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# 1. Executive Summary



## 1.1. Executive Summary

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This landscape management plan proposes a refined vision for the Outer Circle Railway Linear Park - Boyd Park, Springthorpe Gardens, and Riley Reserve.

The Management Plan provides a refreshed framework to guide management, development and decision making into the future, based on a shared vision and guiding principles.

It is the Vision of the plan to celebrate the existing historical and environmental values of the Outer Circle Railway Linear park as a collection of diverse spaces, valued by the community.

The overall design principles seek to connect and integrate the linear park to its local and municipal context, with an increased legibility of character and defined spaces.

The Management Plan encompasses the overall design strategies and actions for Boyd Park, Springthorpe Gardens and Riley Reserve.

The document is broken down into the following sections:

- Introduction and background, provides a short summation of the location and scope of the site, as well as a historical overview.
- Context, an overview of the project site and surrounding areas.
- Site analysis.
- Vision and principles, the vision and principles established to inform the development of the project.
- Landscape Management Plan, guidelines, recommendations and future directions for each area within the Outer Circle Linear Park.
- Additional guidelines, provides an overview of proposed park furniture elements and wayfinding signage throughout the park.



A photograph of a park entrance. In the foreground, a wide, light-colored paved path leads towards a green metal gate. The gate is flanked by two large, weathered stone pillars. To the right of the gate, a plaque is visible on the stone pillar. The background is filled with lush green trees and foliage, creating a serene and natural setting. The overall tone of the image is slightly muted, with a soft, natural light.

## 2. Introduction and Background



## 2.1. Location & Context

The Outer Circle Railway Linear Park consists of Boyd Park, Springthorpe Gardens and Riley Reserve. The site is located in the city of Glen Eira, 16km south-east of the Melbourne CBD.

While each is considered a separate open space, due to their proximity and connectivity they are however considered a collective significant local open space.

The linear park is bordered by Dandenong Road in the north, Wilson Street, Riley Street and Kitmont Street to the east, the Dandenong Railway Reserve to the south and Montrose Court and housing to the west. The land is a combination of Council freehold land, Crown Land and VicTrack land and is managed by Council under Committee of Management delegation.

Southern Boundaries of Boyd Park and Riley Reserve are adjacent to the Djerring Trail, a 17km shared user path which connects between Caulfield and Dandenong. This was created as part of the Caulfield to Dandenong Grade Separation project.





## 2.2. Scope

The refreshed Management Plan provides an update of the existing 2004 Landscape Management Plan for the Outer Circle Railway/Boyd Park.

Importantly the Plan will address the significant changes being made to the southern boundaries of Boyd Park and Riley Reserve through the Caulfield to Dandenong Grade Separation project. Areas that once adjoined a fenced rail corridor become activated through the Djerring Trail, and see the connections, access and function of these spaces change dramatically.

Additionally a Melbourne Water project to duplicate drainage pipes has seen major disruptions to the environment to Riley Reserve, Springthorpe Gardens and the central area of Boyd Park.

The Management Plan will address the following matters, but not limited to:

- Assessment of maintenance regimes and their impact and make any necessary recommendations to ensure the integrity of the park is adhered to with a suitable action plan;
- Address the significant landscape characteristics of each space;
- Recommendations presented in the Glen Eira Open Space Strategy;
- Development of specific landscape and infrastructure treatments;
- Consideration to align the level crossing removal project and Melbourne Water drain upgrade;
- Management and development of the existing vegetation and facilities;
- Consider connectivity and access around the park; and
- Security and CPTED considerations.

### 2.2.1 Boyd Park

Boyd Park is a linear open space and part of the former Outer Circle Railway that originally extended much further north to Kew East.

Facilities located at Boyd Park include a playground, picnic facilities, walking/bicycle track, rotunda, Merrick Boyd memorial marker and a Scout hall adjacent to the railway line.

Sections of Boyd Park are included in a S.B.O (drainage) overlay under the local planning scheme.

The southern section of Boyd Park contains a large number of indigenous and remnant vegetation species, and is protected by a 'Vegetation Protection Overlay'. These trees and vegetation are highly valued by the Glen Eira community and provide a popular destination for residents to walk and picnic.

### 2.2.2 Springthorpe Gardens

Springthorpe Gardens is a Council owned reserve of 0.75 ha bordered by Neerim Road, Tuckett Street and Omama Road in Murrumbeena. Springthorpe Gardens have a more formal layout with exotic trees, garden beds and open grassed areas. This is in contrast with the indigenous and native species found within Boyd Park.

A major feature of Springthorpe Gardens are the park gates which were the original lodge gates of the Royal Melbourne Hospital prior to 1860, before being installed as entrance gates to Joyous Gard, the property of Dr Springthorpe. The gates were later donated and installed at their present site in 1934. The gates are protected by a heritage overlay and the park site is included in a S.B.O (drainage). An adjoining property (21 Omama Road, Murrumbeena) has a significant landscape overlay under the local planning scheme.

### 2.2.3 Riley Reserve

Riley Reserve is a Council owned reserve of 0.41 ha and is bordered by Neerim Road, Arthur Street and the Djerring Trail. Significantly the southern boundary is adjacent to the elevated rail corridor and Djerring Trail recently created through the State Government Grade Separation project, which will impact the future use and character of this space.





## 2.3. Background Documents

In the development of this landscape management plan and associated drawings, ASPECT Studios have taken into consideration the following background documents.

### Open Space Strategy 2014

Recommendations from the document:

#### Boyd Park

Continue to implement the existing management plan with an emphasis on strengthening the indigenous and landscape character of this reserve.

#### Riley Reserve

Minor upgrade to provide additional informal recreation facilities including seats and walking path to improve accessibility. Investigate the need for a pedestrian crossing between Riley Reserve to Springthorpe Gardens to improve linear links.

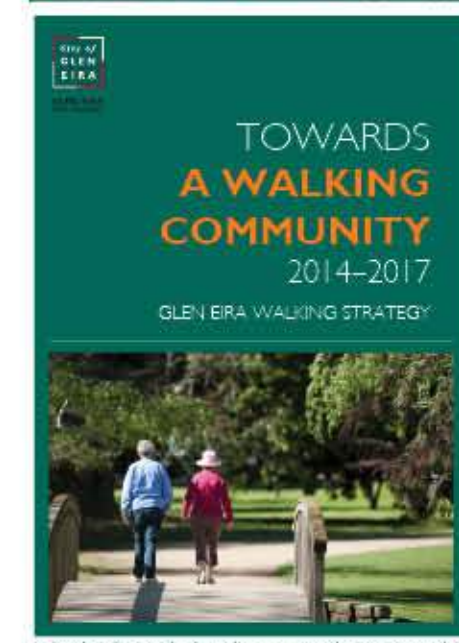
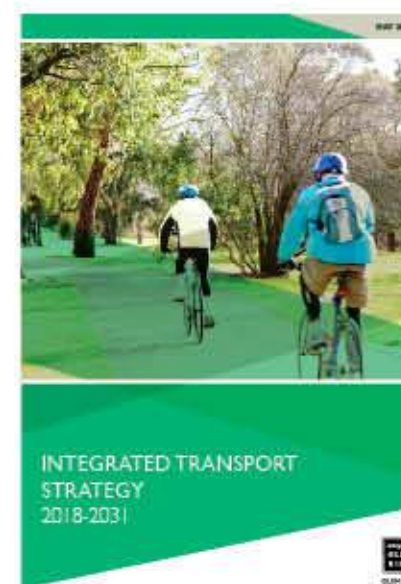
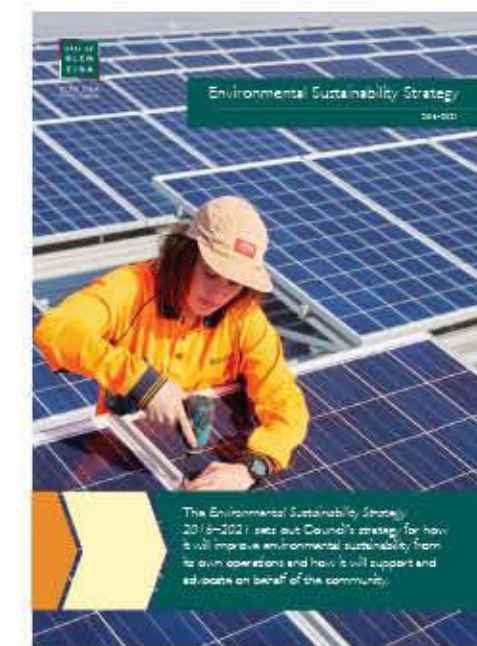
\*N.B - These recommendations were made prior to the grade separation works, which is taken into account in the proposed management plan.

#### Springthorpe Gardens

Continue to maintain this open space and link through to Boyd Park, and implement recommendations in the existing Boyd Park Management Plan.

Other relevant strategies considered:

- Outer Circle Railway Linear Park Management Plan 2004
- Street Tree Strategy
- Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2016-2021
- Integrated Transport Strategy 2018-2031
- Towards A Walking Community 2014-2017
- Biodiversity in Glen Eira 2018
- Glen Eira Reconciliation Action Plan October 2018 - October 2020





## 2.4. Aboriginal Significance

The people of the Boon Wurrung\* language groups of the Kulin Nation are the Traditional Owners of this area that now makes up the southern and south-eastern suburbs of Melbourne, which includes the municipality of Glen Eira.

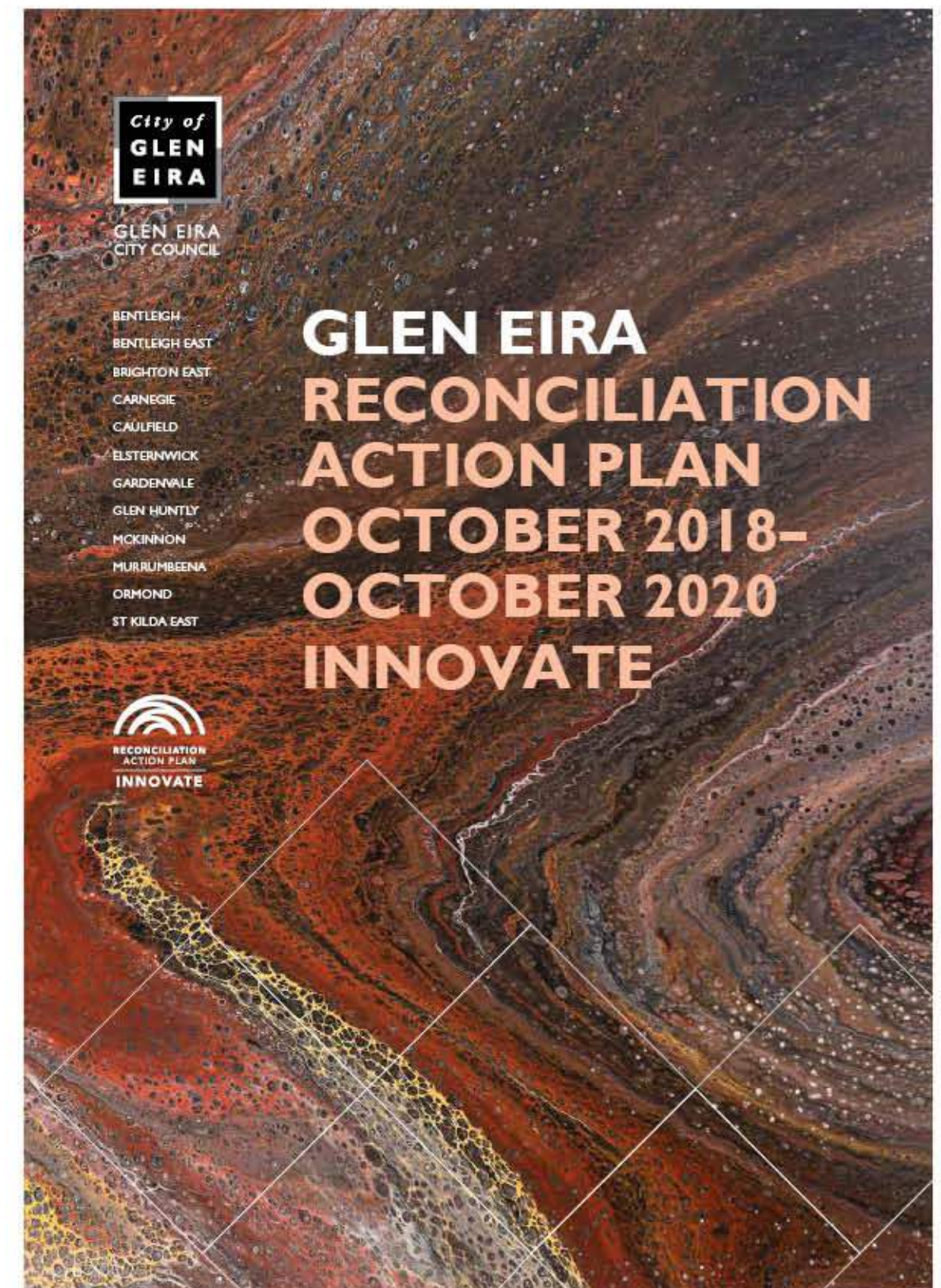
The Outer Circle Railway rests on the ancient ancestral family estates of the Ngaruk Willam clans of the Boon Wurrung language people. To the north, close neighbours are the Wurundjeri Willam clans of the people who speak the Woiwurrung language—both are part of the much larger Kulin nation.

The Ngaruk Willam and Wurundjeri Willam clans, are parts of an ancestral canvas that made up the vast Kulin nation. The Kulin nation is a millennia-old federation of five distinct language groups and hereditary estates; respectively being the Boon Wurrung, Woiwurrung, Daung Wurrung, Dja Dja Wurrung, Watha Wurrung people. The Kulin nation covered an area of more than 2.5 million hectares of land, extending well beyond the furthest limits of today's 21 century Melbourne, and encompassing much of Central and Southern Victoria.

The Kulin Nation were bound through a complex bond of language, reciprocity, sacred sites and ceremony, judicial law, economy, blood ties and marriage. All were equally strong in their independence, with distinct dialects and customs from clan to clan. A true multicultural state of nations.

Council approved its inaugural Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan 2018-2020 (RAP) in October 2018. Glen Eira City Council's RAP has a vision is for a unified, respectful and thriving community that embraces Australia's First Peoples for their experiences of the past, their resilience in the present and their aspirations for the future. The plan is focused on building respectful relationships and providing meaningful opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to live well, work, be acknowledged as Australia's First Peoples and play a central role in Glen Eira's development.

(\*Also known as the Bunurong, Bunwurrung, Boonwerung, Bunuwurung and Bururong)





## 2.5. Cultural Significance

### 2.5.1 Boyd Park & Outer Circle Railway

Boyd Park formed part of the Outer Circle Railway. The railway was completed in 1891 and ran in three sections from Oakleigh to Fairfield Park. After closure in 1897, sections of land surrounding the railway link (now Boyd Park and surrounds) were fenced off and leased for agistment of horses.

While the land was not officially public parkland, it was frequented by community members for recreation activities such as bike riding, bonfires, fishing and canoeing in the creek. Murrumbeena Creek flowed under Dandenong Road and frequently flooded during heavy rainfall. The land remained as an unkempt paddock until 1960, when a local resident group formed, with intentions of beautifying the area. Council took over the maintenance of the park during the mid 1960s.

Following the announcement by the Premier in February 1988 of the creation of the Outer Circle Linear Park between Kew and Caulfield, residents proposed that part of the park within Caulfield be named Boyd Park. This was to honour the family of talented painters, writers and musicians, one branch of who lived and worked close to the parkland.

Boyd Park is part of the original route of the Outer Circle Railway line. Despite it being long closed, the remnants of the railway line, including its tracks and a bridge, were present when Merric Boyd came to Murrumbeena. The line opened in 1890 and operated for just five years in Murrumbeena. It had originally run for 12 kilometres, from Fairfield to Oakleigh, and its construction overseen by the young, and later highly distinguished, Sir John Monash. It was first proposed in the early 1870s in a period of Victorian railway expansion to bring rail traffic from Gippsland into Melbourne through its northern suburbs. Its construction was seen as being an advantage to the government of the day in restricting the growth of privately owned rail companies, and was supported by Melbourne's outer eastern districts which saw the line as a way of encouraging development.

The railway was a commercial failure. A major problem was that it never ran as one continuous line, which made it necessary for passengers to change trains between sections. The land boom that was expected to take place along its course did not eventuate, and goods and passenger traffic from Gippsland never used the line into Melbourne. By the time it was in operation, the government had bought the private railway which operated from South Yarra to Flinders Street, and a line connected Oakleigh to Melbourne. The Outer Circle was shut down in sections, beginning in 1893. The Oakleigh to Ashburton section, which included Murrumbeena, closed in 1885 and by 1897 the entire line was closed.

In Murrumbeena, the Outer Circle came off the Dandenong line near present day Hughesdale and ran the short distance to Neerim Road, continuing on a gentle downhill slope into a minor valley formed by Murrumbeena Creek in present day Boyd Park. The creek, now barrelled and running entirely underground, ran through what is now Springthorpe Gardens in Neerim Road and into Boyd Park. It and the Outer Circle Railway intersected at the bottom of Wahroongaa Crescent, a bridge and embankments carrying the line over the creek. Although the creek ran barely a trickle in summer, it could become a torrent after heavy rain. Local children, including the Boyd children often played in the creek after a downpour. A number of them, including David and Mary Boyd, and Lucy's son Robert, almost lost their lives in a flooded Murrumbeena Creek.

After the Outer Circle's closure and as Murrumbeena developed, it became a space for local residents to use. Sections were fenced and leased for horse agistment and for a period, a riding school operated from there. Children used the reserve — and especially the railway bridge and its embankments — as an adventure playground. They, including David Boyd, built a bike track on the large section of open space on the slope between Wahroongaa Crescent and Wahroongaa Road. Locals constructed communal bonfires for events such as Guy Fawkes Night. An especially large one was built to celebrate the end of the Second World War.

Around 1930, the railway bridge was demolished. The line remained until wartime when the rails were pulled up for scrap. Later, when the creek was barrelled, the two small footbridges that had crossed it at Wahroongaa Crescent and Wahroongaa Road were demolished. Merric often sketched from the Wahroongaa Crescent bridge. It was also frequently used by the Boyd family and countless others to buy their milk from the well-known Cove's Dairy in Wilson Street.

In 1955 the Outer Circle Railway in Murrumbeena was rezoned from Railway Easement to Future Main Road Reservation, in order for a new road to be built. This was abandoned in December 1983. It was then proposed to zone the railway land Residential C, enabling sections of it to be sold and subdivided. A community association, the Murrumbeena Outer Circle Parkland Retention Group, formed to fight the proposal. Their lobbying, which included significant media events and the involvement of Guy Boyd through The Age newspaper, was supported by Caulfield Council. It led to the formation of a study group to investigate creating one long linear park that incorporated all of the remaining Outer Circle land. In late 1986 the study group recommended that the Outer Circle Railway land be transferred to Crown ownership and that an Outer Circle Railway Linear Park be established, and in February 1988, this took place. In 1989 and 1990 significant community tree planting began in the reserve, organised by the Caulfield Environment Group with the assistance and support of Council. It was officially named Boyd Park in 1992.



## 2.5. Cultural Significance

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### 2.5.2 Springthorpe Gardens

These bluestone gates stood at the entrance of Dr John Springthorpe's Joyous Gard Estate. These gates were originally from the Lodge of the Royal Melbourne Hospital, Melbourne's first public hospital, on the corner of Lonsdale and Swanston Streets. Dr Springthorpe was presented with these gates in 1910 in appreciation for his services when the hospital site was redeveloped. Tuckett Street was once a part of the original driveway of the Tuckett's Omama home. Apart from the Springthorpe Estate, the subdivision of Omama led to the creation of the Corinan Estate, which extended from Tuckett Street almost to Hobart Road. This estate included a grand house which faced Neerim Road near Tuckett Street. It included ponds, aviaries and free running deer.

The Springthorpe Estate, along with Corinan and remnants of the Wahroonga Estate, were the last of the significant properties to be subdivided in the northern section of Murrumbidgee between Neerim Road and Dandenong Road. They had been present when Merric Boyd arrived and remained intact until their development in the 1930s. It was then that the rural nature of northern Murrumbidgee was changed forever. The only home that remains from the subdivision of Omama is Yaralla, on the corner of Omama Road and Tuckett Street.

While many Murrumbidgee residents lamented the loss of Murrumbidgee's estates and rural character, Merric Boyd does not appear to be one of them. He seems to have adapted readily to the changes that occurred around him. He was genuinely interested in all things in his environment, natural and man-made, and created images of both.

The Boyd heritage is one of the very special features of Murrumbidgee. As a creative family whose interests touched virtually every area of the arts, the Boyds stand alone, and while their physical presence has gone, their memory in Murrumbidgee lives on. It survives in the presence of Tralee, the original home of Arthur Merric and Emma Minnie Boyd at 4 Wahroonga Crescent. It endures in the thousands of drawings that Merric created of the area, and in the minds of those who knew the Boyds and pass on their memories to others. It continues with those who appreciate and value the things the Boyds valued — like creativity, self-expression and family life. And it lives on in those who take the time to travel the streets of Murrumbidgee and learn about this creative Australian family.

### 2.5.3 Riley Reserve

In 1924 Caulfield Council negotiated the purchase of a parcel of land bound by Arthur Street and Neerim Road, for the purposes of building a 'pleasure ground'. In 1929 the southern portion was transferred from the Railways department. In 1937 Council resolved to name the park Riley Reserve.



## 2.5. Cultural Significance



The 'Black Bridge', over Gardiners Creek between East Malvern and Alamein c.1935. Source: Glen Eira City Council.



Gates shortly after their installation, c.1935. Source: Glen Eira Historical Society.



Gates in present day, 2018

### THE OUTER CIRCLE RAILWAY.

A public meeting of the ratepayers of Sandridge was held last evening with reference to the proposed line of railway to Gipps Land, and to oppose the outer circle scheme. The mayor of the borough occupied the chair, and he stated that the meeting had been convened in consequence of a resolution which was passed at the last meeting of the borough council. Mr. Swallow, in proposing the first resolution, dwelt at some length upon the injustice which would be done to the inhabitants of the colony by the adoption of the outer circle line of railway in making them pay for a railway which would take an unnecessary detour of at least eight miles. The only persons benefited by the proposed route would be the property holders in that district. The traffic from Gipps Land would, by the outer circle line, be conveyed to North Melbourne, and thence to Williamstown, instead of going by the most direct and nearest road, Sandridge. The resolution was as follows:—"That in the opinion of this meeting the proposal to carry that portion of the Gipps Land Railway from Melbourne to Oakleigh along the route known as the outer circle is at once impolitic, extravagant and unfair, inasmuch as by so doing the great centres of population between the points named would be entirely avoided, the cost of construction of the line, as well as the transit of passengers and merchandise, would be greatly and unnecessarily increased, and an amount of incon-

### TRAGEDY OF THE OUTER CIRCLE RAILWAY

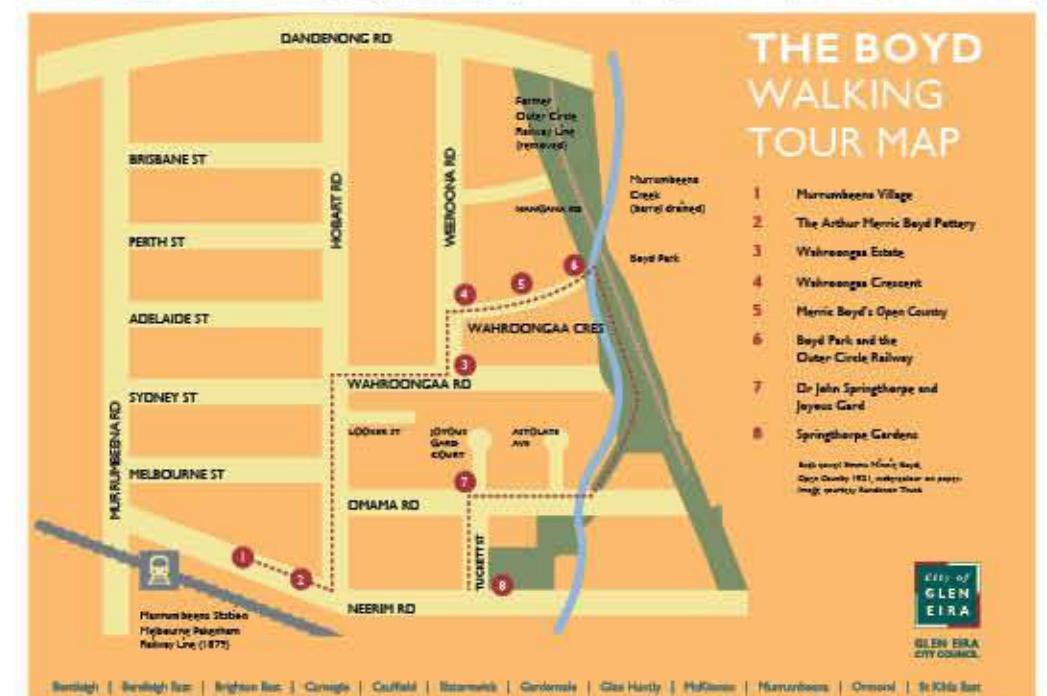


The Outer Circle in its heyday. The picture shows the type of engine and carriage used on the line in the 'thirties.

