



Hampton East Urban Forest Precinct Plan 2024



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Inside cover page: Basterfield Park



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Bayside City Council acknowledges the Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation as the traditional custodians of the lands and waterways in the area now known as Bayside, and pays respect to their elders past, present, and emerging, as well as to all First Nations' communities who significantly contribute to the life of the area.

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Introduction to the Precinct Plans

In December 2019, Bayside City Council declared a climate emergency and has since prepared a *Climate Emergency Action Plan 2020 – 2025*. Climate change is real and without respecting our environment or changing the way we behave as a society, there will be even greater impacts than those already experienced. Expanding Bayside’s urban forest is one way that we can help cool the urban environment in which our residents live.

As an action listed in the *Climate Emergency Action Plan*, the development of the *Bayside Urban Forest Strategy* was undertaken and ultimately adopted at its February 2022 Council Meeting. In addition, Bayside City Council has endorsed *Living Melbourne: Our Metropolitan Urban Forest* in 2019, which sets out regional targets for tree and vegetation canopy cover to be reached by 2030, 2040 and 2050.

The Vision of the Bayside *Urban Forest Strategy* is:

“Bayside’s urban forest will protect and restore ecological systems with special concern for biological diversity and natural processes which will create a cooler and greener Bayside with enhanced amenity and character where people are connected to nature.”

The overarching goal of the Bayside Urban Forest Strategy is to increase the urban tree canopy cover from the current 16.01% to 30% by 2040, and to continue this increase into the future.

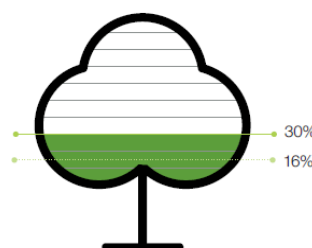
The Bayside *Urban Forest Strategy* identifies a range of actions to be undertaken over the next four years. A key focus is the preparation of Precinct Plans for each suburb in Bayside to guide tree planting and greening at a local level. Precinct Plans are subsidiary documents to the Bayside *Urban Forest Strategy* and form a key component of the strategy’s implementation. Bayside is made up of 9 suburbs and the Urban Forest Precinct Plans will be prepared for each. They will provide tailored direction for increasing canopy cover and urban forest outcomes into the future.

Tree and vegetation (understorey) cover data referenced in these Precinct Plans has been utilised from the Victorian Government’s aerial imagery and has been analysed by Council’s GIS (Geographical Information System) to determine an approximate level of tree and vegetation cover per suburb.

What is an urban forest?

The urban forest encompasses all the trees, shrubs, grasslands, other vegetation and the soil and water that support them – within Bayside, on both public and private land. The urban forest incorporates vegetation in streets, parks, gardens, plazas, campuses, river and creek embankments, wetlands, railway corridors, community gardens, home gardens, green walls, balconies, and roofs.¹ Fauna is an important component too, with complex interrelations between animals and plants helping to maintain the urban forest.

Bayside’s urban forest is made up of native, indigenous and exotic trees, shrubs, grasslands and other vegetation, growing on public and private land, and the soil and groundwater that support them. This includes vegetation in parks, reserves, gardens, along railways, waterways, main roads, and local streets, and on other green infrastructure such as green walls and roofs. The urban forest provides habitat to a wide range of fauna.



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¹ Resilient Melbourne, Living Melbourne Strategy, 2018, available at: https://resilientmelbourne.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/09/LivingMelbourne_Strategy_online3.pdf

The Urban Forest Strategy

Principles:

Strategies:

1. Increase

1.1 Consider the individual needs of Bayside's suburbs and ensure that the approach to increasing canopy cover and urban forest outcomes is tailored to the conditions of each area.

1.2 Reframe Council's approach to major capital and infrastructure renewal projects as opportunities to increase urban forest outcomes.

1.3 Through the Bayside Planning Scheme, require development to provide increases to the number of canopy trees provided.

2. Healthier ecosystems

2.1 Increase the tree and vegetation canopy cover that is of a diverse range of species across Bayside.

2.2 Ensure humans and wildlife can simultaneously and safely access densely vegetated areas, streets and reserves.

3. Monitor

3.1 Improve, implement and facilitate Council processes and procedures to assist the monitoring of the urban forest

4. Maintain

4.1 Ensure the tree removal process is transparent and equitable

4.2 Reframe our planning and policy framework to give greater priority to existing trees and vegetation when siting new development and ensuring the longevity of any new trees or vegetation by ensuring it is appropriately sited nearby surrounding hard surfaces or infrastructure.

4.3 Enhance Council's ability to retain existing trees on private property through increased regulation of tree removal.

4.4 Support the maintenance and retention of trees on public land.

5. Learn and Celebrate

5.1 Increase Council's capacity to provide advice and build community sentiment to tree planting in Bayside.

5.2 Continue to build upon Council's green image and utilise this platform to advocate and partner with key stakeholders to provide greener outcomes across Bayside, metropolitan Melbourne and Victoria.

5.3 Leverage from the strengths of our network of volunteers, community groups, State Government departments, neighbouring local governments, academics and professionals to support the delivery of community education, information sharing and creating partnerships.

Key Issues

Environmental challenges

Impact of climate change

All trees, including trees on private property, are being affected by climate change. It is important that Council continues to encourage residents to plant climate-resilient trees and vegetation on their property and nature strips. To support this, the provision of readily accessible information and useful tips on how to best plant these types of trees and vegetation will be of great value. Council will also ensure its species palette for streets and parks include the use of more climate-resilient trees and vegetation.

Tree health, age, Useful Life Expectancy, and species diversity

The Bayside Urban Forest Strategy defines key issues across Bayside's urban forest, including climate change, insufficient growth space and natural characteristics (disease, insects, etc.) being significant contributing factors to the health and sustainability of tree coverage across Bayside. This Precinct Plan identifies locations of trees that are in poor health, are reaching senescence and has low useful life expectancy so that appropriate action can be taken in due time.

Tree survival rate

A high proportion of street and park trees that have been planted have struggled to survive either during or after their initial period of maintenance (first 2 years). Expanding the urban forest and increasing tree canopy coverage will be challenging, especially if high tree attrition continues to occur.

Developmental challenges

Trees on private property

Trees on private property make up a significant proportion of Bayside's urban forest. The removal of trees on private property is a significant and challenging issue to address as the management of private trees, to some extent, falls into the hands of individual property owners. Partnering with the private owners and undertaking a precinct-based approach to the protection, retention and enhancement of the urban forest will allow Council to consider the local opportunities for vegetation and tree plantings, process improvements and other locally specific issues.

Planning permits involving vegetation removal

There are several mechanisms currently in place within the Bayside Planning Scheme that seek to protect vegetation in certain areas of Bayside and require a planning permit to be granted for tree or vegetation removal. These mechanisms include but are not limited to the Vegetation Protection Overlay (VPO), Significant Landscape Overlay (SLO), Heritage Overlay (HO) and Erosion Management Overlay (EMO).

Surrounding infrastructure

Street trees are located alongside public and private assets that include footpaths, roads, fences, overhead powerlines and underground services. This pressure is similarly felt on private property for medium and high density developments where there are competing uses and infrastructure to be sited. While there are management and design techniques that can mitigate most of these issues, it is not always easy, particularly with established trees. Established trees have larger roots that can impact footpaths and roads, creating potential hazards that need to be fixed.

Social challenges

Older people, children, and people with disabilities

More vulnerable members of the community include older people, young children and people with disabilities and their carers. While trees bring many benefits, they can also create challenges. Maintenance of trees can be challenging for older people or people living with disabilities. Particularly large trees that overhang private property or within the property that can become hazardous through

debris that create trip and slip risks. Aging and/or disability can prevent some residents from being able to manage the debris from trees, requiring the use of private gardening services.

Bayside Council's *Disability Action Plan 2021-2025* states that over 14,000 people living in Bayside have a disability and over 4,000 people need assistance in their day-to-day lives. This assistance is required because of disability, long-term health conditions or old age. The greening of activity centres can contribute to a healthier and more comfortable place.

