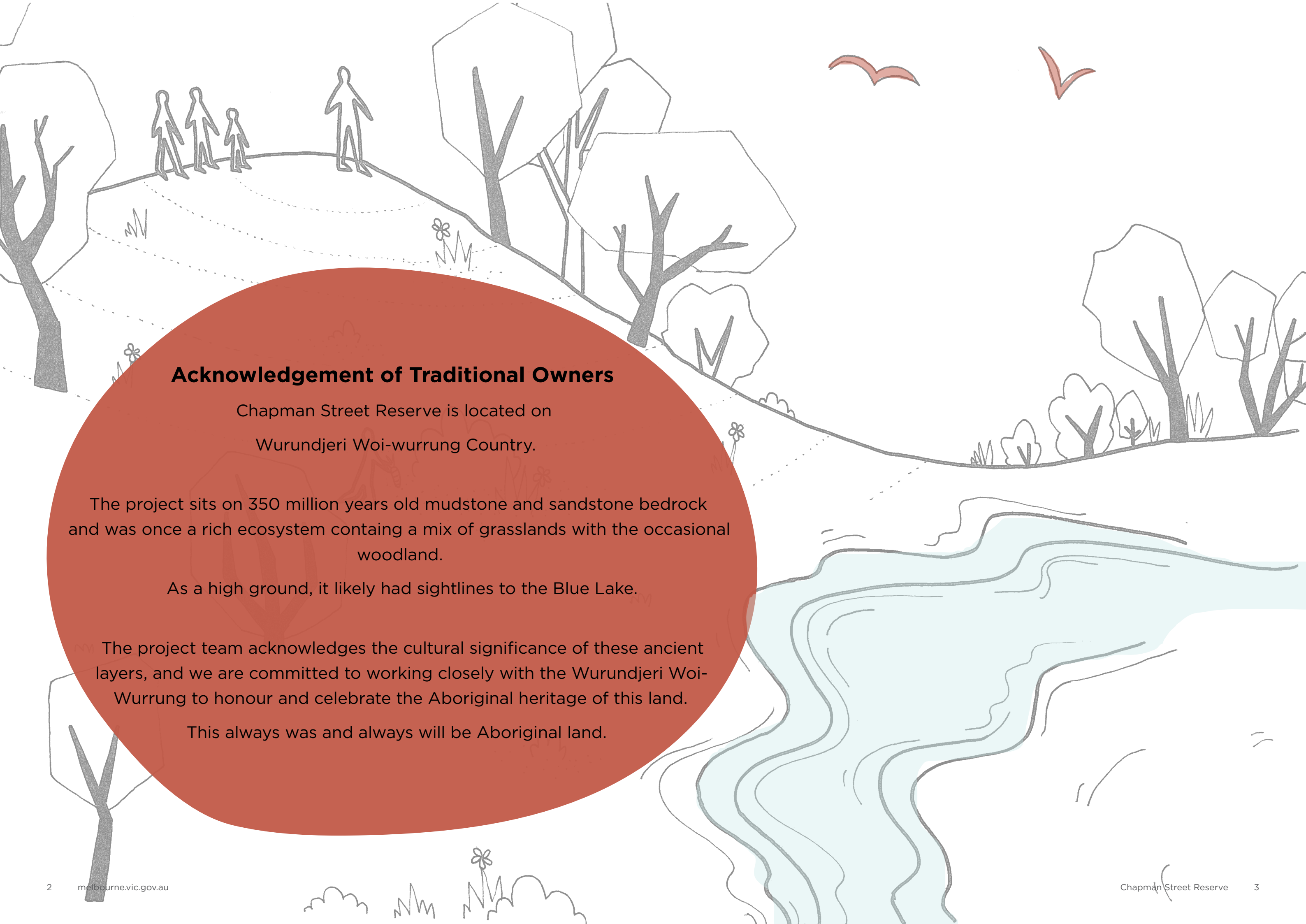


CHAPMAN STREET RESERVE

Draft Concept Report

March 2025

A stylized line drawing of a landscape. In the upper left, three human figures stand on a grassy hill. To their right, a large, angular rock formation sits on the same hill. Further right, a winding river flows from the background towards the foreground. The background features more trees and two birds in flight. The foreground has some small plants and a tree on the left. A large red circle is superimposed over the middle of the image, containing text.

Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

Chapman Street Reserve is located on
Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country.

The project sits on 350 million years old mudstone and sandstone bedrock
and was once a rich ecosystem containing a mix of grasslands with the occasional
woodland.

As a high ground, it likely had sightlines to the Blue Lake.

The project team acknowledges the cultural significance of these ancient
layers, and we are committed to working closely with the Wurundjeri Woi-
Wurrung to honour and celebrate the Aboriginal heritage of this land.

This always was and always will be Aboriginal land.

