with masses of pretty blue/yellow flowers from September to November.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.6m

Width- 0.5m

**Recommended**

**Density:** 8/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** Cm

### Dodonea Viscosa



**STICKY HOP BUSH**

Drought tolerant indigenous shrub. Requires annual clipping to maintain density and size. Can grow in semishade.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 1-3m

Width- 1-3m

**Recommended**

**Density:** 1/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** Cm

### Goodenia Ovata



**HOP GOODENIA**

Glossy, green leaved open shrub with yellow flowers in Spring. Fast growing, responds well to hard pruning.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 1m

Width- 1.5m

**Recommended**

**Density:** 8-10/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** Go

### Anigozanthos



**KANGAROO PAW Bush**

A taller variety of kangaroo paw with rusty yellow flowers on branching red stems up to 1m.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 1m

Width- 0.5m

**Recommended**

**Density:** 4-6/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** AkpBH



Hardenbergia Violacea



#### NATIVE SARSPARILLA

With blue grey foliage and violet purple pea-shaped flowers that occur from late winter to early spring.

**Indigenous, Perennial**  
**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.5m  
Width - 0.5m

**Recommended Density:** 4-6/m<sup>2</sup>  
**Plant Ref:** Cm

Veronica Perfolita



#### DIGGERS SPEEDWELL

Moderately drought and waterlogging tolerant. Flowers in spring. Low maintenance, Indigenous.

**Indigenous, Perennial**  
**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.8m  
Width - 1m

**Recommended Density:** 8-10/m<sup>2</sup>  
**Plant Ref:** Cm

Limonium Perezii



#### PERENNIAL STATICE

Glossy green leaved perennial which tolerates direct salt spray and harsh conditions. Mass plant to make the most of the little white flowers with bright purple-blue calyces. Statice flowers over a long period and is very low maintenance.

**Exotic, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**  
Height - 0.3-0.6m  
Width - 0.3-0.6m

**Recommended Density:** 8-10/m<sup>2</sup>  
**Plant Ref:** Cm

Tulbaghia Violacea



#### SOCIETY GARLIC

This very hardy, clumping Tulbaghia has fine blue-grey grass-like foliage striped with cream down its entire length. The effect is a silvery mound which rises to about 30cm in height. Silver Lace is long flowering - from spring all the way through to late autumn (and into winter in warmer zones). Has a strong garlic odour if foliage is bruised.

**Exotic, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**  
Height - 0.3m  
Width - 0.6m

**Recommended Density:** 8-10/m<sup>2</sup>  
**Plant Ref:** Cm

Kleinia Mandraliscae



#### BLEU CHALKSTICKS

Very drought tolerant. Best in full sun but can tolerate some shade. This plant is grown for its attractive leaves rather than the flowers.

**Exotic, Perennial**  
**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.4m  
Width - 0.75m

**Recommended Density:** 8-10/m<sup>2</sup>  
**Plant Ref:** Cm

Correa



#### Dusky Bells

Native prostrate ground cover with dusky pink, fuchsia shaped tubular flowers from Autumn to Spring. Deep green leaves when crushed have a citrus scent.

**Indigenous, Perennial**  
**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.45m  
Width - 2m

**Recommended Density:** 2-3/m<sup>2</sup>  
**Plant Ref:** Ja

Sedum 'Autumn Joy'



#### Ice Plant

Clump forming herbaceous perennial. Great Sedum for cooler climates. Dark green clump of fleshy leaves which produce clusters of pink flowers reminiscent of broccoli flowers in Autumn. Unusual flower that changes colour as the season progresses. Wonderful low water usage choice for borders, rockeries and containers.

**Indigenous, Perennial**  
**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.3-0.6m  
Width - 0.3-0.6m

**Recommended Density:** 6-8/m<sup>2</sup>  
**Plant Ref:** Cm

Correa Alba



#### Costal Correa

Dense, grey foliated native shrub with a rounded habit. White, star-shaped flowers appear in late winter and spring. Grows to approximately 2m in height. Used widely coastal gardens - tolerates salt spray and for hedging.

**Indigenous, Perennial**  
**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 1.5m  
Width - 1.5m

**Recommended Density:** 1/m<sup>2</sup>  
**Plant Ref:** Cm

Melaleuca Thymifolia



#### Thyme-Leaf Honey-Myrtle

Grows best with regular moisture. Regular pruning will maintain density. Flowers late winter to early summer.

**Indigenous, Perennial**  
**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 1m  
Width - 0.5m

**Recommended Density:** 2/m<sup>2</sup>  
**Plant Ref:** Jf

## Shrubs

*Patersonia umbrosa* var. *xanthina*

### YELLOW FLAG IRIS



The only yellow Patersonia. Forms yellow flowers in summer months above ribbon foliage.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.6m

Width- 0.4m

**Recommended**

**Density:** 6-8/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** PUvXyfi

*Orthrosanthus laxus*

### MORNING IRIS 'Dwarf'



Plant forming neat tufts to around 20cm high. From mid spring through summer, flower spikes appear just above foliage and open to reveal lovely sky blue flowers.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.2m

Width- 0.2m

**Recommended**

**Density:** 6-8/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** OLmi

*Patersonia occidentalis*

### NATIVE IRIS



A true native Iris, is well know to the temperate climate of Australia. Forms purple flowers in summer months above ribbon foliage.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.6m

Width- 0.4m

**Recommended**

**Density:** 6-8/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** POni

*Melaluca Incana*

### Grey Honey-Myrtle



Tolerates saline soils. Needs annual pruning to rejuvenate. Very drought and waterlogging tolerant. Flowers spring and early summer. Should only be planted where there is sufficient space.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 2m

Width- 2m

**Recommended**

**Density:** 1/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** Jf

*Kniphofia*

### Red Hot Pokers



Does best in moist soils in full sun but will tolerate some drought and shade. Flowers in winter

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 1m

Width- 0.6m

**Recommended**

**Density:** 6-8/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** Cm

*Chrysocephalum Semipapposum*

### Clustered Everlasting



A dense perennial herb with grey narrow foliage and small yellow flower clusters on erect stems, occurring from October to May. A tight clumping tussock that will tolerate dry to moist situations.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.5m

Width- 0.3m

**Recommended**

**Density:** 6-8/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** Go

## Seasonal Flowers

*Calendula officinalis*

### COMMON MARIGOLD



*Calendula officinalis* is a short-lived aromatic herbaceous perennial, growing to 80 cm (31 in) tall, with sparsely branched lax or erect stems.

**Exotic, Annual**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.8m

Width- 0.6m

**Plant Ref:** CoCm

*Salvia viridis*

### SALVIA BLUE MONDAY



Combining perfectly with taller annuals such as sweetpeas and foxgloves,. Growing to 30cm high, the blue bracts stand proud and put on a spectacular display in spring. Also make an ideal cut flower.

**Exotic, Annual**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.3m

Width- 0.1m

**Plant Ref:** CoCm

*Swainsona formosa*

### STURT'S DESERT PEA



Sturt's Desert Pea, is an Australian plant in the genus *Swainsona*, named after English botanist Isaac Swainson, famous for its distinctive blood-red leaf-like flowers, each with a bulbous black centre, or "boss". It is one of Australia's best known wildflowers.

**Native, Annual**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.15m

Width- 2m

**Plant Ref:** CoCm

*Delphinium cardinale*

### DELPHINIUM



The quintessential cottage garden annual that is still much adored by gardeners today. Dark and light blue, and white.

**Exotic, Annual**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.7m

Width- 0.4m

**Plant Ref:** CoCm

*Meconopsis betonicifolia*

### BLUE HIMALAYAN POPPY



Planted en masse this legendary blue poppy is a breath-taking sight to behold. For cool climate gardens with moist soils and summers below 30 degrees.

**Exotic, Annual**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.2m

Width- 0.1m

**Plant Ref:** CoCm



*Eschscholzia californica*



#### CALIFORNIAN POPPY

Delightful bicolour yellow and orange flowers are easy to grow and bring a splash of sunshine into the garden.

**Exotic, Annual**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.3m

Width- 0.2m

**Plant Ref:** CoCm

*Heliotropium arborescens*



#### CHERRY PIE PURPLE HEIRLOOM

A wonderful vanilla scented shrub flowering nearly all year round. Frost sensitive

**Exotic, Evergreen**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.15m

Width - 0.15m

**Plant Ref:** CoCm

*Campanula medium*



#### CANTERBURY BELLS BLUE

One of the prettiest blues for cut flowers, Canterbury Bells is an old-fashioned favorite of experienced gardeners because they flower through mid-summer and are spectacular in a mixed border.

**Exotic, Annual**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.7m

Width- 0.4m

**Plant Ref:** CoCm

*Aquilegia flabellata*



#### COLUMBINE CAMEO

Native to Japan, this charming columbine is one of the first to flower, over a compact mound of blue-green foliage. Flowers of a central white cup, backed by bright pink petals adorned with large recurved spurs.

**Exotic, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.5m

Width- 0.4m

**Plant Ref:** CoCm

*Nepeta x faassenii*



#### CATMINT 'WALKER'S LOW'

The classic edging plant for the flower border, and at home beneath old roses. This long flowering, vigorous ground cover provides months of colour, and it's beautiful blue flowers attract beneficial insects to the garden. After the initial spring flowering fades, clip to the ground; the refreshed plants will repeat flower throughout summer and autumn. A long flowering, vigorous ground cover ideal for edging in sunny spots.

**Exotic, Annual**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.6m

Width- 0.6m

**Plant Ref:** CoCm

*Agrostemma githago*



#### CORN COCKLE OCEAN PEARL

Pale silver flowers dance gracefully in the summer breeze. Combines beautifully with other cottage annuals such as cosmos and cornflowers and makes a stunning long lasting cut flower.

**Exotic, Annual**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.8m

Width- 0.4m

**Plant Ref:** CoCm

*Rhodanthe chlorocephala*



#### NATIVE EVERLASTING DAISY

Dappled shades of pink and white are so easy to raise. Naturalises and perfect for drying as ever-lasting flowers.

**Native, Annual**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.6m

Width- 0.4m

**Plant Ref:** CoCm

*Cerinthe major*



#### CERINTHE PURPLE

Pendulous purple-blue flowers that last for months. The foliage is also appealing, turning from grey to mauve.

**Exotic, Annual**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.7m

Width- 0.6m

**Plant Ref:** CoCm

*Artemisia arborescens*



#### WORMWOOD

A compact low mound as dense as mercury that provides the perfect foliage contrast to all cottage flowers. Tolerant of high winds and salt spray, Powis Castle makes an effective hedge: an annual hard prune during spring will keep it a compact cloud.

**Exotic, Evergreen**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.6m

Width- 1m

**Plant Ref:** CoCm

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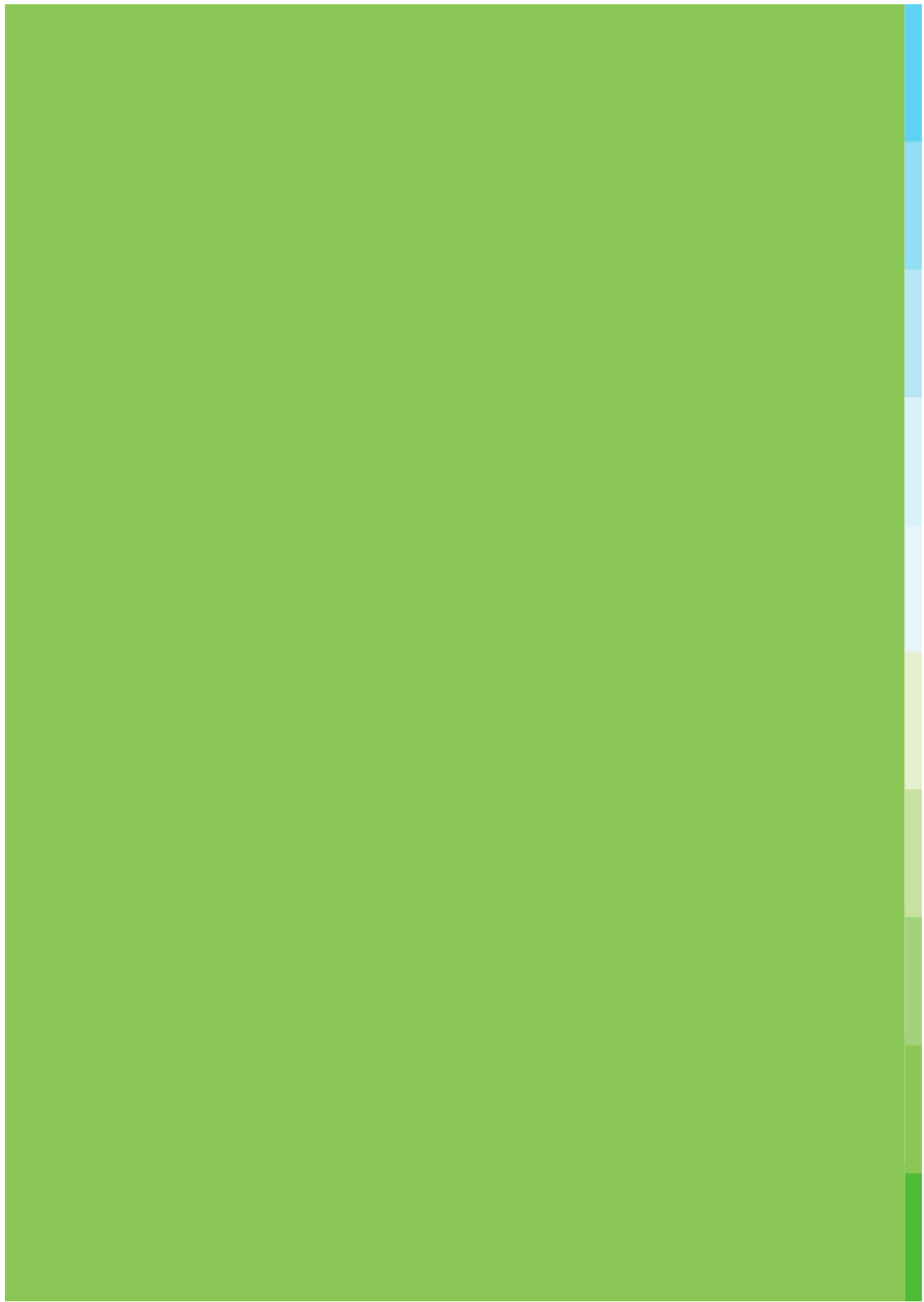
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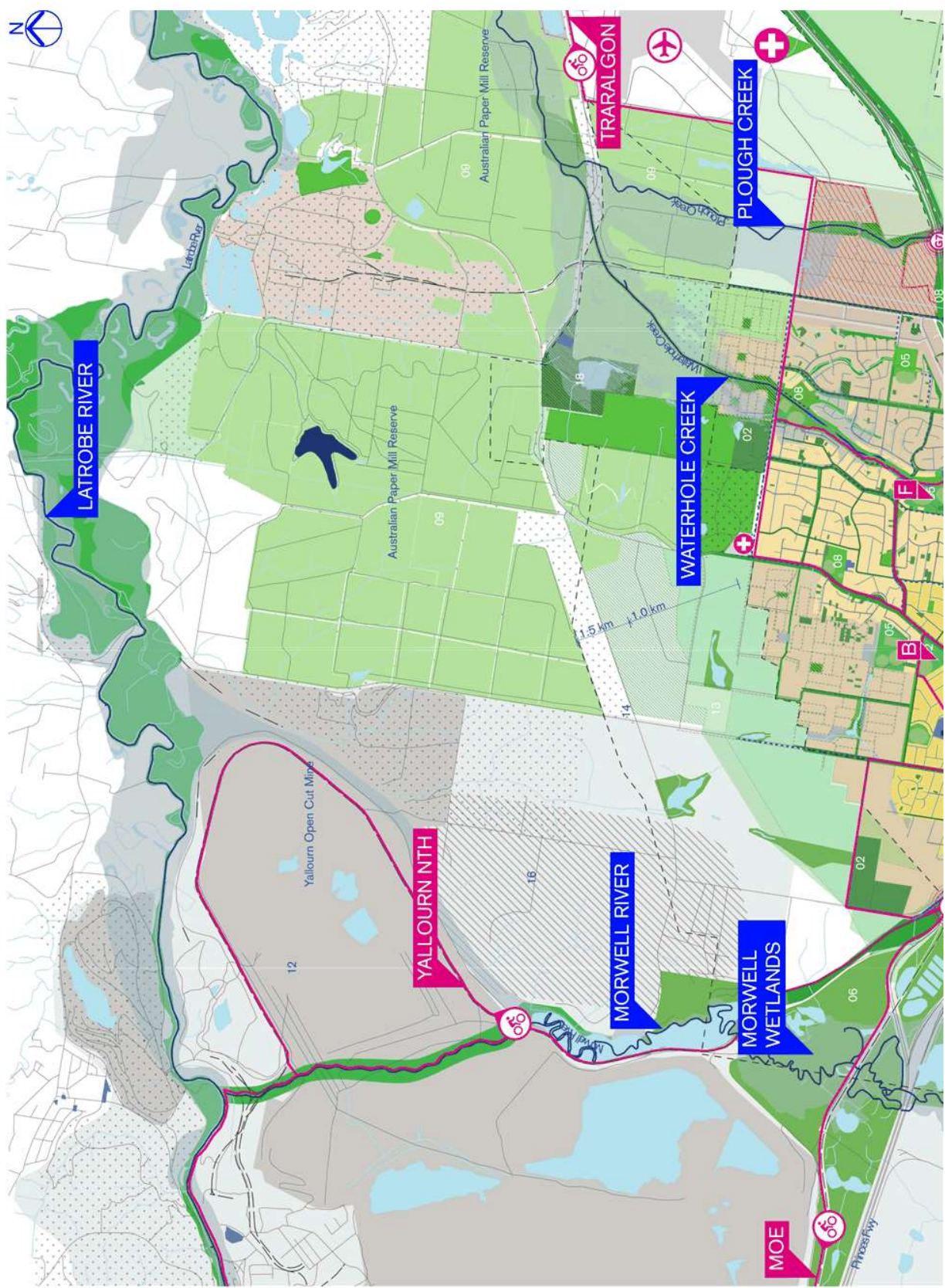
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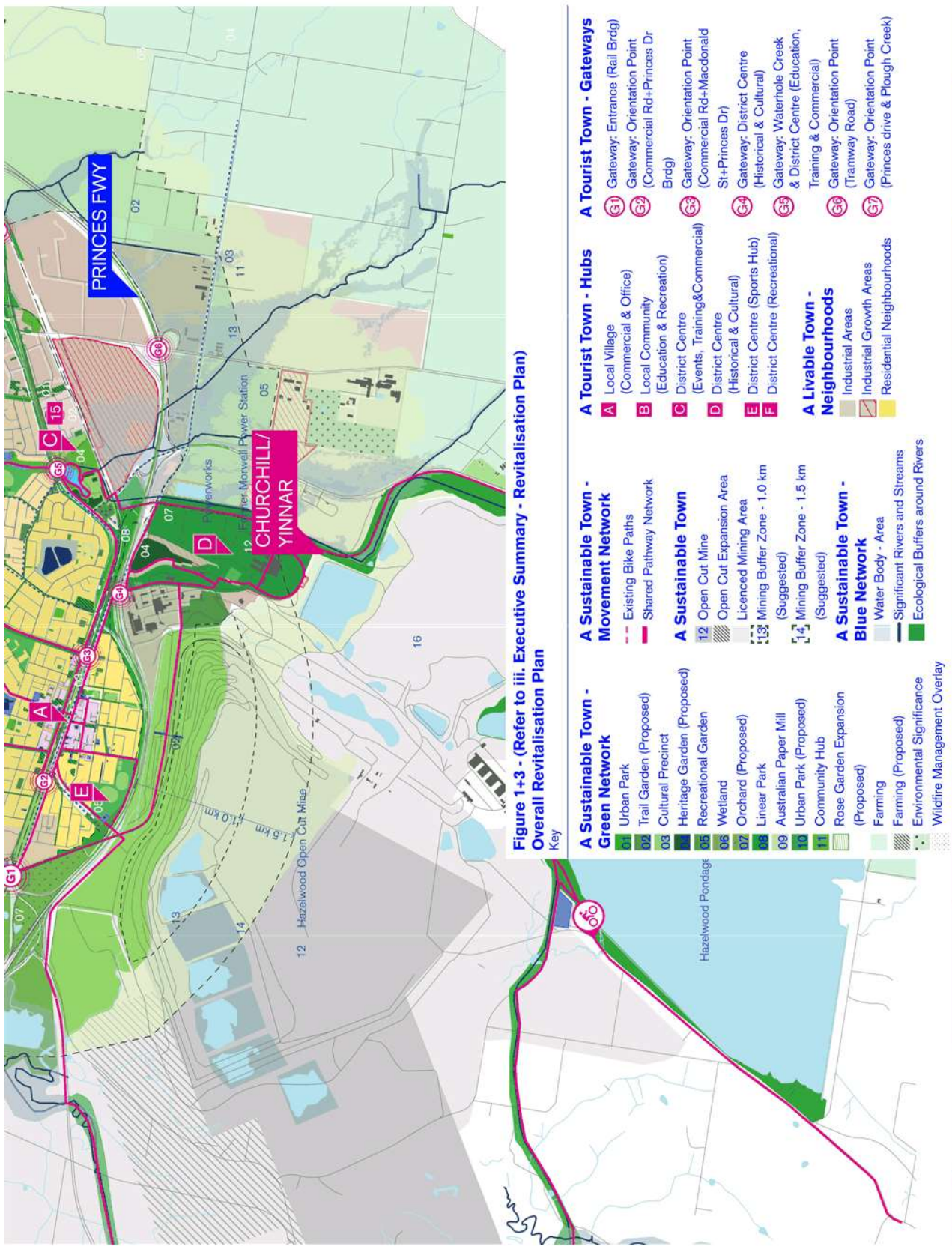
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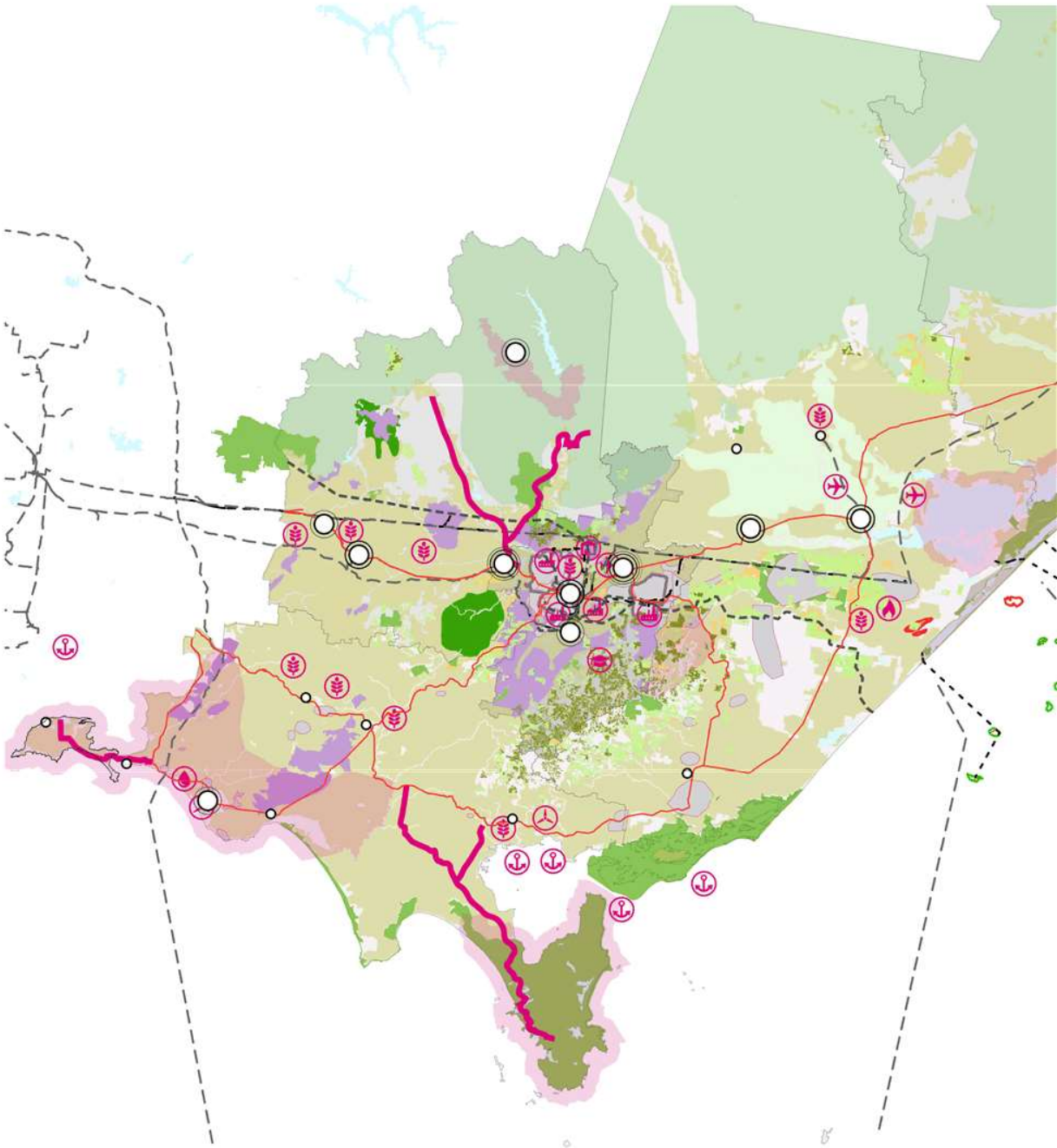
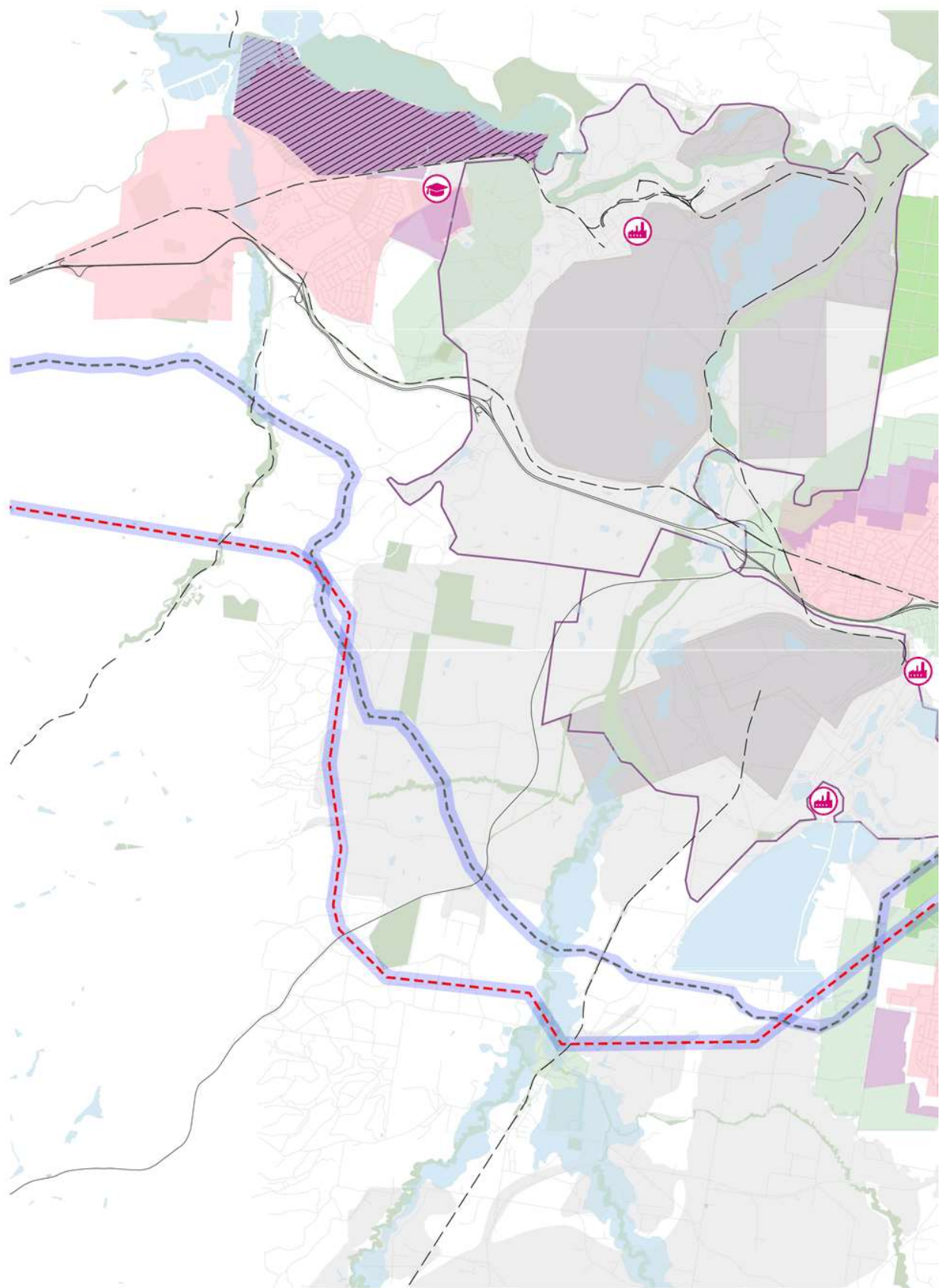






Figure 3 - (Refer to 1.3 Revitalisation Plan - Regional Planning Context)  
Regional Growth - Infrastructure and Natural Resources

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➔ Key Road Corridors	Rock/Sand/Gravel	--- Gas/Oil Pipeline	🏭 Australian Paper Mill
• Settlement	Horticulture	🚢 Port	🎓 University
Infrastructure + Resources			
Coal Reserve	Forestry	✈️ Airport	Natural Resources
HVP Softwood Plantation	Pasture - Irrigations	🍷 Food Production Hub	
HVP Hardwood Plantation	Pasture - Dryland	💧 Desalination Plant	
Oil	Linkage to Key Tourist Routes	🔥 Gas Plant	
Gas	Significant Tourism Assets	⚡ Power Station	
	Electricity Transmission Line	🌪️ Wind Farm	Linkage to Key Tourist Routes
			Significant Tourism Assets
			Forest Reserves
			High Value Terrestrial Habitat
			Lakes





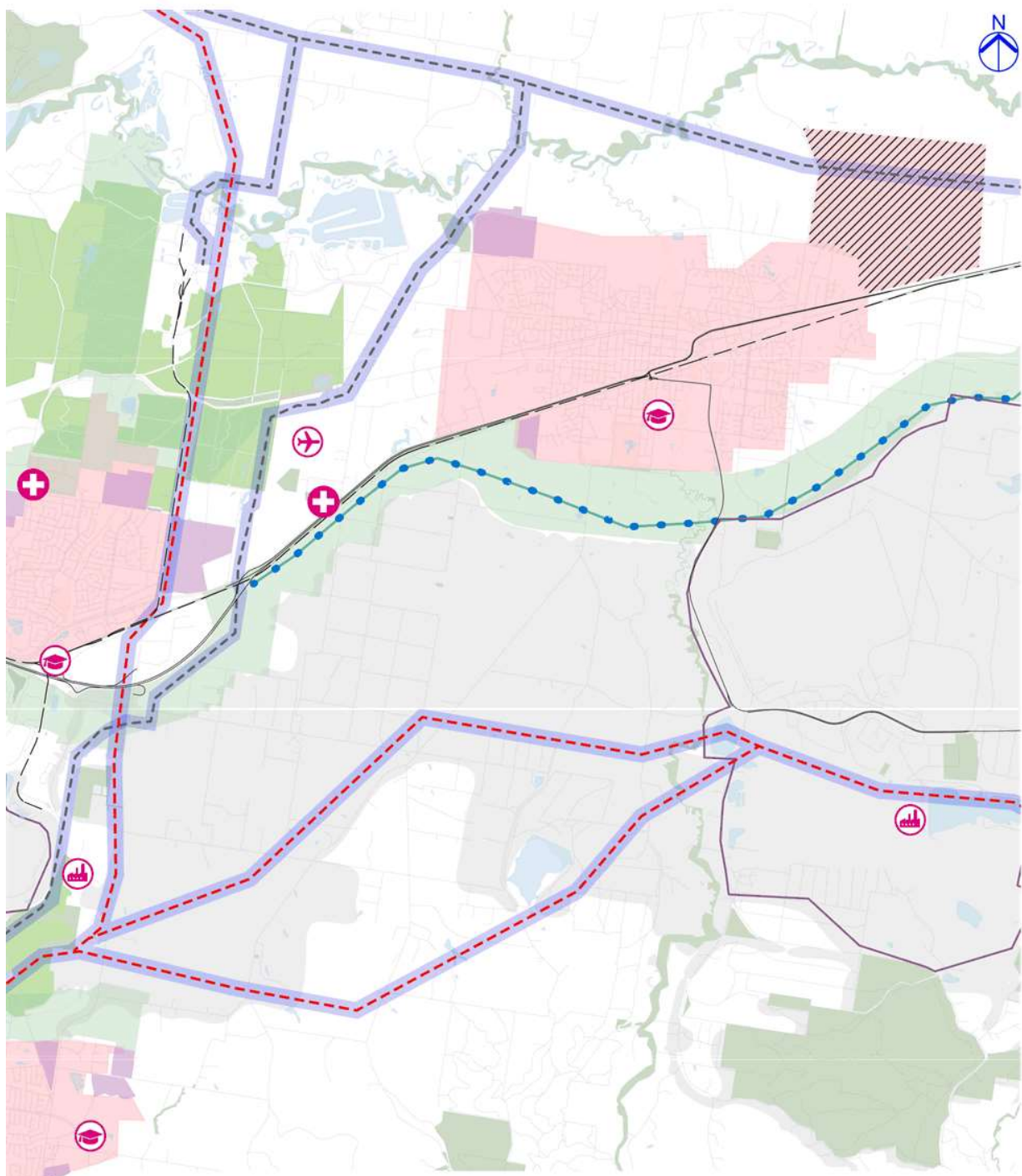
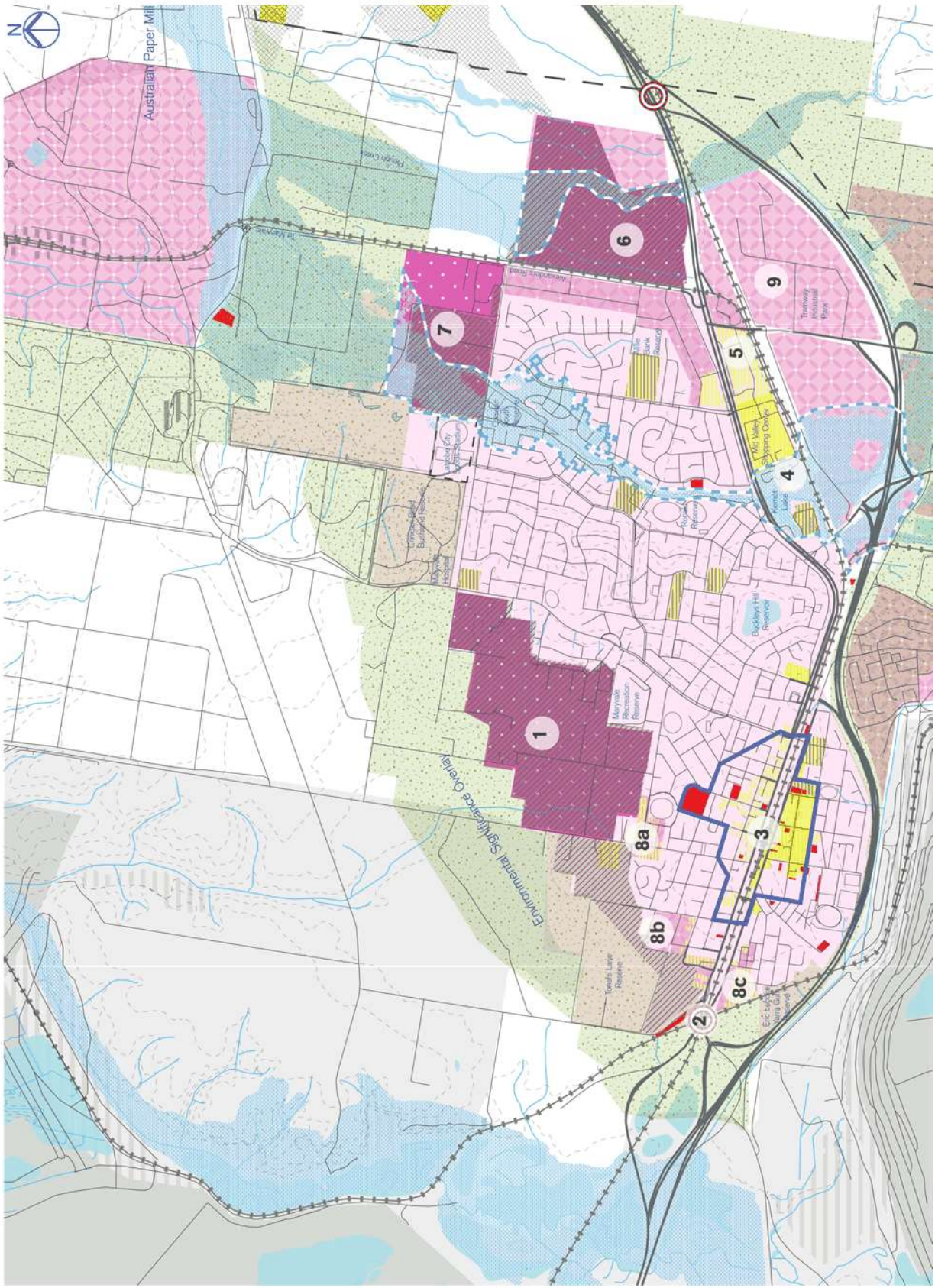


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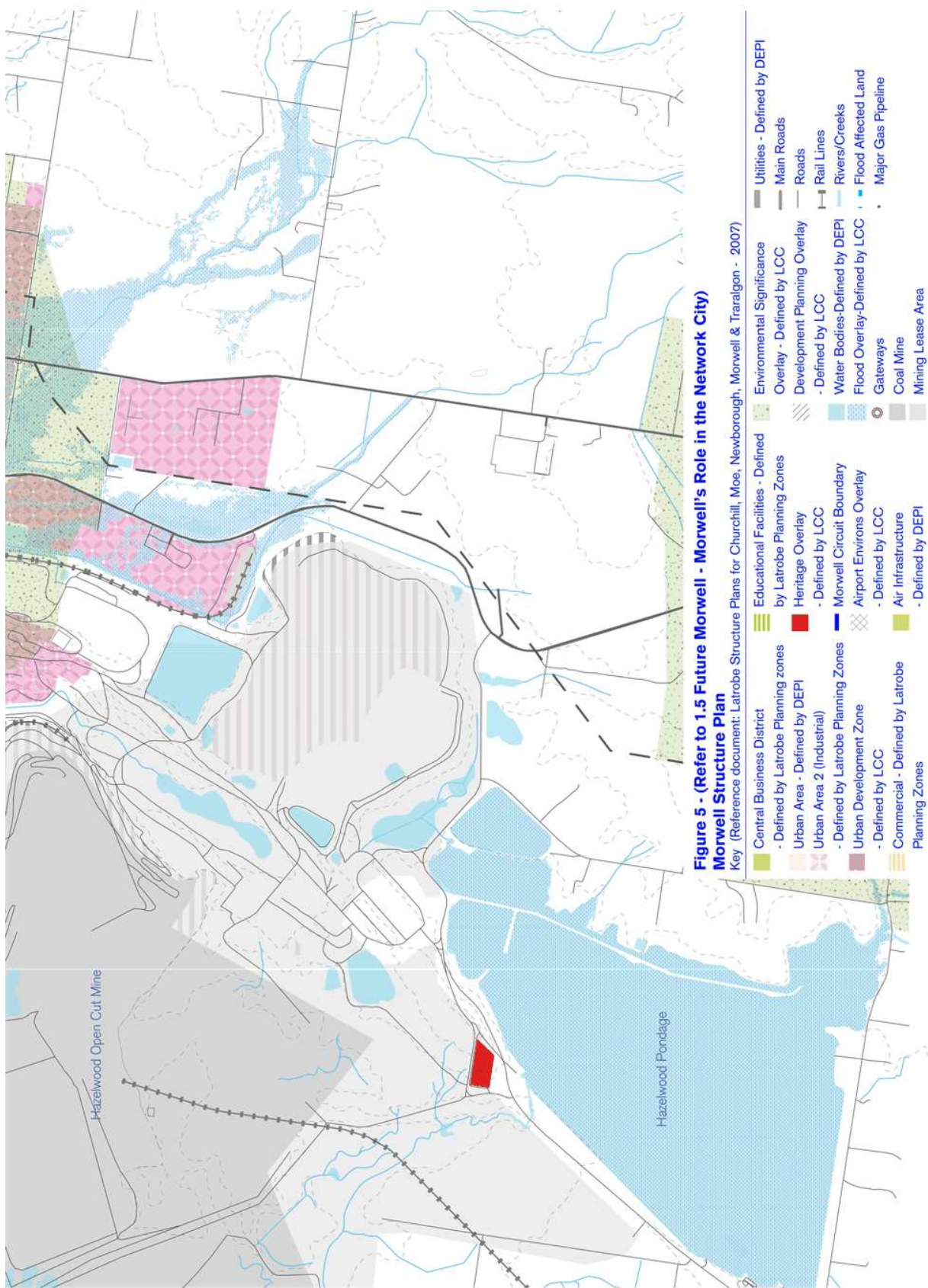
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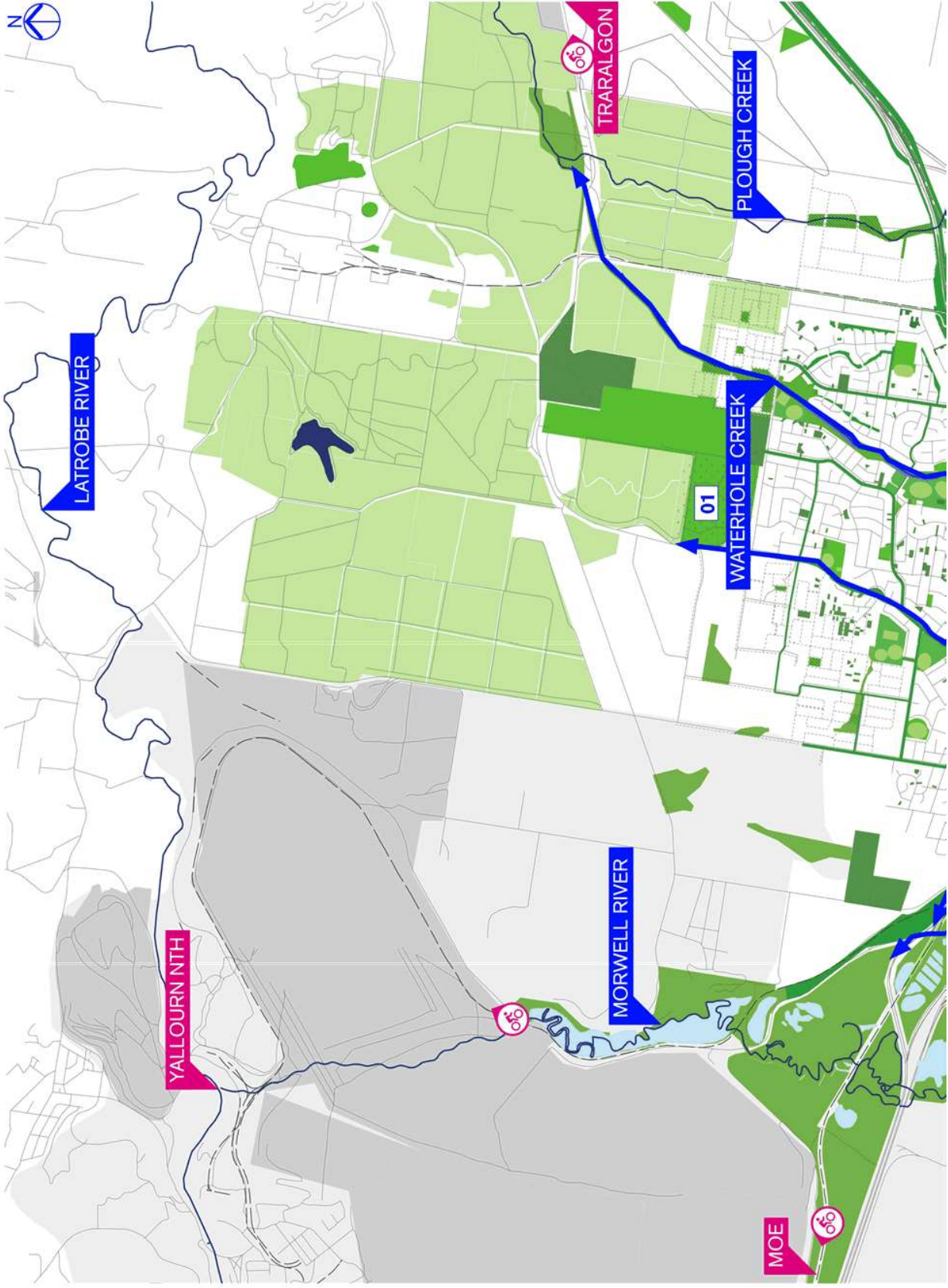
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| - - Gas Pipeline                          | Growth                             | - - - Traralgon Bypass Acquisition | - - Rail     |
| - - Electricity Transmission Line (500kV) | Public Land                        | Corridor                           | Water Bodies |
| Easements                                 | Mine Licence Area                  | Australian Paper Mill              |              |
| General Residential                       | Mine Development                   | Airport                            |              |
| Development Plan Overlay                  | Coal Resources                     | Power Station                      |              |
| Planned Future Urban Growth               | Environmental Significance Overlay | Hospital                           |              |
| Future Investigation For Urban            |                                    | University                         |              |



