

# BYRNE STREET MASTERPLAN (YAAPEET)

## DESIGN REPORT





# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL OWNERS

Enlocus acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands and waterways of the Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia and Jupagulk people and recognises their long and continuing connection to Country. We pay our respects to their Elders - past, present and emerging.

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# 2207 Rupanyup Streetscape Masterplan

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# PROJECT BACKGROUND







INTRODUCTION

Yaapeet is located in the Mallee region of North Western Victoria.  
It is situated on the eastern edge of the Big Desert Wilderness Area, and is approximately 5 minutes drive east of the large, ephemeral Lake Albacutya.

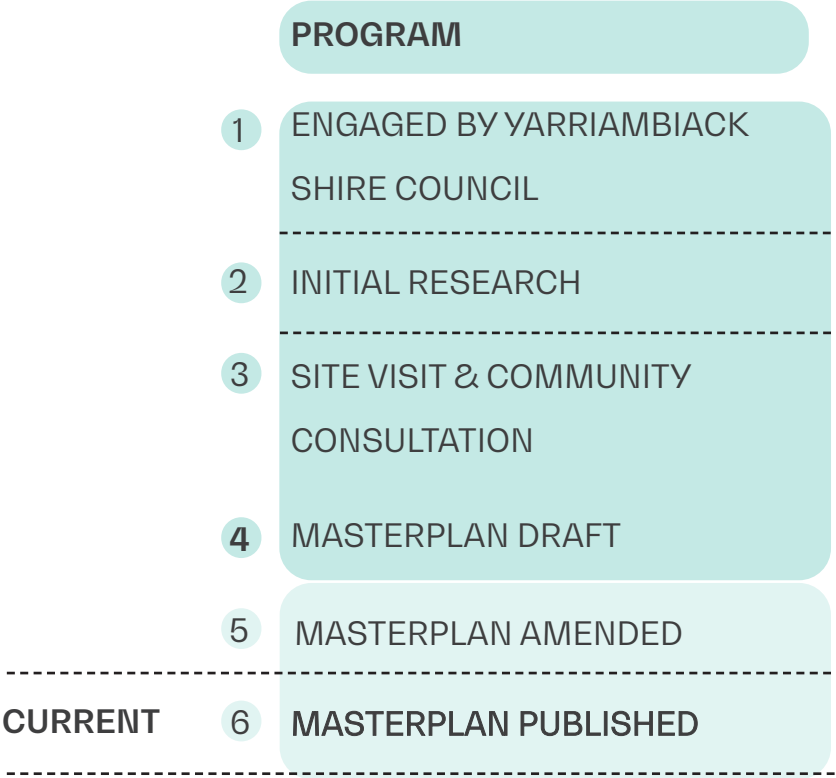
- The town is home to the following:
- A recreation reserve: with a football oval, tennis court, makeshift caravan park, clubrooms, community centre and outdoor social areas.
  - Turkey Bottom Lake: a large, ongoing community effort, generally packed with campers over holiday periods.
  - Ephemeral wetland: another large and ongoing community effort, however it struggles to retain water.
  - A hairdressing salon (located in the old ‘Infant Wellness Centre’ circa 1964).
  - CFA Fire Station
  - Old Primary School (recently decommissioned).
  - Old Grain Silos (recently decommissioned).
  - Old Railway line.
  - Old Mechanics building.

**KEY DEMOGRAPHICS**  
According to the 2021 census, Yaapeet is home to approximately 75 people, with the median age being 45.  
Since the recent closing of Yaapeet Primary School, children now join adolescents in commuting to neighbouring towns for school.

**WORKSHOP & SITE VISIT**  
In February, Enlocus and Yarriambiack Shire Council visited site and led a community consultation, in which locals were invited to share their vision for the site.

\* Please refer to page 12 for further information on Community Consultation.

- KEY REFERENCES**
- Australian Bureau of Statistics (2021) Yaapeet.
  - Victorian Places (2015) Yaapeet.
  - Victorian National Parks Association (July 2011) Wyperfeld-Australia’s First Mallee National Park.







