

Existing conditions

Features in the existing Miles and Dodds Street Reserve that are no longer fit for purpose and need to be improved to create a safer, greener space.



The Substation - a dull and inactive part of the street.

This space looks unattractive, with a chain-link fence and no greenery.

Opportunity:

- Make the substation frontage less noticeable and more appealing with new plants and possibly some public art, such as a mural, to bring colour to the area and reduce the risk of vandalism.



Tired park furniture.

The current street furniture is tired, damaged and no longer fit for purpose.

Opportunities:

- Deliver high-quality, durable street furniture in line with City of Melbourne's standards.
- Select amenities that are easy to maintain, to promote a cleaner environment and reduce vandalism.
- Carefully place street furniture facing away from properties to ensure privacy.



Poor plant choices.

The existing low plants are not suitable for the space, are difficult to maintain and limit sight lines through the reserve.

Opportunities:

- Deliver plants that are easy to maintain, promoting a cleaner environment.
- Improve the landscaping to ensure clear lines of sight through the reserve.
- Deliver new garden beds with native plants to support wildlife.



Park is surrounded by roads, raising safety concerns about children playing so close to traffic.

Southbank is one of Melbourne's busiest neighbourhoods, with vehicles frequently moving through this area. The poor landscaping and plant selection makes it difficult for families to see oncoming traffic.

Opportunities:

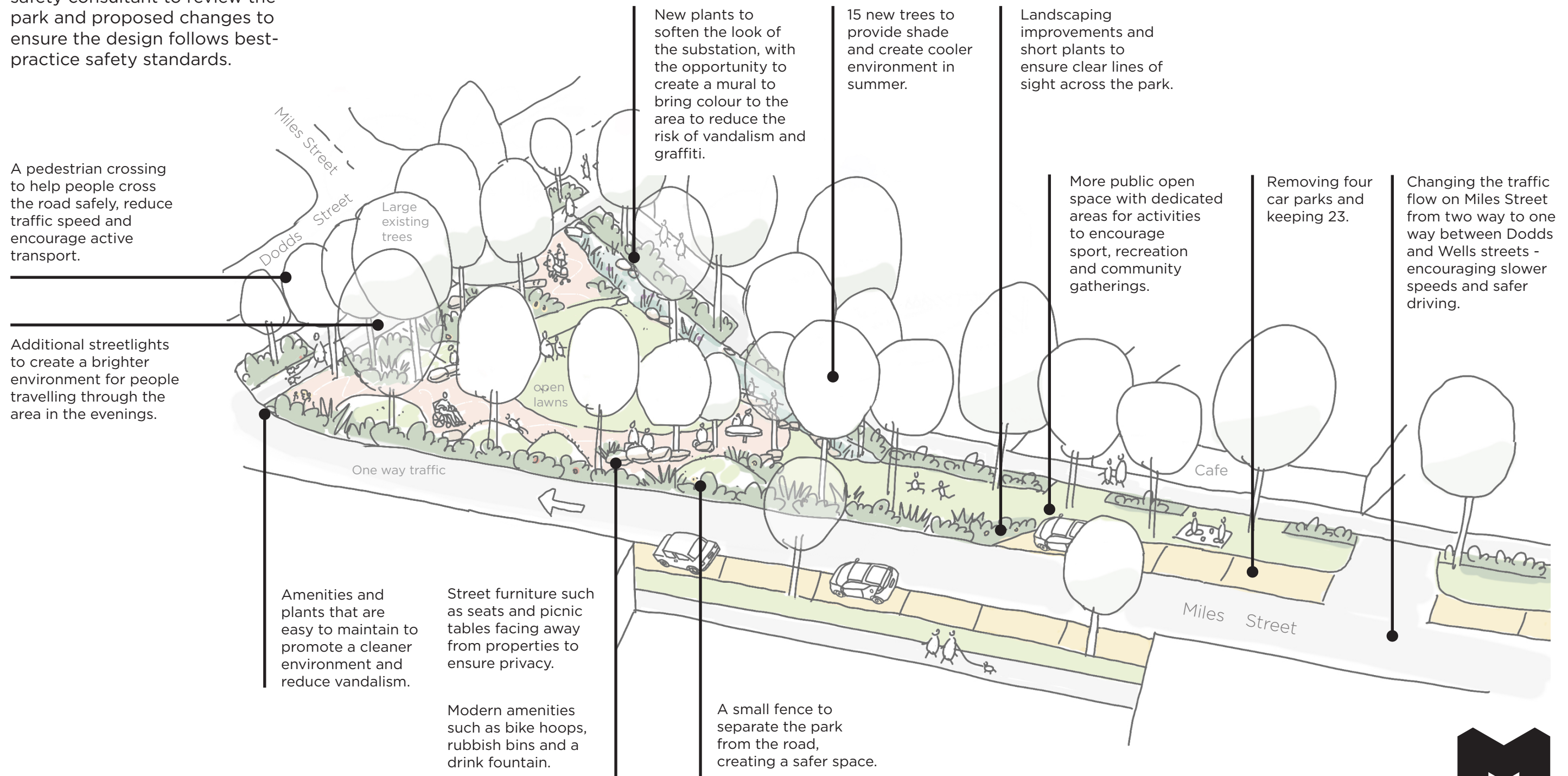
- Deliver an additional 700 square metres of open space for families to gather and spend time.
- Improve the landscaping to ensure clear lines of sight through the reserve.
- Install a low fence near the lawn area, to separate the reserve from the road lanes.
- Deliver a new pedestrian crossing, to help people cross the road safely.