Safety

There are a number of elements that contribute to people feeling unsafe, including low visibility and lack of passive surveillance from nearby residents and/or other groups. Within streets, Council plants and maintains trees to ensure there is no foliage to block sight lines. Trees can contribute to this problem if not managed correctly as they have the potential to block visibility from the street.

What will the Precinct Plans achieve?

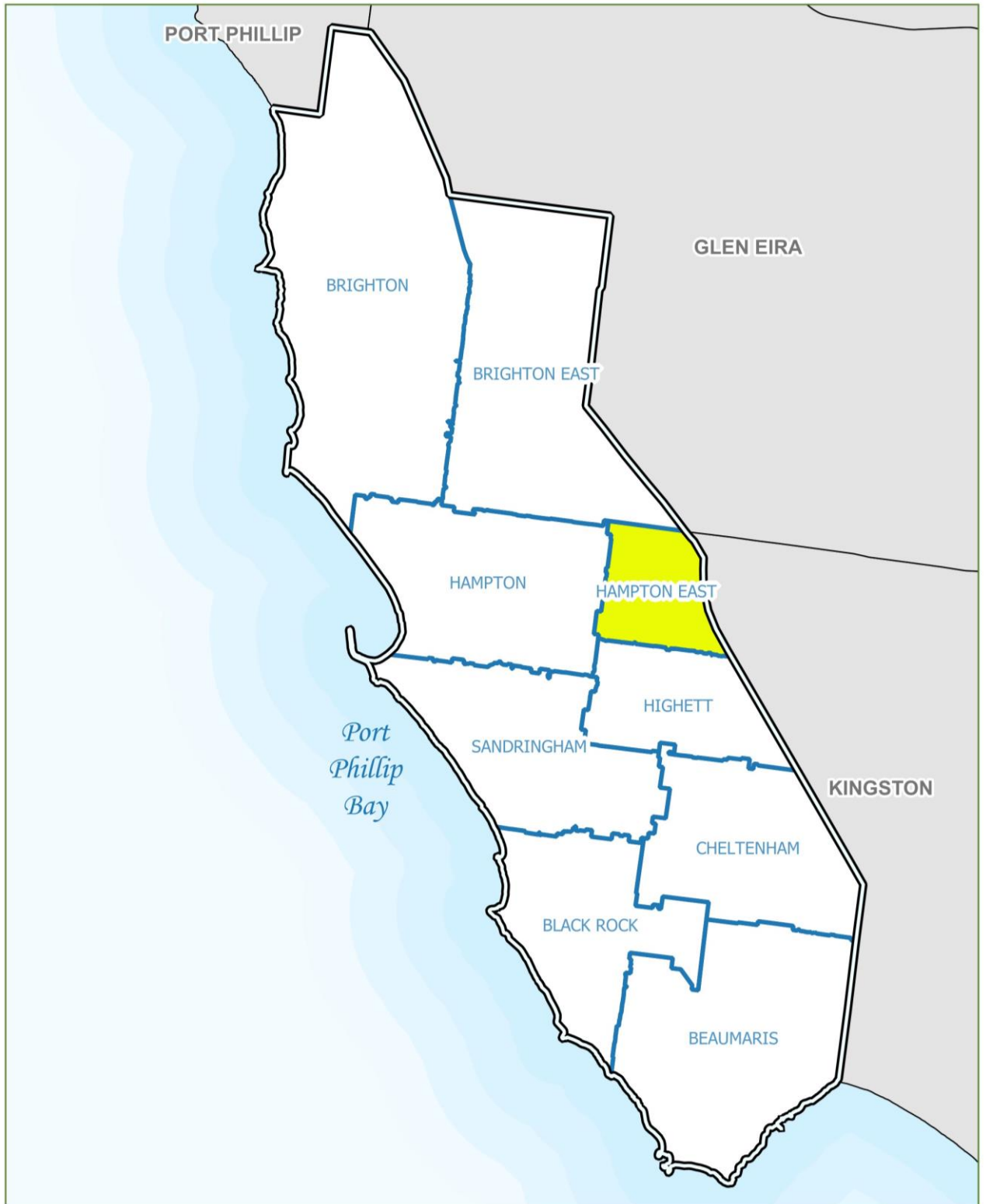
A key action from the Bayside *Urban Forest Strategy* is the preparation of Precinct Plans. Each Precinct Plan will be informed by community consultation and will provide set targets to respond to the individual needs, challenges, and aspirations of the locality.

The Precinct Plans will help guide the implementation of the Bayside *Urban Forest Strategy* in Bayside and direct Council's focus to areas with low vegetation, to protect and enhance neighbourhood character and help achieve the objectives of the Bayside *Urban Forest Strategy*.

The primary objective of the Precinct Plan is to prioritise areas of greatest need, including areas with the lowest existing percentage canopy tree cover, as well as areas that are strategically located to mitigate potential impacts from urban heat island effects (including within major activity centres that are experiencing increased density and construction activity), areas of declining canopy or aging trees, highly trafficked pedestrian routes and gaps or vacancies in public planting.

Within this document, specific direction is provided on the selection of appropriate trees for the precinct. The Precinct Plans are performance-based in that they establish the desired outcomes for streets but do not prescribe specific species for each location. Park and significant boulevard trees will be planted using existing master plans and site-specific plans to respond to the individual needs, challenges, and aspirations of the locality. This document focuses on the suburb of Hampton East.

Map 1. Hampton East's location within Bayside



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Suburb Profile – Hampton East

Information in this Suburb Profile was accessed from Profile.id which utilises 2021 census data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics and population, household and age structure forecasts.

Population

Hampton East is a changing suburb, both physically and demographically. Hampton East is currently experiencing moderate population growth, having increased by 272 people from 4,797 in 2016 to 5,069 in 2021 and is forecasted to increase to 6,329 (increasing by 24.4%) by 2041.

Age structure

By 2041, it is anticipated that 30% of Hampton East residents will be above 60 years of age, which is an increase from the current 21.1% (2021). It is expected that older populations will have greater difficulty maintaining gardens and are susceptible to environmental challenges, such as heatwaves and increasing temperatures.

Senior residents who decide to remain in their family home after their children move out become what is known as 'empty nesters'. Many low density residential dwellings in Hampton East typically have moderate sized gardens with which empty nesters may have difficulty maintaining and therefore may require assistance now and in the future.

Residential developments

The majority of new residential development has been delivered within the Hampton East Activity Centre. This activity centre encourages the provision of high-quality housing at a range of densities to meet the needs of a diverse community by offering a range of housing choices. Looking to the future, residential development forecasts assume the number of dwellings in Hampton East will increase by an average of 43 dwellings per annum to 3,260 in 2041. It is anticipated these new dwellings may come in the form of dual occupancies, town houses and low-rise apartment buildings, all of which will reduce the available permeable surfaces, especially when the conversion has been from a previous 1 dwelling on a lot. Minimising permeable surfaces can impact the ability to plant trees and allow them to grow to maturity and provide large canopies.

As the number of units and apartments across Hampton East increases, housing will diversify, providing ageing residents with the opportunity to downsize to smaller homes, while staying in their local community. Smaller homes for senior residents provide a number of benefits, including a minimal need for garden maintenance.

In addition to residential growth, commercial and retail development will continue to occur in the north-eastern part of the suburb alongside Nepean Highway and South Road, which is within the Activity Centre Zone 1 (ACZ1). Within this section of the activity centre, the following is encouraged:

- A health focus within the South Road Commercial Precinct to reinforce this existing specialisation, and
- The establishment of a clear brand for the centre as a lifestyle destination which specialises in outdoor-adventure retail, health services, cafes and high-quality diverse housing.