DECOMMISSIONED GRAIN SILO 01



DECOMMISSIONED GRAIN SILO 02



TURKEY BOTTOM LAKE



YAAPEET SPORTS GROUND



COMMUNITY FACILITY



DECOMMISSIONED RAILWAY LINE



EPHEMERAL WETLAND



VISITOR INFORMATION



MAIL BOX BUILDING



FOOTPATH THROUGH 'BUSHLAND'



DECOMMISSIONED PRIMARY SCHOOL



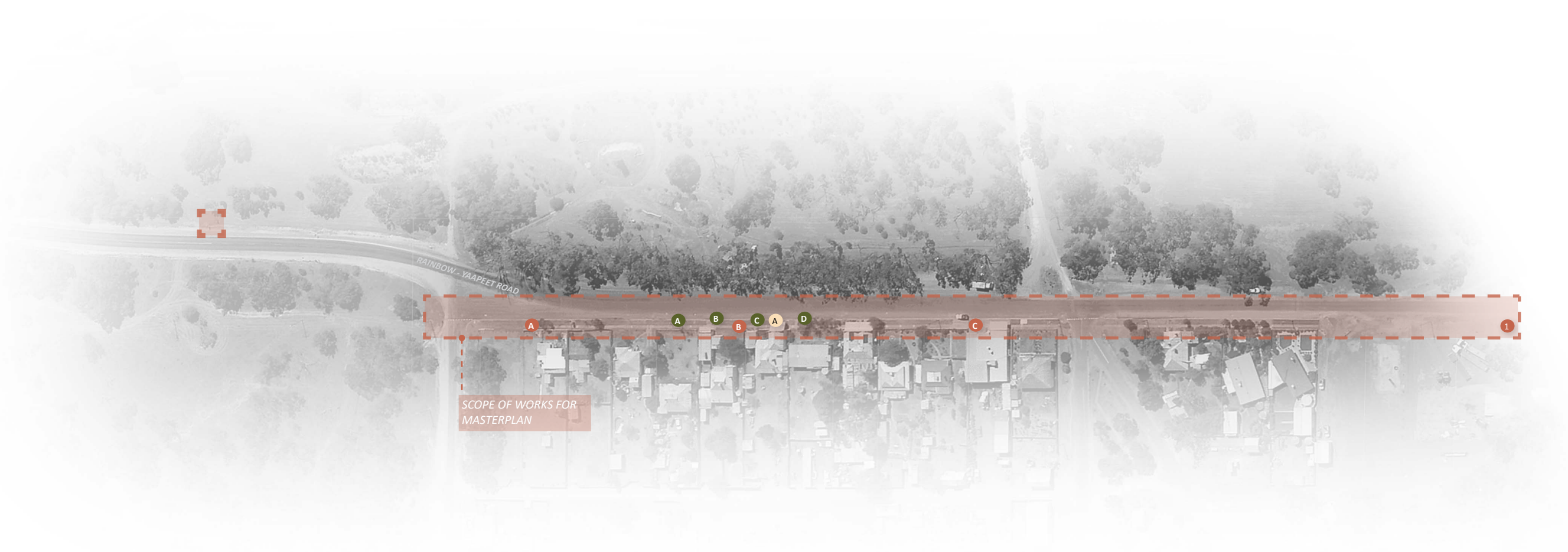


# **SITE ANALYSIS & COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**











#### PATH CONDITION



The concrete footpath along Byrne Street is in a state of disrepair; cracked, uneven and in parts covered by gravel and ground covers. It poses a large trip hazard to all users, and would be particularly challenging and uncomfortable for those with mobility difficulties.

#### KERB & CROSSING CONDITION



The kerb & channel along Byrne street is in desperate need of attention. Where it is in decent conditions, it can be protected and retained. Functional, accessible pram crossings are also required to safely cross Byrne Street.

#### SEATING



There are currently two bench seats and one picnic table on Byrne Street, all in the same location. While having plenty of character, and positioned well, they are aged and worn out. Yaapeet would benefit from an additional one or two weatherproof, robust street seats. These would be well placed at crossing locations, or adjacent to the mail box building across the road.