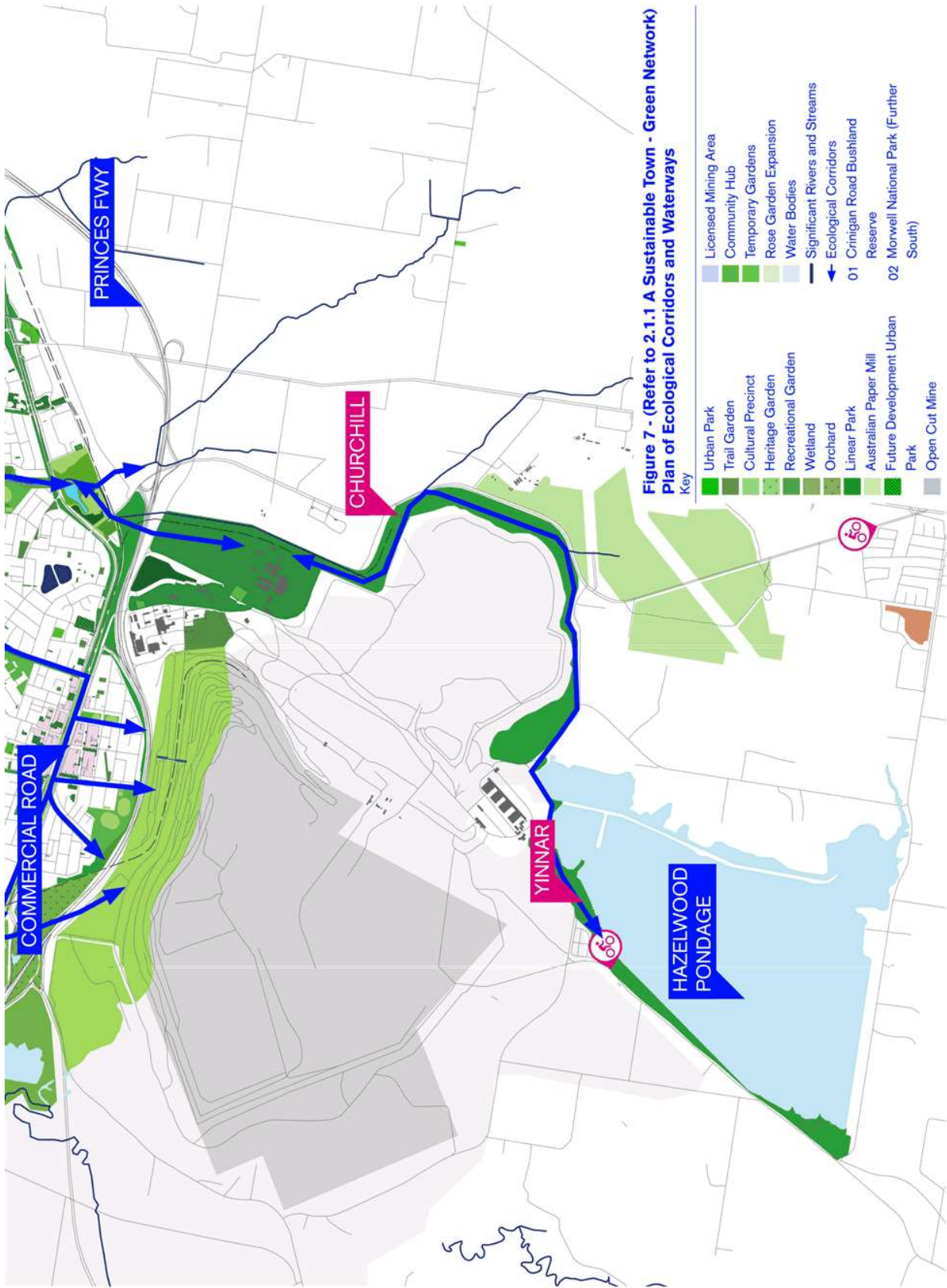


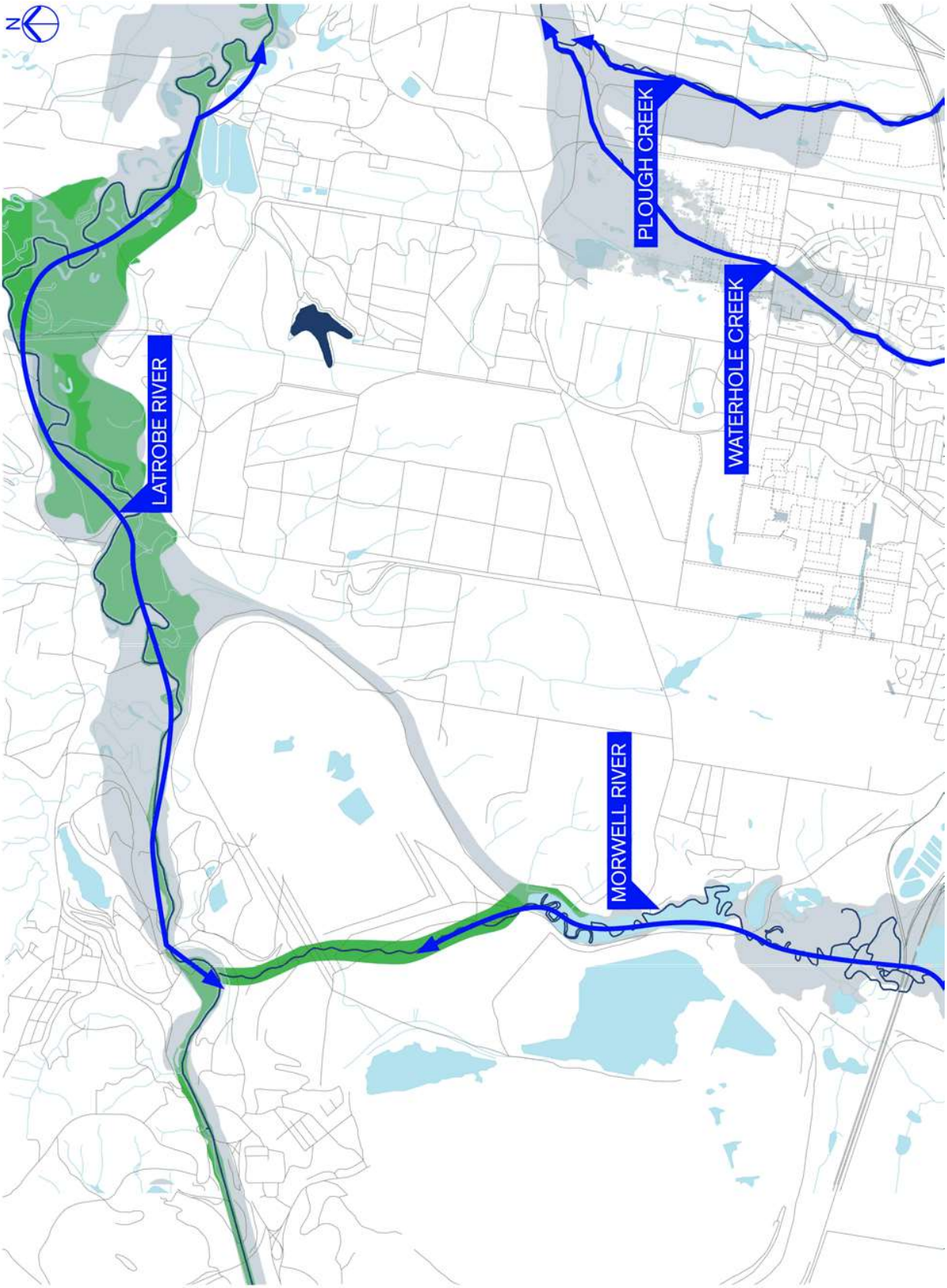




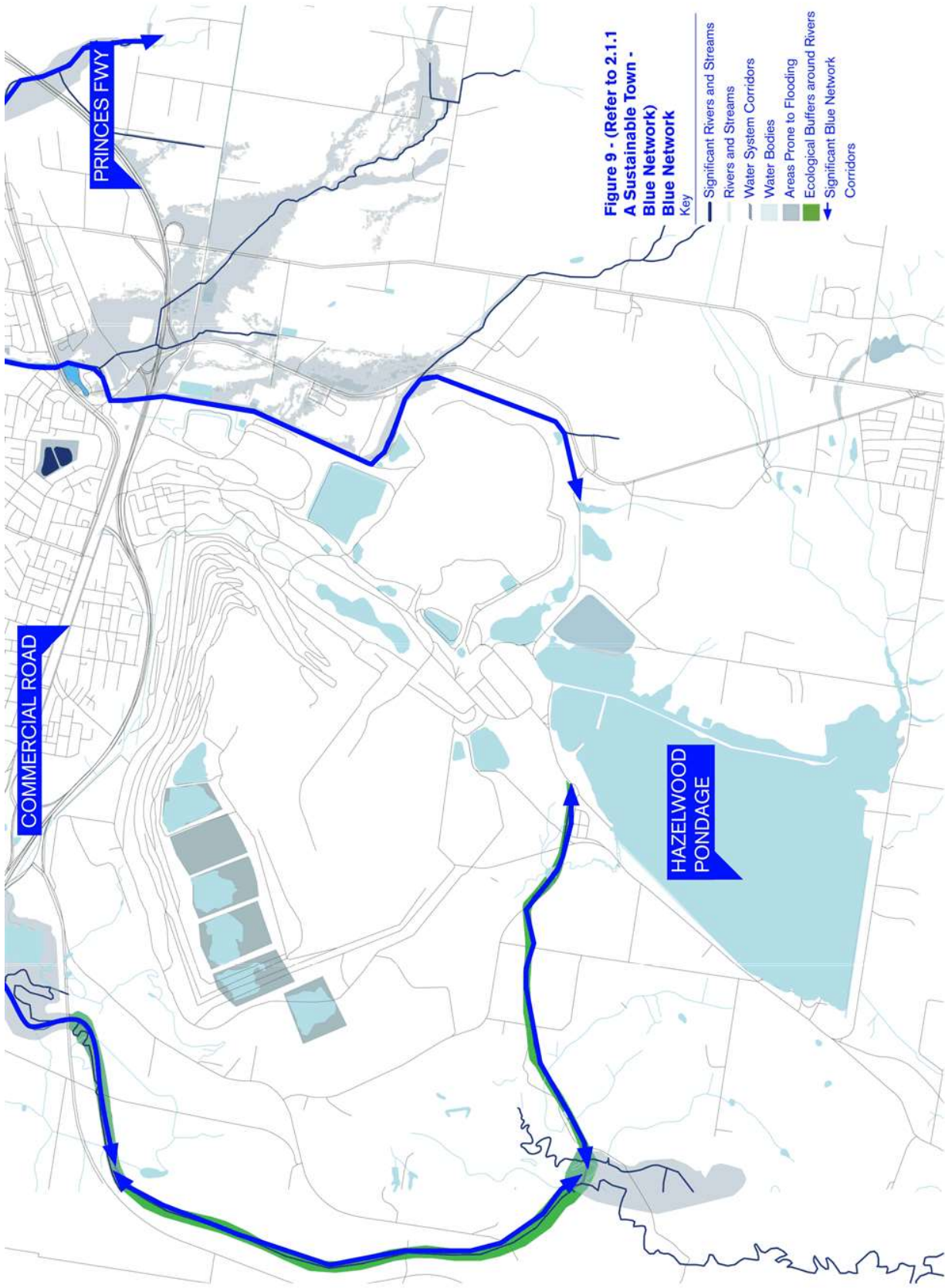


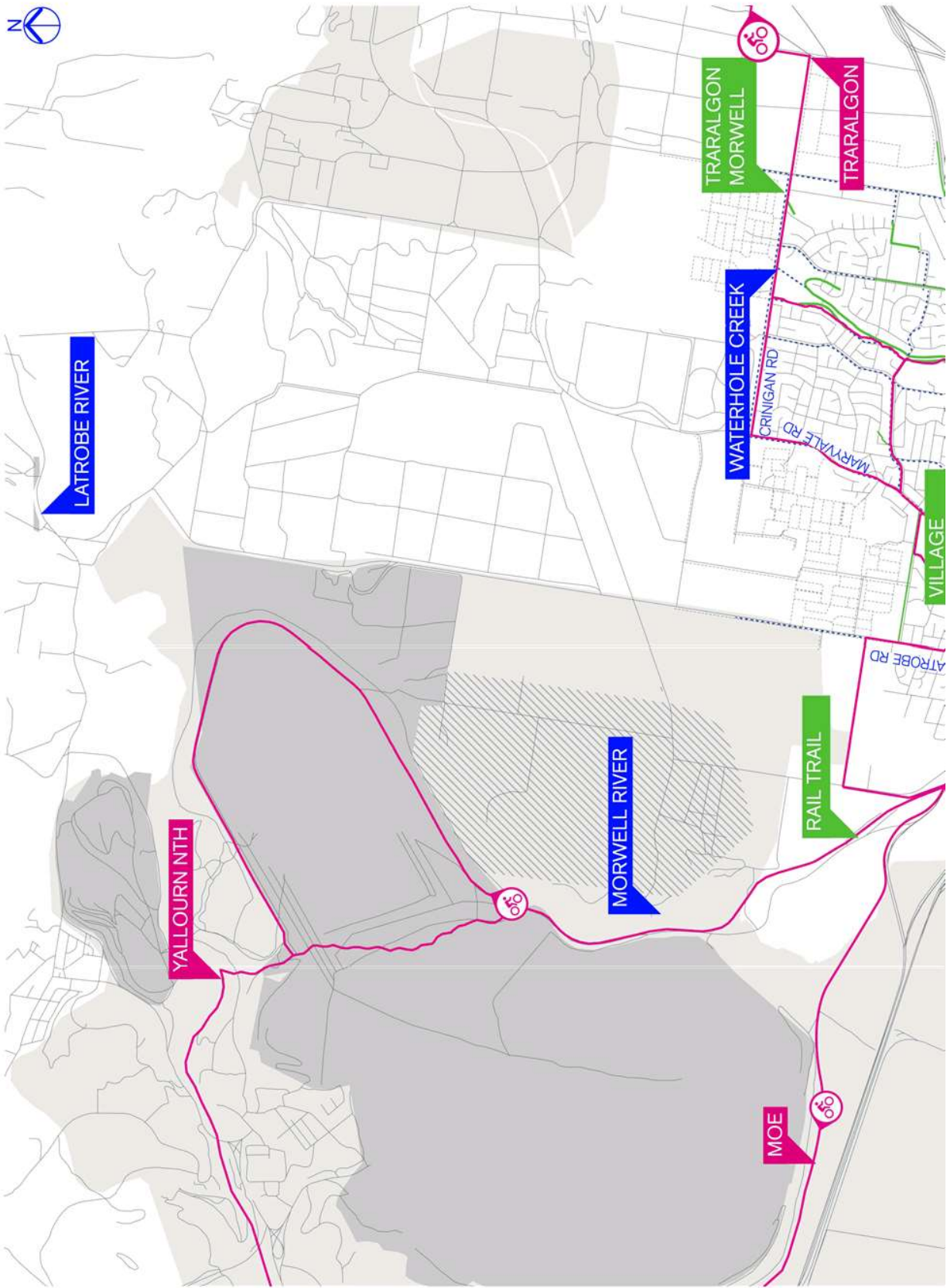




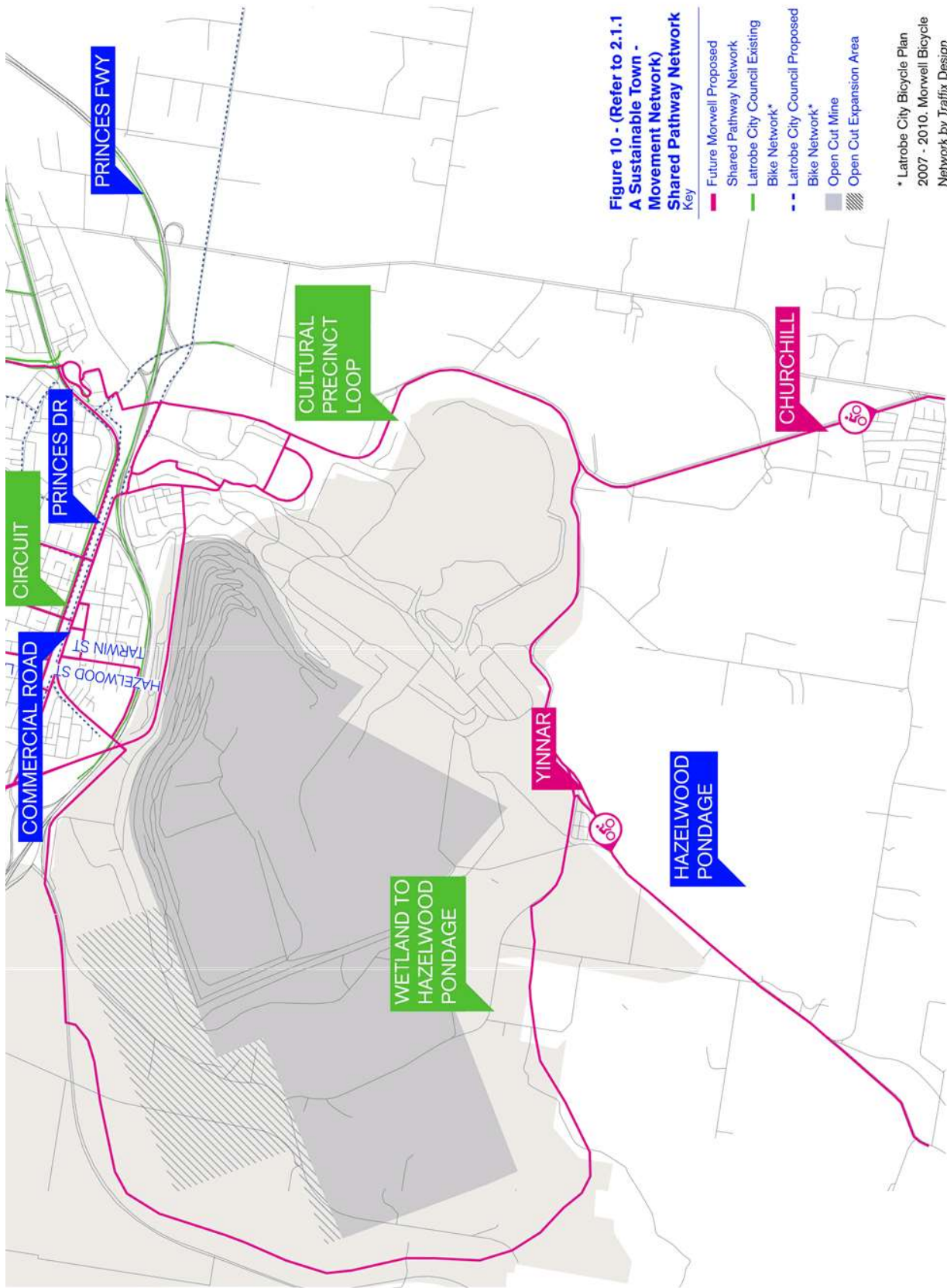


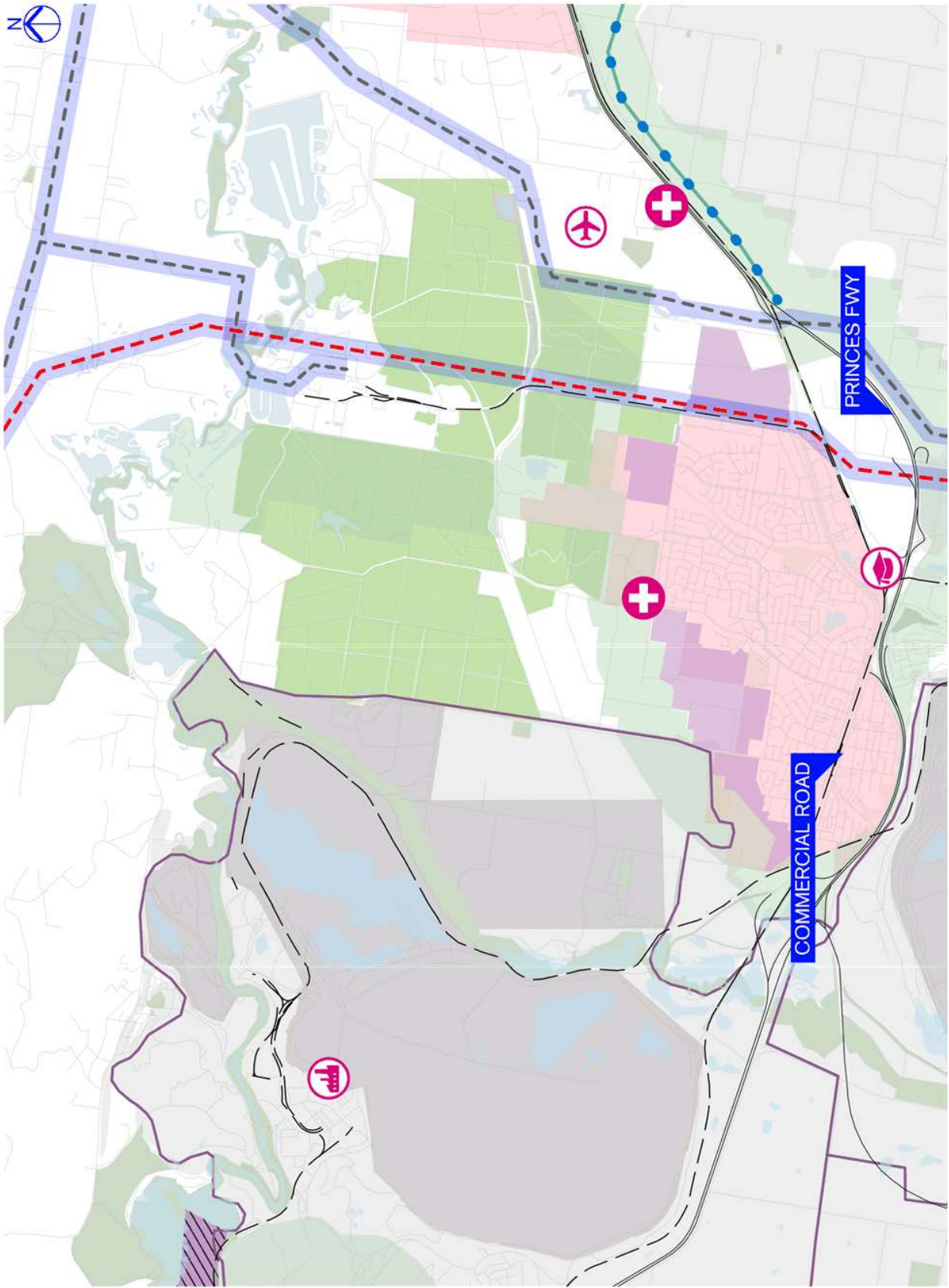




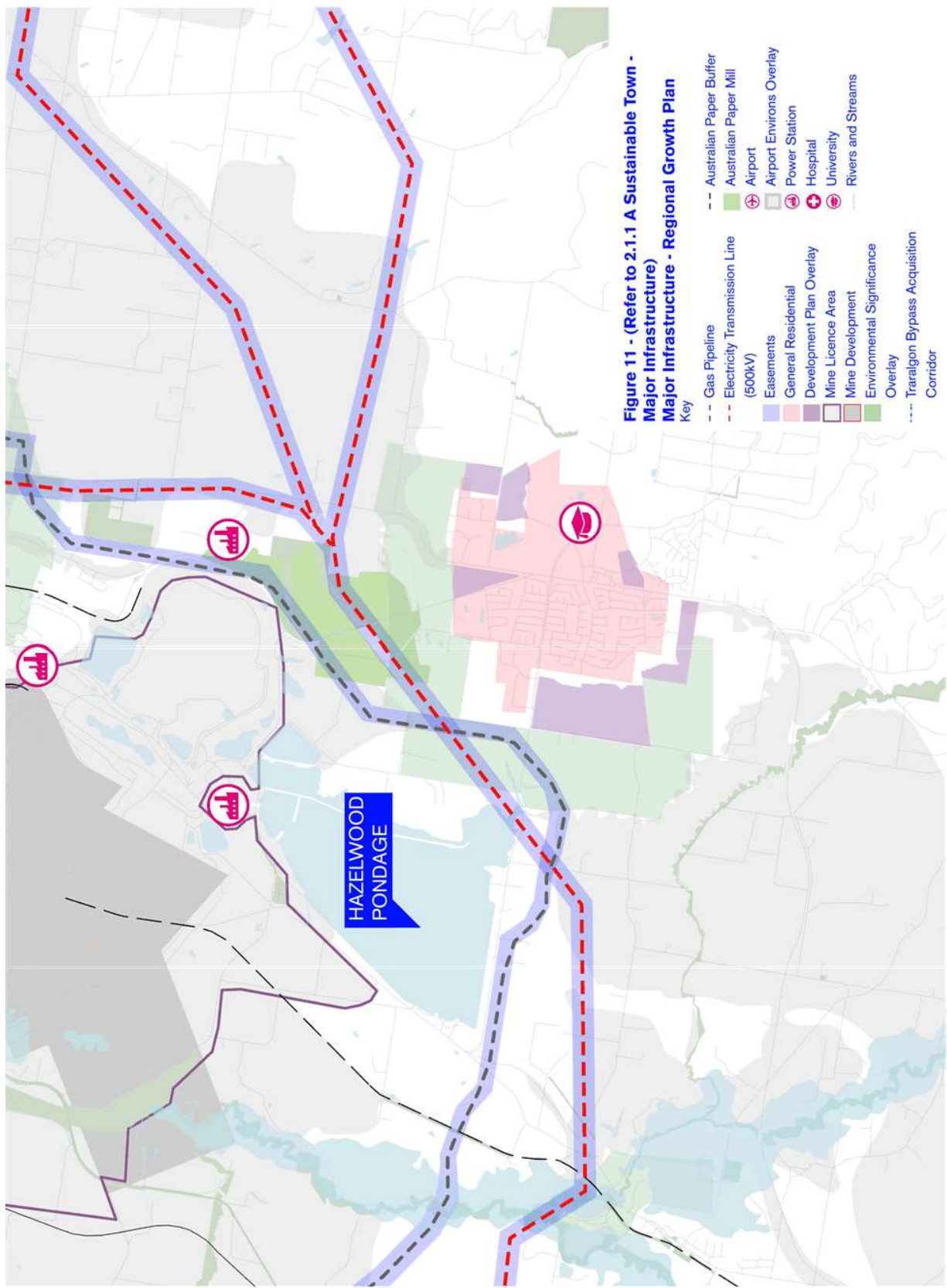


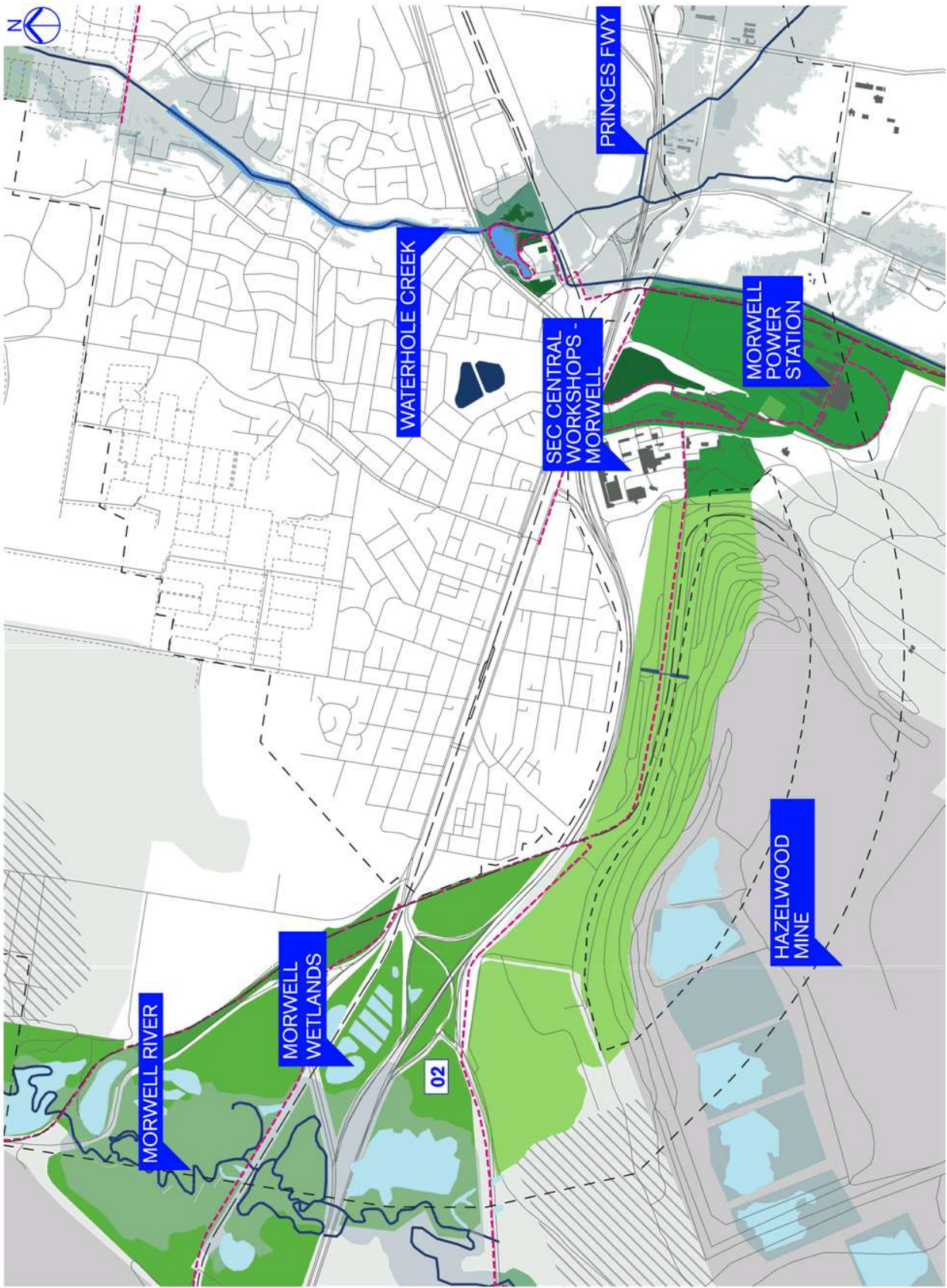




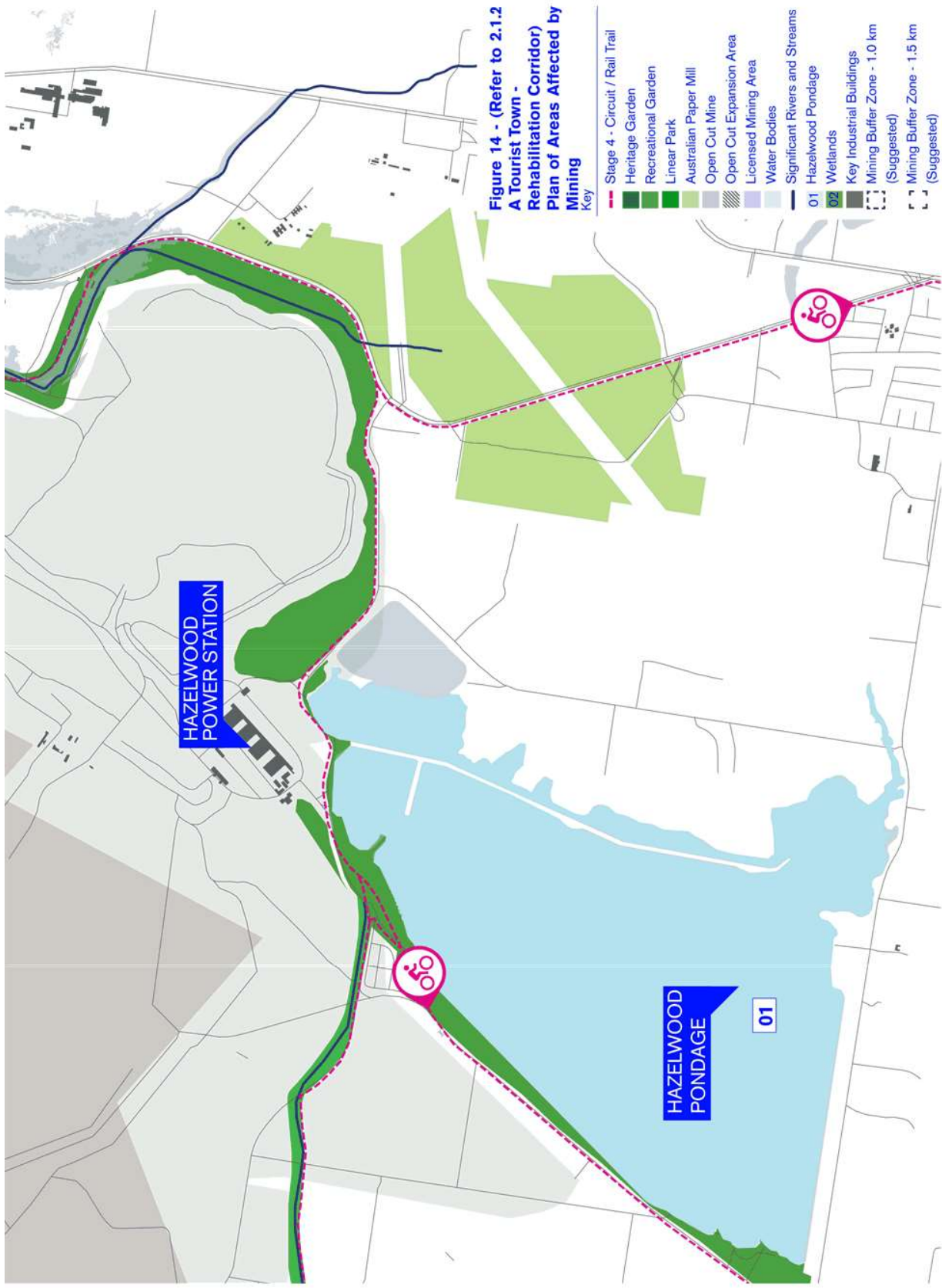


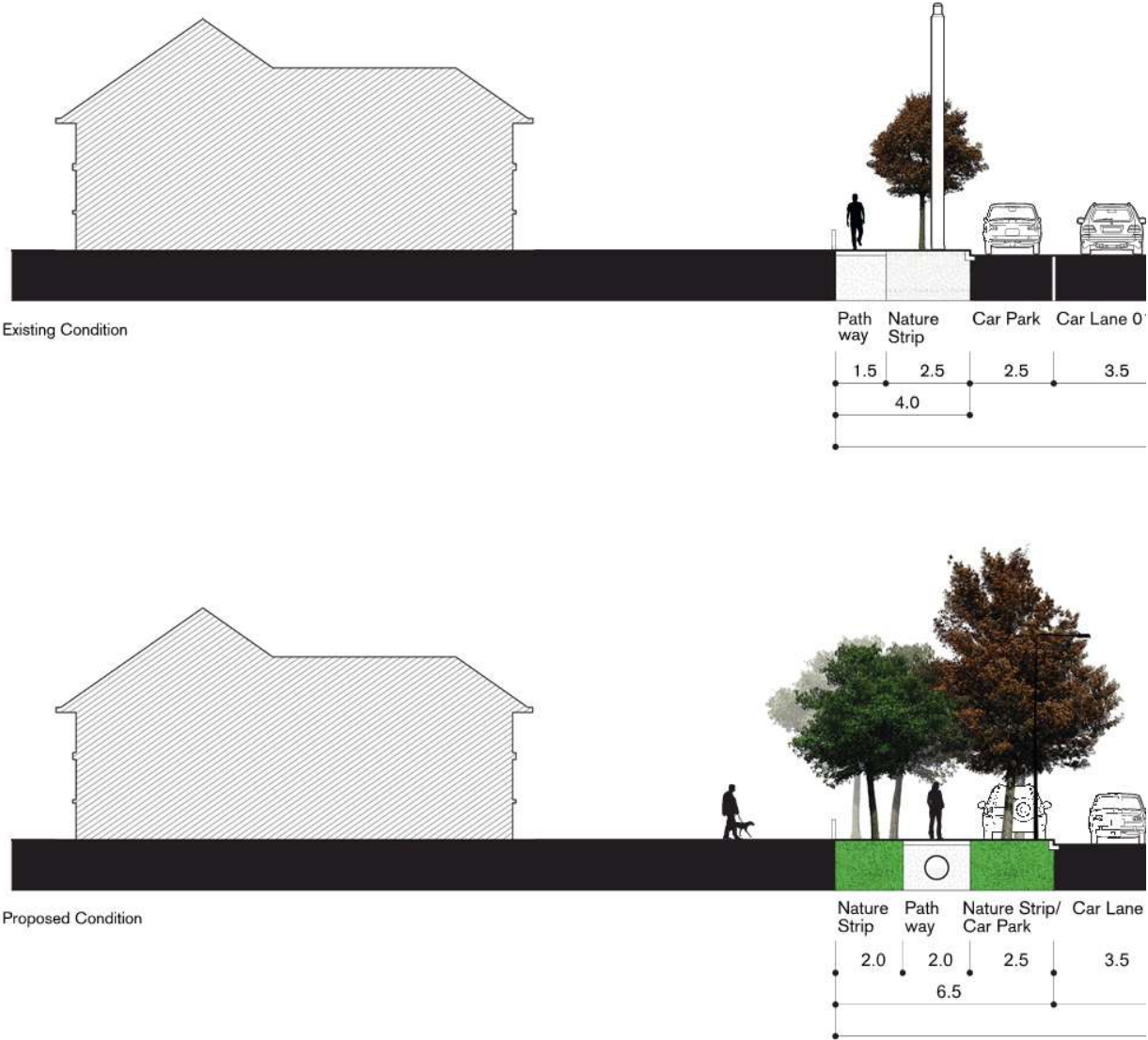




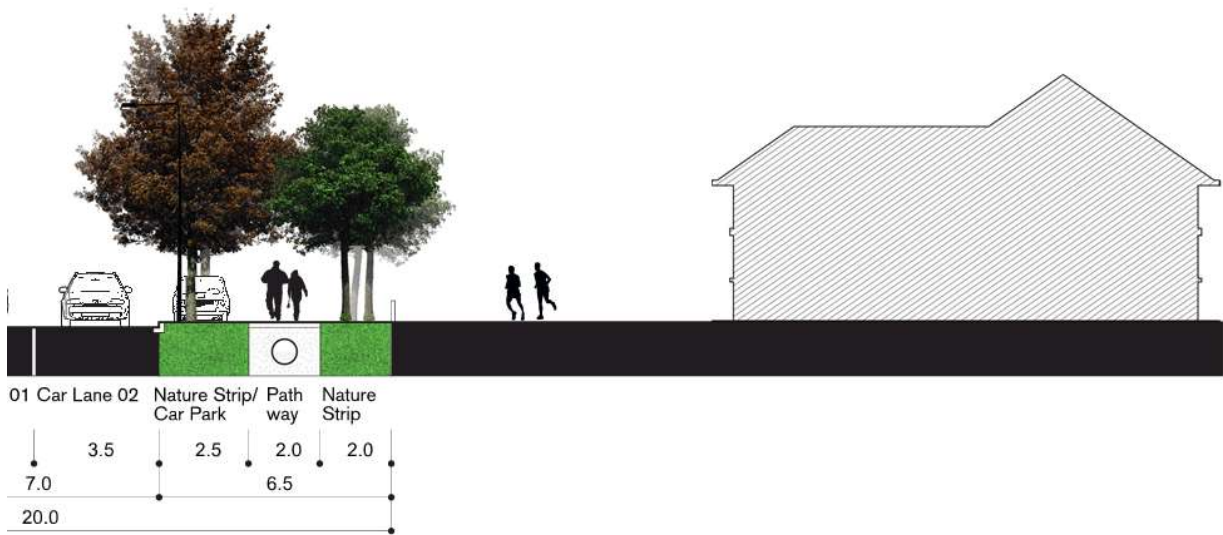
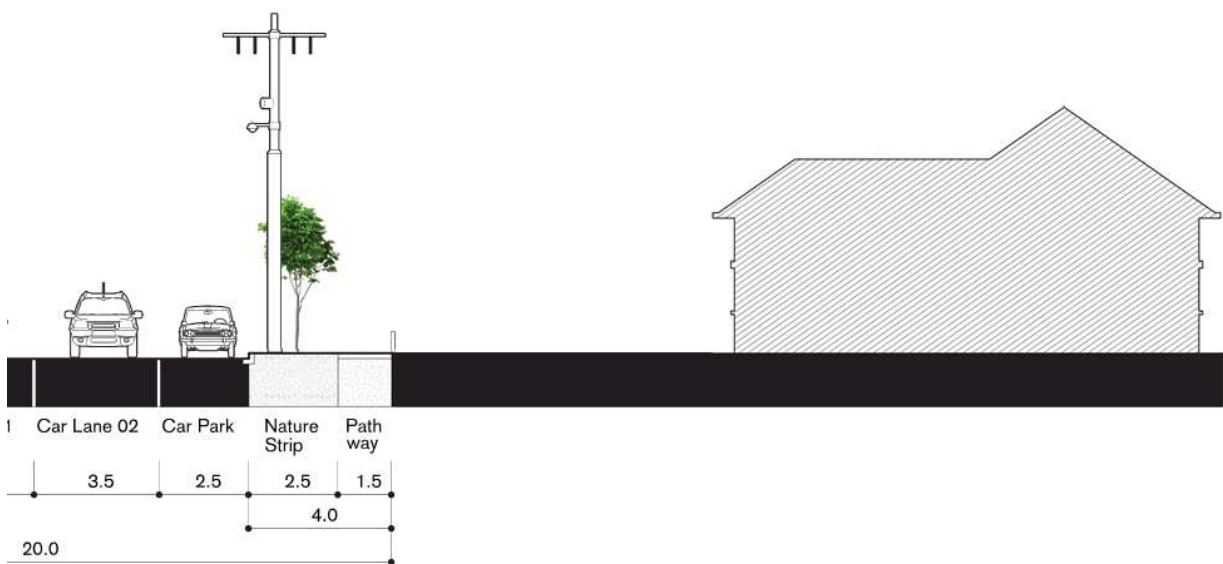




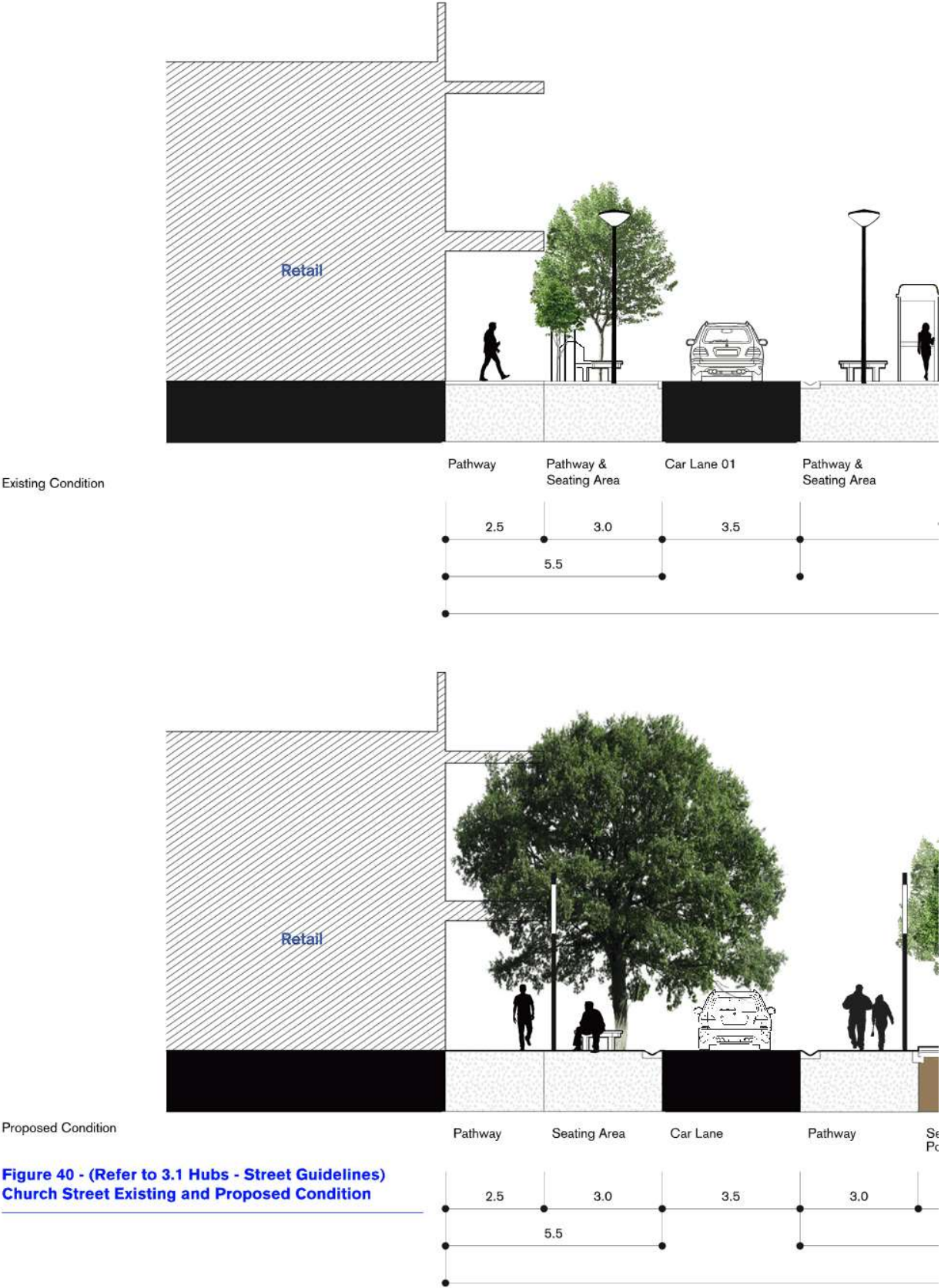




**Figure 39 - (Refer to 3.1 Hubs - Street Guidelines)**  
**Church Street Existing and Proposed Condition**



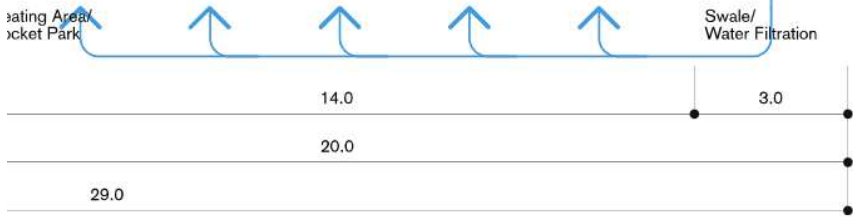
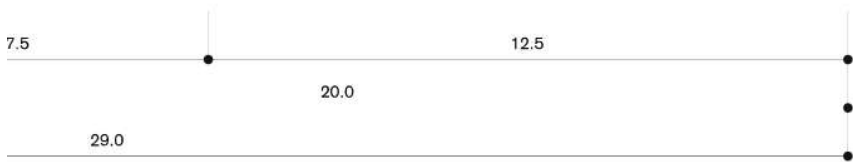


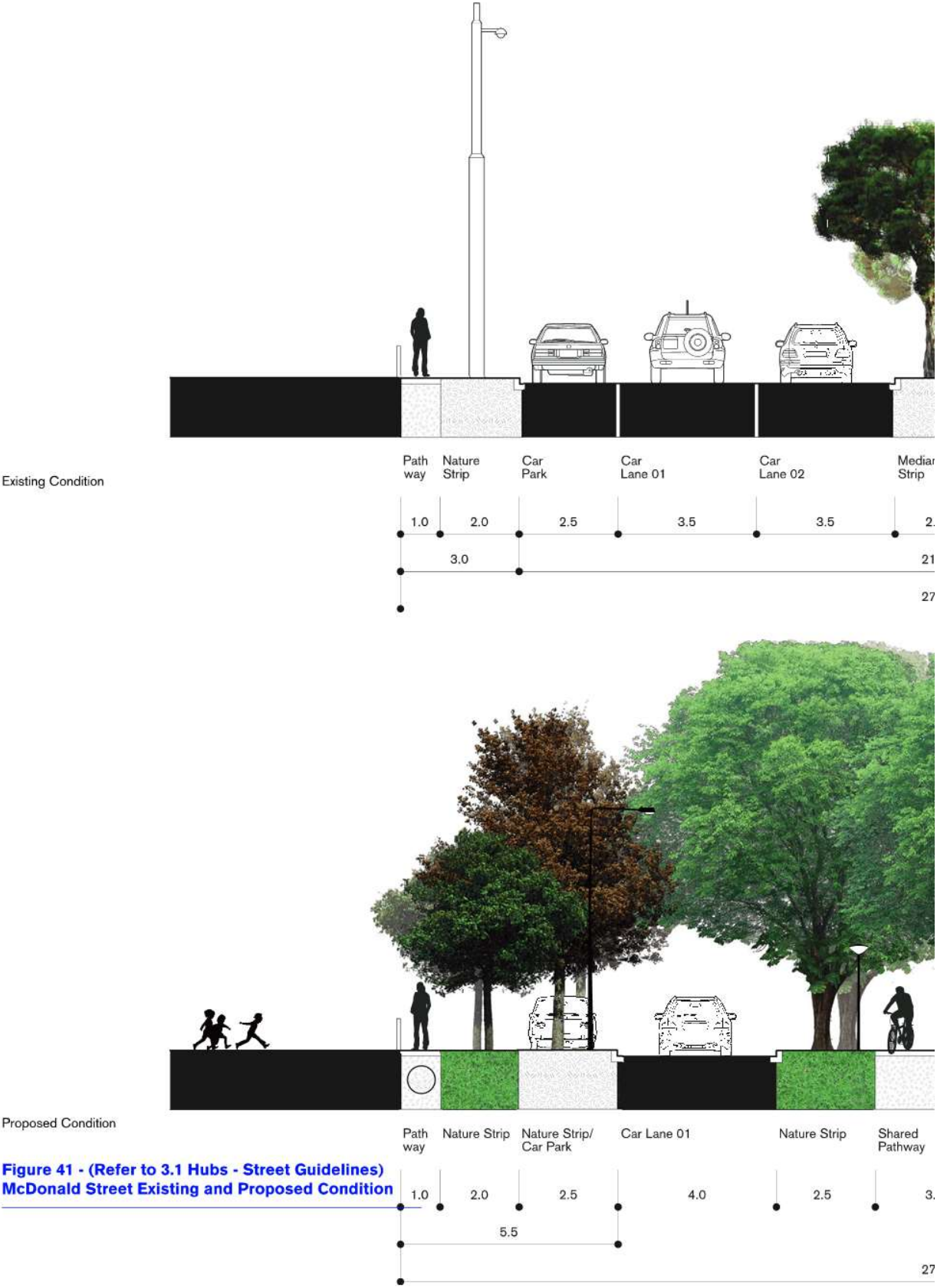


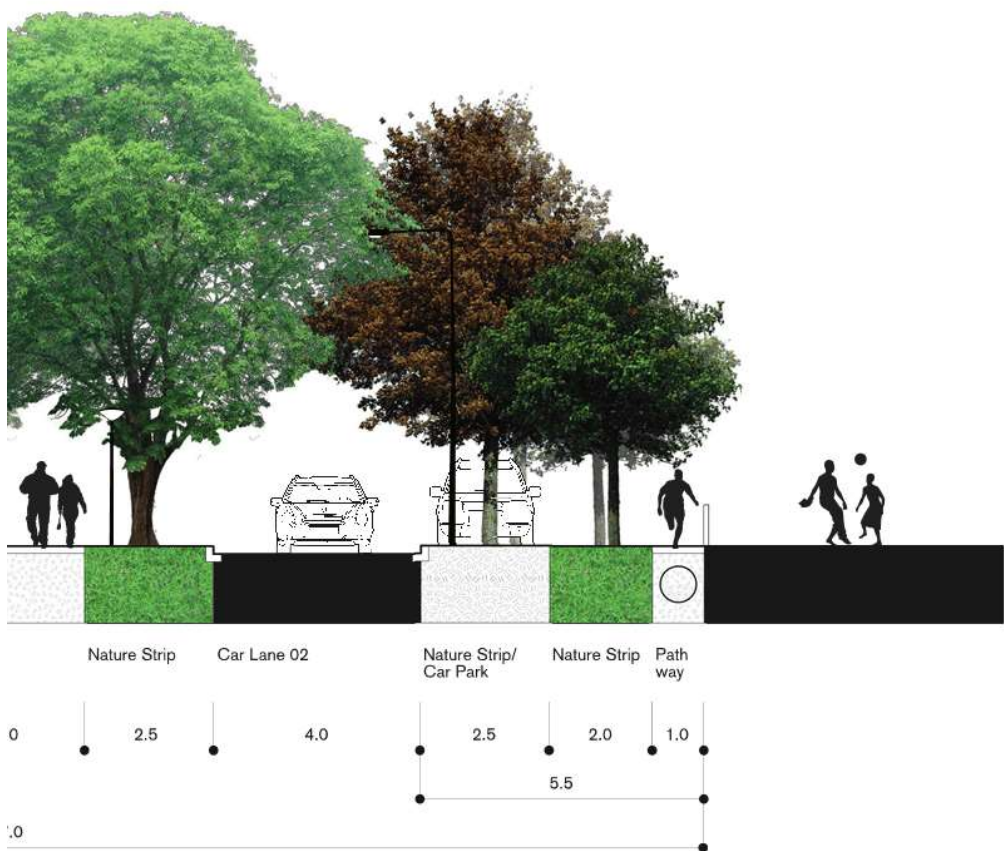
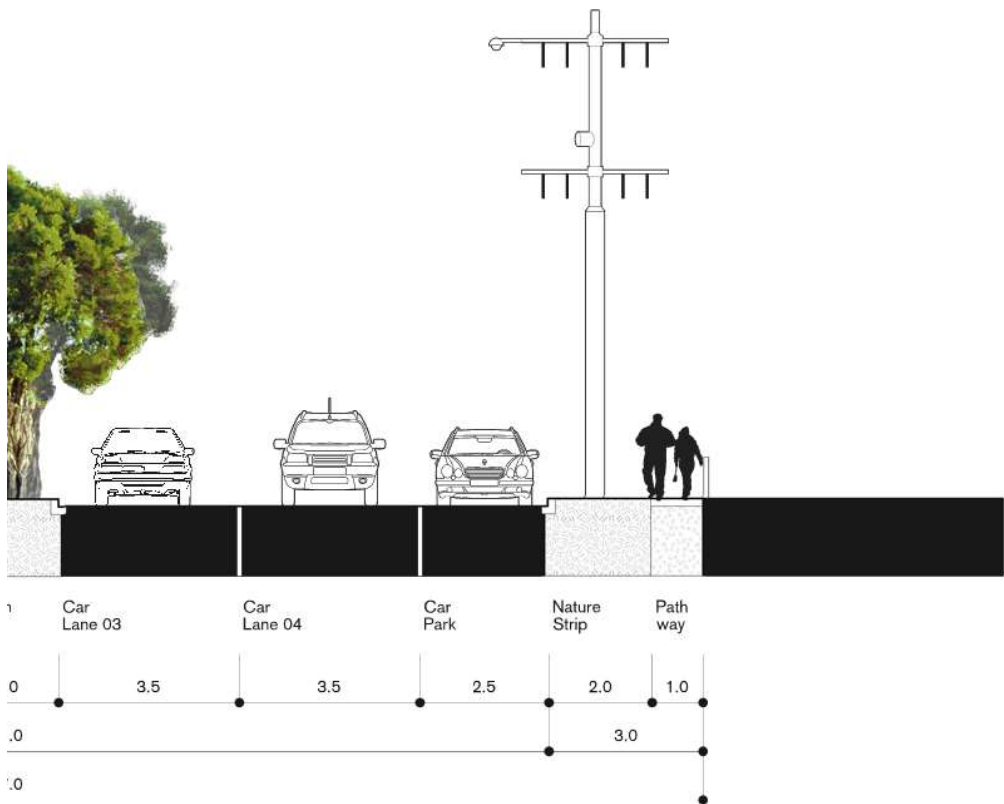


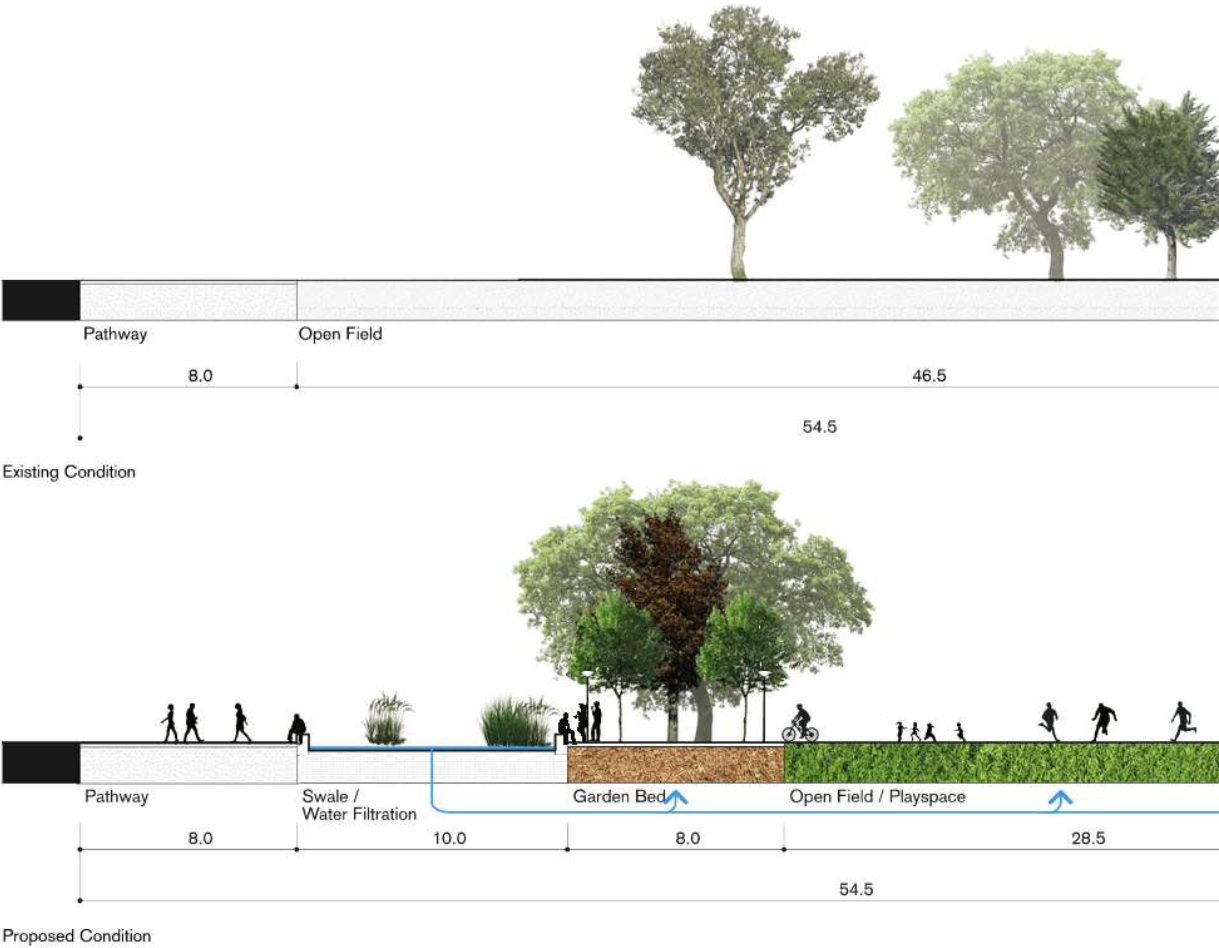


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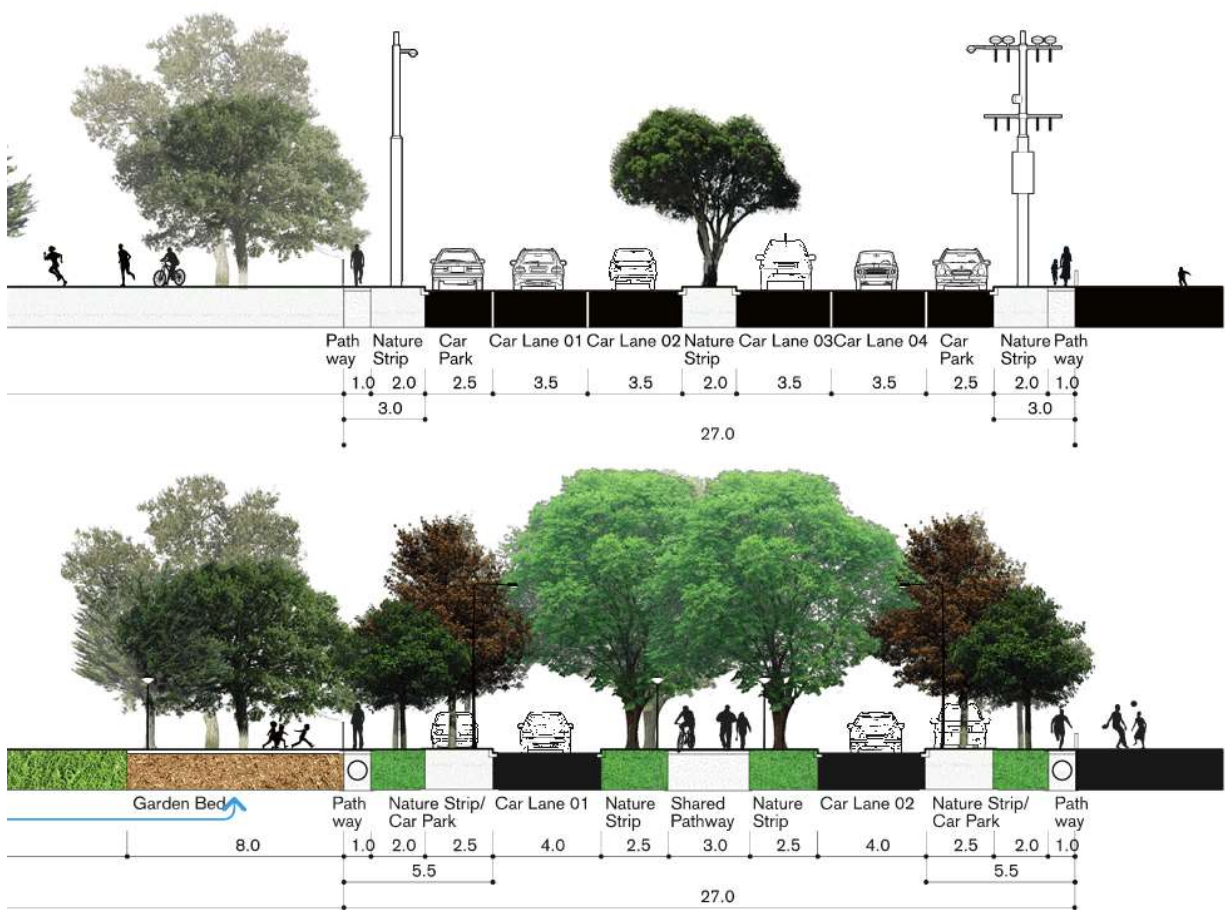






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**McDonald Street Existing and Proposed Condition**





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### case study:

	public works
	intervention
	event
	sustainable
	livable
	tourist
	building
	block
	Street
	plot
	multi / distributed

### future morwell mappings:

	port / dock
	hospital
	airport
	power station
	food production hub
	wind farm
	universities / educational institutions
	desalination plant
	gas plant
	vehicle connections
	bicycle network
	water bodies

### town of gardens:

	a healthy town
	a beautiful town
	employment
	a sustainable town
	a tourists town
	events

### neighborhood analysis:

	approximate population
	approximate neighbourhood area
	approximate neighbourhood perimeter
	population density
	property value
	largest age bracket within neighbourhood
	unemployed looking for work
	not in work force
	enrolled in study
	indigenous & torres straight islander
	birthplace australia
	international birthplace
	total households
	occupants per household
	non-family households
	single family households
	multiple family households

## infographics:

	community festival activation		level of education		community facilities
	sports		information, media, telecommunications & infrastructure		cbd renewal
	food agriculture		professional & technical services		vacant site
	forestry parkland ecology		labourer		building of character
	coal mining		clerical & administration		local tourism car park / roads
	industry manufacturing industrial land		health care		water body aquaculture building with no canopy
	cultural heritage		community-led change		building with street canopy
	tourism visitors		construction services		income
	creative art services		community & personal care		conversation consultation
	philanthropy		volunteers		document guide research
	students trainees		wholesale trade		
	entrepreneurs		neighborhoods		
	small business owners		council government		
	non-for-profit sector		big business		
	technicians & trades		skilled workers		
	electricity gas & power services		property owners		
	media		environmental sustainability		
	community groups & services		donations financial services		
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			workshops		

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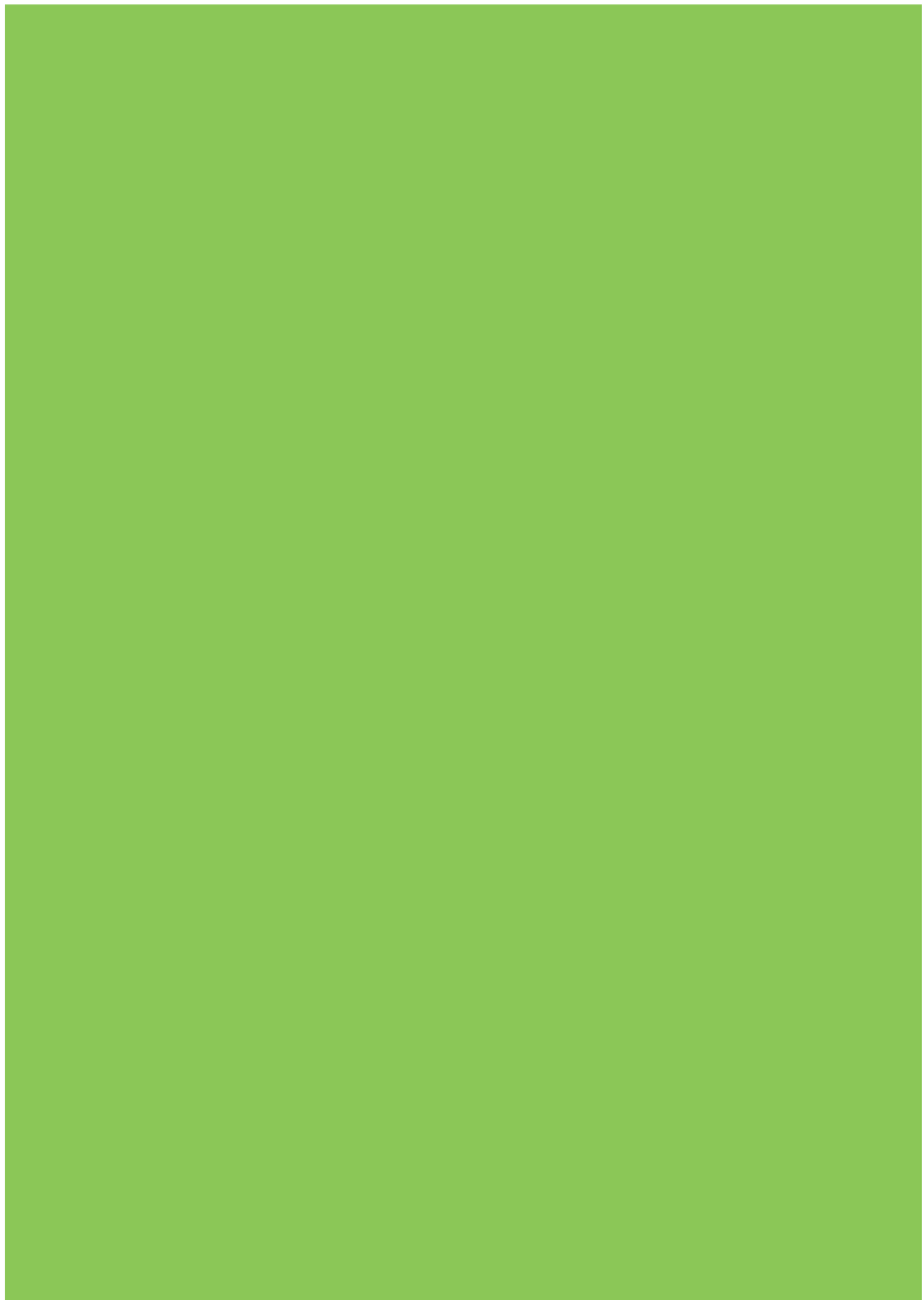
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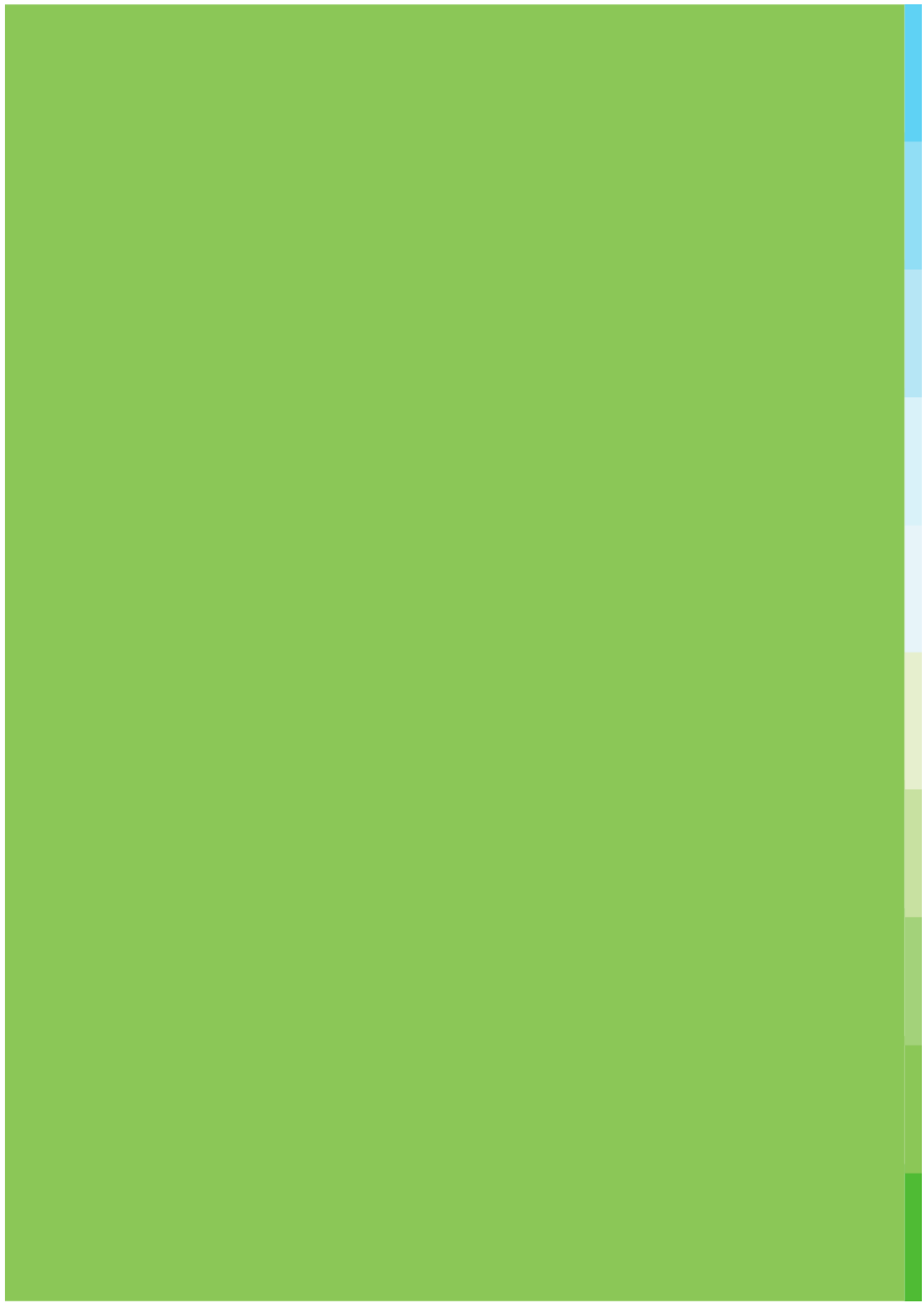
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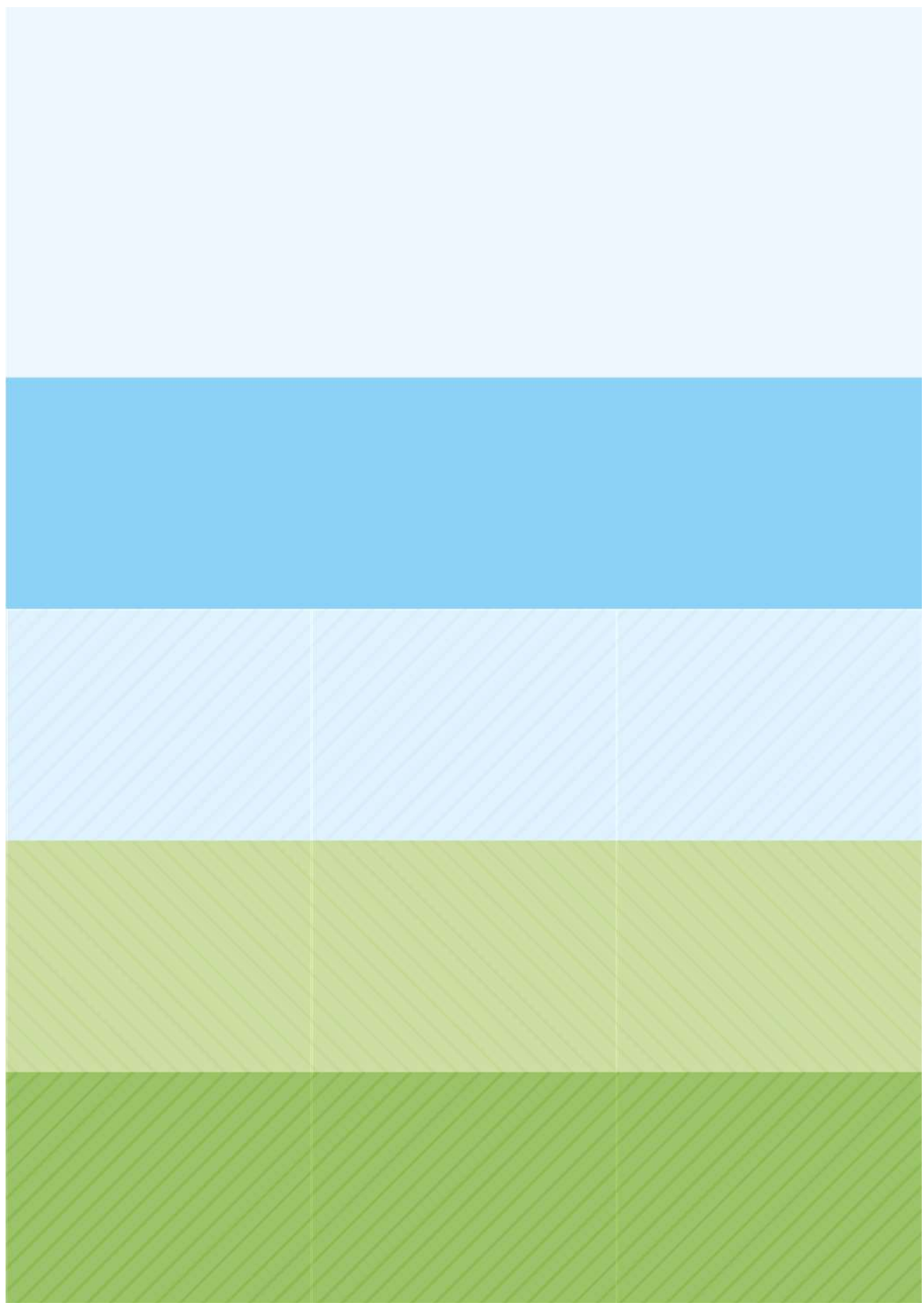
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# MORWELL CIRCUIT

## Vision

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'Future Morwell' is about taking steps to create a brighter future for our town and our region. This State Government funded project is being led by Latrobe City Council, RMIT University and community members. It aspires to deliver a series of targeted initiatives to reshape Morwell in the short, medium and long term, with the aim to build a healthy, liveable and resilient town in the future. Future Morwell is about imagining together, talking together, working together and moving forward together.



\* Refer to Summary of Community Consultation



# Vision

## Description

The Morwell Circuit aspires to create a positive change in the physical spaces of the town's centre in order to shift its identity, inspire diverse ways in which people might actively occupy and use these spaces, and contribute to the development of a sense of a stable and healthy community.

The circuit intends to renew and connect existing infrastructure and assets in the town's built environment and contribute to its development as Morwell's Village Hub. [The first portion of the Circuit to be constructed is Stage 01 located along Commercial Road that links to a shared pathway network.](#)

Streetscapes help define a community's activities, appearance, identity and transport conditions. Improved streetscapes offer a range of benefits including potential economic growth, increased habitat within the urban core, spaces for passive and active recreation, places for residents to interact with neighbours and increased civic pride.

Morwell's Village Hub is a commercial activity centre devoted to trade in the form of cafés, restaurants, boutiques, offices, and shops, as well as service-based businesses such as real estate agencies, banks, health services, legal services, and personal services. The design of the Morwell Circuit aspires to support commerce and business development through improvements to cycling infrastructure, walkability and connections to public transport through provision for pedestrian comfort and inclusion. In so doing the Village Hub also becomes more connected to its surrounding neighbourhoods. These improvements have been demonstrated to increase visitation and the economic benefit to activity centres in many cases. Street tree planting will work with, and encourage opportunities for walking, cycling and other modes of transport.

In this manner the proposal strives to create a safe and sustainable streetscape that increases accessibility and walkability, supported by a healthy urban tree population that enhances the community's daily experience while ensuring environmental, economic and social sustainability into the future. Leading ecologists suggest that the greening of cities is not only good for our health, but will also cut public costs and spur economic growth.