### A Visionary Line to Relieve City Traffic Had a Chequered, Depressing History

By JOHN STEELE

TO the residents of the eastern suburbs of Melbourne the Outer Circle railway is a remnant connecting East Camberwell with Ashburton, but this remnant is all that remains of a courageous vision conjured up by misplaced confidence in the

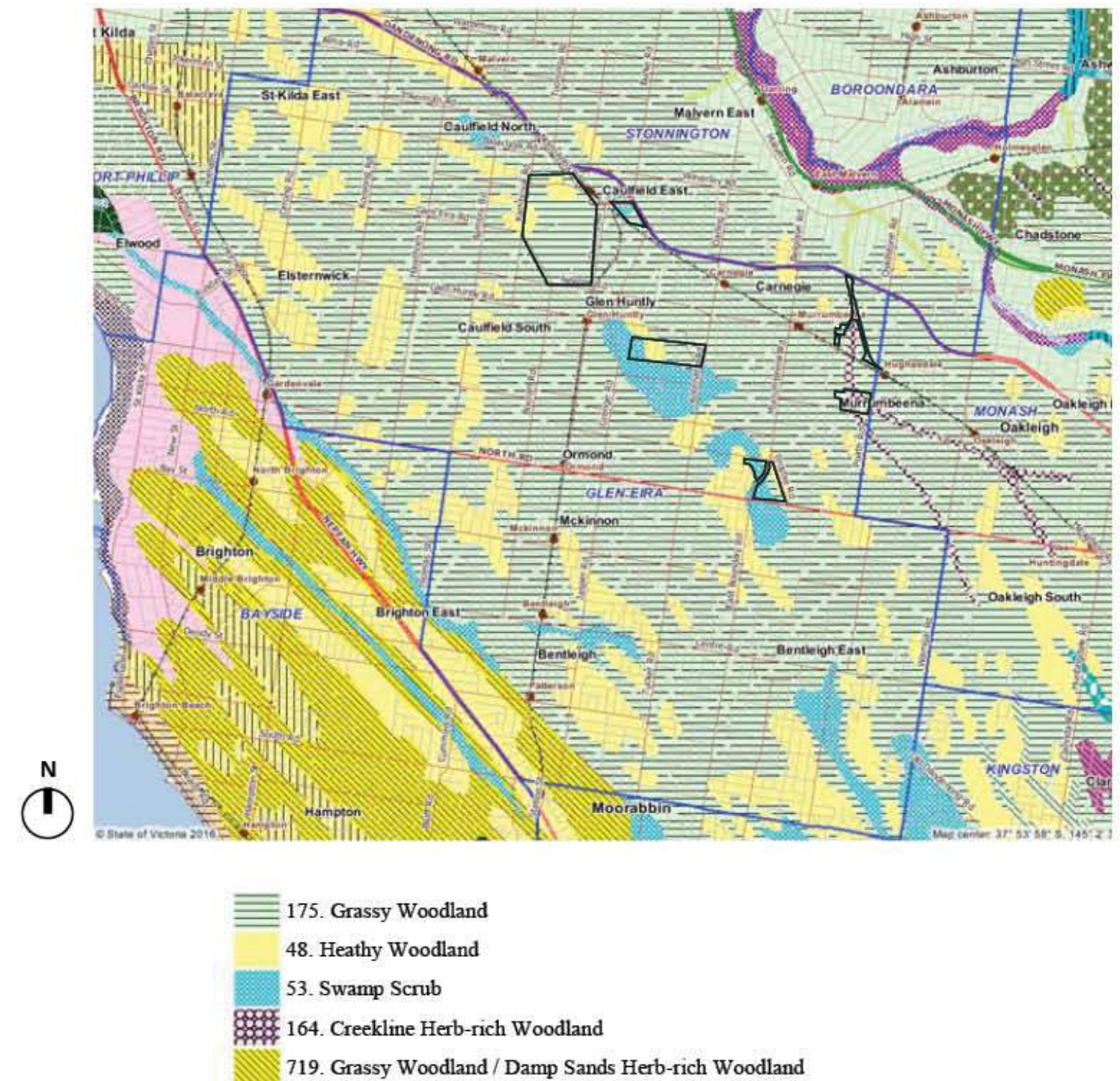


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## 2.6. Ecological Significance



**Figure 1. Map of Ecological Vegetation Classes in and near Glen Eira in 1750, inferred from geology and topography.** From the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning's 'Biodiversity Interactive Map' website. Municipalities are outlined in dark blue, with Glen Eira in the middle.

Source: City of Glen Eira Biodiversity Report



## 2.7. Ecological Vegetation History





## 2.8. Aerial Imagery

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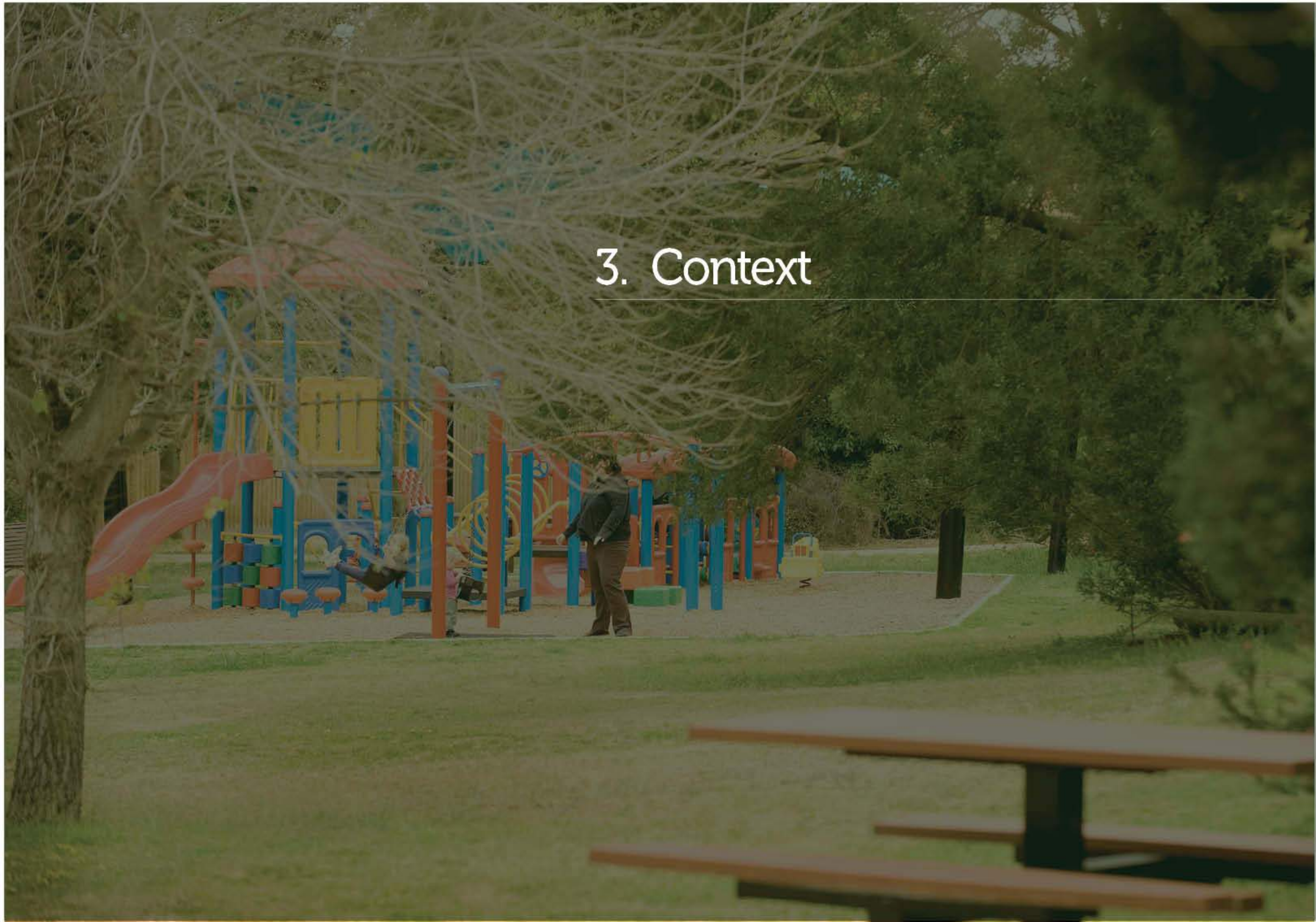
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### 3. Context

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## 3.1. Open Space Provision

Boyd Park (including Springthorpe Gardens and Riley Reserve) is the most significant and accessible open space within the local context. Immediate to the north is the Urban Forest Reserve, which is bisected by the Princes Highway.

Whilst the City of Glen Eira has a widely distributed provision of public recreational space, there are no significant other municipal open spaces within the immediate context of the Outer Circle Linear Park.

The works of the level crossing removals along the rail corridor are of key relevance to open space provision, and the newly developed linear park will have wide-reaching consequences on the usage, visibility and access to these spaces.



Source: Open Space Strategy GECC

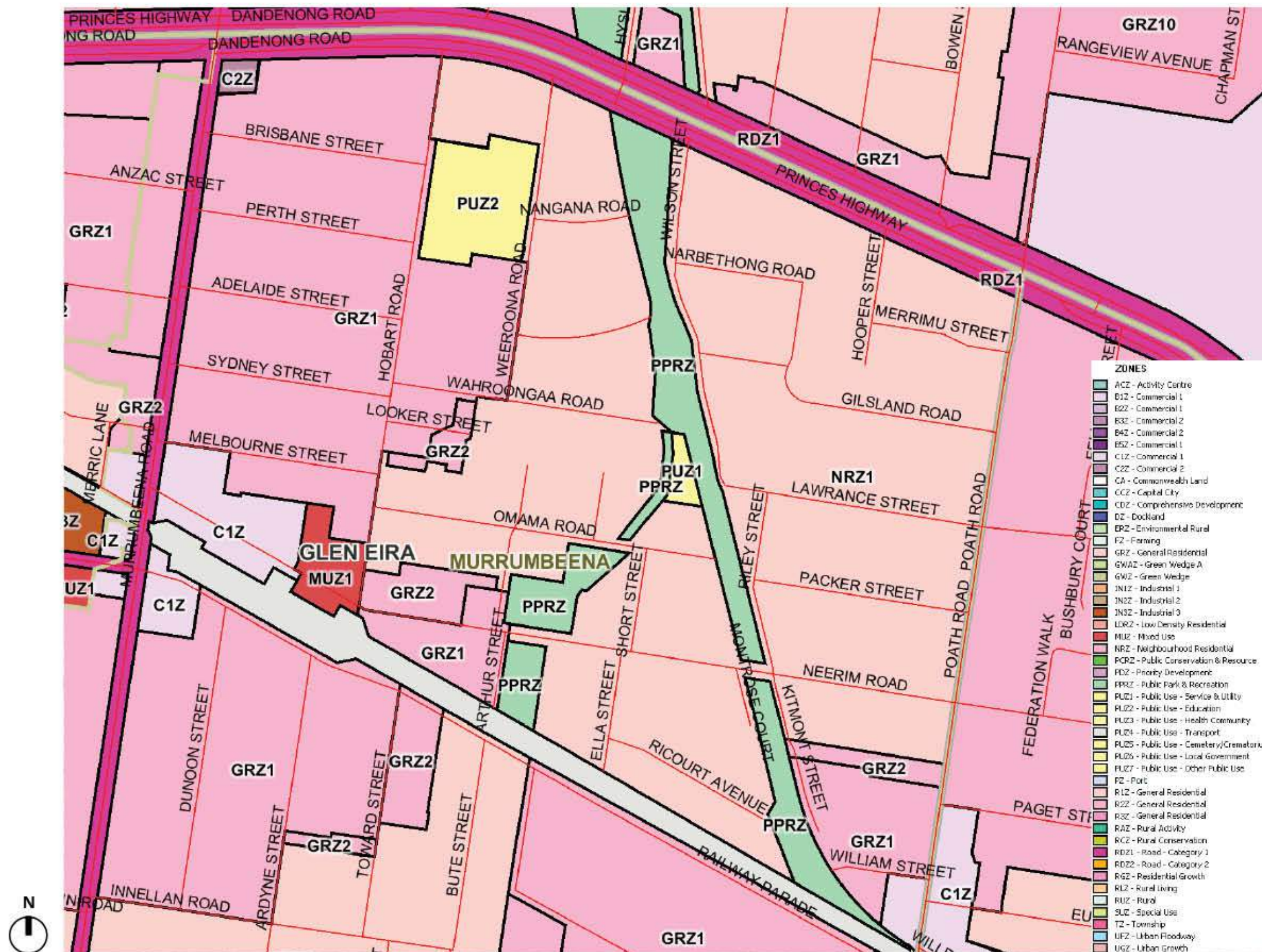




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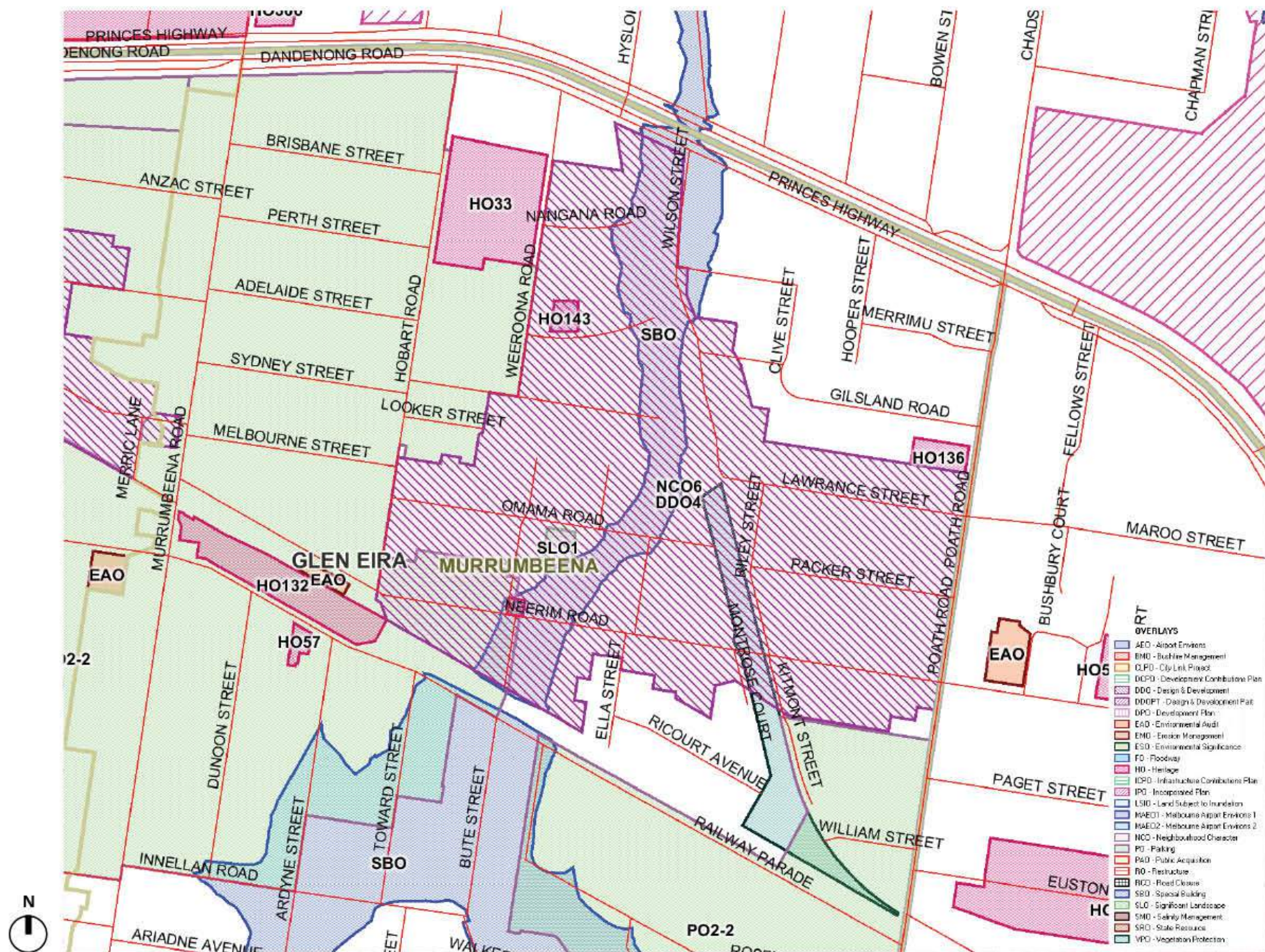




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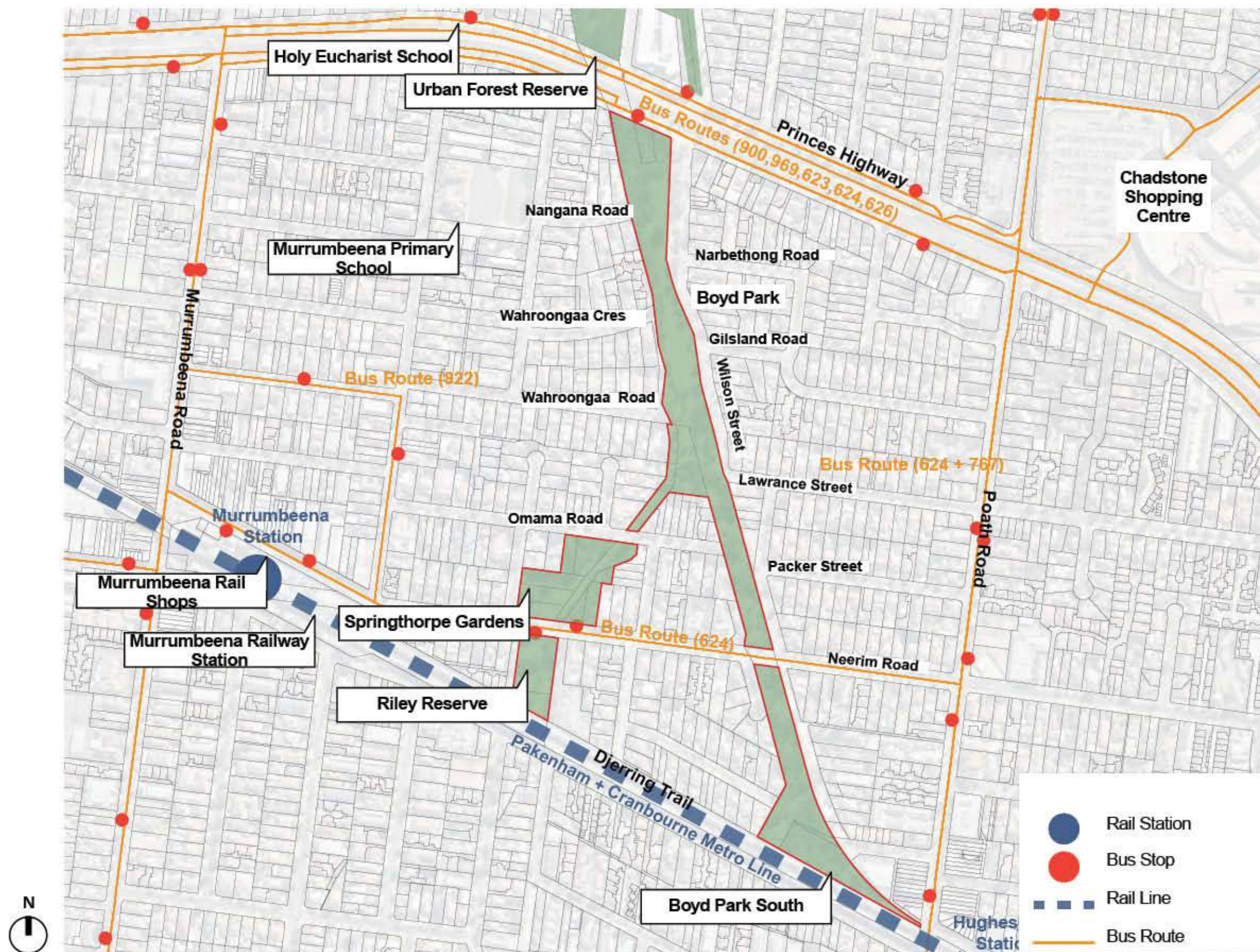
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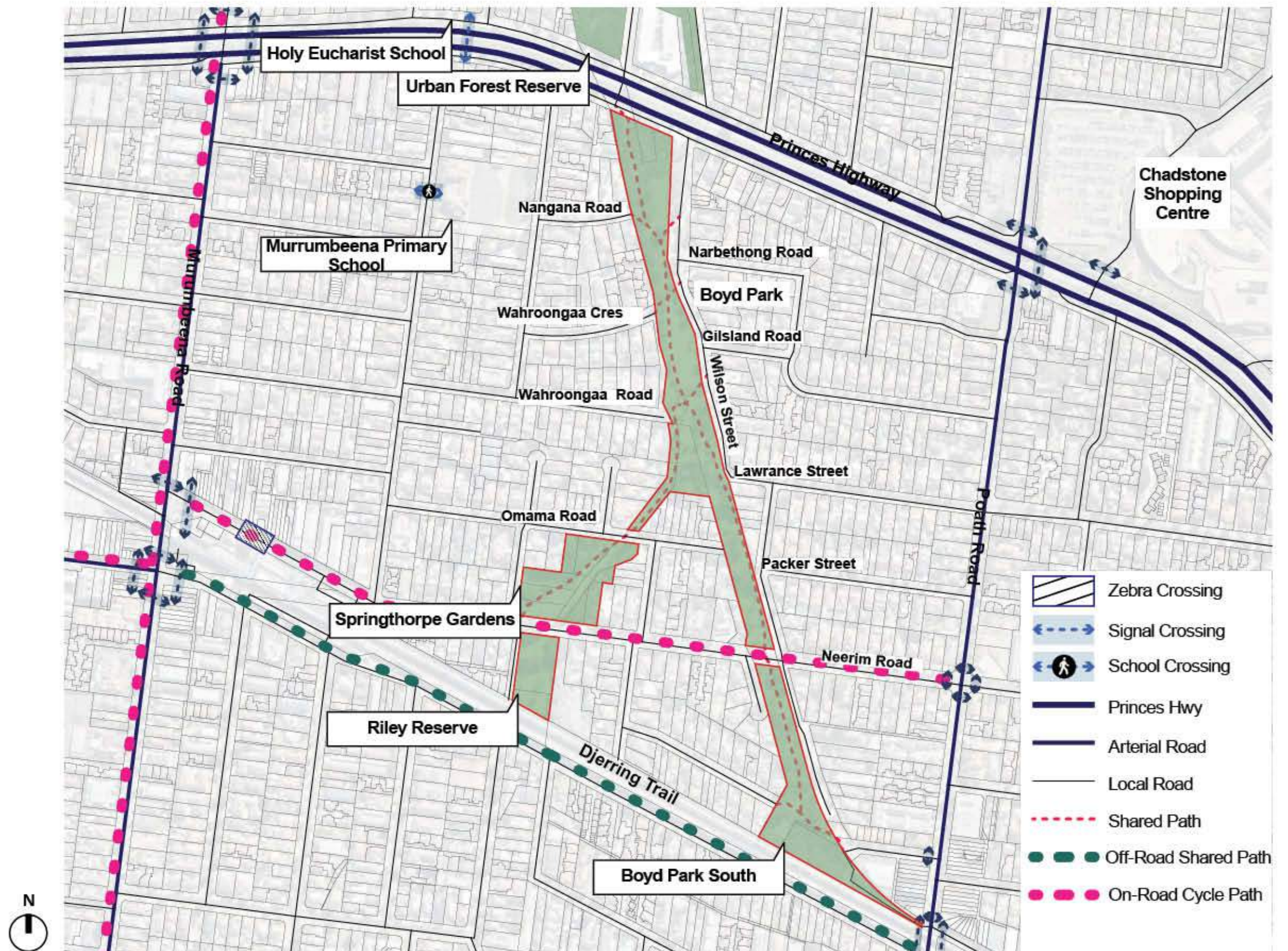


## 3.4. Public Transport Network





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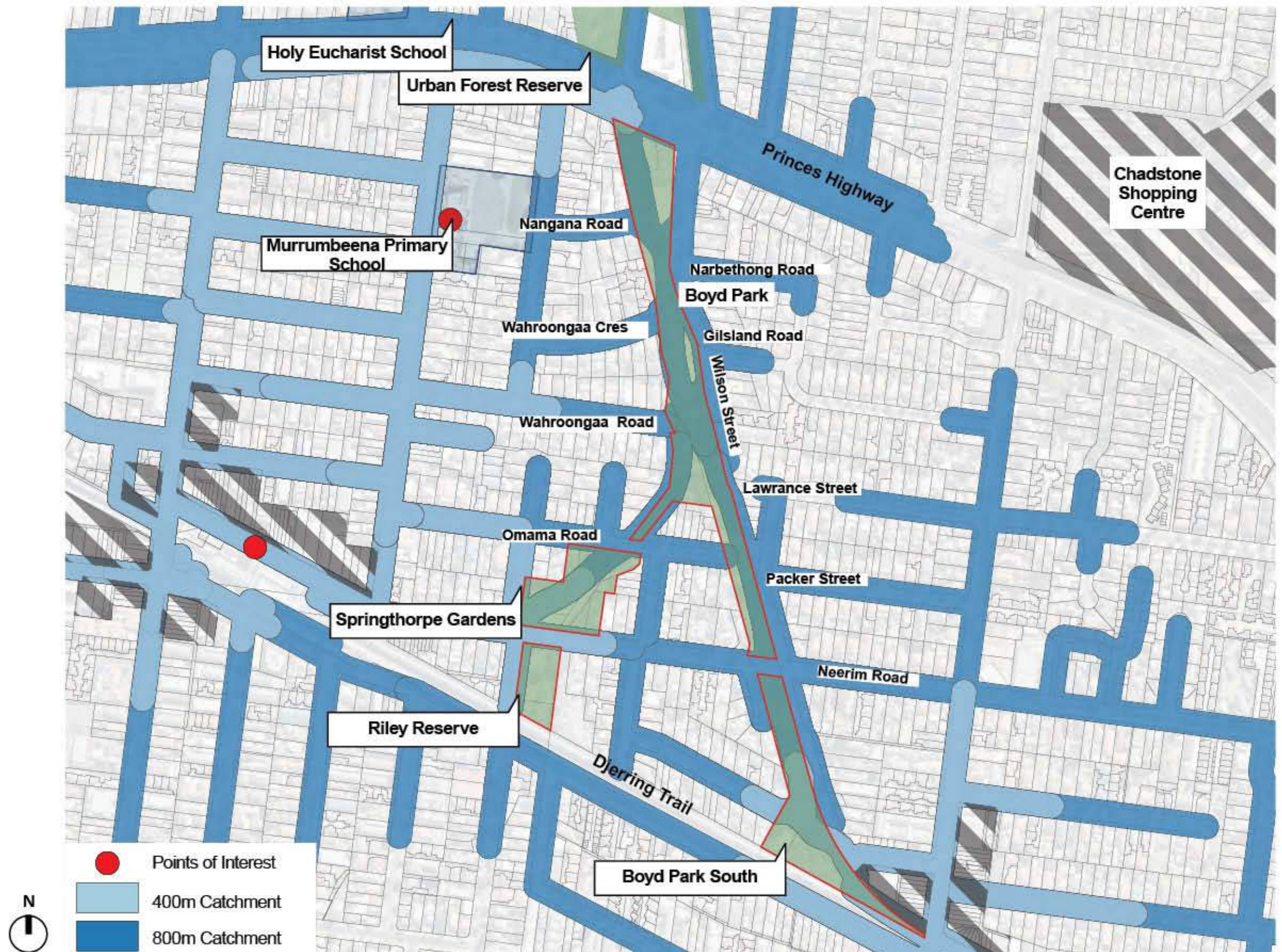


### 3.6. Locations/Points of Interest





### 3.7. Movement and Access (PEDSHED)





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## 4. Outer Circle Railway Linear Park



## 4.1. Existing Landscape Character Overview

### Boyd Park North

Along the northern park boundary is an extensive mulched planting area containing predominantly indigenous plant species, with isolated native and exotic trees which create a 'naturalistic' bushland character.