#### TOWN ENTRANCE SIGNAGE



The current town entrance signage is barely legible; it is dated and incredibly faded. New signage with materials and colours that are reflective of past and present Yaapeet will help to enhance the town's regional identity, while also instilling pride in locals. The signage would also benefit from complementary, low-maintenance planting.



HOW IT WORKED

CONSULTATION

In early March, a consultation workshop was held in Yaapeet with Yarriambiack Shire Council and locals. Locals shared their vision, aswell as their appreciation and concern for various existing elements on site.

KEY THEMES IDENTIFIED

The following key, actionable themes were identified as part of the community’s vision. It was acknowledged that while multiple areas within the town would benefit from an upgrade, some works may have to be prioritised over others in the short term.

Byrne Street footpath:

- Kerb & channel drainage issues
- Tree planting for shade and to screen derelict homes
- Street furniture

Town entrance:

- ‘Welcome to Yaapeet’ signage (i.e., cor-ten steel or brick)
- Complementary planting

Signage and Visitor maps:

- Visitor map next to town information boards (showing lake, rec reserve, etc.)
- Clear signage to turkey bottom and rec reserve (outlining facilities)

Visitor rest stop:

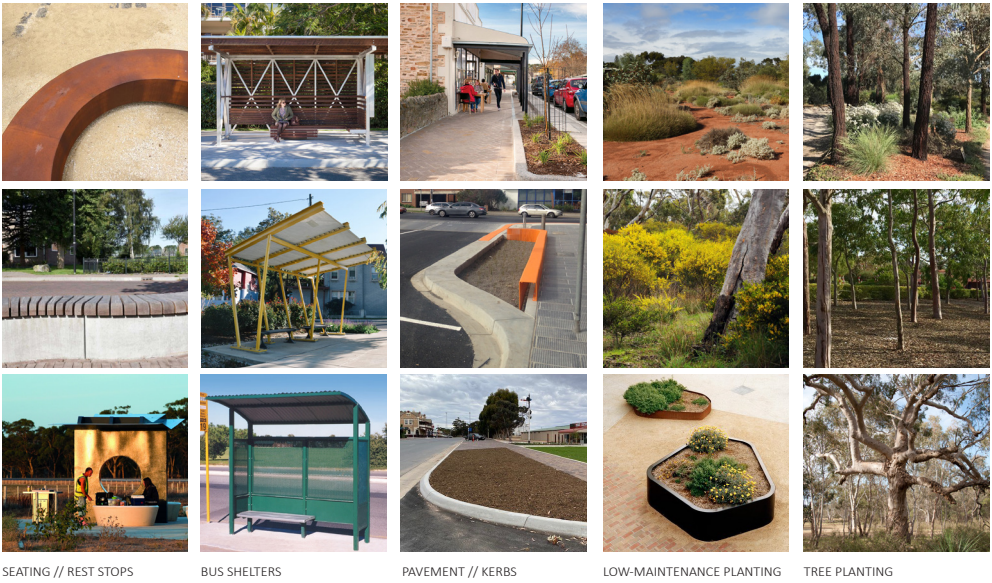
- Working drinking fountain
- Seating that complements mail box murals
- Shade structure/wind protection

Bushland on western side of Byrne Street:

- Need for a maintenance plan / irrigation plan
- Wetland management plan / infrastructure proposal
- Upgrading footpaths



Consultation at the Yaapeet Community Hall in March 2023



SEATING // REST STOPS      BUS SHELTERS      PAVEMENT // KERBS      LOW-MAINTENANCE PLANTING      TREE PLANTING

Stimulus images shared with the community









# CONCEPT MASTERPLAN







## MASTERPLAN KEY MOVES

This concept masterplan proposes four key moves, all of which are important to the overall health and function of Byrne Street.

They help to break down the masterplan into actionable phases, which can be implemented at varying times, subject to available funding and changing community priorities.

The four moves also act as a template for potential future works in Yaapeet (i.e., the wetland, bush reserve and side streets).