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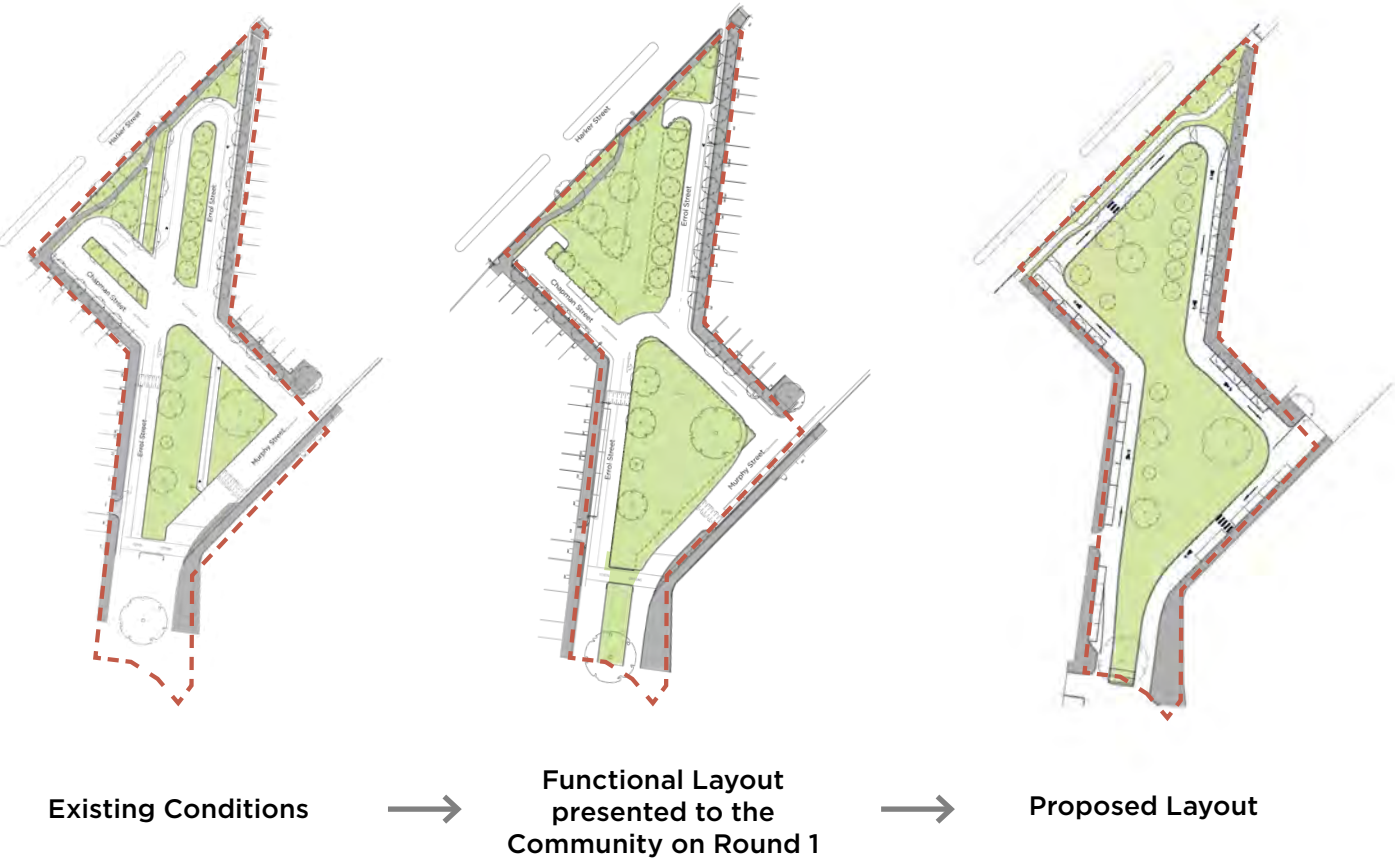
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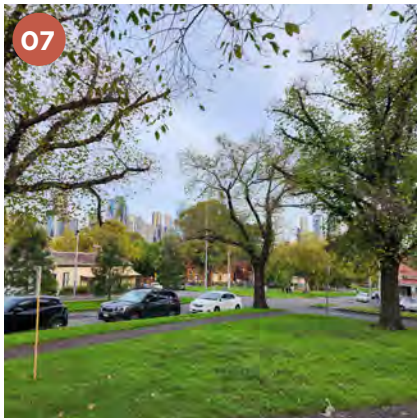
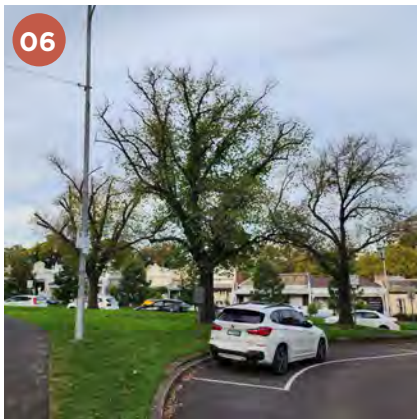
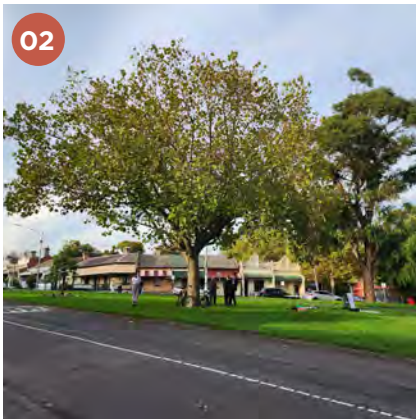
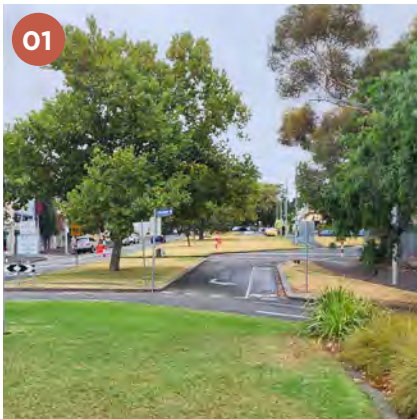
PROJECT SNAPSHOT

The Chapman Street Project will expand an existing, local park by turning roads into green space.