Further south, the dominant landscape character is open grassed areas with trees of mixed species, and isolated mulched garden beds.

The topography in this area is generally flat with gentle slopes/variations, and does not contain any significant grade changes.

Dominant activities here include walking, dog walking, cycling, use of the picnic facilities and rotunda, as well as use of open areas for informal recreation.

Sightlines are open and expansive given the open nature of the space, and allow long and clear lines of sight from the rotunda to the playground area in Boyd Park Central.

### Boyd Park Central

An open grassed area acts as a transition between the northern and central areas of Boyd Park, with trees of mixed species and isolated garden beds. South of the playground, the landscape is mostly a linear space comprised of open grassed areas with mixed tree species and mulched planting beds. There are also a few remnant Red River Gums.

The topography in this area is generally flat with gentle slopes/variations, and does not contain any significant grade changes.

Dominant activities here include walking, dog walking and cycling, and is mainly used as a passage to other areas of the park. A central playground area includes a basic shade structure and other play elements. The linear space adjacent to Riley Street towards the southern section of this area is mostly used as a passage to other local areas.

Visually, sightlines can be limited due to the narrow linear nature of the space and ranges from poor to moderate levels of visual quality, due to a lack of vegetation and boundary fencing from neighbouring residential properties.

### Link Space

This is a narrow, linear space which is comprised of a single path and grass cover which connects Boyd Park Central to Springthorpe Gardens. Due to recent Melbourne Water works, this area was completely stripped of vegetation and any surface cover.

### Boyd Park South - Kitmont Street

A predominantly nature conservation landscape containing large numbers of remnant indigenous trees with clusters of native and exotic species. A significant vegetation protection overlay has been applied on this section which also contains a fenced sanctuary containing a high amount of remnant plant species.

The topography in this area is generally flat with gentle slopes/variations, and does not contain any significant grade changes.

Dominant activities here include walking, dog walking and cycling. The natural indigenous landscape character is a main point of interest.

Sightlines are open and clear along the extent of the path, with vegetation on the edges providing a visual buffer between the park and the neighbouring properties.

### Springthorpe Gardens

A traditional local public garden consisting of mainly open grass and exotic trees, with isolated ornamental garden beds and a mulched garden bed on the perimeter.

Dominant activities include walking, dog walking, with some amenities for users such as benches, tables, bins and drinking fountains.

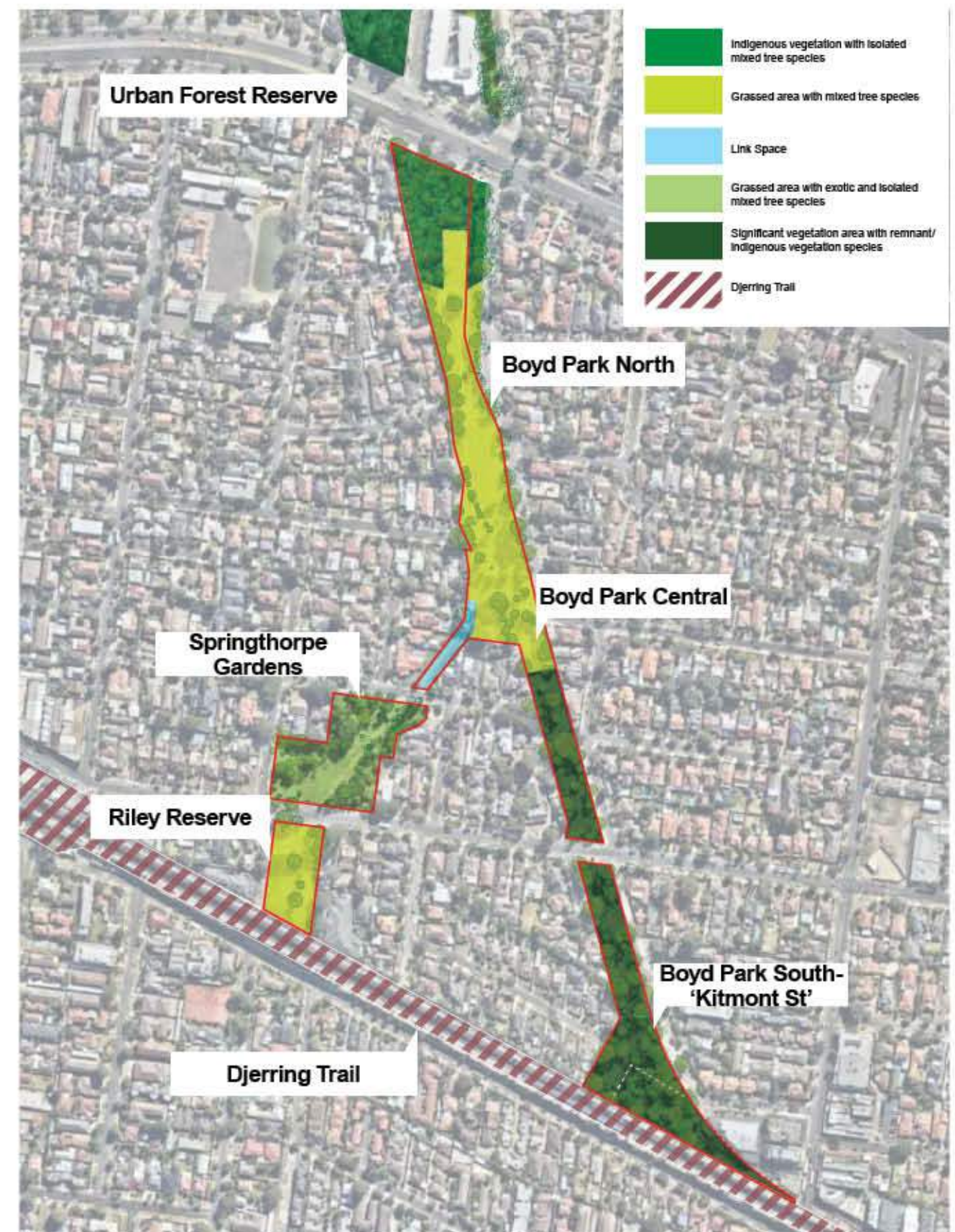
Lines of sight are clear along the path, with a clear visual connection to the adjoining roads.

### Riley Reserve

An open grassed area with isolated exotic trees and ad-hoc distribution of garden beds.

The topography in this area is generally flat with gentle slopes/variations, and does not contain any significant grade changes.

Dominant users of the space are dog-walkers, but this is expected to change due to the recently completed Djerring Trail and its influence on future plans for the area, which is addressed in this plan.





## 4.2. Existing Landscape Character

### 4.2.1 Boyd Park North



Boyd Park North

The planting at the northern end of Boyd Park consists of extensive areas of mulched garden beds that have been established with indigenous plant species. This zone provides a significant and successful buffer and visual screen to Princes Highway. The planting creates a more naturalistic or bushland character to this part of Boyd Park, yet it is dotted through with isolated, mature exotic trees such as Monterey Pines, a Canary Island Palm, an Apple tree etc., and remnants from an old house site. This area has had significant input from the Glen Eira Environmental Group.

The central part of this area includes wide-open grassed areas, with isolated trees of indigenous, native and exotic species, with areas of mulched garden beds. These garden beds were established with a range of various styles, with native trees and shrubs: Grevilleas, Hakeas, Eucalypt species, Acacias, Casuarinas, etc., some of which have now reached maturity. Those which have been established close to path edges, have been trimmed and 'hedged', and have lost 'naturalness' and informality seen in other areas of planting.





#### 4.2.2 Boyd Park Central



Boyd Park Central

From the central playground area, this area narrows down and contains less open grassed areas and less mulched massed planting beds. There are some isolated remnant River Red Gums and some significant stands of remnant rows of Desert Ash trees, which were commonly planted along the railway lines in earlier times. This tree species is regarded as an environmental weed tree species, in most natural site contexts. These trees should be removed over a reasonable period of time.

Due to Melbourne Water works at the time of site visits, several areas were impacted throughout the park. Section 4.5 'Existing Trees and Vegetation' outlines these zones, as well as affected trees. The draft management plan is based on the information available at the time and recognises that the location of specific trees in the impacted zones will need to be verified.





### 4.2.3 Link Space



#### Link Space

This is a narrow, linear space which is comprised of a single path and grass cover which connects Boyd Park Central to Springthorpe Gardens. Due to Melbourne Water works, this area has been completely stripped of the path and vegetation cover, and a plan for its management is addressed in the proposed plan.





#### 4.2.4 Boyd Park South (Kitmont Street)



Boyd Park South - Kitmont Street

This area is predominantly indigenous landscape with a few clusters of native and exotic trees such as Iron Bark (*Eucalyptus sideroxylon*) and Ash Trees (*Fraxinus excelsior*). This area also contains the largest number of remnant River Red Gums (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*) and Swamp Gums (*Eucalyptus ovata*). There are approximately 26 indigenous species found in this area and the significant vegetation diversity warrants the areas inclusion as a special vegetation protection 'Overlay' area in the Glen Eira Planning Scheme. The southern section of Boyd Park has been developed as a primarily indigenous vegetation environment. It has a focus on replanting, rejuvenating and protecting the remnant vegetation.





#### 4.2.5 Springthorpe Gardens



##### Springthorpe Gardens

Springthorpe Gardens provides a completely contrasting landscape character to that of Boyd Park. It is a traditional 'municipal-style' park, with open grass and isolated specimen trees. Most of the trees are exotic, including Cedars, Tulip Tree, Liquidamber, Plane Trees, Palms, Poplars etc. There are three bluestone edged circular ornamental planting beds, some planted with annuals/perennials, and a perimeter garden bed with extremely sparse planting adjacent to the residential lots to the north-west and south-west. Many of the trees in Springthorpe Gardens are now starting to decline and some trees have been removed, leaving gaps with a corresponding decline in the visual quality of the open space.

Due to Melbourne Water works at the time of site visits, several areas were impacted throughout the park. Section 4.5 'Existing Trees and Vegetation' outlines these zones, as well as affected trees. The draft management plan is based on the information available at the time and recognises that the location of specific trees in the impacted zones will need to be verified.





#### 4.2.6 Riley Reserve



Riley Reserve

The dominant character of Riley Reserve is open grass with isolated exotic specimen trees. The location of garden beds within Riley Reserve is somewhat adhoc, consisting of a rose garden with sleeper edge, and a bluestone edged garden bed to the east boundary, planted with species such as Cannas, Cordylines, Ginger, Geraniums etc. Due to Melbourne Water works at the time of site visits, several areas were impacted throughout the park. Section 4.5 'Existing Trees and Vegetation' outlines these zones, as well as affected trees. The draft management plan is based on the information available at the time and recognises that the location of specific trees in the impacted zones will need to be verified. The use and character of this space has also been impacted by the level crossing removal works, as well as the Djerring Trail which now interfaces the park.

During Melbourne Water and Level Crossing Removal works (2018)



From Riley Reserve, towards southern section of site boundary - before level crossing removal works (2016)



## 4.3. Community Uses Overview

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As part of the former Outer Circle Railway, Boyd Park is recognised for its heritage values and its environmental character including stands of indigenous vegetation.

The survey undertaken as part of the Open Space Strategy in 2014 highlighted that the main reasons people visit the reserve is for walking, dog walking, visiting the playground, cycling, convenient/close by and its natural character and trees.

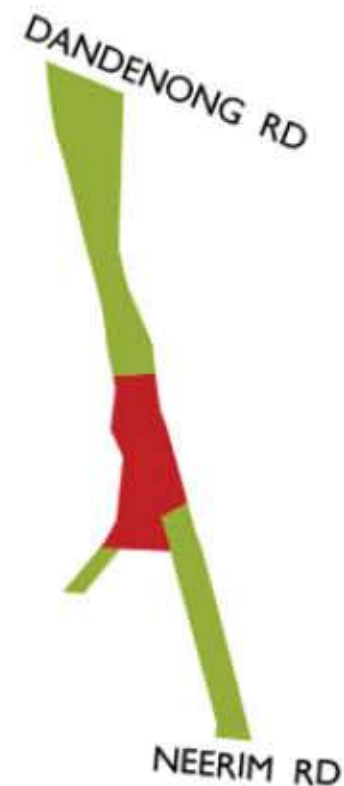
The smaller open space reserves include Springthorpe Gardens and Riley Reserve, both of which are exotic in character, providing diversity in landscape character from the predominantly native and indigenous landscape character of nearby Boyd Park.

The Pakenham/Cranbourne Line railway runs east-west through Murrumbeena, and where Railway Avenue adjoins the railway line to the south, the overstorey trees provide a contribution to the open space character of the precinct.

Areas within Murrumbeena recognised for the heritage and neighbourhood character values include the Boyd Park Area. This is significant for its tree-lined streets grading down to Boyd Park and the picturesque inter-war and post-war homes with landscaped gardens.

Significantly, Riley Reserve and Boyd Park South are positioned adjacent to the elevated rail corridor and Djerring Trail recently created through the State Government Grade Separation project. This has already impacted the existing character of these spaces, and will change how the community use these parks into the future.





Dog on / off-leash areas

| Open space               | Area Ha      | Hierarchy     | Primary Character Classification | Secondary Character Classification           |
|--------------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Boyd Park                | 3.79         | Municipal     | Linear                           | Nature conservation                          |
| Duncan Mackinnon Reserve | 8.68         | Municipal     | Sporting                         | Informal, Nature conservation                |
| Mallanbool Reserve       | 2.21         | Neighbourhood | Nature conservation              | Restricted sporting, Informal, Linking space |
| Murrumbeena Park         | 5.34         | Municipal     | Sporting                         | Informal                                     |
| Riley Reserve            | 0.41         | Local         | Informal                         |  |
| Springthorpe Gardens     | 0.75         | Local         | Heritage                         | Public garden                                |
| <b>Total area</b>        | <b>21.20</b> |               |                                  |  |

### Most frequently visited open space reserves:

| Use                                       | Open space       | Reason to visit  | Suggested improvements   |
|---|------------------|--|--|
| <b>Open space within walking distance</b> |                  |  |  |
| 51%                                       | Boyd Park        | walking (17%)<br>dog walking (13%)<br>playground (10%)<br>relaxing (8%)                              | Provide additional toilets and trees.  |
| 40%                                       | Murrumbeena Park | walking (12%)<br>dog walking (10%)<br>playground (10%)<br>dogs off-lead area (6%)<br>exercising (6%) | Provide shade to playgrounds, provide additional trees and toilets and enforce dog off-lead areas. |

Source: 2014 Open Space Strategy, pp.240



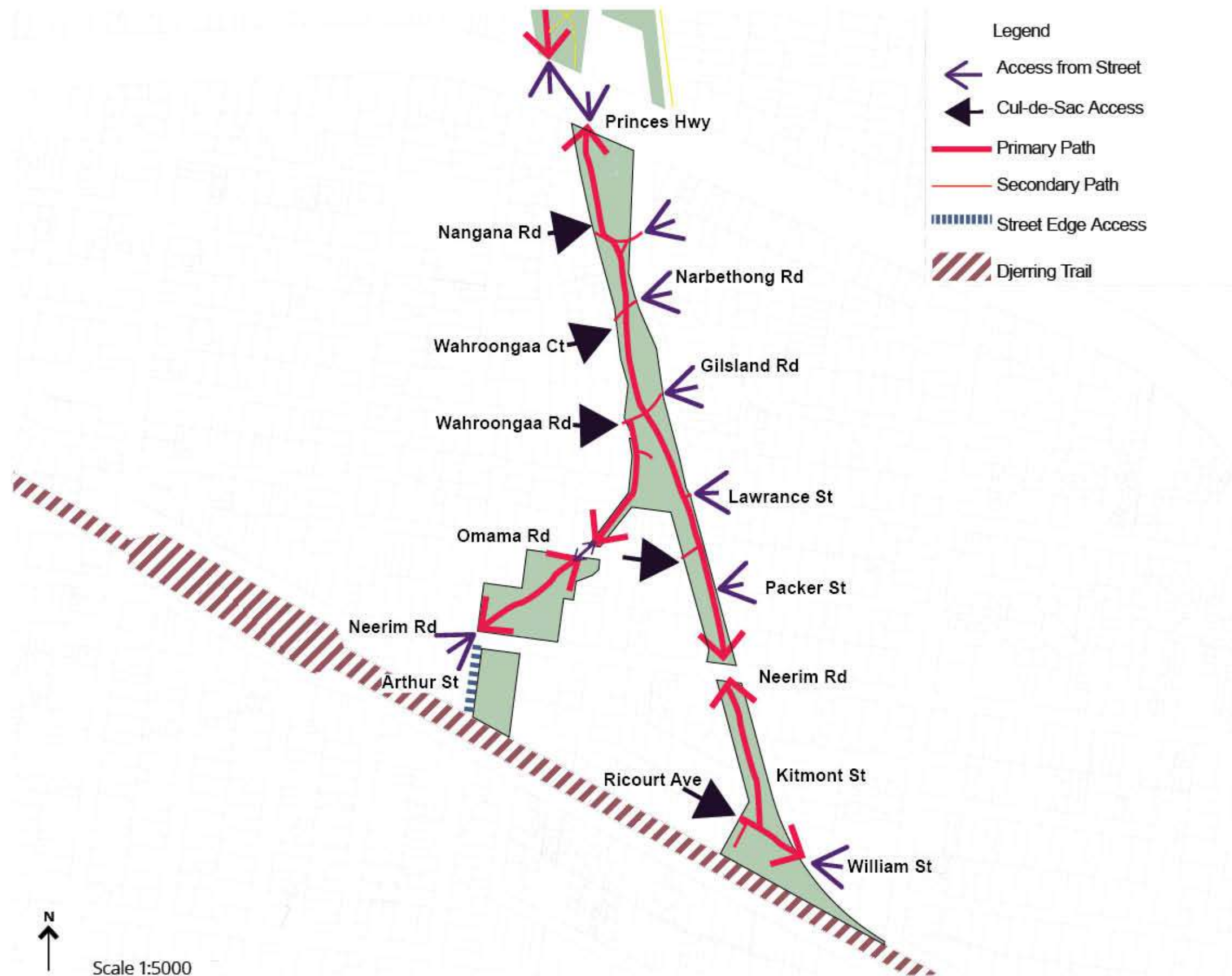
4.4. Site Analysis

4.4.1 Points of Interest





#### 4.4.2 Site Movement and Analysis





### 4.4.3 Site Edge Condition

The site edge conditions of the linear park varies in permeability and type of fencing used to delineate the boundaries. It is mainly comprised of 'timber post and rail fence', 'timber paling fence', 'pine timber log fence', and steel wire mesh. It should be recognised that there is a point of difference between the 'timber post and rail fence' and the 'pine timber log fence' where the latter is much lower and allows pedestrians to cross into the park and is used primarily to keep vehicular traffic out.



Timber post and rail fence



Timber paling fence



Pine timber log fence

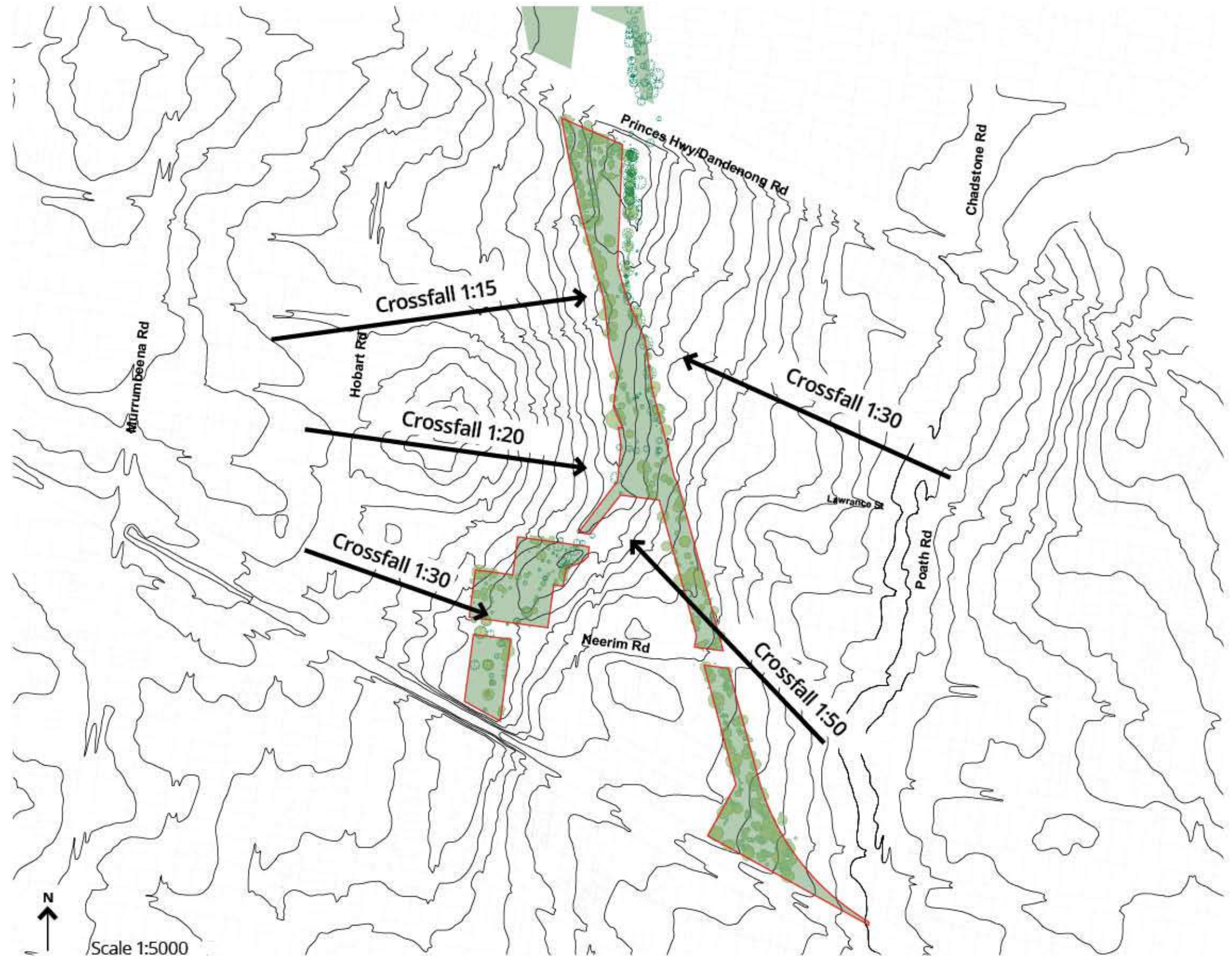


Steel wire mesh





#### 4.4.4 Site Topography

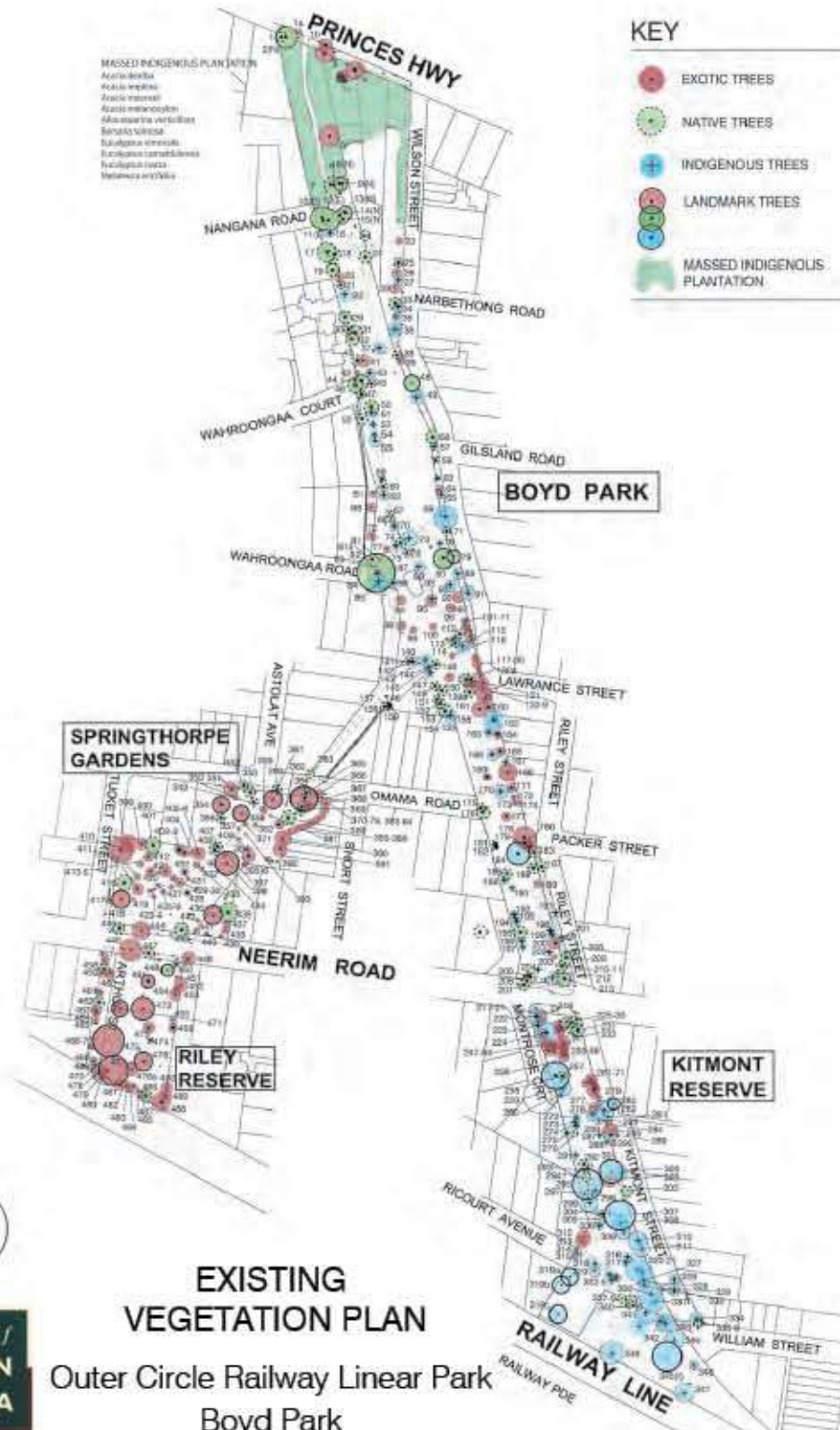




## 4.5. Existing Trees and Vegetation

### 4.5.1 Existing Trees and Vegetation

2002 Existing Vegetation Plan



Source: 2004 Outer Circle Railway Management Plan GECC

2018 Vegetation Plan

Due to the timing of the surveys and the anticipated Melbourne Water works which will impact the highlighted zones, the draft management plan is based on the information available at the time and recognises that the location of specific trees in the impacted zones will need to be verified.