Draft design plan

A safer and greener Southbank

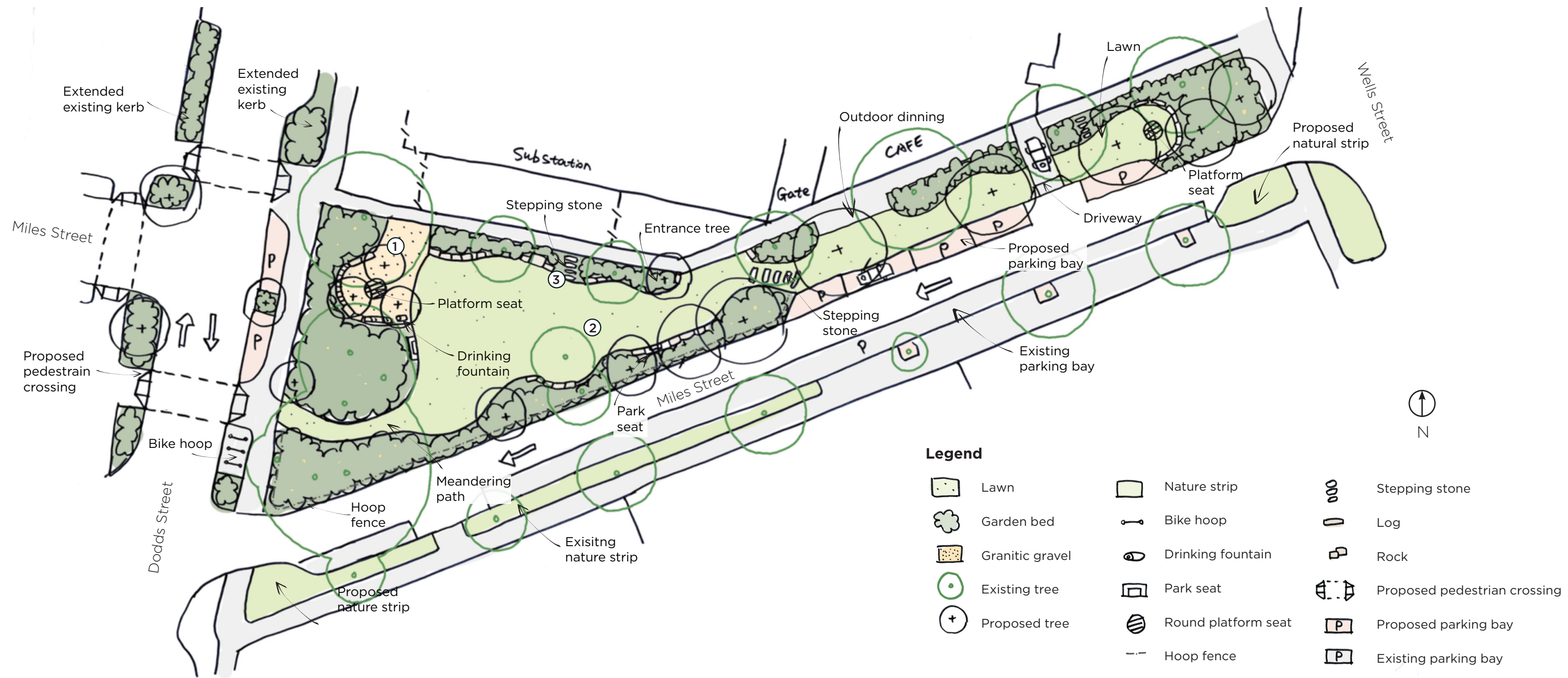
During community consultations in 2023 and 2024, you told us that creating a safe park and reducing anti-social behaviour was important to you. We're now working with an independent safety consultant to review the park and proposed changes to ensure the design follows best-practice safety standards.

