

YAAPEET STREETScape MASTERPLAN
DESIGN REPORT



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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, young children now join adolescents in commuting to neighbouring towns for their schooling.

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 11 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.

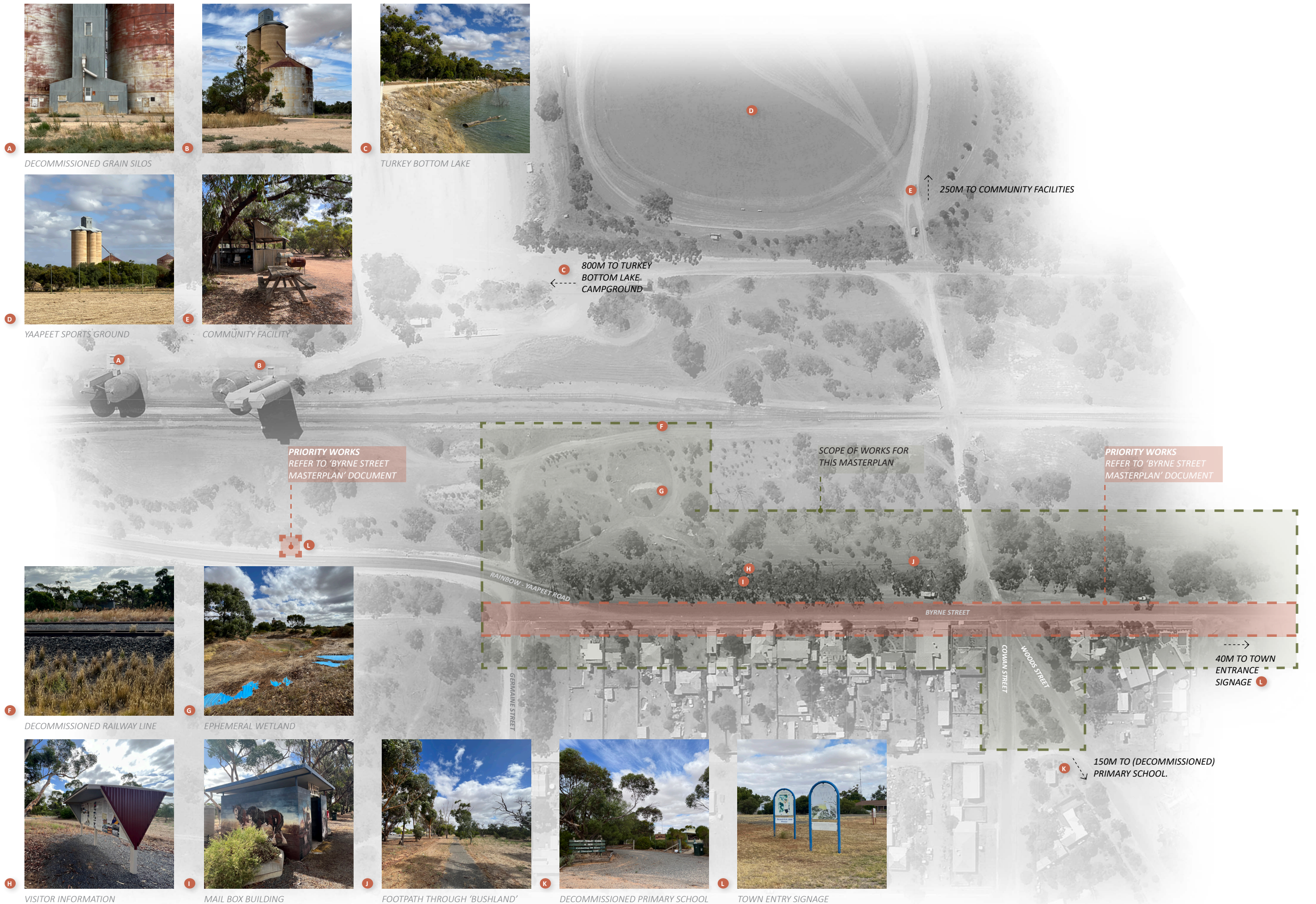
PROGRAM

- 1 ENGAGED BY YARRIAMBIACK SHIRE COUNCIL
- 2 INITIAL RESEARCH
- 3 SITE VISIT & COMMUNITY CONSULTATION
- 4 MASTERPLAN DRAFT
- 5 MASTERPLAN AMENDED
- 6 MASTERPLAN PUBLISHED