- This aims to:
- increase open space for the community
 - encourage more nature into the area



CHAPMAN STREET RESERVE



BIODIVERSITY CORRIDORS



01 Return to Royal Park*
Parkville



02 Native Grassland Circle
Parkville



03 Errol Street Reserve*
North Melbourne



04 Gardiner Reserve*
North Melbourne



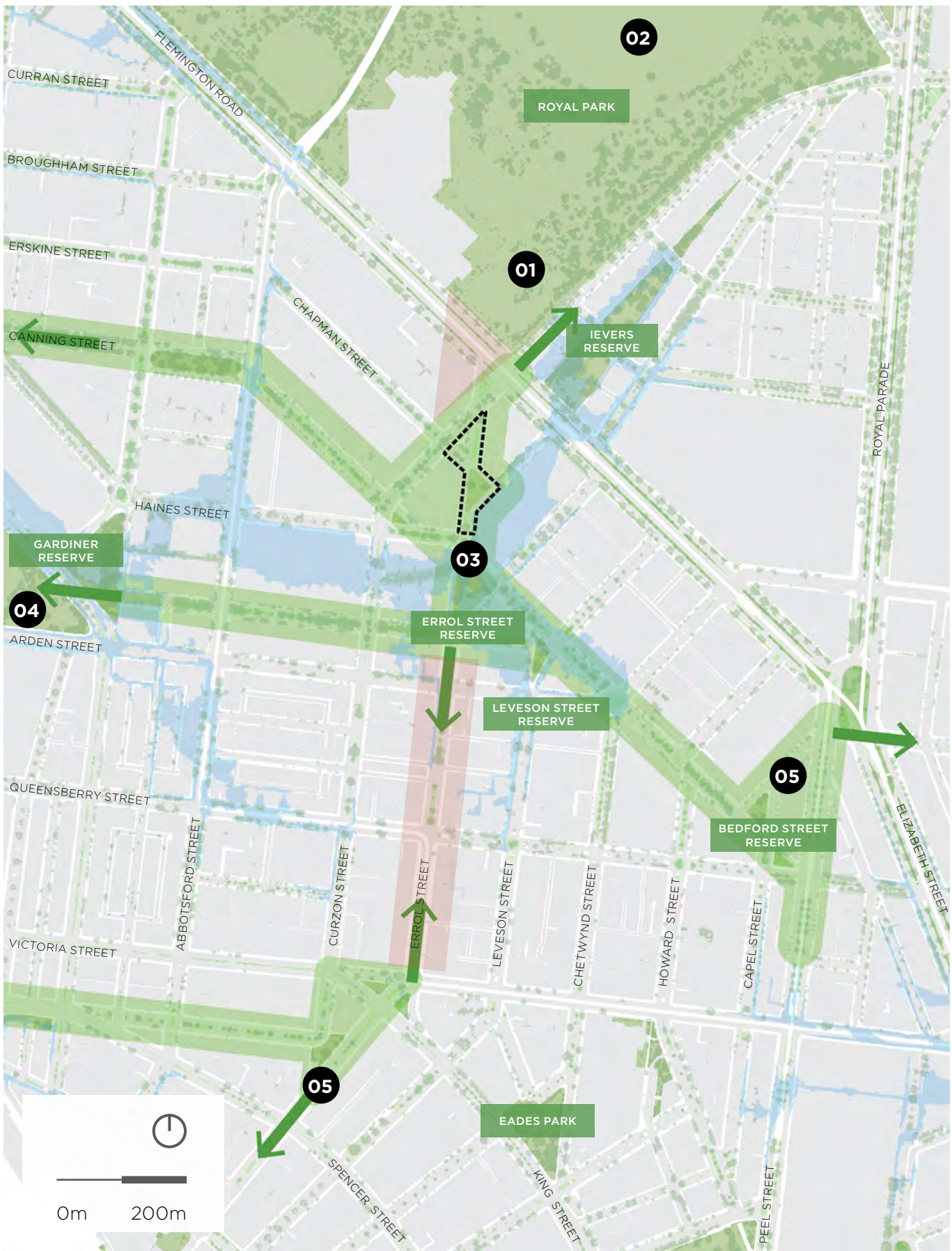
05 Bedford Street Pocket Park*
North Melbourne



06 Hawke Street Linear Park*
North Melbourne

Key

- Site boundary
- Biodiversity corridors
(identified in the Urban Forest Precinct Plan)
- Opportunities to extend
biodiversity corridors
(identified in the Urban Forest Precinct Plan)
- Opportunities to extend
biodiversity corridor
(identified by Chapman Street team)
- Existing open space
- Future open space
- Canopy cover