Climate change

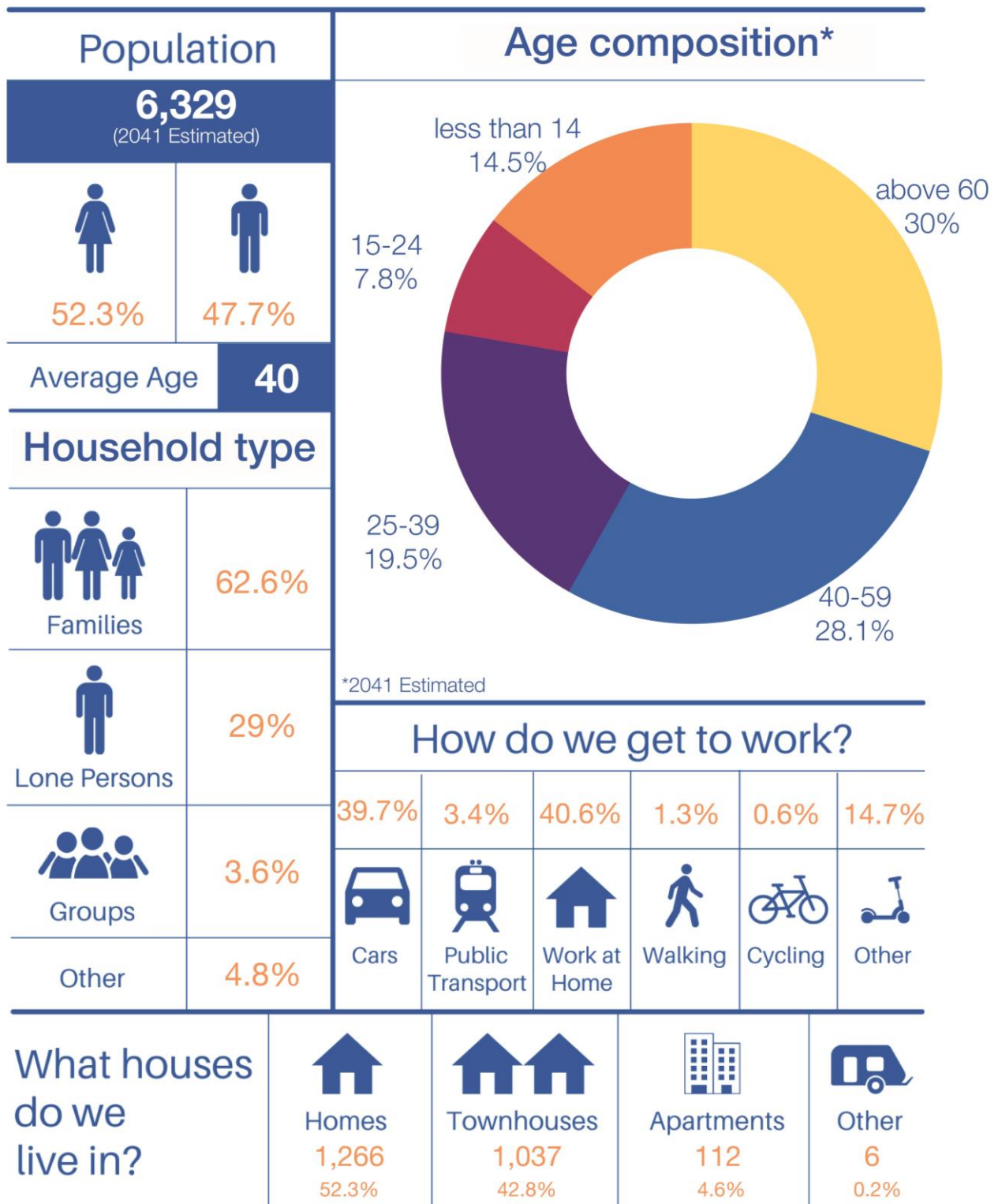
The effects of climate change are anticipated to have a significant negative impact on tree canopy and vegetation. Due to climate change, there will be an increase in severe weather events including more intense rainfall over summer, leading to more frequent and severe flooding events. Trees can play an important role in mitigating the impacts of a flooding event. The soil under trees and vegetation absorbs water as opposed to urban impervious surfaces (such as pavements and roofs) over which water flows into the drainage system, raising the potential for flooding when the system is placed under strain.

The leafy canopy of trees also spreads out the rainfall and slows it down. This gives more time for the soil underneath to absorb the rainfall, resulting in less and slower runoff. As a result, the risk of flooding is reduced. When flooding does still occur, the volume and speed of the flood will be reduced. This will also reduce the need for larger stormwater gutters and pipes.

Mode of transport

In 2021, 39.6% of Hampton East residents travelled to work by car. The Hampton East Activity centre is within close proximity to the Moorabbin Station which services the Frankston Line. There are also various bus networks that service the suburb.

Hampton East Forecast for 2041





Note: Hampton East suburb population and age data is a 2023 estimation for 2041, which was retrieved from the Australian Bureau of Statistics. All other data shown was retrieved from profile.id (2021).

Aerial of Hampton East



Legend

-  Bayside LGA Boundary
-  Suburb

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The Vision for Hampton East's Urban Forest:

The Hampton East Urban Forest will continue to be enhanced in places where it is needed most, transforming the suburb to one with a rich urban forest featuring avenues of large canopy street trees that compliment current and future open spaces.

Planning controls applying to Hampton East

Residential and Activity Centre Zone

The majority of Hampton East's residential land is located within the Neighbourhood Residential Zone (NRZ), which is a planning zone that is applied to areas where there will be minimal residential growth, seen on Map 2. The NRZ has a maximum building height of two-storeys and where any new development does take place, it is usually alterations or additions to existing dwellings or the construction of a new detached dwelling or dual occupancy in place of the original detached dwelling.

Residential development within the Hampton East Major Activity Centre (which is within the Activity Centre Zone (ACZ1)) has seen a variety of dwellings being constructed in recent years and has allowed for heightened residential density outcomes. As there are various precincts that form part of the ACZ1, maximum building height limits range from three to six storeys depending on the proximity to the heart of the activity centre. This allows for higher density apartment developments in the centre with transitional built form sizes being encouraged on the edges of the activity centre.

Public Use Zone (PUZ) and Public Park & Recreation Zone (PPRZ)

Both of the above mentioned zones have been applied to sporting ovals, parks and reserves located within Hampton East.

Heritage and Built Form Overlays

Several Heritage Overlay Schedules (HO) and Design & Development Overlay Schedules (DDO) are applied to land within the suburb which shape the way new development can be delivered. Heritage Overlays, in particular, provide for the protection of heritage significant buildings and places.

Neighbourhood Amenity Local Law 2021

Local Laws are laws utilised by Council to respond to issues and community needs within a local context. The *Neighbourhood Amenity Local Law 2021* applies to the Bayside municipality, including trees on private land. The law determines that any tree on private land is protected if the *"single or combined tree trunk circumference is 155 centimetres or more at one metre above ground level."* If a tree is protected it means that a permit must be acquired from Council in order to remove or prune it. The same permit requirements apply to any tree on Council's Significant Tree Register.

Landscape Guidelines

A review of Bayside's Landscape Guidelines was adopted in December 2023. The changes have been made in response to the adopted Urban Forest Strategy action which outlines that Council must provide further guidance on species selection, sizes, and trees suitable for private property.

The new landscape guidelines focus on improving the quality of tree plantings through soil type and volume, site characteristics, and correct species selection. This way, it can be ensured that canopy tree plantings that are selected are the largest and most ideal species for its location. This will provide the trees with a better chance of growing to maturity. By focusing on canopy spread, species selection can be refined for better canopy coverage and consideration of a tree's location.

The changes to Bayside's Landscape Guidelines require new development to provide increases to the number of canopy trees and high-quality landscape outcomes. Furthermore, the Species Palette listed in the Appendix 3 to this Precinct Plan has also been utilised as the list of species to encourage selection from when preparing a Landscape Plan.