CURRENT

INTRODUCTION & PROJECT BRIEF

STEEL POST TOWN ENTRY SIGNAGE



A DECOMMISSIONED GRAIN SILOS

B YAAPEET SPORTS GROUND

C TURKEY BOTTOM LAKE

D YAAPEET SPORTS GROUND

E COMMUNITY FACILITY

F DECOMMISSIONED RAILWAY LINE

G EPHEMERAL WETLAND

H VISITOR INFORMATION

I MAIL BOX BUILDING

J FOOTPATH THROUGH 'BUSHLAND'

K DECOMMISSIONED PRIMARY SCHOOL

L TOWN ENTRY SIGNAGE

PRIORITY WORKS REFER TO 'BYRNE STREET MASTERPLAN' DOCUMENT

SCOPE OF WORKS FOR THIS MASTERPLAN

PRIORITY WORKS REFER TO 'BYRNE STREET MASTERPLAN' DOCUMENT

40M TO TOWN ENTRANCE SIGNAGE

150M TO (DECOMMISSIONED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

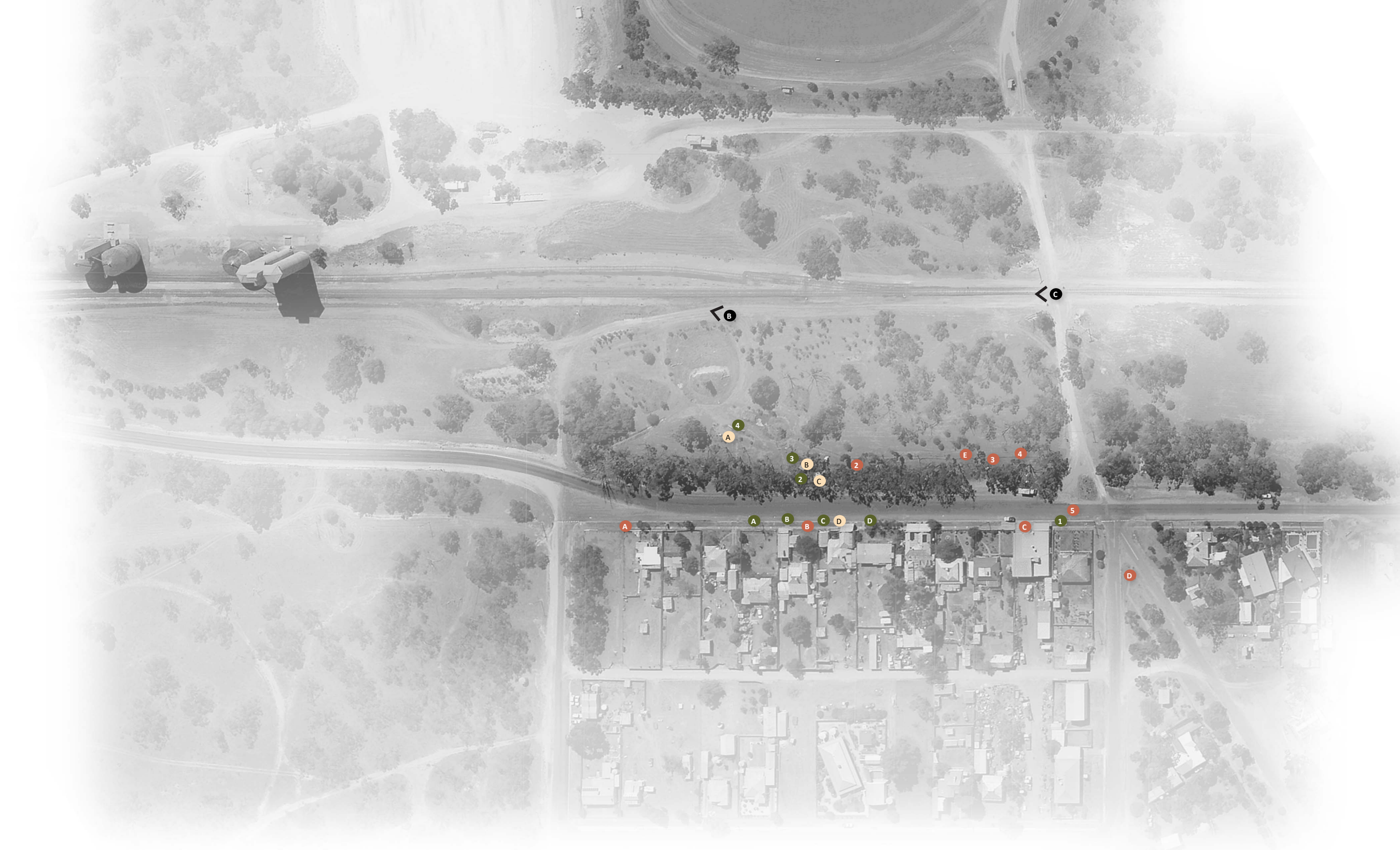
250M TO COMMUNITY FACILITIES

800M TO TURKEY BOTTOM LAKE CAMPGROUND



**SITE ANALYSIS &
COMMUNITY CONSULTATION**

KEY VIEWS OF SILOS

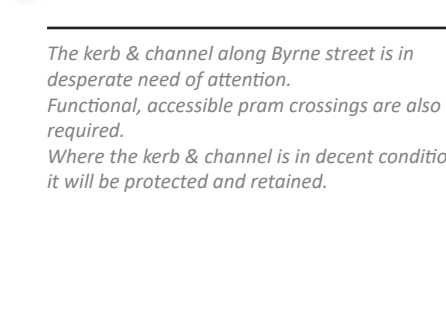


PATH CONDITION



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. The current gravel track on the western side of Byrne street is partially covered in ground covers and would benefit from a clearly defined edge.

KERB & CROSSINGS CONDITION



The kerb & channel along Byrne street is in desperate need of attention. Functional, accessible pram crossings are also required. Where the kerb & channel is in decent condition, it will be protected and retained.

SEATING



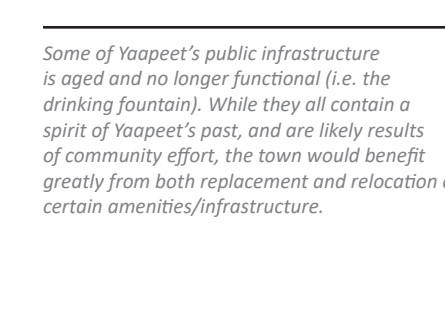
Existing seating in Yaapeet, while having plenty of character, is aged and worn out. Yaapeet would benefit from additional weatherproof, long-lasting street furniture, especially in locations like the visitor rest stop/information area, and along the main footpath and peripheral walking tracks.

PLANTING / GROUND CONDITION



While climatic conditions in the Mallee are indeed challenging, Yaapeet would benefit from a considered approach to a low-maintenance, but visually effective planting design. Both the dry, barren streetscape and the overgrown wetland area would benefit from colour, texture and environmentally sensitive/functional species.

OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE



Some of Yaapeet's public infrastructure is aged and no longer functional (i.e. the drinking fountain). While they all contain a spirit of Yaapeet's past, and are likely results of community effort, the town would benefit greatly from both replacement and relocation of certain amenities/infrastructure.

HOW IT WORKED

CONSULTATION

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

Re-vamped seating area in bushland on western side of Byrne Street

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

KEY THEMES IDENTIFIED

The following key, actionable themes were identified as part of the community's vision. It was acknowledged that while the masterplan will seek to propose a holistic vision for the site as a whole, it will be designed for staged implementation. I.e. Council will be able to apply for funding at different times, for different components of the masterplan.

Bushland on western side of Byrne Street:

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

Nature strip on eastern side of Byrne Street:

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

Town entrance

- 'Welcome to Yaapeet' signage (i.e., cor-ten steel or brick)