This proposal focuses its attention on Stage 01 of a larger identified Morwell Circuit network. In doing so it strives to define and develop the 'heart' of Morwell as a Village Hub.

The proposed design has been developed through a steering committee comprised of a diverse range of local members in collaboration with the Latrobe City Council in response to community feedback, an analysis of the town, and a consideration of existing documented proposed projects by private industry, and both Local and State Government agencies.

*Make town more  
attractive to visit.\**

## Benefits

Much of a streetscape is composed of functional civil infrastructure such as curbs, road surfaces, footpaths and drainage crossings. Civil infrastructure should be consistent, durable and maintained to a high standard to allow for a long, safe and usable life span. A good streetscape design incorporates environmental sustainability, social sustainability, neighbourhood character, positive aesthetics, habitat creation, increased usability, and safety.

Streetscapes create the look and feel of the municipality and offer many benefits to the urban environment through trees and vegetation including:

- calming traffic
- improving air quality
- improving physical health and mental well-being
- increasing walkability of streets by providing shelter and shade
- increasing a positive aesthetic
- increasing feeling of safety
- increasing imaginative play in children
- increasing opportunities for social and economic benefits
- potential increase of property values
- increasing tourism and business opportunities
- lowering stress and anxiety
- managing and absorbing storm-water flow
- contribute to protection from extreme weather events
- providing habitat for native flora and fauna
- providing summer cooling lowering energy needs
- reducing anti-social behaviours including vandalism and graffiti
- reducing heat-related health issues
- reducing urban heat island effect

- reducing UV exposure
- sequestering carbon dioxide
- shaping neighbourhood character
- connecting people

The Heart Foundation supports the planning and development of urban environments that enable people to make healthy lifestyle choices and incorporate incidental physical activity into their daily routine.

Over the latter half of the 20th century the design and management of the street has increasingly been dominated by the needs and demands of motorised transport. The street has been subject to uncoordinated change by a wide range of bodies: it is not treated as a whole, but as a set of unrelated components. Yet what the public require are attractive, functional streets: they require a connected whole and not just the parts.



*Tell the Morwell story,  
past present and future. \**

## Characteristics

The public realm fulfils a range of community needs these include social and economic activities and human interaction, areas of peacefulness and tranquillity, liveliness and energy, and links between communities and businesses. It is an important feature of the public realm and is a quality attraction in its own right. It contributes to the people's quality of life – whether they are residents or visitors just passing through.

The idea that 'a city's greatest attraction is people' is a notion purported by Jan Gehl in his book *Cities for People*. The following are a selection of important characteristics that are useful to understanding and implementing the proposed Morwell Circuit:

### **Lively City**

The potential for a lively city is strengthened when more people are invited to walk, bike and stay in city space. The importance of life in public space, particularly the social and cultural opportunities as well as the attractions associated with a lively city.

### **Safe City**

The potential for a safe city is strengthened generally when more people move about and stay in city space. A city that invites people to walk.

### **Healthy City**

The desire for a healthy city is strengthened dramatically if walking or biking can be a natural part of the pattern of daily activities.

### **Sustainable City**

The sustainable city is strengthened generally if a large part of the transport system can take place as 'green mobility', that is travel by foot, bike, or public transport.

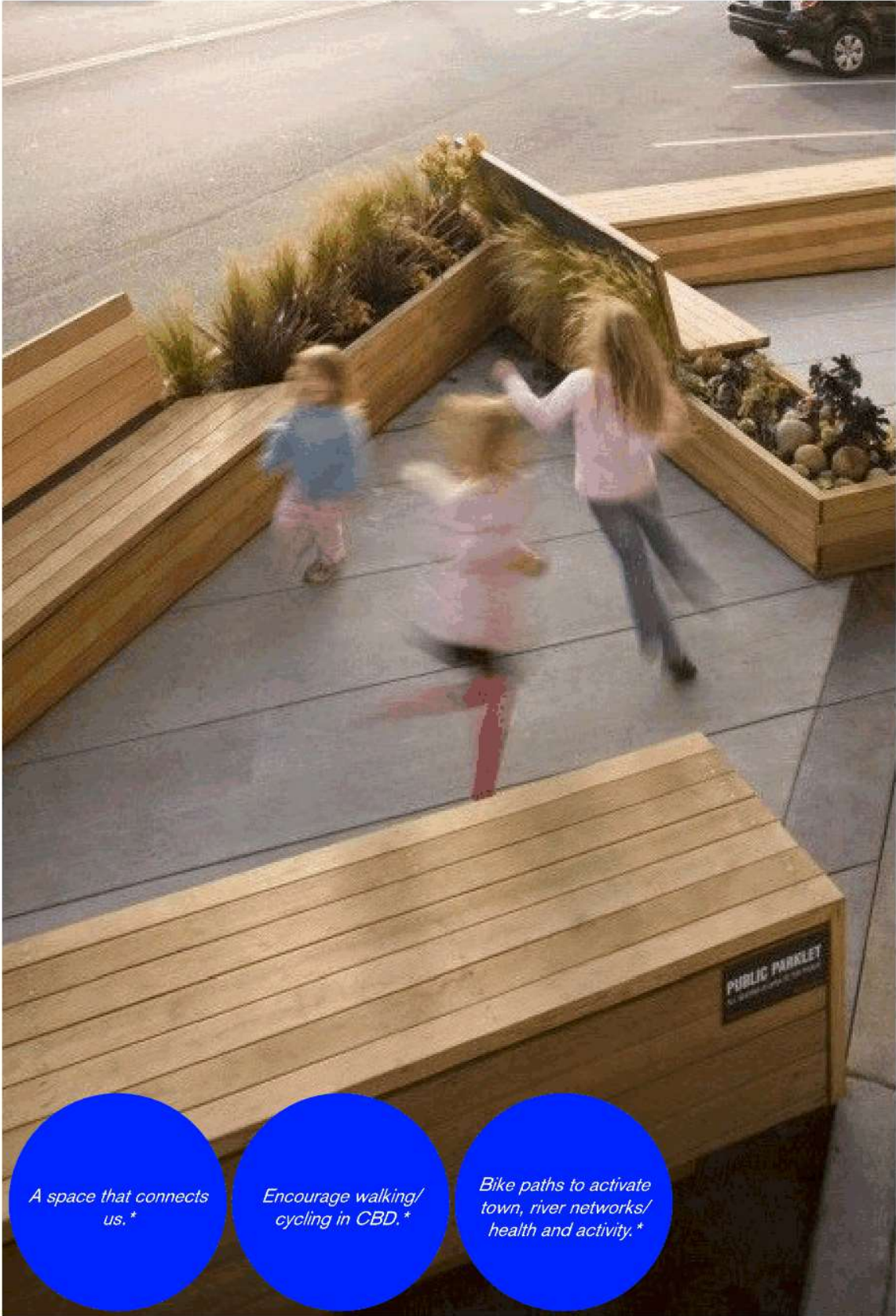
### **Human Dimension**

To reinforce pedestrianisation as an integrated city policy to develop lively, safe, sustainable and healthy cities. It is equally urgent to strengthen the social function of city space as a meeting place that contributes toward the aims of social sustainability and an open and democratic society. The potential to improve conditions for pedestrian traffic and city life lead specifically to new patterns of use and more life in city space.

### **City as Meeting Place**

Different activities people engage in when they use common space: purposeful walks from place to place, promenades and meetings, exercise, dancing, recreation, street trade, children's play, and street entertainment.





*A space that connects us.\**

*Encourage walking/ cycling in CBD.\**

*Bike paths to activate town, river networks/ health and activity.\**



# Streets for People

## Description

The idea of 'Streets for People' recognises the significance of active streetscapes for the community to encourage a healthy, connected, and engaged society.

Accessibility and walkability are key functions of the streetscape and ensure that wherever possible streets, parks and other public land is accessible to all. Where possible this means that people of all abilities can move freely without having to use a specially designed or distinct access point or entrance. This is not possible in all situations but is a design principle this project aspires towards.

Walkability refers to the level of comfort and ease that pedestrians experience as they move through a space or street. High levels of walkability mean that pedestrians feel safe and comfortable in a space which in turn encourages use of the streetscape for enjoyment through walking, shopping, cycling, gathering, dining and public transport.

The walkable quality of the street environment is fundamental to the appeal of a neighbourhood. 'Creating attractive spaces, dramatically increases the time people spend in the street, whether strolling, window shopping, having conversations, stopping, playing, sitting or just watching the world go by, not so much travelling, but 'sojourning'.'  
Gehl J. Cities for people. Washington: Island Press; 2010

Street design has long been focussed around motorised transportation. We want to reclaim streets as not solely the domain of cars but also of pedestrians and cyclists, and as public spaces for social and commercial interaction.

*'Every road tells a story. It's just that so many of our roads tell the story poorly, or tell the wrong story.'*  
Hans Monderman.

Pedestrians should be prioritised in most street environments, by providing a high quality walking and activity experience:

- good quality pedestrian surfaces
- continuity of materials across pedestrian walking paths, and across crossovers and ingress/egress points
- providing pedestrian amenity e.g. shading and greenery
- installing spaces for place-related activities
- articulation with physical detail
- high levels of personalisation and individuality
- compositions of rhythm, character and coherence

*Too many cars in  
Commercial Road, need  
to increase pedestrian  
access.\**



## Benefits

The significant economic benefits of making streetscapes more pedestrian and cycling friendly are becoming increasingly recognised. In 2011, the Heart Foundation commissioned a discussion paper to bring together the evidence on the financial benefits to retailers and residents in making commercial streets more pedestrian and cycling friendly.

The benefits of active streets for people are:

- to help residents make more active transport choices and walk more
- significantly increase pedestrian activity
- support safety, leading to fewer road injuries to pedestrians and traffic collisions
- reduce vehicle speeds
- increase opportunities for social interaction, which can facilitate the development of social capital, and lead to more people taking part in outdoor activities
- support the delivery of economic value in the potential increase of sale prices of nearby homes and potential increase of retail rents
- encourage more physical activity, particularly in more children walking to school
- reduce noise levels
- reduce the number and distance of car trips, implying a modal shift away from the car to walking.

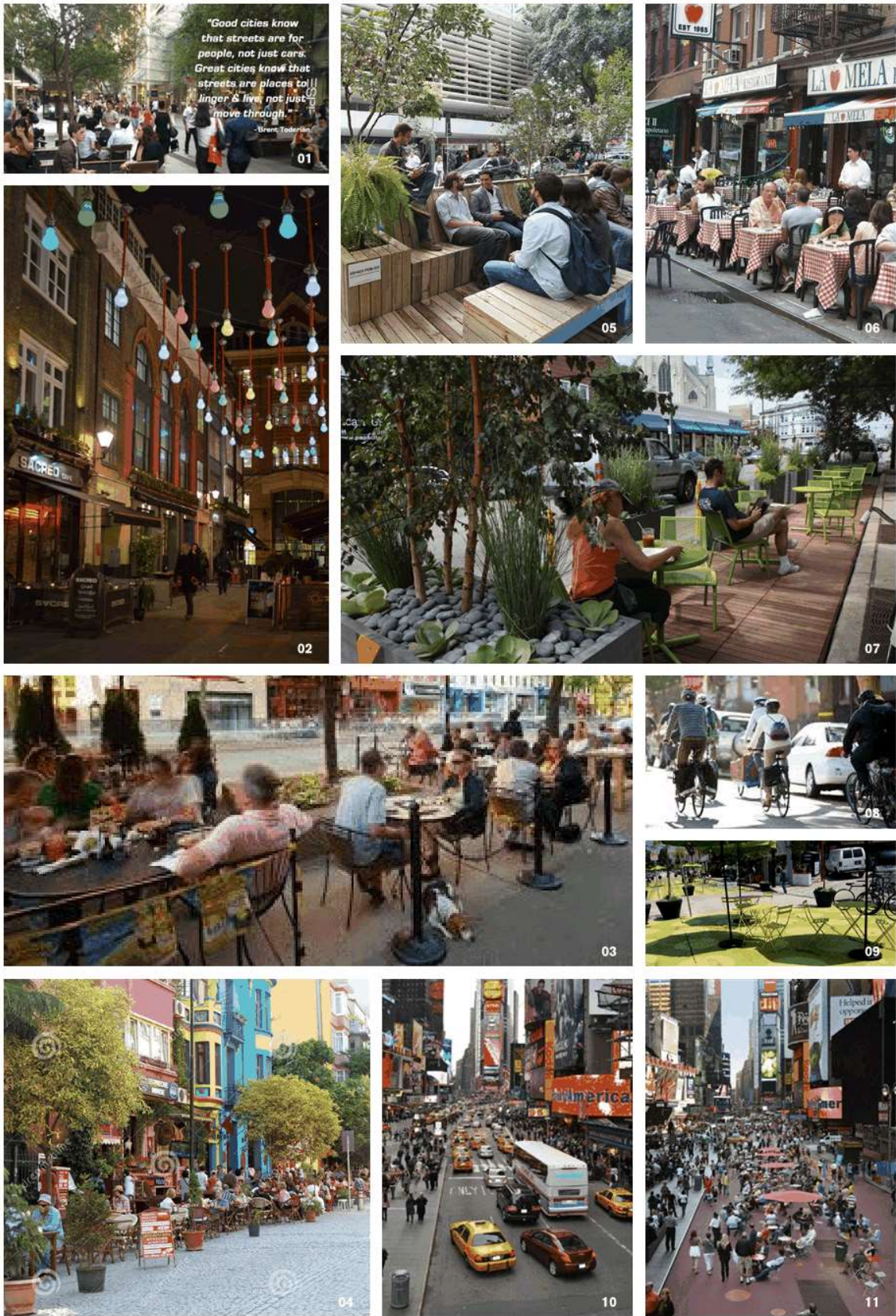
*Give residents something to feel proud of.\**

*Encourage walking/cycling in CBD.\**

*More trees along Commercial road to make Morwell into a beautiful village and fix up bridge.\**

*Build identity through continuity in Commercial Road streetscape and shop fronts.\**

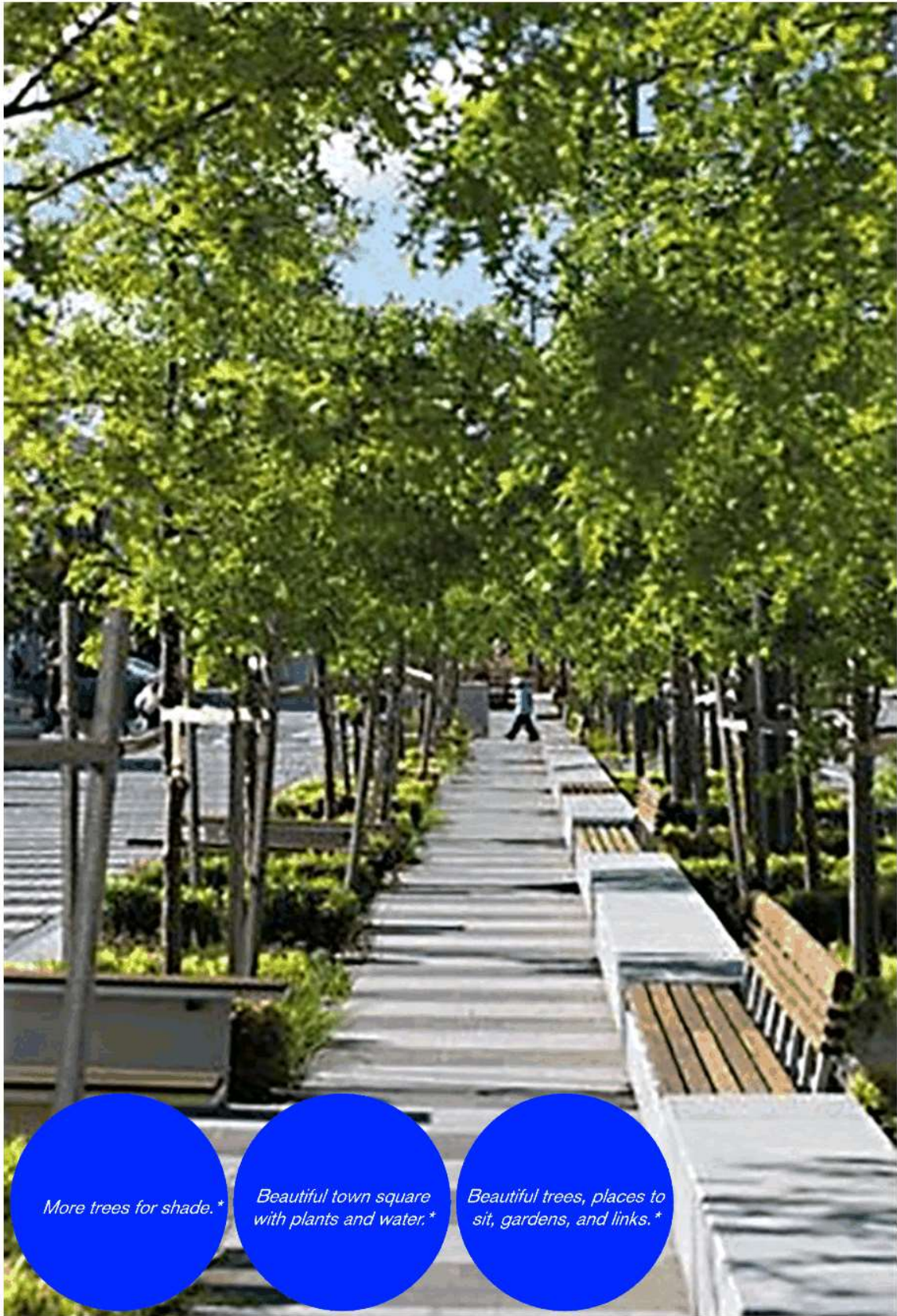












# Green Streets

## Description

The streetscape is an important component of the town's open space network and can have a significant impact on how people experience, perceive and interact with their surroundings and neighbourhood.

Streetscapes are the "parks" that residents visit every day as they move in and out of their homes, to and from work, engage in active and passive recreation, and are destinations unto themselves.

Green streets are important parts of the town's green infrastructure; they increase urban green space, improve air quality, replenish groundwater, and reduce air temperature. Trees and flowers provide sense of seasonal change that enhances the visual interest of the city scene and vibrancy of the city life, and offer visual and psychological comfort and relief, which are vital to the health and well-being of people

Establishment of urban greening through rich and colourful trees, shrubs, flowers together with a series of greenery which are rationally distributed and sophisticatedly displayed, can create a fresh, beautiful, comfortable and elegant environment to improve the urban living conditions and enhance the quality of our lives.

As design elements, trees and garden beds can be used to calm traffic, direct pedestrian and vehicle movement, limit access, signal directional movement, add colour and diversity, deter rubbish dumping, and signal a change in street use or function. They are also a way for the local community to participate in their streetscape through helping with planting, maintenance and upkeep.

### Street Tree Selection

Street trees will be selected based on suitability to the site, biological tolerances, predicted climate change

conditions and potential to contribute to the landscape without onerous management implications.

There is no such thing as a maintenance-free tree. All trees will drop leaves, flowers, and fruit. The trees that are loved by some for their canopy cover, flower display or the shade they provide can cause distress for others as leaves and detritus are shed on footpaths and in private gardens. Considered tree selection and maintenance over the life-cycle of the tree will help to mitigate any potential negative impacts of urban trees.

Some factors that will be considered when selecting a tree are:

- available sunlight
- ability of Council to manage and maintain trees
- biological tolerances
- drainage and other below-ground infrastructure
- habitat value
- longevity and life cycle of tree
- mature height and spread of canopy
- neighbourhood character
- potential for allergen production
- potential for leaf litter, allergen and nut/seed production
- proximity to power lines and other overhead infrastructure
- quality and availability of stock
- root growth and habit
- shape, form, colour, habit and growth rate
- soil conditions
- structural integrity of tree
- suitability for current and predicted climate conditions
- unique attributes (autumn colour, bark colour, fruiting & flowering time etcetera).

In some streetscapes garden beds will be used as a tool to increase the impact, functionality, circulation pattern, habitat value or aesthetics of an area.





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## Benefits

The benefits of 'Green Streets' may include:

- Green streets increase urban green space, improve air quality, replenish groundwater, and reduce air temperature.
- Green streets are important parts of the city's green infrastructure.
- Green street planters have the capacity to collect and filter storm-water runoff from streets before they enter our waterways.
- The city is responsible for maintaining green street infrastructure however we also welcome volunteer Green Street Steward partnerships.
- Consideration of contemporary issues such as climate change, urban habitat creation, urban food production, varied species selection, and water security.
- Street tree planting and creative, sustainable streetscape designs are key methods to cost-effectively and aesthetically ready the public realm for the future.
- Trees are the most accessible and cost-effective means of combating climate change, mitigating the Urban Heat Island effect, and increasing air quality.
- Trees and flowers provide sense of seasonal change that enhances the visual interest of the city scene and vibrancy of the city life.
- Greening functions as urban lung to offer visual and psychological comfort and relief, which are vital to the health and well-being of people.
- Vegetation improves microclimate by, for instance, providing sun shades and windbreaks, absorbing heat and reducing the temperature of hard surface, and enhancing the humidity.
- Vegetation helps contain flying dust and counters the effects of environmental pollutants. It consumes carbon dioxide emissions and enhances the supply of oxygen, and hence helps break down noxious gas emitted from vehicles or industrial activities.
- Suitable trees and plants of indigenous species will provide food and shelter for wildlife (e.g. insects and birds) and hence maintain the ecology of the area and conserve wildlife.

*Plant more trees/shrubs  
in Commercial Road.\**

*More garden, more  
shaded gardens!.\**

*Need more garden to  
breakdown concrete.\**















# Street Amenity

## Description

Memorable sidewalks and streets that are orientated toward the pedestrian experience characterise excellence in streetscape design. Each part of the space is important to its success; these may include gathering spaces, public art, street furniture, landscape planting, lighting, benches, tables, chairs, bins, bicycle racks, drinking fountains, and other amenities.

Great streets are destinations in their own right. Especially in higher density areas and neighbourhoods, streets become increasingly important as public spaces for social and commercial activity and are a crucial component in supporting walking. The quality of our streets affects the way people feel about a place. To optimise walking, streets also need to be places for people to gather and linger.

The quality of amenities present for both practical and recreational purposes, such as public transport, shops, services, sufficient public open space, and recreational opportunities

### Amenity

Successful streets provide amenities to support a variety of activities. These include waste receptacles to maintain cleanliness, street lighting to enhance safety, bicycle racks, and both private and public seating options as the importance of giving people the choice to sit where they want is generally underestimated.

### Management

An active entity that manages the space is central to a street's success. This requires not only keeping the space clean and safe, but also managing tenants and programming the space to generate daily activity. Events can run the gamut from small street performances to sidewalk sales to cultural, civic or seasonal celebrations. Durability and ease of maintenance are important factors.

### Diverse User Groups

It is essential to provide activities for different groups. Mixing people of different race, gender, age, and income level ensures that no one group dominates the space and makes others feel unwelcome and out of place.

### Traffic, Transit & the Pedestrian

A successful street is one that is easy to get to and get through; it is visible both from a distance and up close. Accessible spaces have high parking turnover and, ideally, are convenient to public transit and support walking and biking. Car traffic cannot dominate the space and preclude the comfort of other modes. This is generally accomplished by slowing speeds and sharing street space with a range of transportation options.

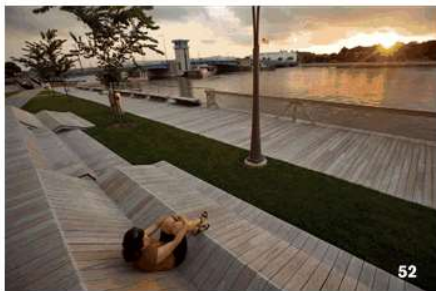
### Blending of Uses and Modes

Ground floor uses and retail activities should spill out into the sidewalks and streets to blur the distinction between public and private space.

*Active streets will make  
Morwell vibrant and  
safe.\**

*Gathering spaces,  
people attract people.\**

















More seating and more crossings.\*







# Garden Town

## Description

### Garden Town

The concept of 'Morwell the Town of Gardens' aspires to shift the town's identity by building on the positive qualities and characteristics of its industrial heritage, and connecting and re-purposing existing open spaces and assets within the town to build a new relevant perception and identity of Morwell.

It defines a network of green spaces interwoven throughout the town to provide an important means to change the urban environment of the town. This green network will contribute to the purification of air, adjust the climate of a space, improve soil quality and ecology as well as enhance the visual environment. It aspires to change how people experience, perceive and interact with their surroundings and neighbourhood through a range of active, passive, productive and connecting spaces.

Green, healthy cities attract investment for innovation and can act as hubs for creativity and wealth creation.

Increasing urban green space improves air quality, replenishes groundwater, and reduces air temperature. Trees and flowers provide sense of seasonal change that enhances the visual interest of the city scene and vibrancy of the city life, and offer visual and psychological comfort and relief, which are vital to the health and well-being of people.

This network will bring with it various benefits. It can be a tourist attraction, an economic stimulus that brings investment into the region, and a re-definition of the town's identity.

For Morwell residents this network of green spaces would mean a significant increase in usable public space within the town. This network will establish Morwell as the town of gardens and allow residents to utilise and enjoy outdoor spaces in a variety of forms and uses.

### Garden Festival

The Morwell Garden festival aspires to generate Morwell as a premier garden destination and be a catalyst for beautification, education, tourism, promotion, community-building, healthy living, sustainability, and civic pride.

The artistic and tourism event also gives visitors a chance to discover inspiring spaces bringing together the visual arts, design, landscape and the environment within the specific context of Morwell.

The Festival is an attraction for visitors, while also a significant factor associated with enterprise, the generation of wealth and socio-economic development. It wants to contribute to long-term sustainable profiling and image strengthening.

George Hargreaves suggests that "Green infrastructure provides the foundation that underpins the function, health, wealth and identity of our communities. It provides a network of open spaces and natural assets that include trees, parks, gardens, allotments, cemeteries, woodlands, green corridors, rivers and waterways. And it can reduce carbon, generate renewable energy, raise air quality, enhance biodiversity, improve water management, increase local food production, and promote healthy communities to provide lasting economic, social, cultural and environmental returns."

Cities, he says, are learning that the environment is something not to be sidelined. 'We have repositioned the idea of open space from something that is 'nice' to something that is fundamental to the way we prosper and develop.'

<http://www.theguardian.com/environment/2009/mar/25/green-infrastructure>





## Benefits

In places without a strong management presence or variety of activities, it is often difficult to attract people year-round. It is therefore essential to utilise seasonal strategies, like holiday markets, parades and recreational activities to activate the street during all times of the year. If a street offers a unique and attractive experience, weather is often less of a factor than people initially assume.

### To put 'life' back into our streets

Streets are so much more than just getting from point A to point B. Parklets are a new way to create places with meaning and beauty, and create healthy, dynamic public spaces that are very important to the production of healthy cities.

### Attractions & Destinations

Having something to do gives people a reason to come to a place—and to return again and again. When there is nothing to do, a space will remain empty, which can lead to other problems. In planning attractions and destinations, it is important to consider a wide range of activities for: men and women; people of different ages; different times of day, week and year; and for people alone and in groups. Create an enticing path by linking together this variety of experiences.

### Identity & Image

Whether a space has a good image and identity is key to its success. Creating a positive image requires keeping a place clean and well-maintained, as well as fostering a sense of identity. This identity can originate in showcasing local assets. Businesses, pedestrians, and drivers will then elevate their behaviour to this vision and sense of place.

*Rose garden is good,  
can we think about other  
'Green.'\**

*Flowers on Commercial  
Road.\**

*Sunflower project!  
Greatest thing that ever  
happened.\**

*A street that houses  
a cultural program of  
events and activities.\**

A Healthy Town



Festival



A Sustainable Town



Community Led



A Tourist Town



Community Led



A Beautiful Town



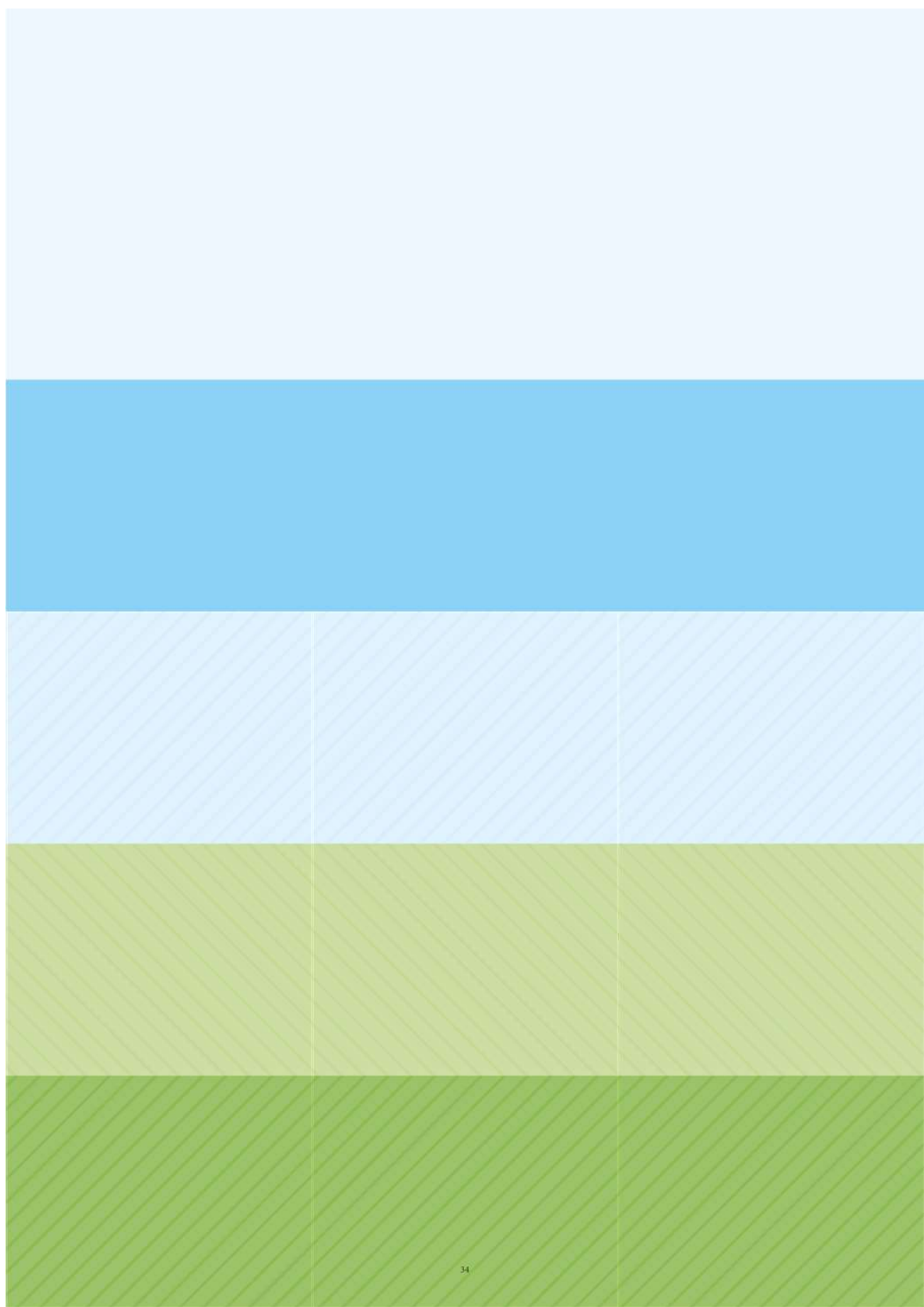
Garden Town



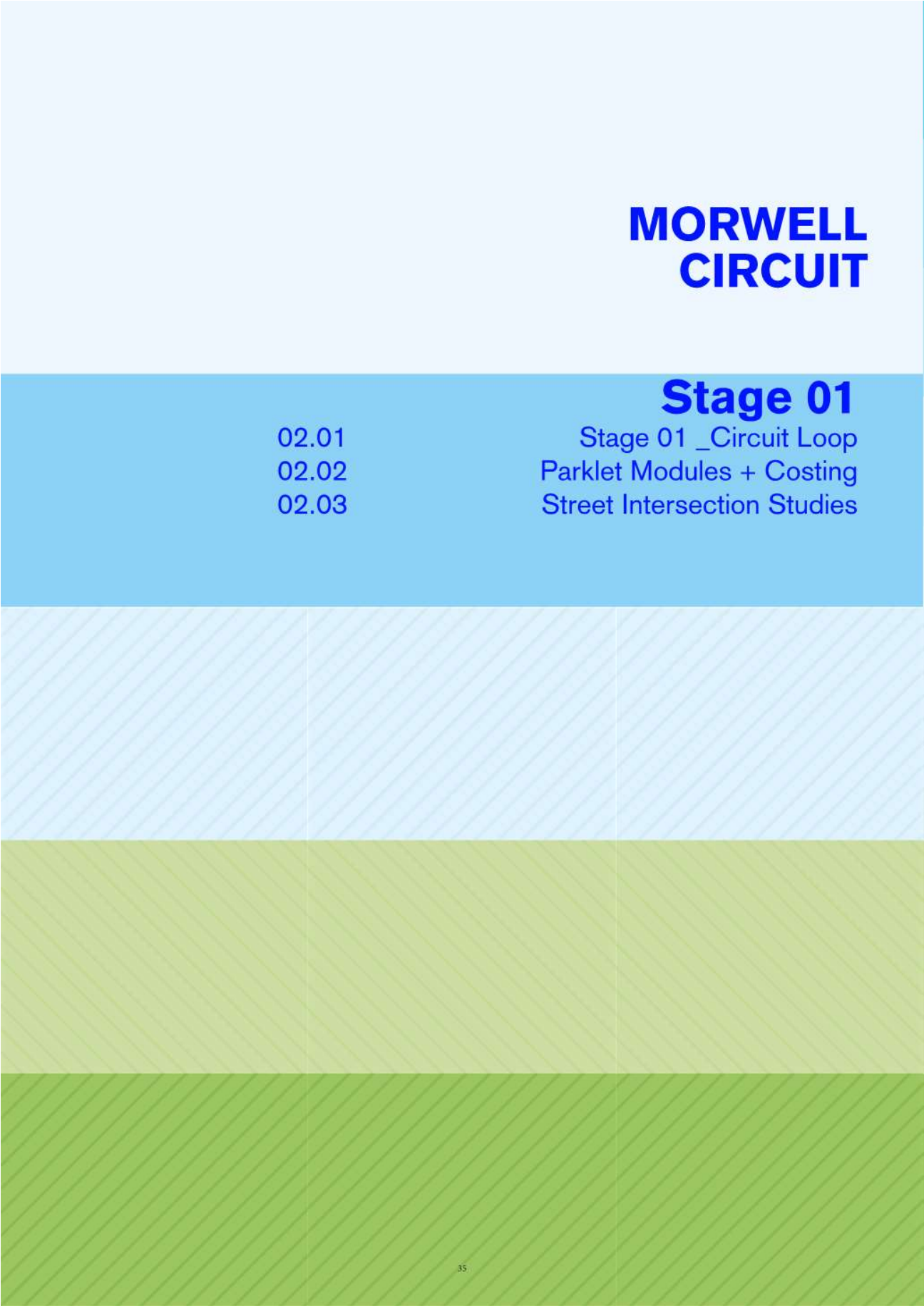


### Garden Town

The concept of 'Morwell the Town of Gardens' focuses on the shift of the town's identity, through the establishment of a healthy town, a sustainable town, a tourist town, and a beautiful town.







Circuit Components



## Circuit Plan

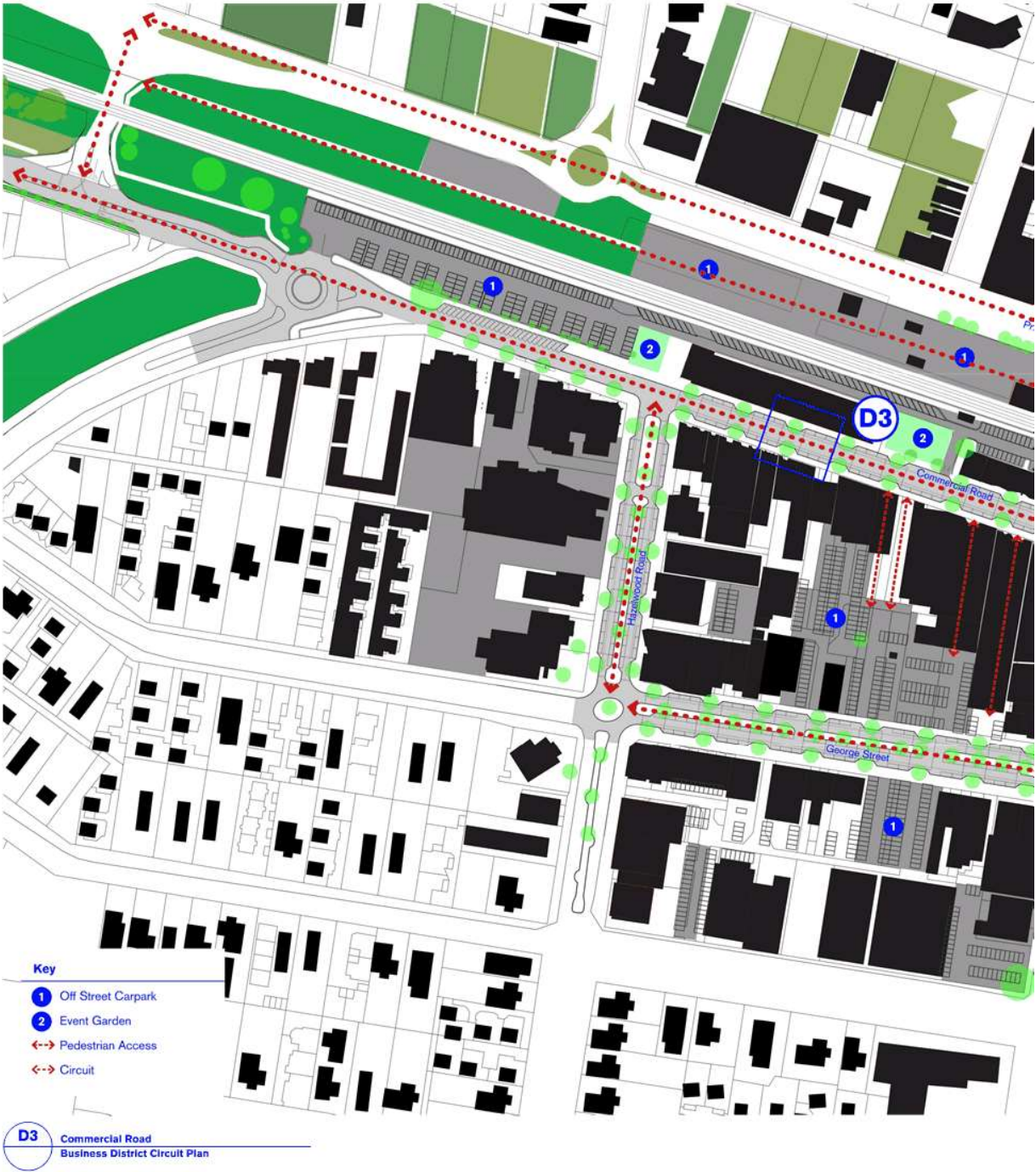


### Proposed Event Circuit for Morwell Garden Town

#### Morwell Circuit

The extended Morwell Circuit defining the Village Hub consists of 6 staged components. The focus of this document is the delivery of Stage 01 in Commercial Road between Hazelwood Road and Tarwin Street, of Circuit Loop 01.







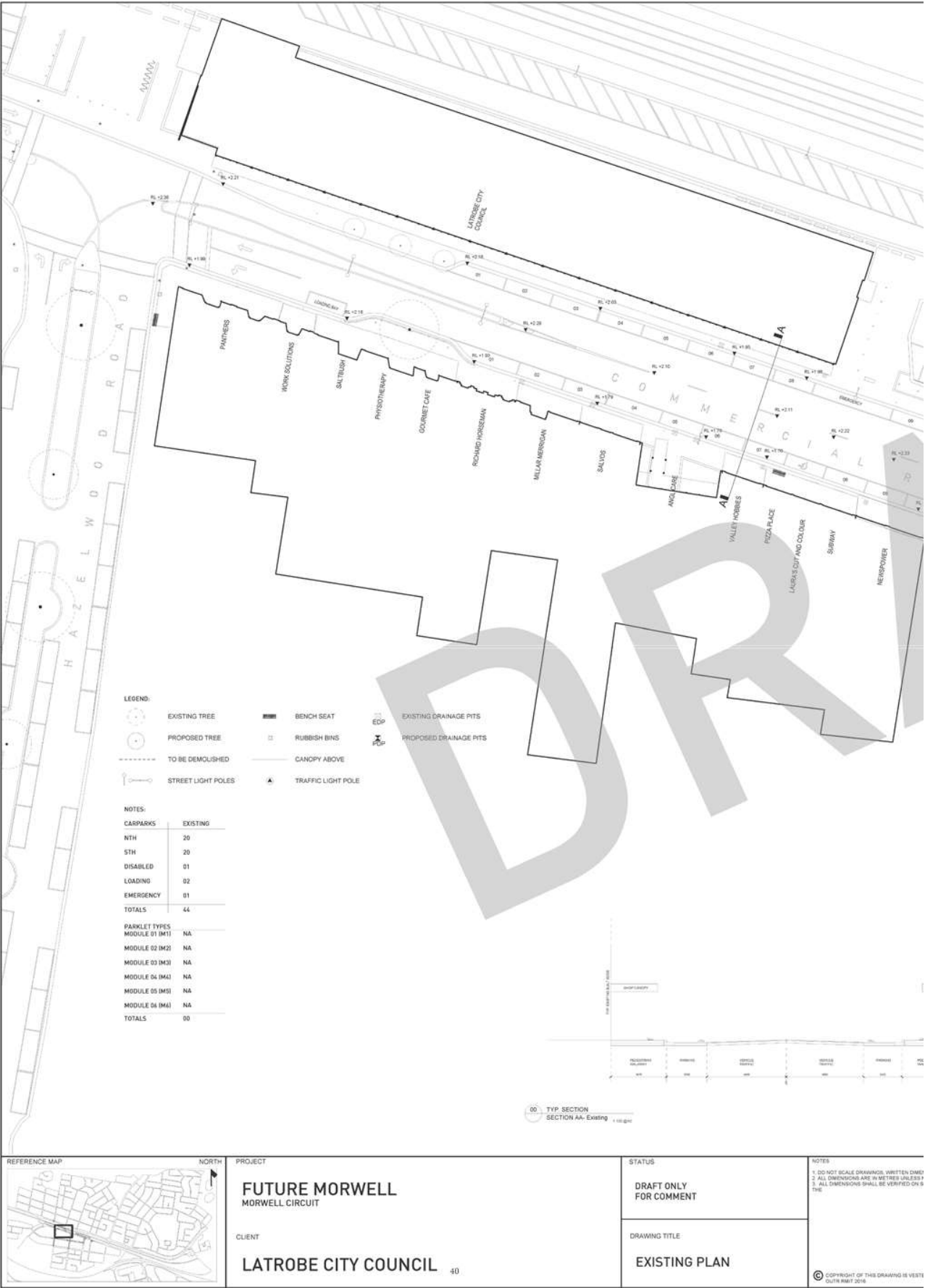
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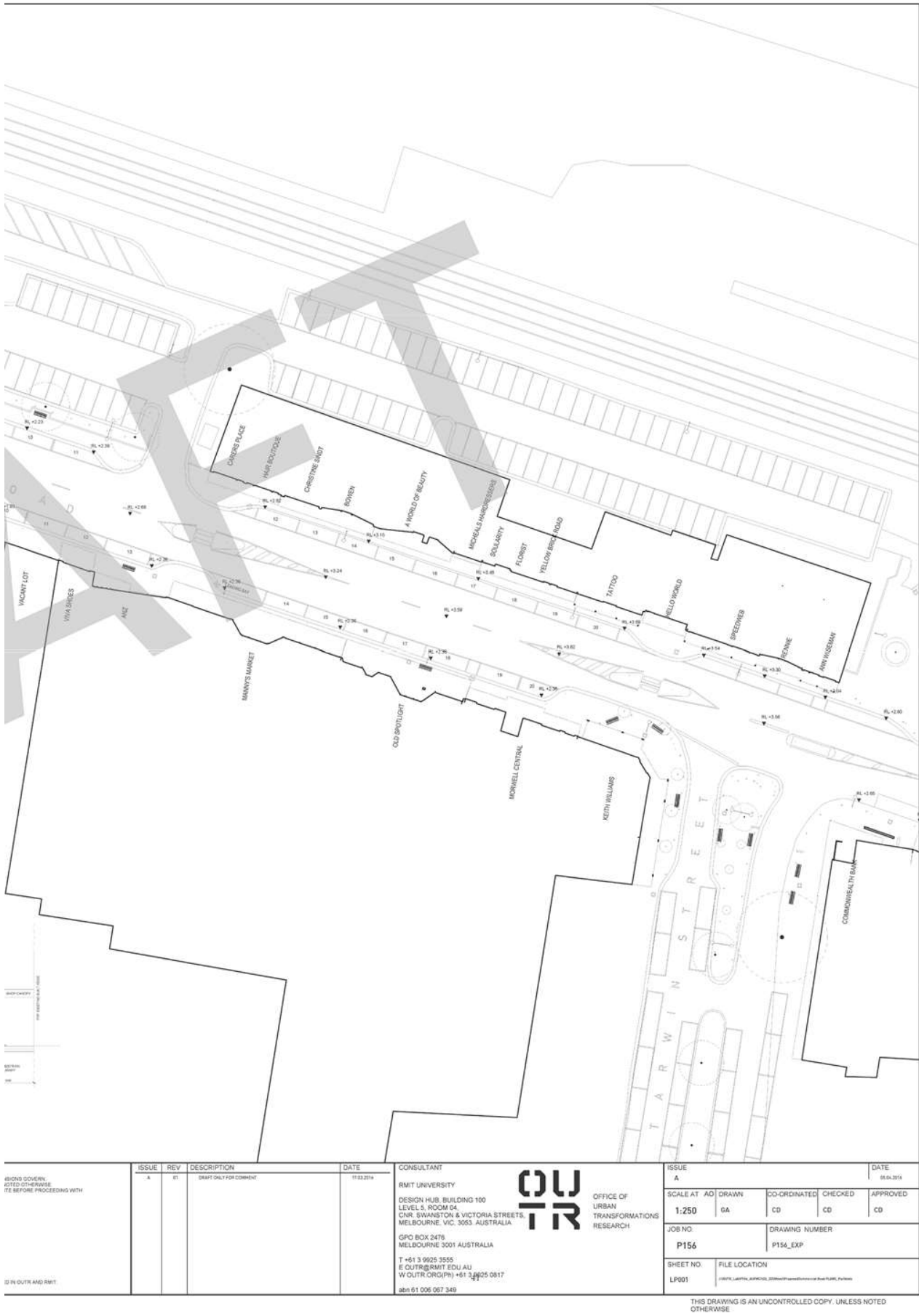


### Morwell Circuit

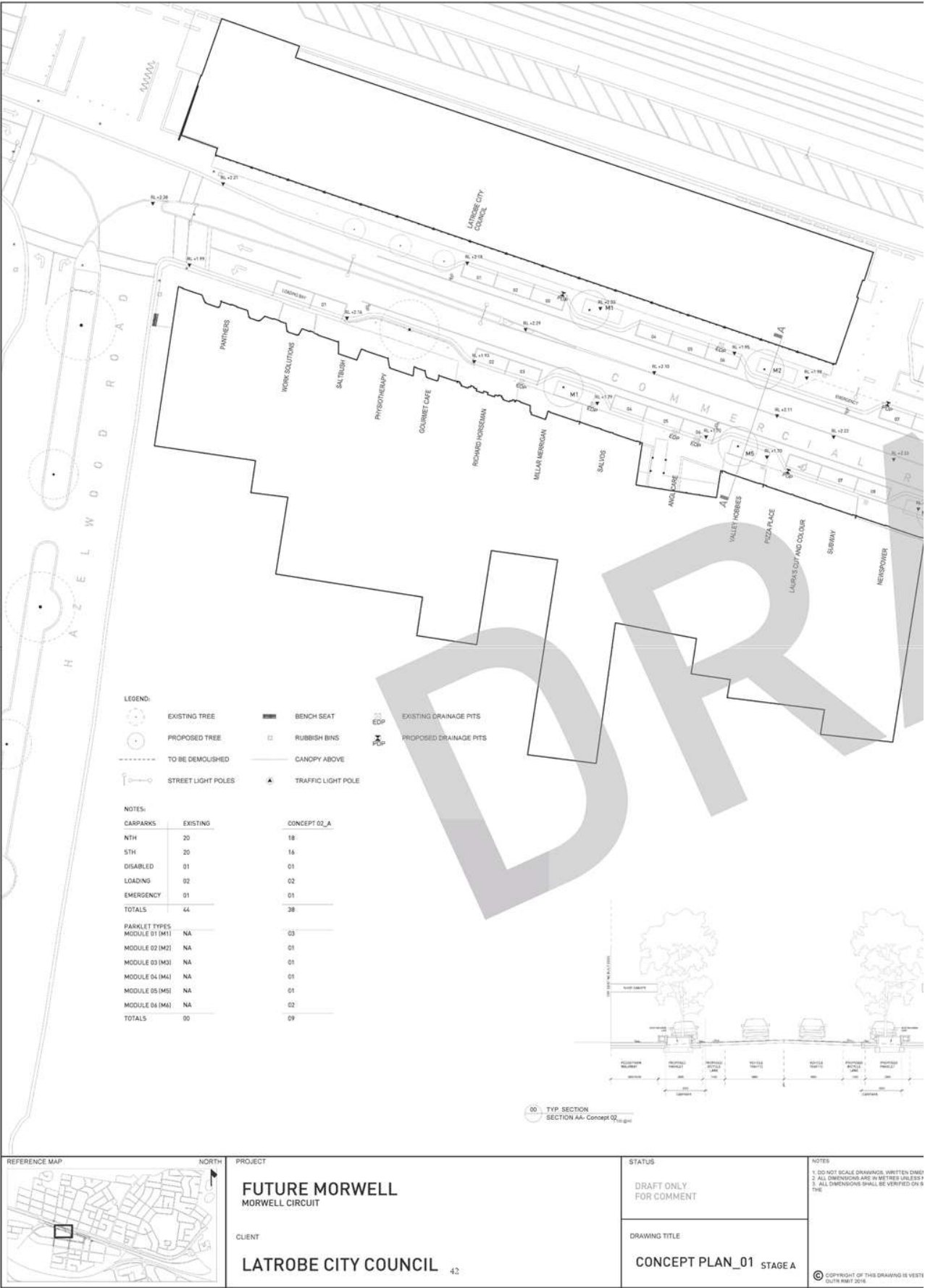
This plan drawing describes a portion of the extended Morwell Circuit within the context of Morwell's Village Hub.

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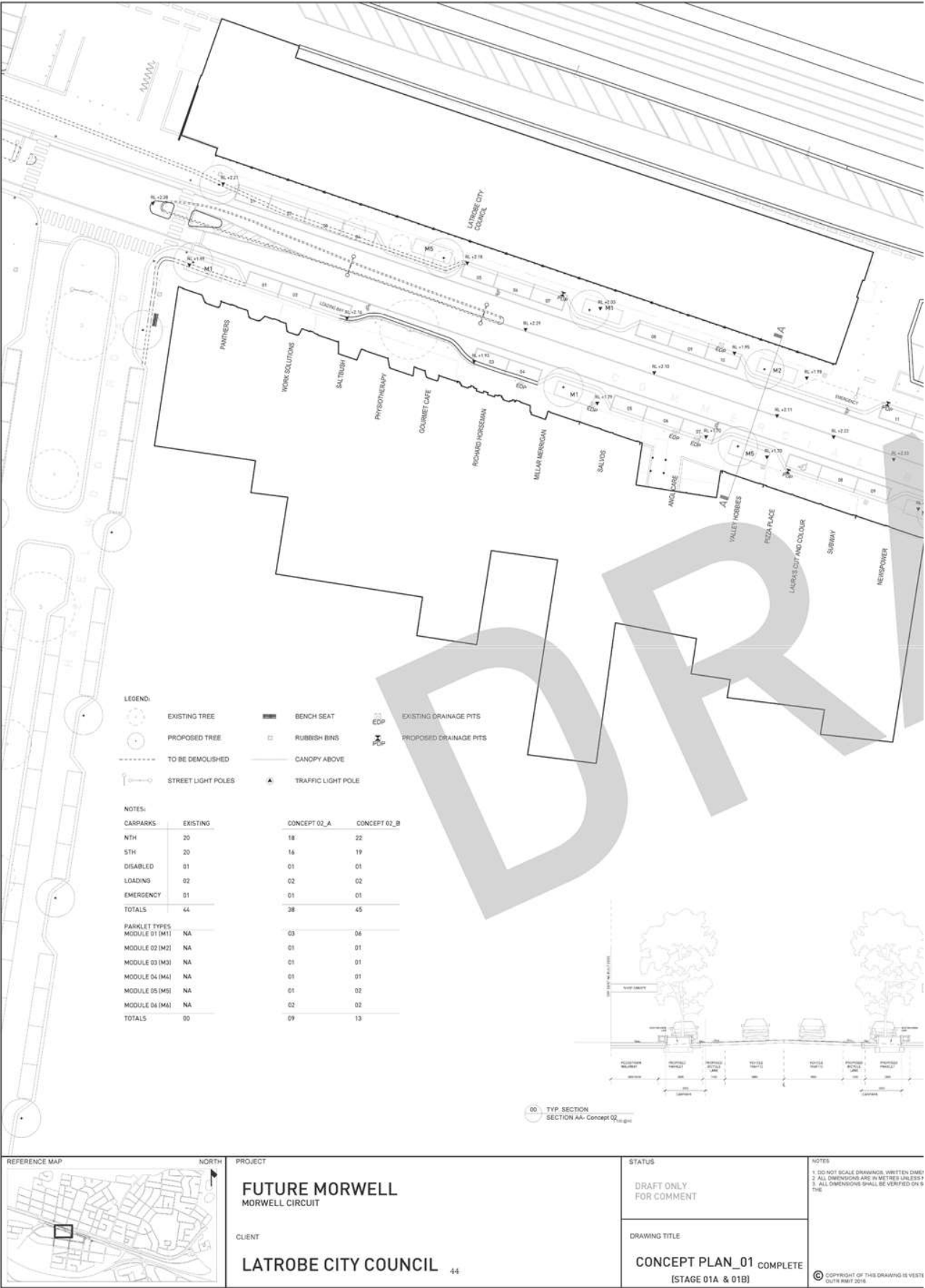


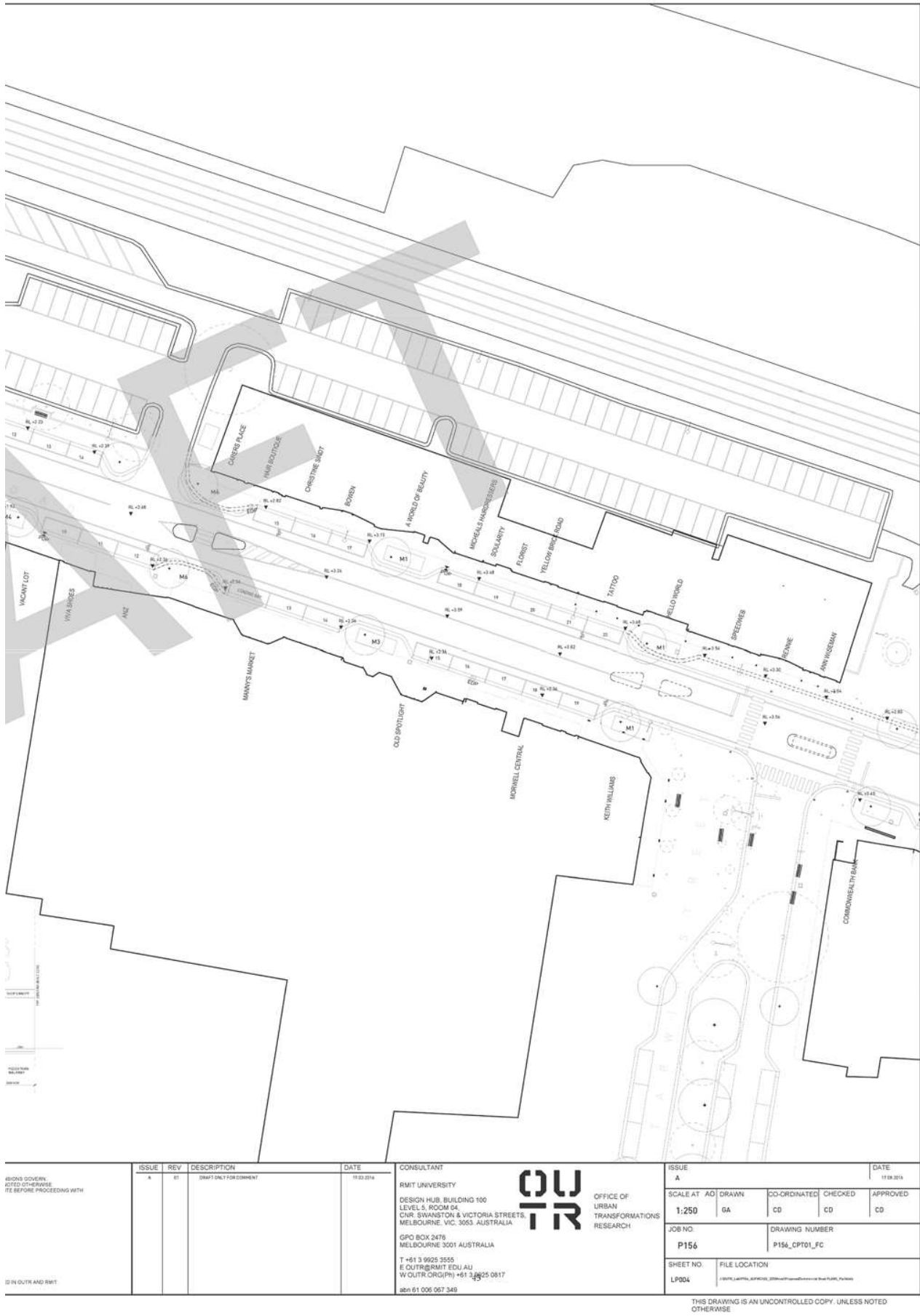










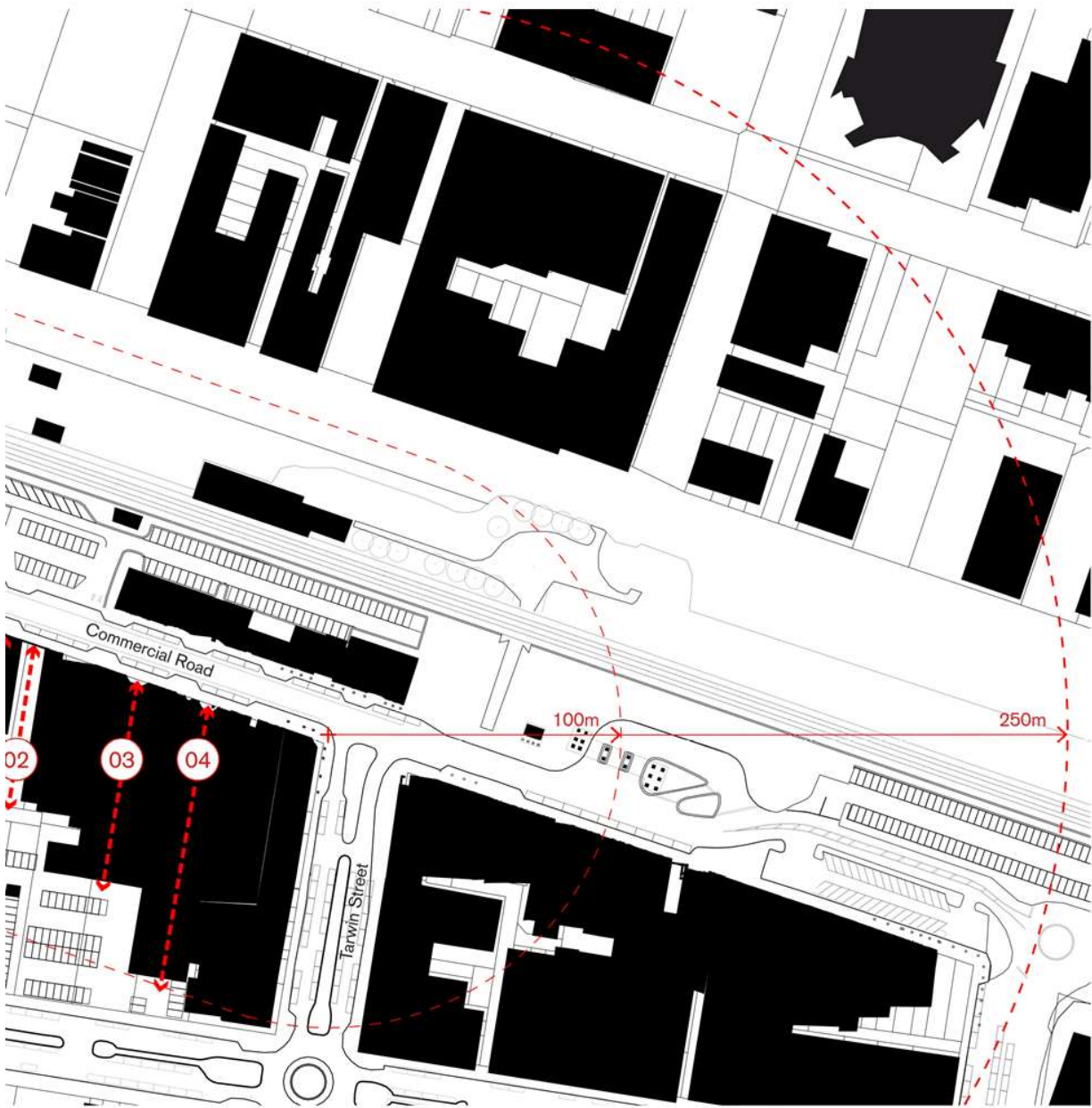




- Key
- ◀ ▶ Pedestrian Thoroughfare
  - 01 Morwell Newsagency
  - 02 Vacant Block
  - 03 Manny's Market
  - 04 Old Spotlight Store



Business District Carpark Study



Total Carparks (walking distance to CBD)

	100m radius	250m radius
<div></div> existing =	408	688
<div></div> proposed = (stage A)	402	682
<div></div> proposed = (stage B)	409	689



Existing Condition\_Commercial Road



Seating Area



Road/Pedestrian Crossing Pavement



Public Pavilion Seating



Functional Public Art



Boulevard Street Scapes



Urban Pocket Parks



Bike Lane within the urban boulevard



Water Sensitive Urban Design

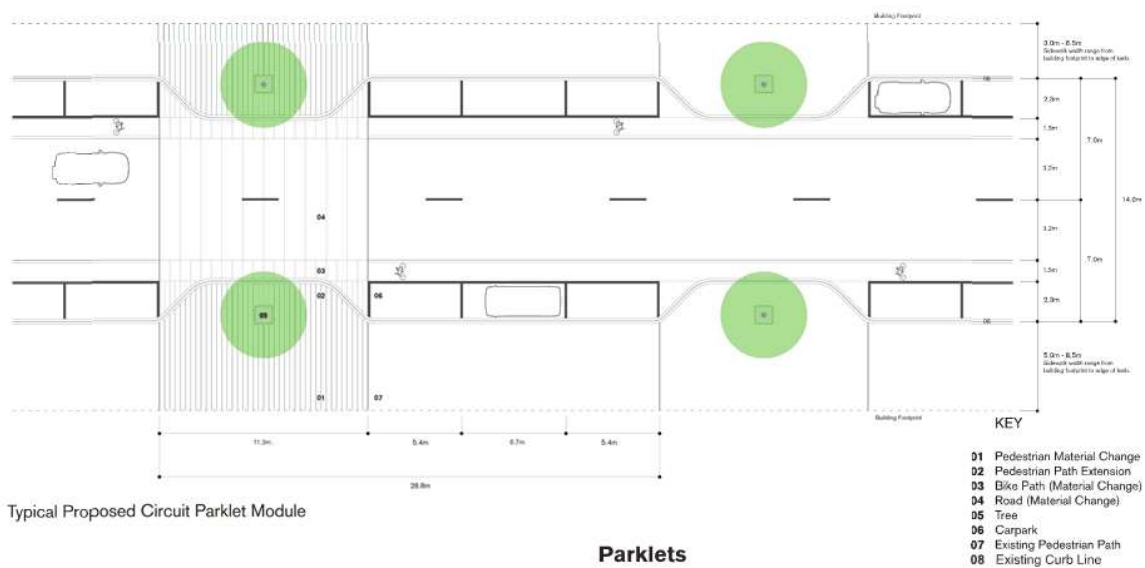
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- 83. West End Longfellow, Boston, Massachusetts, USA
- 84. Lonsdale Street, Dandenong, Victoria, Australia
- 85. Piazza Mazzini, Jesolo, Italy
- 86. Functional Street Art

- 87. Lonsdale Street, Dandenong, Victoria, Australia
- 88. Podium isles, Beethovenstraat, Amsterdam
- 89. Bikeways, Portland, Oregon
- 90. Water Sensitive Urban Design



Proposed Design\_Commercial Road



## Parklets

The design proposes an extension of the footpath into the street in a series of equally spaced locations along its length called 'Parklets'. The Parklets provide the space for street trees, garden beds, furniture and other amenities in order to completely change the identity of the street away from its current harsh car dominated reality to a lush space with areas to congregate. It also acts to calm traffic, and provides a bike lane to promote cycling.