In response to your feedback, the draft design aims to build neighbourhood connection through features such as:

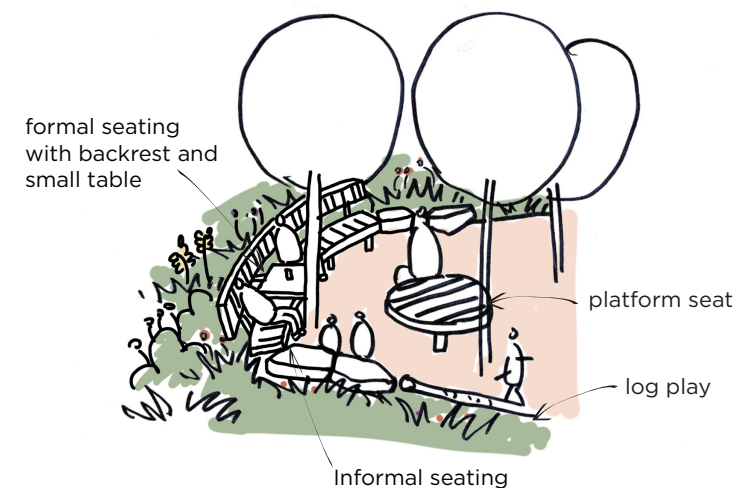


An artist's impression.

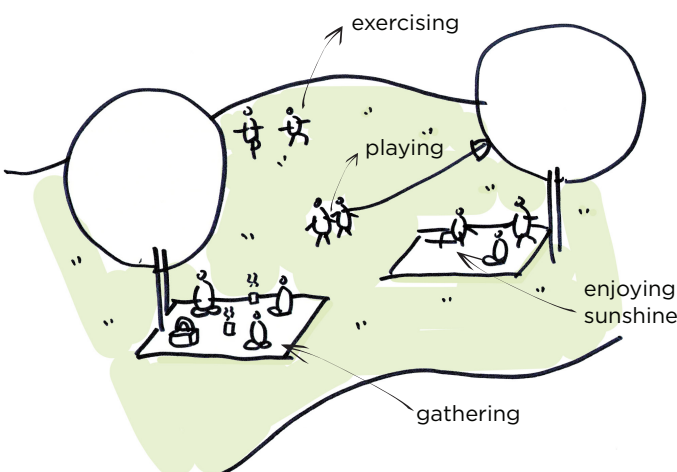
Miles and Dodds Street Reserve draft design plan



① Seating area



② Lawn



③ Garden bed