KEY MOVE 01

LANDMARKS & SIGNAGE



KEY MOVE 03

PLANTING



KEY MOVE 02

FOOTPATHS & KERBS



KEY MOVE 04

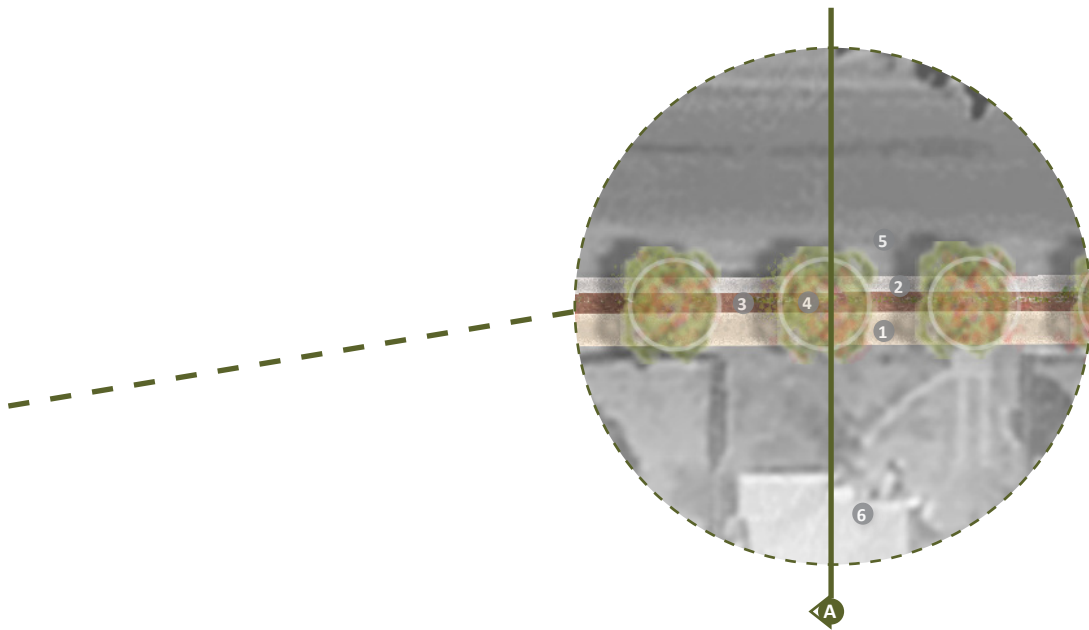
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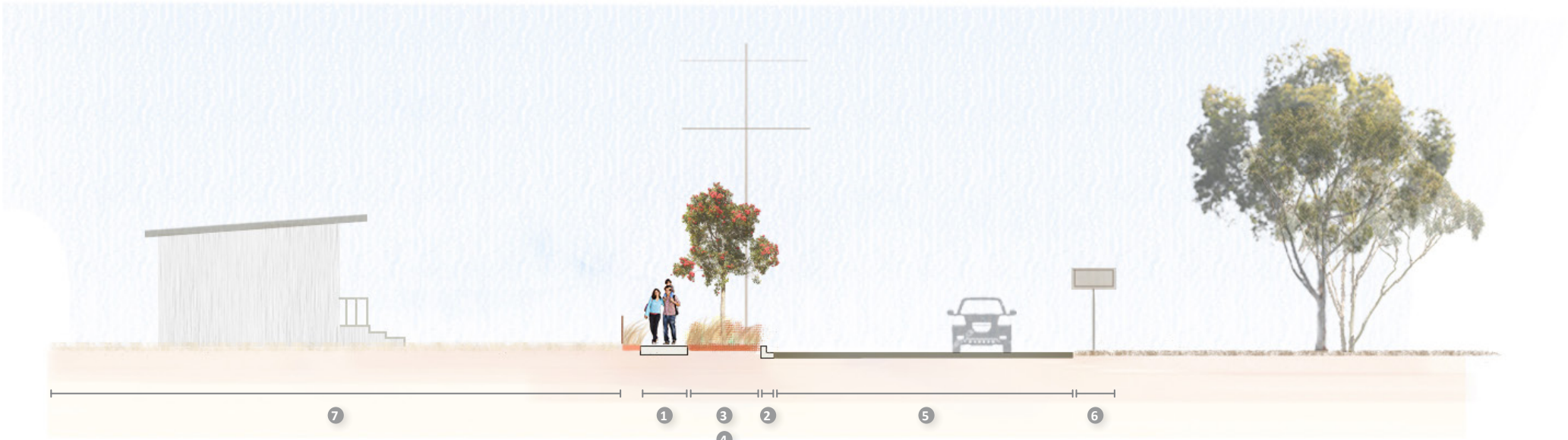