**Garden Festival Timeline**

Call for Proposals  
September

Competition Winners  
Announced  
February

Festival Duration  
June - September



**Garden Festival:  
Reford  
International,  
Canada**



**Garden Festival Timeline**

Call for Proposals  
April - October

Competition Winners  
Announced  
December

Garden Construction  
March

Festival Duration  
April - November



**Garden Festival:  
Domaine-  
Chaumont, France**



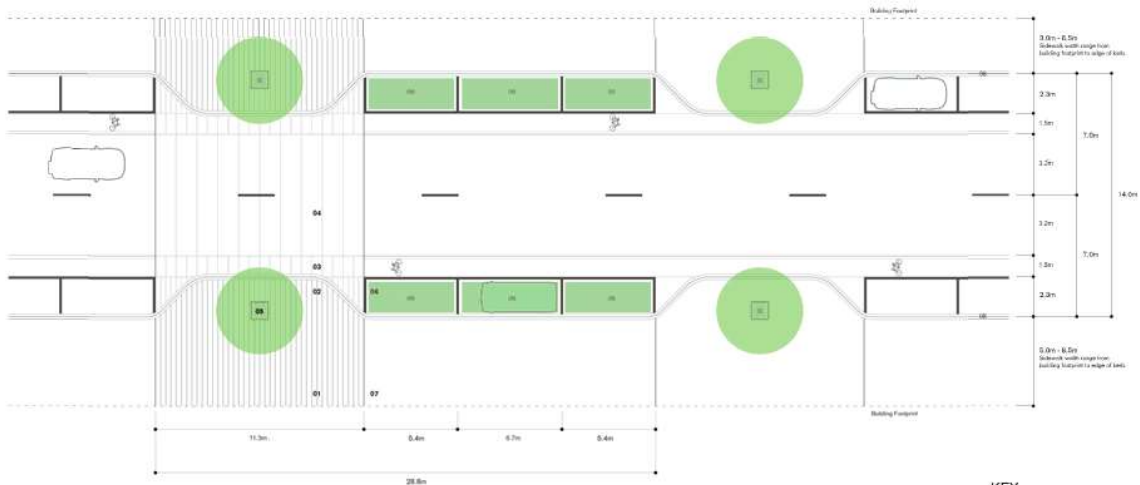
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- 96. Safe Zone, Quebec, Canada
- 97. Making Circles in the Water, Reford Gardens, Canada
- 98. Réflexions colorées, Reford Gardens, Canada
- 99. The Dining Room, Chaumont International Garden Festival 2011





Proposed Design during Garden Festival\_Commercial Road

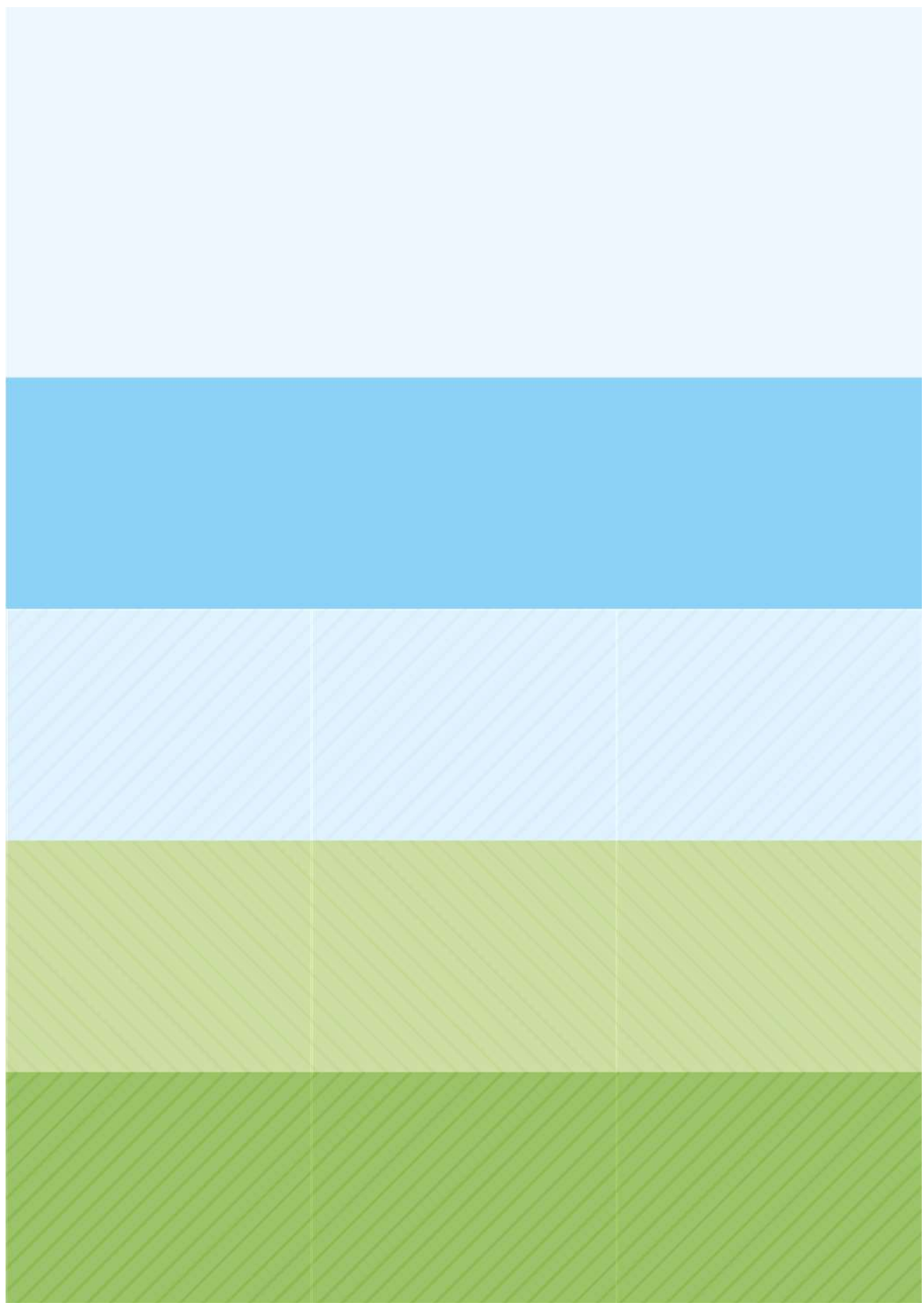


Typical Proposed Circuit Parklet Module with Garden Festival

- KEY
- 01 Pedestrian Material Change
  - 02 Pedestrian Path Extension
  - 03 Bike Path (Material Change)
  - 04 Road (Material Change)
  - 05 Tree
  - 06 Carpark
  - 07 Existing Pedestrian Path
  - 08 Existing Curb Line
  - 09 Temporary Gardens

Garden Festival

During the proposed Garden Festival event, a number of car parking spaces might be occupied by a range of temporary designed gardens that completely transform the town for the duration of the event. This event is intended to contribute to the shift in the town's identity to that of a 'Town of Gardens', generate joy in the community, and act as a tourist attraction.



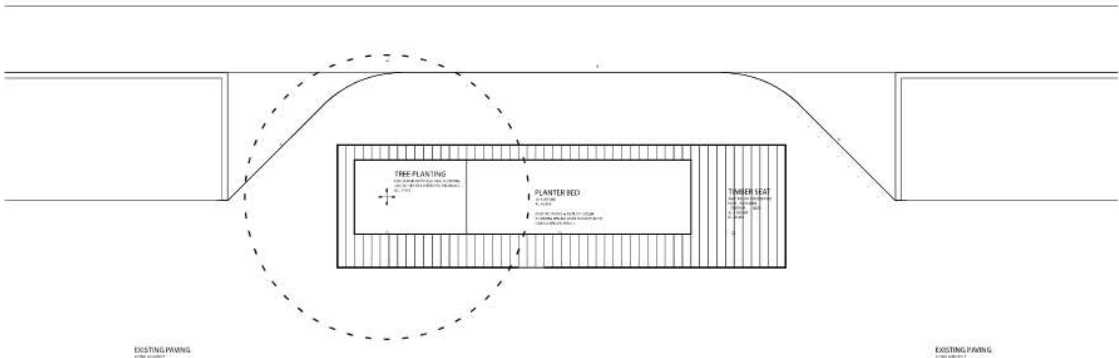
**MORWELL  
CIRCUIT**

Urban Connectivity  
+ Activation  
Strategy  
Parklet Modules

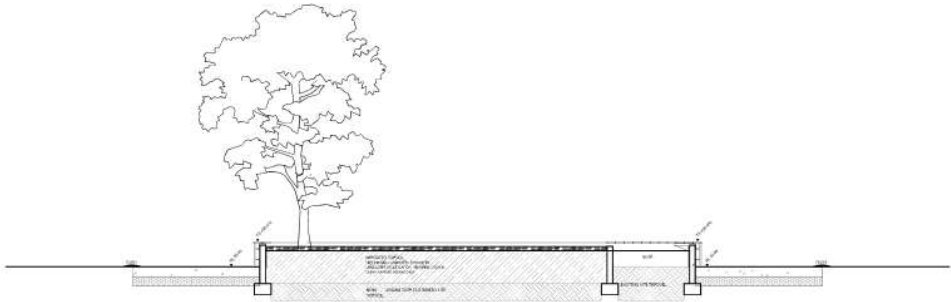




Elevation



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## Parklet Module 01

This is the first and most simple type of furniture Module designed for the Parklets. All modules provide a garden bed sufficient enough to support the placement and growth of a large street tree, a raised garden bed for lush plants, associated water supply, irrigation, power, lighting, and seating. Module 01 has a large garden bed, and an extensive seating area.

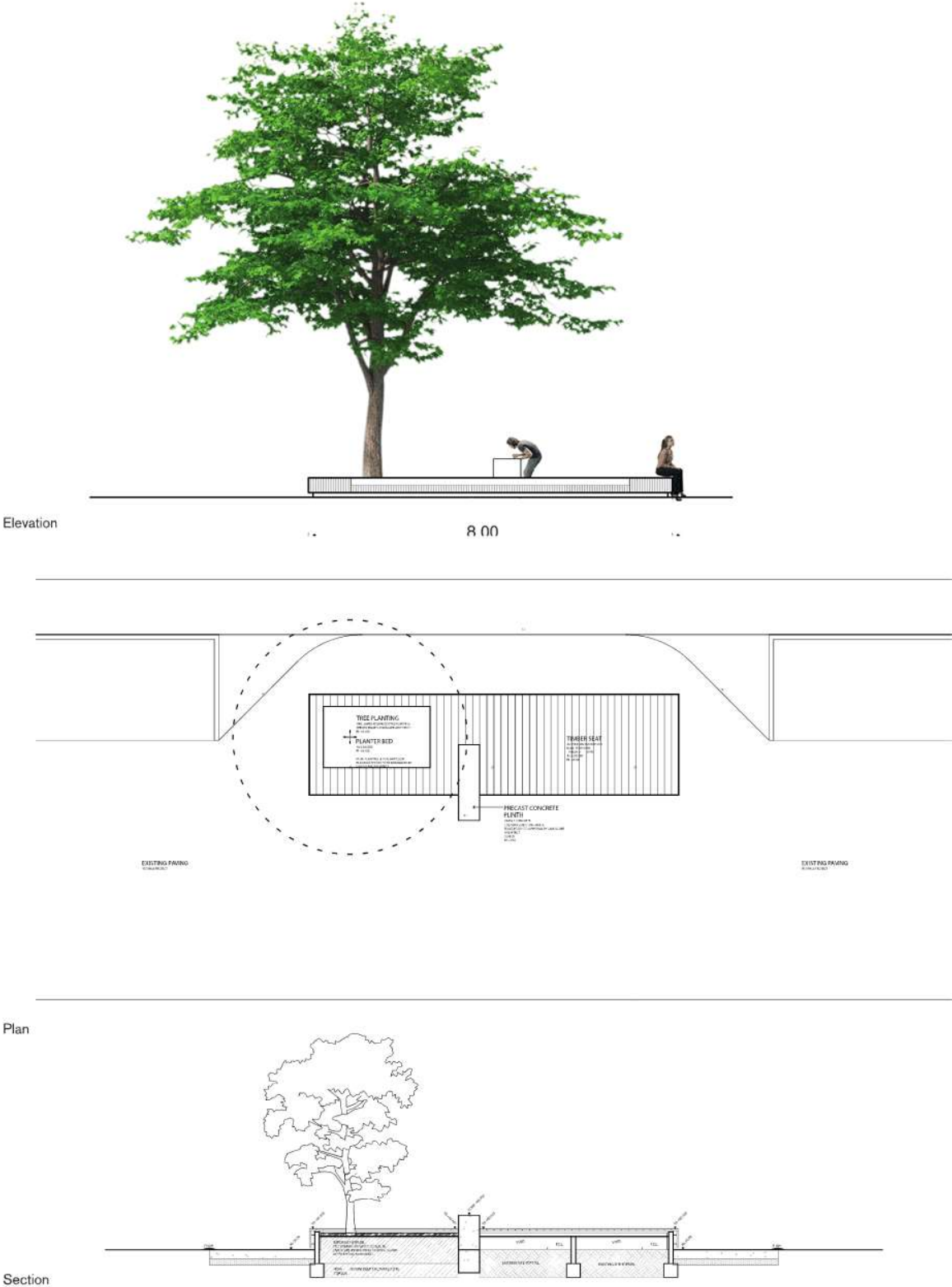




## Module 01 Cost Estimates

	Module 01					Cost Summary	\$26,291.83
						Total Area of works	29.016
	Description 1	Description 2	No.	lin.length	Width	Height	Area Footprint
0.0	Hardscape PB2	Pavement Extension - Base Slab		-	-	-	16.529
	Demolish	Existing		-	-	-	6.879
	Void						5.608
1.0	Hardscape 1	Pavement Extension		-	-	-	15.236
2.0	Structure	Planter walls		16.239	0.1	-	1.6239
3.0	Softscape			-	-	-	10.863
4.0	Furniture 1A						6.858

MODULE 01	Description Breakdown	Description 2	No.	lin.length	Width	Height	Area	Rate	Cost
3.1.1	Hardscape 1	Proposed insitu concrete base extension of pedestrian pavement to new extents as shown on plan. Assumes new vehicular grade concrete base slab to eng's requirements required falls.					16.529	\$110.00	\$1,818.19
3.1.2	Hardscape 1	proposed 40mm thick Concrete Pavers on 50mm cement mortar bed to extension of pedestrian pavement					15.236	\$110.00	\$1,675.96
3.2.1	Structure: Planter bed walls	insitu concrete walls nom. 450mm high by 100mm thick on strip footing. Class 2 finish. Subject to Structural Eng's requirements and specs.		16.239				\$525.00	\$8,525.48
3.3.1	Softscape: Garden bed preparation	Propose free draining cultivated imported topsoil Nominal 600mm deep plus 200mm deep cultivated site topsoil below.					10.863	\$100.00	\$1,086.30
3.3.2	Softscape: finishing	Propose 75mm deep organic mulch				0.075	10.863	\$60.00	\$48.88
3.3.3	Softscape: Irrigation	Drip Irrigation lines to extent of garden beds @ 300mm line spacings					10.863	\$40.00	\$434.52
3.3.4	Softscape: Potted Planting.	Propose supply and install of potted plants. Nom. 140mm Pot Size Species TBA	100				10.863	\$10.50	\$1,050.00
3.3.5	Softscape: Tree Planting.	Supply and install 1No. Super advanced tree to location as shown. Nom. Minimum supplied tree stock height 3m tall.	1					\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
4.4.1	Furniture 1A	450mm High Seated platform. Australian Hardwood Class 1 Dressed Timbers. clad on all faced sides with nom. 150mm(w)x30mm(d) Boards on steel frame. Species to be confirmed. Final finish to be Oiled and stained to landscape architect approval		20.51		0.45	6.858	\$600.00	\$9,652.50
								Subtotal	\$26,291.83





## Parklet Module 02

All modules provide a garden bed sufficient enough to support the placement and growth of a large street tree, a raised garden bed for lush plants, associated water supply, irrigation, power, lighting, and seating. Module 02 has a small garden bed, and an extensive seating area, and an additional component that might serve as a table, drinking fountain, and signage.





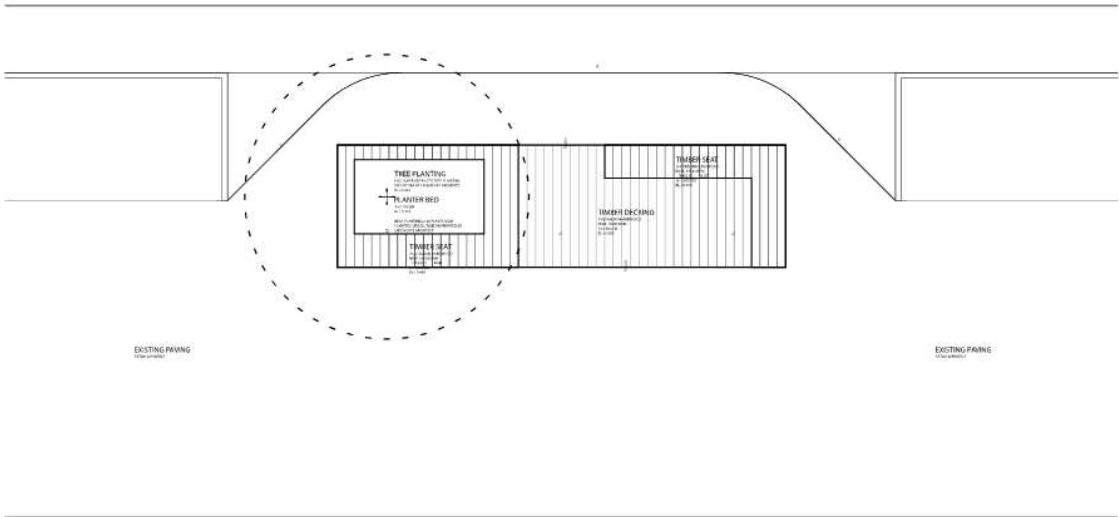
## Module 02 Cost Estimates

	Module 02					Cost Summary	\$30,286.33
						Total Area of works	25.533
	Description 1	Description 2	No.	lin.length	Width	Height	Area Footprint
0.0	Hardscape PB2	Pavement Extension - Base Slab		-	-	-	19.369
	Demolish	Existing		-	-	-	3.396
	Void						2.768
1.0	Hardscape 1	Pavement Extension		-	-	-	15.236
2.0	Structure	Planter walls		9.805	0.1	-	0.9805
	Structure	Plinth	1	-	-	0.75	7.95
3.0	Softscape			-	-	-	5.184
4.0	Furniture 1A						17.212

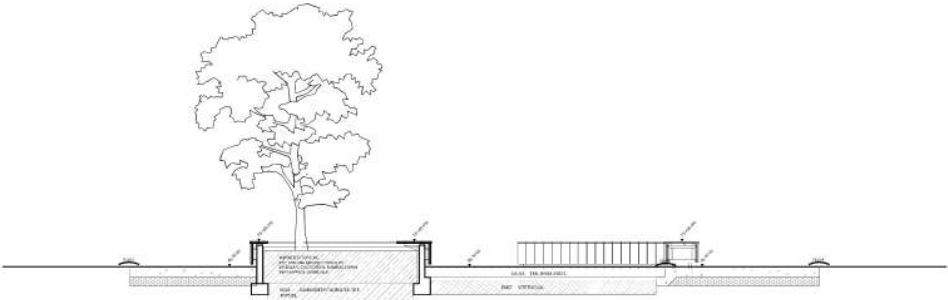
Module 02	Description Breakdown	Description 2	No.	lin.length	Width	Height	Area	Rate	Cost
2.1.1	Hardscape 1	Proposed insitu concrete base extension of pedestrian pavement to new extents as shown on plan. Assumes new vehicular grade concrete base slab to eng's requirements required falls.					19.369	\$110.00	\$2,130.59
2.1.2	Hardscape 1	proposed 40mm thick Concrete Pavers on 50mm cement mortar bed to extension of pedestrian pavement					15.236	\$110.00	\$1,675.96
2.2.1	Structure: Planter bed walls	Insitu concrete walls nom. 450mm high by 100mm thick on strip footing. Class 2 finish. Subject to Structural Eng's requirements and specs.		9.805				\$525.00	\$5,147.63
2.2.2	Structure: Plinth	Precast Concrete. PC sum applied	1					\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
2.3.1	Softscape: Garden bed preparation	Propose free draining cultivated imported topsoil Nominal 600mm deep plus 200mm deep cultivated site topsoil below.					5.184	\$100.00	\$518.40
2.3.2	Softscape: finishing	Propose 75mm deep organic mulch				0.075	5.184	\$60.00	\$23.33
2.3.3	Softscape: Irrigation	Drip Irrigation lines to extent of garden beds @ 300mm line spacings					5.184	\$40.00	\$207.36
2.3.4	Softscape: Potted Planting.	Propose supply and install of potted plants. Nom. 140mm Pot Size Species TBA	100				5.184	\$10.50	\$1,050.00
2.3.5	Softscape: Tree Planting.	Supply and install 1No. Super advanced tree to location as shown. Nom. Minimum supplied tree stock height 3m tall.	1					\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
4.1	Furniture 1A	450mm High Seated platform. Australian Hardwood Class 1 Dressed Timbers. cladged on all faced sides with nom. 150mm(w)x30mm(d) Boards on steel frame. Species to be confirmed. Final finish to be Oiled and stained to landscape architect approval		20.044		0.45	14.108	\$650.00	\$15,033.07
								Subtotal	\$30,286.33



Elevation



Plan



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## Parklet Module 03

All modules provide a garden bed sufficient enough to support the placement and growth of a large street tree, a raised garden bed for lush plants, associated water supply, irrigation, power, lighting, and seating. Module 03 has a small garden bed, and an extensive seating area clustered around a central timber deck that promotes congregation and community interaction.

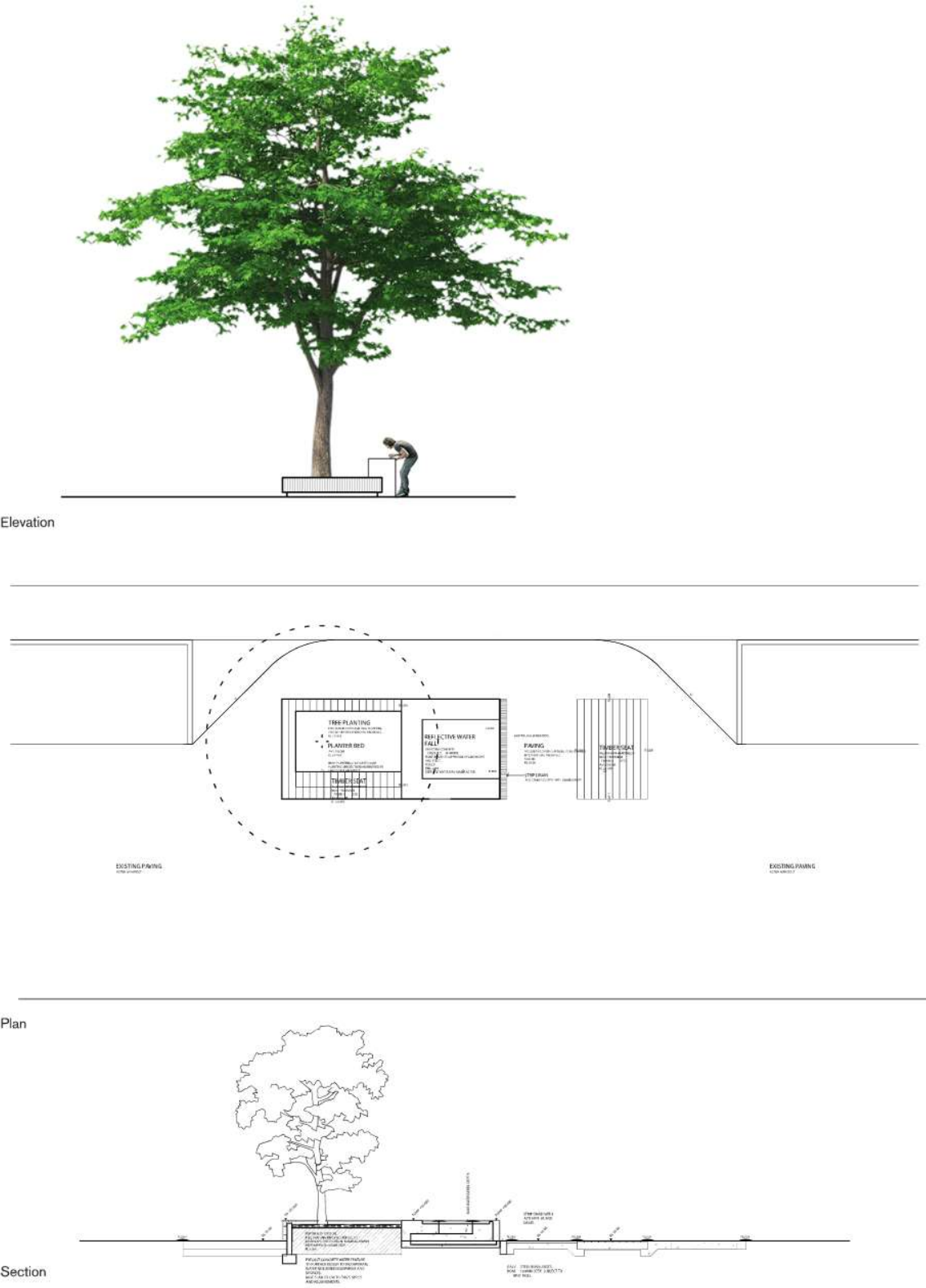




## Module 03 Cost Estimates

	Module 03					Cost Summary	\$27,233.64
						Total Area of works	30.19
	Description 1	Description 2	No.	lin.length	Width	Height	Area Footprint
0.0	Hardscape PB2	Pavement Extension - Base Slab		-	-	-	16.533
	Demolish	Existing		-	-	-	8.053
	Void						5.604
1.0	Hardscape 1	Pavement Extension		-	-	-	15.236
	Hardscape 3	Pavement treatment - Decking					7.637
2.0	Structure	Planter walls		9.96	0.1	-	0.996
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.0	Softscape			-	-	-	4.968
4.0	Furniture 1A						4.046
	Furniture 1B	-		-	-	-	2.934

MODULE 03	Description Breakdown	Description 2	No.	lin.length	Width	Height	Area	Rate	Cost
4.1.1	Hardscape 1	Proposed insitu concrete base extension of pedestrian pavement to new extents as shown on plan. Assumes new vehicular grade concrete base slab to eng's requirements required falls.					16.533	\$110.00	\$1,818.63
4.1.2	Hardscape 1	proposed 40mm thick Concrete Pavers on 50mm cement mortar bed to extension of pedestrian pavement					15.236	\$110.00	\$1,675.96
4.1.4	Hardscape 3: Pavement Treatment.	Timber Decking. Australian Hardwood . with nom. 150mm(w)x30mm(d) Boards on steel subrafe frame to structural engineers specs. Species to be confirmed. Final finish to be Oiled and stained to landscape architect approval					7.637	\$850.00	\$6,491.45
4.2.1	Structure: Planter bed walls	Insitu concrete walls nom. 450mm high by 100mm thick on strip footing. Class 2 finish. Subject to Structural Eng's requirements and specs.		9.96				\$525.00	\$5,229.00
4.3.1	Softscape: Garden bed preparation	Propose free draining cultivated imported topsoil Nominal 600mm deep plus 200mm deep cultivated site topsoil below.					4.968	\$100.00	\$496.80
4.3.2	Softscape: finishing	Propose 75mm deep organic mulch				0.075	4.968	\$60.00	\$22.36
4.3.3	Softscape: Irrigation	Drip Irrigation lines to extent of garden beds @ 300mm line spacings					4.968	\$45.00	\$223.56
4.3.4	Softscape: Potted Planting.	Propose supply and install of potted plants. Nom. 140mm Pot Size Species TBA	100				4.968	\$13.50	\$1,350.00
4.3.5	Softscape: Tree Planting.	Supply and install 1No. Super advanced tree to location as shown. Nom. Minimum supplied tree stock height 3m tall.	1					\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
4.4.1	Furniture 1A	450mm High Seated platform. Australian Hardwood Class 1 Dressed Timbers. cladded on all faced sides with nom. 150mm(w)x30mm(d) Boards on steel frame. Species to be confirmed. Final finish to be Oiled and stained to landscape architect approval		10.91		0.45	4.046	\$600.00	\$5,373.30
4.4.2	Furniture 1B	450mm High Seated platform. Australian Hardwood Class 1 Dressed Timbers. cladded on all faced sides with nom. 150mm(w)x30mm(d) Boards on steel frame. Species to be confirmed. Final finish to be Oiled and stained to landscape architect approval		2.934		0.45	2.934	\$600.00	\$2,552.58
								Subtotal	\$27,233.64





## Parklet Module 04

All modules provide a garden bed sufficient enough to support the placement and growth of a large street tree, a raised garden bed for lush plants, associated water supply, irrigation, power, lighting, and seating. Module 04 has a small garden bed, an extensive seating area, and a reflective pool with an infinity edge. The pool provides a moment of difference, a joyful moment of interaction, and acts to aesthetically and acoustically enrich the space.

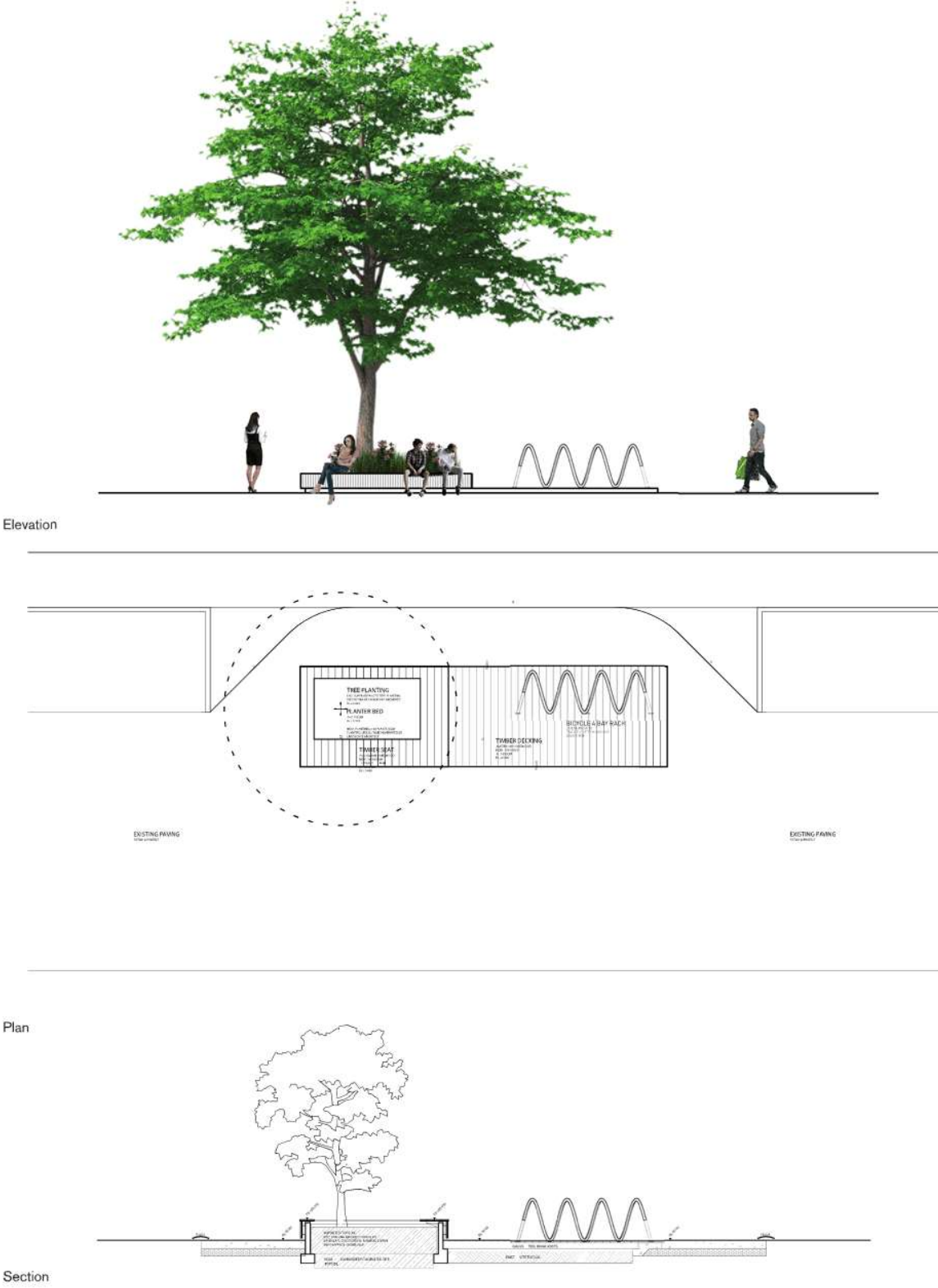




## Module 04 Cost Estimates

Module 04						Cost Summary	\$34,755.86
						Total Area of works	24.862
Description 1	Description 2	No.	lin.length	Width	Height	Area Footprint	
0.0 Hardscape PB2	Pavement Extension - Base Slab		-	-	-	19.916	
Demolish	Existing		-	-	-	2.725	
Void						2.221	
1.0 Hardscape 1	Pavement Extension		-	-	-	16.206	
2.0 Structure	Planter walls		6.8	0.1	-	6.8	
Water Feature	-		-	-	-	4.763	
3.0 Softscape			-	-	-	4.266	
4.0 Furniture 1A						3.399	
Furniture 1B	-		-	-	-	2.692	

Description Breakdown	Description 2	No.	lin.length	Width	Height	Area	Rate	Cost
1.1.1 Hardscape 1	Proposed insitu concrete base extension of pedestrian pavement to new extents as shown on plan. Assumes new vehicular grade concrete base slab to eng's requirements required falls.					19.916	\$110.00	\$2,190.76
1.1.2 Hardscape 1	proposed 40mm thick Concrete Pavers on 50mm cement mortar bed to extension of pedestrian pavement					16.206	\$110.00	\$1,782.66
1.2.1 Structure: Planter bed walls	Insitu concrete walls nom. 450mm high by 100mm thick on strip footing. Class 2 finish. Subject to Structural Eng's requirements and specs.		6.8				\$525.00	\$3,570.00
1.2.2 Structure: Water Feature	Precast Concrete. PC sum applied	1					\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
1.2.3 Structure: Water Feature reticulation system	TBA. PC Sum Applied	1					\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
1.3.1 Softscape: Garden bed preparation	Propose free draining cultivated imported topsoil Nominal 600mm deep plus 200mm deep cultivated site topsoil below.				0.8	4.266	\$100.00	\$426.60
1.3.2 Softscape: finishing	Propose 75mm deep organic mulch				0.075	4.266	\$60.00	\$19.20
1.3.3 Softscape: Irrigation	Drip Irrigation lines to extent of garden beds @ 300mm line spacings					4.266	\$40.00	\$170.64
1.3.4 Softscape: Potted Planting.	Propose supply and install of potted plants. Nom. 140mm Pot Size Species TBA	100				4.266	\$10.50	\$1,050.00
1.3.5 Softscape: Tree Planting.	Supply and install 1No. Super advanced tree to location as shown. Nom. Minimum supplied tree stock height 3m tall.	1					\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
1.4.1 Furniture 1A	450mm High Seated platform. Australian Hardwood Class 1 Dressed Timbers. clad on all faced sides with nom. 150mm(w)x30mm(d) Boards on steel frame. Species to be confirmed. Final finish to be Oiled and stained to landscape architect approval		7.49		0.45	3.399	\$600.00	\$4,061.70
1.4.2 Furniture 1B	450mm High Seated platform. Australian Hardwood Class 1 Dressed Timbers. clad on all faced sides with nom. 150mm(w)x30mm(d) Boards on steel frame. Species to be confirmed. Final finish to be Oiled and stained to landscape architect approval		14.33		0.45	2.692	\$600.00	\$5,484.30
							Subtotal	\$34,755.86





## Parklet

### Module 05

All modules provide a garden bed sufficient enough to support the placement and growth of a large street tree, a raised garden bed for lush plants, associated water supply, irrigation, power, lighting, and seating. Module 05 has a small garden bed with attached seating areas. It also has a 4 bay spiral bicycle stand fitted to accommodate and promote the use of bicycles.





## Module 05 Cost Estimates

	Module 05					Cost Summary	\$25,906.06
						Total Area of works	30.19
	Description 1	Description 2	No.	lin.length	Width	Height	Area Footprint
0.0	Hardscape PB2	Pavement Extension - Base Slab		-	-	-	16.533
	Demolish	Existing		-	-	-	8.053
	Void						5.604
1.0	Hardscape 1	Pavement Extension		-	-	-	15.236
	Hardscape 3	Pavement treatment - Decking					7.637
2.0	Structure	Planter walls		9.96	0.1	-	0.996
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.0	Softscape			-	-	-	4.968
4.0	Furniture 1A						4.046
	Furniture 1B	-		-	-	-	2.934

MODULE 03	Description Breakdown	Description 2	No.	lin.length	Width	Height	Area	Rate	Cost
4.1.1	Hardscape 1	Proposed insitu concrete base extension of pedestrian pavement to new extents as shown on plan. Assumes new vehicular grade concrete base slab to eng's requirements required falls.					16.533	\$110.00	\$1,818.63
4.1.2	Hardscape 1	proposed 40mm thick Concrete Pavers on 50mm cement mortar bed to extension of pedestrian pavement					15.236	\$110.00	\$1,675.96
4.1.4	Hardscape 3: Pavement Treatment.	Timber Decking. Australian Hardwood . with nom. 150mm(w)x30mm(d) Boards on steel subrafe frame to structural engineers specs. Species to be confirmed. Final finish to be Oiled and stained to landscape architect approval					7.637	\$850.00	\$6,491.45
4.2.1	Structure: Planter bed walls	Insitu concrete walls nom. 450mm high by 100mm thick on strip footing. Class 2 finish. Subject to Structural Eng's requirements and specs.		9.96				\$525.00	\$5,229.00
4.3.1	Softscape: Garden bed preparation	Propose free draining cultivated imported topsoil Nominal 600mm deep plus 200mm deep cultivated site topsoil below.					4.968	\$100.00	\$496.80
4.3.2	Softscape: finishing	Propose 75mm deep organic mulch				0.075	4.968	\$60.00	\$22.36
4.3.3	Softscape: Irrigation	Drip Irrigation lines to extent of garden beds @ 300mm line spacings					4.968	\$45.00	\$223.56
4.3.4	Softscape: Potted Planting.	Propose supply and install of potted plants. Nom. 140mm Pot Size Species TBA	100				4.968	\$13.50	\$1,350.00
4.3.5	Softscape: Tree Planting.	Supply and install 1No. Super advanced tree to location as shown. Nom. Minimum supplied tree stock height 3m tall.	1					\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
4.4.1	Furniture 1A	450mm High Seated platform. Australian Hardwood Class 1 Dressed Timbers. cladded on all faced sides with nom. 150mm(w)x30mm(d) Boards on steel frame. Species to be confirmed. Final finish to be Oiled and stained to landscape architect approval		10.91		0.45	4.046	\$600.00	\$5,373.30
4.4.2	Furniture 1B	Landmark KF402   4 Bay Spiral Bicycle Stand   Stainless Steel with in ground mounting 2800mm(w) x 800mm(h)	1		2.8	0.8		\$1,225.00	\$1,225.00
								Subtotal	\$25,906.06

## Module 06 Cost Estimates

Module 06 provides amenity for the installation of a large street, however it does not have a dedicated furniture item associated to it so that the extra paved space might be utilised and occupied by adjacent businesses for outdoor dining space. These modules are also positioned in locations for use by other services on the street, and where there is greater visibility for drivers required.

	Module 05					Cost Summary	\$9,141.39
						Total Area of works	30.19
	Description 1	Description 2	No.	lin.length	Width	Height	Area Footprint
0.0	Hardscape PB2	Pavement Extension - Base Slab		-	-	-	16.533
	Demolish	Existing		-	-	-	8.053
	Void			-	-	-	5.604
1.0	Hardscape 1	Pavement Extension		-	-	-	15.236
2.0	Structure	Planter walls		9.96	0.1	-	0.996
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3.0	Softscape			-	-	-	4.968

MODULE 05	Description Breakdown	Description 2	No.	lin.length	Width	Height	Area	Rate	Cost
4.1.1	Hardscape 1	Proposed insitu concrete base extension of pedestrian pavement to new extents as shown on plan. Assumes new vehicular grade concrete base slab to eng's requirements required falls.					16.533	\$110.00	\$1,818.63
4.1.2	Hardscape 1	proposed 40mm thick Concrete Pavers on 50mm cement mortar bed to extension of pedestrian pavement					15.236	\$110.00	\$1,675.96
4.2.1	Structure: Planter bed walls	Insitu concrete walls nom. 450mm high by 100mm thick on strip footing. Class 2 finish. Subject to Structural Eng's requirements and specs.		6				\$525.00	\$3,150.00
4.3.1	Softscape: Garden bed preparation	Propose free draining cultivated imported topsoil Nominal 600mm deep plus 200mm deep cultivated site topsoil below.					4.968	\$100.00	\$496.80
4.3.5	Softscape: Tree Planting	Supply and install 1No. Super advanced tree to location as shown. Nom. Minimum supplied tree stock height 3m tall.	1					\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
								Subtotal	\$9,141.39



## Project Module Cost Estimates

*Note: This is an indicative costing only, it may vary through the documentation and tender process. This is a cost estimate for the module construction only, please refer to Latrobe City Council's cost estimates that includes civil works.*

### Project Module Costing \_Stage01 A

Module	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total
01	3	\$026,291	\$078,873
02	1	\$030,286	\$030,286
03	1	\$027,233	\$027,233
04	1	\$034,755	\$034,755
05	1	\$025,906	\$025,906
06	2	\$009,141	\$018,282
Total	09		<b>\$215,335</b>

### Project Module Costing \_Stage01 B

Module	Quantity	Unit Cost	Total
01	3	\$026,291	\$078,873
02	0	\$030,286	\$0
03	0	\$027,233	\$0
04	0	\$034,755	\$0
05	1	\$025,906	\$025,906
06	0	\$009,141	\$0
Total	04		<b>\$104,779</b>

Intersection upgrade (Hazelwood Rd + Commercial RD) \$150,000 - \$300,000\*

*\*it has been indicated by Vic Roads that Stage 01B works will trigger an intersection upgrade.*

### Civil Works

Civil Works Items include:

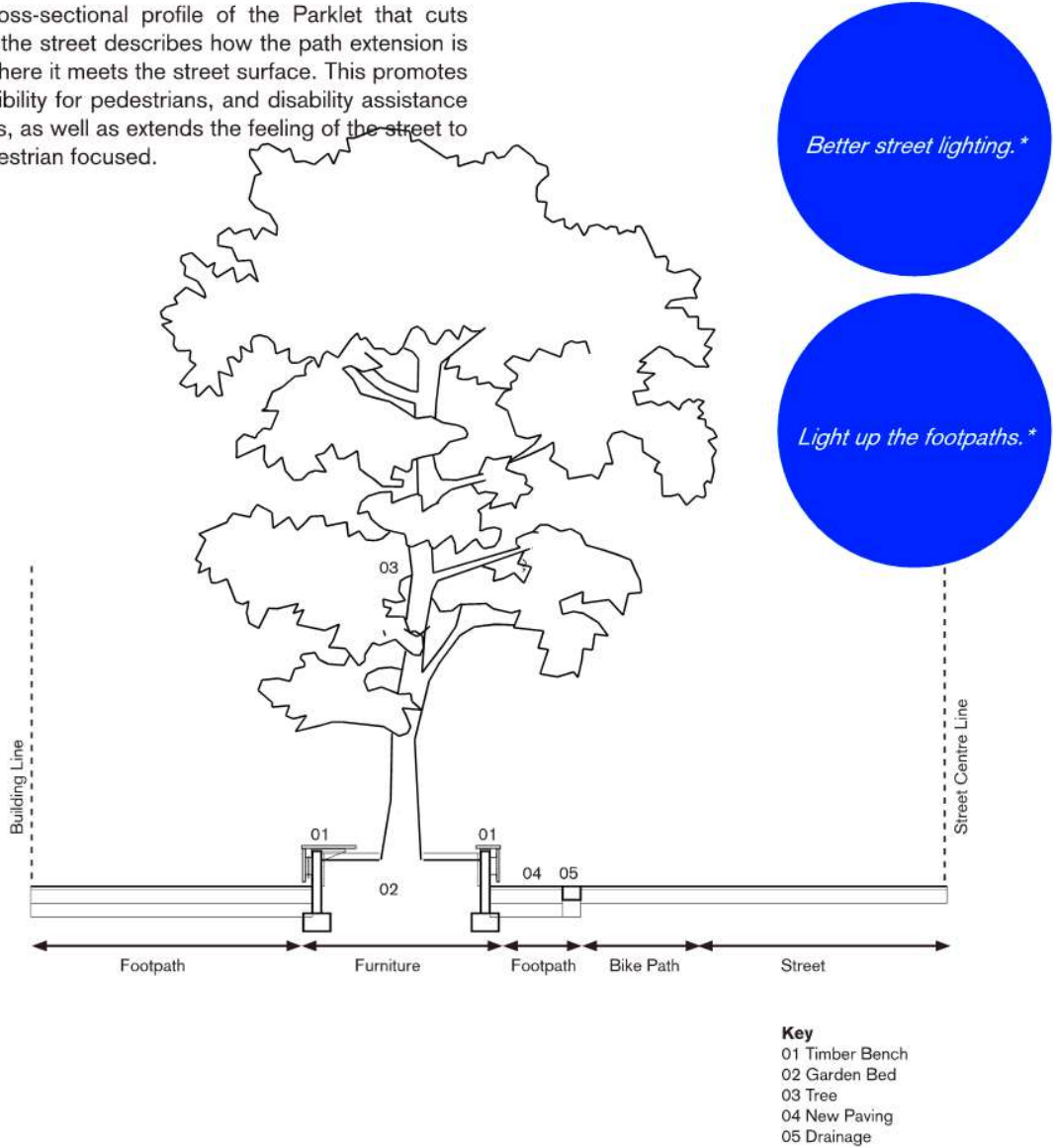
- Detailed Design
- Traffic Management
- Project Management + Supervision
- Power
- Drainage
- Kerbs, Infill, Line Marking
- Contingency + Miscellaneous

*Please refer to Latrobe City Council Cost estimates.*

# Parklet

## Profile

The cross-sectional profile of the Parklet that cuts across the street describes how the path extension is flush where it meets the street surface. This promotes accessibility for pedestrians, and disability assistance vehicles, as well as extends the feeling of the street to be pedestrian focused.

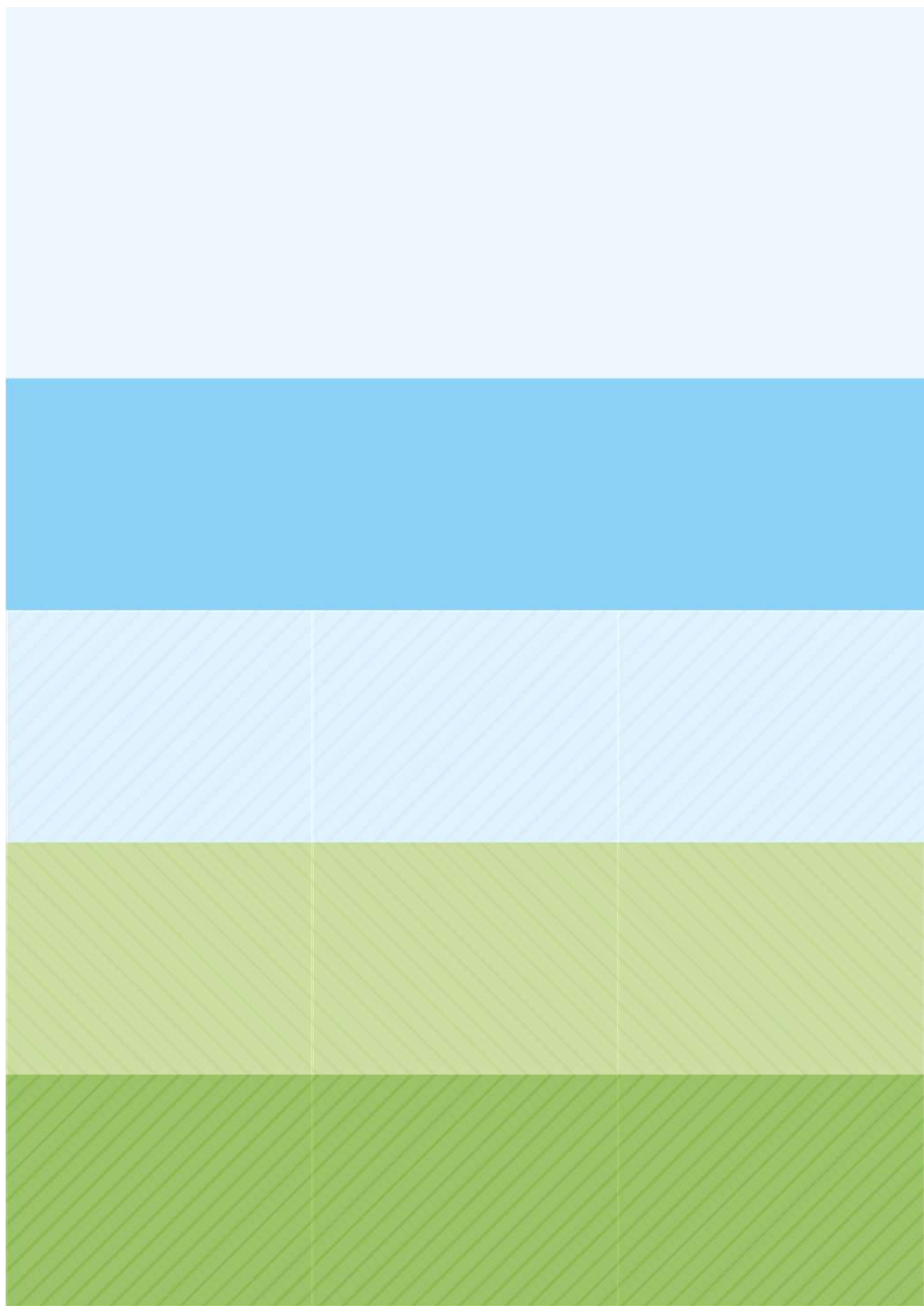


## Parklet Lighting

Each Module provides 2 sources of lighting; the first is an up-light onto the canopy of the tree to completely transform the night time character of the street, and the second is a strip of light surrounding the base of the

furniture. The lighting is design to accent the furniture, and contribute to a healthy and safe environment. The strip lighting can also be configured to change colour during events, memorial days, seasons, etc.







**MORWELL  
CIRCUIT**

Urban Connectivity  
+ Activation  
Strategy

Street Intersection Studies



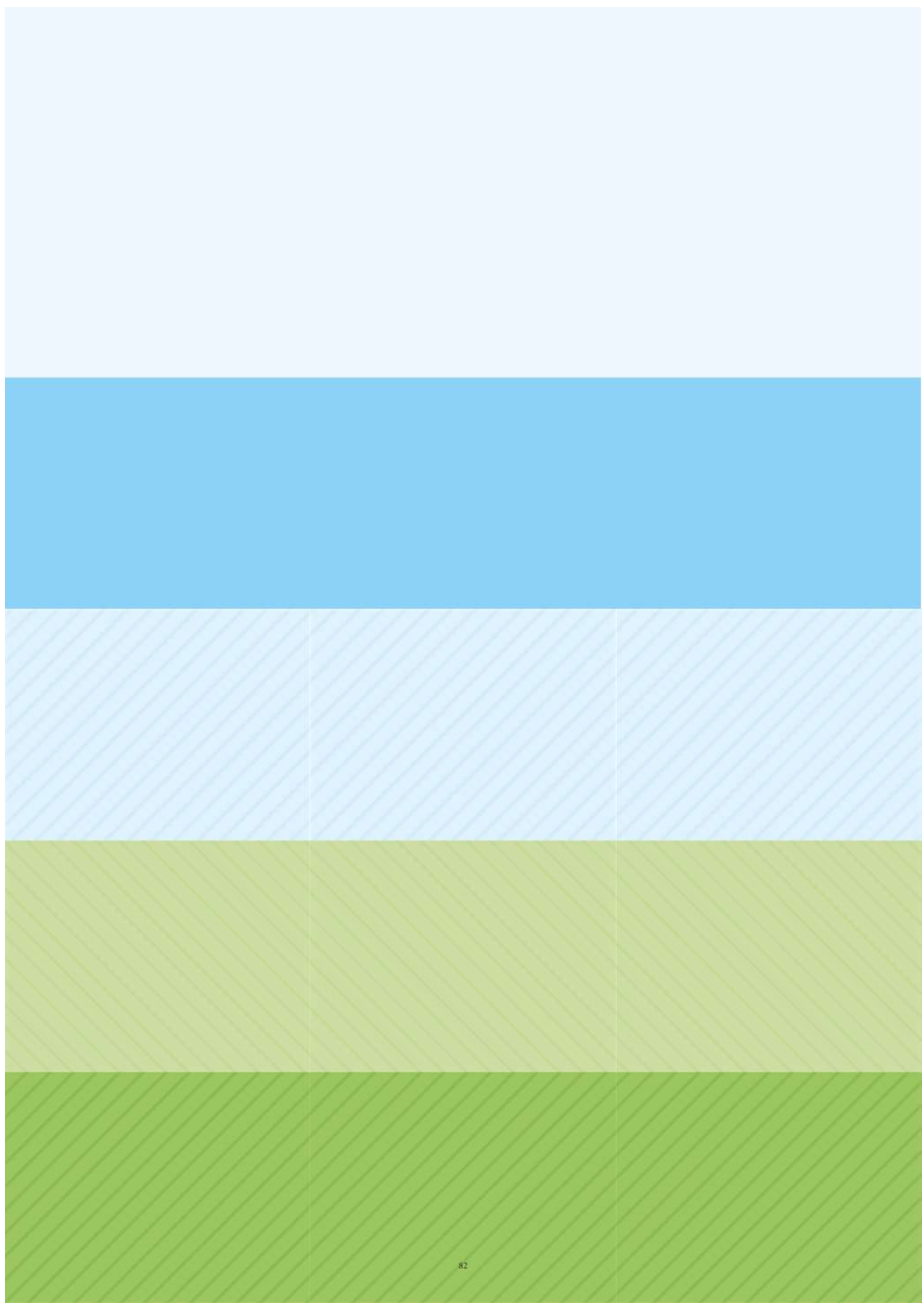
## Intersection Studies



### Intersection Studies

A range of studies have been made to investigate how Stage 01 of the Morwell Circuit might inform changes to traffic and pedestrian spaces into following stages of work that maintain and extend the aspirations of Stage 01. A number of these studies seek to provide larger areas of sidewalk that might act as terraces to support local businesses (cafés), and provide spaces for other events and activities within the town.



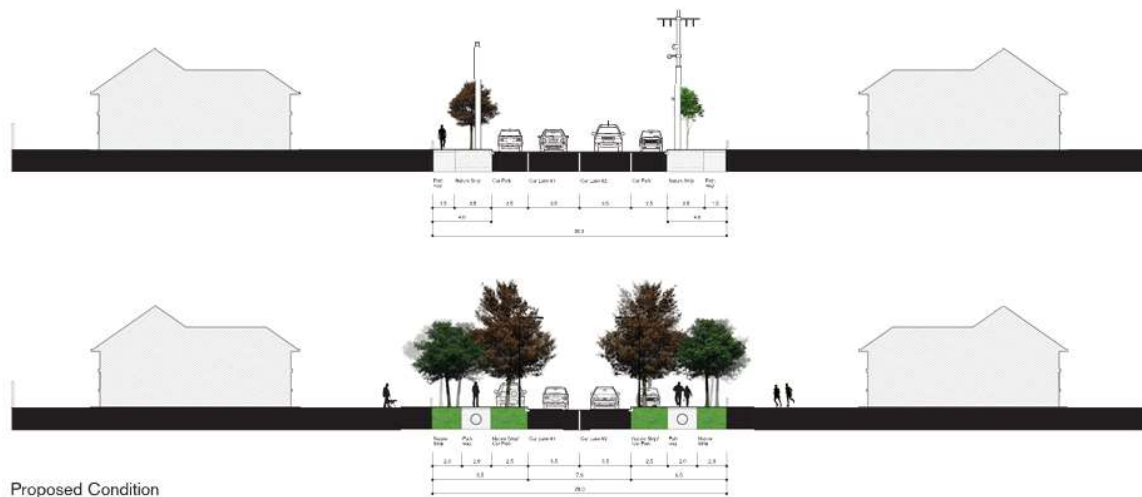




# CONNECTION NETWORK STREET GUIDELINES

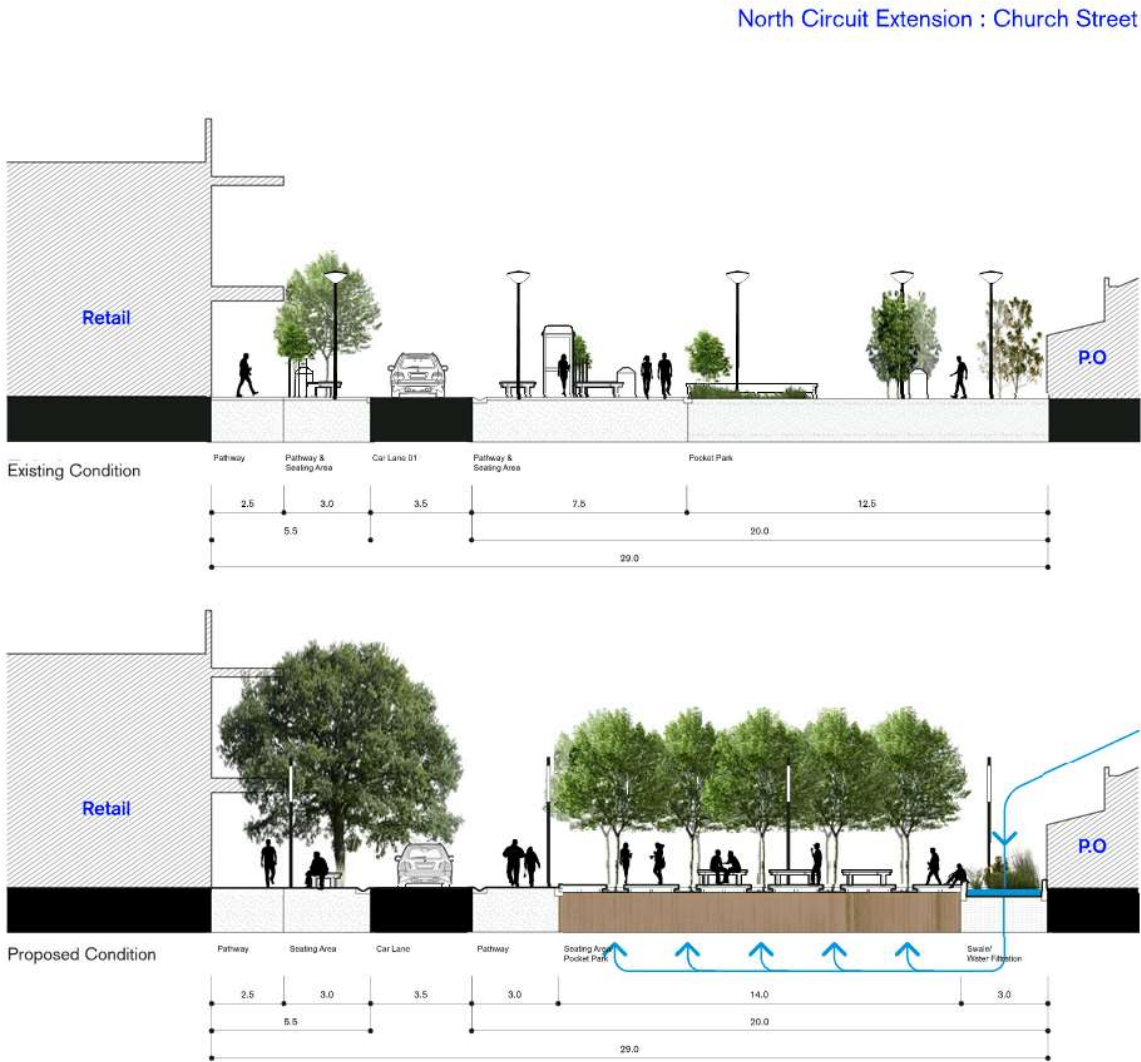
- 03.01Example 01 : Church Street
- 03.02Example 02 : McDonald Street
- 03.03Example 03 : (west) Commercial Road

### Example 01 : Church Street



### Connection Network Street Guidelines

The following street profile studies are intended as guidelines as to how streets might be reconsidered within their regular maintenance and upgrading schedule. These studies recognise that a number of streets were originally designed and implemented to support a large scale utilitarian purpose that it may no longer be required to support, or can be more appropriately re-directed. As such greater opportunities can be made to 'green' the streets, and provide better pedestrian and cycling to re-define and re-connect the town.