Maps and signage

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



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

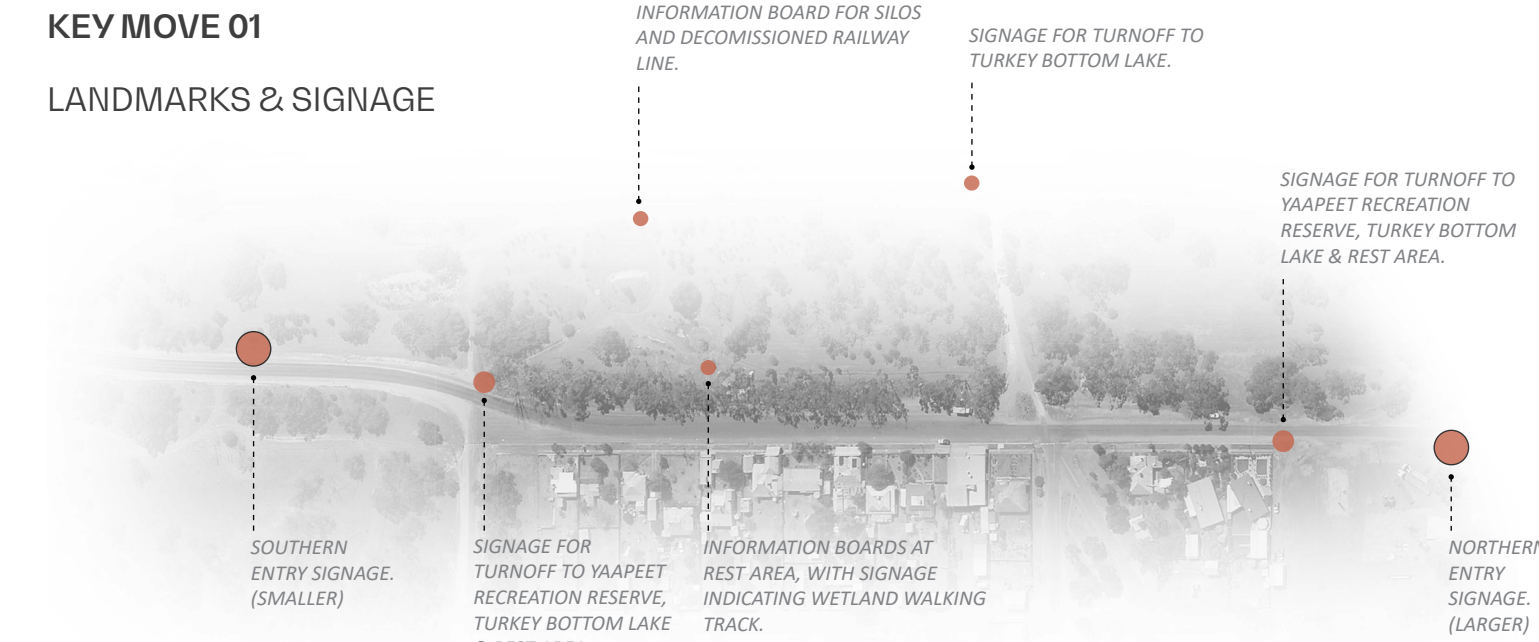
This concept masterplan proposes four key moves, all of which are important to the overall health and function of Byrne Street.