PEOPLE AND AMENITIES

AGE

- Most residents are between 20-34 years old

HOUSEHOLD

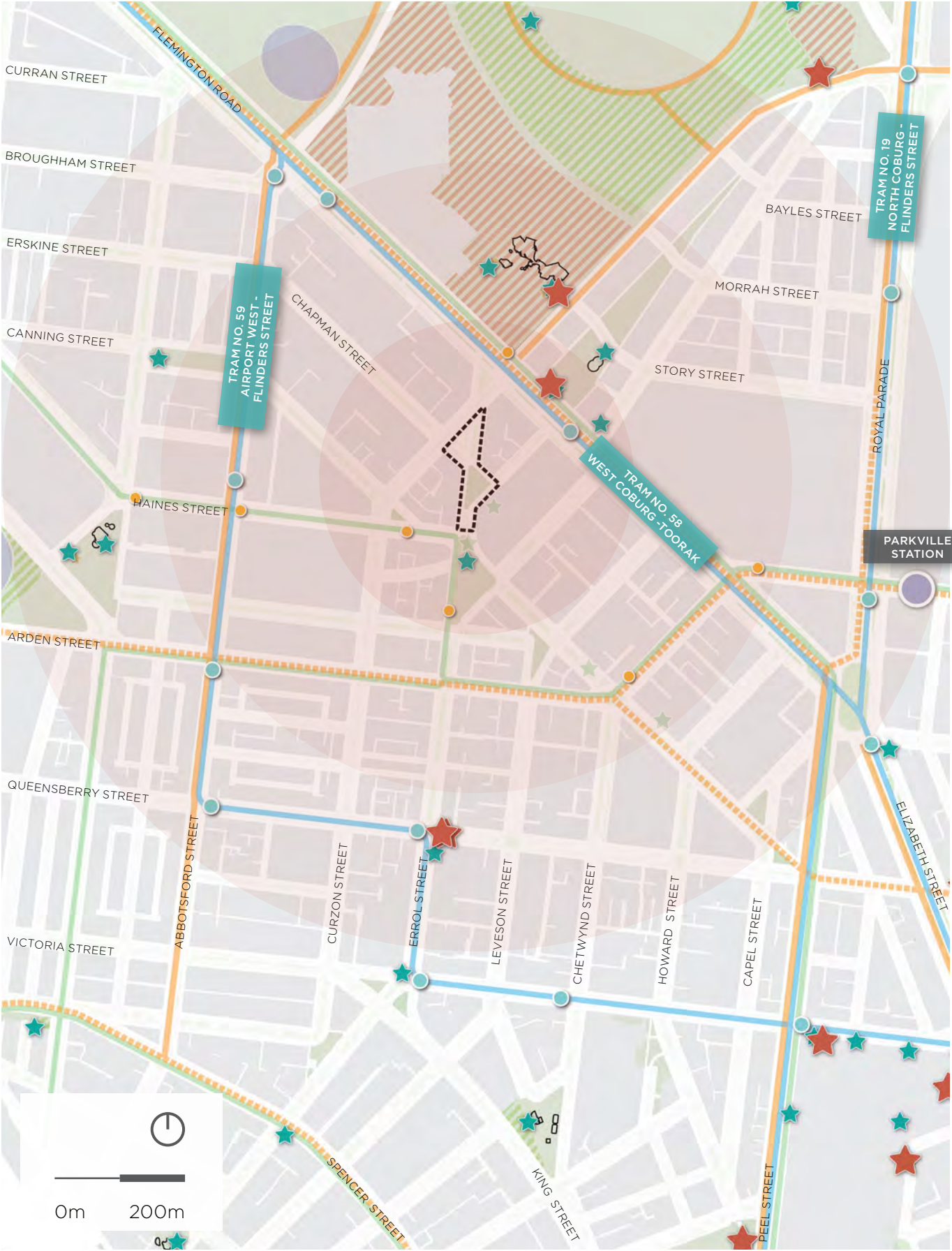
- 36.5% of North Melbourne households comprise of one person
- 21.3% of North Melbourne households comprise of couples without children

EMPLOYMENT AND TRANSPORT

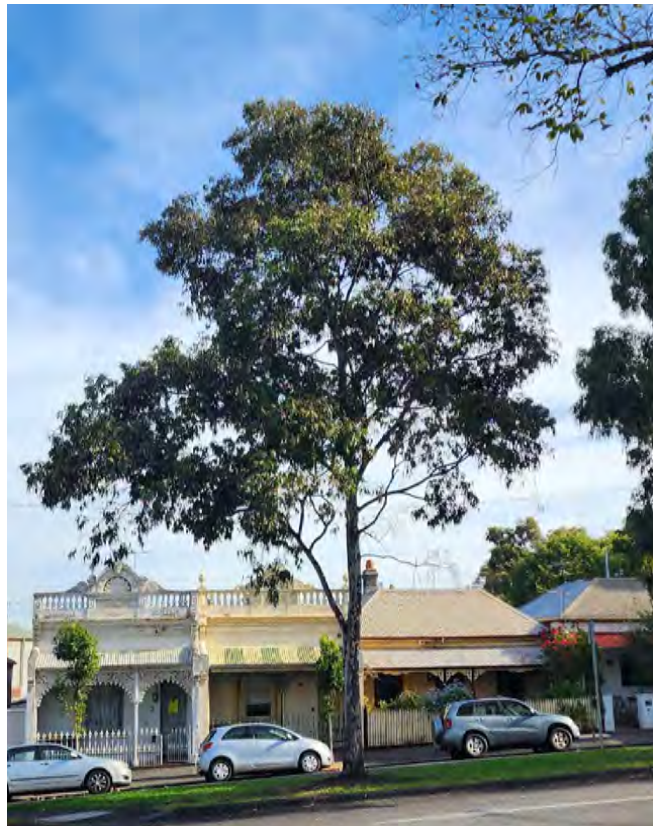
- 39% of employed people over the age of 15 worked from home
- 18.3% of people drove to work via car
- Compared to the CoM municipality, more people cycled to work from North Melbourne (3.5% compared to 2.2%)

Key

	Site boundary		Dog off leash area
	5 minute walk from Chapman Street Reserve		Dog prohibited area
	10 minute walk from Chapman Street Reserve		Public toilet
	15 minute walk from Chapman Street Reserve		Picnic seating
	Playground		Water fountain
	Sporting field		Community Garden



KEY EXISTING TREES



Corymbia maculata - Spotted Gum



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Ulmus sp. - English Elms



Corymbia maculata - Spotted Gum



Brachychiton sp.