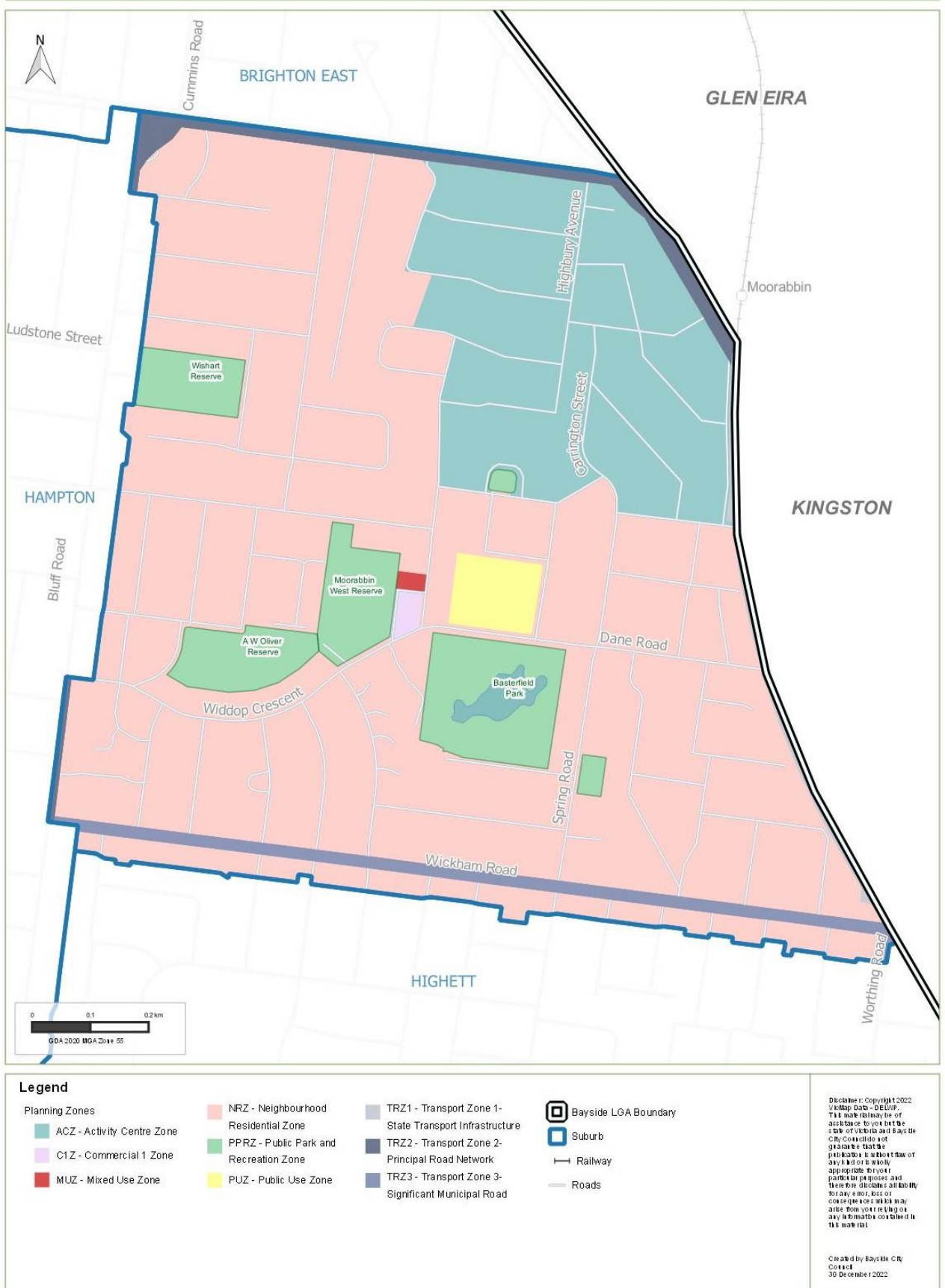
Local Law Review

A key action of the Urban Forest Strategy includes reviewing the Management of Tree Protection on Private Property Policy. An update to the Local Laws Guidelines will protect more trees and strengthen alignment between planning and local law permit applications for tree removal.

The updated Local Law Guidelines will protect more trees by removing some permit assessment considerations, such as consideration for the number of other protected trees on the site, or neighbours support for removal. Trees will also now be assessed for its habitat value to native wildlife.

For tree removal permit applications, special circumstances including medical conditions, disability, access safety or financial hardship will be referred to Council's Community Care unit. The Community Care unit will establish what support may be available to vulnerable resident and whether there is any reasonably practicable way to manage issues directly related to the tree other than removal.

Map 2: Planning Zone Controls in Hampton East



Community Engagement Findings

Community engagement was undertaken for a total of seven weeks from 28 August - 15 October 2023. The community engagement period consisted of pop-up sessions, online survey, presentations to community groups, opportunity to provide written submissions and 1:1 meetings with Council.

Overall, there were a total of 368 contributors from the pop-up events and 111 online survey participants. Of the 111 survey participants, 6(5.41% of the total respondents) were from Hampton East.

Survey participants that live in Hampton East were asked how they feel about the plan overall. Hampton East participants provided the following responses:

- 23.08% liked the plan
- 15.38% thought the plans were ok
- 38.46% had some concerns
- 15.38% had many concerns
- 7.69% were unsure how they felt

Table 1: Comments made by survey participants regarding Hampton East

Comments	Number of participants who raised concern
Plant more Native and Indigenous plantings	4
Concerns about the removal of the Badminton Club	2
Concern that the urban forest should be focussed only on council land, not private	1

The eight face-to-face engagement sessions were an opportunity for community members to provide feedback on priority planting locations and preferred species. The pop-up events were held at various locations, these included:

- Bayside Community Nursery
- Middle Brighton Baths
- Black Rock Gardens
- Youth FriYay Session
- Bayside Farmer's Market
- Thomas Street Playground
- Bay Road Heathland Reserve
- Bayside Community Nursery -Gala Day

For each pop-up session participants were asked which plants they would love to see more of in their neighbourhood. The sticker boards were separated into three categories these were:

- *Indigenous* – species that were native to Bayside
- *Native* – species that were native to Australia
- *Exotic* – species that have been introduced to Australia

The following images show the indigenous, native and exotic species that Hampton East residents would like to see more of in their neighbourhood.

Top Indigenous Plantings – Hampton East



Acacia mearnsii (Black Wattle)

Solanum laciniatum (Kangaroo Apple)

Kunzea leptospermoides (Yarra Burgan)

Top Native Plantings – Hampton East



Eucalyptus spp. (Gum trees)

Callistemon (Bottlebrush)

Tristaniopsis laurina (Water Gum)

Top Exotic Plantings – Hampton East



Elephant Ears



Osteospermum spp.
(African Daisy)



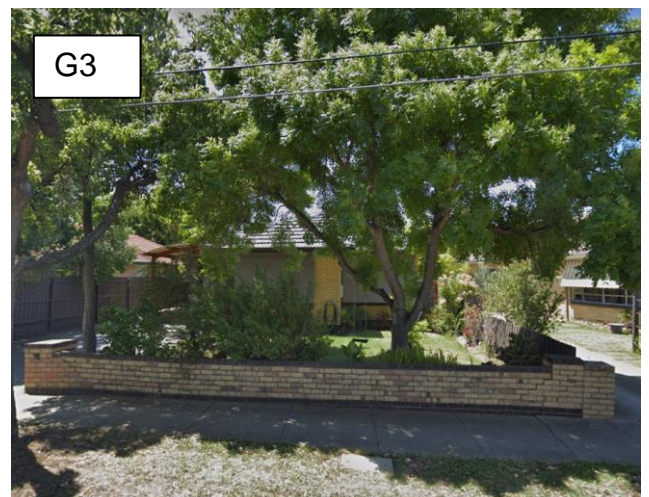
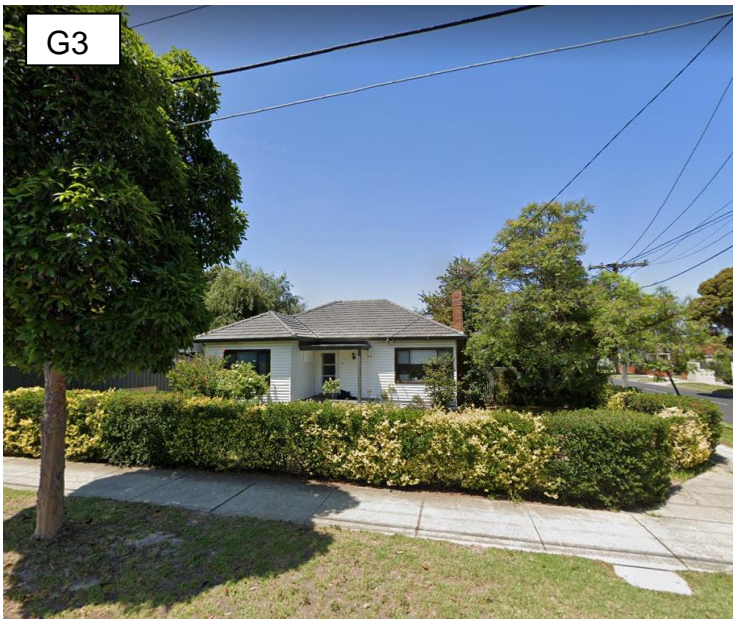
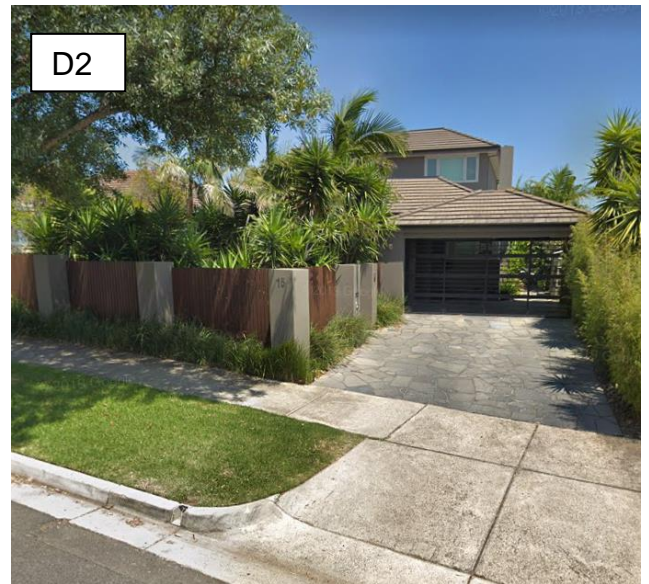
Salvia verticillata
(Lilac Sage)