Scale 1:5000



#### 4.5.2 Existing Trees and Vegetation (Melbourne Water Works Impact)



#### Tree removal

To construct the new drain, vegetation removal is required. A thorough process was undertaken to minimise tree removal by assessing the drain location, design efficiencies and construction methodology. The assessment was supported by arborist advice.

Trees in Springthorpe Gardens have been removed. Trees in the remaining areas will be removed week commencing 14 May.

Trees will be marked as follows:



Immediate removal



It is possible the tree may be removed but will not be removed immediately. The tree will be assessed when construction works commence under the supervision of an arborist to identify if the tree can safely remain or requires removal.

Significant pruning of some trees will also take place to reduce the possibility of damage during our works.

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#### Legend

|  |                            |                                      |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|  | Temporary Access Corridors | <b>Trees</b>                         |
|  | Excavation Envelope        | No Impact                            |
|  | Construction Corridor      | Potential Removal (TBC during works) |
|  |                            | Removal                              |



## 4.6. Impact of Level Crossing Removals

### 4.6.1 Riley Reserve

As part of the level crossing removals project, the southern section of Riley Reserve has been significantly impacted. The new connection into the Djerring Trail will alter the accessibility and function of Riley Reserve. This will need to be considered as part of an update to the landscape management plan for this site.



Illustrative Plans for the Djerring Trail adjacent to Riley Reserve



Source: <https://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/projects/murrumbeena-road-murrumbeena>



#### 4. Outer Circle Railway Linear Park

##### 4.6.2 Boyd Park 'Kitmont Street'

As part of the level crossing removals project, the southern section of Boyd Park has been significantly impacted by the relocation of Hughesdale Station and new linear path. Plans for the development of this area will need to be taken into consideration as part of an update to the landscape management plan for this site.



Illustrative Plan for the Djerring Trail adjacent to Boyd Park South



Source: <https://levelcrossings.vic.gov.au/projects/murrambeena-road-murrambeena>



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## 5. Vision & Principles

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## 5.1. Vision

*The Vision for the Outer Circle Railway Linear Park is to celebrate the existing historical and environmental values as a collection of diverse spaces, valued by the community.*

*Boyd Park, Springthorpe Gardens and Riley Reserve each provide a unique and significant contribution to the wellbeing of community and wildlife in the area. This plan seeks to improve the environmental and social quality of open space in the area in order to meet the changing needs of the community into the future.*

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### Principles

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#### Strengthening Connections

Recognise and reinforce the significance of the combined spaces for local and regional connections. Support an uptake of active transport options and enable future connections to contribute to the value of the area.

#### Closing Gaps

Facilitate movement in and around the park and consider the legibility of access points, boundaries and signage. Contribute to a sense of place and make it easy for visitors to move between different spaces of the park.

#### Cohesive Zones and Spaces

Respect the individuality of Boyd Park, Springthorpe Gardens and Riley Reserve in their own right, whilst simultaneously managing them holistically to provide a continuous experience that is more than the sum of its parts.

#### A Legible Landscape Character

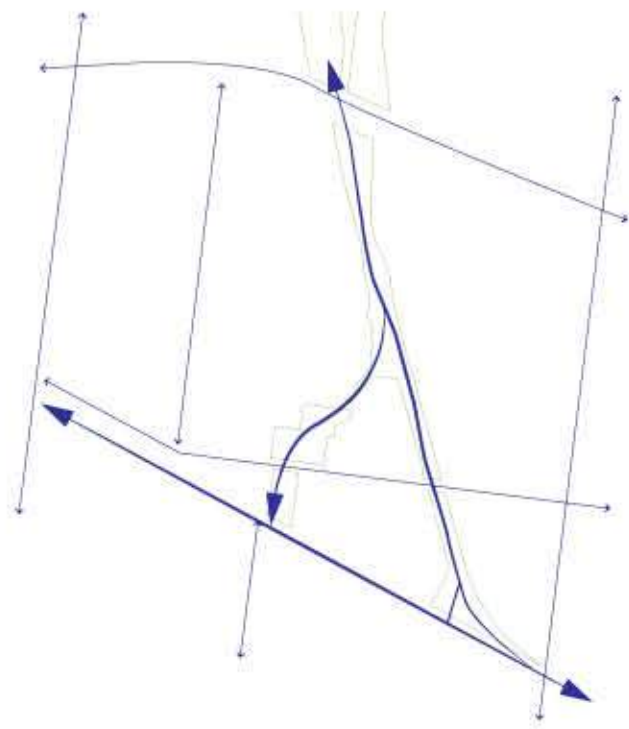
Provide a management plan which prioritises environmental value at its core. Consider the wide variety of factors which contribute to landscape character in order to increase legibility in each unique space, strengthen and protect biological habitats along the linear reserve.

#### Defined Active and Passive Spaces

Recognise the potential for improved active spaces which are well defined, useful, and valuable to the community. Accentuate existing features and propose new amenities to create places for all users to enjoy, whilst preserving and enhancing the natural spaces in-between.

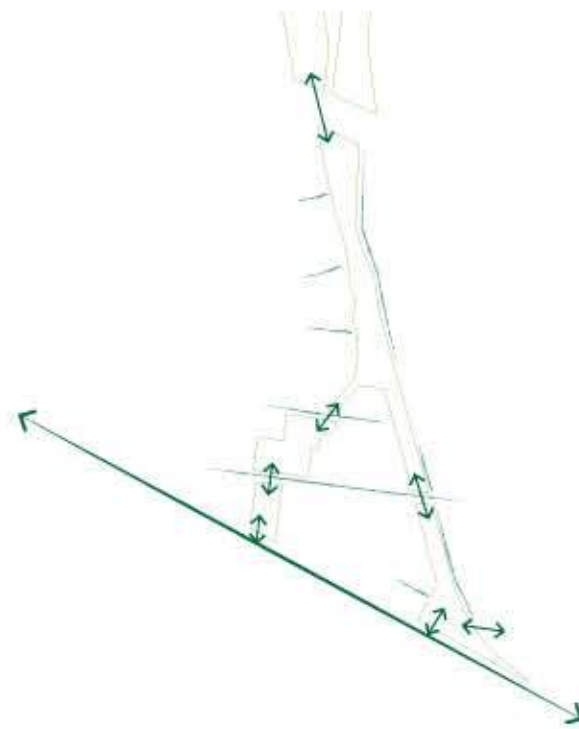


## 5.2. Key Design Principles



### Strengthening Connections

Connecting Locally & Regionally  
Supporting Active Transport  
Enabling Connections



### Closing Gaps

Defined Access Points  
Legible Boundaries  
Informative Signage



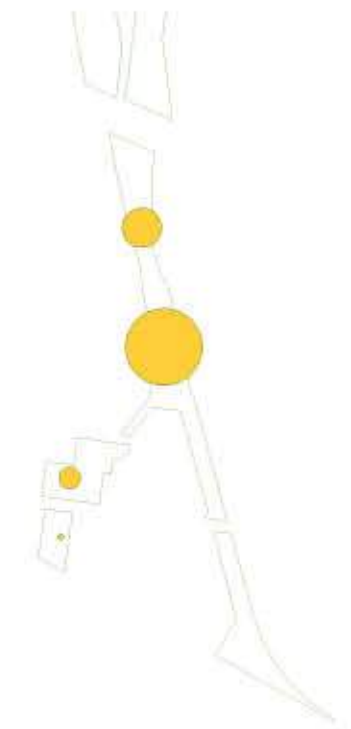
### Cohesive Zones and Spaces

One Space  
Diverse Experiences



### A Legible Landscape Character

Density of Vegetation  
Strengthen and Protect Indigenous / Native Character  
Rhythm of Landscape  
Build on Biodiversity



### Defined Active and Passive Spaces

Active Spaces/Large Central Playspace  
Accentuating Features  
Upgrading Elements  
Highlighting Heritage



## 5.3. Design Principles

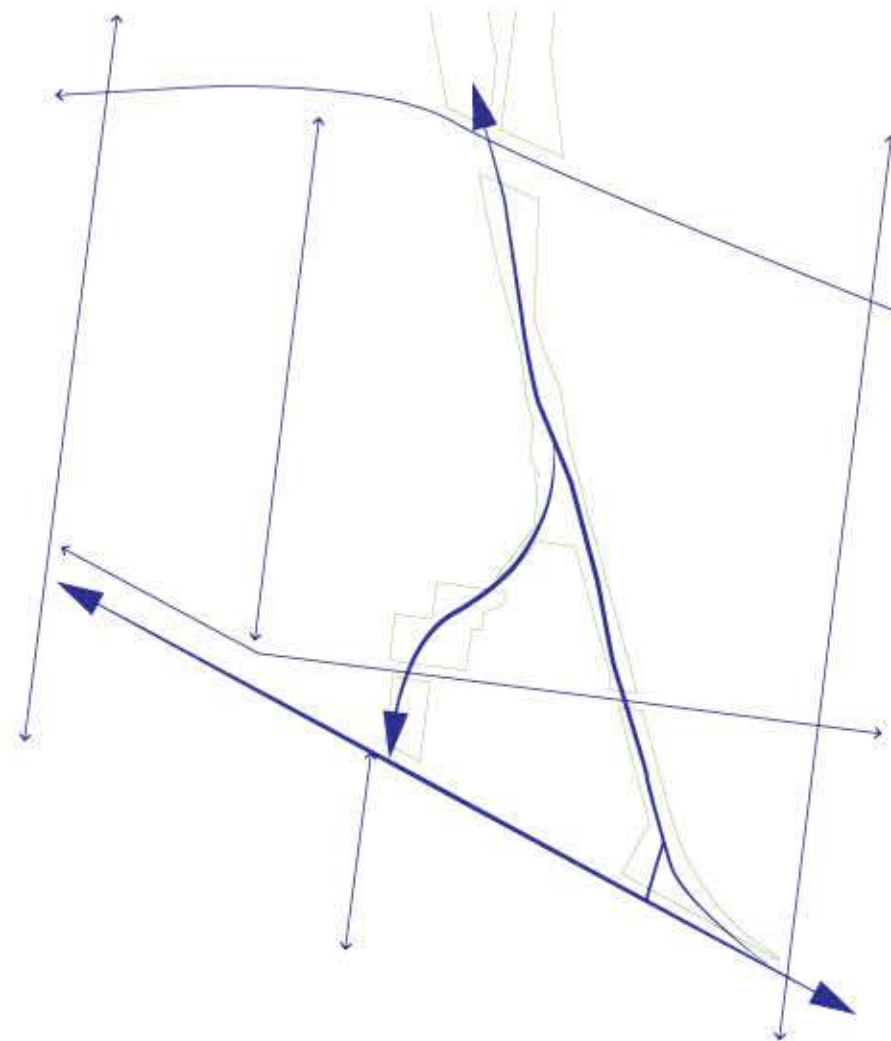
### 5.3.1 Connectivity, Access and Movement

#### Issues:

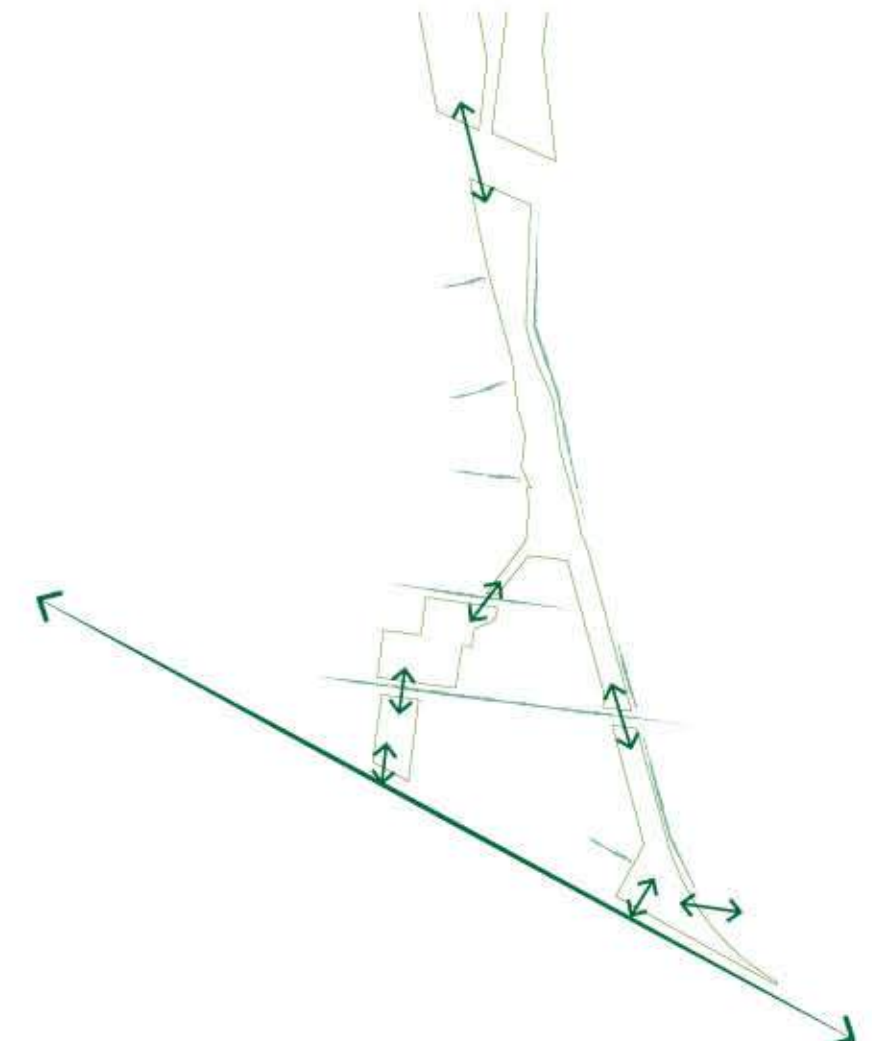
- Missing gaps in bicycle network provision
- Djerring Trail interfaces to be addressed
- Park access points lacking definition
- Disruption of traffic between park areas
- Various conditions of park edge interfaces

#### Opportunities:

- Integrate Djerring Trail works into management plan
- Encourage uptake of active transport usage through park upgrade
- Restore the Outer Circle Linear Park as a movement corridor
- Connect the Djerring Trail to the local community and wider context
- Improve wayfinding at entrances and throughout park
- Improve pedestrian permeability around park edges
- Increase legibility for users and perceived safety
- Facilitate movement in and around the park
- Build on existing biodiversity and encourage broader connections between existing habitats and natural processes



Strengthening Connections



Closing Gaps



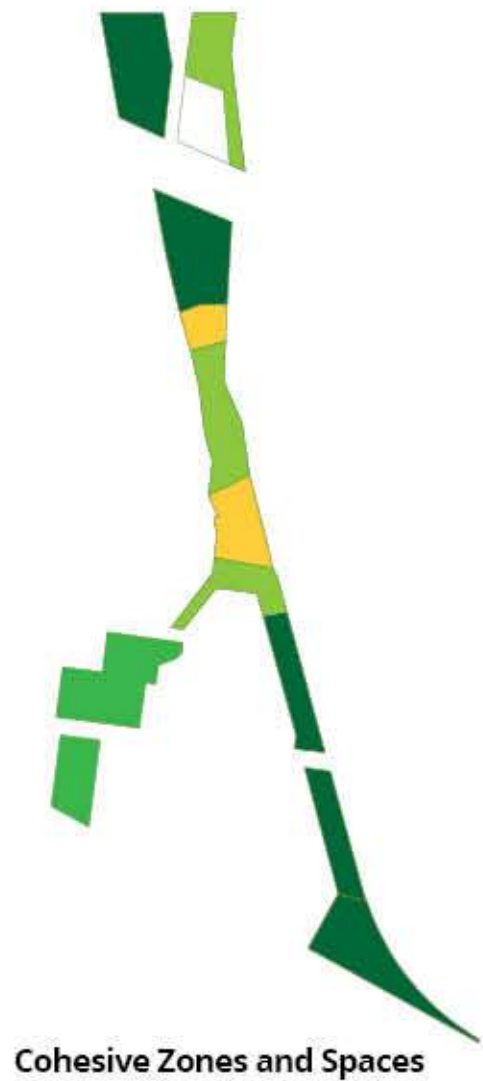
### 5.3.2 Spatial Arrangement, Zones and Spaces

#### Issues:

- Lack of identity in some spaces
- Address existing and future community needs
- Missing connection between different spaces
- Disjointed qualities of space within one park
- Missing overall strategic arrangement of spaces
- Biodiversity management needs to be further emphasised

#### Opportunities:

- 1 continuous journey of different experiences
- Distinct zones and spaces with articulated transitions
- Balance between landscape and built features
- Engagement with local context
- Recognition and role of each space within the broader context
- Strategic definition of active and passive spaces
- Support opportunities for natural appreciation and outdoor learning



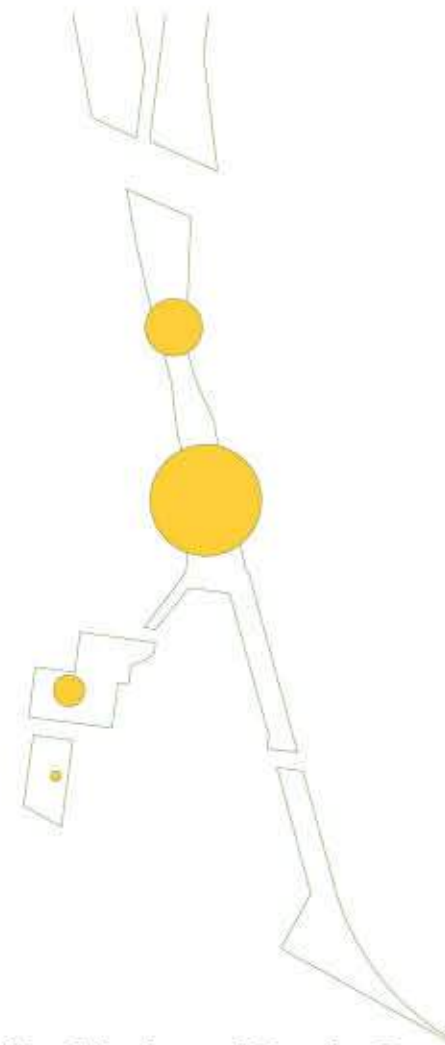


**Issues:**

- Management of existing site features and heritage elements
- Unconnected site features
- Inconsistent wayfinding throughout park and local context
- Impact of Melbourne Water works on vegetation and landscape character
- Managing existing and future vegetation
- Protection and management of native planting areas and landmark trees
- Cohesive rhythm and density of vegetation
- Greater potential to strengthen biological habitats

**Opportunities:**

- 'A park with a heart' - draw activity to the centre and protect the fringes
- Accentuate existing space qualities
- Upgrade built features and spaces
- Connect important features
- Further interpretation of heritage elements
- A cohesive landscape vegetation management strategy
- Develop and implement a revegetation strategy to improve local biodiversity
- Strengthen faunal movement corridors
- Defined transition zones between spaces
- Strategic consideration of park functions



**Defined Active and Passive Spaces**



**A Legible Landscape Character**



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## 6. Management Plan



## 6.1. Management Plan

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This proposed landscape management plan draws upon the developed vision and principles to provide the actions and strategies for any upgrades, as well as processes to maintain and manage existing uses in the Outer Circle Railway Linear Park spaces.

This section sets out a brief summary of proposed guidelines for Boyd Park North, Boyd Park Central, Boyd Park South/Kitmont Street, Link Space, Springthorpe Gardens and Riley Reserve. The application of the principles are also summarised in an annotated illustrative plan overview. Following this, each sub-area of the greater park is outlined in further detail with illustrative landscape plans and supporting text annotations.

**For the purposes of this management plan, the following distinction between 'indigenous', 'native' and 'exotic' vegetation species apply:**

Indigenous plants refer to species found in the Sandbelt Region of South-eastern Melbourne before European colonisation, which Glen Eira is situated within.

Native plants refer to all species which have naturally evolved in Australia without human-intervention, and are not restricted to region-specific species like indigenous plants.

Exotic plants refer to species which are not native or indigenous to areas in Australia and include hybrids and introduced species involving some element of human-intervention.

For additional information regarding indigenous and native plants and the importance of their contribution to the environmental values of an area, refer to 'Indigenous plants of Glen Eira' and the 'Biodiversity in Glen Eira Report (2017)'.



## 6.2. Management Plan Summary

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**This section of the report provides a summary of the proposed overall character and direction for each of the landscape management areas:**

### **Boyd Park North**

An overall recommendation is made to retain and contribute to the varied open grassland and established 'naturalistic' bushland character. The strategy proposes the strengthening of the east and west park boundary interfaces with planted beds and a continuous tree presence to increase the legibility of the landscape character. The protection of the significant planting area at the north of the space will be prioritised through proposed fencing and management of vegetation.

Additional park lighting throughout the space will improve safety for visitors whilst being considerate of environmental impact to surrounding flora and fauna. Existing informal gathering and recreational opportunities will continue to be provided for through proposed seating and social furniture to increase the amenity of the area.

### **Boyd Park Central**

An overall recommendation is made to reinforce the open grass landscape character, with stands of indigenous trees and strengthened planting areas along the east and west boundaries. This will not only contribute to the landscape character but also provide a visual buffer between the park and adjacent residential properties.

Existing activities such as walking, dog-walking and cycling will continue to be provided for in the updated management plan, and will additionally be supported through increased provision of social furniture. Signage upgrades will assist the broader community with wayfinding and legibility throughout the park areas.

Additionally, the proposal of a 'nature-play' area as an upgrade to the existing playground will be proposed as the main active zone of the park. Options for intergenerational play equipment will also be considered to broaden the range of recreational activities for visitors of all ages.

### **Link Space**

An overall recommendation is made to propose an open grass landscape character, with planted areas adjacent to the path. Due to restrictions placed by Melbourne Water drainage infrastructure in the area, limitations will apply on any proposed planting. Following the significant works by Melbourne Water which have cleared the area of its previous surfaces and paths, there is an opportunity to draw an indigenous and native planting character into this space consistent with the proposed vision and principles of this plan.

This will provide a clear direction for the future of the landscape in this space whilst maintaining its previous use as a linking linear space between different sections of the park, and act as a transition of landscape character between Springthorpe Gardens and Boyd Park Central.