Grevillea robusta - Grevillea Silky Oak

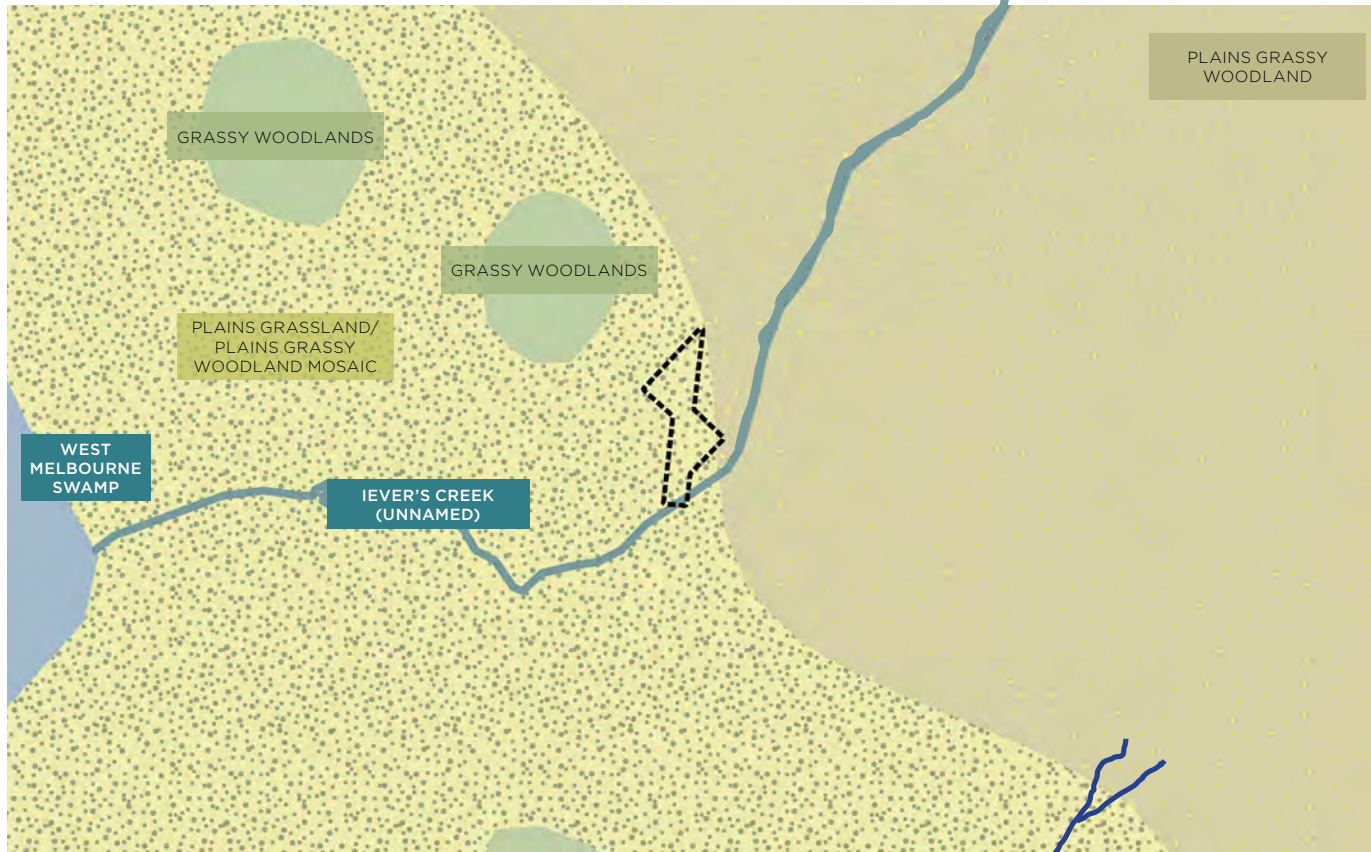


Eucalyptus botryoides - Southern Mahogany

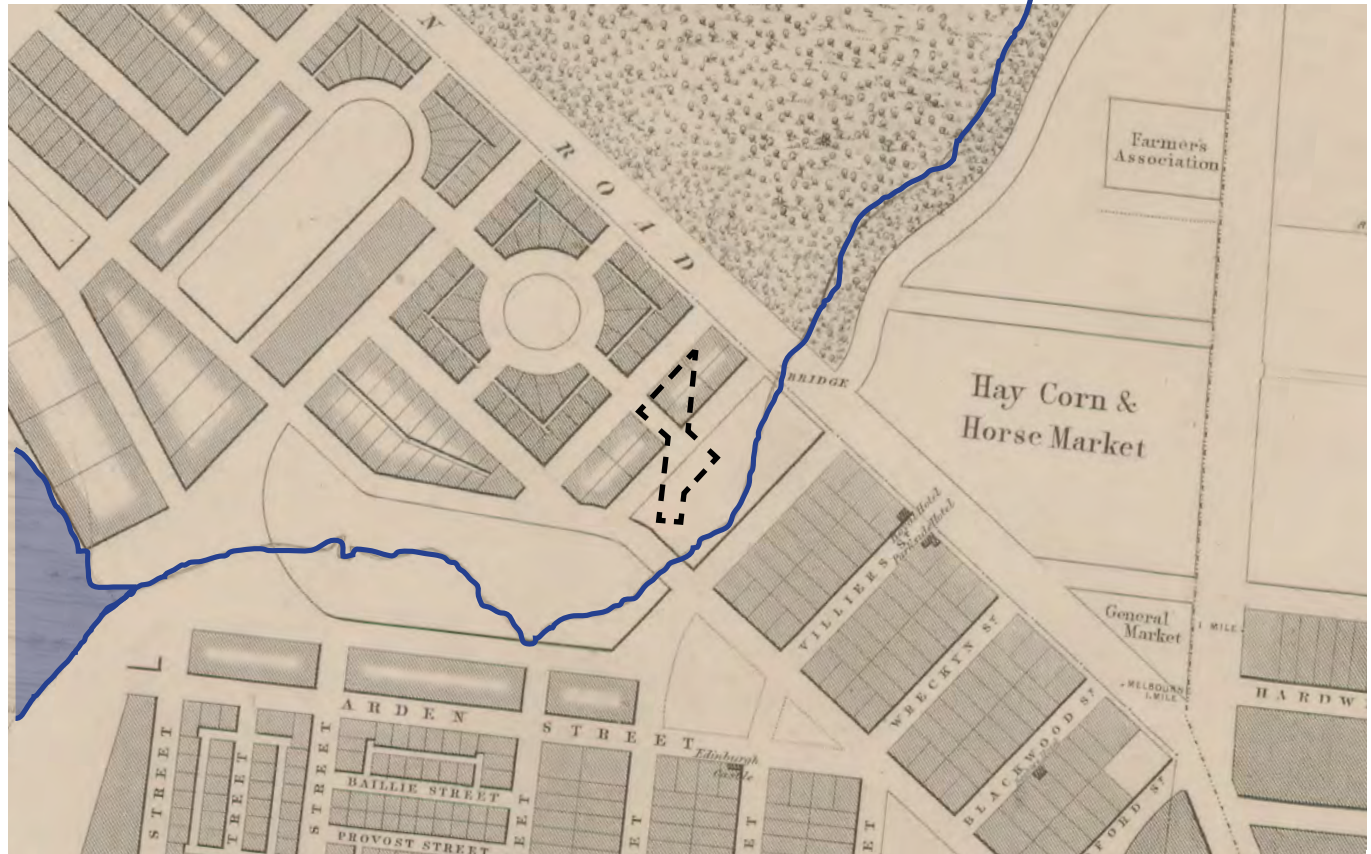