Hampton East Neighbourhood Character

Hampton East is a diverse suburb that is currently undergoing housing growth. It is important that new development respects, supports and enhances the cherished characteristics of their surrounding neighbourhood. Clause 15.01-5L 'Bayside preferred neighbourhood character' in the Bayside Planning Scheme provides general objectives and policy guidelines for neighbourhood character precincts that have been set across the municipality. The Neighbourhood Character Zones are shown on Map 3.

For many of the streets within the suburb, there is a mix of new contemporary detached dwellings and dual occupancies amongst intact single and double storey post-war dwellings that reflect a variety of architectural styles from that time. Dwellings are often double or triple fronted and comprising cream and red brick, weatherboard or fibro materials. Front setbacks vary across the area from 6 to 8 metres and dwellings are usually setback from both boundaries with garages sometimes built to the boundary, particularly for new residential developments.

Gardens are predominantly low lying, with exotic shrubs and lawn, with occasional large trees allowing views to the dwellings and providing a backdrop of vegetation. For those properties that have front fences, they are predominantly low or open style. Street tree planting is mixed and sporadic however appears to be more focussed along main roads and where there is proximity to parks and reserves.



Map 3: Hampton East Neighbourhood Character Precincts



The Urban Forest of Hampton East

In Hampton East, there is approximately 14.5% of tree canopy cover and 17% of understorey cover (2019), which is slightly below average in comparison to all other suburbs within Bayside. While from aerial imagery (Map 4) it appears that trees within Hampton East are quite evenly spread throughout the suburb, from street view it is evident that canopy coverage is intermittent and ranges in varying sizes. Further, it is evident within the activity centre commercial area that there is a lack of tree and vegetation coverage upon those streets proximal to the Nepean Highway. Outside of these areas, there are some areas of significant tree and vegetation cover which is generally near or surrounding sporting ovals, reserves and open spaces.

History

Before European Settlement, Hampton East was inhabited by the Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation. In the 1850s, the area encompassing Hampton East was subdivided into 0.8 hectare parcels which were predominantly used for market gardening. The area remained rural and relatively unpopulated until World War II, despite regions to the west and south becoming urbanised before then. Suburban development began to increase following World War II, due to the heightened commercial and industrial development in proximity to the Nepean Highway. By the 1970s the suburb was largely developed.

Looking at aerial imagery from 1970, there is notably very little tree canopy cover across the suburb. This was likely subject to the fast increases in development and the conversion of land within Hampton East from bare, vacant land (with little vegetation, having been cleared for market gardening) into a mostly residential neighbourhood. It appears that the majority of tree planting has occurred since the 1970s and continues to occur to help enhance the urban forest within the suburb.

Contemporary issues impacting Hampton East's Urban Forest

There are a number of contemporary issues which impact the urban forest of Hampton East, causing a decrease in canopy cover. These issues are associated with climate change, and its flow on effects, including the urban heat island effect and erratic weather events, which impact upon and damage the health and viability of tree and ground cover vegetation. Increasing tree and vegetation cover will help alleviate rising temperatures and dramatic changes in climatic conditions by providing shade and cooling effects.

For new developments on private and public land, Council considers all possible design solutions and ensures the application has met all relevant criteria. However, even with these measures in place, the removal of tree and understorey vegetation is an issue facing Hampton East and is likely to increase due to a higher level of medium density residential development and the limitations on permeable surfaces appropriate for planting.

The removal of established gardens, large trees and understorey plantings is contributing to a loss of the distinct vegetation character and impacting the biodiversity. Other issues impacting the urban forest include:

- Trees nearing the end of their useful lifespan can also create safety issues particularly for more vulnerable residents. As a tree becomes older it loses its vitality as it is more prone to falling or losing limbs. Council monitors the health of its trees to ensure any hazardous trees are removed.
- The State Government has proposed the removal of the level railway crossing at Wickham Road. The construction of this new infrastructure will likely result in the need to remove existing trees and vegetation. Council will need to advocate to the State Government to replace the lost vegetation, and possibly gain more, by replanting on the site once the construction is completed.

- Vandalism of public and private trees is another issue contributing to tree canopy loss across Bayside. Illegal removal, lopping or poisoning of trees occurs throughout Bayside by members of the public for personal gain. Another common example is the vandalism of trees to limit fruit, berry or leaf drop on footpaths and private property.. Unpermitted removal, destruction, pruning and interference with trees and vegetation is illegal in Bayside. To deter vandals, Council has adopted a strong stance on vandalism and has installed signs and advertised on social media platforms an offering of rewards for information when an act of vandalism has occurred.



Image 1. Basterfield Park



Image 2. Spring Road Park



Image 3. Moorabbin West Reserve

Tree canopy cover across Hampton East and various land uses

As indicated previously in this document, Hampton East has approximately 14.5% tree canopy cover and 17% understorey cover (2019) which is slightly below average in comparison to other suburbs in Bayside. Of the 14.5% of tree canopy cover within Hampton East:

- 63.3% is located upon private residential and mixed-use areas;
- 24.3% is located upon streets;
- 11.5% is on open spaces/reserves; and
- 0.91% is on public use areas

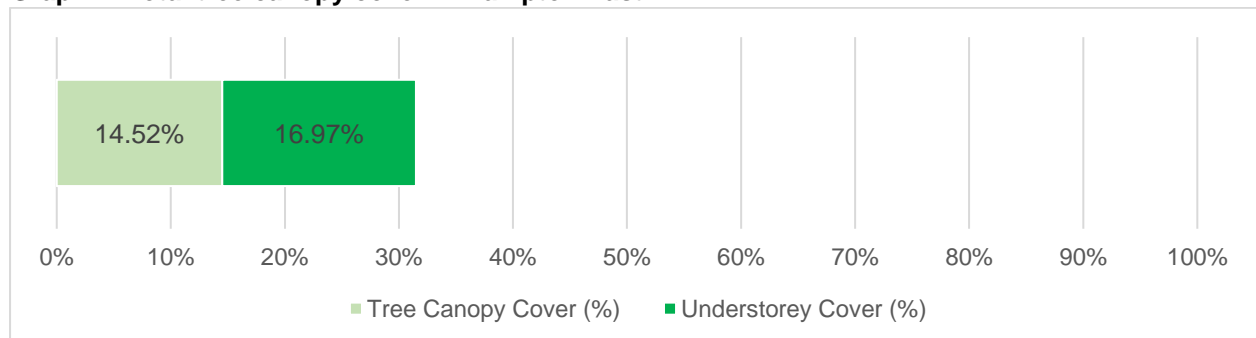
As seen on Map 4, the coverage of trees upon private residential property is comparatively high when compared to other suburbs that also are undergoing increases in residential development. However, there appears to be less tree canopy coverage on open spaces in comparison to other suburbs which is likely due to the variation in uses of these spaces. There are several sporting ovals within Hampton East which required the clearing of trees.