**BYRNE ST FOOTPATH**

- 1 NEW CONCRETE FOOTPATH
- 2 NEW CONCRETE KERB & CHANNEL
- 3 LOW-MAINTENANCE GARDEN BED ALONG NATURE STRIP
- 4 NATIVE FLOWERING STREET TREE
- 5 ASPHALT RE-SURFACING WHERE REQUIRED
- 6 SIGNAGE FOR TURNOFF
- 7 EXISTING RESIDENCE

The existing concrete footpath is proposed to be replaced with a continuous, smooth surface, free of trip hazards. A new concrete kerb and channel is also proposed to replace the existing, which at current is largely decrepit and non functional. Small, native flowering trees are to be planted along the length of Byrne St pending consultation with residents, and are to be accompanied by low-maintenance garden beds (see page 21 for species examples). Where areas of footpath, kerb & channel, and existing street trees are in good condition, they will be protected and retained.



SECTION A PROPOSED



EXISTING MATERIALS



BRICK PAVING



CONCRETE PLANTERS



CORRUGATED IRON FENCE



CRAZY PAVING



PROPRIETARY ALUMINIUM PICNIC SETTING

Materials chosen for Byrne Street will need to be robust, cost effective and locally sourced.

A harmonious palette (like that pictured in the bottom right of page) should present a consistent visual theme across site that is congruous with materials from past and present Yaapeet.

MATERIALS

PROPOSED MATERIALS



LARGE TOWN ENTRY SIGNAGE



SMALLER TOWN ENTRY SIGNAGE



'TURKEY BOTTOM LAKE' - TURNOFF SIGNAGE



NEW/REFURBISHED KERB AND CHANNEL



PLANTER BOXES AND FEATURE PAVING



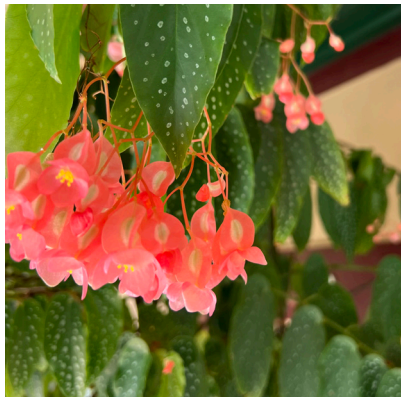
PROPRIETARY STREET FURNITURE



# EXISTING PLANTING



PRIVATE GARDEN IN THE SHADE



RUSHES, GRASSES & SEDGES IN THE WETLAND



HARDY SHRUBS IN CUSTOM PLANTERS



MAGNIFICENT NATIVE 'BUSHLAND'



EUCALYPTS ALONG THE WALKING TRACK

Plant species chosen for Byrne Street will need to be able to withstand the harsh Mallee climate, and as such should ideally be native/endemic to the local area. They should not require intensive maintenance, and should be expected to thrive with limited input throughout the establishment period and well into maturity.

Example species for the low-maintenance garden bed are pictured in the bottom RHS of page.

Red Flowering Gums (*Corymbia ficifolia*) are suggested as a street tree due to their magnificent flowers and tolerance of arid/semi-arid conditions. Their size at maturity is also well suited to being planted beneath powerlines. Consultation will be required with residents as to location and frequency of tree planting along Byrne Street.



LOW MAINTENANCE GARDEN BEDS



COMMON WHEAT-GRASS



BRISTLY WALLABY-GRASS



FEATHER SPEAR-GRASS



RED FLOWERING GUM



COMMON EUTAXIA



COMMON EUTAXIA



BELL-FRUITED MALLEE

# PROPOSED PLANTING







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