Platanus x acerifolia - London Plane

SITE HISTORY - WATER



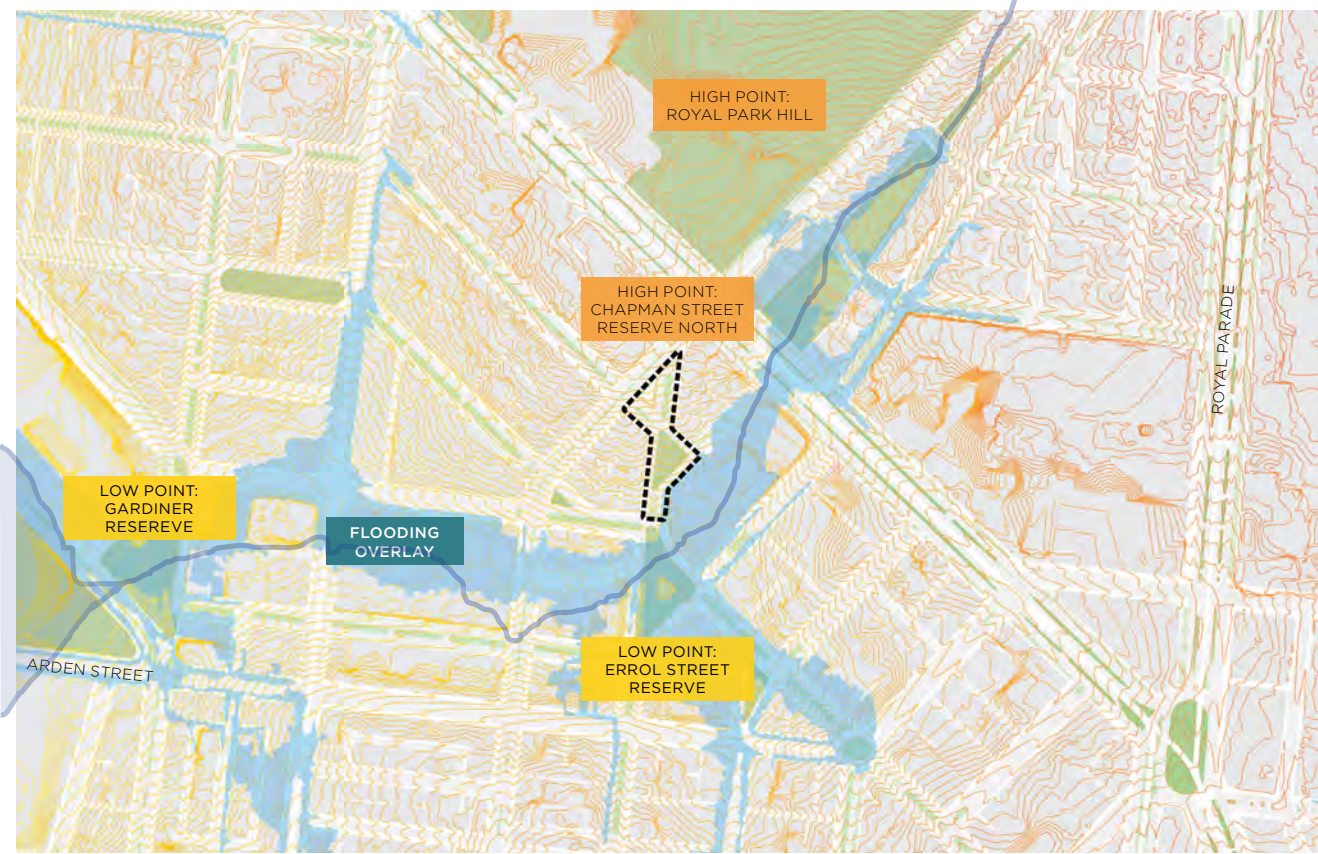
Melbourne's pre-1750's Ecological Vegetation Classes. Source NatureKit