There is also limited canopy cover within the Hampton East Major Activity Centre's commercial area. This area has limited setbacks, limiting the potential to provide large canopy trees. In such areas, innovative ideas such as green roofs and walls should be considered to increase greening.

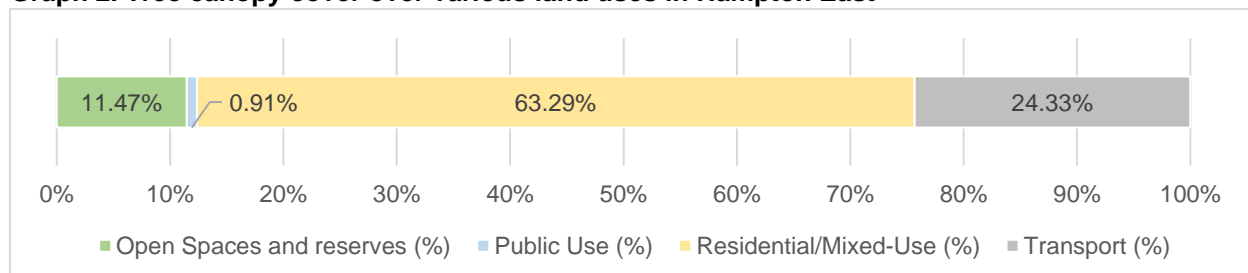
In 2022, there were 3,073 trees managed and maintained by Council throughout Hampton East, including 2,297 street trees, 775 park trees and 1 other location-specific tree. Monitoring the age, health and useful life expectancy of these trees is important to ensuring that Council understands the local conditions, maintains tree and understorey plant populations, and effectively plans for future planting programs and strategies across Hampton East.

In Hampton East, there is approximately 14.5% tree canopy cover and 17% understorey cover. The suburb of Hampton East will be a major contributor towards achieving Council's goal of 30% tree canopy cover by 2040 through increased planting on streets and within open spaces, and, where appropriate, through enhanced understorey cover within the public and private realm.

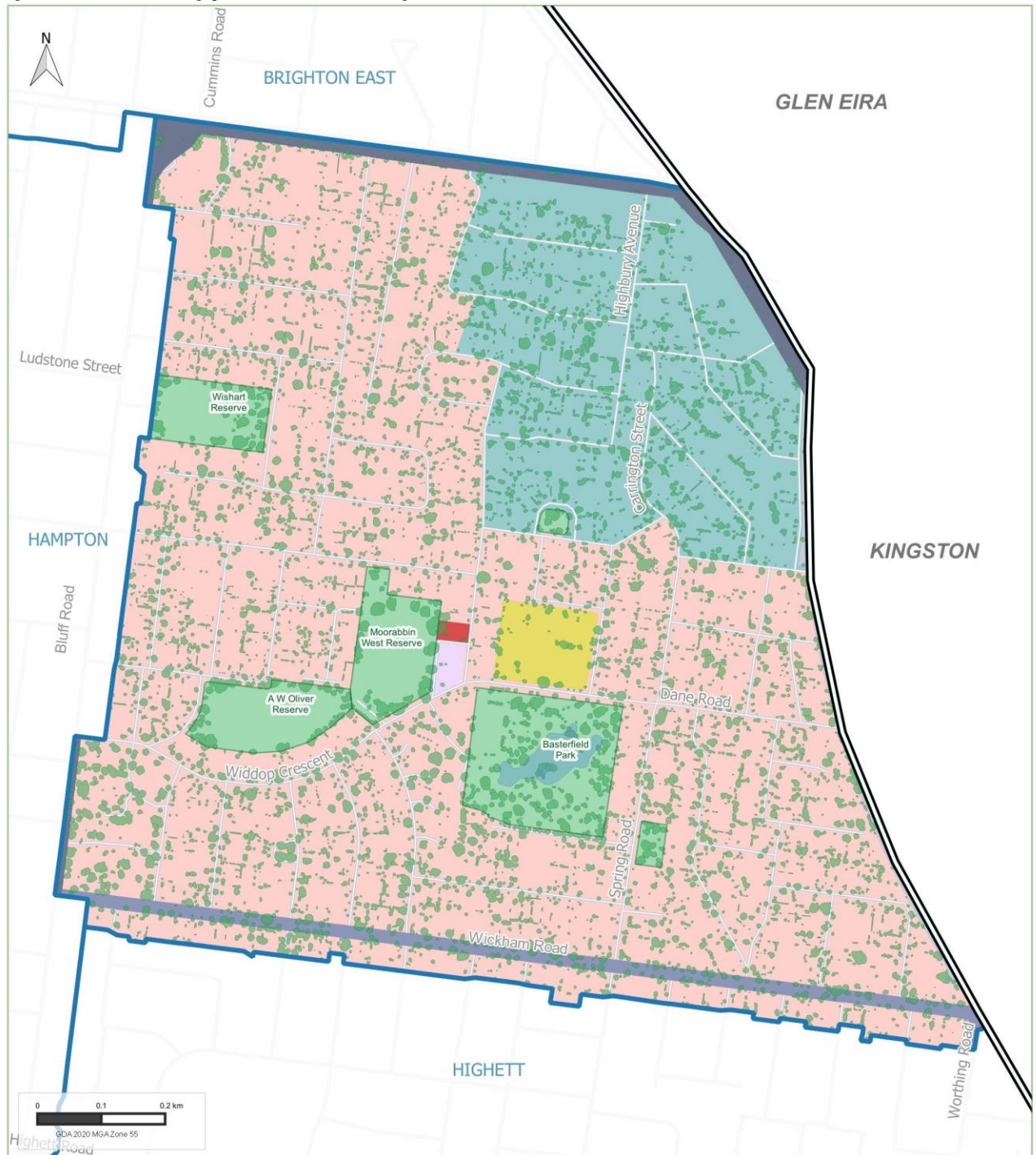
Graph 1. Total tree canopy cover in Hampton East



Graph 2. Tree canopy cover over various land uses in Hampton East



Map 4: Tree Canopy Cover in Hampton East



Legend			
	Bayside LGA Boundary		ACZ - Activity Centre Zone
	Suburb		C1Z - Commercial 1 Zone
	Tree Canopy - October 2019		MUZ - Mixed Use Zone
	Education (Government or Independent)		NRZ - Neighbourhood Residential Zone
	Roads		PPRZ - Public Park and Recreation Zone
			PUZ - Public Use Zone
			TRZ1 - Transport Zone 1 - State Transport Infrastructure
			TRZ2 - Transport Zone 2 - Principal Road Network
			TRZ3 - Transport Zone 3 - Significant Municipal Road

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Council-managed Tree Population

Useful Life expectancy (ULE)