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.

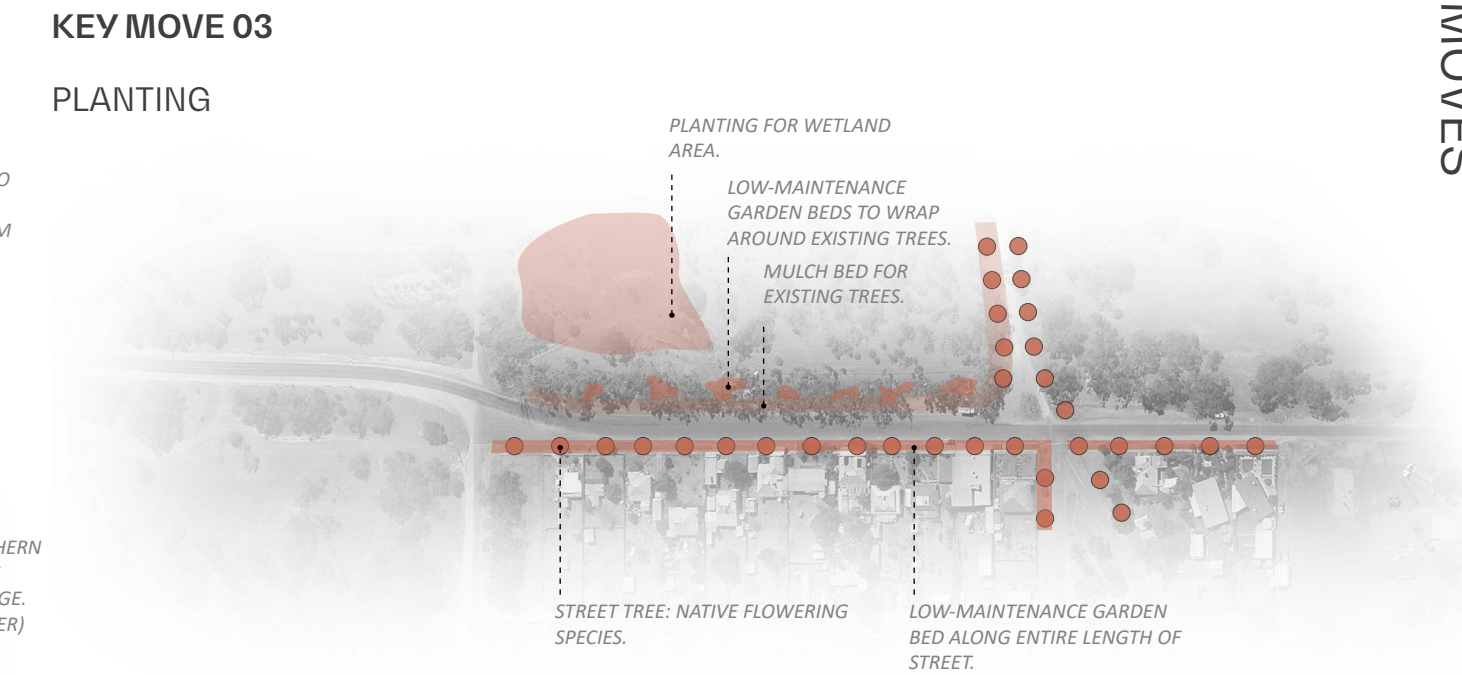
While visible as separate interventions, all four moves still contribute to a larger, more holistic vision for the entire site, as seen in the masterplan overview on page 18.