### Boyd Park South - Kitmont Street

An overall recommendation is made to conserve and strengthen the 'naturalistic' landscape character throughout the areas covered by the Vegetation Overlay, which contains large numbers of remnant indigenous trees and other remnant species. The southern section of the space which contains a fenced sanctuary containing a high amount of remnant plant species will be maintained and opportunities to expand this area will be considered.

Existing activities such as walking, on-leash dog-walking and cycling will continue to be provided for in the updated management plan, and will additionally be supported through the increased provision of seating and signage upgrades. It should be noted that the new Djerring Trail will significantly increase the volume of users through the space, and priority should be placed on maintaining the valuable remnant vegetation and biodiversity in the area in light of these changes.

### Springthorpe Gardens

An overall recommendation is made to reinforce the existing open grass landscape character, with more established stands of exotic trees, as well as strengthened planting areas to increase vegetation density.

The continued usage of Springthorpe Gardens as an active local park will be supported and encouraged with informal/picnic seating under the tree canopies, as well as additional park furniture such as seating and small play elements. The proposal of an additional segment to the existing pedestrian path will align to the Riley Reserve entrance and crossing point.

### Riley Reserve

An overall recommendation is made to develop an open grass landscape character, with stands of indigenous/native trees as a transition of character to/from Springthorpe Gardens. The strategy proposes the strengthening of the east and west park boundary interfaces with planted beds and an additional tree presence to increase the legibility of the landscape character.

Additionally, it is proposed to include additional park furniture, and other features that improve the overall amenity of the park as an active space. Following the significant works in the Djerring Trail corridor which interfaces the reserve, a pedestrian path is also proposed along the western planted boundary, with the intention of retaining the majority of the park as an open recreational space.





## 6.3. Management Plan Overview

### 6.3.1 Movement & Access

#### Overview of proposed strategy:

##### Key principles:

- 'Strengthening Connections'
- 'Closing Gaps'
- Make park access/entrance types consistent by types A, B, & C:

**'A' - Gateway park entrance**, with prominent signage, additionally indicating location and direction of key park destinations.

**'B' - Secondary park entrance**, signage providing orientation to nearby park destinations.

**'C' - Local park entrance**, removable bollards consistent in appearance across all points.





### 6.3.2 Spatial Arrangement & Features

#### Overview of proposed strategy:

#### Key principles:

- 'Cohesive Zones and Spaces'
- 'A Legible Landscape Character'
- 'Defined Active and Passive Spaces'
- Upgraded and expanded active zones at several locations throughout the landscape management plan areas.
- Retain majority of existing landscape character and provide additional vegetation elements to strengthen where necessary.
- Increased priority of local biodiversity values through use of indigenous species where possible, as well as additional planting zones to expand potential faunal habitats.





## 6.4. Management Plan

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### 6.4.1 Boyd Park North

Following a site audit of Boyd Park North, as well as consideration of the Melbourne Water works, an update to the plan has been proposed with the indicated actions.

An overall recommendation is made to retain and contribute to the varied open grassland and established 'naturalistic' bushland characters, with isolated mixed tree species and planting areas along the boundaries of the space. Isolated exotic trees should be removed over time and replaced with indigenous species to reinforce the bushland character. The strategy additionally proposes the strengthening of the east and west park boundary interfaces with planted beds and a continuous tree presence to increase the legibility of the landscape character. The protection of the significant planting area at the north of the space will be prioritised through proposed fencing and management of vegetation.

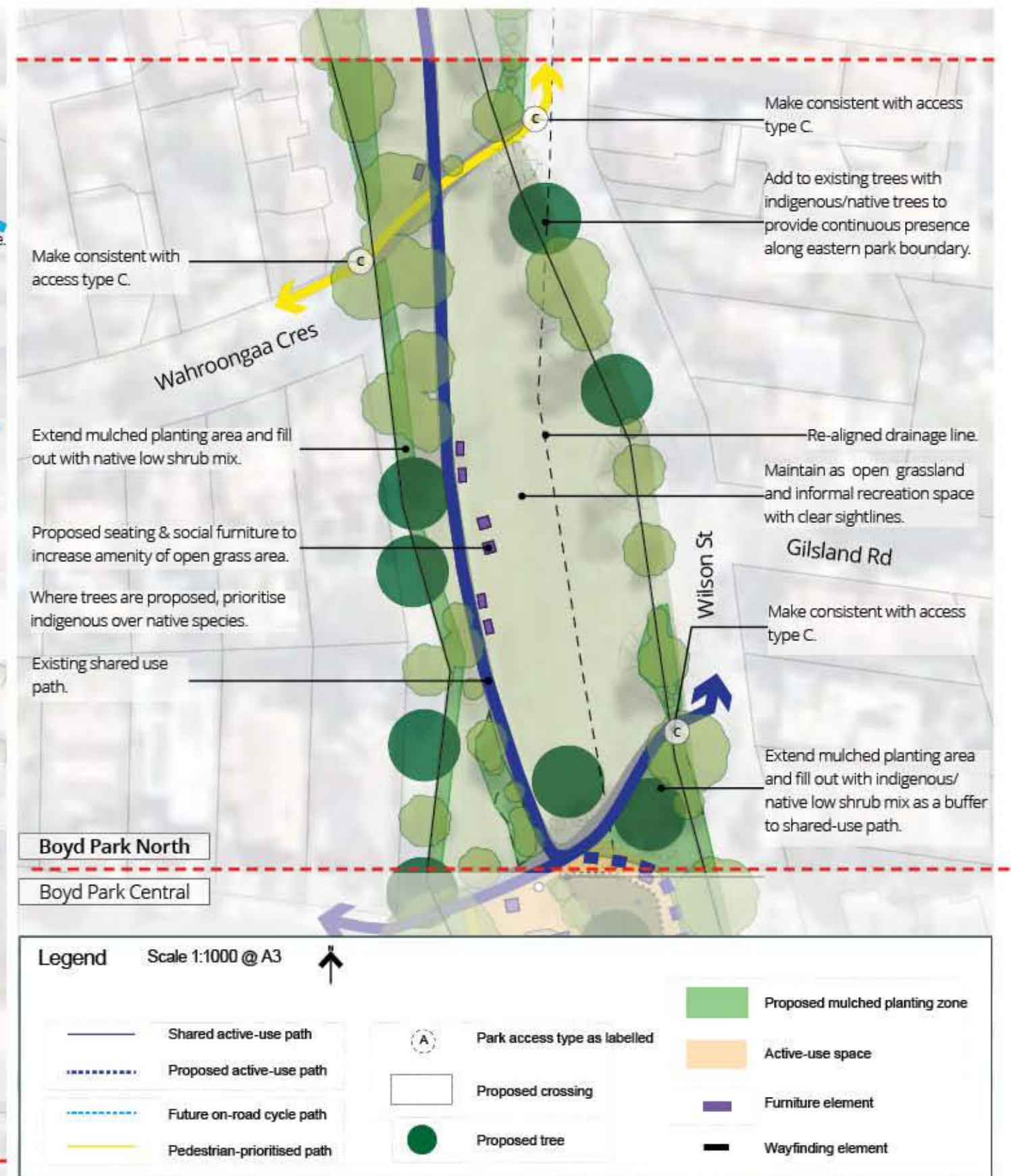
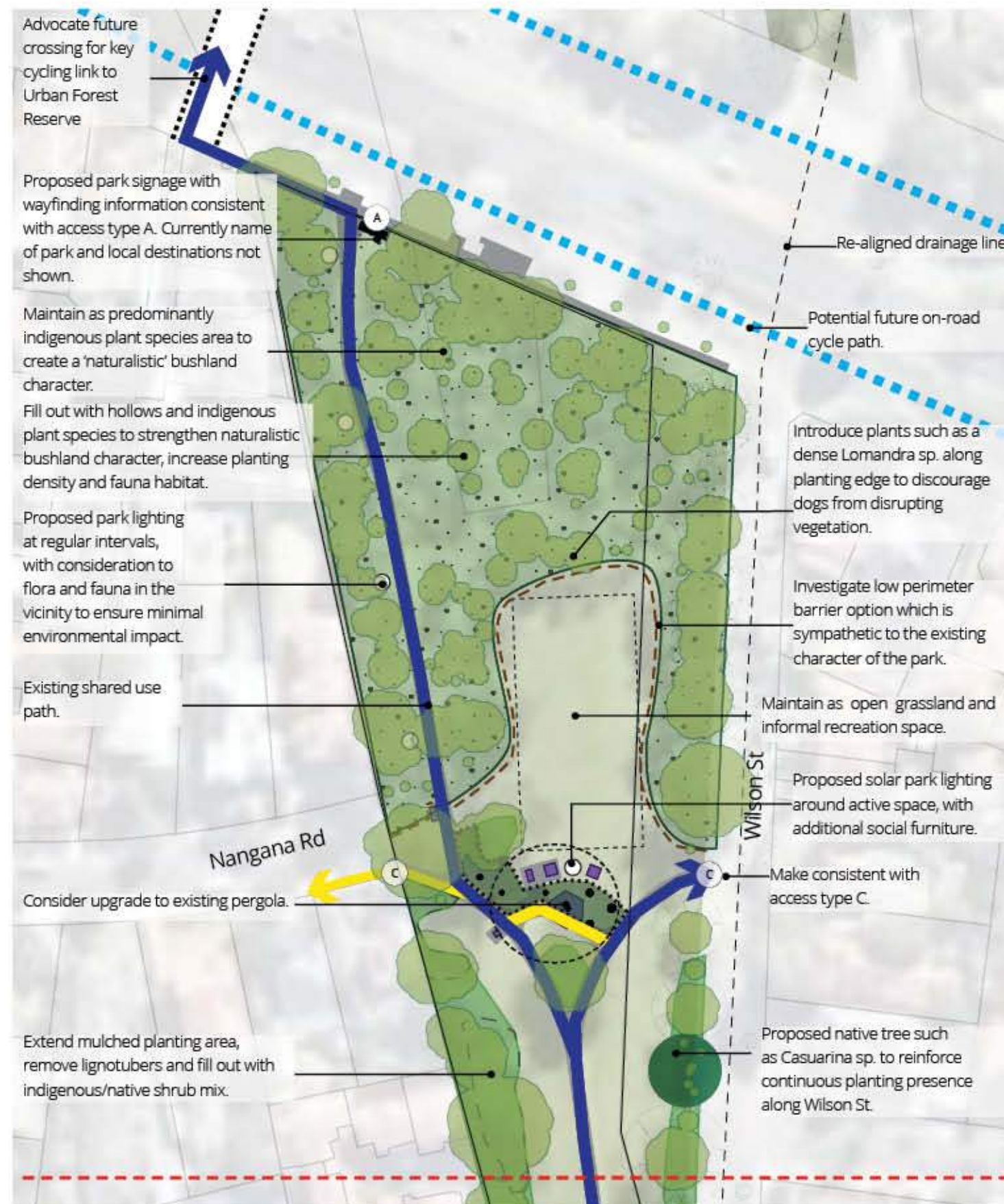
Additional park lighting throughout the space will improve safety for visitors whilst being considerate of environmental impact to surrounding flora and fauna. Existing informal gathering and recreational opportunities will continue to be provided for through proposed seating and social furniture.

#### **General management guidelines:**

- Take further actions to maintain, protect and enhance the indigenous vegetation area to the north of the area as a matter of priority. Both the 2017 'Biodiversity in Glen Eira Report' and comments from the Glen Eira Environmental Group mention this as a key priority. The main issue pertaining to the disruption caused by off-leash dogs is significantly detrimental to the flora and fauna in the area. The proposal of a densely planted edge or a low barrier along the perimeter of the area could provide some much-needed protection and opportunity for flora and fauna in the area to reach its potential.
- All proposed planting areas should take into consideration CPTED principles to ensure clear viewlines, passive surveillance and safety for visitors. Also refer to section 7 of the Glen Eira Open Space Strategy (2014), particularly 7.2 in regards to tree management, new indigenous planting and enhancing biodiversity values.
- Further investigations should be made to assess whether or not the single shared-use path is appropriate in light of the Djerring Trail works and anticipated increase in user volume. Current measures to make right-of-way clear for pedestrians and slow cyclist traffic may not be sufficient and may need modifications to ensure safety between all users to the area.



## Illustrative Management Plan - Boyd Park North





### 6.4.2 Boyd Park Central

Following a site audit of Boyd Park Central, as well as consideration of the Melbourne Water works, an update to the plan has been proposed with the indicated actions.

An overall recommendation is made to reinforce the open grassland character, with stands of indigenous trees and strengthened planting areas along the east and west boundaries. This will not only contribute to the landscape character but also provide a visual buffer between the park and adjacent residential properties.

Existing activities such as walking, dog-walking and cycling will continue to be provided for in the updated management plan, and will additionally be supported through increased provision of social furniture. Signage upgrades will assist the broader community with wayfinding and legibility throughout the park areas.

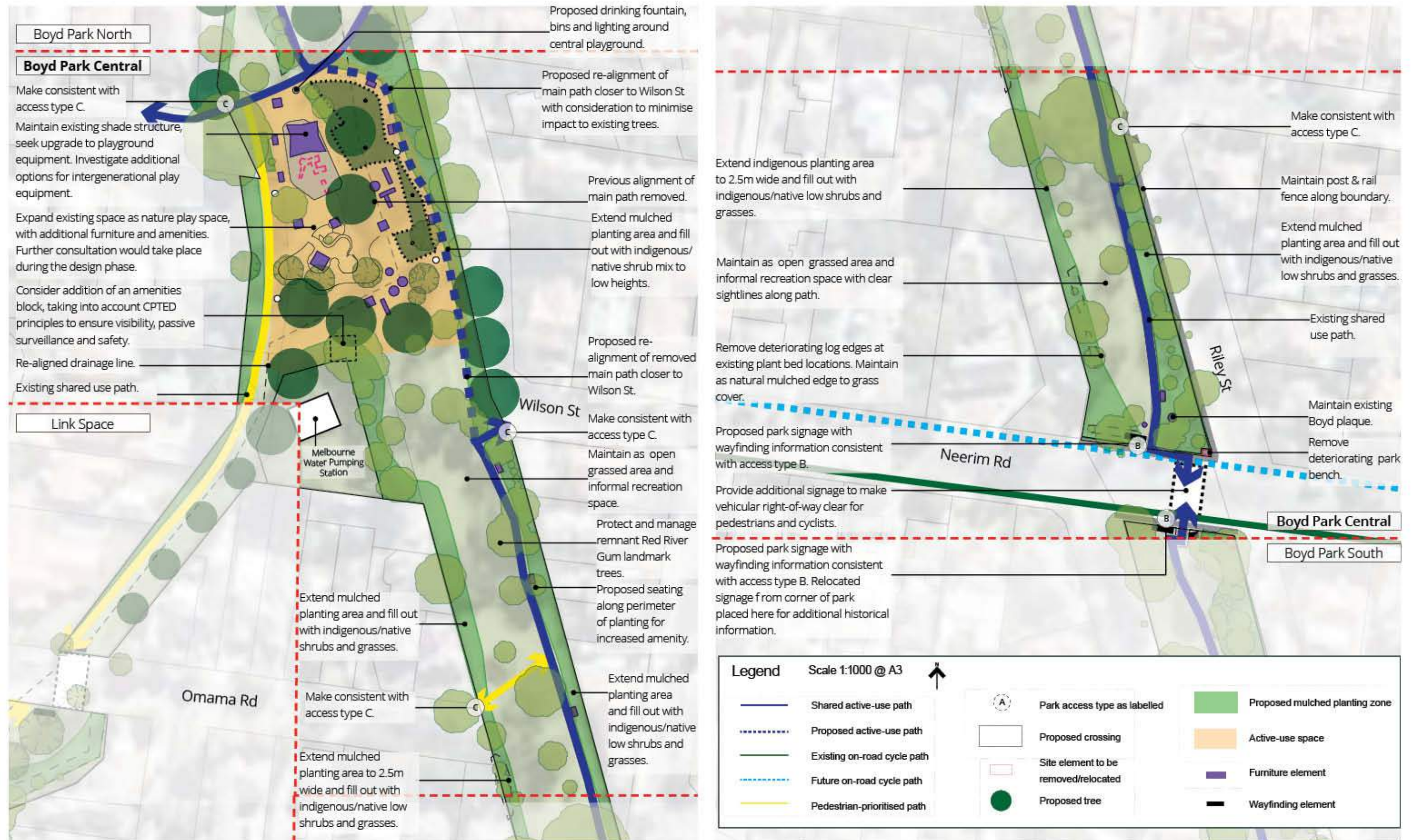
Additionally, the proposal of a 'nature-play' area as an upgrade to the existing playground will be proposed as the main active zone of the park. Options for intergenerational play equipment will also be considered to broaden the range of recreational activities for visitors of all ages.

#### **General management guidelines:**

- It is important to recognise the diverse and particular needs each remnant red gum in the area requires in terms of maintenance and management. Further prescriptive actions will be investigated to ensure the unique vegetation is protected, and guidance sought where needed.
- All proposed planting areas should take into consideration CPTED principles to ensure clear viewlines, passive surveillance and safety for visitors. Also refer to section 7 of the Glen Eira Open Space Strategy (2014), particularly 7.2 in regards to tree management, new indigenous planting and enhancing biodiversity values.
- Further investigations should be made to assess whether or not the single shared-use path is appropriate in light of the Djerring Trail works and anticipated increase in user volume. Current measures to make right-of-way clear for pedestrians and slow cyclist traffic may not be sufficient and may need modifications to ensure safety between all users to the area.
- As part of the proposed upgrade and expansion to the central playground area, further consultation will be sought to ensure users of all ages will be catered for. There are also a number of issues pertaining to access, visibility, car parking and sensitive vegetation which need to be resolved.



## Illustrative Management Plan - Boyd Park Central





### 6.4.3 Link Space

Following a site audit of the Link Space, as well as consideration of the Melbourne Water works, an update to the plan has been proposed with the indicated actions.

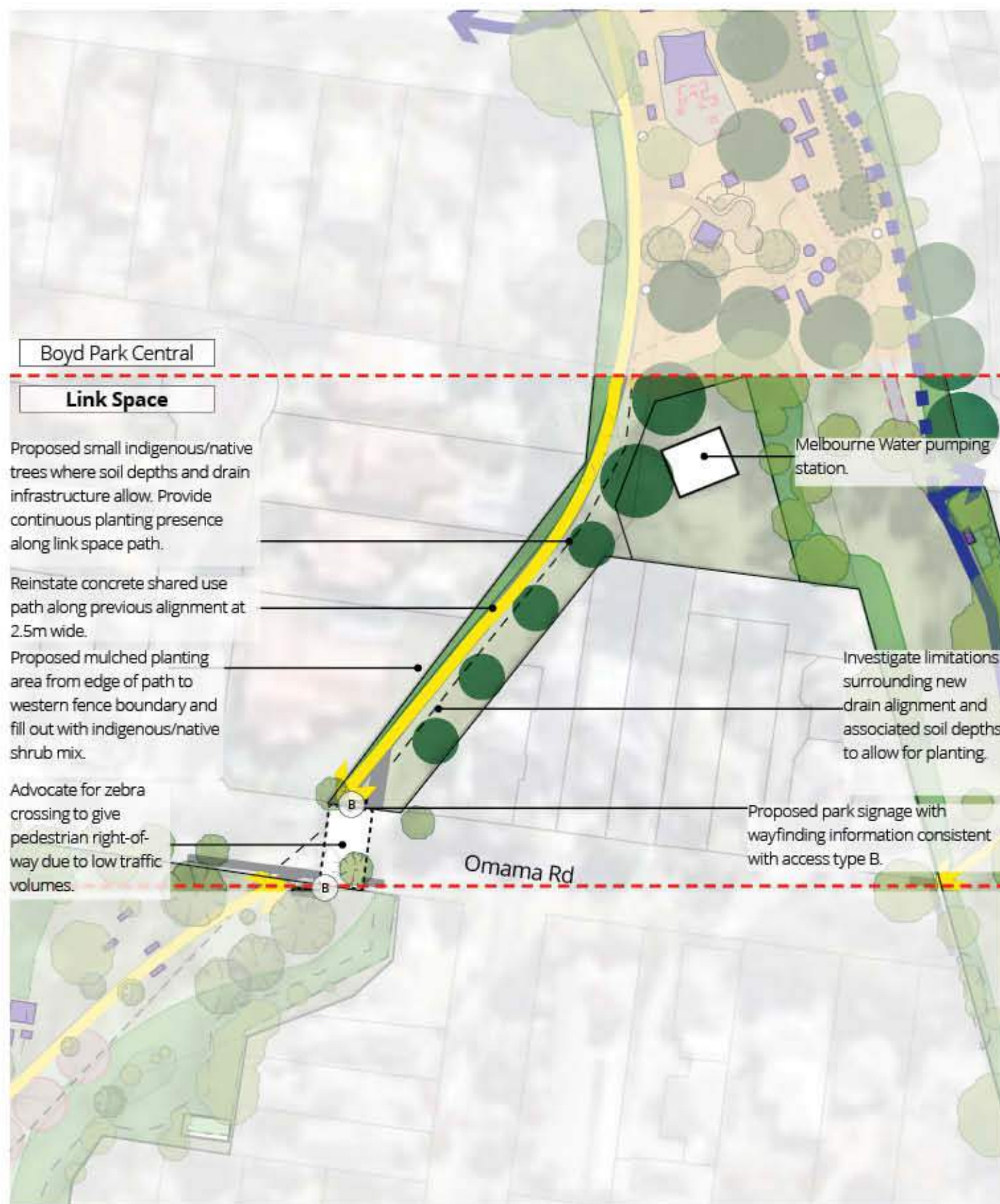
An overall recommendation is made to propose an open grass landscape character, with a row of indigenous trees and planted area adjacent to the path. Following the significant works by Melbourne Water which have cleared the area of its previous surfaces and paths, there is an opportunity to draw an indigenous and native planting character into this space consistent with the proposed vision and principles of this plan.

This will provide a clear direction for the future of the landscape in this space whilst maintaining its previous use as a linking linear space between different sections of the park, and act as a transition of landscape character between Springthorpe Gardens and Boyd Park Central.

#### **General management guidelines:**

- All proposed planting areas should take into consideration CPTED principles to ensure clear viewlines, passive surveillance and safety for visitors. Also refer to section 7 of the Glen Eira Open Space Strategy (2014), particularly 7.2 in regards to tree management, new indigenous planting and enhancing biodiversity values.
- Further investigations should be made to assess whether or not the single shared-use path is appropriate in light of the Djerring Trail works and anticipated increase in user volume. Current measures to make right-of-way clear for pedestrians and slow cyclist traffic may not be sufficient and may need modifications to ensure safety between all users to the area.
- Proposed planting in this space will need to consider the drainage infrastructure and available soil depths for alignment purposes, and may be limited in terms of size and extents. Technical resolution needs to be coordinated with Melbourne Water. However, a continuous planting presence along the path should be prioritised in order to act as a transition of landscape character between the adjacent park spaces in accordance with the shared vision and principles set out in this plan.







#### 6.4.4 Boyd Park South (Kitmont Street)

Following a site audit of Boyd Park South (Kitmont St), as well as consideration of the level crossing removal and new Djerring Trail, an update to the plan has been proposed with the indicated actions.

An overall recommendation is made to conserve and strengthen the 'naturalistic' landscape character throughout the areas covered by the Vegetation Overlay, which contains large numbers of remnant indigenous trees and other remnant species. Where possible, additional planting should specify indigenous species in order to strengthen the landscape character of this space, as well as increase biodiversity values for local fauna.

The southern section of the space which contains a fenced sanctuary containing a high amount of remnant plant species will be maintained as a top priority and opportunities to expand this area will be considered.

Existing activities such as walking, dog-walking and cycling will continue to be provided for in the updated management plan, and will additionally be supported through the increased provision of seating and signage upgrades.