Example 01 : McDonald Street

Neighbourhood Precinct Road Strategy

Target areas are main roads/boulevards leading up to residential and neighbourhoods.

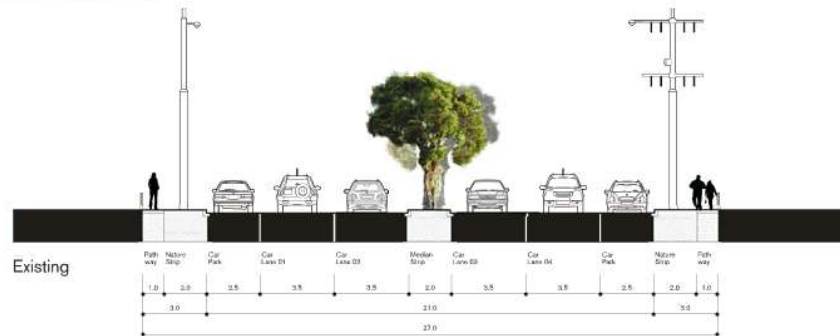
Conversion from 2 carriage to 1 carriage.

Minimizing roadside parking.

Expansion of roadside nature strips and introduction of "common-trenching" for the utilities.

Expansion of median nature strip as shared pathways (bicycle & pedestrian) as a part of the urban green network.

Introducing big structural plant species with distinct character.

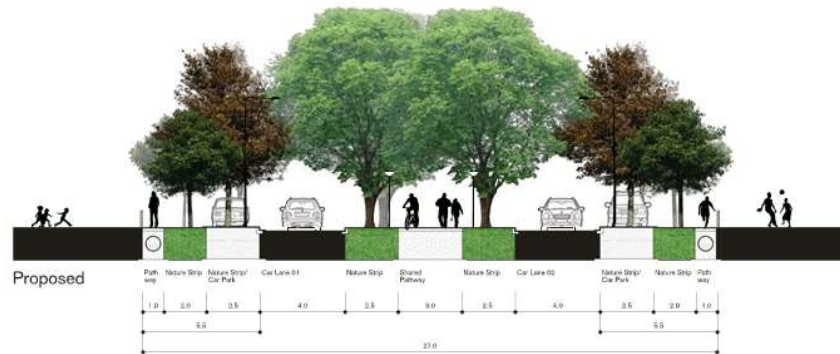


Target areas are small secondary roads leading up to residential areas.

Minimizing roadside parking and expansion of nature strips and pedestrian pathway to allow structural planting.

Introduction of "common-trenching" for utilities.

Introducing indigenous tree species with distinct feature to create unique character for each neighbourhoods.



Green Network Road Strategy

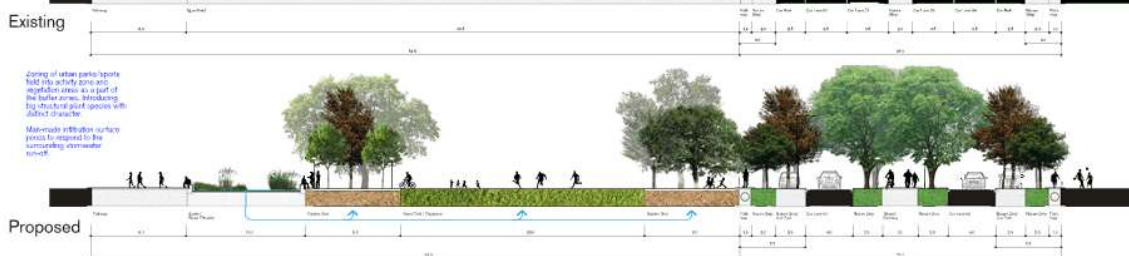
Target areas are main roads/boulevards that connects with urban parks/sports field.

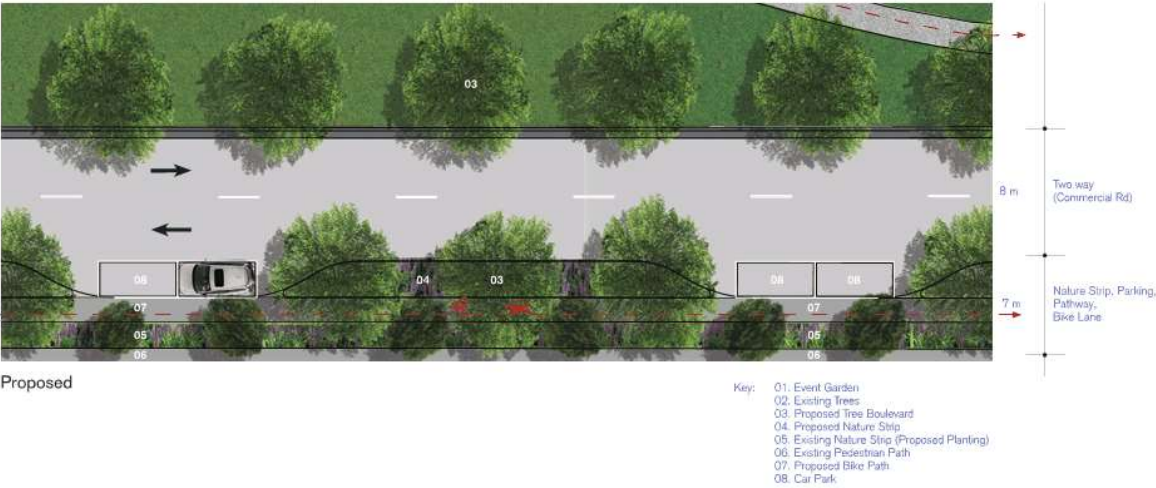
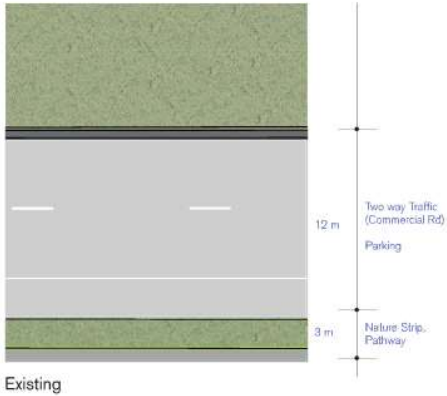
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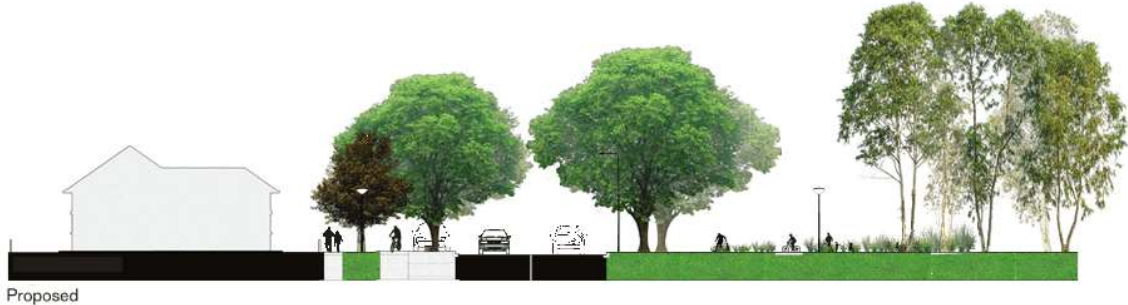
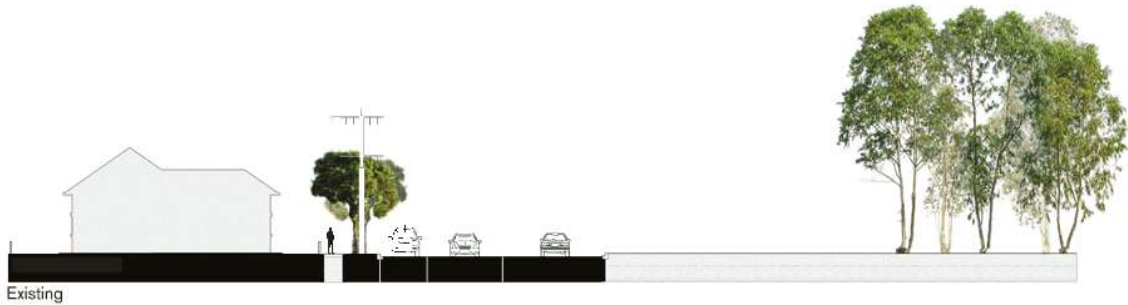
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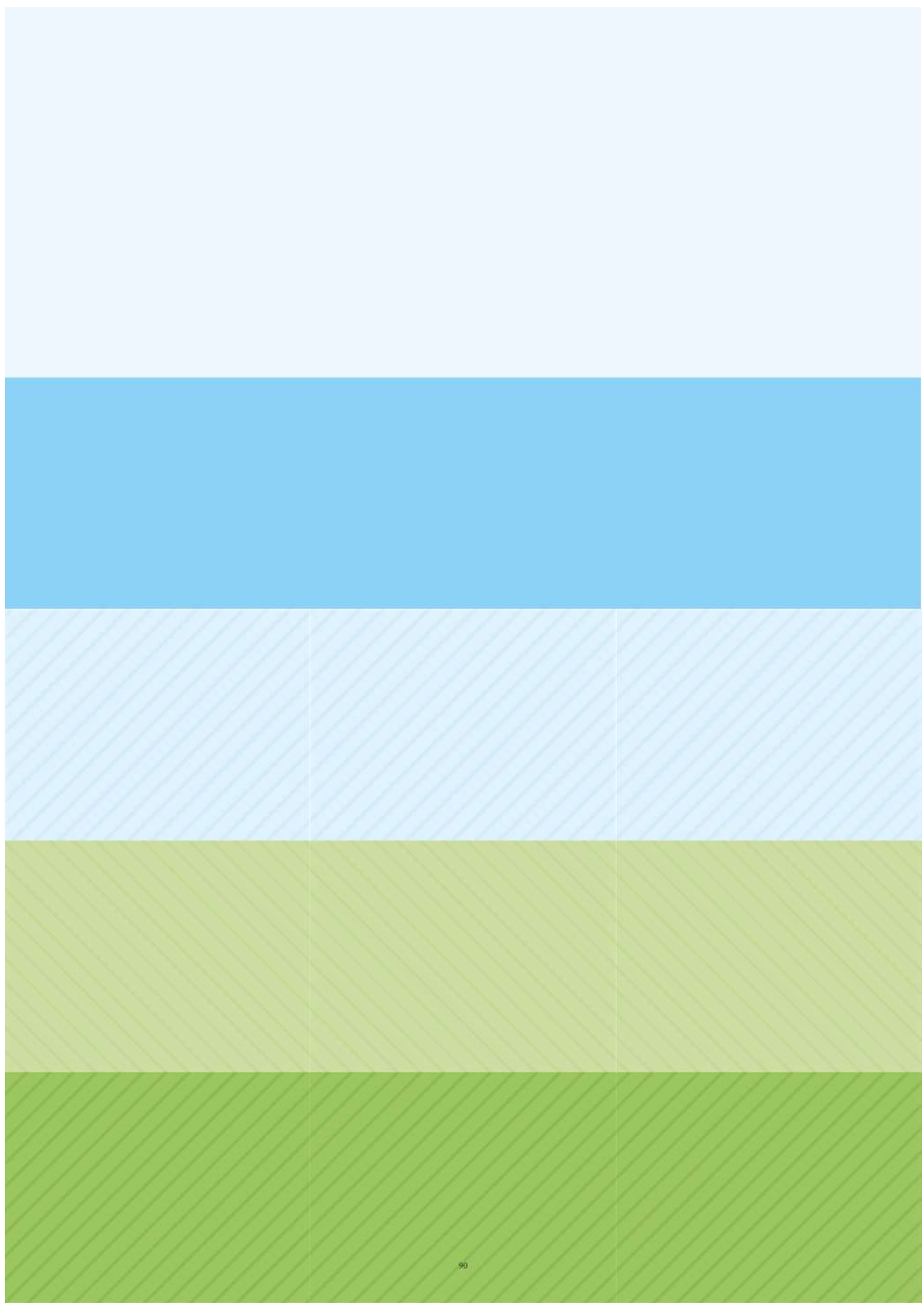
Expansion of roadside nature strips and introduction of "common-trenching" for the utilities.





Example 01 : (West) Commercial Road







## Appendix 01

## Community Feedback

**DRIVERS**

**ECONOMIC**  
23% of comments

**OPEN HOUSE THEMES**

**TOURISM**

**RETAIL MIX & TRADING HOURS**

**EMPLOYMENT**

**TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT**

**VACANT SHOPS & RENTAL AFFORDABILITY**

**MARKET**

**INDUSTRY DIVERSIFICATION**

# Community Feedback

## Economic

### PRIORITIES & KEY IDEAS OF COMMUNITY

reinstate/strengthen industrial tourism  
nature based tourism  
sport based tourism  
better sign-age & physical improvements  
better marketing  
RV friendly town

more shops to support "village" atmosphere  
niche shops (i.e. only ones in Latrobe City, local produce)  
extended trading hours/ weekends  
key use/tenancy for Spotlight site

greater access to training  
youth employment  
increase workforce participation (disability)  
meaningful work/ pride & wellbeing

more connected unified effort & decision making  
improved promotion of centre  
better communication & information sharing  
investment incentives (permits etc.)

reduced/ subsidised rents to attract new businesses  
Interest free loans for refitting  
short term/ pop ups/ window displays to take away empty feeling  
use of vacant lot(s) for markets

strong support for markets  
indoor market  
night market  
relocation of Sunday Market to centre

Transition & diversification plan in relation to Energy sector  
greater support for light industry  
home of aeronautics industry

### ENABLING INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS

destinations/experience (industrial, natural,sports, town)  
signage/ wayfinding  
movement network (car, RV,bike, walk, train)  
marketing & promotion (digital, printed)

vacant shops (in key locations)  
accessible centre (all modes, and parking)  
successful existing businesses (e.g. Mannys)  
range of potential small business/ traders (pop-up EOI)

under employed & willing population

new consolidated trader/community group  
shared strategic plan/ action plan supported by working group/ sub committee

potential "fast tracking"/streamlined planning process  
business incentives (TBD)

street network (public)  
underutilised off-street carparks (private)  
range of existing traders & demand demonstrated from initial test markets  
new business owner open to change

existing natural resources & technical skills  
existing light industrial precincts & logistics precinct.

DRIVERS

SOCIAL & CULTURAL  
37% of comments

OPEN HOUSE THEMES

COMMUNITY FACILITIES & PLACES

RECREATION

COMMUNITY EVENTS & PROGRAMMES

ART

GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP

COMMUNITY SPIRIT & IDENTITY

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

HISTORY & HERITAGE

OTHER



# Community Feedback

## Social + Cultural

### PRIORITIES & KEY IDEAS

(words of the community)

A space that connects us  
A street that is "home" to events and activities  
A more centrally located Neighbourhood House  
Indigenous, multi cultural space  
Online & Physical information portal of what's on

Focus on youth/child friendly activity  
better use/ maintenance of existing open-spaces (sports facilities)  
more live music  
Strong support for regular events show casing merchants, music, food)  
Nature based events (strong support for sunflowers, rose garden, more -well)  
music based events  
church street festival  
church yard events after church  
after school programmes  
improve existing facilities/assets (Regional Gallery/ Rose Garden)  
Grow local arts & crafts base and make more visible  
public art in streets  
Youth art, Indigenous Art  
Strong support for collaborative planning  
Strong support for community initiated change  
Strengthened community groups (better connected, recognised)  
Law & Order (role of police vs. neighbourhood watch)  
Morwell Identity distinct from other Latrobe Valley towns (Traralgon)  
Need a physical "heart" to town  
Sports clubs as focus of community life  
Role of publicity (good & bad) in shaping identity  
multicultural events  
cultural networking  
demonstrate inclusiveness (indigenous, sudanese, asylum seekers)  
preservation/ celebration of heritage streetscapes  
telling the morwell story (past present future)  
better locating existing (john monash) and new statues  
Revitalise Housing Stock & attract new residents (affordability & lifestyle)  
Health (drugs, mental health, air pollution)  
Urban Agriculture (in public spaces, and for markets)

### ENABLING INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS

(words of the community)

Commercial Road, Tarwin Street, legacy place, Church Street  
New site for Neighbourhood House (TBD)  
Municipal Offices & Library  
community website, council website... other

Youth focussed facilities: new skate park, new headspace...  
potentially surplus school sites

public open spaces, temporary use of vacant spaces  
licensed venues, public/free venues  
Church Street  
Church buildings & grounds  
School buildings & grounds  
Regional Gallery

new model of ongoing participatory planning (not project based)

heritage buildings  
historic society, artefacts,  
personal histories/ place stories  
DHS housing stock & asset management plans  
Prominent Health Services sector, Funding for health studies.  
existing community gardens (More - well programme)

**DRIVERS**

**NATURAL ENVIRONMENT(29)**  
4% of comments

**MOVEMENT NETWORK (69)**  
10% of comments

**BUILT ENVIRONMENT  
GENERAL(69)**  
10% of comments

**FOCUS AREAS (105)**  
15% of comments

**OPEN HOUSE THEMES**

**ENERGY/FORESTRY INDUSTRY**

**NATURAL ASSETS**

**SUSTAINABILITY**

**WALKING & CYCLING**

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

**MOTOR VEHICLES**

**PUBLIC REALM**

**BUILT FORM**

**MAINTENANCE**

**GATEWAY**

**COMMERCIAL ROAD**

# Community Feedback

## PRIORITIES & KEY IDEAS

(words of the community)

re-use of Hazelwood  
re-branding of Centre with use of solar power  
more/better managed plantations  
Waterhole Creek - clean up but generally beautification/activation  
Better use of Latrobe River  
Link to cost-effectiveness at personal scale

improved visual & physical connections between Tarwin St & Church St  
better connections between Traralgon & Morwell & Midvalley/ Kernot Hall  
better connections to external landscape assets (wetlands & parkland)  
improved safety within Centre (CCTV, slower traffic 40KM)  
use of track network for recreational cyclists (mountain bike club, tourists)  
improved destination facilities for cyclists in centre  
improved disability access within centre (motor scooters, wheel chairs)  
improved frequency & more connections (train & bus)  
utilise volunteer/community transport options to fill gaps  
improved visual impact of car parking areas  
RV friendly town

More Street Trees, and greenery/gardens  
Focus on Tarwin, Commercial & Church Streets  
Focus on seating & comfort (furniture, weather protection, lighting)  
Renovation of façades (including more colour)  
Improvements to shopfronts  
maintenance & cleaning of façades & shopfronts.  
graffiti, public facilities, furniture, bins

facelift to commercial road bridge (retain)  
native modern green  
industrial heritage  
traditional ANZAC avenue of honour  
clean up neighbouring sites (substation, scrap metal shop)  
Improvements to key buildings (Anglicare, Council, Regional Gallery)  
More Colour (coordinated)  
More Trees/ greenery  
More Lighting  
More crossing points  
More seating/ gathering spaces.

## ENABLING INFRASTRUCTURE & ASSETS

(words of the community)

paradigm shift required  
street electrical infrastructure, strategic high profile sites  
public realm, "friends of" networks of volunteers

existing programmes/ educational material

victrack land/ transport interchange

vicroads Principal Pedestrian Network

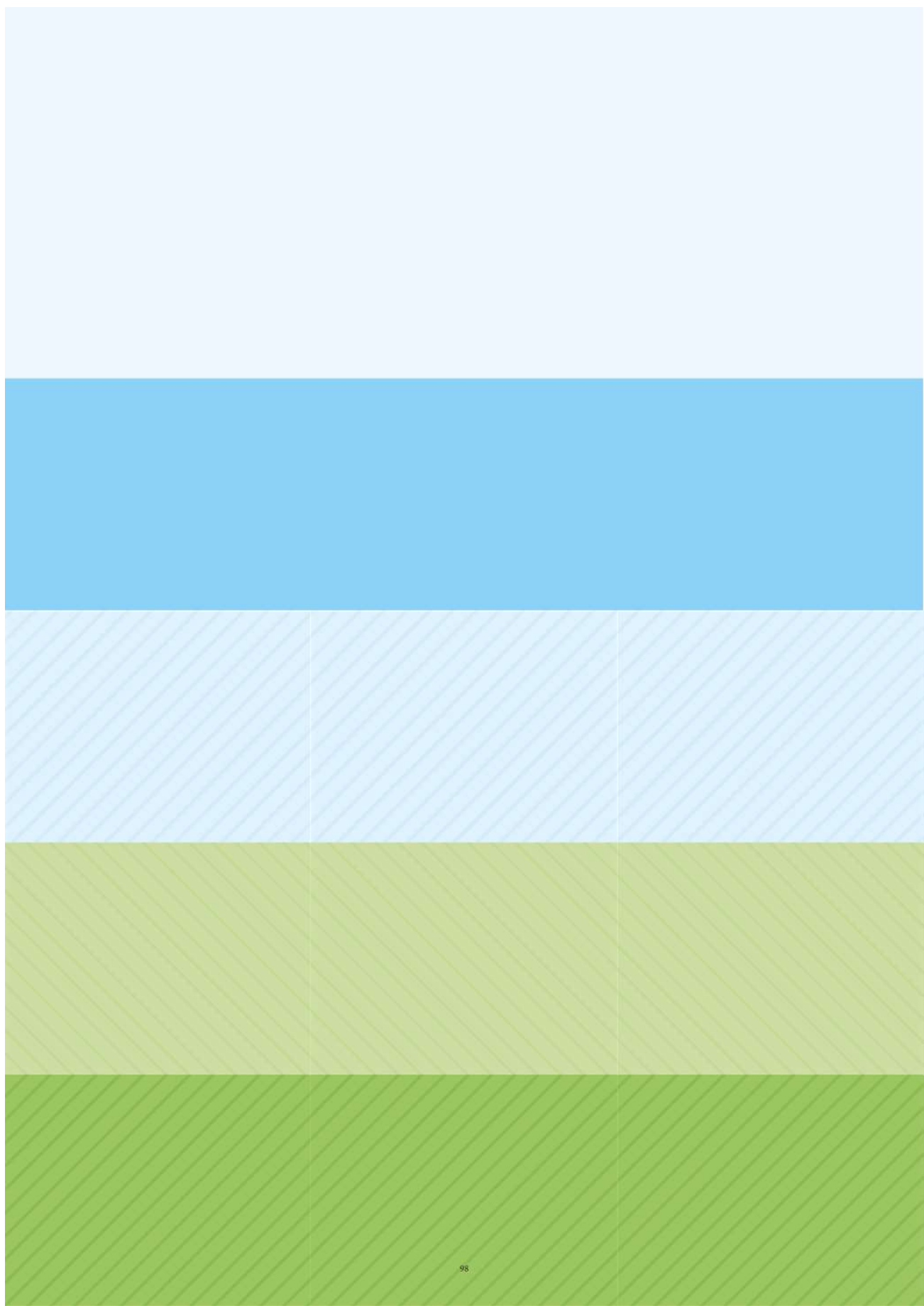
existing/ proposed cycle/path networks

existing/proposed track/trail network

existing facilities at train station

access to smaller community bus fleet  
access to under employed/ volunteer drivers

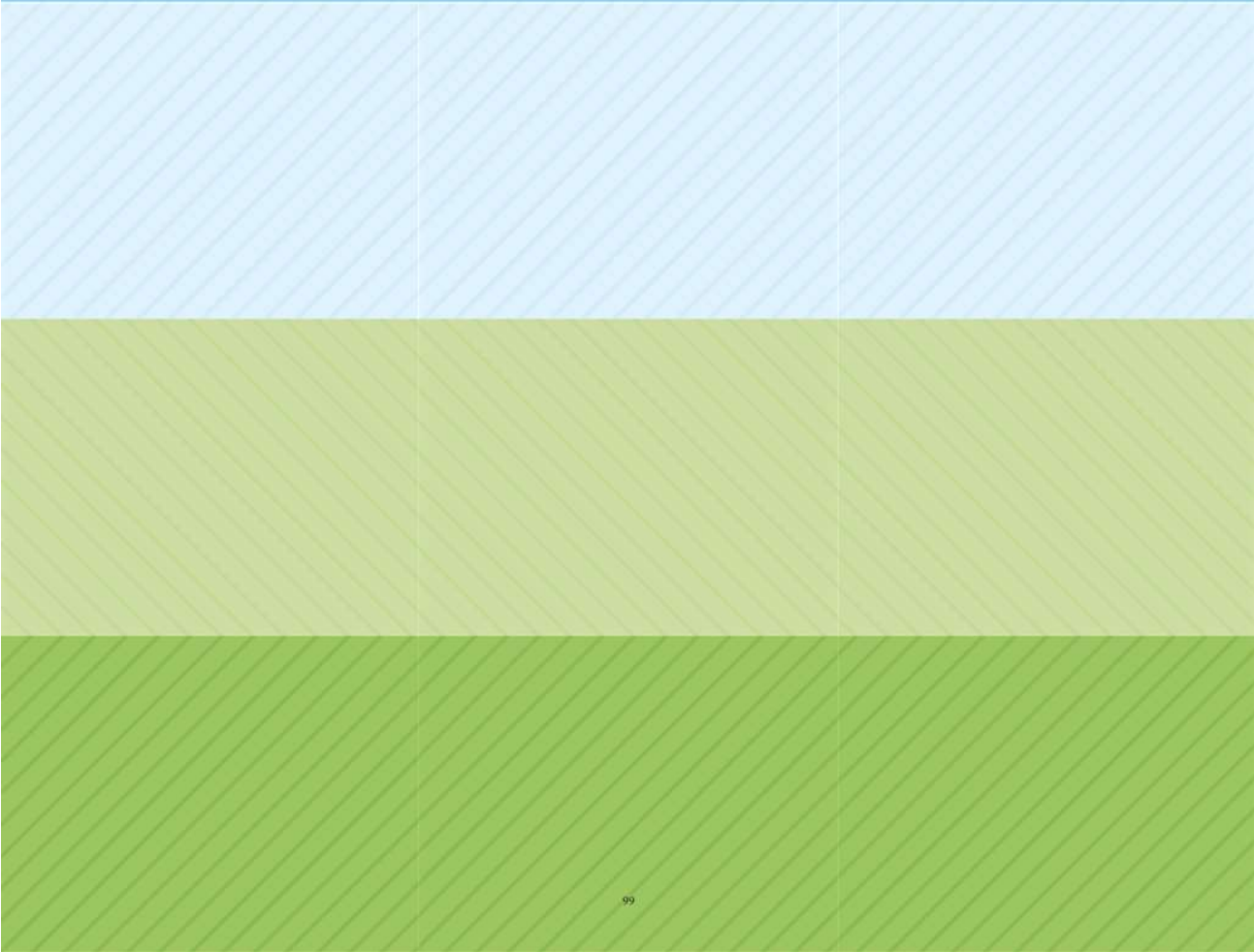
utilise existing rail bridge  
extend/compliment existing landscape elements  
public land assets (Vicroads, Council)





**Appendix 02**

**Temporary Parklet Precedents**



## ADELAIDE PARKLETS CITY OF ADELAIDE

### LOCATION

Adelaide, WA

### ABOUT

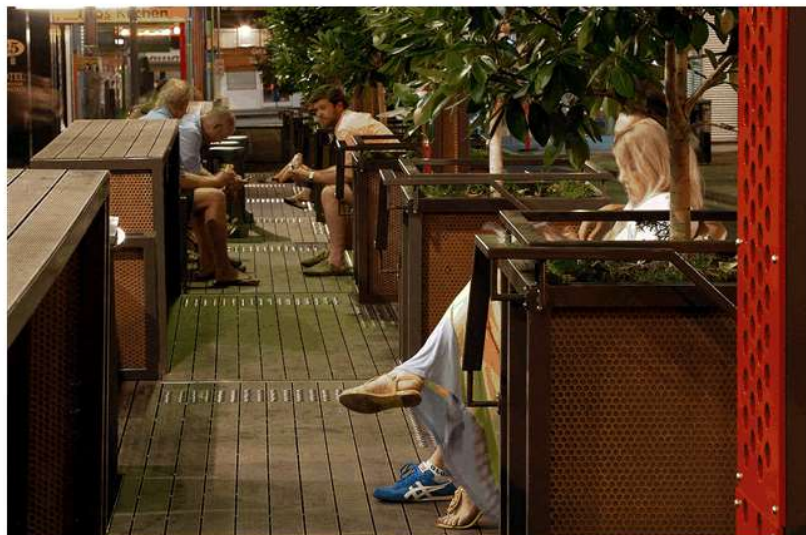
**Example Project:**  
The first parklet under the City of Adelaide's Pilot Parklet Program was installed in March 2013 in Gawler Place just off Rundle Mall in the city. Designed by Cary Duffield of Troppo Architects and fully funded and maintained by Gawler Place business Foods for Life, the new parklet offers pedestrians the opportunity to step off one of Adelaide's busiest links.

### OBJECTIVES

While it's mostly used for outdoor dining by customers, the parklet does not exclude other members of the public.

### PARTNERS

Local Business, City of Adelaide, Designers, Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure (DPTI)









## PAVEMENT TO PARKS

### CITY AND COUNTRY OF SAN FRANCISCO

#### LOCATION

San Francisco

#### ABOUT

Pavement to Parks project are intended to be a public laboratory for the City to work with local communities to temporarily test new ideas in the public realm. Materials and design interventions are meant to be temporary and easily reversible, should the trial run demonstrate the need for design changes.

After testing their performance, some spaces are reclaimed permanently as public open spaces. Seating, landscaping, and paving treatments are common features of all projects.

#### OBJECTIVES

Foster neighbourhood interaction, re-imagine the potential of city streets, enhance pedestrian safety and activity, support local business, encourage on-foot traffic

#### PARTNERS

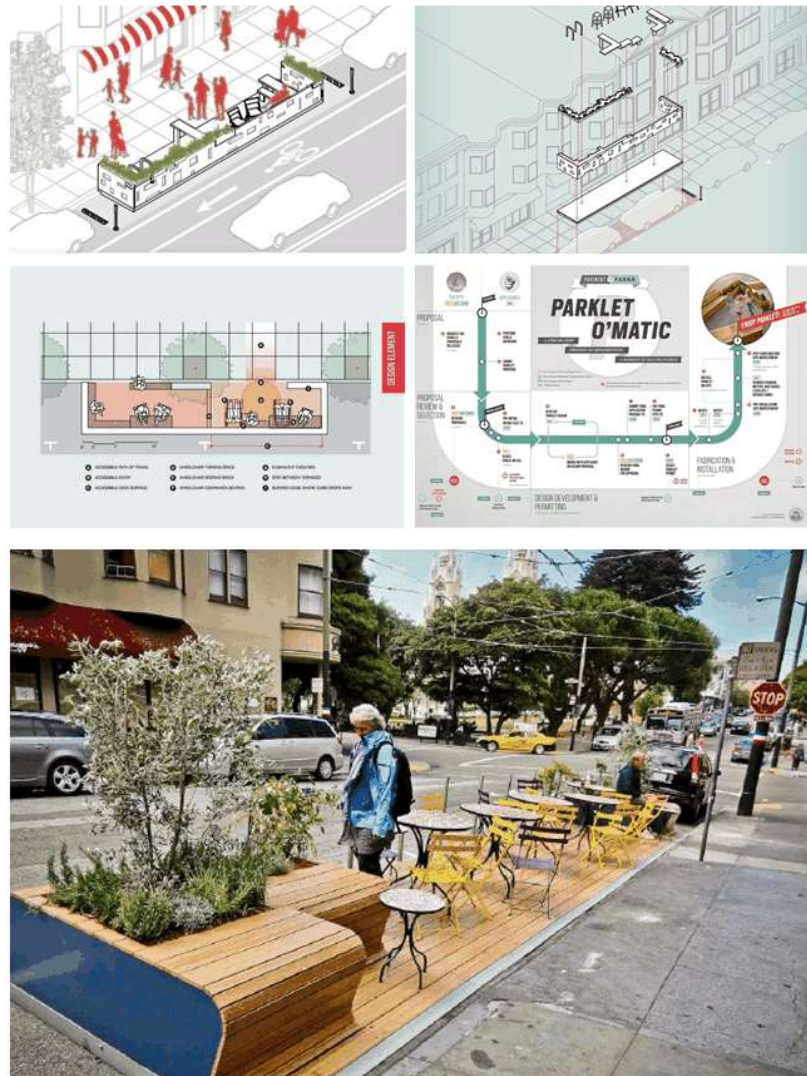
Pavement to Parks is a collaborative effort between the San Francisco Planning Department, the Department of Public Works, and the Municipal Transportation Agency.

#### ORGANISATION

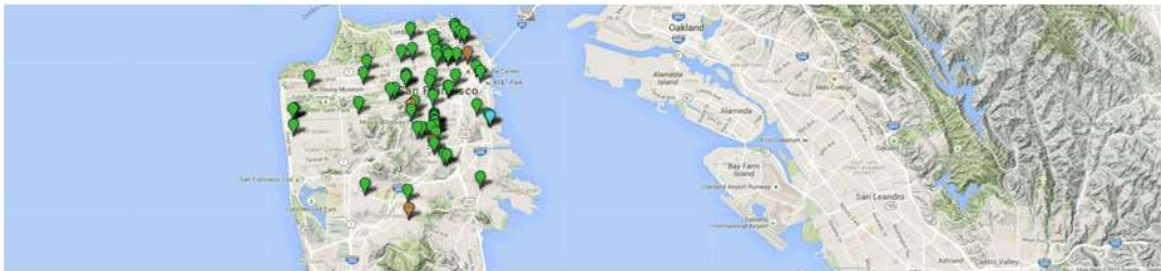
Proposals for parklets are applied for every year. Accepted proposals continue on to develop designs, acquire permits and install their proposals.

#### CONSTRUCTION

Construction and maintenance are the responsibility of parklet owners, which might be community groups, cafés and other businesses, etc.







PARKLETS & PROJECTS IN SAN FRANCISCO

- Map Key:
- Parklets completed
  - Parklets permitted and expected to be installed by the end of the year
  - Mobile Parklets
  - Plazas
  - Other Tactical Projects



## 40TH STREET PARKLET OAKLAND, CA, USA

### LOCATION

40th Ave, Oakland, California, USA.  
8 km from Downtown Oakland.

### ABOUT

Launched in September 2011, the program will bring more open space to Oakland residents without burdening the City of Oakland's budget.

### OBJECTIVES

Enhance our community by bringing native plants, seating and bike parking to an area where customers, employees, businesses, neighbours and passers-by alike will benefit.

### PARTNERS

Subrose Coffee, Manifesto Bicycles, Oziio ideas + design, and Kickstarter Backers from the community.

### ORGANISATION

Donated services of Oziio ideas+design, a team of landscape architects and city planners reached out to the local shop owners with the proposal for a parklet. The parklet came about through a Kickstarter Campaign that allowed community members to crowd-fund it's inception.

### CONSTRUCTION

The Kickstarter Campaign raised \$10,243 to be used to fund materials. Native plants, reclaimed wood benches, a driftwood log and a natural boulder and 8 sculptural steel bike racks.









## PARKLET @ REVEILLE COFFEE CITY OF SEATTLE

### LOCATION

Seattle

### ABOUT

Funded by the Reveille Coffee shop, and designed by Sagan Piechota Architecture, it was installed in 2014. It combines wood counters for leaning, steel-faced planter boxes, dark-stained decking, and two clever Z-shaped benches that function as seating on both sides at two different heights, conforming to the sloped site.

### OBJECTIVES

To put 'life' back into our streets. Streets are so much more than just getting from point A to point B. Streets have been under utilized for years. Parklets are a new way to create places with meaning and beauty. Healthy, dynamic public spaces are very important to healthy cities.

### PARTNERS

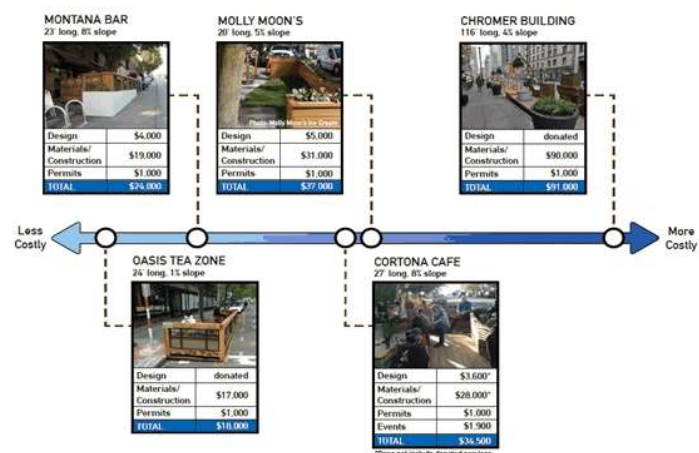
Designed by Cameron Helland at Sagan Piechota Architecture. San Francisco Planning Department

### CONSTRUCTION

The parklet was designed and built as part of new ownership to the coffee shop and consequent refurbishment of the shop inside and the building facade. Solely funded by the cafe ownership it provides outdoor seating for cafe goers and extra seating for the cafe. It is considered more costly than most parklets due to the steep slope that needs to be incorporated in the design and drainage considerations.



#### PILOT PARKLET COST ESTIMATES







754 POST STREET @ FARM:TABLE

SAN FRANCISCO

LOCATION

754 Post Street, San Francisco

ABOUT

Replacing two parking spots, raised garden beds envelope two seating areas, creating immersive green clearings in the hard-edged Post Street canyon.

OBJECTIVES

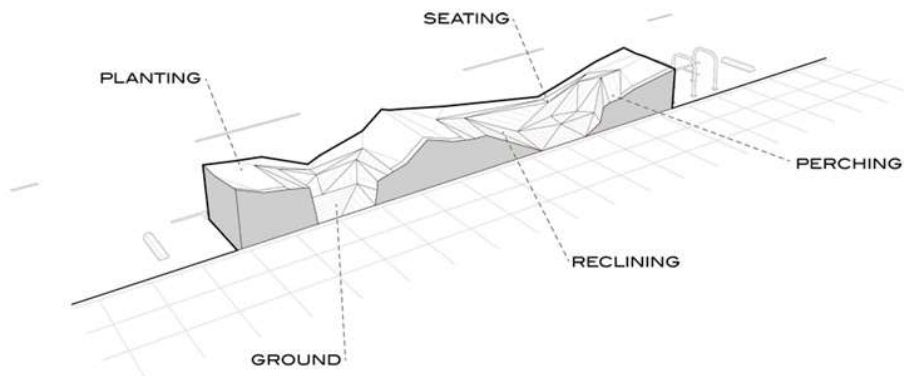
It was designed to optimize four types of desirable, objectively definable slopes: slopes for sitting, perching, lounging, and planting. The organic forms offer a slice of 'nature' in contrast to the urban streetscape, while the sloping surfaces are open to interpretation with regard to use.

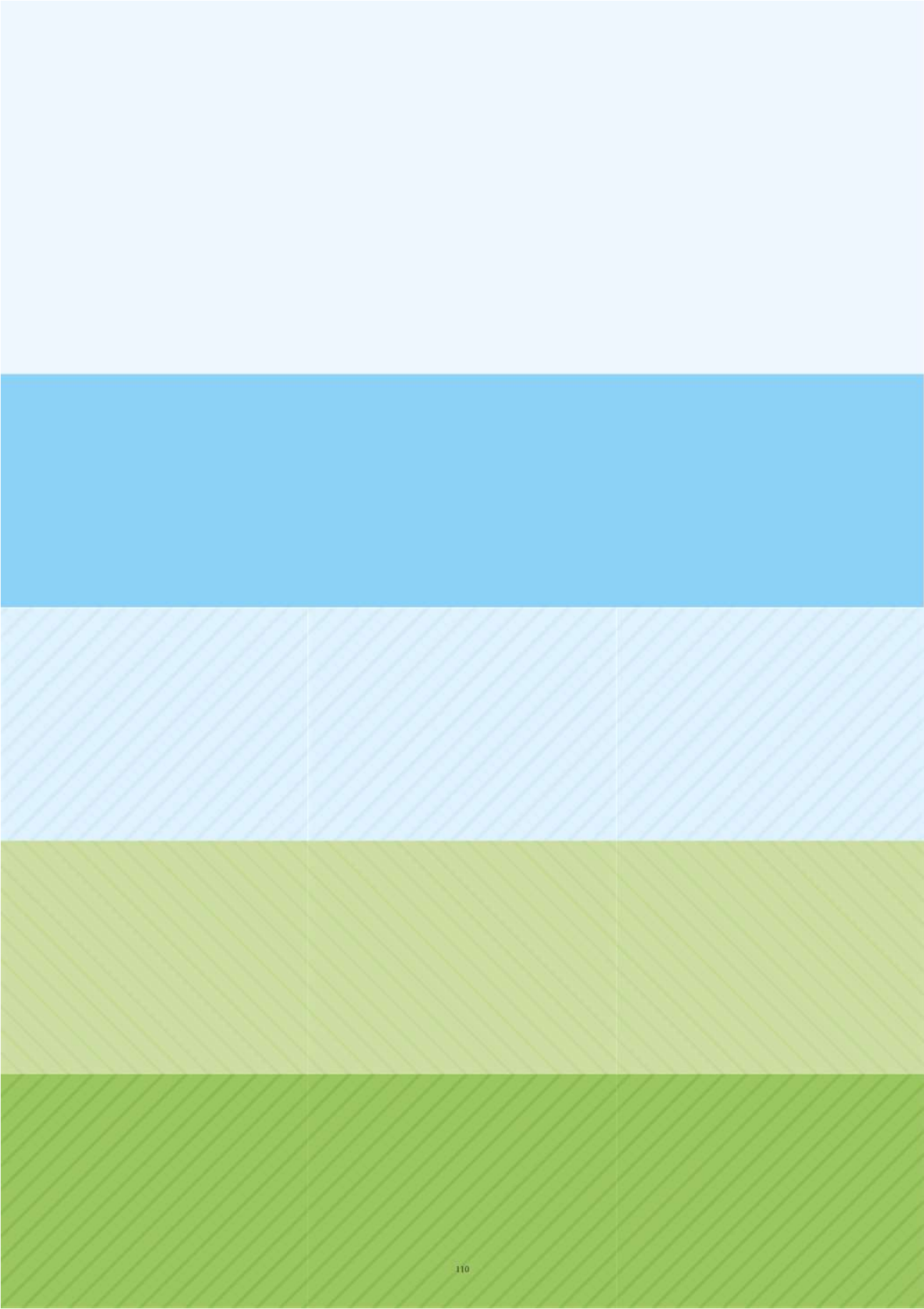
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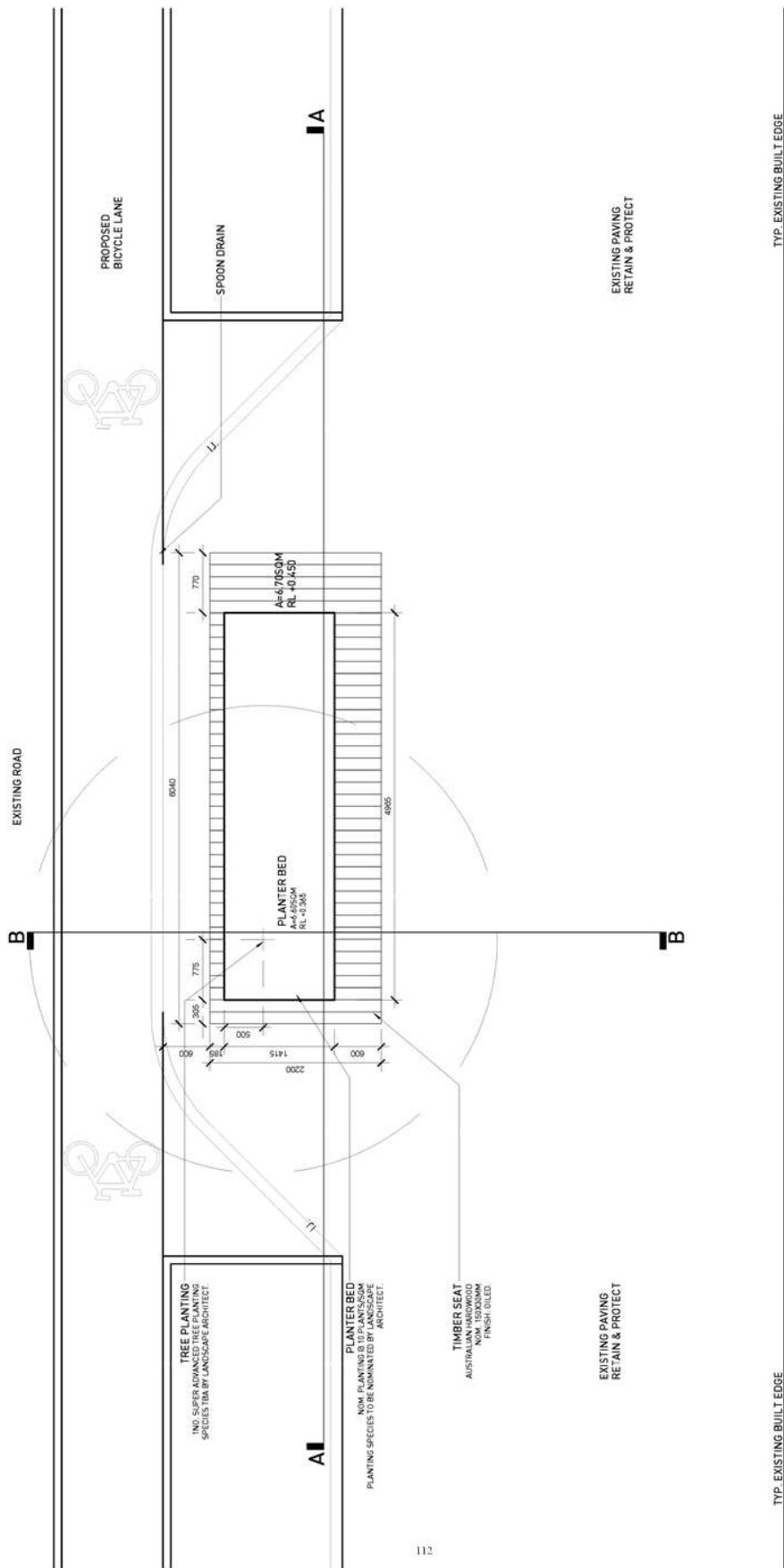