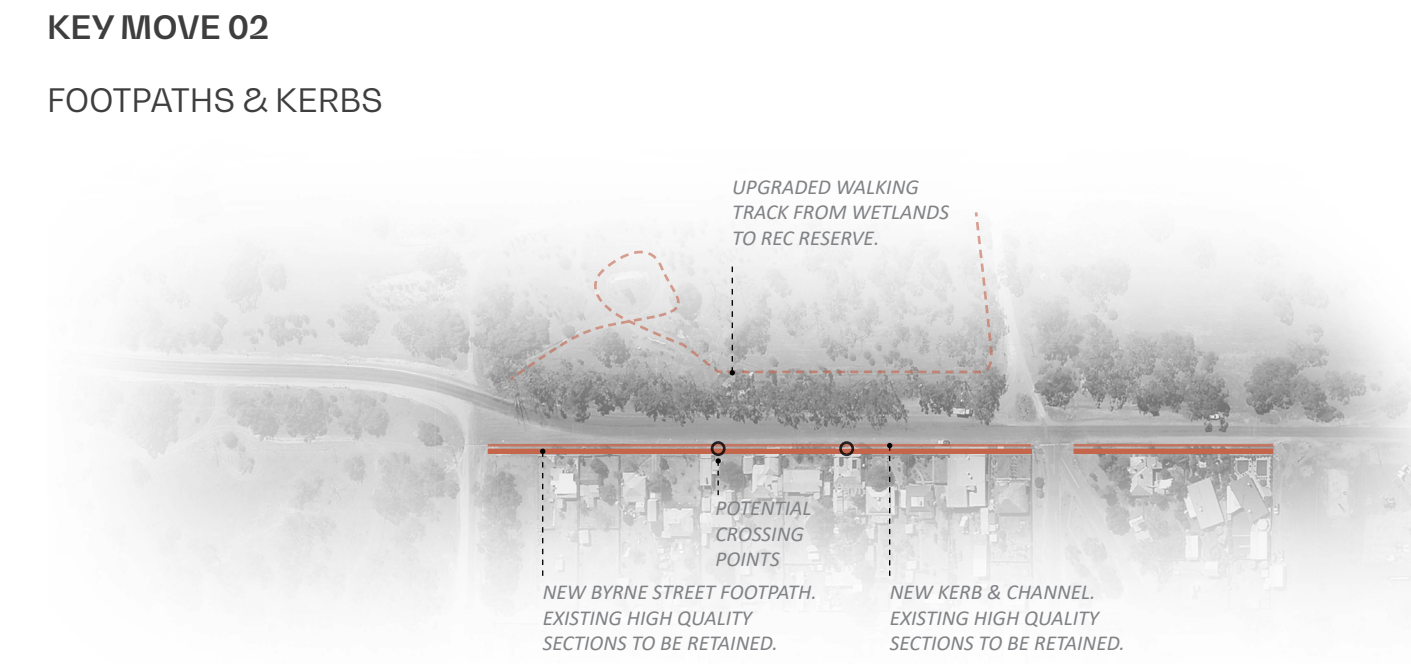
KEY MOVE 01 LANDMARKS & SIGNAGE



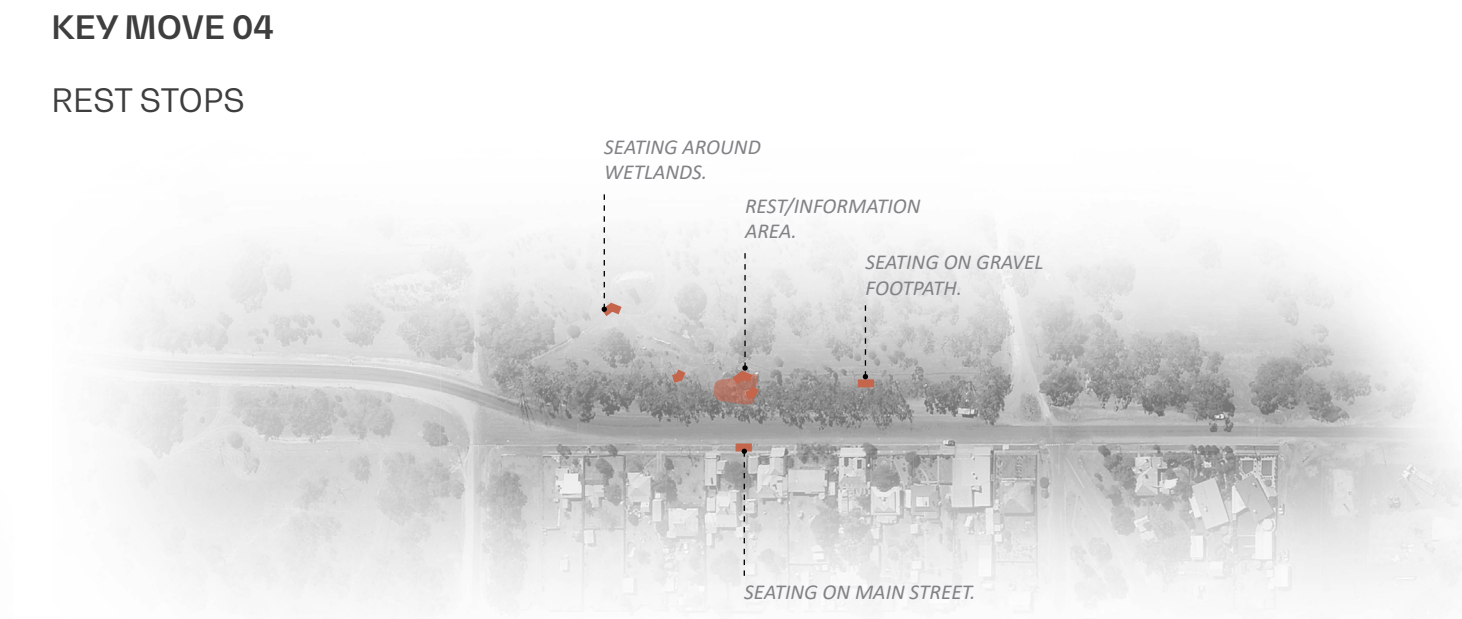
KEY MOVE 03 PLANTING

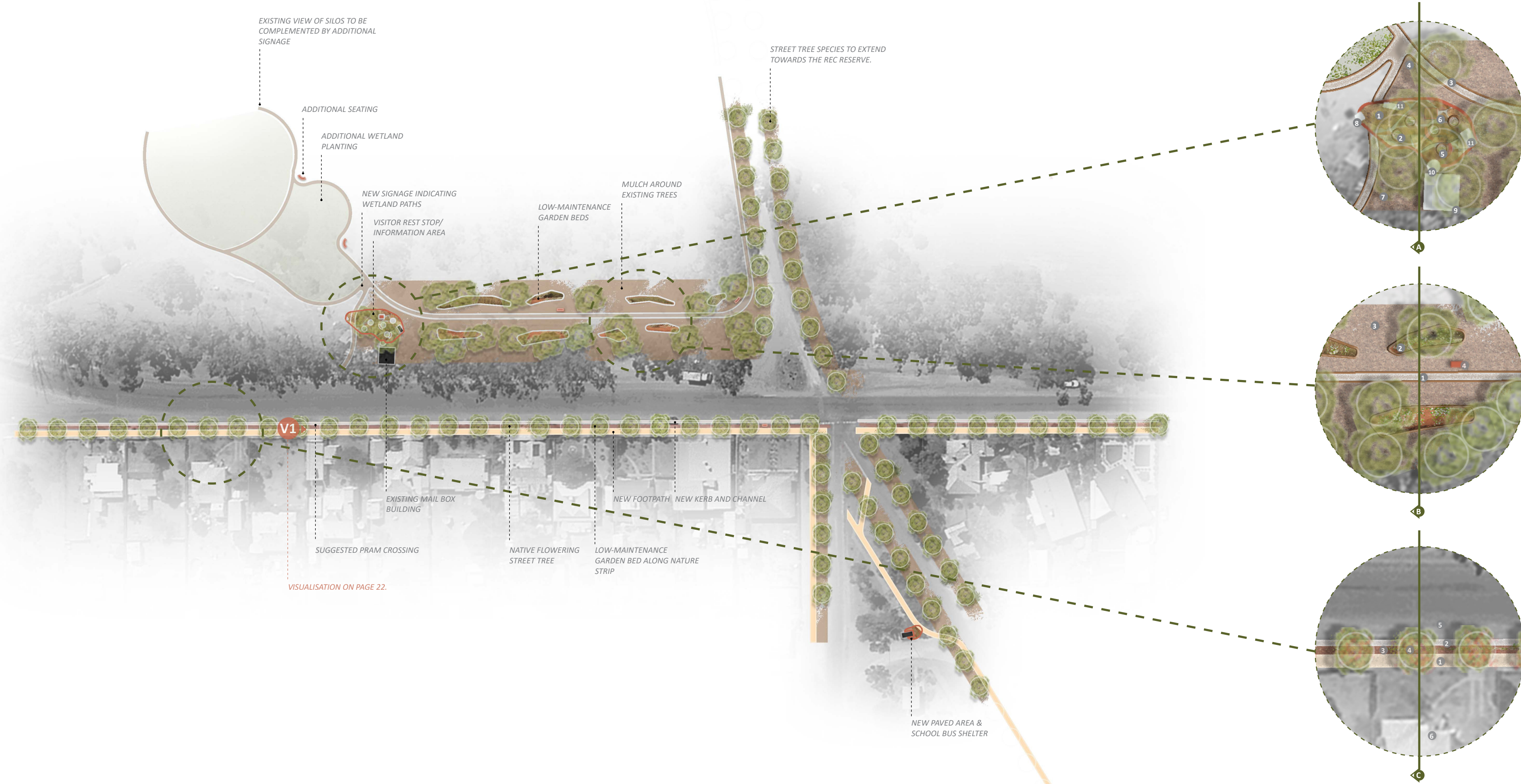


KEY MOVE 02 FOOTPATHS & KERBS



KEY MOVE 04 REST STOPS





REST STOP

- 1 CRAZY PAVING
- 2 LOW-MAINTENANCE GARDEN BED/TREE PROTECTION ZONE WITH TIMBER EDGE
- 3 FORMALISED GRAVEL PATH WITH TIMBER EDGE
- 4 SIGNAGE TO WETLAND PATHS
- 5 SEATING
- 6 PICNIC TABLE
- 7 MULCH AROUND EXISTING TREES
- 8 EXISTING DRINKING FOUNTAIN
- 9 EXISTING MAILBOX BUILDING
- 10 EXISTING RAINWATER TANK
- 11 RELOCATED INFORMATION BOARDS