1855 Iever's ephemeral creek Melbourne and its suburbs compiled by James Kearney, 1855. Source State Library



1895 Iever's underground Drain Melbourne Metropolitan Board of Works 1895. Source State Library

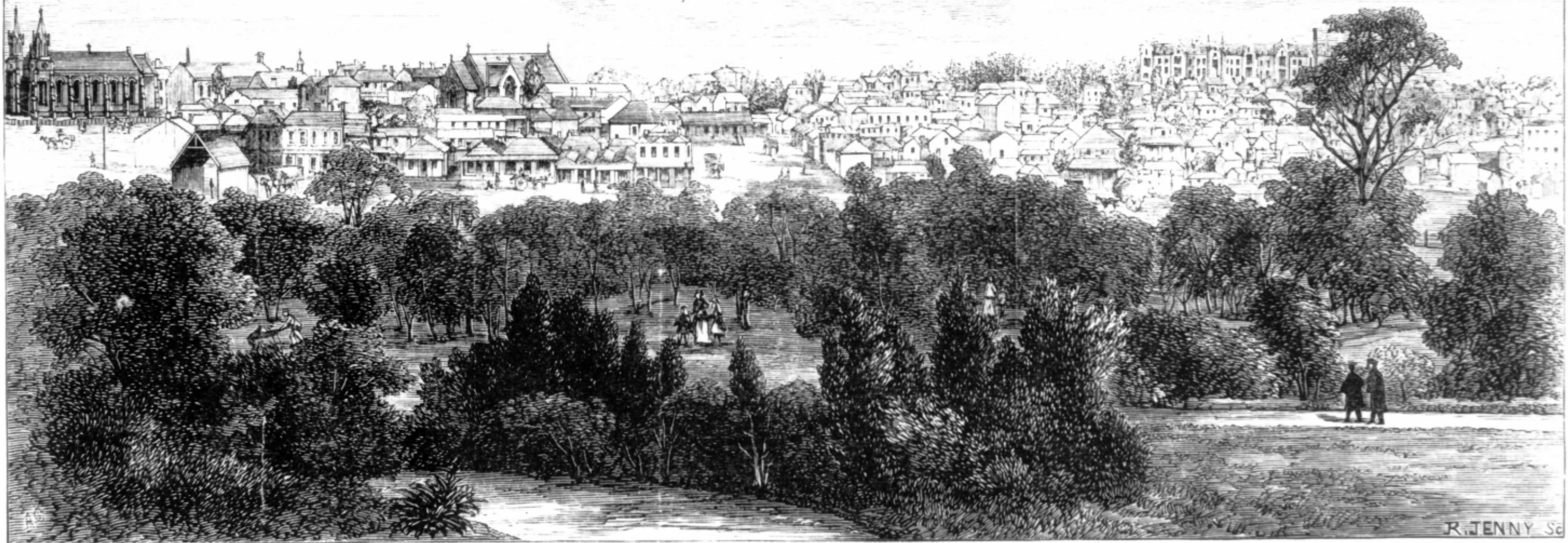


2021 Flood Overlay

SITE HISTORY – WATER

“In the foreground are Flemington Road and the creek, which flowed from levers Reserve in Parkville, under the present North Melbourne Primary School, and Harris Street, running into the swamp near the North Melbourne Football Ground.

The creek seriously delayed expansion of the town northwards. To control regular flooding, it was made into a storm water channel in 1866 at a cost of £4,957. Because of pollution from the growth of population and spread of industry, it was covered with a brick barrel vault in 1880 at a cost of £3,967.”



Hotham, Blanchard, Dr J R. 1860s. Source CoM Libraries

HOTHAM.

SITE HISTORY - VIEWS



View taken from the spot - Batman's Hill looking towards Mount Macedon - A. G. Gilbert - 1847. Source State Library VIC



Melbourne in 1838, From the Yarra Yarra - Clarence Woodhouse - 1888. Source State Library VIC



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT 1 SUMMARY

EXISTING LAYOUT



PROPOSED LAYOUT



40

people participated in the pop-up activity

260

responses on the online survey

1704

Visitors to Participate Melbourne

87%

of participants were supportive to expand the green space at Chapman Street

What respondents said

"More public art and native nature without monoculture lawns" - Survey respondent

"Native plants that invite wildlife" - Survey respondent

"Large open green space with trees for shade will provide the most use for the community" - Survey respondent

Greening

- Supportive of introducing native garden beds and additional planting to attract wildlife and improve overall park amenity.
- Some requested to create an even bigger park.

"There is already a new primary school in this area which has increased the traffic, residents (me) in this area struggling to find car parking" - Survey respondent

Traffic and parking

- Concern regarding loss of parking to accommodate the expanded park footprint.
- Some residents manifested interest on reducing parking to expand the park further

Dogs

- People highlighted the need for more fenced off dog parks.
- A similar amount of people asked for the space not to include a dog park.

"A dog park is the last thing we need in that space" - Survey respondent

"Can an improved route for bikes be created through the green space, or in the remaining street areas?" - Survey respondent

Cycling

- Cyclists asked for a clear cycling strategy and infrastructure.
- Pedestrians supported the relocation of the bike path due to cyclist speed through green space.

Safe Crossings

- There is the need for safer crossing points for pedestrians to the park, considering improvements to pedestrian crossings across the neighbourhood.

"Space for a community garden would be great, and spaces for picnics" - Survey respondent

"It's nice to just have grass and a few trees in a space that can be used for anything" - Survey respondent

Places to sit and relax in the sun

- The feedback included a common theme around enjoyment of sitting in the park at various times of the year, highlighting the need to plan for summer shade and winter sun.

Identity

- The community currently perceives the reserve not as a destination, but rather as a passage to elsewhere.



DESIGN PRINCIPLES: COMMUNITY

Supporting City of Melbourne Strategies:

- Open Space Strategy
- Transport Strategy
- Public Lighting Strategy
- Inclusive Melbourne Strategy

Terraces with city views

Diverse range of spaces and experiences

Interpretive play elements

PASSIVE SURVEILLANCE FROM HOUSES

ERROL ST RESERVE AND ROUNDTABLE

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN

NORTH MELBOURNE PRIMARY SCHOOL



DESIGN PRINCIPLES: ECOLOGY

Supporting City of Melbourne Strategies:

- Climate and Biodiversity Emergency Response
- Urban Forest Strategy
- Open Space Strategy
- Nature in the City Strategy
- Linking Nature in the City Strategy