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## Module Details



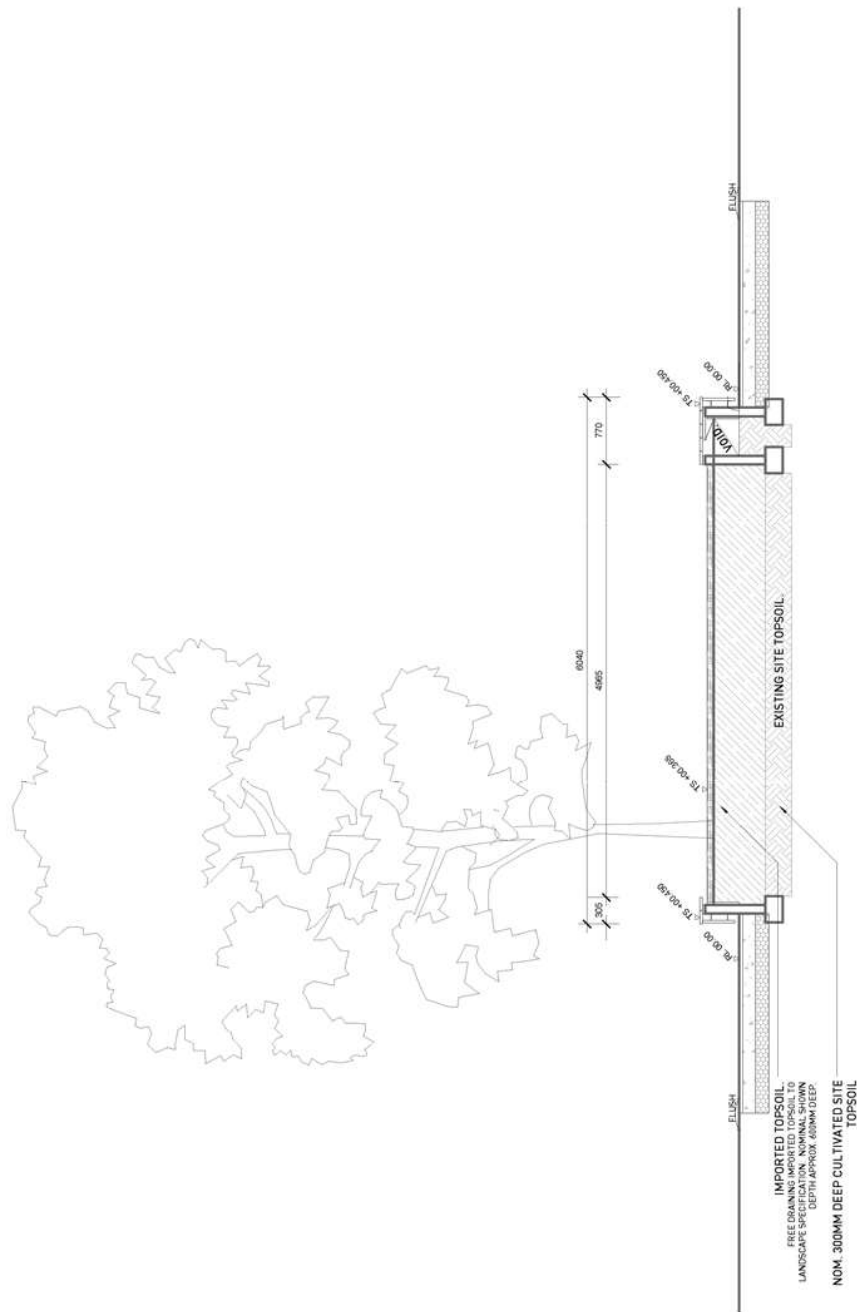
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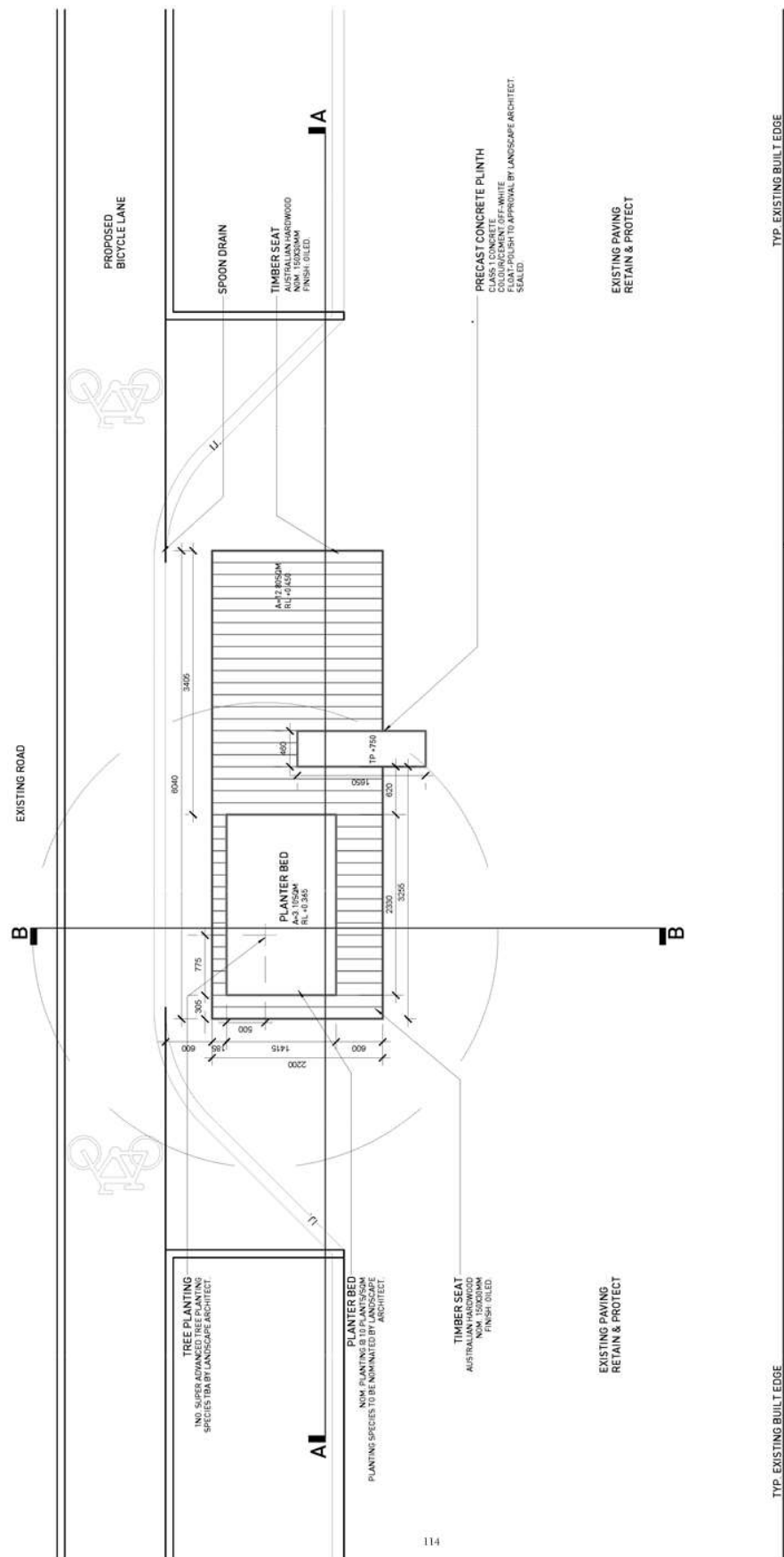
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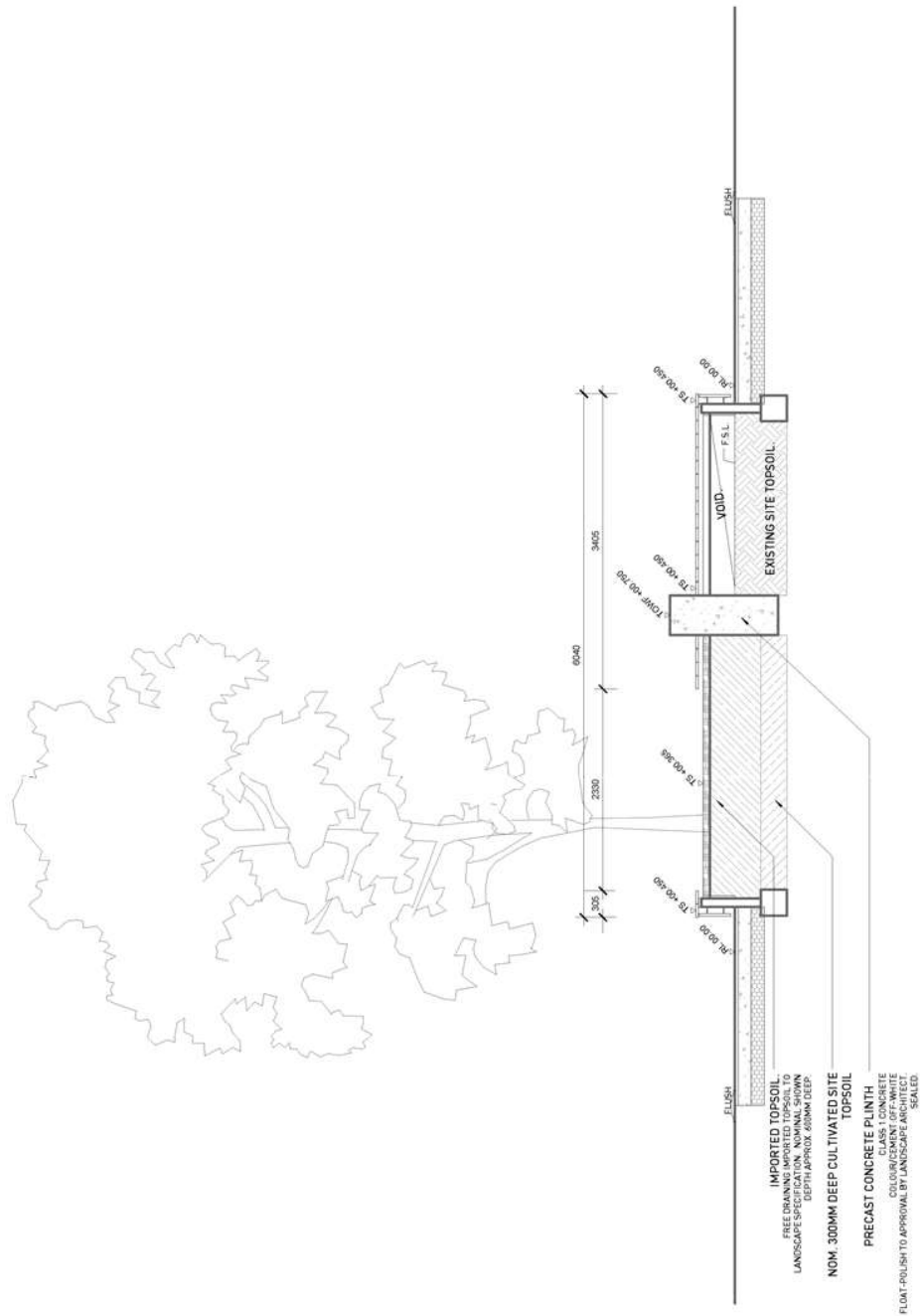
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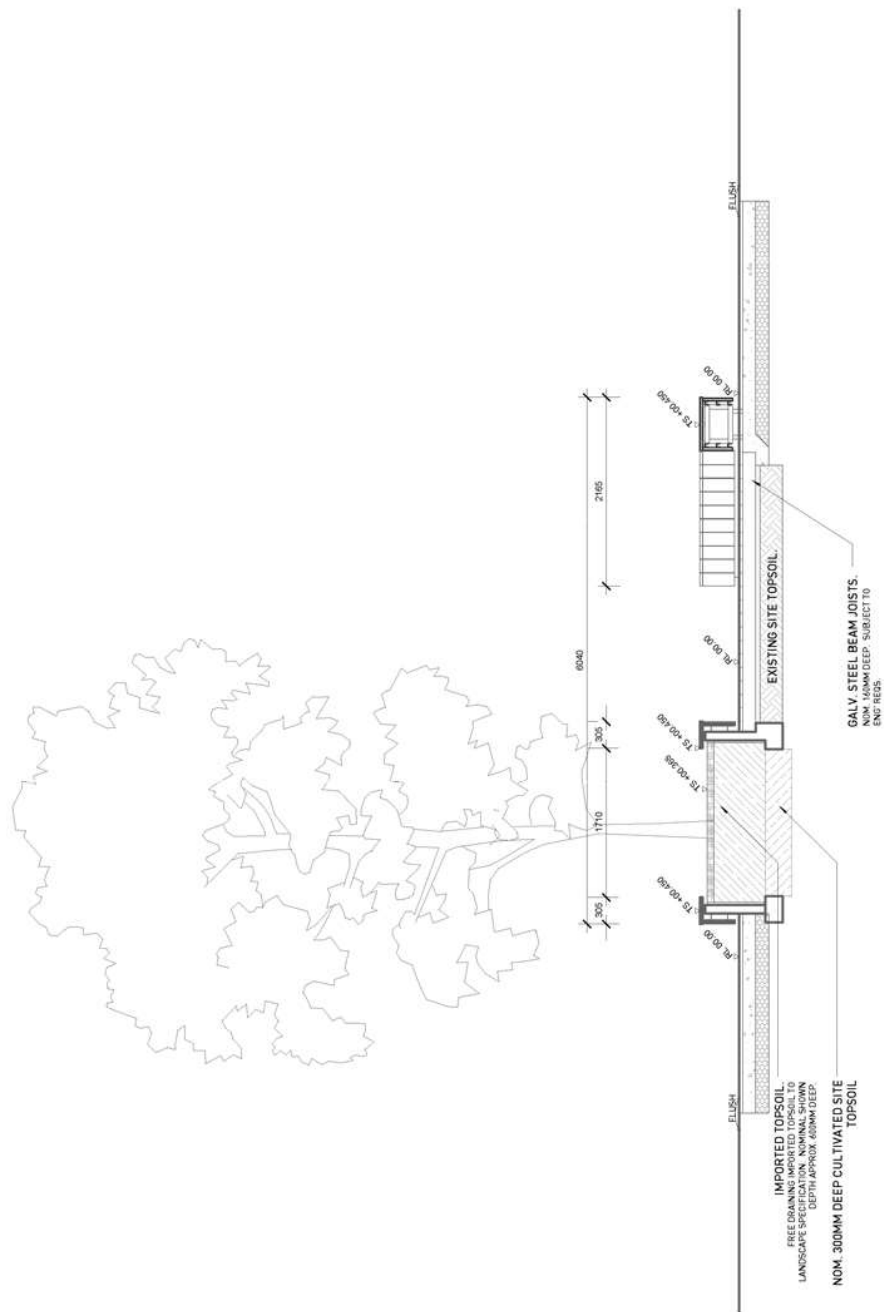
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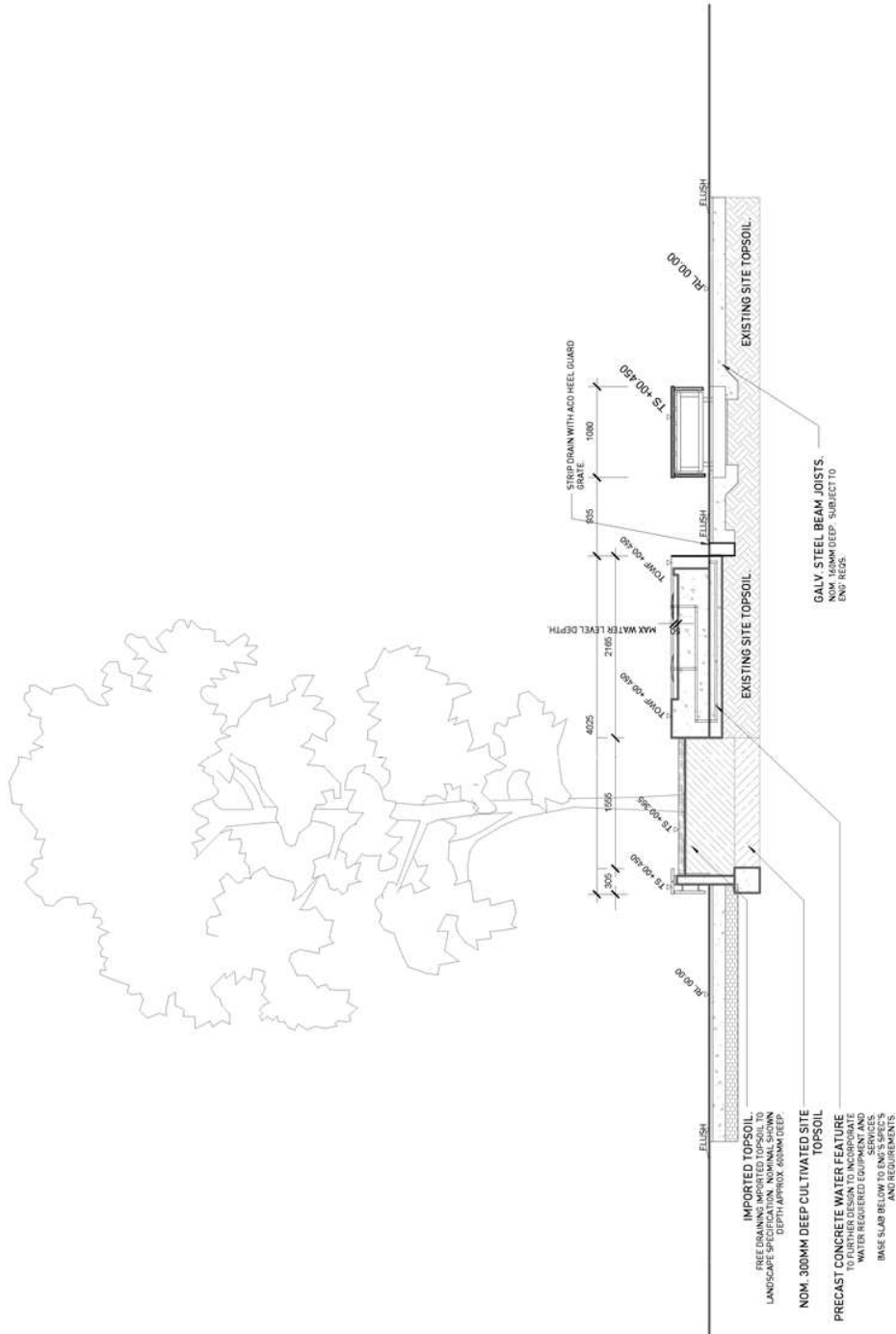
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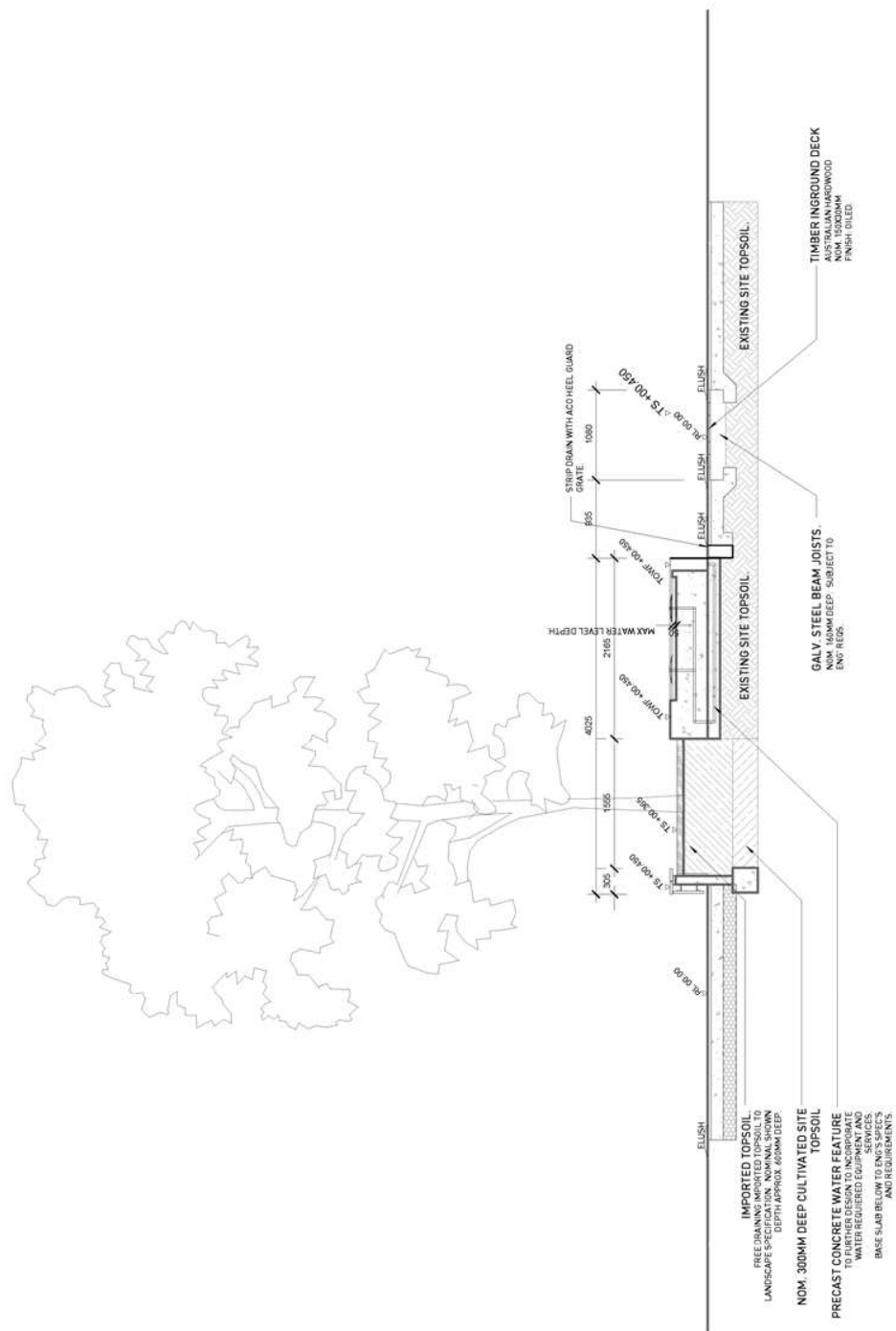
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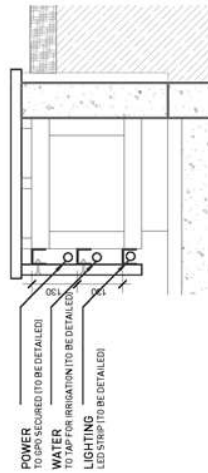
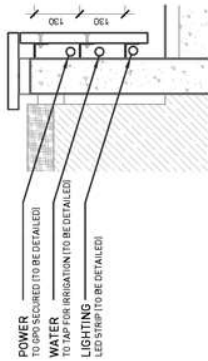
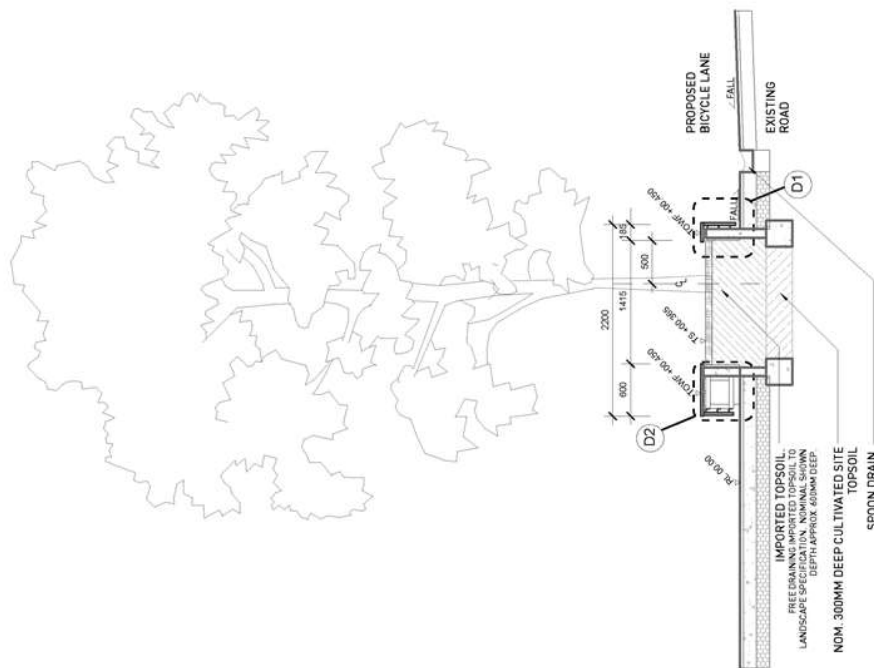
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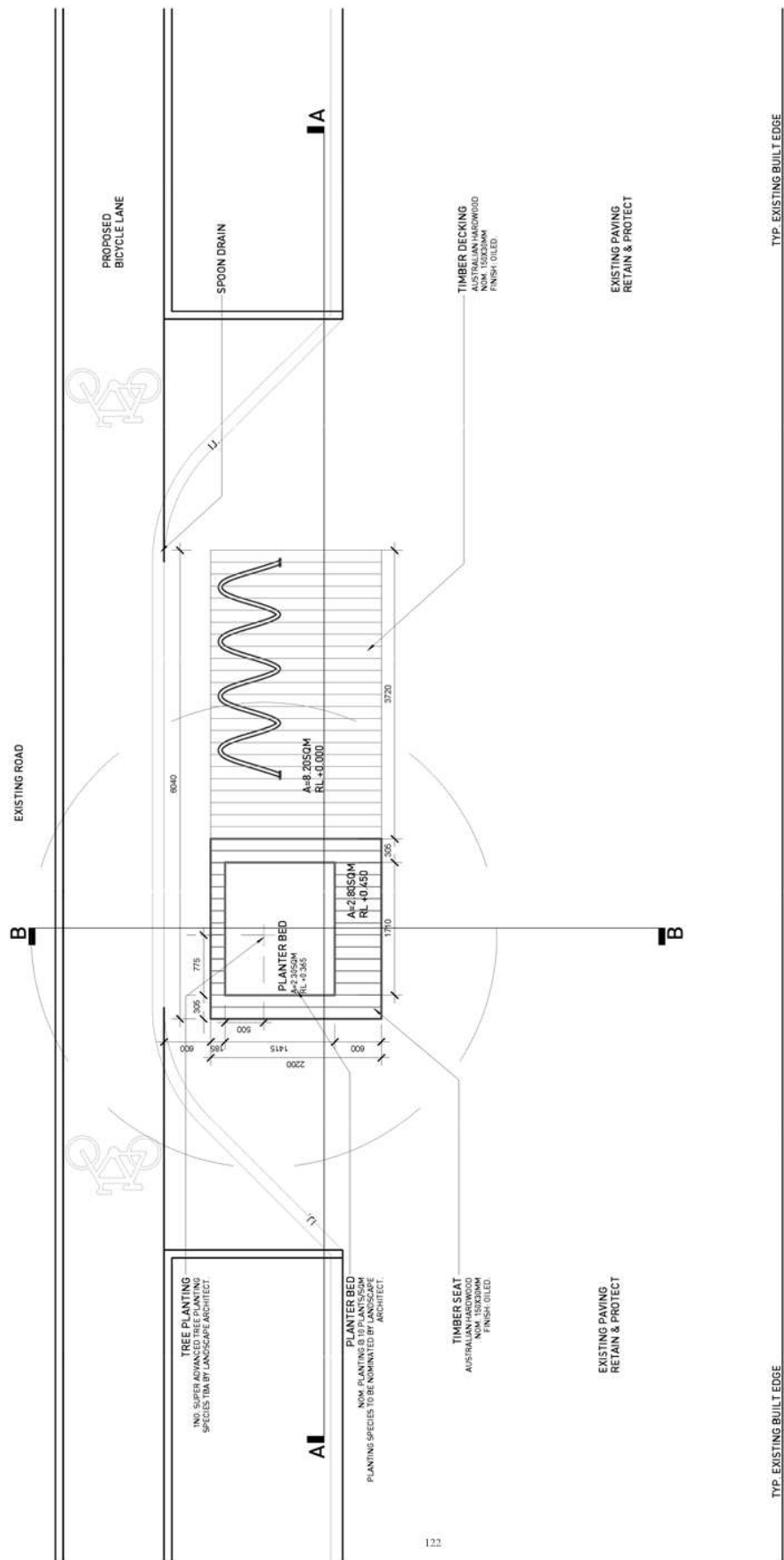
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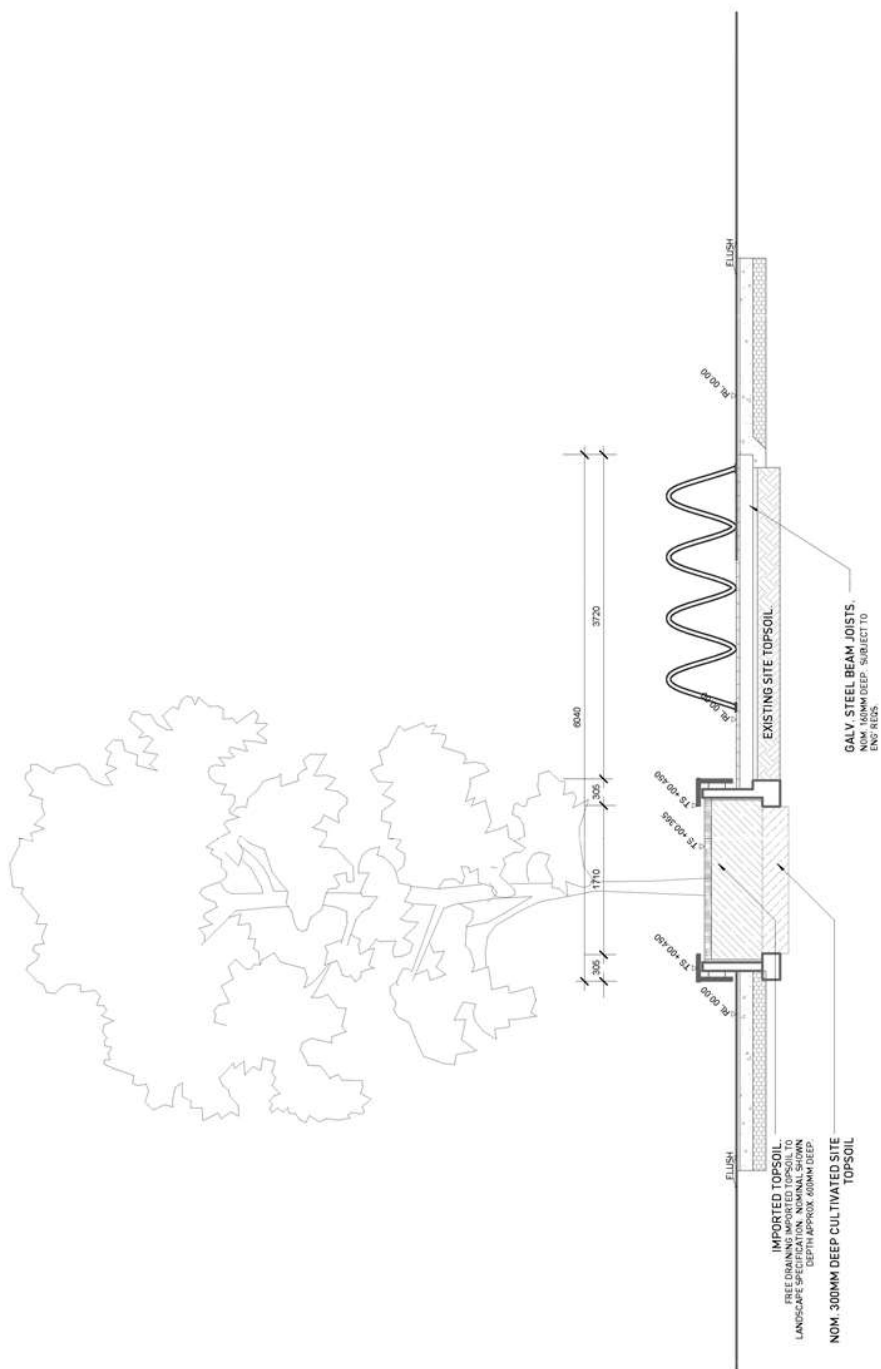


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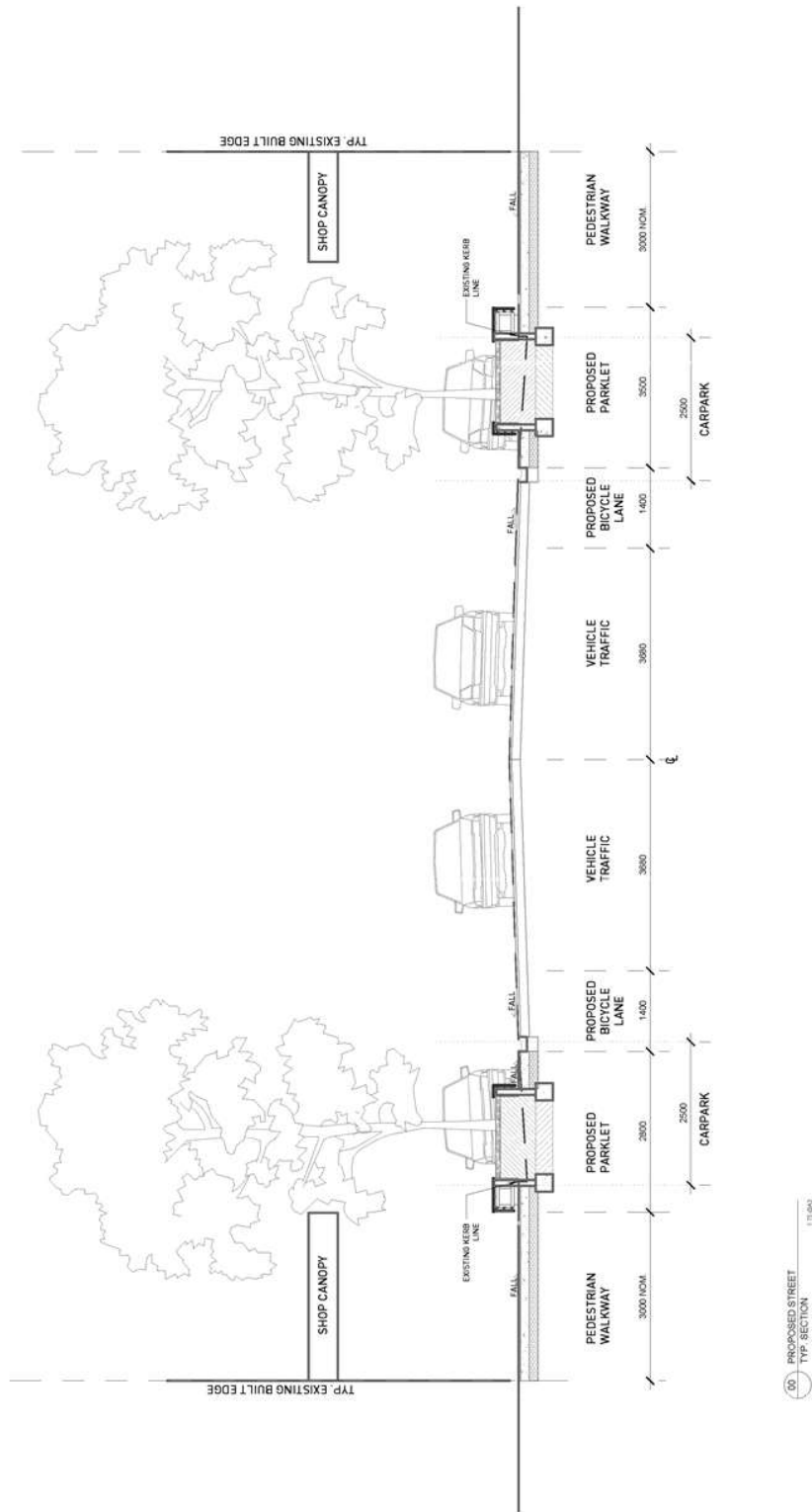


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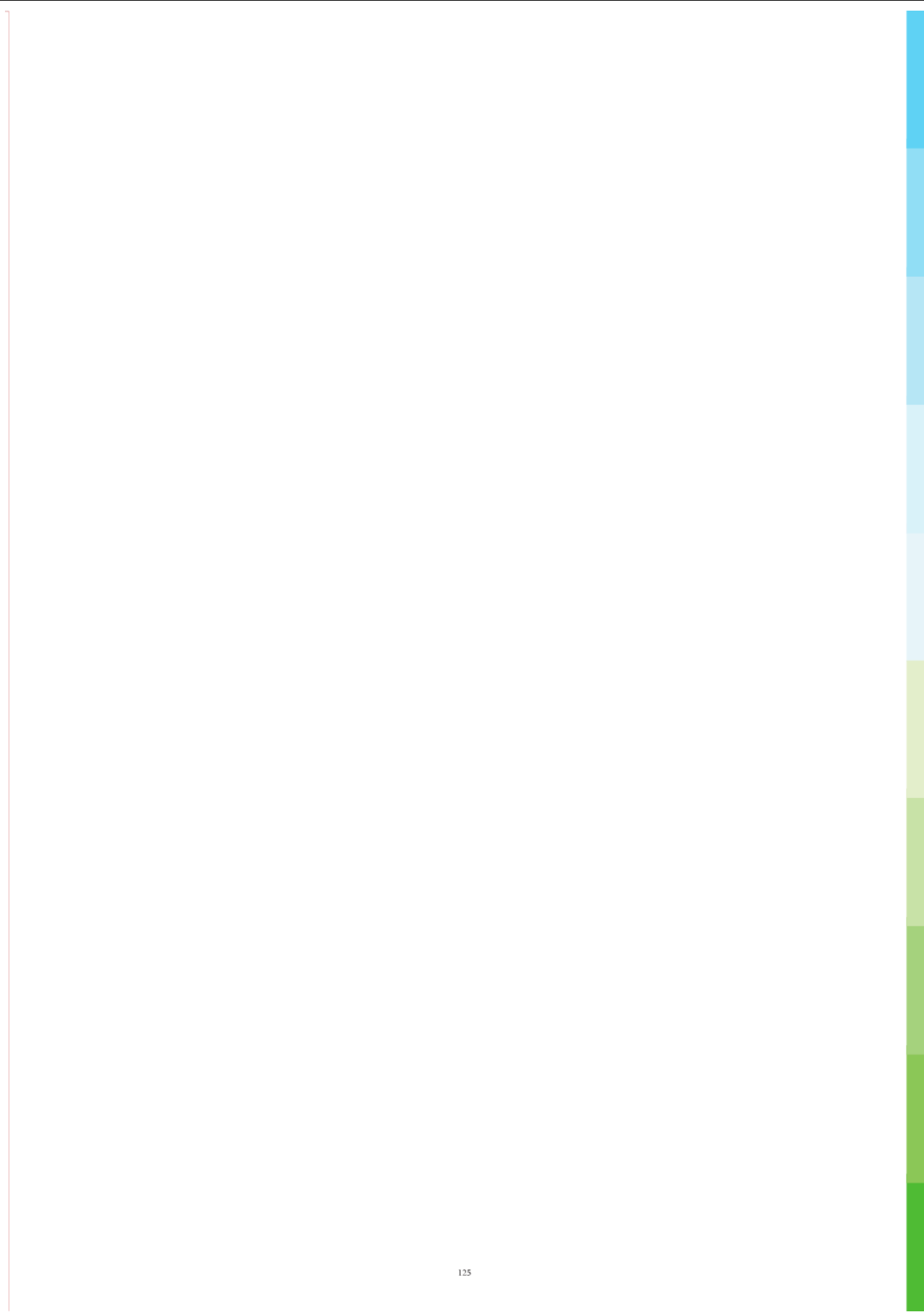
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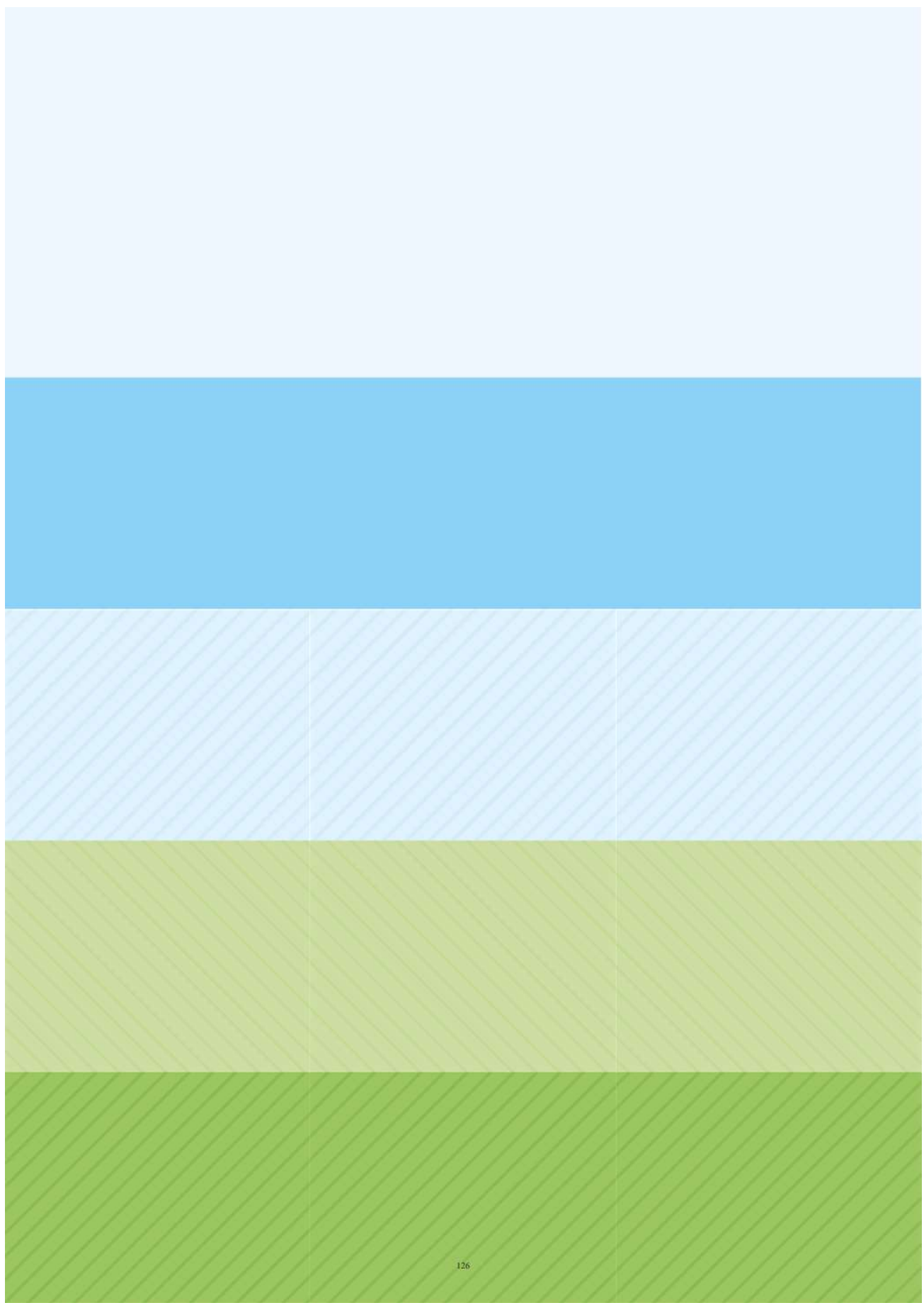
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## Appendix 04

## Parklets Planting Schedule

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## Future Morwell Parklet Planting Palette

### Ground Covers

Chrysocephalum apiculatum

#### YELLOW BUTTONS



This ground cover has glaucous foliage which provide a colour contrast among other ground covering plants. Yellow flowers appear in late spring to summer.

**Native, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.4m

Width - 1m

**Plant Ref:** CAyb

Myoporum Parvifolium

#### Creeping Boobiallia



Native, dense low matting groundcover that makes a great weed suppressant. Prostrate shrub with glossy green leaves. A mass of white small flowers appear along the stems in Spring and throughout summer. These flowers are lightly honey scented and waxy. Fast growing and low maintenance, Myoporum is a great choice for bank stabilisation, is fire retardant and for coastal sites.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - Under 15cm

Width - 1-2m

**Recommended**

**Density:** 2/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** Cm

Grevillea

#### BRONZE RAMBLER



Sprawling shrub which drapes over the ground plane, colouring it with its red flowers that are present throughout most of the year.

**Native, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.3m

Width - 4m

**Plant Ref:** Gbr

Convolvulus Sabatius

#### Convolvulus



A very dense and compact form of this universally popular ground cover. It's often utilised for low maintenance areas due to its tough characteristics. Masses of soft lavender blue flowers are freely produced from late spring through to autumn.

**Evergreen**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.1-1m

Width - 2m

**Recommended**

**Density:** 6/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** Cm

Convolvulus cneorum

#### CONVULVUS



This useful ground cover, Convolvulus cneorum thrives in dry and exposed sites with silver foliage and pretty white, pink-tinged flowers in summer.

**Exotic, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.3m

Width - 4m

**Plant Ref:** Cc

Myoporum parvifolium

#### MYOPORUM



Fast-growing groundcover with green or purple leaf forms. Masses of white flowers throughout the year. Frost tolerant.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.2m

Width - 1-4m

**Plant Ref:** Mp

Thymus sp.

#### COMMON THYME



Best known for its aromatic foliage that comes in green, golden, silver and variegated colors. (Exotic)

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.3m

Width - 0.4m

**Plant Ref:** Ty

Brachyscome Multifida

#### CUT LEAF DAISY



Tall or large headed daisy, robust. Flowers come in lilac blue, mauve, pink and white. Leaves on low, hairy stem. Butterfly attracting, useful for soil bindings. Has a spreads of up to about 1.5m

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.25m

Width - 0.4m

**Plant Ref:** Sb

## Grasses

*Festuca glauca*

### BLUE FESCUE



Stout evergreen grass with needle like blue / green foliage.

**Exotic, Perennial**  
**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.25m  
Width- 0.25m

Plant Ref: FGbf

*Lomandra confertifolia*

### LOMANDRA



Extremely hardy to drought, this variety of lomandra are half the height of 'longifolia' with more concealed flowers also.

**Native, Perennial**  
**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.5m  
Width- 0.7m

Plant Ref: LCI

*Poa labillardieri*

### COMMON TUSsock GRASS 'Kingsdale'



Similar to 'Courtney' although has a much bluer leaf blade and works well in contrast. It is short in height than 'Eskdale' as well.

**Native, Perennial**  
**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.4m  
Width- 0.4m

Plant Ref: PLctgK

*Themeda triandra*

### KANGAROO GRASS



Kangaroo grass is best known for its seed heads that remain after flowering has finished. For this reason has become widely recognised in the Australian Landscape.

**Native, Perennial**  
**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 1m  
Width- 0.5m

Plant Ref: TTkg

*Carex Albula*

### CURLY SEDGE



Tufting, silvery-green narrow leaved grass-like perennial with a cascading and mounding habit. Great mass planted around ponds and water features as it tolerates boggy sites. Very versatile as this carex is also drought tolerant.

**Indigenous, Perennial**  
**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.3-0.6m  
Width- 0.6m

**Recommended Density: 10/m<sup>2</sup>**

Plant Ref: LLmr

*Ophiopogon japonicus*

### MONDO GRASS



Fine dark green glossy foliage, and chosen for this reason rather than flowers, as they are hidden to the naked eye.

**Exotic, Perennial**  
**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.2m  
Width- 0.15m

Plant Ref: OJmg

*Carex Testacea*

### Orange Sedge



Popular sedge from New Zealand with a weeping habit and distinctive orange and green coloured grass-like foliage. Summer flowers are brown and appear on spikes above the foliage. Grows approx 40cm x W 40cm and is drought and salt-spray tolerant. Widely used in domestic and commercial landscapes.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.3-0.6m  
Width- 0.3-0.6m

**Recommended Density: 10/m<sup>2</sup>**

Plant Ref: Cm

*Dianella Longifolia*

### SMOOTH FLAX LILLY



Grows in most soil conditions in full sun or part shade. Fast growing, hardy and drought tolerant. Flowers spring to autumn.

**Indigenous, Perennial**  
**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.5-1m  
Width- 1m

**Recommended Density: 5/m<sup>2</sup>**

Plant Ref: Cm

*Poa Poiformis*

### COASTAL TUSsock GRASS



Dense, tufting native perennial with blue-grey foliage. Green-purple clustered spikelets of inflorescences appear in Spring and throughout Summer.

**Indigenous, Perennial**  
**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 1m  
Width- 1m

**Recommended Density: 10/m<sup>2</sup>**

Plant Ref: Jf

*Carex oshimensis*

### CAREX EVEREST



Carex Everest is an vigorous mound-forming evergreen ornamental grass that provides a groundcover solution for courtyard and patio areas. Its distinctive silvery-white and dark green striped foliage is a refreshing colour combination that is easy to mix with other plants. Flowers are not showy and appear late spring and summer and do not detract from the clean appearance of the plant.

**Indigenous, Perennial**  
**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.3-0.6m  
Width- 0.3-0.6m

**Recommended Density: 10/m<sup>2</sup>**

Plant Ref: Jf



## Future Morwell Parklet Planting Palette

### Trees

#### Lagerstroemia Cultivars



A very popular and easy to grow shrub/small tree with an open, rounded habit. Depending on your needs, Lagerstroemias can be pruned as either a single trunked tree or a bushy multi-stemmed shrub. Widely used in cooler climates, year round interest includes an attractive trunk, autumnal colour change and beautiful summer blooms.

**Indigenous, Deciduous**  
**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 4-10m  
Width- 2-4m

**Plant Ref:** Cm

#### Tristaniopsis Laurina



#### Water Gum

A small to medium Australian native tree that can be used for screening or hedging. Frequently used as a street tree and planted under power lines because it is easy to prune to contain size. A mass of yellow fragrant flowers in summer with a smooth pale bark that sheds in strips add to the appeal. A great choice for coastal plantings.

**Indigenous, Perennial**  
**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.5-1m  
Width- 1m

**Plant Ref:** Cm

#### Arbutus unedo



#### IRISH STRAWBERRY

Evergreen, tall shrub to small tree. Flowers resemble Lillies of the Valley in autumn, followed by strawberry like fruit which ripens from green/yellow and red giving a multi-coloured effect. (Exotic)

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 6m  
Width- 2.5m

**Plant Ref:** Au

#### Ulmus Parvifolia



#### Chinese Elm

A popular and versatile deciduous tree with smooth bark and a vigorous upright habit that weeps with age. Growing to approx 10m tall x 4m wide, foliage is dark green with small leaves changing to golden in Autumn. Great for windbreaks, coastal conditions and hedging.

**Exotic, Semi-Deciduous**  
**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 4-10m  
Width- 4-10m

**Plant Ref:** Cm

#### Elaeocarpus Reticulatus



#### Blueberry Ash

A popular medium evergreen Australian native tree commonly known as the Blueberry Ash. A versatile tree which can be used from small gardens through to streetscapes and is great for hedging or screening, producing clusters of pale pink flowers in spring through to early summer and growing up to 7-9m high.

**Indigenous, Evergreen**  
**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 4-10m  
Width- 2-4m

**Plant Ref:** Cm

### Shrubs

#### Carpobrotus Modestus



#### PIG FACE

Grows in a range of conditions and soil types, in full sun to part-shade. Fast growing, flowers in spring and summer.

**Indigenous, Perennial**  
**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.2m  
Width- 1m

**Recommended Density:** 6/m<sup>2</sup>  
**Plant Ref:** Cm

#### Dianella Revoluta



#### BLUE FLAX LILLY

This is a native Flax Lily with compact blue foliage. This makes a great, low growing garden border or mass planting choice. It is complemented with masses of pretty blue/yellow flowers from September to November.

**Indigenous, Perennial**  
**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.6m  
Width- 0.5m

**Recommended Density:** 8/m<sup>2</sup>  
**Plant Ref:** Cm

#### Dodonea Viscosa



#### STICKY HOP BUSH

Drought tolerant indigenous shrub. Requires annual clipping to maintain density and size. Can grow in semishade.

**Indigenous, Perennial**  
**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 1-3m  
Width- 1-3m

**Recommended Density:** 1/m<sup>2</sup>  
**Plant Ref:** Cm

#### Goodenia Ovata



#### HOP GOODENIA

Glossy, green leaved open shrub with yellow flowers in Spring. Fast growing, responds well to hard pruning.

**Indigenous, Perennial**  
**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 1m  
Width- 1.5m

**Recommended Density:** 8-10/m<sup>2</sup>  
**Plant Ref:** Go

#### Anigozanthos



#### KANGAROO PAW 'Bush

A taller variety of kangaroo paw with rusty yellow flowers on branching red stems up to 1m.

**Indigenous, Perennial**  
**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 1m  
Width- 0.5m

**Recommended Density:** 4-6/m<sup>2</sup>  
**Plant Ref:** AkpBH

### Trees

#### Lagerstroemia indica



#### CREPE MYRTLE

Most if not all Lagerstroemias are grown for the beautiful crepe myrtle flowers that come in a range of flower colours.

**Exotic, Deciduous**  
**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 2-4m  
Width- 2-4m

**Plant Ref:** Li



Hardenbergia Violacea



#### NATIVE SARSPARILLA

With blue grey foliage and violet purple pea-shaped flowers that occur from late winter to early spring.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.5m

Width- 0.5m

**Recommended Density:** 4-6/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** Cm

Veronica Perfolita



#### DIGGERS SPEEDWELL

Moderately drought and waterlogging tolerant. Flowers in spring. Low maintenance, Indigenous.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.8m

Width- 1m

**Recommended Density:** 8-10/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** Cm

Limonium Perezii



#### PERENNIAL STATICE

Glossy green leaved perennial which tolerates direct salt spray and harsh conditions. Mass plant to make the most of the little white flowers with bright purple-blue calyces. Statice flowers over a long period and is very low maintenance.

**Exotic, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.3-0.6m

Width- 0.3-0.6m

**Recommended Density:** 8-10/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** Cm

Tulbaghia Violacea



#### SOCIETY GARLIC

This very hardy, clumping Tulbaghia has fine blue-grey grass-like foliage striped with cream down its entire length. The effect is a silvery mound which rises to about 30cm in height. Silver Lace is long flowering - from spring all the way through to late autumn (and into winter in warmer zones). Has a strong garlic odour if foliage is bruised.

**Exotic, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.3m

Width- 0.6m

**Recommended Density:** 8-10/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** Cm

Kleinia Mandraliscae



#### BLEU CHALKSTICKS

Very drought tolerant. Best in full sun but can tolerate some shade. This plant is grown for its attractive leaves rather than the flowers.

**Exotic, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.4m

Width- 0.75m

**Recommended Density:** 8-10/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** Cm

Correa



#### Dusky Bells

Native prostrate ground cover with dusky pink, fuchsia shaped tubular flowers from Autumn to Spring. Deep green leaves when crushed have a citrus scent.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.45m

Width- 2m

**Recommended Density:** 2-3/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** Ja

Sedum 'Autumn Joy'



#### Ice Plant

Clump forming herbaceous perennial. Great Sedum for cooler climates. Dark green clump of fleshy leaves which produce clusters of pink flowers reminiscent of broccoli flowers in Autumn. Unusual flower that changes colour as the season progresses. Wonderful low water usage choice for borders, rockeries and containers.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.3-0.6m

Width- 0.3-0.6m

**Recommended Density:** 6-8/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** Cm

Correa Alba



#### Costal Correa

Dense, grey foliated native shrub with a rounded habit. White, star-shaped flowers appear in late winter and spring. Grows to approximately 2m in height. Used widely coastal gardens - tolerates salt spray and for hedging.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 1.5m

Width- 1.5m

**Recommended Density:** 1/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** Cm

Kniphofia



#### Red Hot Pokers

Does best in moist soils in full sun but will tolerate some drought and shade. Flowers in winter

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 1m

Width- 0.6m

**Recommended Density:** 6-8/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** Cm

## Future Morwell Parklet Planting Palette

### Shrubs

*Patersonia umbrosa* var. *xanthina*

#### YELLOW FLAG IRIS



The only yellow *Patersonia*. Forms yellow flowers in summer months above ribbon foliage.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.6m

Width - 0.4m

**Recommended Density:** 6-8/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** PUvXyfi

*Orthrosanthus laxus*

#### MORNING IRIS "Dwarf"



Plant forming neat tufts to around 20cm high. From mid spring through summer, flower spikes appear just above foliage and open to reveal lovely sky blue flowers.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.2m

Width - 0.2m

**Recommended Density:** 6-8/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** OLmi

*Patersonia occidentalis*

#### NATIVE IRIS



A true native Iris, is well know to the temperate climate of Australia. Forms purple flowers in summer months above ribbon foliage.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.6m

Width - 0.4m

**Recommended Density:** 6-8/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** POni

*Melaleuca Thymifolia*

#### Thyme-Leaf Honey-Myrtle



Grows best with regular moisture. Regular pruning will maintain density. Flowers late winter to early summer.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 1m

Width - 0.5m

**Recommended Density:** 2/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** Jf

*Chrysocephalum Semipapposum*

#### Clustered Everlasting



A dense perennial herb with grey narrow foliage and small yellow flower clusters on erect stems, occurring from October to May. A tight clumping tussock that will tolerate dry to moist situations.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.5m

Width - 0.3m

**Recommended Density:** 6-8/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** Go

*Melaluca Incana*

#### Grey Honey-Myrtle



Tolerates saline soils. Needs annual pruning to rejuvenate. Very drought and waterlogging tolerant. Flowers spring and early summer. Should only be planted where there is sufficient space.

**Indigenous, Perennial**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 2m

Width - 2m

**Recommended Density:** 1/m<sup>2</sup>

**Plant Ref:** Jf

### Seasonal Flowers

*Calendula officinalis*

#### COMMON MARIGOLD



*Calendula officinalis* is a short-lived aromatic herbaceous perennial, growing to 80 cm [31 in] tall, with sparsely branched lax or erect stems.

**Exotic, Annual**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.8m

Width - 0.6m

**Plant Ref:** CoCm

*Swainsona formosa*

#### STURT'S DESERT PEA



Sturt's Desert Pea, is an Australian plant in the genus *Swainsona*, named after English botanist Isaac Swainson, famous for its distinctive blood-red leaf-like flowers, each with a bulbous black centre, or "boss". It is one of Australia's best known wildflowers.

**Native, Annual**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.15m

Width - 2m

**Plant Ref:** CoCm

*Delphinium cardinale*

#### DELPHINIUM



The quintessential cottage garden annual that is still much adored by gardeners today. Dark and light blue, and white.

**Exotic, Annual**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.7m

Width - 0.4m

**Plant Ref:** CoCm

*Salvia viridis*

#### SALVIA BLUE MONDAY



Combining perfectly with taller annuals such as sweetpeas and foxgloves,. Growing to 30cm high, the blue bracts stand proud and put on a spectacular display in spring. Also make an ideal cut flower.

**Exotic, Annual**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.3m

Width - 0.1m

**Plant Ref:** CoCm

*Artemisia arborescens*

#### WORMWOOD



A compact low mound as dense as mercury that provides the perfect foliage contrast to all cottage flowers. Tolerant of high winds and salt spray. Powis Castle makes an effective hedge: an annual hard prune during spring will keep it a compact cloud.

**Exotic, Evergreen**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.6m

Width - 1m

**Plant Ref:** CoCm

*Meconopsis betonicifolia*

#### BLUE HIMALAYAN POPPY



Planted en masse this legendary blue poppy is a breath-taking sight to behold. For cool climate gardens with moist soils and summers below 30 degrees.

**Exotic, Annual**

**Maturity Dimensions**

Height - 0.2m

Width - 0.1m

**Plant Ref:** CoCm



*Eschscholzia californica*



**CALIFORNIAN POPPY**

Delightful bicolour yellow and orange flowers are easy to grow and bring a splash of sunshine into the garden.

**Exotic, Annual**  
**Maturity Dimensions**  
Height - 0.3m  
Width- 0.2m

**Plant Ref:** CoCm

*Heliotropium arborescens*



**CHERRY PIE PURPLE HEIRLOOM**

A wonderful vanilla scented shrub flowering nearly all year round. Frost sensitive

**Exotic, Evergreen**  
**Maturity Dimensions**  
Height - 0.15m  
Width- 0.15m

**Plant Ref:** CoCm

*Campanula medium*



**CANTERBURY BELLS BLUE**

One of the prettiest blues for cut flowers, Canterbury Bells is an old- fashioned favorite of experienced gardeners because they flower through mid-summer and are spectacular in a mixed border.

**Exotic, Annual**  
**Maturity Dimensions**  
Height - 0.7m  
Width- 0.4m

**Plant Ref:** CoCm

*Aquilegia flabellata*



**COLUMBINE CAMEO**

Native to Japan, this charming columbine is one of the first to flower, over a compact mound of blue-green foliage. Flowers of a central white cup, backed by bright pink petals adorned with large recurved spurs.

**Exotic, Perennial**  
**Maturity Dimensions**  
Height - 0.5m  
Width- 0.4m

**Plant Ref:** CoCm

*Nepeta x faassenii*



**CATMINT 'WALKER'S LOW'**

The classic edging plant for the flower border, and at home beneath old roses. This long flowering, vigorous ground cover provides months of colour, and it's beautiful blue flowers attract beneficial insects to the garden. After the initial spring flowering fades, clip to the ground: the refreshed plants will repeat flower throughout summer and autumn. A long flowering, vigorous ground cover ideal for edging in sunny spots.

**Exotic, Annual**  
**Maturity Dimensions**  
Height - 0.6m  
Width- 0.6m

**Plant Ref:** CoCm

*Agrostemma githago*



**CORN COCKLE OCEAN PEARL**

Pale silver flowers dance gracefully in the summer breeze. Combines beautifully with other cottage annuals such as cosmos and cornflowers and makes a stunning long lasting cut flower.

**Exotic, Annual**  
**Maturity Dimensions**  
Height - 0.8m  
Width- 0.4m

**Plant Ref:** CoCm

*Cerinthe major*



**CERINTHE PURPLE**

Pendulous purple-blue flowers that last for months. The foliage is also appealing, turning from grey to mauve.

**Exotic, Annual**  
**Maturity Dimensions**  
Height - 0.7m  
Width- 0.6m

**Plant Ref:** CoCm

*Rhodanthe chlorocephala*

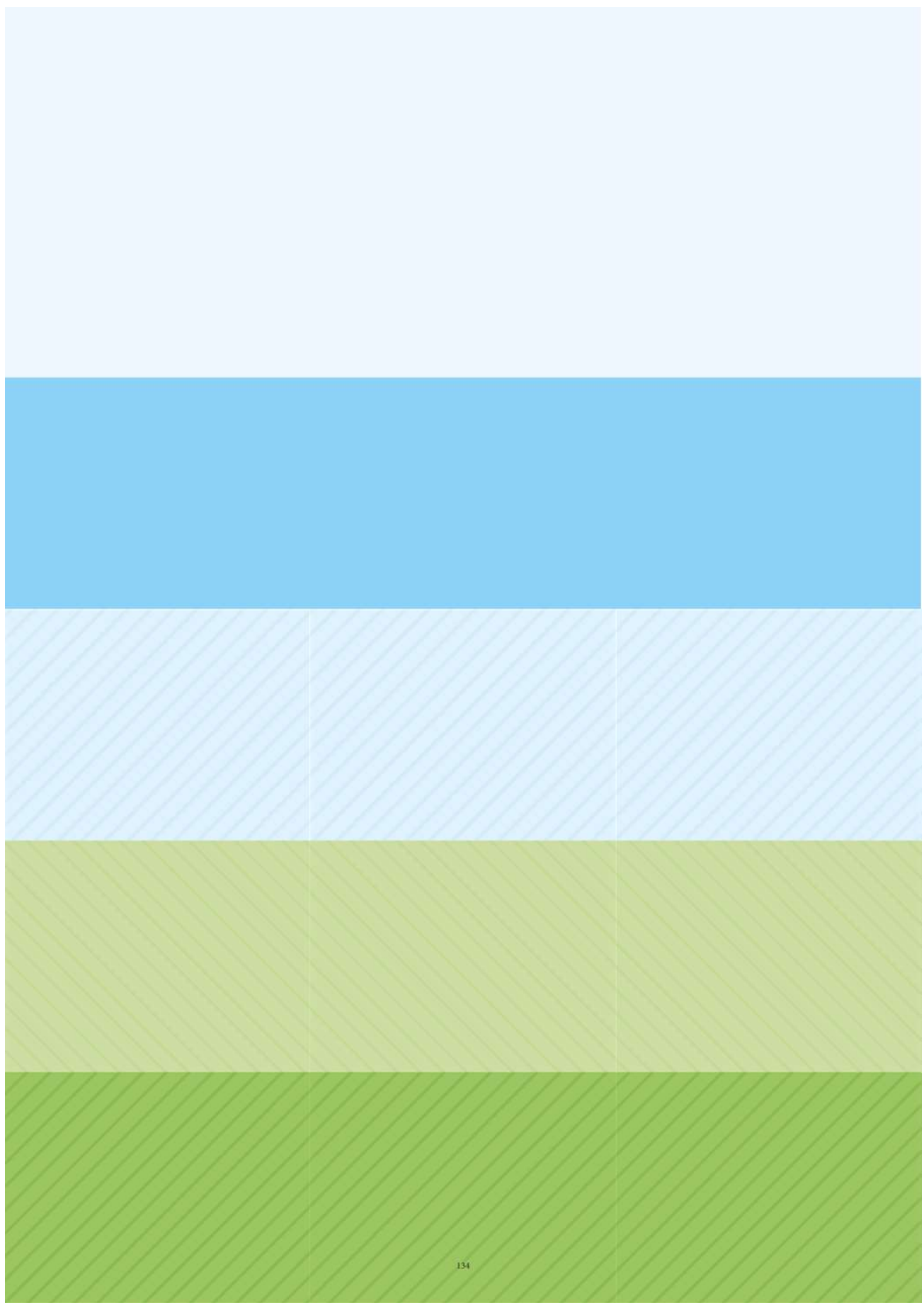


**NATIVE EVERLASTING DAISY**

Dappled shades of pink and white are so easy to raise. Naturalises and perfect for drying as ever-lasting flowers.

**Native, Annual**  
**Maturity Dimensions**  
Height - 0.6m  
Width- 0.4m

**Plant Ref:** CoCm





# Glossary of Terms

#### **Accessibility**

The ease by which all users can approach, manoeuvre, reach, enter or use a space

#### **Adopt A Tree**

A formal or informal program where residents assist Council in caring for a street tree through advocacy and watering

#### **Alternative Planting**

Methods of planting that are non-traditional where a tree/plant is planted directly into soil

#### **Albedo**

The ratio of the light reflected by an object; often lighter coloured objects reflect greater amounts of light and heat

#### **Amenity**

Aesthetic or other characteristics of development or area that increase its desirability to a community.

#### **Arborist**

A specialist in the cultivation, management and care of trees.

#### **Borrowed Landscape**

Landscape that can be seen but not accessed; creates a frame or backdrop

#### **Calming Traffic**

Slowing down the flow of traffic

#### **Compact development**

A land use settlement pattern that features most or all of the following concentrations of population and/or employment; medium to high densities appropriate to context; a mix of uses; interconnected streets; innovative and flexible approaches to parking; pedestrian-, bicycle-, and public transport -friendly design; and access to public transport.

#### **Complete street**

Streets designed and operated to enable safe, attractive and comfortable access for all users, regardless of transport mode.

#### **Connectivity/permeability**

The directness of links and the density of connections in a transport network. A highly permeable network has many short links, numerous intersections, and minimal dead-ends..

#### **Designed Streetscape**

A streetscape that has been designed to suit the use, needs and requirements of an area

#### **Distance to public transport**

Measured as an average of the shortest street routes from the residences or workplaces in an area to the nearest railway station or bus stop. Alternatively, it may be measured as public transport route density, distance between public transport stops, or the number of stations per unit area.

#### **Dripline**

The imaginary line drawn from the outer most leaf in the canopy of the tree down to the ground. This is the zone where most of the tree's root system is located

#### **Environmental Sustainability**

Practices that require little or no use of new, rare or non-renewable materials and preserve habitat or ecological systems

#### **Evapotranspiration**

The biological process by which plants give off water

#### **Exotic Plant**

Plant not native to an area

#### **Gateways**

Entry ways into a municipality; often large, well trafficked streets or ports

#### **Green Surfaces**

Planted surfaces

#### **Green Walls**

Vertical surfaces with plants growing on them; this includes climbing plants as well as vertical gardens or structures

#### **Horticulturalist**

A specialist in the field of cultivation, management and care of plants

#### **Impermeable Surface**

A surfaces that does not allow for the exchange of water, gases or nutrients

#### **Indigenous Plant**

A plant native to a specific area

#### **Industrial Areas**

Areas whose main function is industry, manufacturing or storage of goods

#### **Infill Planting**

Planting new trees of the existing street tree species in vacant spots

#### **Land use mix**

Diversity or variety of land uses (e.g. residential, commercial, industrial).

#### **Mixed-use**

Incorporation of residential and retail structures in the same geographic location.

#### **Mixed density**

Residential development that includes various housing types co-located, such as single dwellings and multi-units and development of varying size and height.

#### **Native Plant**

An Australian plant

#### **Nature Strip**

Area of Council land between the back of kerb and fence line of a public street. Also known as a verge

#### **New Streetscape Planting**

Planting of trees and garden beds in a street

## Glossary of Terms

### **Passive Irrigation**

Using available storm-water in channels, sheeting from footpaths and dripping from roofs to water vegetation

### **Pause Points**

Areas in public streets where users can stop, rest and relax. These nodes are usually welcoming with shade and other amenities for human comfort

### **Percentage Canopy Cover**

The amount of the ground that is shaded by the canopy of a tree

### **Permeable Surface**

A surface allowing water, air and nutrients to flow in and out

### **Placemaking**

The art and science of developing public spaces that attract people, build community and create local identity.

### **Private Realm**

Privately owned land or property

### **Public Amenity**

Elements or items in the public realm meant to provide comfort, convenience or pleasure. In this context bins, benches, water fountains, cycle hoops and recycling bins compose the most common forms of amenity

### **Public Realm**

Public space inclusive of public streets, parks, amenities and vegetation

### **Replacement Planting**

Replacing like for like in a plant or tree that has died or otherwise failed

### **Residential Areas**

Areas where the most common land use is residential living

### **Retail Activity Centres**

Streets or precincts where the most common activity is commerce

### **Right Tree In The Right Spot**

Selecting trees for a street based on a host of factors including biological tolerances, site use and required street function.

### **Safe useful life expectancy**

The span of time that a tree can be expected to have a biological contribution.

### **Sequestering Carbon**

Storing or absorbing carbon as part of the natural process of growing

### **Shared space**

An urban design and traffic engineering concept that integrates pedestrians, vehicles and other road users through the removal of traditional street elements such as signs, traffic lights, pedestrian barriers, road markings and kerbs.

### **Street Furniture**

Public amenity inclusive of bins, benches, seats, cycle hoops and water fountains

### **Streetscape**

The combination of all the man-made, natural and cultural elements present on a street

### **Successional Planting**

Method of planting by which trees removed and replaced in a staggered pattern over time ensuring a more consistent look and feel

### **Transport Hubs**

Nodes or areas dedicated to moving people from one place to another; includes public and private transport means

### **Tree Canopy Cover**

The shadow cast by the leaves and branches of a tree

### **Urban Forest**

The sum total of all trees and associated vegetation growing within an urban area. The ecological grouping of vegetative and biological organisms within the urban context inclusive of private front and back gardens; balcony gardens; rooftop gardens; vines and creepers growing on walls, buildings or fences; street trees, natural bushland and conservation areas, shrubs and ground-covers in nature strips and roundabouts; trees and garden beds in public open spaces; trees and vegetation in the streetscape.

### **Urban Heat Island Effect**

Phenomena by which hard surfaces in the urban context absorb and radiate the heat of the sun making urban areas 4-8 degrees warmer than their rural counterparts

### **Vertical Gardens**

Gardens that are grown on climbing frames or in engineered boxes prepared for growing plants

### **Walkability**

The level of comfort and ease that pedestrians experience as they move through a space or street. The extent to which a neighbourhood encourages and supports walking for transport and recreation.

### **Walkable community**

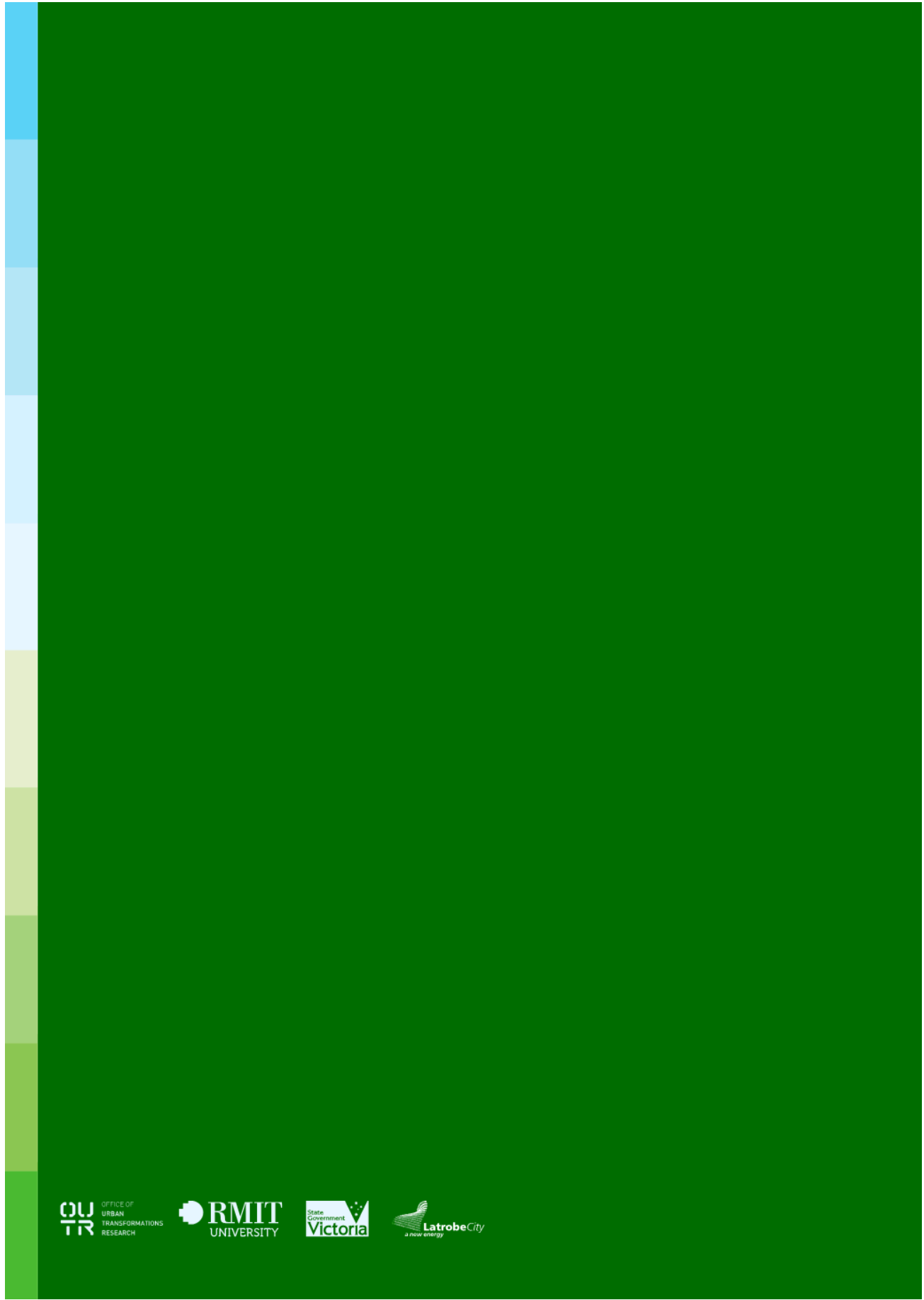
A community where housing, workplaces, shopping areas, schools and recreation facilities are laid out in a manner that makes them relatively accessible by walking.