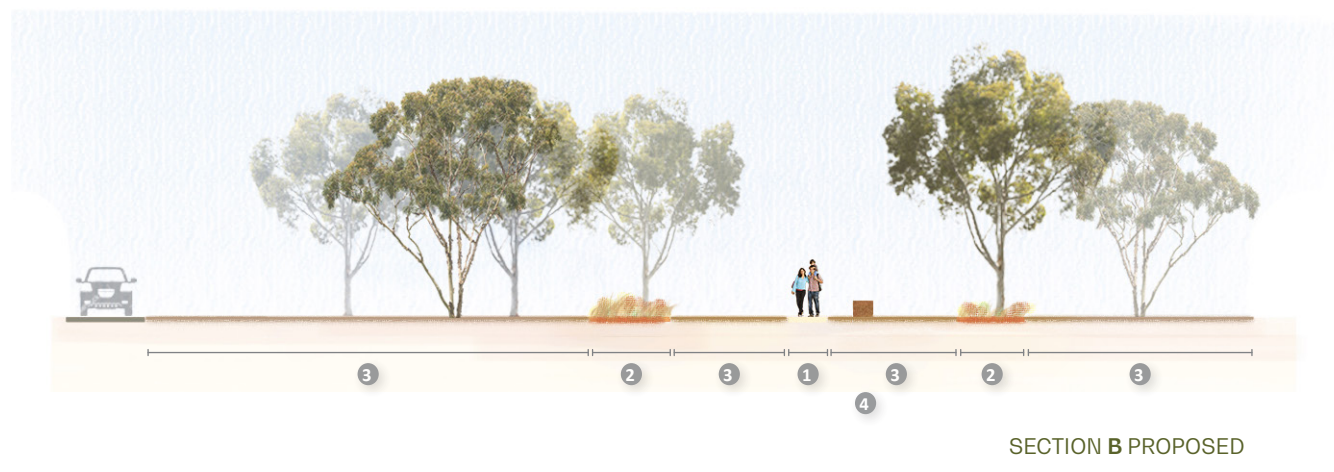
An upgraded visitor rest stop and information area is proposed in the same location as existing. However the picnic table will be replaced (refer to material board on page 20) and the information boards will be relocated. The proposed area is to be paved (to mirror the existing crazy paving in Byrne Street) and will have circular garden beds which will double as tree protection zones for existing trees.



WALKING TRACK

- 1 FORMALISED GRAVEL PATH WITH TIMBER EDGE
- 2 LOW-MAINTENANCE GARDEN BED WITH TIMBER EDGE
- 3 MULCH AROUND EXISTING TREES
- 4 SEATING

The gravel track on the Western side of Byrne street is to be formalised, with a timber edge on either side to contain the gravel. Low-maintenance garden beds have been proposed, which in plan view are designed to look like abstractions of the bands of western desert that appear in satellite images of Victoria. Along with organic mulch, these garden beds will wrap around existing trees. (Examples of plant species are outlined on page 21).



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 EXISTING RESIDENCE

The existing concrete footpath is proposed to be replaced, so that it is a continuous, smooth surface free of trip hazards. A new concrete kerb and channel is proposed as a replacement for the existing one, which is currently 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.



EXISTING MATERIALS



BRICK PAVING CONCRETE PLANTERS CORRUGATED IRON FENCE



STEEL POST TOWN ENTRY SIGNAGE 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.



CRAZY PAVING CURVED, OXIDISED STEEL SEATING LARGE TOWN ENTRY SIGNAGE SMALLER TOWN ENTRY SIGNAGE



IMPROVED KERB AND CHANNEL CURVED CONCRETE SEATING WITH TIMBER TOP LOCAL: PLANTER BOXES AND FEATURE PAVING PROPRIETARY PICNIC SETTING

PROPOSED MATERIALS



SUBTLE WAYFINDING (FOR WETLAND)

MATERIALS

EXISTING PLANTING



PRIVATE GARDEN IN THE SHADE HARDY SHRUBS IN CUSTOM PLANTERS MAGNIFICENT NATIVE 'BUSHLAND'



RUSHES, GRASSES & SEDGES IN THE WETLAND EUCALYPTS ALONG THE WALKING TRACK LOW MAINTENANCE GARDEN BEDS

Plant species chosen for Cromie 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.

The Harkness Bottlebrush (*Callistemon citrinus x viminalis* 'Harkness') has been suggested as a street tree due to its magnificent flowers and tolerance of arid/semi-arid conditions. It's 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.



COMMON WHEAT-GRASS BRISTLY WALLABY-GRASS FEATHER SPEAR-GRASS



HARKNESS BOTTLEBRUSH COMMON EUTAXIA BELL-FRUITED MALLEE

PROPOSED PLANTING

PLANTING



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