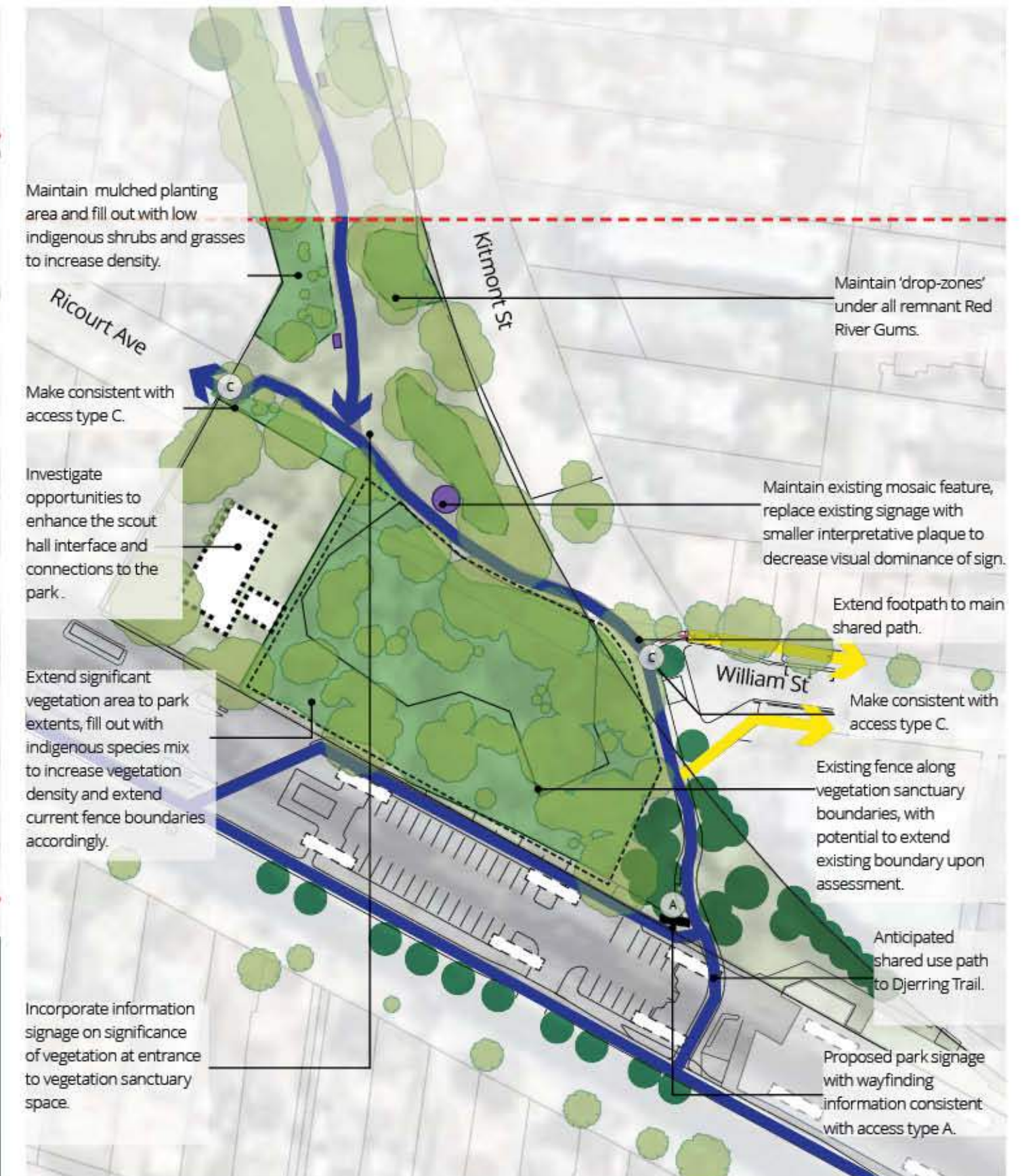
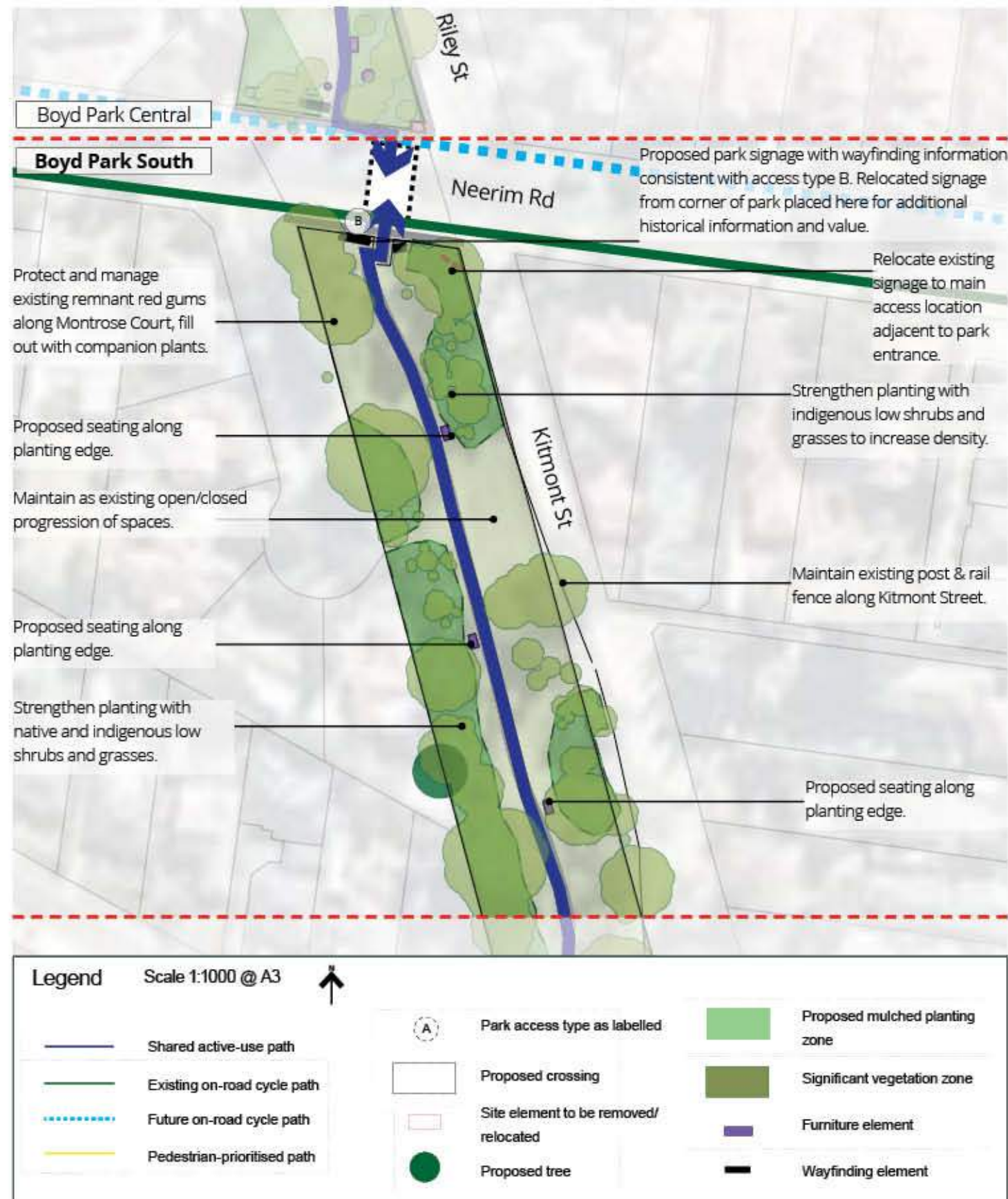
Some of the seeds from the Boyd Tree will be planted in Boyd Park South (location to be confirmed) as a continuation of the existing planting around the station, to act as a landscape feature and increased biological habitat.

##### **General management guidelines:**

- The significance of remnant indigenous vegetation in this area is of the highest importance and strongly contributes to the overall landscape character of not only Boyd Park but also to surrounding areas. Any proposed changes to the area should be considerate to existing vegetation and aim to minimise any environmental impact.
- It is important to recognise the diverse and particular needs each remnant red gum in the area requires in terms of maintenance and management. Further prescriptive actions will be investigated to ensure the unique vegetation is protected, and guidance sought where needed.
- A recommendation has been made to investigate opportunities to enhance the scout hall interface and connections to the park. The existing steel wire fence could be improved upon and be more sympathetic to the character of the surrounding park.
- All proposed planting areas should take into consideration CPTED principles to ensure clear viewlines, passive surveillance and safety for visitors. Also refer to section 7 of the Glen Eira Open Space Strategy (2014), particularly 7.2 in regards to tree management, new indigenous planting and enhancing biodiversity values.
- Further investigations should be made to assess whether or not the single shared-use path is appropriate in light of the Djerring Trail works and anticipated increase in user volume. Current measures to make right-of-way clear for pedestrians and slow cyclist traffic may not be sufficient and may need modifications to ensure safety between all users to the area.
- It should be noted that the new Djerring Trail will significantly increase the volume of users through the space, and priority should be placed on maintaining the valuable remnant vegetation and biodiversity in the area in light of these changes.



## Illustrative Management Plan - Boyd Park South/Kitmont Street





#### 6.4.5 Springthorpe Gardens

Following a site audit of Springthorpe Gardens, as well as consideration of the Melbourne Water works, an update to the plan has been proposed with the indicated actions.

An overall recommendation is made to reinforce the existing open grass landscape character, with more established stands of exotic trees, as well as strengthened planting areas to increase vegetation density.

The continued usage of Springthorpe Gardens as an active local park will be supported and encouraged with informal/picnic seating under the tree canopies, as well as additional park furniture such as seating and small play elements.

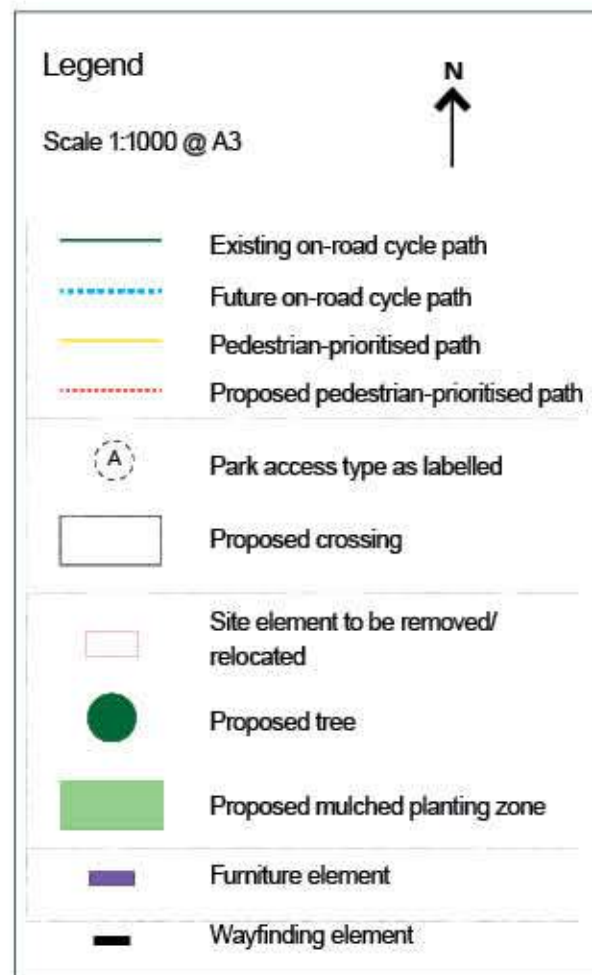
The proposal of an additional segment to the existing pedestrian path will align to the Riley Reserve entrance and crossing point.

#### **General management guidelines:**

- All proposed planting areas should take into consideration CPTED principles to ensure clear viewlines, passive surveillance and safety for visitors. Also refer to section 7 of the Glen Eira Open Space Strategy (2014), particularly 7.2 in regards to tree management, new indigenous planting and enhancing biodiversity values.



## Illustrative Management Plan - Springthorpe Gardens



Advocate for zebra crossing to give pedestrian right-of-way due to low traffic volumes.

Extend existing garden bed and plant with traditional hardy exotic and native shade tolerant shrubs, maintain at low heights close to path. Retain existing stone edge.

Retain existing garden beds, remove high-maintenance planting and replant with hardy traditional shrubs.

Provide an allee of deciduous trees along existing path at regular intervals to increase canopy cover, add seasonal colour and contribute to landscape character.

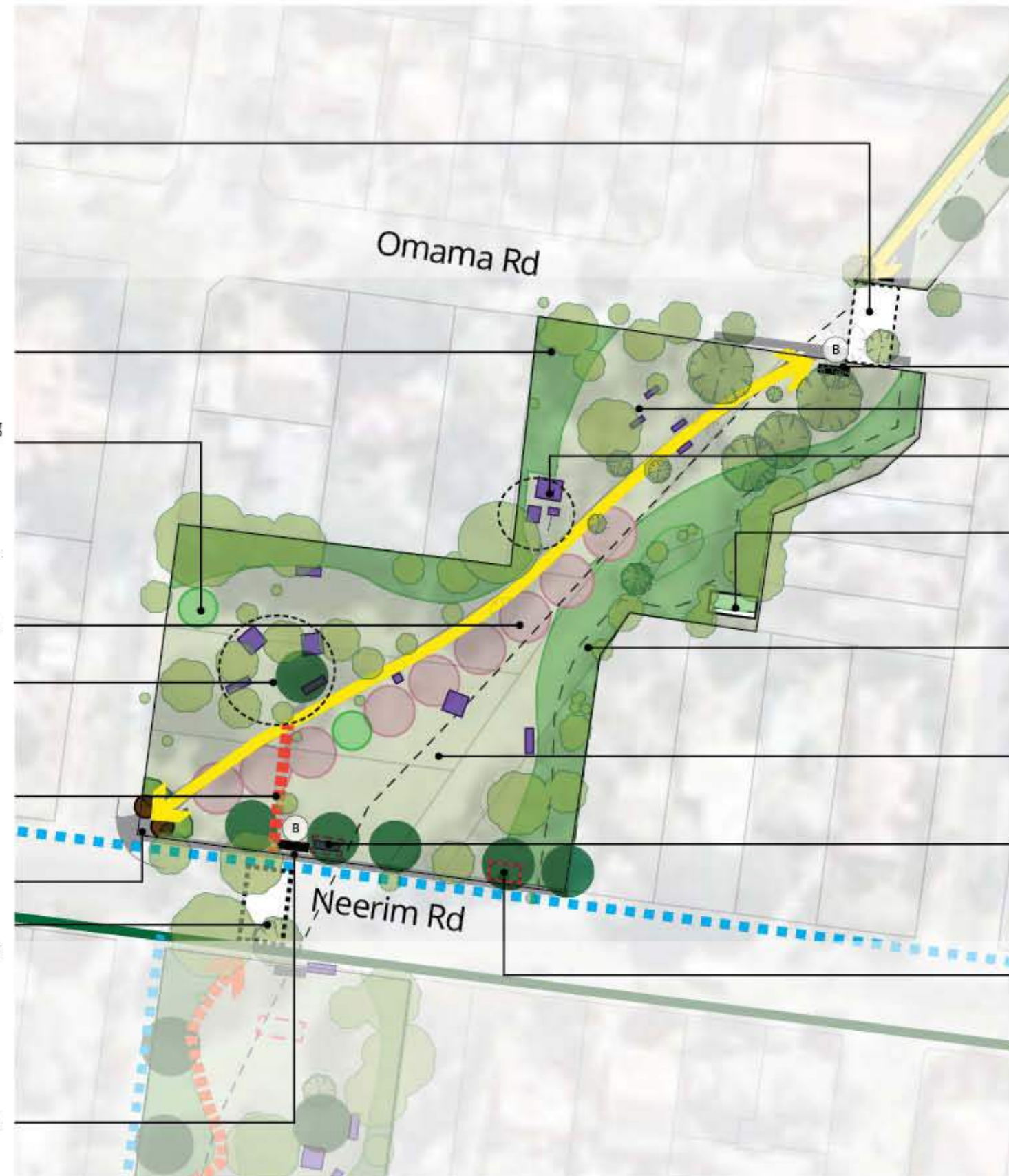
Establish informal picnic/seating area under tree canopies. Consider BBQ facilities.

Proposed 2m pedestrian path to align with crossing point and informal picnic/seating area.

Maintain existing historic Springthorpe Gardens gates.

Align proposed Riley Reserve and Springthorpe Garden entrances to proposed crossing point. Provide signage to make vehicular right-of-way clear, with traffic calming measures.

Proposed park signage with directional wayfinding information consistent with access type B.



Proposed park signage to incorporate directional wayfinding information consistent with Neerim Rd signage.

Additional social seating for families and groups.

Proposed 'local scale' nature play elements as hopping and climbing logs.

Remove shed when no longer required.

Extend existing garden bed and plant with traditional hardy exotic and native shrubs. Maintain at low heights close to path.

Maintain as central open grassland with clear sightlines for informal recreation.

Remove ornamental garden bed and replace with grass cover. Relocate bench adjacent to bus stop.

Relocate existing seat to specified position adjacent to bus stop, consistent with opposing park interface on Riley Reserve.



#### 6.4.6 Riley Reserve

Following a site audit of Riley Reserve, as well as consideration of the Melbourne Water works, level crossing removal and the new Djerring Trail, an update to the plan has been proposed with the indicated actions.

An overall recommendation is made to develop an open grass landscape character, with stands of indigenous/native trees as a transition of character to/from Springthorpe Gardens. The strategy proposes the strengthening of the east and west park boundary interfaces with planted beds and an additional tree presence to increase the legibility of the landscape character.

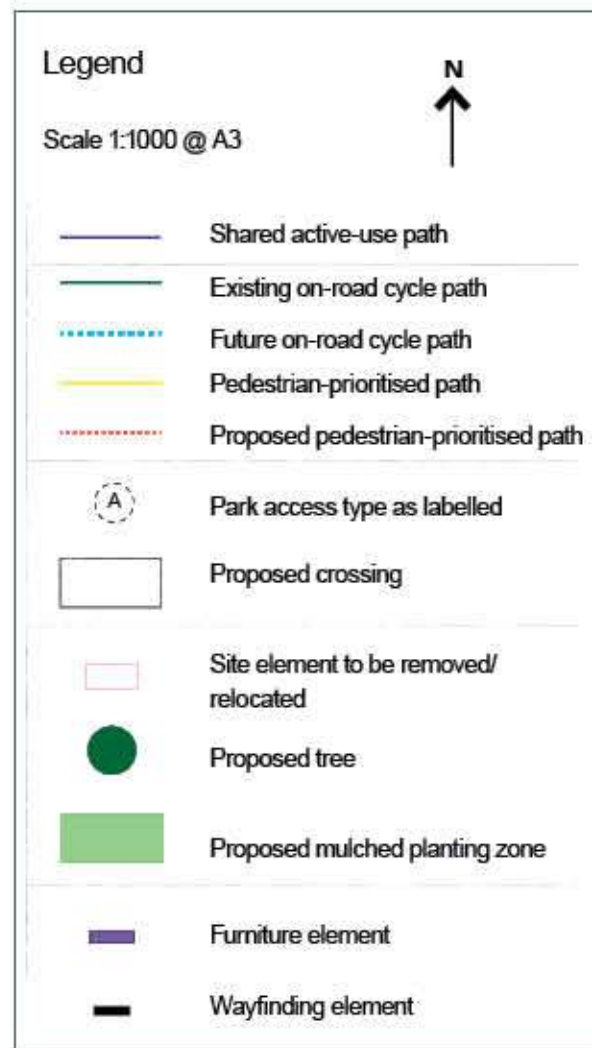
Additionally, it is proposed to include additional park furniture, and other features that improve the overall amenity of the park as an active space. Following the significant works in the Djerring Trail which interfaces the reserve, a pedestrian path is also proposed along the western planted boundary, with the intention of retaining the majority of the park as an open recreational space.

##### **General management guidelines:**

- All proposed planting areas should take into consideration CPTED principles to ensure clear viewlines, passive surveillance and safety for visitors. Also refer to section 7 of the Glen Eira Open Space Strategy (2014), particularly 7.2 in regards to tree management, new indigenous planting and enhancing biodiversity values.
- Due to the significance of the Melbourne Water works in the area, a large proportion of existing planting and ground cover has been removed. Priority should be made to re-vegetate the area as soon as possible, and allow for open grassed areas where informal recreation can occur, as well as the provision of amenities to allow active use of the space.
- Due to the significance of the level crossing removal works in the area, the visual dominance of the elevated rail structure was noted in numerous community comments during the consultation phase. A priority to provide visual screening qualities through re-vegetation should inform proposed actions in Riley Reserve.



## Illustrative Management Plan - Riley Reserve



Align proposed Riley Reserve and Springthorpe Garden entrances to proposed crossing point. Provide signage to make vehicular right-of-way clear, with traffic calming measures.

Provide clear route for cyclists from Djerring Trail separate to pedestrian path.

Proposed planting area with mix of traditional low hardy indigenous and native shrubs. Facilitate informal connections through raised kerb.

Proposed 2m pedestrian path.

Provide new indigenous trees along proposed path at regular intervals to increase canopy cover and contribute to landscape character and biodiversity.

Proposed park signage and incorporate directional wayfinding information consistent with access type A.

Shared path from Djerring Trail.

Future cycle connection to Murrumbena park.



Upgrade existing park signage and incorporate directional wayfinding information consistent with access type B.

Remove ornamental garden bed and replace with grass cover. Maintain as open grassed area for informal recreation.

Proposed social furniture at perimeter of garden bed to increase amenity for visitors.

Extend existing garden bed and fill out with traditional hardy low indigenous and native shrubs.

Maintain as open grassed area with clear sightlines for informal recreation.

Open pit drain location. Zone for replanting.

Extension of existing garden bed to rail interface with traditional hardy low indigenous and native shrubs. Provide new indigenous trees to enhance local biodiversity value and provide visual screening to rail interface.



## 6.5. Artists Impression - Springthorpe Gardens

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### 6.5.1 Existing Character





### 6.5.2 Aspirational Character





## 6.6. Artists Impression - Boyd Park Central - Active Space

### 6.6.1 Existing Character





### 6.6.2 Aspirational Character





## 6.7. Public Consultation Summary

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**A draft version of the Outer Circle Railway Linear Park management plan was promoted for community consultation from Monday 22nd October to Sunday 25th November 2018 through the following methods:**

- Distribution of over 800 information flyers to all properties in the vicinity of the Outer Circle Railway Linear Parks on Tuesday 23rd October and Wednesday 24th October.
- Installation of six A1 Corflute signs at these locations:
  - Riley Reserve
  - Springthorpe Gardens
  - Boyd Park Kitmont Street near the mosaic feature (with brochures in holder)
  - Boyd Park Central at the playground (with brochures in holder)
  - Boyd Park Central at Neerim Road entrance
  - Boyd Park North near the rotunda (with brochures in holder)
- Information was posted on Glen Eira City Council's website.
- An information portal and discussion forum 'Have your Say'.
- On-site consultations on 1st, 8th, 9th, 20th November.
- Notification to Glen Eira Environmental Group.
- Notification to Melbourne Water.
- Notification to Scouts Victoria.
- An article in the November Glen Eira news.
- Advertising in the Leader newspapers.
- Promotion on Glen Eira City Council's Facebook and social media channels.

A summary of themes, suggestions and ideas raised during the consultation phase is presented in the following page, with comments from the officer outlining the proposed actions or response. The Glen Eira Environmental Group (GEEG) has also provided feedback on the draft document and the comments have been summarised.



## 6.7. Public Consultation Summary

**A summary of themes, suggestions and ideas raised during the consultation phase is presented here, with comments from Council officers outlining the proposed actions or response.**

Concerns were raised by the community regarding the suggestion to “investigate the relocation of the scout hall”. Following review, the officer’s comments have been to remove this previous action and instead look at opportunities to enhance the scout hall interface and connection to the park.

There was some discussion regarding the potential to include a public toilet as part of the proposed works in the Boyd Park Central area. Following review, the officer’s comments have been to proceed with this suggested action, providing CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) principles are adhered to.

Regarding the proposal to upgrade and expand the existing playground area, the officer’s proposal is to address the community’s concerns by stipulating a further community consultation in order to seek views on play equipment suitability, amongst other concerns.

Park lighting in Boyd Park North needs to be considerate of flora and fauna, and be planned to minimise environmental impact.

A number of concerns were raised regarding the potential conflict between different users of the park, such as cyclists, dog-walkers, pedestrians and users in active spaces. The officer’s comments ranged from suitability of seating areas, barriers, signage and traffic-calming strategies for cyclists. A recommendation to advocate for a future pedestrian/cyclist link between Boyd Park and Urban Forest across Dandenong Road has been well received by the community and will remain in the document.

A range of suggestions were noted from the community for the future planning of Riley Reserve, following Melbourne Water works. The officer has recommended to incorporate active spaces and elements, as well as a range of new planting in future plans for the area.

The management plan’s recommendations regarding various road crossings at different locations have been assessed as being suitable.

A number of comments were made regarding the value of remnant Red River Gums throughout the park, with suggestions to provide individual management plans for each tree. Following review, the officer has referred this to future develop the council tree strategy or urban forest strategy to further enhance this approach.

The Council officers have recommended a refresh of the management plan ‘vision’, after suggestions were raised from the community to better reflect how the community see, interact with and use the space.

**The Glen Eira Environmental Group (GEEG) has also provided feedback on the draft document and the comments have been summarised as follows:**

The plan needs to recognise and accommodate the potential for faunal movement as well as human movement. There are habitat corridors which the Outer Circle Linear Parks connect to and this needs to be supported through actions in the management plan.

The vegetated area at the north of Boyd Park North needs to consider the inclusion of a fence along its perimeter to exclude dogs from the area.

It is important to recognise the diverse and particular needs each remnant red gum in the area requires in terms of maintenance and management. The GEEG suggest individual management plans for all remnant Red River Gums, to be reviewed annually.

The area covered by the vegetation overlay at the southern end of the reserve must be protected at all costs. Plans should also be made to re-assess the validity of the existing fence line location and expand to improve the environmental value of the area.

The GEEG believes the landscape management plan should be more prescriptive in the type of management and maintenance required to keep the biodiversity and environmental values found in the reserve for future generations to enjoy.