### **Water Sensitive Urban Design**

Designed planting beds or tree pits (WSUD) that capture and filter or clean storm water runoff removing litter, pollutants and debris.

### **Wayfinding Signage**

A suite of signage meant to help pedestrians and cyclists navigate the urban environment with references and services, activities and points of interest



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Hub A concept	"At present this is an office district rather than a retail district. Presumably there is a high number of daytime population of workers at the Council, government offices and Justice precinct, and their clients". Supportive of maintaining cafés, places to meet and Tarwin Pop Up Park - "especially with mothers of young children, who find it a <b>safe meeting place</b> and it's worth retaining this amenity". <b>Highlights a shortage of long term parking</b> in the area now, and <b>no proposal to designate additional long term parking areas. Limited disability parking bays.</b>	Long term parking/ Disabled parking	Noted. Parking and parking supply is an issue that will need to be given due consideration in any implementation of the concepts in the Revitalisation Plan.
160	<i>MARKET PLACE - Existing City Council car park to be used for temporary events such as a Market.</i> Submission questions how will people get there and <b>where will they park if the parking issues are not addressed?</b>	Parking - general	Noted. Parking and parking supply is an issue that will need to be given due consideration in any implementation of the concepts in the Revitalisation Plan.
162	Discussion around the railway station and the old highway on the north side of the railway line.	Long term parking	Noted. Parking and parking supply is an issue that will need to be given due consideration in any implementation of the concepts in the Revitalisation Plan.
Hub A concept	<i>Develop building facade design guidelines for Village Hub. (Page 25)</i> 'Although there are some active businesses on the north side, as well as Health Centres, there are also <b>some blighted areas that require more than repair of the facades</b> '.	Dilapidated buildings	Noted. Dilapidated buildings are managed through Council's local law provisions. However the comment is highly relevant and an issue to be given consideration moving forward.

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Hub A concept	Whilst the work to implement the Circuit in Commercial Rd is being carried out, it would be an opportunity to take up the offer made by <b>Tesla 2016 to donate and pay for installation of two electric car charging stations</b> in Morwell (if this offer is still available).	Parking - general	Noted. The Revitalisation Plan provides broad concepts at this point in time. Recharging stations could be give consideration during detailed design.
Hub B concept	Morwell Primary School is likely to involve an increase in car and bus traffic at some times of the day, as it will draw children from most of the town. An adjacent childcare centre (as proposed) is also likely to involve increased traffic with associated risks. It's not clear whether the reference to expanding the median strip to include cycling and pedestrian paths is a proposal or an example of what could be done, but <b>we would suggest extending the nature strip on the School side of the road and shifting vehicle traffic to the far side of the road, to minimise risks to children from cars.</b> (As a resident on a through road near two schools, I'm only too aware of the drivers who are not going to the schools being heedless of children using the designated school crossing). The plan includes a combination bike path and bus route which seems an unlikely combination.	Circuit	Noted. To be considered in detail design.
Hub C concept	As one of the sites of Federation Training, people are likely to travel to it from a number of places. It is an attractive area, draws visitors to the Immigration Park. Connections to both the residential neighbourhoods on the far side of the main road, and to Mid Valley, which avoid the road, are desirable. <b>We question the effectiveness of connections to other towns by means of walking and bicycle paths,</b> although we support the idea of	Circuit	Noted. No change proposed at this stage to the concept design.

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	such paths being separated from the main roads.		
Hub D concept	There are a number of ideas associated with this Hub, including strengthening industrial tourism. It is <b>probably the most innovative section of the plan</b> , as it suggests new uses for derelict sites.	Heritage	Noted. Feedback to be commended for its thoughtful and thorough consideration of the Future Morwell Urban Design Revitalisation Plan.
Hub E concept	Voices of the Valley supports the proposal of a fenced off-leash dog park near the elderly citizens units in Maryvale Crescent.	Off-leash Dog Parks	Support noted.
Hub E concept	A park for recreational vehicles is a good idea, although it is about as far from most of the event Hubs as it could be.	Concept	Noted. Concept to be further refined in future phases of development.
Hub F concept	This area seems very suitable or walking and outdoor leisure activities, especially for those living around it. Voices of the Valley supports the proposal of an off-leash dog park in this area, which is close to a residential area, and agrees that it should be fenced, given the many other activities proposed for this area.	Off-leash Dog Parks	Support noted.
Hub F concept	There are references in other parts of the plan to Morwell Recreational Precinct - is this it? Or is the Morwell Recreation Precinct somewhere else?	Concept	To be refined in implementation

Hubs general	While provision of paths separate from major roads is a good idea, we need to remember that Morwell is a town in a rural area, where people come into town from other towns and rural areas and may move between several towns in a day's activities and the majority will drive. For example:	Concept	Noted
Hubs general	A community grouping, meeting with a local authority, a consultant, or a person from outside the Latrobe Valley is likely to take place in Morwell. Such a meeting is likely to include people from several separate locations (not one of which may be Morwell itself) and is likely to take over 2 hours. To meet in a central location, participants drive to town and <b>find parking outside the 2-hour limit areas.</b>	Long term parking	Noted. Parking and parking supply is an issue that will need to be given due consideration in any implementation of the concepts in the Revitalisation Plan.
Hubs general	People attending the Latrobe Valley Magistrates' Court may be from Morwell, but may also be from anywhere in the Latrobe Valley and their <b>attendance will not necessarily coincide with public transport availability.</b>	Public Transport	Noted
Hubs general	Morwell has an abundance of sports facilities providing for children as well as adults. Parents with more than one child participating in out of school activities may have to transport their children to and from the activity. School, children's activities, parents' work and family residence <b>may all be in different towns.</b>	Connection	Noted
Hubs general	Workers in government departments with offices in different towns may <b>have to move between offices</b> in the course of a day's work.	Connection	Noted



Events	There are references to events throughout the Revitalisation Plan as a means of attracting visitors to Morwell. Two types of events are referred to, a Garden Festival, presumably to be an annual event and sporting events of a tournament nature and scale. The implication is that an occasional large scale event will bring significant numbers to stay longer than the time of the event, and so revive the economy. We ask for <b>some evidence that this assumption is well-founded</b> , in particular, an <b>analysis of costs and benefits</b> . One-off, large scale events are costly to run, require funding support, and in some cases make life miserable for local residents (e.g. Grand Prix in Melbourne). It is questionable whether the benefits associated with a large influx of people for a brief event are sufficient to outweigh the costs (e.g. The experience of coastal towns with small permanent populations and large visitor populations in summer). We would ask for some careful analysis and discussion of the point.	Events	Noted. The 2017-2021 Council Plan has a strong focus on attracting events and visitation via events.
Blue Networks example on page 97	Green Networks are the parks, vacant land, sports grounds and so on. Blue networks are the waterways, drains, storm water etc. There are sections in the documents about both these networks, but they are not easy to find. We contacted Gippsland Water about the <b>management of storm water</b> and were told it was a Council responsibility. We <b>contacted Council</b> to ask about potential harvesting of storm water for community gardens, but the <b>person in the Roads and Drains section was unfamiliar with the idea</b> .	Blue Networks	Noted. Innovative approaches to the capture and reuse of storm water could be considered during implementation and detailed design.
Neighbourhoods	...This part of the plan may be of interest to residents of the various neighbourhoods: however, the <b>neighbourhood labels are arbitrarily imposed on physically defined areas</b> . In the planning discussion	Neighbourhoods	Noted. No evidence is provided. Conceptual at this stage.

	there seems to be an <b>assumption that people socialise where they live</b> , although there is <b>no evidence</b> for this.		
Neighbourhoods	A plan that depends on people who live near each other acting together to carry out the plan on a voluntary basis is not likely to succeed. <b>Could these plans be implemented if residents in particular localities did not wish to act together, or did not have the capacity to work on maintaining neighbourhood garden plots?</b> A problem associated with relying on volunteers to carry out essential work is that it relies on the goodwill and capacity to act of individual volunteers. This is not the place to debate the question of paid and unpaid work, but it should be considered as a significant component of the plan.	Neighbourhoods	Noted. However Latrobe City does have strong volunteer participation levels.
204	From what I can interpret from the pictures it looks like the natures strip has a garden bed on a raised bank. On one hand I welcome the <b>idea of blocking out recycled metal</b> that is not within the recycler's compound. On the other hand I have concerns about a <b>higher risk of business burglary</b> . The night view shows a well-lit bridge while the left hand side of the picture there is no lighting to light the path and deter business related crime.	Entrances	Noted. Safety By Design Principles are a key tool utilised by Council when developing detailed designs.
204	As a local resident who uses both the Princes Drive & Commercial Rd gateways, I find these entrances depressing after a long trip from the West or South Gippsland. Once I reach the Jane Street bridge my spirits are raised with view of the Rose Garden or business along Princes Drive. I would welcome this as a first priority.	Entrances	Support noted.
42	Page 42 "Commercial Road, Clean up Neighbouring sites (Substation, Scrap metal Shop)	Entrances	Noted

238	Page 238 indicates that \$350,000 in State Government funding has been secured, so let's make it happen	Entrances	Support noted.
198	Proposed rail trail, if this went ahead I would like to see the <b>installation of a high fence on the bridge crossing Commercial Road &amp; Princes Drive</b> . The purpose of the bridge, to deter members of the public using the bridge as <b>a launching platform for suicide</b> . Also <b>deter objects being launched at vehicles below</b> . Although incidents are rare there is the <b>potential for fatalities</b>	Concept	Noted. A risk and safety assessment would indeed be required in the development of any detailed design for this space.
187	Julia Street Freeway exit - Turn this area into an <b>RV park</b> . Has easy on & off entry to the Freeway, <b>easy walk into CBD</b> .	RV Friendly Towns	Noted. For future consideration.
	In addition link a bike path from here (Julia Street off ramp) to Immigration Park and the Gippsland Industrial Water Park utilising the V-Line easement	Connection	Noted
	I suggest that trees be planted dense enough to block out an open view of the industrial estate as you enter from the East, but spacious enough to acknowledge that Morwell has a thriving industrial estate. The picture shown was taken as when passing through Leongatha's Industrial Estate.	Entrances	Suggestion noted for consideration in detailed design.
191	Monash Road -Begin with Indigenous plants such as Banksias, Wattles, native grasses (This would <b>tie into Art and plants along Waterhole Creek</b> from Princes Drive To Hourigan Road) then branch out into <b>Exotic plants from the intersection of Monash Way &amp; Firmins Road</b> on both sides through to the Hazelwood turn off. (The exotic plants/ trees would <b>tie in with Immigration Park</b> and be a warm welcome to International students attending Federation University Churchill)	Concept	Noted
103	Latrobe Rd (plant) Blue Gums and Pinus Radiata along Latrobe Rd from Holmes Road out (This <b>tie in with our links to the Paper Mill</b> in	Entrances	Noted

	Maryvale)		
Hub A concept	The planter boxes shown on pages give <b>no indication of the height of the planter boxes</b> . On the ABC's Gardening program that aired on Sunday 30 April 2017 they showed planter boxes that were made for Yooralla. These boxes were 500 mm high and 700 mm deep, the <b>recommended dimensions for the disabled</b> so they can fully appreciate the garden. This needs to be taken into account before locking in a final design specifications.	Concept	Detail noted for consideration in progressing with detailed design.
Hub A concept	It would be a <b>good idea to have the mobility aid fitted to at least one of the garden beds</b> . Possibly close to Tarwin Street.	Concept	Noted. For consideration in completing the detailed design.
118-119	The event calendar shown on pages 118-119 indicate a <b>garden festival running for 4 months</b> but there is <b>not definitive time proposed for temporary planter boxes</b> that may be placed <b>along Commercial Rd</b> from Hazelwood to Tarwin Street. 4 months would be an <b>excessive duration for loss of carparks</b> . I would be more inclined to accept <b>boxes being put in place late on a Thursday in time for an official opening celebration on the Friday, for Friday, Saturday celebrations then relocate the boxes to other site</b> such as along Buckley Street till the end of the festival at the end of August.	Events	Noted. Concept only.
160-161	"Develop a plan that relates to the pocket spaces. Taking the form of outdoor murals, sculptures and interactive pieces" In 2016 Morwell Neighbourhood Watch-Safer Community group with support from Morwell Park Primary School installed 4 murals in Commercial Road subway. The idea of using this <b>pocket space is that the art should be rotated on a yearly basis</b> . We have sent invitations to the four primary schools in Morwell to	Concept	Noted as an opportunity which aligns to the concepts of the Plan



	participate in the 2017 project and can confirm 2 acceptances to date. No external funding has been sought for the continuation of this project.		
128	<p>“EXISTING PLANS &amp; STRATEGIES <b>Latrobe City Arts strategy</b> and action plan 2016-2019 (draft document)”</p> <p>As I am unable to access the document online via the council’s website, where does our project fit into the strategy and how can we (Morwell Neighbourhood Watch-Safer Community group ) <b>incorporate our project into the document to ensure we can continue unhindered?</b></p>	Links	Officers to follow up with the submitter.
163	<p>The graphic states “TOWN COMMONS EXTENSION OF COMMUNITY HUB PROGRAMS”</p> <p><b>What does this mean?</b> If it means more infrastructure on the current lawn area I would have to object. Following on from the installation of the all abilities playground (which I have no objection) the <b>amount of remaining (parking) spaces has been reduced</b>. There is no better example than the last held annual celebration of the building of the playground.</p>	Parking - general	Noted. The Community Hub concept has potentially now been given greater complexity for consideration considering the re-purposing of the Commercial Road Primary School.
47 (Circuit)	The plan shows a proposal to plant trees or shrubs in the carpark at the rear of Mannys Market. A <b>further reduction in available carparks</b> that I assume has <b>not been accounted for</b> on Page 47 of the Morwell Circuit document.	Parking - general	Noted. No reduction has not been accounted for and will be consideration moving forward.
163	The area designated for the skate park does not include a proposed second stage. In attending the consultation meetings for the initial design of the skate park it is clear that today’s youth are passionate about the sport and willing to travel great distances for their sport. Yes we welcome tourism but all demographics need to be considered.	Concept	Noted

	I would also like to suggest that we consider the installation of a vertical garden on the wall leading from the subway to the train station. This wall has been targeted by graffiti in the past; installation of a vertical garden could help address this problem. If perfumed plants were planted it would make a nice welcome stepping of the train onto the platform with a hint of perfume in the air	Concept	Noted for implementation considerations.
187	It is proposed that the former caravan park at the end of Maryvale Crescent be turned into a synthetic oval. It is also proposed that the grass area directly opposite Club Astoria be converted to a RV park. For the past few years I have assisted with traffic management for <b>Club Astoria during their Oktoberfest</b> . On the day the <b>former caravan park is used as a car park</b> . When we have had wet lead up to the event available parking is reduced as the ground will not support a vehicle. We are talking about <b>200 cars</b> . The other issue during the event is management of traffic down Maryvale Crescent, the road is narrow. <b>Will patrons for the Oktoberfest be allowed to park on the synthetic oval during the event? Has a study been carried out to see if the use of the RV park may clash with the event? Existing access is limited to emergency vehicles</b> during the event and your proposed plans <b>will only add further limitations</b> .	Parking - general/RV Friendly Towns	This level of operational detail not considered in this conceptual plan.

Overall	I know the former V-Line substation is just <b>outside the scope of study</b> , but have we considered approaching <b>V-Line for permission to demolish the building and reusing the bricks on projects within Morwell such as a brick foot path as a feature?</b> Any plans for a bike path should begin at the Western gateway up Commercial Road right into Ryan Street, left into Avondale Road, right at Maryvale Crescent, left into Elgin Street, left into Wilson Street (if entering McDonald Street at the lights) or continue straight ahead, cross the road at Julia Street and Commercial Road then down the V-Line easement to Monash Rd & beyond.	Circuit	This level of operational detail not considered in this conceptual plan.
159	Fiercely object to the relocation of the Sunday market to the CBD as mentioned on page 159. If anywhere look at one of the obsolete Warehouses in Hazelwood Drive industrial Estate	Concept	Noted
Overall	All the comments listed above were <b>written before the announcement of an upgrade to Morwell train station and the possibility of a major tenant filling the Spotlight plaza</b> . If these 2 proposals go ahead <b>all comments will need reassessing</b> . We may need to look into the <b>possibility of angle parking on the shop side of Commercial Rd</b> between Tarwin & Hazelwood Roads with 2 disabled carpark outside Spotlight plaza and not parking on the side of the council building. A <b>review of parking time limits</b> may need to occur to accommodate people who have to attend the justice precinct.	Parking	Noted
159	<b>"A more centrally located Neighbourhood House"</b> Use the Anglicare building in <b>Church St if Anglicare</b> relocate to Commercial Road	Concept	Noted

Hub B concept	Although I like the idea in principle of making McDonald Street single lanes in both directions there are significant implications if this occurs in the area <b>from Comans Street roundabout to Holmes Road intersection</b> . When there is a <b>major swimming carnival</b> or other event held at Morwell Leisure Centre It has been noted that <b>available parking is an issue</b> . This would further be compounded if the event occurred during school hours. Consider also that events may occur at the Leisure Centre and school hall at the same time. From Holmes Road intersection and beyond I would consider single lanes as this would go some way toward <b>reducing vehicle speeds</b> .	Concept/Parking - general	This level of operational detail not considered in this conceptual plan.
Hub C concept	Some years ago I lived within an easy walk of Kernot Lake. The area was quite open and I found it relaxing walking around the lake. Recent years has seen the introduction of Immigration Park. Stage 1 the introduction of planter boxes and a pictorial history is a welcome change. Then came the installation of the canopy, the canopy does not really fit in with the rest of the grounds. Also the whole general area is starting to get that boxed in feeling. <b>I would not be in favour of any more assets in the areas marked MORWELL CIVIC GARDEN &amp; GIPPSLAND IMMIGRATION PARK.</b>	Concept	Noted – no change to the concepts at this point in time.



Hub C concept	There is a large storm water drain that runs between Waterhole creek & the Mid Valley units. One end is near the railway line, the other terminates near the lake out fall. As the result of conducting a community safety audit it was noted that people have been accessing the drain, tagging it with graffiti and about midway along there was remnants of burnt dry grass. At the V-Line end there were several discarded syringes. As a matter of public safety, correspondence was sent (I forget who it was addressed to) to have litter traps installed at either end to deny access to the public and increase security at the 2 or 3 vents along the route. This would <b>need to be addressed if there was any further development on the Eastern side of the creek.</b>	Concept	Noted – no change to the concepts at this point in time.
Hub C concept	I would welcome any plantings along the creek from V-Line to Princes Drive Bridge that would act as a <b>corridor for wildlife</b> to enter suburbia and traverse through to Crinigan Rd and link in with Crinigan Rd bush Reserve.	Concept	Noted – no change to the concepts at this point in time.
	The Eastern underside of Princes Drive Bridge <b>needs something to reduce / minimise reoccurring graffiti.</b> I don't believe urban art is the answer. But what about a silhouette sculpture mounted to the wall? The creek near the bridge is a constant <b>source of dumped trolleys, another issue that needs serious attention</b> to which I don't have an answer. Need for additional lighting.	Concept	Noted – no change to the concepts at this point in time.
Hub C concept	I would like to see <b>provision of a sign board</b> in the area along Princes Drive between the road leading off Princes Drive and Monash Road to <b>publicise major events</b> such as Australia Day Celebrations, Phillipino festival, Multicultural festival, Home & Leisure Show, etc.	Events	Could be considered in the development of the future Events Project.
Hub C concept	There is <b>no mention of the traffic school and what potential it has for promoting cycling</b> using various bike	Connection	Noted – no change to the concepts at this point in time.

	paths.		
Hub E concept	The Eric Lubcke Yarra Gum Conservation Reserve has the <b>potential for walkers</b> and others if the <b>undergrowth was better managed</b> . If there is no active management committee, establishment of a committee would be my first step. In all honesty I only attend this site when doing traffic management for the Oktoberfest or to attend specific functions at The Morwell Recreation Reserve.	Connection	Noted
Hub E concept	To have RV traversing a residential neighbourhood is not a good idea.	RV Friendly Towns	Noted – no change to the concepts at this point in time.
Hub F concept	I am quite familiar with this hub. In 2010 I started walking from my home address in Maryvale Road down Well Street via Beattie Crescent and along the creek to Kernot Hall coming back via the opposite side of the creek. The distance between my home address and Kernot hall posed some <b>issues from time to time as the only toilets available for use were at Home or Kernot Hall</b> . There is a <b>need for an additional public toilet somewhere along this route</b> .	Connection	Noted
190	There is a proposal for a Production Zone marked on the plan of page 190. This would be out of place in the green easement and would be better suited on one of the vacant blocks owned by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). When approached by ReActivate about plans for a sunflower garden in this general area, I suggested the use of vacant DHHS land. I also suggested that sunflowers be planted at the front of the block and an oasis of Pumpkins or similar be planted at the rear. The sunflowers would improve the aesthetics of the neighbourhood, while the pumpkins would add a reason for neighbouring residents to protect the area. The	Concept	Noted

	pumpkins or similar could also be used by Neighbourhood House in their Community kitchen.		
190	While a <b>Sculpture park</b> is a good idea in theory, it also would <b>not be suitable where marked on the plan</b> . When and if a new estate goes ahead past Crinigan Road then consider a sculpture park to be placed there. Same again with the Art Park proposal.	Concept	Noted
190	Access to the Park area between Dwyer Court & O'Grady Street is too open and needs to be restricted. I have witnessed and reported motor bikes and cars using this area, which would pose an unacceptable risk to human powered cyclists.	Concept	Noted
190	There is <b>no access to a public toilet in Hub F during school holidays</b> when Neighbourhood House is closed. When assessing Hub F one needs to consider its proximity to Crinigan Road Bush Reserve, Morwell Golf club, the sports ground on the opposite side of Crinigan Road and future growth potential of residential blocks with the continuation of Bridle Road past Crinigan Road	Concept	Noted
190	There is a need for an <b>off leash Dog area</b> but as the victim of a dog attack in my primary years I have to <b>question the location</b> of the area so close to a primary school and sporting facilities <b>if the area was not gated and surrounded with a high fence</b>	Concept	Concept is for a trial fenced and gated dog off leash area.
190	It is noted that the bike path goes up Hourigan Road; <b>can we shift the bike path into the median strip?</b> This would <b>align with plans for McDonald Street and be far safer for cyclists</b> . Although Hourigan Road has a low speed limit, quite often I have witnessed motorists exceeding the speed limit. The increase in speed as you ascend from Vincent Road and failure to want to ride the	Concept	Noted. To be considered in detail design along with a full safety assessment.

	brakes to stay within the limits along with driver apathy may be to blame.		
Overall	The documents reviewed focus on arterial roads and council owned infrastructure but without successful support from the broader community to maintain their respective properties in good order, no amount of money will change the feel of the aesthetic appeal of some neighbourhoods.	Concept/Entrances	Noted and agree.
Overall	A community is more than infrastructure. I have chosen to live in Morwell for the past 30 years initially for employment reasons but more and more in recent years for the friendliness, drive and dedication of the people within. This cannot be bought.	Concept	Noted. Community is considerably more than just infrastructure, however infrastructure has the opportunity to enhance the liveability of those residents who live and work in the municipality.
	Entry from West must be attractive and be able to catch the through traffic.	Entrances	Support noted.
	Morwell a centre for regional tourism - need people to come here, stay for a week and see the wide range of attractions in the area.	RV Friendly Towns/ Tourism	Noted
	Need a team of local experts to accompany visiting groups, foreign Chinese tourist possibilities		Noted



#### Report to F.M Steering Committee Regarding Traders Information Evening 21/6/17

Ray Burgess, John Bellerby and Ruth Codlin presented the Future Morwell Plan and Circuit to a group of approximately 25 Business owners at the Morwell RSL on the evening of Wednesday 21 June.

As had been discussed at the F.M Steering Committee meeting preceding this evening, ex officio council members Stuart Simmie, Sarah Rhodes Ward, and councillor Graeme Middlemiss were not present. This was at their own suggestion and was deemed wise because there is a degree of animosity from many business owners toward council generally\*. There was consequently a concern by the Steering Committee that council involvement at this meeting could potentially derail a positive outcome.

The meeting was overwhelmingly positive, as was the response to it, both at the meeting itself and in discussions we have all had with business owners after the meeting and informally since that time.

Our delivery consisted of three parts:

#### 1. The history of the Future Morwell funding proposal.

Here we outlined the process which brought us to the granting of state government funds for a specifically staged and targeted group of improvements in the town: The Revitalisation Plan; The Circuit; Marketing; The entrance; The Garden Event. We emphasised the strength of community contribution here: over 20 proposals were pulled together into these 5 categories.

WE then showed the Future Morwell Film created by Rose and Craig and supported by the Committee.

#### 2. The need for a paradigm shift, the argument for change.

Here we outlined Morwell's need for a brighter future. We discussed the perception of Morwell as grey and bleak, and the need for this to change. The desire of the community to see a busy vibrant centre of town and the role of Rose Monacella and Craig Douglas in stretching our imaginations about what was possible through their tireless work in helping us build up the 'heart' of Morwell through their work with ReActivate: Sunflowers; Winter Night Festivals; Farmers Markets in particular.

#### 3. The Future Morwell Revitalisation Plan and the Circuit.

Here we discussed the absolute requirement for an integrated approach for the beautification of the town CBD and how it was essential that any work in the CBD dovetailed into an overall plan for the improvement of the whole town. The comprehensive nature of the plan and the enormous work that went into producing it was acknowledged. We informed the group that it was effectively a case of **this plan or no plan**. We discussed the possibilities the circuit provides and the potential for a streetscape that is befitting an active and vibrant town centre. We reassured people that the loss of 6 parking spaces initially would be remedied when the intersections and Tarwin street were over hauled. The plan provides a broad reaching blueprint for the town that can be extrapolated outward to the other towns to better link and integrate Latrobe City,

Future Morwell is widely supported by the businesses in town. It is recognised as a community led, state government funded initiative. Our Community supports it, we need to as well.

\*An Advance Morwell survey of businesses taken by an independent social researcher in Feb 2016 also indicated a concern regarding perceived dilatory behaviour by council in delivering the plan and circuit,

# **CORPORATE SERVICES**

## **17. CORPORATE SERVICES**

### **17.1 Review of Council Policies**

**General Manager**

**Corporate Services**

**For Decision**

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Good governance principles establish that Council should determine its policy position and put in place a periodic review process. Council adopted its Council Policy Development Policy at its meeting held on 29 February 2016. This report is a part of an ongoing program to ensure that all policies are kept relevant and up to date during the term of a Council.

The proposed Loan Borrowing Policy (Policy) is attached for consideration by Council.

The Policy stems from a review of, the Debt Management Policy and will replace that policy. The focus of the review was to transition across to the new policy format, as well as add the ability for Council to borrow funds to provide bridging finance for Developer Contribution Plans (DCP's).

#### **MOTION**

**Moved:** Cr McFarlane

**Seconded:** Cr White

**That Council:**

- 1. Adopts the *Loan Borrowing Policy* with an effective date of 21 August 2017;**
- 2. Notes that with the adoption of the *Loan Borrowing Policy*, that any previous versions of the *Debt Management Policy* are now rescinded; and**
- 3. Makes the *Loan Borrowing Policy* available to the public on Council's website.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The proposed policy has been considered in accordance with the requirements of the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006*.

The Policy Review Table below lists the policy presented for consideration in this stage, identifying the status assigned to the policy and the revisions made (if any) under the following headings:

<b>Statutory Review</b>	Policy review is a statutory requirement
<b>No change</b>	No change to current policy
<b>Title change</b>	Amendment to existing policy title
<b>Policy level change</b>	Change from a Council policy to an operational policy or vice versa
<b>Minor change(s)</b>	Minor amendment within policy content to reflect the passage of time; enhance language and/or correct grammatical errors
<b>Significant change(s)</b>	Significant amendments within policy content
<b>Superseded / obsolete</b>	Existing policy no longer required and /or superseded by another document or policy
<b>New</b>	New policy developed

Adopted Policy Title	Statutory Review	No change	Title Change	Policy level change	Minor Change(s)	Significant Change(s)	Superseded / Obsolete	New
Loan Borrowing Policy (previously known as the Debt Management Policy)			X		X			

## Loan Borrowing Policy

Officers have recently undertaken a review of the current Debt Management Policy. The main focus was to transition the policy across to the new policy format, and add the ability for Council to borrow funds to provide bridging finance for Developer Contribution Plans (DCP's).

Proposed changes to the policy include:

- Change in name from *Debt Management Policy* to *Loan Borrowing Policy*. The previous name caused some confusion as debt management is a common term used for the management of outstanding debts to Council such as Rates and child care debtors.
- Added the allowance to take up new borrowings to provide bridging finance for DCP's where interest costs can be recouped by Council through the DCP



scheme. This requirement may be required when developers or Council are required to provide infrastructure for a new development. These borrowings will be recouped from other owner's within the DCP when their land is developed, which may be years into the future.

The policy has undergone consultation processes internally, as well as with the Audit and Risk Committee. The Audit and Risk Committee provided feedback at their meeting held on 01 June 2017 which has been incorporated into the policy.

### **STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION**

Applicable consultation has occurred within the organisation on the policies. In addition, Council's Audit and Risk Committee has been consulted in relation to this Policy.

### **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS**

There are no significant budget implications with the adoption of this policy. The policy aims to provide the required guidance and improve transparency of financial decisions relating to borrowings.

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

The policy aims to mitigate risks and put in suitable financial controls for borrowing.

### **CONCLUSION**

The recommendation to adopt the Policy has been made after due consideration of feedback and best practice into the management of these areas.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

Council Policy Development Policy

Current Debt Management Policy

### **Attachments**

1↓ . Proposed Loan Borrowing Policy

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### Review of Council Policies

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## Loan Borrowing Policy (Draft)

Version 1

Approval Date: (insert date)

Review Date: 10 July 2017



## Loan Borrowing Policy

### DOCUMENT CONTROL

Responsible GM	Greg Drumm	
Division	Corporate Services	
Last Updated (who & when)	Matthew Rogers, Manager Finance	10 July 2017
<b>DOCUMENT HISTORY</b>		
Authority	Date	Description of change
Council	(day, month & year)	(Insert detail of change to policy)
References	Refer to Section 8 and 9 of this policy	
Next Review Date	May 2021	
Published on website	(Yes or No)	
Document Reference No		

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## Loan Borrowing Policy

### 1. Background

Loan borrowing is accepted by Council as an appropriate and responsible funding method to be applied in order to meet Council's long term strategic objectives and financial responsibilities as it spreads the payments for such assets and responsibilities across the generations who benefit.

The Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) provides Council's the power to borrow and sets out the legal requirements to be followed when Council is seeking to borrow funds, and Council will also pursue the highest standards of financial probity.

### 2. Objectives

This policy sets out to:

- Establish objectives and principles that outline when it is appropriate for Council to undertake borrowings within a sound financially sustainable framework;
- Ensure any new borrowings will only be considered if the prudential ratio guidelines (as advised by the State Government's Local Government Performance Reporting Framework (LGPRF)) continue to be observed, and
- The level of debt, gearing and servicing ratios are considered satisfactory by Council.

### 3. Scope

This Policy applies to all new borrowings undertaken by Council, as well as existing borrowings (where significant long term benefits of refinancing exist and the cost of breaking existing borrowing contracts is affordable within the short and longer term financial plans.

The policy applies to all Council employees and Councillors with responsibility for making decisions on borrowings and carrying out the functions of undertaking new borrowings or refinancing existing borrowings.

### 4. Principles of Management

4.1. New borrowings will only be used to:

- fund new assets, or
- lump sum funding calls by the Trustee of the Local Authorities Superannuation Fund (LASF) associated with the Defined Benefits scheme, or
- provide bridging finance for Development Contribution Plans (DCP's) where interest costs can be recouped by Council through the DCP scheme.

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- 4.2. Council will only consider any proposed new borrowings through the budget process or a formal revised budget process.
- 4.3. Details of any proposed new borrowings will be provided to the community through the budget or revised budget process.
- 4.4. Total interest bearing loans and borrowings will not exceed the LGPRF upper limit of 60% of annual rates & charges revenue.
- 4.5. Total loan and borrowings annual repayments will not exceed the LGPRF upper limit of 5 % of annual rates & charges revenue (excluding principal repayment of interest only borrowings).

### 5. Accountability and Responsibility

Accountability and responsibility for this policy is outlined below.

#### 5.1. Council

- Responsibility to ensure this Policy is consistent with Latrobe City Council Strategic Direction and other Latrobe City Council Policy
- Responsibility for the decision to approve this Policy by Council Resolution

#### 5.2. Chief Executive Officer

- Overall responsibility for compliance with this policy
- Overall responsibility for enforcing accountability
- Overall responsibility for providing resources
- Overall responsibility for performance monitoring

#### 5.3. General Manager

- Responsibility for compliance with this policy
- Responsibility for enforcing accountability
- Responsibility for providing resources
- Responsibility for performance monitoring

#### 5.4. Manager Finance

- Develop frameworks and procedures in compliance with this policy
- Enforce responsibilities to achieve compliance with frameworks and procedures
- Provide appropriate resources for the execution of the frameworks and procedures

### 6. Evaluation and Review

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## Loan Borrowing Policy

This policy will be reviewed on request of Council, in the event of significant change in the Executive team, significant changes to legislation applicable to the subject matter of the policy or, in any other case, during each Council term (generally four years).

### 7. Definitions

None

### 8. Related Documents

None

### 9. Reference Resources

Local Government Act 1989

### 10. Appendices

None

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**17.2 Presentation of the Proposed Meeting Procedure Local Law and  
Associated documents for community consultation purposes**

**General Manager**

**Corporate Services**

**For Decision**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A proposed draft Meeting Procedure Local Law (Local Law) and Council Meeting Policy (Policy) are presented (refer to attachments one and two) for Council to commence statutory consultation processes.

It is proposed that the draft Local Law and Policy are released with a draft Community Impact Statement (refer to attachment three) in accordance with the requirements set in the *Local Government Act 1989* (Act) and guidelines established by Local Government Victoria.

The review undertaken of the current Local Law, and the proposed draft documents focus on providing for:

- The ability for live streaming Council meetings by Council and accessibility of meetings (refer to clause 56 of the draft Local Law as well as the draft Policy).
- Modernisation of language within the Local Law to ensure clarity of processes (for example, refer to Division Five, Procedural Motions. Language changed from Adjournment to Deferral).
- Removal of clauses that are no longer relevant or are already covered within the Act (for example, Division Three, Business of Meeting, removal of Conflict of interest duplication with the Act).
- Providing greater flexibility in the meeting structure for engagement and recognition for our community within council meetings by removing these requirements from the Local Law and creating a Policy. By creating a Policy, we are able to update and review community engagement provisions on a more regular basis to keep up with new technology and methods for lodging traditional tools, such as petitions.

The minimum requirement for the consultation period is at least 28 days, with public notices to be placed within the Victorian Government Gazette, the Latrobe Valley Express and on Council's website. This is the next stage of creating a Local Law.

It is now recommended that the proposed draft Local Law and Policy are released for consultation.



**MOTION**

**Moved:** Cr Clancey

**Seconded:** Cr White

**That Council:**

- 1. Gives public notice of its intention to make the Meeting Procedure Local Law 2017 (Local Law No. 1), and the incorporated Council Meeting Policy (Policy) and invites written submissions until 29 September 2017;**
- 2. Endorses the Meeting Procedure Local Law 2017 Community Impact Statement to accompany the draft Local Law No. 1 and Policy for the purposes of community consultation;**
- 3. Publishes public notices of its intention to make a Local Law (and the incorporated Policy) in the Victorian Government Gazette, the Latrobe Valley Express and on Council's website;**
- 4. Considers and hears any submissions to the proposed Local Law at a meeting to be held on 23 October 2017; and**
- 5. Receives a further report on 13 November 2017 outlining any submissions received on the draft Local Law No. 1 and Policy and presenting a recommendation for Council's consideration.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

**DISCUSSION**

**Background**

The current Meeting Procedure Local Law (Local Law) was adopted by Council on 3 March 2014. Local Laws are only in operation for a maximum of ten years before they are no longer in effect.

Since the adoption of the Local Law in 2014, the Victorian State Government has commenced a significant review of the *Local Government Act 1989* (Act). It has been identified that it is more than likely that the Local Law will require a review when the Act changes, however, that is currently not expected to take effect until at least 2018/2019.

However, a number of issues have arisen with the wording of Council's current Local Law, including what may be considered by some to be unnecessarily formal processes, as well as instances of inconsistency with the Act. Therefore, it was deemed prudent and beneficial to undertake this review regardless of proposed changes to the Act. This allows for those matters to be addressed and to ensure clarity and consistent interpretation throughout. The review also highlighted an

opportunity to modernise provisions for engaging with the community at Council meetings, such as streaming meetings, which is supported by the Victorian Ombudsman in its report *'Investigation into the transparency of local government decision making – December 2016'*.

#### Relevant Legislative Provisions

Under Section 91 of the Act, Council is required to make local laws to govern the conduct of its meetings as well as special committees. Unless specified within the Act, the conduct of meetings of a Council or special committee is at the Council's discretion.

Part 5 of the Act provides the guidance and steps required to be undertaken in order to make a local law. A local law must:

- Not be inconsistent with any Act or regulation
- Not duplicate or be inconsistent with a planning scheme
- Comply with any prescribed details relating to the preparation and content of local laws when making local laws (including gazettal in the Victorian Government Gazette)
- Be consistent with any guidelines made by the Minister.

Any incorporated document, such as a Policy, will also require consultation through a Section 223 of the Act process and gazettal notice.

Other legislation that needs to be considered and has been in the review include the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities* and the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014*.

#### Review process

For the review of the Local Law, officers have been following the guidelines established by Local Government Victoria, and have undertaken benchmarking against other Councils.

It has been proposed through the review process that matters relating to how members of the public can have input or view Council's decision making processes needed to be modernised, and that the ability to update the Local Law each time Council wished to do so requiring a full Local Law review would be cumbersome. A draft Council Meeting Policy (Policy) has been written to capture these elements.

A legal review was also conducted to ensure that the proposed Local Law and Policy are compliant with legislation.

#### Key Changes

The proposed Local Law has been updated to provide for:

- The ability for streaming Council meetings by Council (refer to clause 56).
- Modernisation of language within the Local Law to ensure clarity of processes (for example, refer to Division Five, Procedural Motions. Language changed from Adjournment to Deferral).

- Removal of clauses that are no longer relevant or are already covered within the Act (for example, Division Three, Business of Meeting, removal of Conflict of interest duplication with the Act).
- Removal of detail that is now proposed to be included in the Policy.

The proposed Policy provides detail on the requirements for:

- Councillors when speaking (removing the necessity for Councillors to stand).
- Behaviour expectations in the meetings for visitors.
- Streaming meetings (new requirements if streaming of meetings occurs to ensure compliance with relevant legislation).
- Petition requirements (amended the requirements to allow e-petitions through an approved Council e-petition facility).
- Submissions.
- Public Question time provisions.

### Next Steps

The following table outlines the next stages of the process:

Stage	Comment
1. Community Consultation	There are specific requirements for a Local Law review which includes notice in the Victorian Government Gazette as well as a community consultation provision.  It is proposed that the Local Law and Policy are submitted for consultation at the same time.
2. Consideration of Submissions	Council will be required to set a meeting date for the hearing of any submissions. This could be done at an ordinary Council meeting or special Council meeting called solely for this purpose.  It is recommended that any submission received may be heard at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday, 2 October 2017.
3. Adoption	Once submissions have been considered and any feedback included, a final review will be conducted of the Local law, and submitted to Council for adoption. Depending on the number of changes at this stage, the Local Law may be required to undertake further legal review and/or community consultation prior to being submitted for adoption.
4. Gazettal requirements	Once adopted, Council must give further notice in the Victorian Government Gazette as well as a public notice for the adoption. A copy must also be sent to the Minister.

### **STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION**

In accordance with Section 223 of the Act, Council must undertake consultation on the proposed Local Law, and the incorporated Policy by:

- publishing a public notice specifying the prescribed details of the submission process including that submissions are made in writing
- opening the submission process for a minimum of 28 days (after the date it is published)
- giving all submitters the opportunity to be heard in support of their submission at a meeting of the Council (or a Committee appointed specifically for this purpose)

The draft Community Impact Statement will be provided as an explanatory document for the community with the proposed Local Law and proposed Policy.

### **FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

The cost of the legal review of the proposed Local Law was covered in the 2016/17 budget.

Other financial and/or resource implications of the proposed Local Law are expected to be covered by operational budgets in the 2017/18 year, except for any special equipment required for implementing a permanent solution for streaming Council meetings.

The proposal to remove infringements does not reduce any income from Council, as there have not been any infringements issued since the current Local Law was implemented in 2014.

### **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

Under Section 91 of the Act, Council must have a local law to provide for the conduct of Council Meetings. Failure to have such a law in place would present a significant risk to the Council.

A review of the current Local Law identified that parts of the local law were outdated. The proposed Local Law has been drafted to provide for current governance practices in the conduct of Council Meetings and to meet the needs of the elected Councillors and the community.

Incorporated documents such as the proposed Policy, must also go through the gazettal process. If this does not occur, the risk is that the Policy may not be enforceable.

### **CONCLUSION**

Whilst a review of a Local Law is a lengthy process, and requires consideration of a number of factors to ensure that it is viable for years to come, it was considered timely to undertake the review now. Community consultation is an important step in a Local Law review process, and it is now recommended that the proposed Local Law and associated Policy is released for consultation in accordance with legislative provisions.



**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

Guidelines for Local Laws

Current Meeting Procedure Local Law

Victorian Ombudsman Report '*Investigation into the transparency of local government decision making – December 2016*'

**Attachments**

1↓ . Draft Meeting Procedure Local Law 2017

2↓ . Draft Council Meeting Policy

3↓ . Draft Community Impact Statement

## **17.2**

### **Presentation of the Proposed Meeting Procedure Local Law and Associated documents for community consultation purposes**

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Authorised Officer	Means a member of Council staff who is authorised by Council or the Chief Executive Officer under delegation to carry out specific functions under this Local Law
Chief Executive Officer	means the Chief Executive Officer of Council
Common Seal	means the Common Seal of Council
Council	means Latrobe City Council
Council meeting	means an Ordinary Meeting or a Special Meeting
Division	means a formal count and recording in the minutes of the meeting of those Councillors for and against a motion
Election Period	has the same meaning as in the <i>Local Government Act 1989</i>
Minister	means the Minister responsible for administering the <i>Local Government Act 1989</i>
Municipal District	means the municipal district of Council
Notice of Motion	means a notice setting out the text of a motion, which it is proposed to move at the next relevant meeting
Notice of rescission	means a notice of motion to rescind or amend a resolution made by Council
Penalty units	mean penalty units as prescribed in the <i>Sentencing Act 1992</i>
Quorum	means the majority of members of the Council or a special committee
Rescind	means to repeal or amend a resolution and 'rescinded' includes 'amended'
Senior Officer	has the same meaning as in the <i>Local Government Act 1989</i>
Significant expenditure	means one (1) percent or more of general rate income of the Council
Special Committee	means a special committee established by Council under section 86 of the Act



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Special Meeting means a Special Meeting of Council convened and held in accordance with section 84 or 84A of the Act

The Latrobe City *Council Meetings Policy* is incorporated by reference from time to time into this Local Law. It provides ways in which members of the public can have input to Council's decision making processes.

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## **Part B: Election of the Mayor**

Summary: This Part complements section 71 of the Act and sets out the process to be followed for the election of the Mayor and any Deputy Mayor.

### **8. Determining the Election of the Mayor**

- 8.1. The Chief Executive Officer or a member of Council staff nominated by the Chief Executive Officer must open the meeting at which the Mayor is to be elected, and invite nominations for a temporary Chair.
- 8.2. If there is more than one nomination, the temporary Chair will be elected in accordance with sub-clause 8.6 as if that provision applied to candidates for the position of temporary Chair.
- 8.3. The temporary Chair takes the Chair and must invite nominations for the office of Mayor.
- 8.4. Councillors may nominate themselves but each nomination must be seconded.
- 8.5. If there is only one nomination, the candidate nominated is declared elected. If a Councillor nominates himself or herself and they are the only Councillor nominated, then that Councillor is elected even if the nomination is not seconded.
- 8.6. If there is more than one nomination, the Councillors present at the meeting must vote for one of the candidates.
  - 8.6.1. If a candidate receives a majority of the votes, that candidate is declared to have been elected;
  - 8.6.2. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes, the candidate with the fewest number of votes is declared to be a defeated candidate. The Councillors present at the meeting must then vote for one of the remaining candidates.
  - 8.6.3. If one of the remaining candidates receives a majority of the votes, he or she is duly elected. If none of the remaining candidates receives an absolute majority of the votes, the process of declaring the candidates with the fewest number of votes a defeated candidate and voting for the remaining candidates must be repeated until one of the candidates receives an absolute majority of the votes. That candidate must then be declared to have been duly elected;
  - 8.6.4. If two or more candidates have an equality of votes and one of them having to be declared:
    - 8.6.4.1. a defeated candidate; or
    - 8.6.4.2. a defeated candidate and the other duly elected,

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the declaration will be determined by lot.

- 8.6.5. If a lot is conducted, the Chief Executive Officer or the nominated Council staff member will conduct the lot and the following provisions will apply:

8.6.5.1. each candidate will draw one lot;

8.6.5.2. the order of drawing lots will be determined by the alphabetical order of the surnames of the Councillors who received an equal number of votes except that if two or more such Councillors' surnames are identical, the order will be determined by the alphabetical order of the Councillors' first names; and

8.6.5.3. as many identical pieces of paper as there are Councillors who received an equal number of votes must be placed in a container. If the lot is being conducted to determine which is a defeated candidate, the word "Defeated" will be written on one of the pieces of paper, and the Councillor who draws the paper with the word "Defeated" written on it will be declared the defeated candidate (in which event a further vote must be taken on the remaining candidates). Where there are only 2 candidates remaining and the lot is being conducted to determine which candidate is to be duly elected, the word "Elected" must be written on one of the pieces of paper, and the Councillor who draws the paper with the word "Elected" written on it must be declared to have been duly elected.

- 8.6.6. The procedure provided for in this clause also applies to the election of a temporary Chair and Chair of a Special Committee.

- 8.7. Immediately following the election, the Mayor is to take the chair.

***Explanatory Note***

As an example, if 4 candidates are nominated and candidate A receives 3 votes and candidates B, C and D each receive 2 votes, a lot must be used to determine which of candidates B, C or D is considered defeated. This is because candidate A did not receive a majority of the votes (having received only 3 of a possible 9 votes).

In this instance, a lot is used to determine which of the 3 candidates is defeated and then the vote is re-taken for all candidates to determine if a candidate receives an absolute majority.

If the vote is taken and 2 candidates each receive equal votes, a lot is used to determine which candidate is elected. In this instance, the word "Elected" is written on the paper and the person who draws that piece of paper is elected.

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**9. Determining the Election of any Deputy Mayor**

If Council resolves that there will be an office of Deputy Mayor, the Deputy Mayor is to be elected in the manner provided for in clause 8 except that any reference in that sub-clause to:

- 9.1. a temporary Chair is to be taken as a reference to the Mayor; and
- 9.2. the Mayor is to be taken as a reference to the Deputy Mayor.



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## **Part C: Council's Common Seal**

Summary: The Common Seal is a formal legal means of evidencing the Council's "signature" on documents when required. The provisions in this Part are designed to protect the integrity of the Common Seal and describe when it may be affixed to a document.

### **10. Council's Common Seal**

- 10.1. The Chief Executive Officer must ensure the security of Council's Common Seal at all times.
- 10.2. The use of the Common Seal shall be in accordance with a specific decision of the Council.
- 10.3. The affixing of Council's Common Seal to any document must be attested to by the signature of the Chief Executive Officer or any other member of Council staff duly authorised by Council.
- 10.4. A person must not use the Common Seal or any device resembling the Common Seal without authority of Council under subclause 10.2.

**Penalty:** 10 penalty units

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## **Part D: Meetings Procedure**

**Summary:** This Part complements requirements in the Act applying to ordinary and special meetings of Council and deals with procedural elements of Council meetings. Voting is also conducted in accordance with the Act.

### **Division 1 - Notices of Meetings and Delivery of Agendas**

#### **11. Council meetings**

- 11.1. The dates, times and places Council meetings are to be held will be determined by Council.
- 11.2. In addition to the requirements in the Act about the notice to be given for Council meetings, reasonable notice, including on the Council's website, must be given when Council has changed a meeting date, time or place.
- 11.3. A Council meeting must not go longer than three hours, unless a majority of Councillors present vote in favour of it continuing. If the Councillors present vote against the meeting continuing, the meeting is adjourned to a time, date and place to be determined by the Chair.

#### **12. Agendas**

- 12.1. For all ordinary meetings of Council, the Chief Executive Officer must provide notice of the meeting and a meeting agenda, which includes the Minutes of previous meetings to every Councillor at least 2 working days before the meeting.
- 12.2. For any special meeting of Council, the Chief Executive Officer must provide notice of the meeting and a meeting agenda to every Councillor within a reasonable time of the special meeting being called but not less than 24 hours prior to the meeting unless there are urgent or exceptional circumstances.
- 12.3. The requirements to provide notice and an agenda under subclauses 12.1 and 12.2 do not apply to a Councillor who has been granted leave of absence and who has advised the Chief Executive Officer in writing not to provide the notice and agenda.

### **Division 2 – Quorums**

#### **13. Inability to gain a Quorum**

If, after 30 minutes from the scheduled starting time of any Ordinary or Special Meeting, a quorum cannot be obtained:

- 13.1. those Councillors present; or

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- 13.2. if there are no Councillors present, the Chief Executive Officer, or, in the absence of the Chief Executive Officer, a senior officer appointed as a member of Council's Executive Team,

must adjourn the meeting for a period not exceeding seven days from the date of the adjournment.

**14. Inability to maintain a Quorum**

If, during any Ordinary or Special Meeting or any adjournment of the meeting, a quorum cannot be maintained:

- 14.1. those Councillors present; or
- 14.2. if there are no Councillors present, the Chief Executive Officer, or, in the absence of the Chief Executive Officer, a senior officer appointed as a member of Council's Executive Team,

must adjourn the meeting for a period not exceeding seven days from the date of the adjournment.

**15. Inability to achieve or maintain a Quorum due to Conflicts of Interest of Councillors**

If a quorum cannot be achieved or maintained due to the disclosure of conflicts of interest by the majority of Councillors, the Chief Executive Officer, or in his or her absence, a senior officer appointed as a member of Council's Executive Team, must adjourn the meeting for a length of time sufficient to enable dispensation for the affected Councillors to be applied for from the Minister.

**16. Adjourning or postponing a meeting**

- 16.1. Council may adjourn any meeting.
- 16.2. If the Chair is of the opinion that the conduct of those present at the meeting is obstructing the progress of business at the meeting, the Chair may adjourn the meeting to a later time on the same day or to a day that he or she considers appropriate.
- 16.3. The Chief Executive Officer must give notice to each Councillor of the date, time and place to which the meeting stands adjourned and of the business remaining.
- 16.4. If there is an emergency, the Chief Executive Officer or his or her delegate may postpone a Council meeting provided reasonable attempts are made to notify every Councillor.
- 16.5. The Chief Executive Officer must provide a report to the next ordinary meeting of the Council of the circumstances causing the postponement of the Council meeting.
- 16.6. The Chief Executive Officer must provide written notice of a meeting adjourned under clauses 13, 14 or 15 but where this is not practicable because time does not permit that to occur, then, provided every reasonable

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attempt is made to contact every Councillor, notice by telephone, facsimile, email, in person or by some other means is sufficient.

### **Division 3 – Business of Meetings**

#### **17. The Order of Business**

The order of business to be included in an agenda for an Ordinary Meeting will be determined by the Chief Executive Officer and the Mayor having regard to the principles of open, efficient and effective processes of government.

#### **18. Change to Order of Business**

Once an agenda has been sent to Councillors, the order of business for that meeting may be altered with the consent of the Mayor prior to the commencement of the meeting.

#### **19. Urgent Business**

Business which has not been listed on the Agenda must not be admitted as urgent business other than by resolution of Council and only then if it:

- 19.1. relates to or arises out of a matter which has arisen since distribution of the agenda; and
- 19.2. cannot reasonably or conveniently be deferred until the next Ordinary Meeting.

### **Division 4 – Motions and Debate**

#### **20. Councillors may propose Notices of Motion**

- 20.1. A Councillor may submit a notice of motion to the CEO for a matter to be listed on a meeting agenda.
- 20.2. A notice of motion cannot be accepted by the Chair, unless it has been listed on the agenda for the meeting at which it was proposed to be moved or unless it is accepted by Council as urgent business.

#### **21. Notice of motion**

- 21.1. A notice of motion must:
  - 21.1.1. be in writing;
  - 21.1.2. signed and dated by the Councillor proposing the notice of motion; and
  - 21.1.3. lodged with the Chief Executive Officer by 10:00 am two business days before the next scheduled Council meeting to allow sufficient notice to each Councillor of the matters and inclusion in the Agenda in accordance with subclause 12.1.
- 21.2. The Chief Executive Officer must reject a notice of motion which:



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- 21.2.1. is vague;
  - 21.2.2. is identical or substantially similar to a notice of motion or a rescission motion that has been considered by the Council and lost in the preceding six months;
  - 21.2.3. is defamatory;
  - 21.2.4. may be prejudicial to any person or Council;
  - 21.2.5. is objectionable in language or nature;
  - 21.2.6. is outside the powers of Council;
  - 21.2.7. is a notice of motion submitted during the Election period; or
  - 21.2.8. is a matter subject to a Council decision making process which has commenced but is not yet complete.
- 21.3. If the Chief Executive Officer rejects a notice of motion under subclause 21.2, he or she will inform the Councillor who lodged the notice of motion of that rejection and the reasons for it. The Councillor will be provided with an opportunity to amend the proposed notice of motion provided that the Council meeting at which the notice of motion is to be considered is more than 24 hours from the time of rejection.
- 21.4. The Chief Executive Officer may reject and refer any notice of motion to the Council's operational service request process if it relates to a matter that he or she determines is more appropriately addressed that way.
- 21.5. Subject to subclause 21.6 a notice of motion must call for a Council report if the notice of motion:
- 21.5.1. substantially affects the level of Council services;
  - 21.5.2. commits the Council to expenditure in excess of \$5,000 and that has not been included in the adopted budget;
  - 21.5.3. establishes or amends a Council policy; or
  - 21.5.4. commits the Council to any contractual arrangement, as determined by the Chief Executive Officer.
- 21.6. Where a notice of motion is likely to commit Council to significant expenditure not included in the adopted budget then the notice of motion must only call for referral to and for Council's consideration as part of its future year's annual budget and public submission process.
- 21.7. The Chief Executive Officer may designate a notice of motion to be confidential in accordance with the Act, in which case the notice of motion will be confidential unless the Council resolves otherwise.
- 21.8. The full text of any notice of motion accepted by the Chief Executive Officer must be included in the agenda.

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- 21.9. The Chief Executive Officer must cause all notices of motion to be numbered, dated and entered in the notice of motion register in the order in which they are received.
- 21.10. Except by leave of Council, each notice of motion before any meeting must be considered in the order in which they were entered in the notice of motion register under subclause 21.9.
- 21.11. If a Councillor who has given a notice of motion is absent from the meeting, or fails to move the motion when called upon to do so by the Chair, any other Councillor may move the motion.
- 21.12. If a notice of motion is not moved at the meeting at which it is listed, it lapses.

**22. Chair's Duty**

The Chair must not accept any motion or amendment which he or she considers to be:

- 22.1. defamatory;
- 22.2. objectionable in language or nature;
- 22.3. vague or unclear in intention;
- 22.4. outside the powers of Council;
- 22.5. irrelevant to the item of business on the agenda and which has not been admitted as urgent business; or
- 22.6. an amendment that is contrary to subclause 25.3.

**23. Motion Procedure**

The procedure for moving any motion is:

- 23.1. The mover must state the motion without speaking to it.
- 23.2. The motion must be seconded by a Councillor other than the mover.
- 23.3. The motion will lapse if it is not seconded.
- 23.4. If the motion is seconded, the Chair must ask: "Is the motion opposed?"
- 23.5. If the motion is not opposed the Chair must ask: "Does any Councillor wish to speak in favour of the motion?"
- 23.6. If no Councillor opposes the motion, or wishes to speak on the motion, the Chair must declare the motion carried.
- 23.7. If a Councillor opposes the motion, the Chair must ask the mover to address the Council on the motion.
- 23.8. The Chair must ask the seconder to address the Council on the motion who may reserve his or her address until later in debate.
- 23.9. The Chair will then invite any Councillor opposed to the motion to debate it and then must provide an opportunity for any Councillor to speak in favour of

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the motion, allowing any other Councillors wanting to speak in favour or against the motion to speak in turn.

23.10. If no further Councillor wishes to speak for or against the motion, the Chair must ask the mover if they wish to exercise their right of reply in accordance with clause 24 prior to the motion being put to the vote.

23.11. To determine a motion before a meeting, the Chair will:

23.11.1. First call for those in favour of the motion;

23.11.2. Then those opposed to the motion; and

then declares the result to the meeting.

**24. Right of Reply**

24.1. The mover of a motion, including an amendment, has a right of reply to matters raised during debate.

24.2. After the right of reply has been exercised but subject to any Councillor exercising his or her right to ask any question concerning or arising out of the motion or amendment, the motion or amendment must immediately be put to the vote without any further discussion or debate.

**25. Moving an Amendment**

25.1. A motion which has been moved and seconded but not put to the vote may be amended.

25.2. An amendment may be proposed and seconded by any Councillor, except the mover or seconder of the motion.

25.3. A proposed amendment must:

25.3.1. be relevant to the subject of the motion;

25.3.2. not be in opposition to the motion; and

25.3.3. not contradict the form or substance of the motion.

25.4. If a proposed amendment is a simple alteration that:

25.4.1. adds a word or deletes a word from the motion; or

25.4.2. corrects an incorrect reference or typographical error –

the mover and seconder of the motion may agree to accept the changes in which case they will be incorporated into the motion without the need for the agreed changes to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting as an amendment.

25.5. If an amendment is more complex than that proposed under subclause 25.4, then the Chair will follow the process in clause 26.

25.6. Any debate arising from an amendment to a motion must be confined to the terms of the amendment.

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25.7. A motion to confirm a previous resolution of Council cannot be amended.

**26. How many Amendments may be Proposed**

26.1. Only one amendment may be accepted by the Chair at any one time.

26.2. No second or subsequent amendment may be taken into consideration until the previous amendment has been dealt with.

**27. Who may debate an amendment**

A Councillor may address the meeting once on any amendment, whether or not they have spoken to the original motion.

**28. An Amendment Once Carried**

28.1. If the amendment is carried:

28.1.1. the motion as amended becomes the substantive motion before the meeting; and

28.1.2. the mover and seconder of the amendment are deemed to be the mover and seconder of the amended motion before the meeting; and

28.1.3. the amended motion can then be further amended.

28.2. If the amendment is not carried, the debate returns to the motion, or a further amendment may be proposed.

**29. Withdrawal of Motions and Amendments**

29.1. Before any motion or amendment is put to the vote, it may be withdrawn by the mover and seconder with leave of Council.

**30. Separation of Motions and Amendments**

Where a motion or amendment contains more than one part, a Councillor may request the Chair before any vote is taken on the matter, to put the motion to the vote in separate parts.

**31. Chair may Separate or Aggregate Motions and Amendments**

The Chair may decide to put any motion to the vote in:

31.1. several parts; or

31.2. its aggregate form.

**32. Foreshadowing Motions**

32.1. At any time during debate a Councillor may foreshadow a motion so as to inform Council of his or her intention to move a motion at a later stage in the meeting, but this does not extend any special right to the foreshadowed motion.

32.2. A foreshadowed motion must substantially relate to an item already listed on the agenda of the Ordinary Meeting, otherwise it can only be accepted by



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Council as urgent business and subject to the urgent business restrictions under clause 19.

- 32.3. A motion foreshadowed may be prefaced with a statement that in the event of a particular motion before the Chair being resolved in a certain way, a Councillor intends to move an alternative or additional motion.
- 32.4. Upon a motion being foreshadowed, the Chair may request the Councillor who foreshadowed it to move that motion immediately or after the business currently before the meeting is disposed of provided that a foreshadowed motion cannot be moved whilst a motion or amendment is being considered by the meeting.
- 32.5. The minutes of the meeting do not have to record a foreshadowed motion until the foreshadowed motion is formally moved.

**33. Motions and Amendments in Writing**

- 33.1. The Chair must require that a complex or detailed motion or amendment be in writing and may adjourn the meeting while the motion or amendment is being written.
- 33.2. The Chair may defer a matter until a motion has been written, allowing the meeting to proceed uninterrupted.