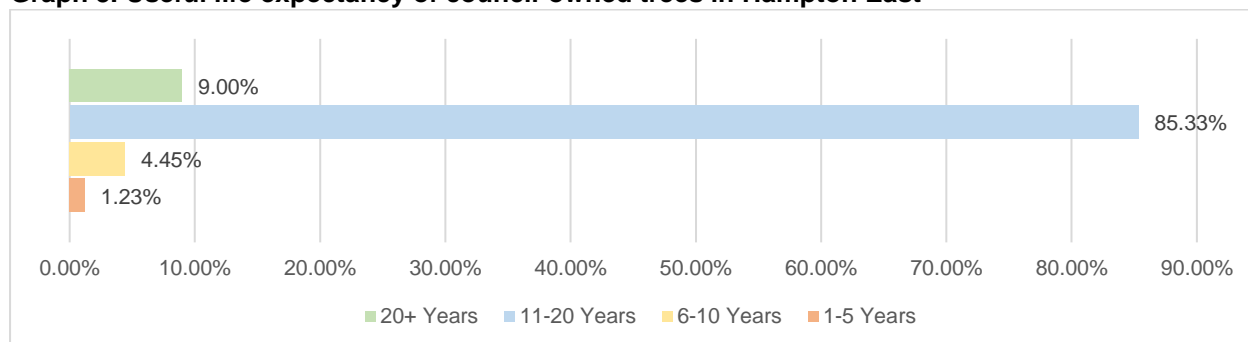
Estimating the useful life expectancy of the council-managed tree population is regularly undertaken and can inform the future management options for trees that have limited useful life left. The assessment of a tree's useful life expectancy provides an indication of health and tree appropriateness and involves an estimate of how long a tree is likely to remain in the landscape based on species, stage of life (cycle), health, amenity, environmental services contribution, conflicts with adjacent infrastructure and risk to the community.² It is not a measure of the biological life of the tree within the natural range of the species, but more a measure of the health status and the tree's positive contribution to the urban landscape.²

The locations where there is a high concentration of trees which may require replacement within the next 10 years include Basterfield Park, Parkview Crescent and King Street. Replacement planting will be based on the existing surrounding vegetation, landscape character and ability to enhance habitat. Succession planting will be undertaken where large scale planting is required.

In Hampton East, approximately 5.7% of council-managed trees are anticipated to reach the end of their useful life expectancy over the next 10 years. Map 5 shows the location of trees with low ULE and the locations where the concentration of these trees is high.

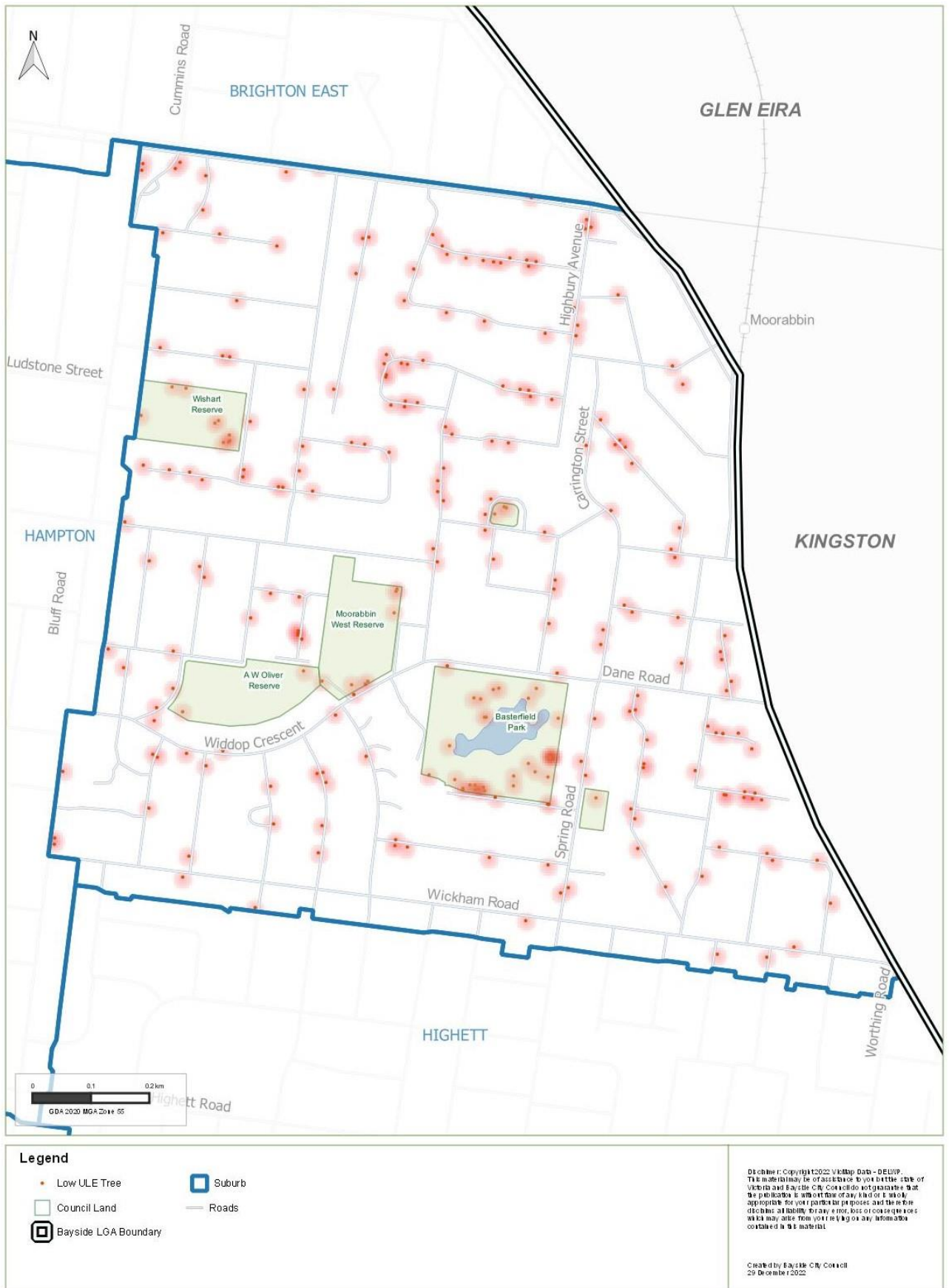
Where it has been found that trees reaching the end of their useful life still provide benefit and habitat, it should be retained as habitat tree as per the Tree Risk Assessment Tool (TRAQ).

Graph 3. Useful life expectancy of council-owned trees in Hampton East



² Department of Health and Human Services, 'Arboricultural Assessment Holland Court, Flemington– 3.7 Useful Life Expectancy(ULE)', 2017, Available at https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/105500/SHRP-SH1-15.a.-Tree-Logic-Rpt_Holland-Court,-Flemington.pdf

Map 5: Location of trees with low ULE in Hampton East



Tree health and age

Approximately 90.6% of council-managed street and park trees in Hampton East were classified as being in good health, while 0.2% were classified as excellent. Trees that are classified as poor, dangerous or dead make up for 0.7% of street and park trees.

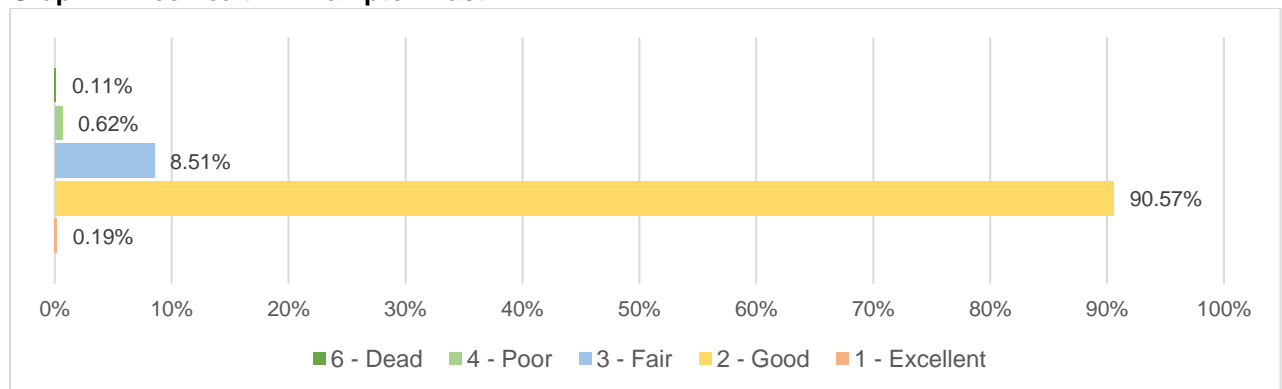
There is a reasonable level of diversity in the age of trees within the suburb. As seen in Graph 5, the highest proportions are new and semi-mature, making up 38.2% and 24.9% respectively.