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## 7. Additional Guidelines

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## 7.1. Park Furniture

### 7.1.1 Types:

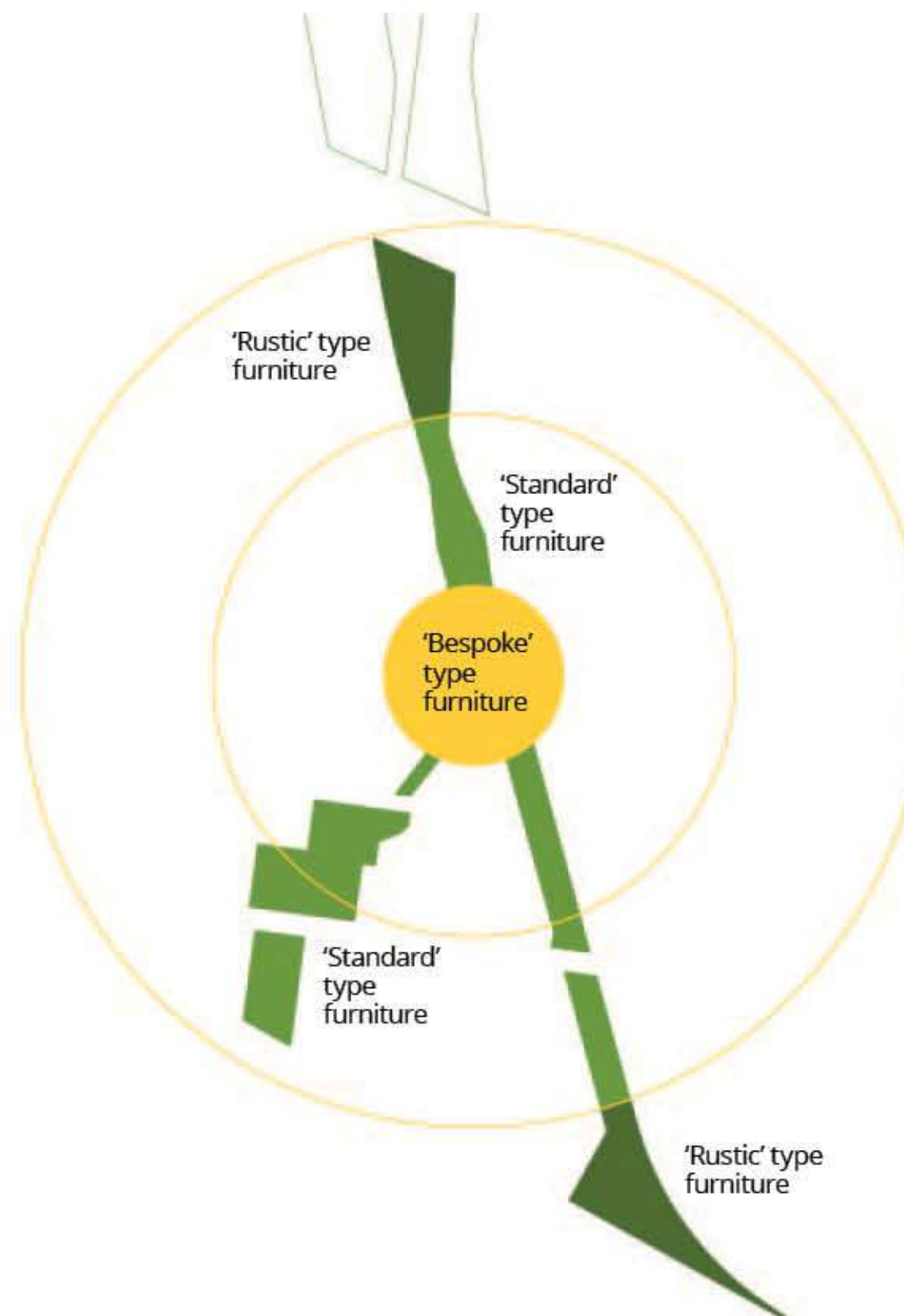
The selection of furniture and fixtures is essential in establishing a cohesive identity for the park.

The following provides an overview of the park furniture character for specific areas, in alignment with Council requirements as set out in the '**Outdoor Furniture Strategy for the City of Glen Eira**', March 2000. These elements are readily available, robust and where possible utilise sustainable materials.

**Bespoke elements** - located within Boyd Park Central. Elements designed as part of the nature play experience. Some furniture items to be off the shelf type.

**Standard elements** - refer to 'Standard' park range, as indicated in the 'Outdoor Furniture Strategy for the City of Glen Eira', March 2000.

**Rustic elements** - refer to 'Rustic' park range, as indicated in the 'Outdoor Furniture Strategy for the City of Glen Eira', March 2000.





## 7.2. Wayfinding Strategy

### 7.2.1 Park Access/Entrance types:

**'A' - Gateway park entrance**, with prominent signage, additionally indicating location and direction of key park destinations.

**'B' - Secondary park entrance**, signage providing orientation to nearby park destinations.

**'C' - Local park entrance**, removable bollards consistent in appearance across all points.





## 7.2.2 Signage Examples

'A' - Gateway park entrance



'B' - Secondary park entrance



'C' - Local park entrance





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## 8. Project Implementation



## 8.1. Project Implementation Summary

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This management plan outlines a number of key recommendations and actions for each space within the Outer Circle Railway Linear Park. The decision making framework for these were considered against the developed vision and principles set forth in this document.

This section sets out a implementation plan for Boyd Park North, Boyd Park Central, Boyd Park South/Kitmont Street, Link Space, Springthorpe Gardens and Riley Reserve.

In addition to an overall recommendation, a priority has been assigned to each individual action, which was considered against the vision and the 5 developed principles:

- Strengthening Connections
- Closing Gaps
- Cohesive Zones and Spaces
- A Legible Landscape Character
- Defined Active and Passive Spaces

Each individual action does not necessarily have to meet the requirements of every principle, but should make a positive overall impact to the space. The varying extents to which Melbourne Water works and the recently completed Djerring Trail have impacted each space has also influenced the priority of certain actions. The overall aim is to realise the vision for the Outer Circle Railway Linear park in order to strengthen it as a place and as an experience.

For the location which each intended action applies to, refer to the illustrated management plan for the corresponding area in section 6.



## 8.2. Implementation Plan

### 8.2.1 Boyd Park North

| Recommendations & Actions  | Priority  | Action Timeline        |                         |                        |
|--|-----------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
|  |           | Short term (0-2 years) | Medium Term (2-5 years) | Long term (5-10 years) |
| <b>Boyd Park North</b>   |           |                        |                         |                        |
| <b>Future crossing Dandenong Rd/Princes Highway</b><br>Advocate for future pedestrian/cycle crossing to Urban Forest Reserve.  | Long Term |                        |                         | Y                      |
| <b>Proposed park lighting</b><br>To be installed at regular intervals along shared use path, and around active space adjacent to social furniture.   | Medium    |                        | Y                       |                        |
| <b>Low perimeter barrier – northern planting zone</b><br>Investigate densely planted edge and low perimeter barrier option which is sympathetic to the existing character of the park to discourage dogs from disrupting vegetation. | High      | Y                      |                         |                        |
| <b>Upgrade to pergola</b>  | Long Term | Y                      |                         |                        |
| <b>Proposed planting in northern mulched area</b><br>Fill out with indigenous plant species, increase planting density, remove exotic species over time. Reinforce perimeter edge with Lomandra sp.                                  | Medium    | Y                      |                         |                        |
| <b>Maintain open grassland</b><br>Continue to maintain for informal recreation.  | Ongoing   |                        |                         |                        |
| <b>Proposed furniture upgrades – pergola area</b><br>Additional picnic table and seating.  | Medium    |                        | Y                       |                        |
| <b>Make consistent post &amp; rail boundary interface along Wilson Street.</b>   | Long Term |                        | Y                       |                        |

| Recommendations & Actions   | Priority         | Action Timeline        |                         |                        |
|---|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
|   |                  | Short term (0-2 years) | Medium Term (2-5 years) | Long term (5-10 years) |
| <b>Proposed trees along eastern and western boundary</b><br>Provide continuous tree presence. Locations as indicated on plan.                     | High             | Y                      |                         |                        |
| <b>Proposed seating &amp; social furniture to increase amenity of open grass area</b><br>2 picnic tables, 4 park benches.                         | Medium           |                        | Y                       |                        |
| <b>Extension of existing mulched planting areas</b><br>Fill out with indigenous/native low shrub mix. Various locations as indicated on plan.     | Medium-Long Term |                        | Y                       | Y                      |
| <b>Park signage upgrades</b><br>Gateway type A entrance on Dandenong Road interface.  | High             | Y                      |                         |                        |
| <b>Park signage upgrades</b><br>Type C entrance upgrades on Nangana Road, Wilson Street and Wahroonga Crescent entry points as indicated on plan. | Medium-Long Term |                        | Y                       | Y                      |



## 8.2.2 Boyd Park Central

| Recommendations & Actions  | Priority         | Action Timeline        |                         |                        |
|--|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
|  |                  | Short term (0-2 years) | Medium Term (2-5 years) | Long term (5-10 years) |
| <b>Boyd Park Central</b>   |                  |                        |                         |                        |
| <b>Expand existing space as nature play space, with additional furniture and amenities. Investigate additional options for intergenerational play equipment</b><br>Further consultation to take place during the design phase. | High             | Y                      |                         |                        |
| <b>Consider addition of an amenities block, taking into account CPTED principles to ensure visibility, passive surveillance and safety</b>   | Medium           |                        | Y                       |                        |
| <b>Proposed drinking fountain, bins and lighting around central playground</b>   | Medium-Long Term |                        | Y                       | Y                      |
| <b>Re-alignment of path closer to Wilson St</b><br>Minimise impact to existing trees.  | High             | Y                      |                         |                        |
| <b>Proposed trees along western boundary</b><br>3 total trees, indigenous preferred. Can be native but not exotic. Locations as indicated on plan.   | Medium           | Y                      |                         |                        |
| <b>Additional seating along eastern interface of shared use path</b><br>Increase user value of adjoining grassed areas.  | Medium           | Y                      |                         |                        |
| <b>Protect and manage remnant Red River Gums</b><br>Investigate prescriptive management actions for each landmark tree.  | Ongoing - High   |                        | Y                       |                        |

| Recommendations & Actions  | Priority         | Action Timeline        |                         |                        |
|--|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
|  |                  | Short term (0-2 years) | Medium Term (2-5 years) | Long term (5-10 years) |
| <b>Maintain as open grassed area and informal recreation space with clear sightlines along path</b>  | Ongoing          |                        |                         |                        |
| <b>Remove deteriorating log edges at existing plant bed locations</b><br>Maintain as natural mulched edge.                                       | Medium-Long Term |                        | Y                       |                        |
| <b>Remove deteriorating park bench</b><br>Replace with seat as GEEC furniture strategy.  | Medium           |                        | Y                       | Y                      |
| <b>Maintain existing Boyd plaque</b>   | Ongoing          |                        |                         |                        |
| <b>Extension of existing mulched planting areas</b><br>Fill out with indigenous/native low shrub mix. Various locations as indicated on plan.    | Medium           |                        | Y                       | Y                      |
| <b>Park signage upgrade Type B</b><br>Type B entrance on Neerim Road interface.  | High             | Y                      |                         |                        |
| <b>Park signage upgrades Type C</b><br>Type C entrance upgrades on Wilson Street, Omama Road and Riley Street entry points as indicated on plan. | Medium-Long Term |                        | Y                       | Y                      |
| <b>Provide additional signage to make vehicular right-of-way clear for pedestrians and cyclists.</b><br>Neerim Road crossing point.              | Medium           |                        | Y                       |                        |



### 8.2.3 Link Space

| Recommendations & Actions   | Priority | Action Timeline        |                         |                        |
|---|----------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
|   |          | Short term (0-2 years) | Medium Term (2-5 years) | Long term (5-10 years) |
| <b>Link Space</b>   |          |                        |                         |                        |
| <b>Proposed small indigenous/native trees where soil depths and drain infrastructure allow. Provide continuous planting presence along link space path</b><br>Indigenous preferred. Can be native but not exotic. | High     | Y                      |                         |                        |
| <b>Reinstate concrete shared use path along previous alignment at 2.5m wide</b>   | High     | Y                      |                         |                        |
| <b>Proposed mulched planting area from edge of path to western fence boundary</b><br>Fill out with indigenous/native low shrub mix.   | Medium   |                        | Y                       |                        |
| <b>Zebra crossing at Omama Road</b><br>Give pedestrian right-of-way and align to park entrances between link space and Springthorpe Gardens.  | Medium   |                        | Y                       |                        |
| <b>Park signage upgrade Type B</b><br>Entrance type B on Omama Road entry point as indicated on plan.   | High     | Y                      |                         |                        |



## 8.2.4 Boyd Park South (Kitmont Street)

| Recommendations & Actions   | Priority         | Action Timeline        |                         |                        |
|---|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
|   |                  | Short term (0-2 years) | Medium Term (2-5 years) | Long term (5-10 years) |
| <b>Boyd Park South (Kitmont Street)</b>   |                  |                        |                         |                        |
| <b>Park signage upgrade Type B</b><br>Type B entrance on Neerim Road interface.   | High             | Y                      |                         |                        |
| <b>Park signage upgrades Type C</b><br>Type C entrance at William St and Ricourt Ave as indicated on plan.  | Medium           |                        | Y                       |                        |
| <b>Relocate existing signage to main access location adjacent to park entrance</b><br>Align to Neerim Road entry point as indicated on plan.                                      | Medium           |                        | Y                       |                        |
| <b>Protect and manage existing Remnant Red River Gums along Montrose Court</b><br>Fill out with companion plants.   | Ongoing - High   |                        |                         |                        |
| <b>Protect and manage remnant Red River Gums throughout</b><br>Investigate prescriptive management actions for each tree. Maintain 'drop-zones' under all remnant Red River Gums. | Ongoing - High   |                        |                         |                        |
| <b>Additional seating along edge of shared use path</b><br>Increase user value of adjoining grassed areas.  | Medium           |                        | Y                       |                        |
| <b>Strengthen planting with native and indigenous low shrubs and grasses</b><br>Increase vegetation density and biodiversity value. Various locations as indicated on plan.       | Medium-Long Term |                        | Y                       | Y                      |

| Recommendations & Actions   | Priority         | Action Timeline        |                         |                        |
|---|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
|   |                  | Short term (0-2 years) | Medium Term (2-5 years) | Long term (5-10 years) |
| <b>Investigate opportunities to enhance the scout hall interface and connections to the park</b><br>Improve the area's interface to the existing park and rail linear park interfaces.  | Long Term        |                        |                         | Y                      |
| <b>Maintain existing mosaic feature</b><br>Replace existing signage with smaller plaque to decrease the visual dominance of the current sign against the mosaic.  | Ongoing          |                        |                         |                        |
| <b>Extend significant vegetation area to park extents, fill out with indigenous species mix</b><br>Investigate the extension of the current fenced planting zone together with the Glen Eira Environmental Group to assess the best location. | Medium-Long Term |                        | Y                       | Y                      |
| <b>Incorporate small information signage at entrance to fenced vegetation sanctuary for awareness and educational purposes</b><br>Promote the on-going awareness of environmental values in Glen Eira.  | Long Term        |                        |                         | Y                      |
| <b>Extend sidewalk to main shared path</b><br>Connect existing sidewalk from William St to main park path.  | Medium           |                        | Y                       |                        |
| <b>Park signage upgrades, relocated signage</b><br>Gateway type A entrance on rail linear park interface as indicated on plan.  | High             | Y                      |                         |                        |



## 8.2.5 Springthorpe Gardens

| Recommendations & Actions   | Priority           | Action Timeline        |                         |                        |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
|   |                    | Short term (0-2 years) | Medium Term (2-5 years) | Long term (5-10 years) |
| <b>Springthorpe Gardens</b>   |                    |                        |                         |                        |
| <b>Extension of existing mulched planting areas</b><br>Fill out with hardy exotic/native low shrub mix. Maintain at low heights close to path. Various locations as indicated on plan.          | Medium             | Y                      |                         |                        |
| <b>Retain and re-establish existing garden beds</b><br>Remove high-maintenance planting and replant with hardy exotic/native species.   | Medium             |                        | Y                       |                        |
| <b>Proposed alley of deciduous trees along pedestrian path</b><br>Choose species for seasonal colour variation, canopy cover. Plant at regular intervals along western edge of pedestrian path. | High               |                        | Y                       |                        |
| <b>Establish informal picnic/seating area under tree canopies</b><br>Locations as indicated on plan.  | High               | Y                      |                         |                        |
| <b>Proposed 2m pedestrian path</b><br>Align with crossing point and informal picnic/seating area.   | High               | Y                      |                         |                        |
| <b>Maintain existing historic Springthorpe Gardens gates</b>  | Ongoing            |                        |                         |                        |
| <b>Provide additional social furniture.</b><br>Additional social seating for families and groups around grassy area close to Omama Rd interface.  | Medium – Long Term |                        | Y                       | Y                      |
| <b>Remove shed when no longer required</b>  | Ongoing            |                        |                         |                        |

| Recommendations & Actions   | Priority  | Action Timeline        |                         |                        |
|---|-----------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
|   |           | Short term (0-2 years) | Medium Term (2-5 years) | Long term (5-10 years) |
| <b>Proposed 'local scale' nature play elements</b><br>Ensure CPTED guidelines are followed for visibility, passive surveillance and safety.                                   | Long Term |                        |                         | Y                      |
| <b>Maintain as central open grassland with clear sightlines for informal recreation</b>   | Ongoing   |                        |                         |                        |
| <b>Remove ornamental garden bed.</b><br>Replace with grass cover consistent with central open grassed area for informal recreation.   | Medium    |                        | Y                       |                        |
| <b>Relocate existing seat to area adjacent to bus stop.</b><br>Location as indicated on plan, consistent with opposite interface on Riley Reserve.                            | Medium    |                        | Y                       |                        |
| <b>Park signage upgrades.</b><br>Type B entrance at Neerim Road and Omama Road entry points. Align with respective entry points as indicated on plan.                         | High      | Y                      |                         |                        |
| <b>Provide crossing point on Neerim Road.</b><br>Align crossing point to proposed paths. Provide signage to make vehicular right-of-way clear, with traffic calming measures. | High      | Y                      |                         |                        |
| <b>Zebra crossing at Omama Road.</b><br>Give pedestrian right-of-way and align to park entrances between link space and Springthorpe Gardens.                                 | High      | Y                      |                         |                        |



## 8.2.6 Riley Reserve

| Recommendations & Actions   | Priority | Action Timeline        |                         |                        |
|---|----------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
|   |          | Short term (0-2 years) | Medium Term (2-5 years) | Long term (5-10 years) |
| <b>Riley Reserve</b>  |          |                        |                         |                        |
| <b>Provide crossing point on Neerim Road.</b><br>Align crossing point to proposed paths. Provide signage to make vehicular right-of-way clear, with traffic calming measures.   | High     | Y                      |                         |                        |
| <b>Provide clear route for cyclists from rail linear park separate to pedestrian path.</b><br>Along rail linear park/Arthur Street interface.   | Medium   |                        | Y                       |                        |
| <b>Proposed mulched planting areas.</b><br>Mix of traditional low hardy indigenous and native shrubs. Various locations as indicated on plan along western and eastern boundaries. Incorporate pit drain location into planting as shown. | Medium   |                        | Y                       |                        |
| <b>Proposed pedestrian path.</b><br>2m wide path.   | High     | Y                      |                         |                        |
| <b>Proposed trees along Arthur Street in planted zones.</b><br>Locations as indicated on plan, indigenous preferred. Can be native but not exotic.  | High     |                        | Y                       |                        |
| <b>Remove ornamental garden bed and replace with grass cover.</b><br>Maintain as open grassed area for informal recreation.   | High     | Y                      |                         |                        |

| Recommendations & Actions   | Priority | Action Timeline        |                         |                        |
|---|----------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
|   |          | Short term (0-2 years) | Medium Term (2-5 years) | Long term (5-10 years) |
| <b>Additional social furniture.</b><br>2 park seats, 1 picnic table consistent with GECC furniture guidelines. Locations as indicated on plan.  | Medium   | Y                      |                         |                        |
| <b>Provide new indigenous trees to enhance local biodiversity value and provide visual screening to rail interface</b><br>Locations as indicated on plan.                                       | High     | Y                      |                         |                        |
| <b>Park signage upgrades.</b><br>Gateway type A entrance on rail linear park interface.<br><br>Type B entrance on Neerim Road interface, align with opposite interface in Springthorpe Gardens. | High     | Y                      |                         |                        |



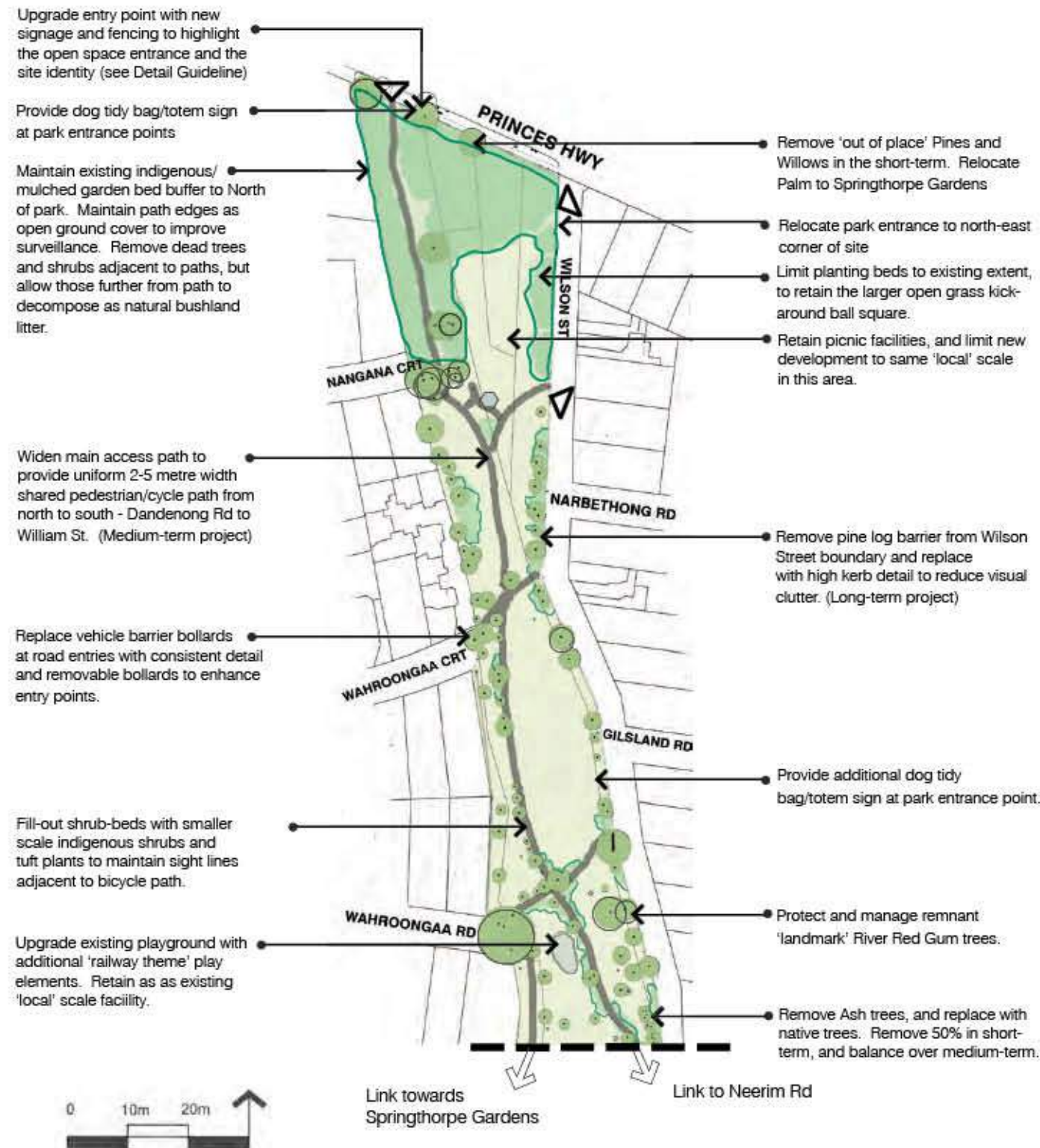
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## 9. Appendix