**34. Repeating Motion or Amendment**

The Chair may request the Chief Executive Officer or the person taking the minutes to read the motion or amendment to the meeting before the vote is taken.

**35. Debate must be relevant to the Motion**

- 35.1. Debate must always be relevant to the motion before the Chair, and, if not, the Chair must request the speaker to confine debate to the motion.
- 35.2. If the speaker continues to debate irrelevant matters after being requested to confine debate to the motion before the Chair, the Chair may direct the speaker not to speak any further.
- 35.3. A speaker to whom a direction has been given under subclause 35.2 must comply with that direction. If the speaker fails to comply with the Chair's direction, the Chair may require the speaker to leave the chamber until the motion has been put to the vote and the speaker must comply with that requirement.

**36. Priority of address**

In the case of competition for the right to speak, the Chair will determine the order in which the Councillors concerned will be heard.

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**37. Speaking Times**

A Councillor must not speak longer than the time set out below, unless granted an extension by the Chair:

- 37.1. the mover of a motion or an amendment which has been opposed or where a Councillor has asked to speak in favour of the motion under clause 23: - 3 minutes;
- 37.2. any other Councillor – 3 minutes; and
- 37.3. the mover of a motion exercising a right of reply – 3 minutes.

**38. Extension of Speaking Times**

- 38.1. An extension of speaking time may be granted by resolution of Council at any time before, during or immediately after debate, but only one extension is permitted for each speaker on any question and the extension cannot be granted for longer than 3 minutes.
- 38.2. A motion for an extension of speaking time cannot be accepted by the Chair if another speaker has commenced participation in the debate.

**39. Addressing the Meeting**

A Councillor, member of Council staff or a member of the public present at a Council meeting should extend appropriate courtesy to each other when they are addressing the meeting and respect the processes under which Council operates.

**40. Right to Ask Questions**

- 40.1. A Councillor may, at any time when no other Councillor is speaking, ask any question concerning or arising out of the motion or amendment before the Chair.
- 40.2. The Chair has the discretion to restrict the number of questions asked and answered to allow for the orderly flow of the meeting.

**Division 5 – Procedural Motions****41. Procedural Motions**

- 41.1. Unless otherwise prohibited, a procedural motion may be moved at any time and must be dealt with immediately by the Chair.
- 41.2. Procedural motions require a seconder.
- 41.3. Procedural motions do not need to be recorded in the minutes of the meeting, unless requested by the Chair.
- 41.4. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Local Law, procedural motions must be dealt with in accordance with the following table:

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**PROCEDURAL MOTIONS TABLE**

<b>Procedural Motion</b>	<b>Form</b>	<b>Mover and Seconder</b>	<b>When Motion Prohibited</b>	<b>Effect if Carried</b>	<b>Effect if Lost</b>	<b>Debate Permitted on Motion</b>
1. Deferral of debate to later hour and/or date	That Council defers consideration of this matter to the XX Council meeting.	Any Councillor who has not moved or seconded the substantive motion or otherwise spoken to the substantive motion	(a) During the election of a Chair; (b) When another Councillor is speaking	Motion and amendment is postponed to the stated time and/or date	Debate continues unaffected	Yes
2. The closure	That the motion be now put	Any Councillor who has not moved or seconded the substantive motion or otherwise spoken to the substantive motion	During nominations for Chair	Motion or amendment in respect of which the closure is carried is put to the vote immediately without debate of this motion, subject to any Councillor exercising his or her right to ask any question concerning or arising out of the motion	Debate continues unaffected	No

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**Division 6 – Rescission Motions****42. Notice of Rescission**

42.1. A Councillor may propose a notice of rescission provided:

- 42.1.1. the resolution proposed to be rescinded has not been acted on; and
- 42.1.2. the notice of rescission is provided to the Chief Executive Officer setting out:
  - 42.1.2.1. the resolution to be rescinded; and
  - 42.1.2.2. the meeting and date when the resolution was made.

**Explanatory Note**

A notice of rescission is a form of notice of motion. Accordingly, all provisions in the Local Law regulating notices of motion equally apply to notices of rescission.

When the notice of rescission is before the meeting, it is like any other form of motion. It is referred to as a "rescission motion".

42.2. A resolution will be deemed to have been acted on if:

- 42.2.1. its contents or substance has been formally communicated to a person whose interests are materially affected by it; or
- 42.2.2. a statutory process or work has been commenced, so as to vest enforceable rights in or obligations on Council or any other person.

42.3. The Chief Executive Officer or an appropriate member of Council staff must defer implementing a resolution which:

- 42.3.1. has not been acted on; and
- 42.3.2. is the subject of a notice of rescission which has been delivered to the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with clause 42.1, unless deferring implementation of the resolution would have the effect of depriving the resolution of efficacy or in the CEO's opinion, place the Council at significant legal, financial or other risk.

**Explanatory Note**

By way of example, assume that, on a Monday evening, Council resolves to have legal representation at a planning appeal to be heard on the following Thursday. Assume also that, immediately after that resolution is made, a Councillor lodges a notice of motion to rescind that resolution. Finally, assume that the notice of rescission would not be dealt with until the next Monday evening (being after the day on which the planning appeal is to be heard).



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In these circumstances, deferring implementation of the resolution would have the effect of depriving the resolution of efficacy. This is because the notice of rescission would not be debated until after the very thing contemplated by the resolution had come and gone. In other words, by the time the notice of rescission was dealt with the opportunity for legal representation at the planning appeal would have been lost. Clause 42.3 would, in such circumstances, justify the Chief Executive Officer or an appropriate member of Council staff actioning the resolution rather than deferring implementation of it.

**43. When a rescission Motion is Lost**

- 43.1. If a rescission motion is lost, a similar motion may not be put before Council for at least six months from the date it was last lost, unless Council resolves that the notice of motion be re-listed at a future meeting.
- 43.2. If a rescission motion is lost, the Chief Executive Officer or an appropriate member of Council staff is not prevented from acting upon the resolution even if a subsequent notice of rescission has been listed for a Council meeting at least six months subsequent to when the motion for rescission was lost.

**Explanatory Note**

By way of example, assume that Council resolves to write a letter to a Minister relating to a planning matter. Immediately after the resolution is made, a Councillor lodges a notice of motion to rescind that resolution at the next Council meeting. The notice of rescission is subsequently lost. Assume that the Councillor seeks to lodge a further notice of rescission to be heard in not less than six months' time.

Clause 43.2 would, in such circumstances, justify the Chief Executive Officer or an appropriate member of Council staff actioning the original resolution rather than deferring implementation of it until after the further notice of rescission.

**44. If Not Moved**

If a rescission motion is not moved at the meeting at which it is listed, it lapses and cannot be put before Council for at least six months from the date it lapsed.

**45. May be Moved by any Councillor**

A rescission motion listed on an agenda may be moved by any Councillor present but may not be amended.

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**Division 7 – Points of Order****46. Chair to Decide**

The Chair must decide all points of order by stating the provision, rule, practice or precedent which he or she considers applicable to the point raised without entering into any discussion or comment.

**47. Chair may Adjourn to Consider**

- 47.1. The Chair may adjourn the meeting to consider a point of order but otherwise must rule on it as soon as it is raised.
- 47.2. All other proceedings before Council are suspended until the point of order is decided.

**48. Dissent from Chair's Ruling**

- 48.1. A Councillor may move that the Council disagree with the Chair's ruling on a point of order, by moving:

"That the Chair's ruling [setting out that ruling or part of that ruling] be dissented from".
- 48.2. When a motion in accordance with this clause is moved and seconded, the Chair must invite the mover to state the reasons for his or her dissent and the Chair may then reply.
- 48.3. The Chair must put the motion in the following form:

"That the Chair's ruling be dissented from."
- 48.4. The Chair must remain in the Chair during the motion of dissent and he or she maintains their right to a second vote.
- 48.5. If the vote is in the negative, the meeting proceeds.
- 48.6. If the vote is in the affirmative, the Chair must reverse or vary (as the case may be) his or her previous ruling and proceed.
- 48.7. The defeat of the Chair's ruling is in no way a motion of censure or non-confidence in the Chair, and should not be so regarded by the meeting.

**49. Procedure for Point of Order**

- 49.1. A Councillor raising a point of order must:
  - 49.1.1. state the point of order; and
  - 49.1.2. state any section, clause, paragraph or provision relevant to the point of order.
- 49.2. Any Councillor interrupted by another Councillor raising a point of order must remain silent until the Councillor raising the point of order has been heard and determined by the Chair.

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**50. Valid Points of Order**

A point of order may be raised in relation to:

- 50.1. a motion, which, under clause 23, or a question which, under clause 40, should not be accepted by the Chair;
- 50.2. a question of procedure; or
- 50.3. any act of disorder.

**Explanatory Note**

Rising to express a difference of opinion or to contradict a speaker is not a point of order.

Raising issues irrelevant to the motion before the meeting can be considered a basis of a valid point of order.

Making defamatory remarks or verbally personally attacking another Councillor would be considered a basis for a valid point of order.

**Division 8 – Divisions****51. Procedure for a Division**

- 51.1. Immediately after any motion or amendment is put to a vote and before the next item of business has commenced, a Councillor may call for a division.
- 51.2. No Councillor is prevented from changing his or her original vote when voting on the division.
- 51.3. When a division is called for, the Chair must:
  - 51.3.1. first call for a show of hands from those Councillors voting in favour of the motion, then call for a show of hands from those Councillors voting against the motion; and
  - 51.3.2. declare the result to the meeting.
- 51.4. The outcome of the vote on the division will determine Council's decision on the matter.

**52. No Discussion Once Declared**

- 52.1. Once a vote on a motion or amendment has been taken, no further discussion relating to the motion or amendment is allowed unless the discussion involves:
  - 52.1.1. a Councillor requesting, before the next item of business is considered, that his or her opposition to a resolution be recorded in the minutes or a register maintained for that purpose; or
  - 52.1.2. foreshadowing a notice of rescission where a resolution has just been made, or a positive motion where a resolution has just been rescinded.

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**Explanatory Note**

For example, clause 52.1.2 would allow some discussion if, immediately after a resolution was made, a Councillor foreshadowed lodging a notice of rescission to rescind that resolution.

Equally, clause 52.1.2 would permit discussion about a matter which would otherwise be left in unresolved because a notice of rescission had been successful. For instance, assume that Council resolved to refuse a planning permit application. Assume further that this resolution was rescinded.

Without a positive resolution – to the effect that a planning permit now be granted – the planning permit application will be left unresolved; hence the reference in clause 52.1.2 to discussion about a positive motion where a resolution has just been rescinded.

**Division 9 – Minutes****53. Confirmation of Minutes**

No discussion or debate on the confirmation of minutes is permitted except where their accuracy as a record of the proceedings of the meeting to which they relate is questioned.

**54. Process for confirming the Minutes**

58.1 If no Councillor indicates opposition to the minutes, the Chair must declare the minutes confirmed.

58.2 If a Councillor indicates opposition to the minutes he or she must specify the particular matter in the minutes concerned and may, after asking any questions to clarify the matter, move a motion to correct the inaccuracy.

58.3 Once the minutes are confirmed the Chair of the meeting at which they are confirmed, must sign them.

**55. Content of the Minutes**

55.1. The Chief Executive Officer must ensure that minutes of each Council meeting are kept and those minutes include:

- 55.1.1. The date, place, time and nature of the meeting;
- 55.1.2. The names of the Councillors present and the names of any Councillors who apologised in advance for their non-attendance;
- 55.1.3. The names of the members of Council staff present;
- 55.1.4. Any disclosure of the existence and type (and, where appropriate, nature) of a conflict of interest made by a Councillor, and when such disclosure occurred;



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- 55.1.5. Arrivals and departures (including temporary departures) of Councillors during the course of the meeting;
- 55.1.6. Each motion and amendment moved (including motions and amendments that lapse for the want of a seconder);
- 55.1.7. The vote cast by each Councillor;
- 55.1.8. The vote cast by each Councillor upon a division;
- 55.1.9. The vote cast by any Councillor who has requested that his or her vote be recorded in the minutes;
- 55.1.10. Questions upon notice;
- 55.1.11. The failure of a quorum;
- 55.1.12. The date and time the meeting was commenced, adjourned, resumed and concluded;
- 55.1.13. Any adjournment of the meeting and the reasons for that adjournment; and
- 55.1.14. The time at which standing orders were suspended and resumed; and
- 55.1.15. Any other matter that the Chief Executive Officer thinks should be recorded to clarify the intention of the meeting or the reading of the minutes.

**56. Recording and broadcasting Meetings**

Except for a member of staff authorised by the Chief Executive Officer, a person must not record or broadcast, or any part of a Council meeting, without first obtaining the consent of Council or the Chair (as the case may be). Such consent may at any time during the course of such meeting be revoked by Council or the Chair (as the case may be).

**Penalty:** 5 penalty units.

**Division 10 – Behaviour**

**57. Public Addressing the Meeting**

Any member of the public addressing Council must extend due courtesy and respect to Council and the processes and policies under which it operates and must take direction from the Chair whenever called on to do so.

**58. Chair May Remove**

The Chair may order and cause the removal of any person, including a Councillor, who disrupts any meeting or fails to comply with a direction.

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**59. Suspensions**

Council may by resolution suspend from a portion of the meeting, or for the balance of the meeting, any Councillor whose actions have disrupted the business of Council at that meeting, and have impeded its orderly conduct.

**60. Offences**

It is an offence for:

- 60.1. a Councillor to not withdraw an expression considered by the Chair to be offensive or disorderly, and apologise when called on twice by the Chair to do so;

**Penalty:** 2 penalty units

- 60.2. any person, not being a Councillor, who is guilty of any improper or disorderly conduct, to not leave the Chamber when requested by the Chair to do so;

**Penalty:** 5 penalty units

- 60.3. any person to fail to comply with a lawful direction of the Chair in relation to the conduct of the meeting and the maintenance of order;

**Penalty:** 2 penalty units

- 60.4. a Councillor to not leave the Chamber on the Chair's order or suspension by Council;

**Penalty:** 5 penalty units

- 60.5. any person to fraudulently sign a petition or joint letter which is presented to Council or has the intention of being presented to Council.

**Penalty:** 10 penalty units

**Explanatory Note**

Some (but not all) breaches of this Local Law result in an offence being committed. Those breaches which result in an offence being committed are to be found in clause 60 and those clauses where a penalty and 'penalty units' appear below the text.

The penalty units shown are the maximum penalty which a Court can impose. It is always open to a Court to impose no penalty or a lesser penalty.

If an offence has been committed, the person who committed the offence can be prosecuted in a Court.

**61. Removal from Chamber**

The Chair, or Council in the case of a suspension, may ask a member of the Victoria Police to remove from the Chamber any person who acts in breach of this Local Law and whom the Chair has ordered to be removed from the gallery under clause 58 of this Local Law or whom Council has suspended under clause 59.

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**Division 11 – Miscellaneous**

**62. Matters Not Provided For**

Where a situation has not been provided for under this Local Law, the Council may determine the matter by resolution.

**Division 12 – Suspension of Standing Orders**

**63. Suspension of Standing Orders**

63.1. To expedite the business of a meeting, Council may suspend standing orders.

**Explanatory Note**

The suspension of standing orders should be used to enable full discussion of any issue without the constraints of formal meeting procedure.

Its purpose is to enable the formalities of meeting procedures to be temporarily disposed of while an issue is discussed.

63.2. The suspension of standing orders should not be used purely to dispense with the processes and protocol of the governance of Council. An appropriate motion would be:

"That standing orders be suspended to enable discussion on....."

63.3. Once the discussion has taken place and before any motions can be put, the resumption of standing orders will be necessary. An appropriate motion would be:

"That standing orders be resumed."

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**Certification**

This Local Law was made by resolution of Latrobe City Council on XX MONTH YEAR.

Date of public notice of the making of this Local Law in Latrobe Valley Express: DAY, XX Month YEAR.

Date of notice of the making of this Local Law in the Victoria Government Gazette: DAY, XX Month YEAR.

Date of sending this Local Law to the Minister: DAY, XX Month YEAR.

Date the Local Law came into force: DAY, XX Month YEAR.

The Common Seal of the Latrobe City Council     )  
was affixed this XX day of Month YEAR     )  
in the presence of:     )

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Gary Van Driel  
Chief Executive Officer





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### 1. Background

Latrobe City Council has declared a number of procedural matters to be followed through its *Meeting Procedure Local Law*. Development or reviews of Local Laws are onerous and can be costly. It can also inhibit the ability to utilise developing and future technologies for engagement due to these factors. By developing this policy, Latrobe City Council aims to enable more timely, cost effective and flexible reviews of certain provisions in Council meetings, in particular those that relate to the community engaging with it in Council meetings.

### 2. Objectives

In the spirit of being collaborative, accessible and transparent, Latrobe City intends through this Policy to provide for various opportunities for the community to participate or be acknowledged, and allow for future improvements in technology and engagement practices at Council Meetings.

Council sets out the principles and general procedures that will be followed. This policy also addresses the aspect of privacy in the provision of personal details at the point of collection and outlines Council's responsibility to be open and transparent in making material (including submissions, questions and petitions) available to the general public.

### 3. Scope

This Policy supports Local Law No.1 (Meeting Procedure Local Law), to facilitate community participation in meetings with Council and to regulate and control the procedures that relate to this.

This Policy covers both Ordinary and Special Council Meetings, along with any other meeting where Council has prescribed that this policy will apply.

### 4. Principles of Management

Latrobe City Council will consider where possible, the inclusion of community members to engage in the meetings prescribed under the *Meeting Procedure Local Law* that have not been closed to the public, or to a forum where Council decides that this policy will apply.

#### 4.1. Requirements for Councillors whilst speaking

There is no requirement for a Councillor to stand whilst speaking. However, Councillors must ensure that they utilise the supplied microphone (or any other specific device to enable clarity of speaking), to enable that all members of the public in attendance (including hearing loop or streaming services) may hear the debate and decision making of the Council.

#### 4.2. Acknowledgements

At times it will be appropriate for the Council to acknowledge, or recognise achievements of individuals or groups, or the passing of a person who is closely

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associated with the Council or the community at an Ordinary Council Meeting. Where formal honours are applicable, the *Civic, Ceremonial Functions and Honours Policy* must be followed.

At an Ordinary Council Meeting, the following may occur:

- a Councillor speaking on the matter (in accordance with the debate timeframes outlined in the *Meeting Procedure Local Law*) noting the details of the achievements or passing of a person
- a presentation of a certificate or plaque
- a minutes silence recognising the passing of a person

A council resolution is not required to note the details of the achievements or the passing of a person (or send correspondence as such), however, one will be required if further action is required and cannot override provisions outlined within the *Civic, Ceremonial Functions and Honours Policy*.

### 4.3. Streaming Council Meetings

In the spirit of open, accessible and transparent governance, Latrobe City Council will consider streaming Council meetings, either in part or in whole, in accordance with requirements provided for in the *Meeting Procedure Local Law*.

By attending a Council Meeting those present may be recorded or image captured. Where participating in the meeting, consent is automatically given for those participating to being recorded and images captured. Notices of this effect will be on display at the meeting, although all care is to be taken to maintain a person's privacy as an attendee in the gallery.

Recordings are used to enable the community who are unable to attend the meeting to view the meeting and for the preparation of the official minutes. Recordings may be retained for viewing by the public for up to 30 days, and then will be erased.

### 4.4. Behaviour Expectations in the Meeting for visitors

All present at a meeting are required to behave in accordance with the Meeting Procedure Local Law to allow the meeting to proceed without disruption.

Appropriate behaviour includes:

- Be quiet during proceedings;
- Not create a nuisance within the meeting;
- Be respectful of the protocols of the meeting;
- Not harass those attending the meeting, including Councillors, officers and other visitors;

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- Not bring in any placards, posters or materials other than personal effects unless prior permission has been sought and granted from the Mayor/Chairperson;
- Not display any physical violence or verbal abuse to anyone or anything within the meeting;
- Not record meeting proceedings without the consent of the Mayor/Chairperson via photography, filming or audio unless consent has been given in accordance with clause 56 of the *Meeting Procedure Local Law*.
- Have mobile devices switched off or on silent.

Members of the public who do not behave appropriately will be warned, and if poor behaviour continues, will be required to leave in accordance with clauses 58 and 61 of the *Meeting Procedure Local Law*.

Procedures and penalties under the *Meeting Procedure Local Law* will apply.

### 4.5. Petitions

The community has the right to lobby Council, and can do so through petitioning.

#### 4.5.1. Requirements for a Valid Petition

For a petition from the community to be accepted and presented to a Council meeting on its own merits, the following requirements must be met:

- A petition must be:
  - in the prescribed template format (attached to this policy at [appendix one](#))
  - addressed to Latrobe City Council
  - refer to a matter on which Latrobe City Council has the power to act
  - state the reasons for petitioning Latrobe City Council
  - contain a request for action by Latrobe City Council
  - be signed by at least ten people (must not be in pencil)
  - not relate to a matter under consideration through a current submission/objection process (e.g. through the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* or the *Local Government Act 1989*).
- The terms of the petition must:
  - be placed at the top of every page
  - not contain any alterations
  - not exceed 250 words
  - not be illegal and must not promote illegal acts and

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- language must not be objectionable or inflammatory in nature.
- Only paper-based petitions (in the prescribed format) or e-petitions that are submitted through an approved Council e-petition facility that meet the above criteria will be accepted.

### 4.5.2. Submitting your petition

Paper-based petitions should be forwarded by mail with the details of the head petitioner or other nominated person for follow up, to:

Latrobe City Council  
PO Box 264  
Morwell VIC 3840

or delivered in person to any Latrobe City Council customer service centre during business hours.

E-petitions can be forwarded in accordance with the criteria specified by Council for that facility.

### 4.5.3. Assessment of the petition

Once received, officers will provide written acknowledgement of receipt, and undertake an initial assessment against the criteria specified in this policy to ensure that it complies prior to being presented to the next available Council meeting.

Where the petition does not meet the specified criteria, the following will apply:

- If the subject matter relates to a current submission process (e.g. through the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* or the *Local Government Act 1989*), the petition will be considered as a submission/objection to that process
- Any other matter it will be considered as general correspondence and not presented to Council

and the head petitioner or other nominated person notified accordingly.

### 4.5.4. Tabling at a Council meeting

A petition that meets the criteria will be listed for tabling at the next available Ordinary Council Meeting with the following information:

- The terms of the petition
- The number of signatures

No discussion or debate will be entered into when a petition is being tabled, however, if the petition relates to an operational matter, Council must refer the petition to the Chief Executive Officer for consideration. If this occurs, a further report to Council is not required.

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### 4.5.5. Follow up of Petition

Once tabled, the petition is forwarded to the appropriate Divisional General Manager for action. A report is then presented to a subsequent Ordinary Council Meeting, which will include officers' recommended response for Councils consideration.

Officers may contact the head petitioner or other nominated person as appropriate to clarify any of the issues raised in the petition.

The head petitioner will be advised in writing of the outcome of the request contained in the petition within a reasonable timeframe.

It is the responsibility of the head signatory to advise other signatories of the outcome.

### 4.6. Written Submissions

Council will invite submissions in accordance with its *Community Engagement Policy* from time to time. Written submissions can form part of an officer report being presented to Council; however there are no other opportunities for written submissions or correspondence to be listed as an agenda item.

This policy does not override the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989*, or change the opportunities or obligations in relation to people wishing to lodge submissions/objections to planning applications or proposed planning scheme amendments.

Where the submission does relate to a statutory submission process under the *Local Government Act 1989* or the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, Council will ensure that those procedures are followed, including any notifications required to those who have made a submission as specified in the applicable statutory processes.

### 4.7. Speaking at a Council Meeting

#### 4.7.1. Requirements for a valid request to speak at a Council Meeting

For a member of the public to be able to speak at a Council Meeting, the following requirements must be met:

- The request to speak must be relevant to an item that is on the agenda for that meeting, and that does not relate to a matter for which the meeting would normally be closed (Section 89(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*)
- Requests must be received no later than midday on the day of the meeting via contacting the Governance Officer by telephone or via the form available on Councils website.
- The person requesting to speak must provide their name, address, contact number, who they represent (if applicable), and the item they wish to speak on

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- The person requesting to speak acknowledges that consent is automatically given to being recorded (if the meeting is to be streamed)

Organisations are required to select one spokesperson to address Council on their behalf. If an organisation wishes to select more than one spokesperson, it may do so if its request is granted by the Mayor/Chair prior to the commencement of the meeting.

Speaking at Council meeting opportunities is not to be used to present petitions, letters or ask questions (these can be done through alternative mechanisms available as outlined in this policy).

### 4.7.2. Procedural matters for managing speakers

The following procedural matters apply:

- The order of speakers will be as follows:
  - Aligns with the order of reports on the agenda
  - Then in order of receipt of the request to speak or as otherwise instructed by the Chair
- There is no requirement for standing orders of the meeting to be suspended or resumed to allow members of the public to speak to an item on the agenda.

### 4.7.3. Requirements for speaking at a Council Meeting

The following requirements for addressing a Council Meeting apply

- When addressing the meeting, persons are asked to address the meeting facing the Mayor/Chair at the microphone provided.
- Speakers are requested to keep their address brief and to the main issues of concern.
- The time limit allowed for each speaker is three minutes. Only one extension of not more than three minutes can be granted regardless of how many items are being addressed.

Councillors may ask questions of the speaker to clarify a point, however, no debate or commentary is to be provided at this time.

### 4.7.4. Protocol for addressing the Meeting

The following protocol applies when addressing a Council Meeting

- Any person addressing the Chair must refer to the Chair as:
  - Madam Mayor; or
  - Mr Mayor; or
  - Madam Chair; or

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- Mr Chair

as the case may be.

- All Councillors, other than the Mayor, must be addressed as Councillor *(name)*
- All members of staff in attendance must be addressed as Mr or Ms *(name)* as appropriate or by their official title.

### 4.8. Public Question Time

Public question time is a section of the Agenda of an Ordinary Council Meeting during which Council may answer questions submitted by members of the public.

It is not designed to take the place of contacting a Councillor or Councillors directly to discuss an issue, or to replace contacting Council's Customer Services for assistance. Rather, it is designed to allow for clarification of issues of public interest.

#### 4.8.1. Requirements for a valid question

For a question to be considered at an Ordinary Council Meeting, the following requirements must be met:

- The person submitting the question must include their name, address and contact number
- A question must not exceed 50 words in length
- A question must focus on an issue within Council's powers to act
- A question must not name, allude to, or focus on an individual
- No more than two questions (including questions asked in parts) are able to be submitted per person for any one Council Meeting.

Questions that meet one of the following criteria will not be answered at a Council Meeting:

- Repetitive or has already been answered (either previously by officers in writing or at a Council Meeting)
- Relates to a matter for which the meeting would normally be closed (Section 89(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989*)
- Is prejudicial to the Council or any other person if answered
- Relates to the personal views or actions of an individual Councillor or Officer
- Relates to a matter that is the subject of negotiation, litigation or commercial interest/advantage
- Is defamatory, indecent, abusive, irrelevant, trivial or objectionable in language or nature

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- Is considered trivial or vexatious or it is more appropriate to direct to officers of the Council during normal business hours.

### 4.8.2. Submitting your question

Questions for consideration at an Ordinary Council Meeting can be submitted:

- electronically to [egovernance@latrobe.vic.gov.au](mailto:egovernance@latrobe.vic.gov.au) or
- via an online form available on Council's website, or
- via a form available in Councils' customer service centres (attached to this policy at [appendix two](#)).

Questions must be received by midday on the day of the Ordinary Council Meeting. Any questions received after this deadline that meets the criteria will be held until the next Ordinary Council Meeting for response.

### 4.8.3. Response at a Council Meeting

The Mayor/Chair will ask the Chief Executive Officer to conduct the public question time session.

The Chief Executive Officer will ascertain if the person asking the question is present in the gallery, and if so, will read the question or summarise its contents, and read the response to the question. The Chief Executive Officer can nominate another Senior Staff member to read the response to the question, if they deem it suitable.

If the person asking the question is not present in the gallery, the question and the response is not required to be read out. However the details will be included in the minutes of the meeting and a copy distributed to the person to their nominated address.

Council has the discretion to seek clarification to the question if deemed necessary; otherwise the person asking the question is not permitted to enter into debate or discussion during this session.

## 4.9. Privacy

To comply with the Victorian *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014*, personal information provided as part of any provision detailed in this policy will only be used for the primary purpose for which it was provided – (e.g. to consider the petition, question or submission).

Processes will comply with Council's *Citizen Confidentiality and Privacy Policy* where applicable.

As part of Council's operations, any document incorporated into a Council agenda must be made publically available, including any petitions which are tabled.

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The agenda and minutes are printed and available for the general public, and appear on Council's website. However, attachments such as full submissions and petitions will be made available to Councillors; however will only be available for viewing at Council Headquarters via appointment for members of the public. A summary of the submissions, including name (unless specifically requested in writing to remain anonymous), will be made available in the agenda and minutes.

The following details as outlined in the table below will be published in the minutes.

Section	What personal information is published in the minutes and can be published in agenda papers	Further information accessible through other means
Acknowledgements	Name of the person who is being acknowledged and the reason for acknowledgement.	Not applicable
Petitions	Name of the person who has presented the petition (with the number of signatures and the terms of the petition)	Full copies of petitions may be viewed only by contacting Council.  A copy is provided to Councillors for their decision making processes.
Written Submissions	Name of the person, (with a summary of the submission).	Full copies of submissions can be viewed in accordance with the provisions applicable under legislation.  If nothing is prescribed, then a copy of a submission may be viewed by contacting Council.

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Section	What personal information is published in the minutes and can be published in agenda papers	Further information accessible through other means
Speaking at a Council meeting	Name of the person who has spoken (with the details of which item on the agenda).	Not applicable. Other information that is collected is only collected in order to contact the person if there are any actions to be followed up by officers.
Public Question Time	Name of the person, (with the question and the response provided).	Not applicable. Other information that is collected is only collected in order to contact the person if there are any actions to be followed up by officers (for example, if the person is not in attendance, to provide a copy of the response).

### 5. Accountability and Responsibility

Accountability and responsibility for this policy is outlined below.

#### 5.1. Council

- Overall responsibility for compliance with this policy
- Responsibility to ensure this Policy is consistent with Latrobe City Council strategic directions and other Latrobe City Council Policies
- Responsibility for the decision to approve this Policy by Council Resolution

#### 5.2. Chief Executive Officer

- Overall responsibility for compliance with this policy
- Overall responsibility for enforcing accountability
- Overall responsibility for providing resources

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- Overall responsibility for performance monitoring
- 5.3. Executive Management Team and Senior Managers
- Responsibility for compliance with this policy
  - Responsibility for enforcing accountability
  - Responsibility for providing resources
  - Responsibility for performance monitoring
- 5.4. Officers
- Comply with procedures developed to achieve compliance with this policy.

### 6. Evaluation and Review

#### 6.1. Reviews

This policy will be reviewed initially after twelve months of implementation. After this, it will then be reviewed when either of the following occurs (whichever comes first):

- on request of Council
- in the event of significant change in the Executive team
- significant changes to legislation applicable to the subject matter of the policy or,
- in any other case, during each Council term (generally four years).

#### 6.2. Administrative updates

It is recognised that, from time to time, circumstances may change leading to the need for minor administrative changes to this document.

Where an update does not materially alter this document, such a change may be made administratively. Examples include a change to the name of a Council department, a change to the name of a Federal or State Government department, and a minor update to legislation which does not have a material impact.

However, any change or update which materially alters this document must be by resolution of Council.

#### 6.3. Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities

This policy has been developed in accordance with the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities*. The following rights are reasonably limited:

- Entitlement to participate in public life
- Peaceful assembly and freedom of association
- Recognition and equality before the law
- Privacy and reputation

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- Freedom of thought, conscience, religion and belief
- Freedom of expression
- Freedom of movement

### 7. Definitions

Chief Executive Officer	Means the Chief Executive Officer of Council
Council	Means the Latrobe City Council
Councillor	Means a person who holds the office of Council
Mayor/Chair	Means the person who holds the office of Mayor, or the person who is authorised to preside over the meeting
Ordinary Council Meeting	Means an Ordinary Meeting of the Council, as defined in Section 83 of the <i>Local Government Act 1989</i> .
Senior Officer	Has the same meaning as in the <i>Local Government Act 1989</i>

### 8. Related Documents

*Local Law No. 1 Meeting Procedure Local Law*

### 9. Reference Resources

*Local Government Act 1989*

*Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014*

*Planning and Environment Act 1987*

*Local Law No. 1 Meeting Procedure Local Law*

*Civic, Ceremonial Functions and Honours Policy*

*Citizen Confidentiality and Privacy Policy*

### 10. Appendices

[Appendix One: Petition template](#)

[Appendix Two: Public Question Time](#)

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### Appendix One: Petition Template

#### Petition to the Latrobe City Council

**Insert subject heading: e.g. Support for New Development**

We, the undersigned (insert *residents, property owners, concerned citizens, club members etc.*) wish to inform the Latrobe City Council of (briefly *explain your concern.*)

We ask that the Latrobe City Council (explain the action you would like the Council to take).

	Name (Print)	Address (minimum of residential locality must be specified)	Signature
1.			
2.			
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### Appendix Two: Public Question Time



### PUBLIC QUESTION TIME FORM

Persons wishing to ask a question of the Council are required to complete this form before 12:00 Noon on the day of the Council Meeting and hand to the Council Operations Team. The questions will be registered and included in the Minutes of the Council Meeting.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TOPIC: \_\_\_\_\_

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Latrobe City Council  
Local Law No. 1

Meeting Procedure Local Law 2017  
**Community Impact Statement**  
**DRAFT**

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**PART A – General Comments****Background**

Latrobe City Council has undertaken a review of its Meeting Procedure Local Law.

In 2010, the State Government, through Local Government Victoria, released *Guidelines for Local Laws Manual*, listing new best practice guidelines for the creation and enforcement of Local Laws.

The key features of these best practice guidelines are summarised as follows:

- the key aim is to improve accessibility, accountability, compliance, consistency, currency, efficiency, enforceability, necessity, and transparency;
- regulation should be viewed as a last resort, because it imposes a burden of compliance on the community and a burden of enforcement on the council;
- the community should be involved from the commencement of the law-making process, not just at the final formal submissions stage under section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*;
- Local Laws should not allow discretions on the part of those administering/enforcing them without clear guidelines being in place.
- Where Local Laws rely on other documents such as Council policies or permit conditions, those documents should be as accessible to the public as the Local Laws and, if necessary, incorporated into the Local Laws.

Councils are also required to produce a *Local Law Community Impact Statement* for all new or materially altered local laws.

**Objectives of this Local Law**

The objectives of this Local Law are to:

- prescribe the procedures governing the conduct of Council meetings and Special Committee Meetings;
- prescribe the processes for the election of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor;
- regulate the use of the Council's Common Seal; and
- provide opportunities for community participation in Council's decision making processes.

**Consultation**

The draft Latrobe City Council Local Law No.1 (Meeting Procedure Local Law 2017) will be presented to Council for endorsement on 21 August 2017 to enable it to be released for public exhibition for at least 28 days during which affected members of the community were invited to make written submissions as per the requirements of Section 119 and Section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

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Those submitters who indicate that they wish to talk to their submissions in relation to the draft local law are invited to address Council at its Council meeting on 23 October 2017.

Following consideration of any submissions the Latrobe City Council Local Law No.1 (Meeting Procedure Local Law 2017) is being presented to Council on 13 November 2017 for adoption.

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**PART B – Comments on proposed Local Law overall**

Measures of success of the proposed Local Law	<p>The success of the proposed Local Law will be best measured by the extent to which it enhances the governance framework and decision making processes of the Council including that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council meetings continue to operate openly and transparently</li> <li>• the overall objectives of the Local Law are met.</li> <li>• the Local Government legislative requirements are met.</li> </ul>
Existing Legislation that may be used instead	<p>The proposed local law has been carefully prepared in accordance with the requirements of section 91(1) of the <i>Local Government Act 1989</i> (Act), and Council believes that no other legislation can be used instead of the proposed local law.</p> <p>Council must make a Local Law governing the conduct of Council and Special Committee meetings in accordance with section 91(1) of the Act.</p> <p>Except as provided within the Act, the conduct of meetings is at the discretion of Council.</p>
State legislation more appropriate	<p>The proposed local law has been carefully prepared and Council believes that all items dealt within the local law are consistent with, or not dealt within, other Victorian State legislation.</p>
Overlap of existing legislation	<p>There are provisions in the (Act) which relate to the conduct of Council and Special Committee meetings. The majority of the proposed amendments are to remove the overlap of clauses in the Act.</p> <p>Accordingly, the proposed Local Law has a number of provisions which complement existing legislation and provide a more appropriate local response, whilst not overlapping, duplicating or conflicting with existing State Legislation.</p>
Overlap of planning scheme	<p>The proposed Local Law has no relevance to any Planning Scheme.</p>
Risk assessment	<p>No formal risk assessment has been undertaken.</p> <p>The proposed Local Law and associated policy prescribes common governance procedures to be followed by Council and prescribes standards of behaviour for those participating in or present at Council and Committee meetings.</p>



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Legislative approach adopted	<p>A Meeting Procedure Local Law is required by the provisions of section 91(1) of the Act.</p> <p><b>Conduct of Mayoral elections</b></p> <p>The proposed Local Law adopts a high impact regulatory approach. The Code sets out the procedural aspects of Mayoral elections in a highly prescriptive manner. There are no discretionary provisions or processes.</p> <p>This approach is considered appropriate as it provides certainty and transparency to participants and the community, and ensures elections are conducted in fair and equitable manner.</p> <p><b>Council's Common Seal</b></p> <p>The Local Law adopts a high impact regulatory approach.</p> <p>This approach is considered appropriate as it provides clear accountability for appropriate use and safekeeping of the Council seal.</p> <p><b>Conduct of Meetings</b></p> <p>The proposed Local Law adopts a medium impact regulatory approach as it prescribes with a level of detail the procedures and processes for the election of Mayor, use of the common seal and the conduct of Council and Committee meetings.</p> <p>This approach is considered appropriate to facilitate the orderly and efficient conduct of meetings with fair and equitable access and participation of Councillors, Committee members and, where appropriate, members of Council staff and the community; to provide certainty and transparency to participants and the community in relation to the election of Mayor.</p> <p>The proposed amendments have been incorporated into a new Local Law and a <i>Council Meetings Policy</i> (Policy) to provide a greater level of clarity and transparency.</p> <p>Whilst being largely prescriptive, the Local Law retains a level of discretion that is considered appropriate to facilitate the orderly conduct of meetings, whilst allowing latitude to deal with particular circumstances of the meeting and business at hand.</p>
Restriction of competition	<p>The proposed Local Law and Policy relates only to Council governance processes and there are no National Competition Policy implications associated with the proposal.</p>

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Penalties	<p>The Local Law creates a minimal number of offences. Penalties for these offences are considered reasonable.</p> <p>Benchmarking indicates the penalties prescribed are reasonable when compared with equivalent local laws of other municipalities.</p> <p>The penalties applying to all existing Local Law clauses were considered and reviewed and no new offences were prescribed.</p>
Permits and Fees	<p>The proposed Local Law does not make provision for the issue of permits and does not prescribe any fees.</p>
Performance standards or prescriptive	<p>Not applicable.</p>
Comparison with neighbouring like Councils	<p>Latrobe City Council utilised the LGPro Better Local Laws Program in the drafting of this Local Law.</p> <p>Benchmarking has been conducted with Banyule City Council, Baw Baw Shire Council, Bass Coast Shire Council, City of Melbourne, City of Warrnambool, East Gippsland Rural Council, Mornington Peninsula Shire Council, Mildura Rural City Council, South Gippsland Shire Council, Wangaratta Rural City Council, Wellington Shire Council and Yarra Ranges Shire Council.</p> <p>The proposed Local Law is not substantially different from the meeting procedure local laws of other Victorian councils.</p>
Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities	<p>The Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities (the Charter) contains twenty basic rights that promote and protect the values of freedom, respect, equality and dignity.</p> <p>The proposed Local Law has been considered in accordance with the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities. No inconsistencies have been identified. Particular consideration was given to the following rights under the charter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Right to recognition and equality before the law</li> <li>• Right to privacy and reputation</li> <li>• Right to freedom of expression</li> <li>• Peaceful assembly and freedom of association</li> <li>• Right to take part in public life</li> <li>• Right to a fair hearing</li> </ul>

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Consultation	<p>In developing this Local Law the Council has either undertaken or will undertake the following processes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a review of changes in legislation that might impact on the content of the Local Law was also undertaken and appropriate amendments made;</li> <li>• various Council staff reviewed the existing document as to any issues with the current Local Laws;</li> <li>• Council will consider a formal draft of the Local Laws at an Ordinary Council meeting and will be required to adopt the proposed Local Laws in order that the formal public submission process can occur;</li> <li>• Submissions on the adopted proposed Local Laws will be called for in public advertisements with a 28 day submission period available for the public to make any comments, suggestions and objections on the proposals;</li> <li>• Council will hear any person making a submission if a person so requests at a meeting with Council or representatives of Council;</li> <li>• Council will then formally consider a report on the submissions and any proposed changes to the proposed Local Law;</li> <li>• Council will then adopt the Local Law and place advertisements in local papers and the Government Gazette after which time the Local Law comes into force.</li> </ul>
Submissions	<p>Council welcomes submissions and comments at any time during the above processes.</p> <p>However, Council will undertake a formal submission process under Section 223 of the Act once Council has completed its initial research and community consultation and has adopted a draft for the formal public comment required.</p> <p>There is no set format for submissions but they need to be in written form where possible. Persons not able to make a submission in the written form need to contact the Governance team on (03) 5128 5717 to make alternative arrangements.</p> <p>Persons making submissions may make a request to be heard at a Council meeting on their submission. Council will set a time and place for such submitters to be heard.</p>

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**PART C – Comments on specific parts or provisions of the proposed Local Law**

Set out below are details of changes proposed to the existing Local Law. The following notes do not comment on minor alterations or grammatical changes. The local law has been restructured so that the numbering of clauses is easy to reference.

**Part A: Introduction**

Part A of the proposed Local Law provides for the administrative requirements for revoking the previous local law, as well as the definitions and notes to assist with interpreting the Local Law. It also introduces the proposed *Council Meeting Policy* as an incorporated document.

To '*ensure Council operates openly, transparently and responsibly*' is a key objective within the Latrobe City Council '*Council Plan 2017-2021*'. This is a key driver in the proposed changes, including the removal of superfluous definitions, and the inclusion of new definitions, such as 'Significant expenditure'.

**Part B: Election of the Mayor**

Part B of the proposed Local Law provides for the election of the Mayor and the procedures that are required to be followed. The proposed Local Law references back to the *Local Government Act 1989* (Act) to assist with complying with the relevant provisions.

It also provides for the establishment and election of the Deputy Mayor role.

**Part C: Council's Common Seal**

The Common Seal is a device which formally and solemnly records the collective will of Council. The provisions in this Part are designed to protect the integrity of the Common Seal, and describe when it may be affixed to a document.

Part C proposes to allow Council to decide what documents (through Council resolution) to affix the Council's Common Seal to.

There is also provision for Council to authorise additional staff to attest to the affixing of the Council's Common Seal if required.

This will allow for efficiencies in operational matters where Council's Common Seal is still a requirement and meets the criteria specified by the Council in the delegation of the Chief Executive Officer.



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**Part D: Meetings Procedure**

Part D of the proposed Local Law deals with the conduct of Council meetings.

This Part is divided into a number of Divisions, which addresses a distinct aspect of meeting procedures. Collectively, the Divisions describe how and when a meeting is convened, as well as when and how business may be transacted at a meeting.

In any provision of the Local Law where Council has discretion to decide something (for example to grant consent, agree or admit business), a resolution is required.

1. Division One – Notices of Meetings and Delivery of Agendas

Changes proposed include the restriction on length of meetings to be no longer than three hours, unless a majority of Councillors present vote in favour of it continuing.

2. Division Two – Quorums

Quorum has now been defined in Part A of the Proposed Local Law. This division has been simplified to ensure that it is consistent with the Act and easily understood what occurs when a quorum is not maintained.

In addition, provisions that relate to the adjournment or postponement of a meeting have been brought together into one section.

3. Division Three – Business of Meetings

Removal of clauses that are covered in the Act has occurred in this section. In addition, wording has been changed to clarify when urgent business can be admitted.

4. Division Four – Motions and Debate

Changes include the provisions around notices of motions, including the timeframe that they must be submitted by, what a notice of motion can contain, and the inclusion of provisions for the Chief Executive Officer to reject them. These changes are proposed to provide for proper due consideration of the impacts on the community and resourcing.

Other changes include the ability for simple alterations to motions to occur rather than having to go through a full amendment process, which will enable efficiencies in meetings.

5. Division Five – Procedural Motions

Changes include the removal of outdated procedural motions, and the update of language to what is commonly known as a deferral motion (was called an adjournment procedural motion in the current Local Law).

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6. Division Six – Rescission Motion

Changes include clarifying when a resolution is acted upon, as well as provides for the Chief Executive Officer to be able to ensure that a resolution is acted upon when, in their opinion, deferring implementation would place the Council at significant financial, legal or other risk.

7. Division Seven – Points of Order

No amendments to these provisions are proposed.

8. Division Eight – Divisions

No amendments to these provisions are proposed.

9. Division Nine – Minutes

The proposed Local Law provides for the confirmation of minutes and simplifies the requirements to be carried out to do so.

In addition, changes are proposed to allow for the recording and broadcasting of meetings, where undertaken by a member of staff authorised by the Chief Executive Officer for this purpose.

Penalties are still proposed where recordings occur without proper authorisation.

10. Division Ten – Behaviour

Reference to policies has been included for behaviour requirements for when the public address the meeting. The ability to issue infringements under this Local Law has been proposed, however matters can still be prosecuted via the court. No other amendments to these provisions are proposed.

11. Division Eleven – Miscellaneous

Where a matter is not provided for within the Local Law or associated policies, Council can determine the matter via a resolution.

12. Division Twelve – Suspension of Standing Orders

No amendments to these provisions are proposed.

## 17.3 Assemblies of Councillors

General Manager

Corporate Services

For Information

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Section 80(A)2 of the *Local Government Act 1989* requires:

*The Chief Executive Officer must ensure that the written record of an assembly of Councillors is, as soon as practicable - (a) reported at an ordinary meeting of the Council; and (b) incorporated in the minutes of that Council meeting.*

Since the Ordinary Council Meeting on 31 July 2017, the following Assembly of Councillor records have been submitted to be presented to Council:

Date	Assembly Details	In Attendance	Confidential	Declarations of Interest
15 June 2017	Traralgon CBD Safety Committee	<b>Councillors</b> Cr Howe, <b>Officers</b> Andrew Legge, Steve Tong	Not confidential	Nil
05 July 2017	Tourism Advisory Committee	<b>Councillors</b> Cr White, Cr Howe, Cr Clancey <b>Officers</b> Michael Bloyce, Linda Brock	Not confidential	Nil
11 July 2017	Churchill & District Community Hub Advisory Committee meeting	<b>Councillors</b> Cr White <b>Officers</b> Edith Heiberg, Carole Ayres	Not confidential	Nil
14 July 2017	Morwell Centenary Rose Garden Advisory Committee	<b>Councillors</b> Cr McFarlane <b>Officers</b> Simon Clark	Not confidential	Nil

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Date	Assembly Details	In Attendance	Confidential	Declarations of Interest
17 July 2017	Councillor Briefing	<b>Councillors</b> Cr McFarlane, Cr Middlemiss, Cr White, Cr Harriman, Cr O'Callaghan, Cr Howe, Cr Clancey, Cr Law, Cr Gibson  <b>Officers</b> Gary Van Driel, Steven Piasente, Greg Drumm, Sara Rhodes-Ward, Phil Stone, Brett McCulley, Fiona Warne, Bruce Connolly, Bruce Graham, Michael Bloyce, Andrea Smith (part), Kathleen Roberts (part)	Confidential under section 89(2) (e) proposed developments  (h) any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person	Cr White  Cr Law
24 July 2017	Councillor Briefing	<b>Councillors</b> Cr McFarlane, Cr Middlemiss, Cr White, Cr Harriman, Cr O'Callaghan, Cr Howe, Cr Clancey, Cr Law, Cr Gibson  <b>Officers</b> Gary Van Driel, Sara Rhodes-Ward, Phil Stone, Steven Piasente, Gregory Drumm, Brett McCulley, Amy Phillips, Gail Gatt	Confidential under section 89(2)  (d) contractual matters  (e) proposed developments  (f) legal advice  (h) any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person	Cr Harriman (interest not being a conflict of interest)



**MOTION**

**Moved:** Cr Middlemiss

**Seconded:** Cr Gibson

**That Council receives and notes the Assemblies of Councillors records submitted which have been held within the period 15 June 2017 – 24 July 2017.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Officers preparing this report have declared they do not have a conflict of interest in this matter under the provisions of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

**Attachments**

- 1↓ . Traralgon CBD Safety Committee 15 June 2017
- 2↓ . Tourism Advisory Committee 05 July 2017
- 3↓ . Churchill & District Community Hub Advisory Committee 11 July 2017
- 4↓ . Morwell Centenary Rose Garden Advisory Committee 14 July 2017
- 5↓ . Councillor Briefing 17 July 2017
- 6↓ . Councillor Briefing 24 July 2017

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### **Assemblies of Councillors**

<b>1</b>	<b>Traralgon CBD Safety Committee 15 June 2017 .....</b>	<b>969</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Tourism Advisory Committee 05 July 2017 .....</b>	<b>971</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Churchill &amp; District Community Hub Advisory Committee 11 July 2017 .....</b>	<b>973</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Morwell Centenary Rose Garden Advisory Committee 14 July 2017 .....</b>	<b>975</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Councillor Briefing 17 July 2017 .....</b>	<b>977</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Councillor Briefing 24 July 2017 .....</b>	<b>979</b>



## Assembly of Councillors Record

This form must be completed by the attending Council officer and returned to the Governance Team for processing as soon as possible.

<b>Assembly details:</b>	Traralgon CBD Safety Committee
<b>Date:</b>	Thursday 15 June 2017
<b>Time:</b>	8.00 am - 9.00 am
<b>Assembly Location:</b>	Dal Monda Café Traralgon

### In Attendance

<b>Councillors:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Alan McFarlane	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Graeme Middlemiss	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Darrell White
<b>Arrival / Departure Time:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Dale Harriman	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Kellie O'Callaghan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cr Darren Howe 8.00 am - 9.00 am
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Dan Clancey	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Bradley Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Sharon Gibson
<b>Officer/s:</b>	Andrew Legge, Steve Tong		
<b>Matters discussed:</b>	Traralgon CBD Safety Committee frequency of meetings, day, time and location. Agency Reports from LV Bus Lines, Traralgon Taxis, Victoria Police, Stockland Plaza and The Traralgon Community Development Association Inc.		
<b>Are any of the matters discussed, considered confidential under the <i>Local Government Act 1989</i>?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Please list the confidentiality reasoning next to the matter discussed, as per the example in the guidance notes.			

### Conflict Of Interest Disclosures:

Councillor / Officer making disclosure	Left Meeting: Yes / No

**Record Completed by:** Andrew Legge 26/06/2017



## Assembly of Councillors Record

This form must be completed by the attending Council officer and returned to the Governance Team for processing as soon as possible.

<b>Assembly details:</b>	Tourism Advisory Committee
<b>Date:</b>	5 July 2017
<b>Time:</b>	5.45pm
<b>Assembly Location:</b>	Nambur Wariga Meeting Room, Head Quarters, Morwell.

### In Attendance

<b>Councillors:</b>  <b>Arrival / Departure Time:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Alan McFarlane	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Graeme Middlemiss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cr Darrell White
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Dale Harriman	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Kellie O'Callaghan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cr Darren Howe
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cr Dan Clancey	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Bradley Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Sharon Gibson
<b>Officer/s:</b>	Michael Bloyce, Linda Brock		
<b>Matters discussed:</b>	Terms of Reference Latrobe City Marketing LRG		
<b>Are any of the matters discussed, considered confidential under the <i>Local Government Act 1989</i>?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Please list the confidentiality reasoning next to the matter discussed, as per the example in the guidance notes.			

### Conflict Of Interest Disclosures:

Councillor / Officer making disclosure	Left Meeting: Yes / No

**Record Completed by:** Linda Brock





## Assembly of Councillors Record

This form must be completed by the attending Council officer and returned to the Governance Team for processing as soon as possible.

<b>Assembly details:</b>	Churchill & District Community Hub Advisory Committee meeting (inc tour of Churchill Neighbourhood Centre)
<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday 11 July, 2017
<b>Time:</b>	4.30 pm to 5.50 pm
<b>Assembly Location:</b>	Meeting Room, Churchill & District Community Hub

### In Attendance

<b>Councillors:</b>  <b>Arrival / Departure Time:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Alan McFarlane	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Graeme Middlemiss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cr Darrell White
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Dale Harriman	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Kellie O'Callaghan	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Darren Howe
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Dan Clancey	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Bradley Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Sharon Gibson
<b>Officer/s:</b>	Edith Heiberg - Executive Officer Carole Ayres - Executive Assistant Community Services (secretariat)		
<b>Matters discussed:</b>	1. Composition of Advisory committee members. 2. Terms of Reference Review finalisation 3. Funding opportunities for Churchill/Hub expansion 4. Partition at Library counter/Airlock front door 5. Foodbank Proposal		
<b>Are any of the matters discussed, considered confidential under the <i>Local Government Act 1989</i>?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Please list the confidentiality reasoning next to the matter discussed, as per the example in the guidance notes.			

### Conflict Of Interest Disclosures:

Councillor / Officer making disclosure	Left Meeting: Yes / No

**Record Completed by:** Carole Ayres, Executive Assistant Community Services



## Assembly of Councillors Record

This form must be completed by the attending Council officer and returned to the Governance Team for processing as soon as possible.

<b>Assembly details:</b>	Morwell Centenary Rose Garden Advisory Committee
<b>Date:</b>	14 July 2017
<b>Time:</b>	9:00am
<b>Assembly Location:</b>	Rose Garden Wing

### In Attendance

<b>Councillors:</b>  <b>Arrival / Departure Time:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cr Alan McFarlane	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Graeme Middlemiss	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Darrell White
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Dale Harriman	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Kellie O'Callaghan	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Darren Howe
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Dan Clancey	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Bradley Law	<input type="checkbox"/> Cr Sharon Gibson
<b>Officer/s:</b>	Simon Clark		
<b>Matters discussed:</b>	Railway embankment discussion on immediate maintenance works required and long term works re:fence and additional plantings. Review of Rose Garden Pruning weekend. Further discussion held on new Web Site for the garden. Discussion on annual works schedule.		
<b>Are any of the matters discussed, considered confidential under the <i>Local Government Act 1989</i>?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Please list the confidentiality reasoning next to the matter discussed, as per the example in the guidance notes.			

### Conflict Of Interest Disclosures:

Councillor / Officer making disclosure	Left Meeting: Yes / No

**Record Completed by:** Simon Clark



## Assembly of Councillors Record

This form must be completed by the attending Council officer and returned to the Governance Team for processing as soon as possible.

<b>Assembly details:</b>	Councillor Briefing
<b>Date:</b>	17 July 2017
<b>Time:</b>	5.00 pm - 9.26 pm
<b>Assembly Location:</b>	Nambur Waringa

### In Attendance

<b>Councillors:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cr Alan McFarlane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cr Graeme Middlemiss	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cr Darrell White
<b>Arrival / Departure Time:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cr Dale Harriman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cr Kellie O'Callaghan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cr Darren Howe
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cr Dan Clancey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cr Bradley Law	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cr Sharon Gibson
<b>Officer/s:</b>	Gary Van Driel, Steven Piasente, Greg Drumm, Sara Rhodes-Ward, Phil Stone, Brett McCulley, Fiona Warne, Bruce Connolly, Bruce Graham, Michael Bloyce, Andrea Smith (part), Kathleen Roberts (part)		
<b>Matters discussed:</b>	<p>Tonight's Presentations - confidential under section 89(2)(e) proposed developments.</p> <p>Future Presentations - confidential under section 89(2)(e) as it involves discussion of proposed developments.</p> <p>Transition Briefing - confidential under section 89(2)(h) any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person</p> <p>Coal Projects Update</p> <p>Moe Service Centre and Frank Bartlett Memorial Library - End of Project Review</p> <p>Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan - Community Consultation Update</p> <p>Planning Scheme Amendment C85 - Crinigan Road, Morwell - Consideration of Planning Panel Report</p> <p>Purchase of Outdoor Sculpture for Yinnar</p> <p>Reducing Harm from Electronic Gaming Machine Gambling in Latrobe City</p> <p>Proposed Road Renaming - Ashley Avenue, Morwell</p>		



	Future Morwell Urban Design Revitalisation Plan - Community Consultation Update Latrobe Leisure Stadium Cooling - Budget and Tender Status
<b>Are any of the matters discussed, considered confidential under the <i>Local Government Act 1989</i>?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b> Please list the confidentiality reasoning next to the matter discussed, as per the example in the guidance notes.	

**Conflict Of Interest Disclosures:**

Councillor / Officer making disclosure	Left Meeting: Yes / No
Cr Darrell White	Yes
Cr Brad Law	Yes

**Record Completed by:** Fiona Warne, Legal Officer





## Assembly of Councillors Record

This form must be completed by the attending Council officer and returned to the Governance Team for processing as soon as possible.

<b>Assembly details:</b>	Councillor Briefing
<b>Date:</b>	24 July 2017
<b>Time:</b>	6.00 pm - 10.15 pm
<b>Assembly Location:</b>	Nambur Wariga, Corporate Headquarters, 141 Commercial Road, Morwell

### In Attendance

<b>Councillors:</b>  <b>Arrival / Departure Time:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cr Alan McFarlane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cr Graeme Middlemiss from 6.55pm	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cr Darrell White
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cr Dale Harriman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cr Kellie O'Callaghan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cr Darren Howe
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cr Dan Clancey	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cr Brad Law	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cr Sharon Gibson until 6.21pm
<b>Officer/s:</b>	Gary Van Driel, Sara Rhodes-Ward, Phil Stone, Steven Piasente, Gregory Drumm, Brett McCulley, Amy Phillips, Gail Gatt (from 6.55 pm-7.40 pm)		
<b>Matters discussed:</b>	<p>Tonight's Presentations - confidential under section 89(2)(e) proposed developments</p> <p>Future Presentations - confidential under section 89(2)(e) proposed developments</p> <p>Upcoming Council Meeting</p> <p>Transition Briefing - confidential under section 89(2)(h) any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person</p> <p>Gippsland Regional Aquatics Centre &amp; Traralgon Sports Stadium - Site Options - confidential under section 89(2)(d) contractual matters, and section 89(2)(e) proposed developments, and section 89(2)(f) legal advice</p> <p>Economic Development Advisory Committee</p> <p>Community Engagement Options for the Development of the 2018-19 Council Budget</p> <p>Local and Social Procurement Opportunities through State Government Funded Recreation Projects</p> <p>Amendment C102 Borgan Exemption and Public Acquisition Overlay Correction</p>		



	<p>Opportunities for Office Development - confidential under section 89(2)(h) any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person</p> <p>Draft Live Work Latrobe Land Use Strategies</p> <p>Latrobe Leisure Outdoor Pool Season 2016/17 Summary Report</p> <p>Outstanding Issues - confidential under section 89(2)(h) any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person</p> <p>Strategic Issues for Future Briefings - confidential under section 89(2)(h) any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person</p>
<p><b>Are any of the matters discussed, considered confidential under the <i>Local Government Act 1989</i>?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>                      <input type="checkbox"/> <b>No</b></p> <p>Please list the confidentiality reasoning next to the matter discussed, as per the example in the guidance notes.</p>	

**Conflict Of Interest Disclosures:**

Councillor / Officer making disclosure	Left Meeting: Yes / No
Cr Dale Harriman - interest not being a conflict of interest	No

**Record Completed by:** Amy Phillips, Coordinator Governance

# **URGENT BUSINESS**

**18. URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil reports



# MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

## **19. MEETING CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

Section 89(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989* enables the Council to close the meeting to the public if the meeting is discussing any of the following:

- (a) Personnel matters;
- (b) The personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer;
- (c) Industrial matters;
- (d) Contractual matters;
- (e) Proposed developments;
- (f) Legal advice;
- (g) Matters affecting the security of Council property;
- (h) Any other matter which the Council or Special Committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person;
- (i) A resolution to close the meeting to members of the public.

### **MOTION**

**Moved:** Cr Gibson

**Seconded:** Cr Howe

**That Council closes this Ordinary Meeting of Council to the public to consider the following items which are of a confidential nature, pursuant to section 89(2) of the *Local Government Act 1989* for the reasons indicated:**

#### **19.1 OFFICE DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**Agenda item 19.1 *Office Development Opportunity* is designated as confidential as it relates to proposed developments (s89 2e)**

#### **19.2 TRARALGON COURT HOUSE ACTIVATION FOLLOWING EXPRESSION OF INTEREST PROCESS**

**Agenda item 19.2 *Traralgon Court House Activation Following Expression of Interest Process* is designated as confidential as it relates to a matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person (s89 2h)**

#### **19.3 HAZELWOOD PONDAGE CARAVAN PARK**

**Agenda item 19.3 *Hazelwood Pondage Caravan Park* is designated as confidential as it relates to proposed developments (s89 2e)**

#### **19.4 POTENTIAL NAMING OF UNNAMED COUNCIL RESERVE LOCATED BETWEEN ALFRED DRIVE AND MAIN STREET YINNAR**

**Agenda item 19.4 *Potential naming of unnamed Council Reserve located between Alfred Drive and Main Street Yinnar* is designated as confidential as it relates to a matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person (s89 2h)**

**19.5 LATROBE CITY BUSINESS AND CULTURAL DELEGATION 2017**  
Agenda item 19.5 *Latrobe City Business and Cultural Delegation 2017* is designated as confidential as it relates to a matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person (s89 2h)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The Meeting closed to the public at 7:32 pm.

The meeting re-opened to the public at 8.23 pm

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.23 pm.

I certify that these minutes have been confirmed.

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_