DESIGN PRINCIPLES: WATER

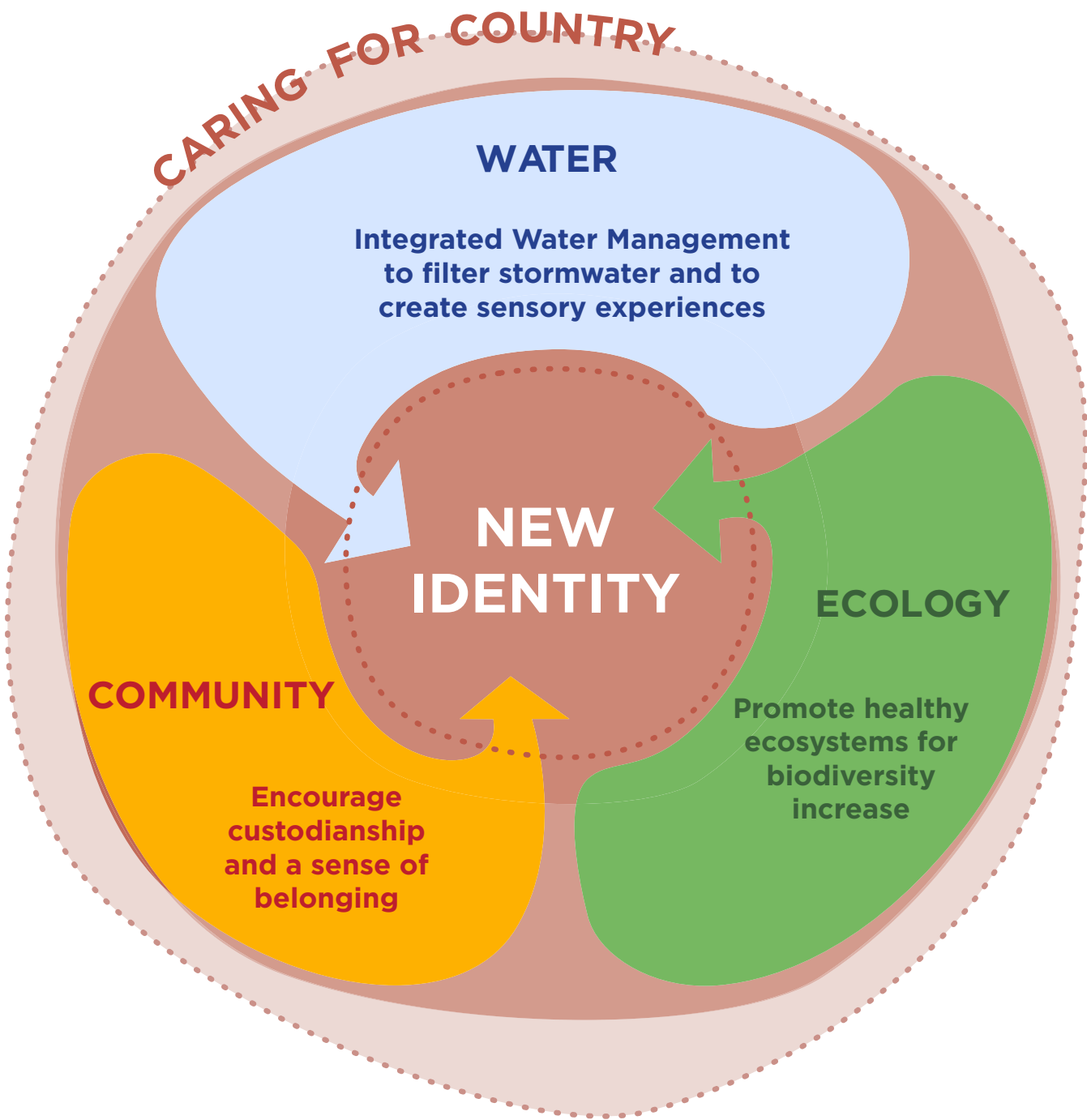
- Supporting City of Melbourne Strategies:
- Climate and Biodiversity Emergency Response
 - Municipal Integrated Water Management Plan
 - Nature in the City Strategy

Use water as a sensory element and habitat

Reference the hidden waterway



PROJECT VISION



DRAFT CONCEPT PLAN

LEGEND

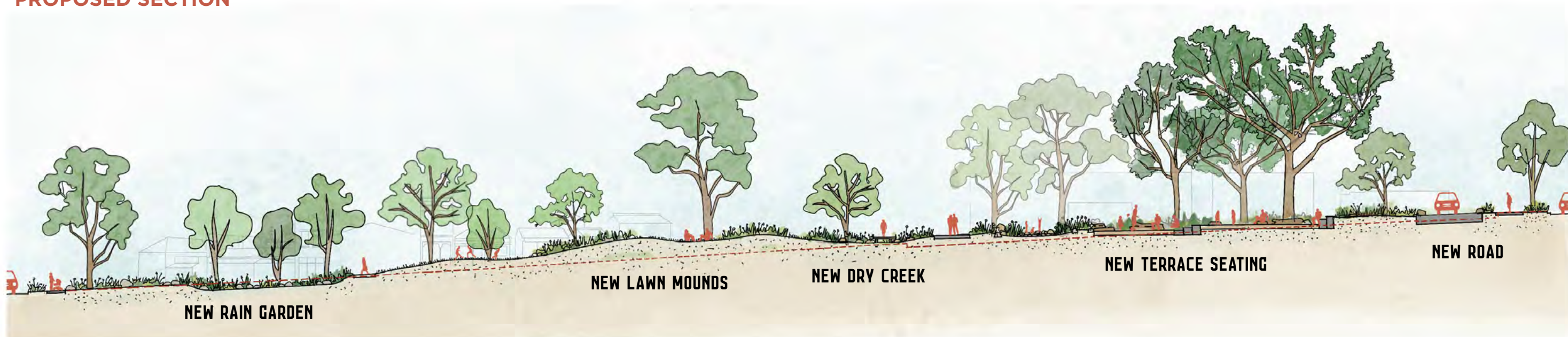
- Lawn
- Garden bed (native)
- Rain garden
- Dry creek/Spoondrain
- Granitic gravel and timber steppers
- Asphalt road
- Pedestrian crossing
- New road
- Concrete footpath
- Feature paving
- Bridge
- Rock boulders
- Logs
- Seating bench
- Platform seat
- Picnic table
- Existing trees
- Proposed trees



EXISTING SECTION



PROPOSED SECTION



DRAFT CONCEPT RENDER

NORTH MELBOURNE
PRIMARY SCHOOL

ERROL STREET
RESERVE

CHAPMAN STREET

HARKER STREET

ERROL STREET