## 9.1. 2004 Management Plan Site Audit

### 9.1.1 Boyd Park North



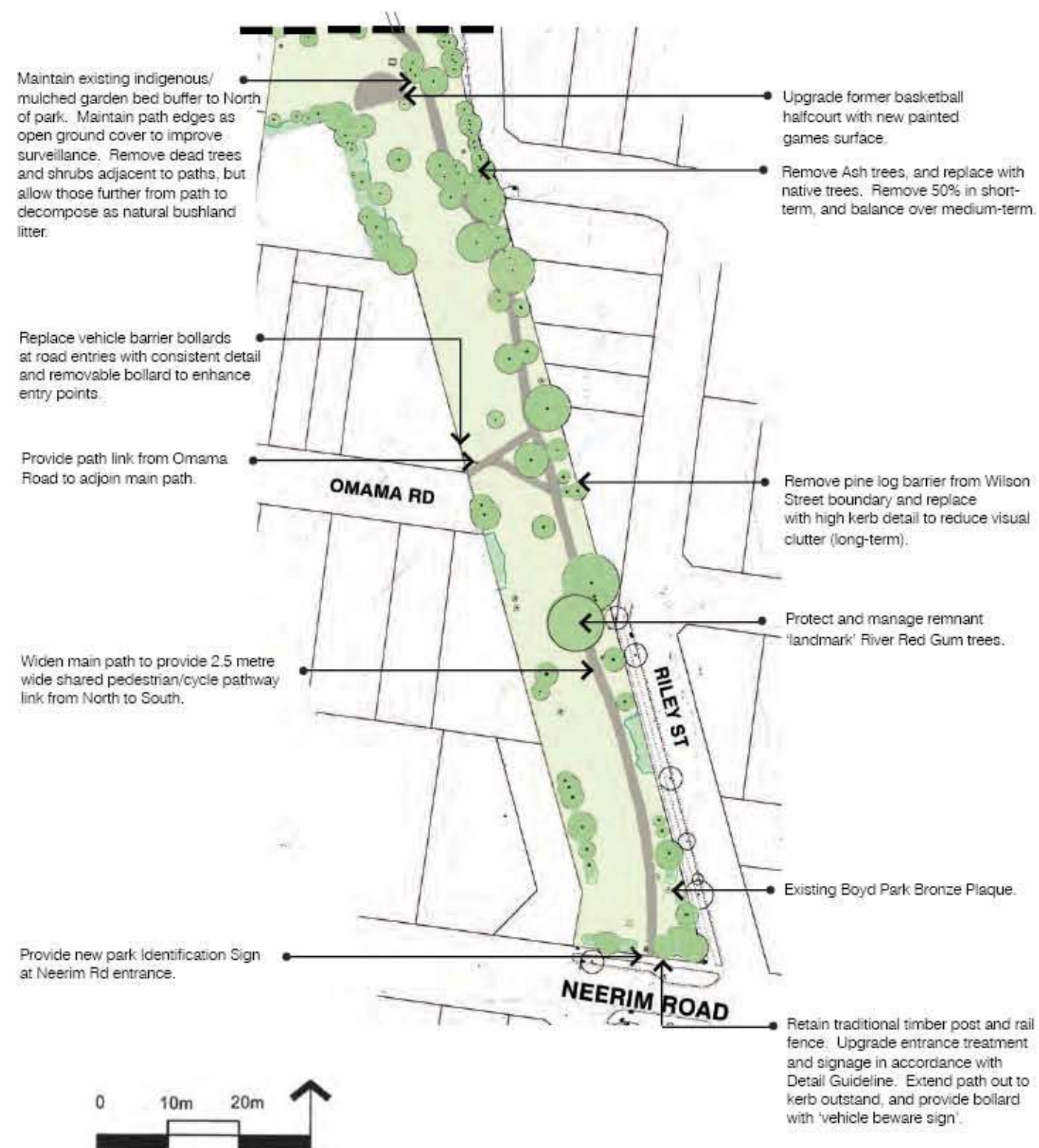
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| Boyd Park North | General Notes  | Actions  | Completion Status   | Incorporate into New Proposal?   |
|-----------------|--|--|---------------------|--|
|                 | Retain linear open space link function, enhance natural indigenous treed character.  | Upgrade entry point with new signage and fencing to highlight the open space entrance and the site identity (see Detail Guideline).        | Not completed       | Yes - Make access consistent with type A.  |
|                 | As exotic trees decline, over the decades, they should not be replaced with exotic trees. New planting should be structured into an indigenous woodland setting. | Provide dog tidy bag/totem sign at park entrance points.   | Completed           |  |
|                 | N.B - Further assessment required following Melbourne Water works post-occupancy, limited access and visibility at time of site visit.                           | Maintain existing indigenous/mulched garden bed buffer to North of park. Maintain path edges as open ground cover to improve surveillance. | Completed           | Yes - consider opportunities to minimise dog activity and impact around vegetation.                                |
|                 |  | Widen main access path to provide uniform 2-5 metre width shared pedestrian/cycle path from north to south - Dandenong Rd to William St.   | Completed           |  |
|                 |  | Replace vehicle barrier bollards at road entries with consistent detail and removable bollards to enhance entry points.                    | Completed           |  |
|                 |  | Fill-out shrub-beds with smaller scale indigenous shrubs and tuft plants to maintain sight lines adjacent to bicycle path.                 | Partially Completed | Yes - Additional maintenance required to remove weed species and fill out with indigenous / native shrub mix.      |
|                 |  | Upgrade existing playground with additional 'railway theme' play elements. Retain as existing 'local' scale facility.                      | Completed           | Yes - Proposed upgraded & expanded playspace incorporating 'nature play' elements.                                 |
|                 |  | Remove 'out of place' Pines and Willows in the short-term. Relocate Palm to Springthorpe Gardens.  | Not completed       |  |
|                 |  | Relocate park entrance to north-east corner of site.   | Completed           |  |
|                 |  | Limit planting beds to existing extent, to retain the larger open grass kick-around ball square.   | Completed           | Yes  |
|                 |  | Retain picnic facilities, and limit new development to same 'local' scale in this area.  | Completed           | Yes - Consider alterations to rotunda (remove brick walls, return columns and beams to natural timber appearance). |
|                 |  | Remove pine log barrier from Wilson Street boundary and replace with high kerb detail to reduce visual clutter. (Long-term project)        | Not completed       |  |
|                 |  | Protect and manage remnant 'landmark' River Red Gum trees.   | Not completed       | Further address with more prescriptive management actions for individual trees                                     |
|                 |  | Remove Ash trees, and replace with native trees. Remove 50% in short term, and balance over medium term.                                   | Completed           |  |



## 9.1.2 Boyd Park Central

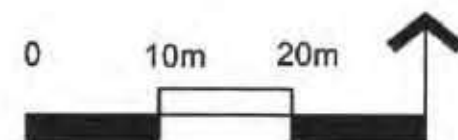
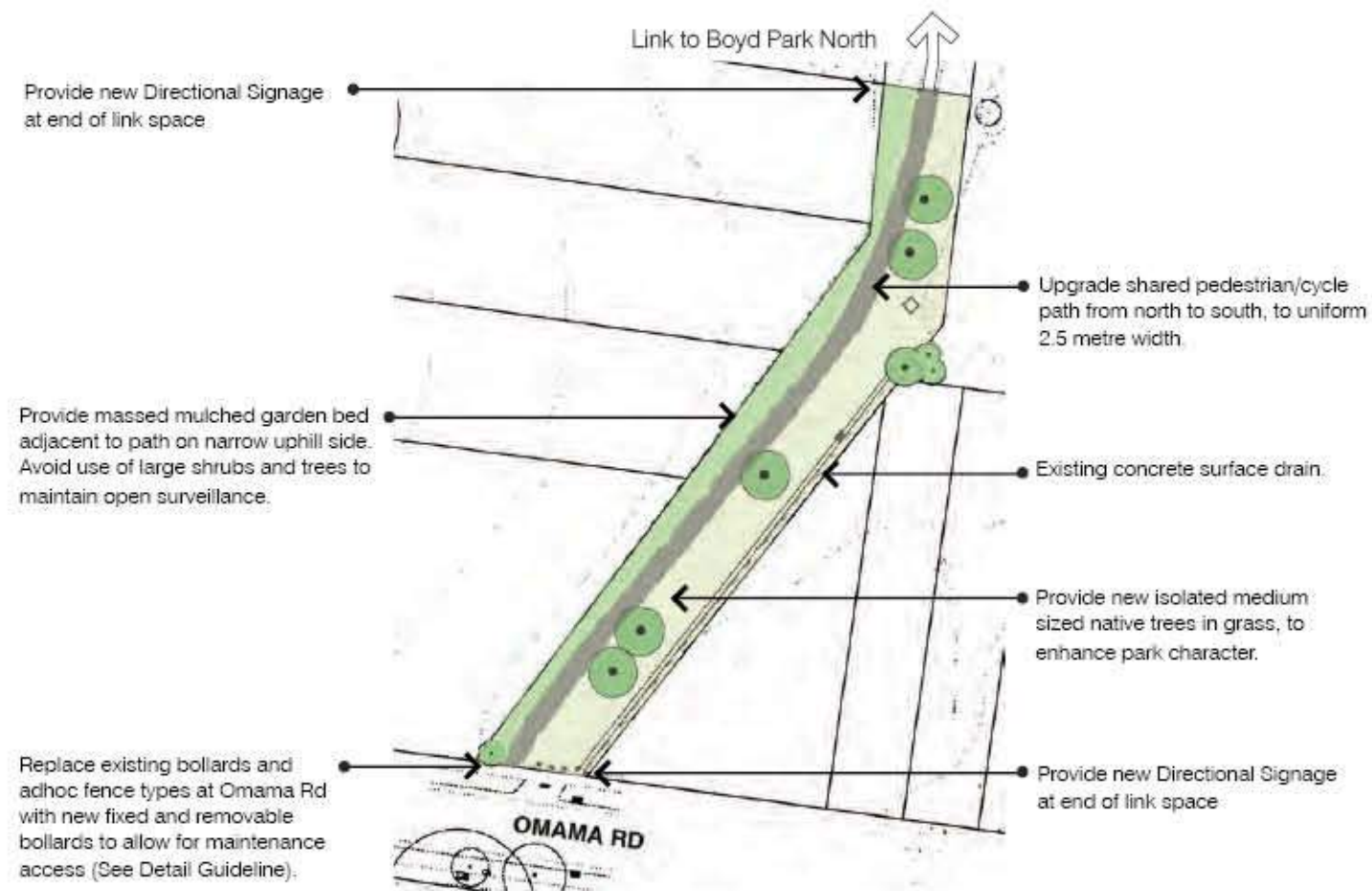


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| Boyd Park Central | General Notes  | Actions   | Completion Status    | Incorporate Into New Proposal?  |
|-------------------|--|---|----------------------|---|
|                   | Retain linear open space link function, enhance natural indigenous vegetation setting.   | Maintain existing indigenous/mulched garden bed buffer to North of park. Maintain path edges as open ground cover to improve surveillance. Remove dead trees and shrubs adjacent to paths, but allow those further from path to decompose as natural bushland litter. | Completed            |   |
|                   | As exotic trees decline, over the decades, they should not be replaced with exotic trees. New planting should be structured into an indigenous woodland setting. | Replace vehicle barrier bollards at road entries with consistent detail and removable bollard to enhance entry points.  | Completed            | Yes - Make access consistent with type C.   |
|                   |  | Provide path link from Omama Road to adjoin main path.  | Completed            | Yes - Make access consistent with type C.   |
|                   |  | Widen main path to provide 2.5 metre wide shared pedestrian/cycle pathway link from North to South.   | Completed            |   |
|                   |  | Provide new park Identification Sign at Neerim Rd entrance.   | Not completed        | Yes - Make access consistent with type B.   |
|                   |  | Upgrade former basketball halfcourt with new painted games surface.   | No longer applicable | No longer applicable.   |
|                   |  | Remove Ash trees, and replace with native trees. Remove 50% in short term, and balance over medium term.  | Partially Completed  | Yes   |
|                   |  | Remove pine log barrier from Wilson Street boundary and replace with high kerb detail to reduce visual clutter (long-term).   | Completed            |   |
|                   |  | Protect and manage remnant 'landmark' River Red Gum trees.  | Completed - Ongoing  | Yes   |
|                   |  | Retain traditional timber post and rail fence. Upgrade entrance treatment and signage in accordance with Detail Guideline. Extend path out to kerb outstand, and provide bollard with 'vehicle beware sign'.  | Completed            | Yes - Improve structural integrity of fence and make access consistent with type B. |



## 9.1.3 Link Space

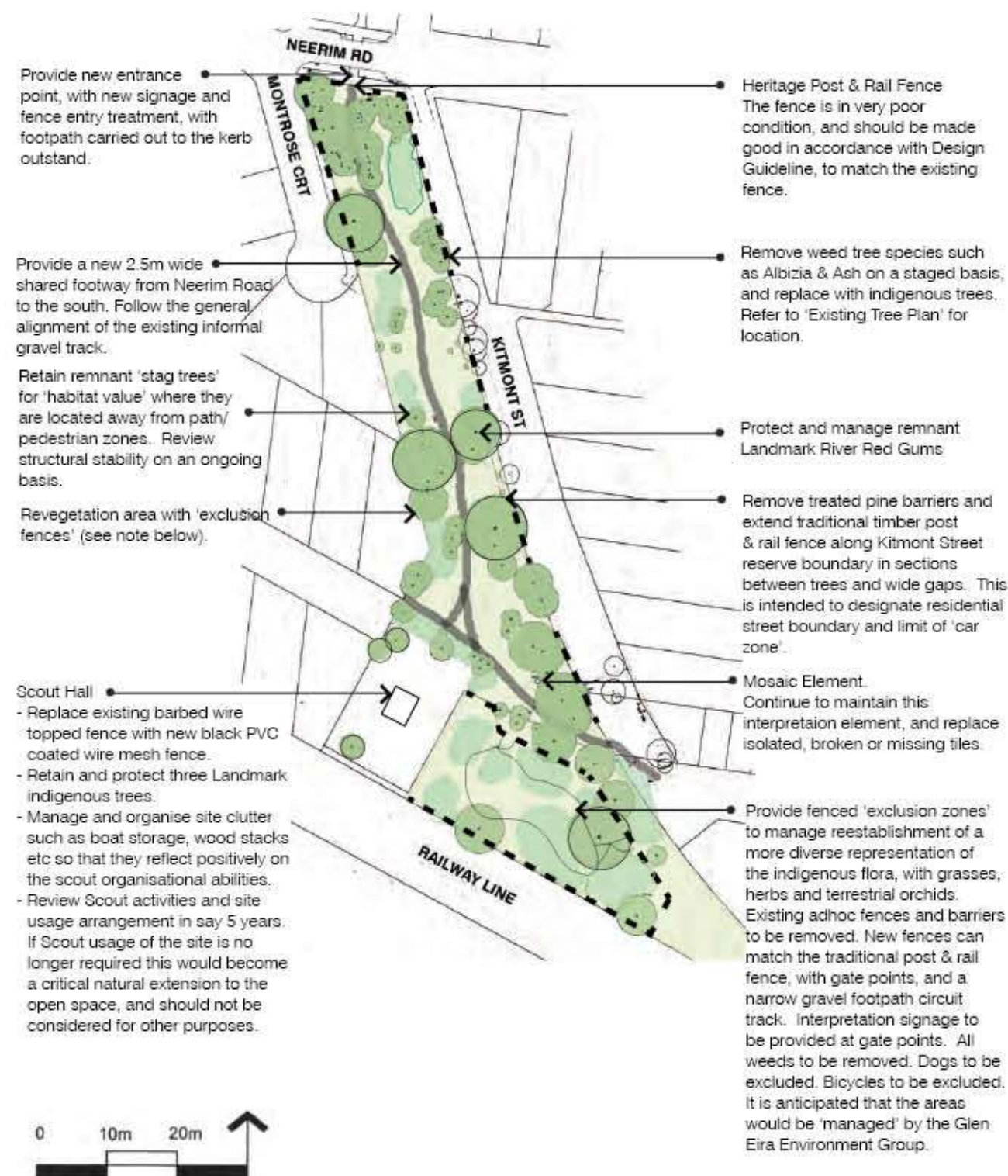


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| Link Space | General Notes   | Actions   | Completion Status | Incorporate into New Proposal?                               |
|------------|---|---|-------------------|--|
|            | Enhance linear link function.   | Provide new Directional Signage at end of link space.   | Not completed     | Yes  |
|            | Introduce vegetation of manageable scale. Some planting needs to be introduced into this corridor to soften the unrelieved rear residential fences.   | Provide massed mulched garden bed adjacent to path on narrow uphill side. Avoid use of large shrubs and trees.  | Not completed     | Yes - Provide shrubs as indicated on plans not above 1.8m.   |
|            | N.B - Link Space was significantly affected by Melbourne Water works at times of visit, will require a complete resurfacing of grass cover and paths. | Replace existing bollards and adhoc fence types at Omama Rd with new fixed and removable bollards to allow for maintenance access. (See Detail Guideline) | Not completed     | Yes - Make consistent with access from Springthorpe Gardens. |
|            |   | Upgrade shared pedestrian / cycle path from north to south, to uniform 2.5 metre width.   | Not completed     | Yes - Retain current alignment.                              |
|            |   | Provide new isolated medium sized native trees in grass, to enhance park character.   | Not completed     | Yes  |
|            |   | Provide new Directional Signage at end of link space.   | Not completed     | Yes  |



## 9.1.4 Boyd Park South (Kitmont Street)

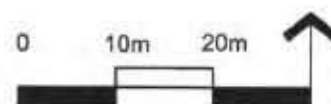


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| Boyd Park South (Kitmont Street) | General Notes  | Actions  | Completion Status  | Incorporate into New Proposal?   |
|----------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|                                  | Retain linear open space link function, emphasise natural indigenous vegetation.   | Provide new entrance point, with new signage and fence entry treatment, with footpath carried out to the kerb outstand.  | Completed  | Yes - Make access consistent with type B.  |
|                                  | New planting should all be indigenous. New planting should be structured into an indigenous woodland setting.                                  | Provide a new 2.5m wide shared footway from Neerim Road to the south. Follow the general alignment of the existing informal gravel track.  | Completed  |  |
|                                  | N.B. - Further assessment required following rail linear park works occupancy at edge of site, limited access and visibility at time of visit. | Retain remnant 'stag trees' for 'habitat value' where they are located away from path and pedestrian zones. Review structural stability on an ongoing basis.   | Completed  |  |
|                                  |  | Revegetation area with 'exclusion fences'.   | Partially Completed - No 'exclusion fences' noted on-site. |  |
|                                  | Scout Hall   | Replace existing barbed wire topped fence with new black PVC coated wire mesh fence.   | Not completed  | Investigate opportunities to enhance the scout hall interface and connections to the park.   |
|                                  |  | Retain and protect three landmark indigenous trees.  | Completed  |  |
|                                  |  | Manage and organise site clutter such as boat storage, wood stacks etc so that they reflect positively on the scout organisational abilities.  | Completed  |  |
|                                  |  | Review Scout activities and site usage arrangement. If Scout usage of the site is no longer required this would become a critical natural extension to the open space, and should not be considered for other purposes.  | Not completed  | Investigate opportunities to enhance the scout hall interface and connections to the park.   |
|                                  |  | Heritage Post & Rail Fence. The fence is in very poor condition, and should be made good in accordance with Design Guideline, to match the existing fence.   | Completed  |  |
|                                  |  | Remove weed tree species such as Albizia & Ash on a staged basis, and replace with indigenous trees. Refer to 'Existing Tree Plan' for location.   | Completed  |  |
|                                  |  | Protect and manage remnant Landmark River Red Gums. 'Drop Zones' under River Red Gums should be mulched and planted with indigenous grasses and herb species.  | Partially Completed  | Fill out with indigenous grasses and herb species.   |
|                                  |  | Remove treated pine barriers and extend Traditional Timber post & rail fence along Kitmont Street reserve boundary in sections between trees and wide gaps. This is intended to designate residential street boundary and limit of 'car zone'.   | Completed  |  |
|                                  |  | Mosaic Element. Continue to maintain this interpretation element, and replace isolated, broken or missing tiles.   | Partially Completed  | Some broken/missing tiles seen on-site, continue to maintain.  |
|                                  |  | Provide fenced 'exclusion zones' to manage reestablishment of a more diverse representation of the indigenous flora, with grasses, herbs and terrestrial orchids. Existing adhoc fences and barriers to be removed. New fences can match the traditional post & rail fence, with gate points, and a narrow woodchip footpath circuit track. Interpretation signage to be provided at gate points. All weeds to be removed. Dogs to be excluded. Bicycles to be excluded. It is anticipated that the areas would be 'managed' by the Glen Eira Environment Group. | Completed  | Continue to maintain as significant indigenous vegetation area. Investigate opportunities to enhance the scout hall interface and connections to the park. |



## 9.1.5 Springthorpe Gardens

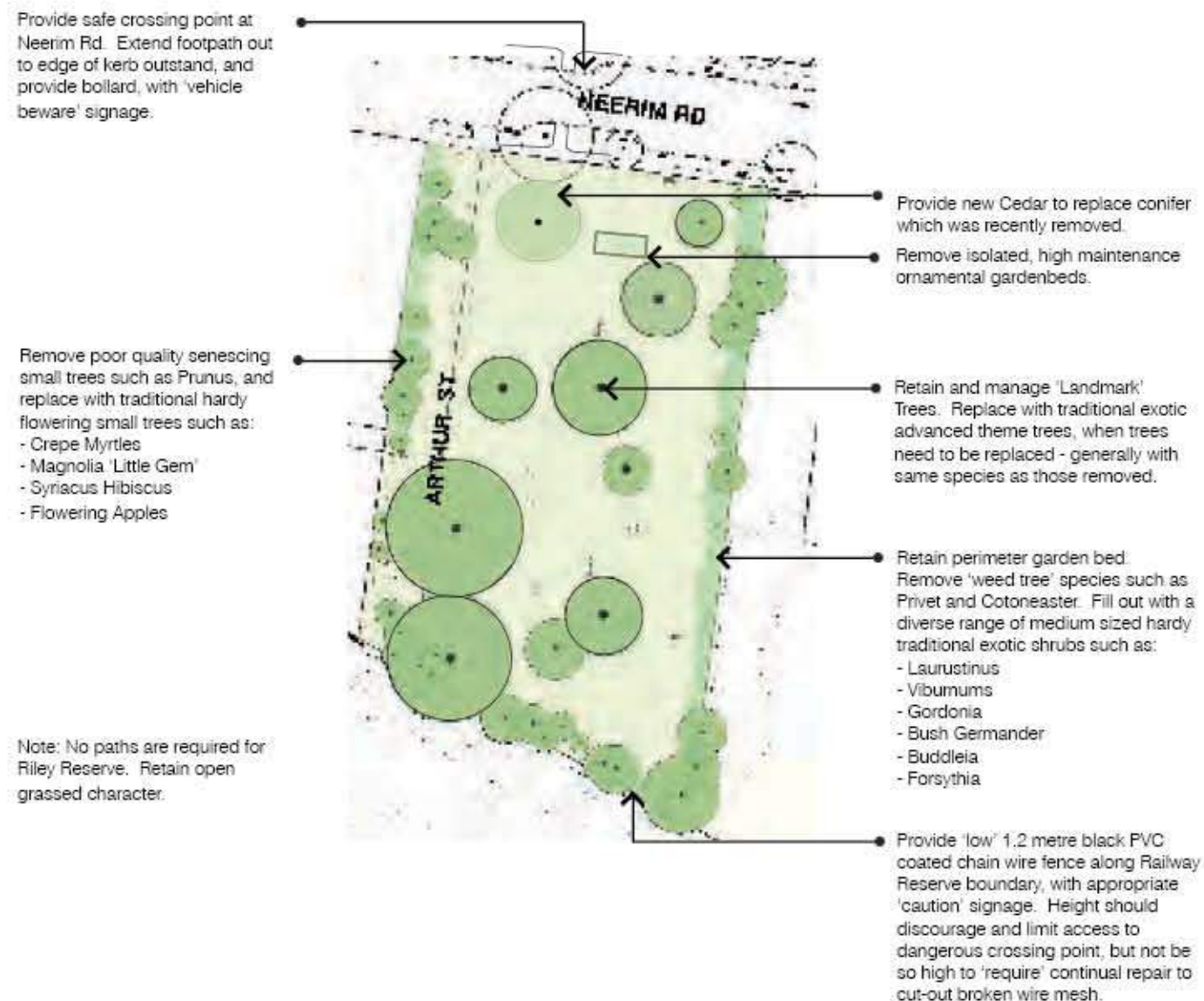


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| Springthorpe Gardens | General Notes  | Actions  | Completion Status   | Incorporate Into New Proposal?   |
|----------------------|--|--|---------------------|--|
|                      | Enhance linear open space link function. Retain and enhance mixed traditional exotic treed character.                                  | Retain perimeter garden bed, remove 'weed tree' species such as Privet and Cotoneaster. Fill out with diverse range of medium sized hardy traditional exotic shrubs.     | Partially Completed | Yes - Continue to fill out with hardy shrub species for additional visual screening. |
|                      | N.B - Further assessment required following Melbourne Water works post-occupancy, limited access and visibility at time of site visit. | Retain existing central access path, and widen to 2.5 metres as shared pathway from north to south - Omama Rd. (medium term project)                                     | Partially Completed | Retain existing path at current (2m) width.  |
|                      |  | Retain and manage 'Landmark' Trees. Replace with traditional exotic advanced theme trees, when trees need to be replaced - generally with same species as those removed. | Completed           | Yes  |
|                      |  | Provide safe crossing point at Neerim Rd. Extend footpath out to edge of kerb outstand, and provide bollard, with 'vehicle beware' signage.                              | Not completed       | Yes - Make access consistent with type B   |
|                      |  | Replace 'Avenue Walk' of poor quality - Buddleia Prunus with new flowering small theme tree eg. Prunus, Crab Apple, Crepe Myrtle etc (medium-term project).              | Not completed       | Yes  |
|                      |  | Provide new directional signage at Omama Rd entry.   | Not completed       | Yes - Make access consistent with type B.  |
|                      |  | Existing shed. Remove when function no longer required.  | Not completed       | Yes  |
|                      |  | Proposed new footpath link (medium-term project).  | Not completed       | Yes  |
|                      |  | Remove isolated, high maintenance ornamental gardenbeds prepared for annuals, replace with grass.  | Not completed       | No - Retain bed and replace with hardy low-maintenance exotic shrub mix.             |
|                      |  | Relocate super Advanced Canary Island Palm from Boyd Park north to here, as new Landmark Tree (medium-term project).   | Not completed       | No - Has been relocated to Riley Reserve.  |



## 9.1.6 Riley Reserve



| Riley Reserve | General Notes  | Actions  | Completion Status    | Incorporate into New Proposal?   |
|---------------|--|--|----------------------|--|
|               | Retain and enhance simple exotic specimen trees set in grass character.  | Provide safe crossing point at Neerim Rd, with extended footpath, bollard and signage.   | Not completed        | Yes - Make access consistent with type B.  |
|               | N.B - Further assessment required following Melbourne Water works post-occupancy, limited access and visibility at time of site visit. | Remove poor quality senescing small trees and replace with traditional hardy flowering small trees.                              | Completed            |  |
|               |  | New cedar to replace removed conifer.  | Not completed        |  |
|               |  | Removal of ornamental garden beds prepared for annuals and replace with grass.   | Completed            | Yes - removal completed by Melbourne Water works and replace with grass cover.   |
|               |  | Retain and manage 'landmark' trees, replace with traditional exotic advanced theme trees when needed, with same general species. | Completed            | Yes.   |
|               |  | Retain perimeter garden bed, remove 'weed tree' species, fill out with hardy traditional exotic shrubs.                          | Partially Completed  | Yes - Removal of 'weed tree' species completed, additional filling out with mixed hardy exotic and native shrubs required. |
|               |  | Provide 1.2m wire fence along Railway Reserve boundary.  | No longer applicable | Refer to indicative plans for rail linear park edge treatment.   |



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