Map 6 provides the location of those trees that are in poor health or dead. where tree health is poor, dangerous, and dead. There is a low number of trees in poor health or dead, most of which are located within Basterfield Park and others sporadically upon residential streets and South Road. Street trees that are dead should be removed but dead trees in parks can provide habitat for fauna. Through the continued use of the Tree Risk Assessment Tool, Council will retain those trees and vegetation that provide a service to the ecosystem.

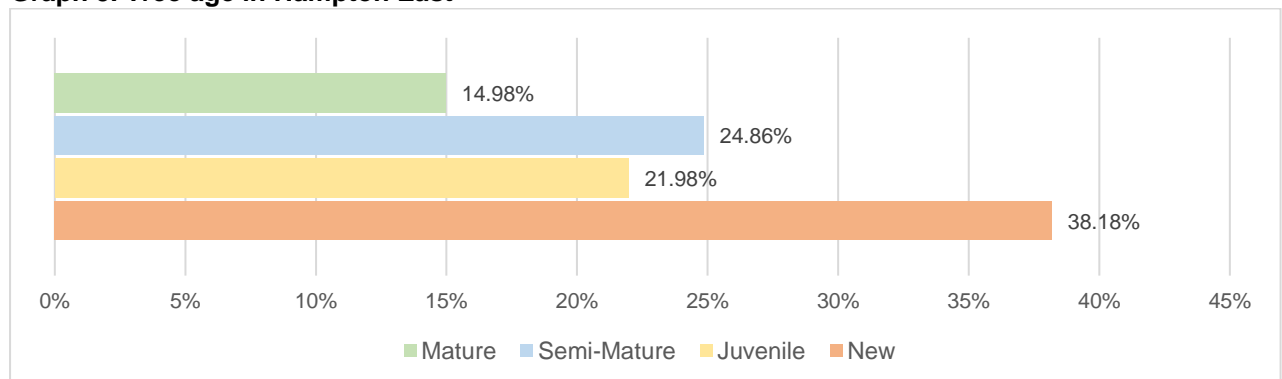
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Graph 4. Tree health in Hampton East



Graph 5. Tree age in Hampton East

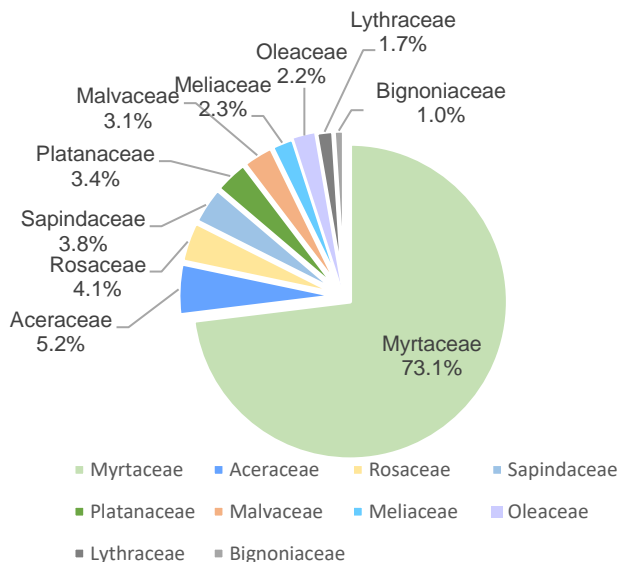


Map 6: Tree Health in Hampton East

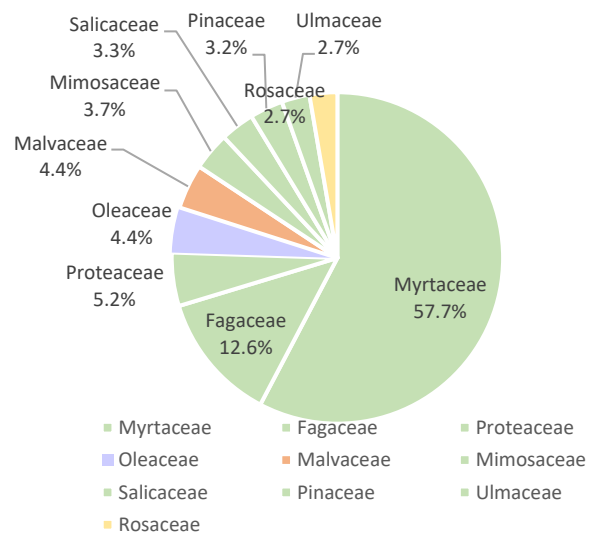


Species diversity

A resilient urban forest has a diverse range of species from different families. As seen in graphs 6 and 7 below, Council managed street and park trees are predominantly within the *Myrtaceae* family, making up to 73.1% of all street trees and 57.8% of all park trees. This is then followed by the *Fagaceae* family (making up 12.6% of all park trees), and the *Aceraceae* family (5.3% of all street trees). Other families make up about 21.6% of street trees and 29.6% of park trees.



Graph 6. Diversity of street tree species in Hampton East



Graph 7. Diversity of park tree species in Hampton East

The reliance of a small number of species, and a lack of spatial diversity in species distribution leaves the urban forest vulnerable to threats from pests and disease. Diversification of the family composition of the urban forest is a key challenge that was identified in the *Bayside Street and Park Tree Guide* and reiterated within the *Bayside Urban Forest Strategy*.

The following families currently form part of the overall tree population in Hampton East's (including Pennydale) streets and parks at a significantly lower percentage than the *Myrtaceae* family. The inclusion and increase of these families should be targeted through the actions and implementation of this Precinct Plan, ensuring that different types of trees align with the neighbourhood character of the surrounding locality:

- Fagaceae
- Proteaceae
- Oleaceae
- Malvaceae
- Mimosaceae
- Salicaceae
- Pinaceae
- Ulmaceae
- Rosaceae
- Aceraceae
- Sapindaceae
- Platanaceae
- Meliaceae
- Lythraceae
- Bignoniaceae

Through the Park Improvement and Habitat Linkage Plan, Council will undertake tree and vegetation planting to support specific habitat locations, encourage the rebuilding of ecological foundations and improve species diversity in Bayside.

Currently, the Hampton East street and park tree population is largely dominated by the *Myrtaceae* family (*eucalyptus* etc.), making up 57.8% of park trees and 73.1% of all street trees.

Understorey planting in Hampton East

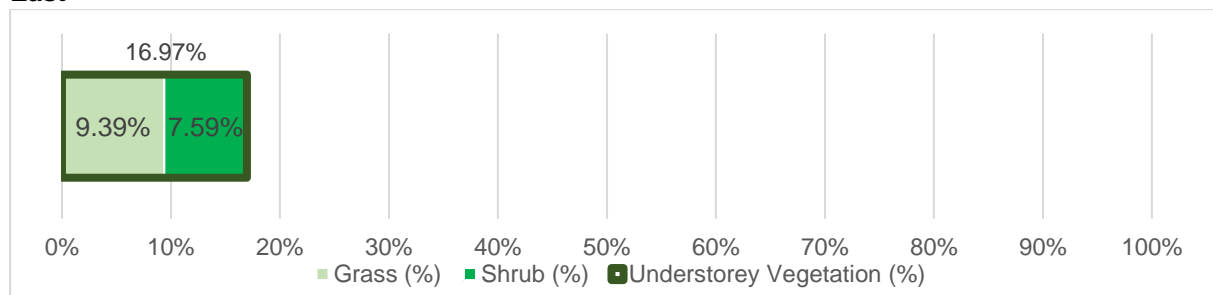
This section investigates the potential habitat and biodiversity corridors in Hampton East across public and private land to understand where further opportunities are to increase habitat connectivity and improve biodiversity.

Understorey vegetation includes small trees, shrubs, herbs, grasses, mosses and lichens that occupy the vegetation layers below the canopy of taller trees.³ Bayside's *Urban Forest Strategy* has three major goals to ensure the increase and improvement of the urban forest and the functions it serves. Two of these goals recognise the importance of understorey plantings. In addition, one of the strategic objectives of the *Bayside Urban Forest Strategy* is to support and enhance our local biodiversity and protect locally endangered and native species. This will be achieved by improving habitat connectivity and the protection and planting of Ecological Vegetation Classes (EVCs) through the implementation of the *Park Improvement and Habitat Linkage Plan 2022* which involves identifying the suitable locations to prioritise understorey planting.

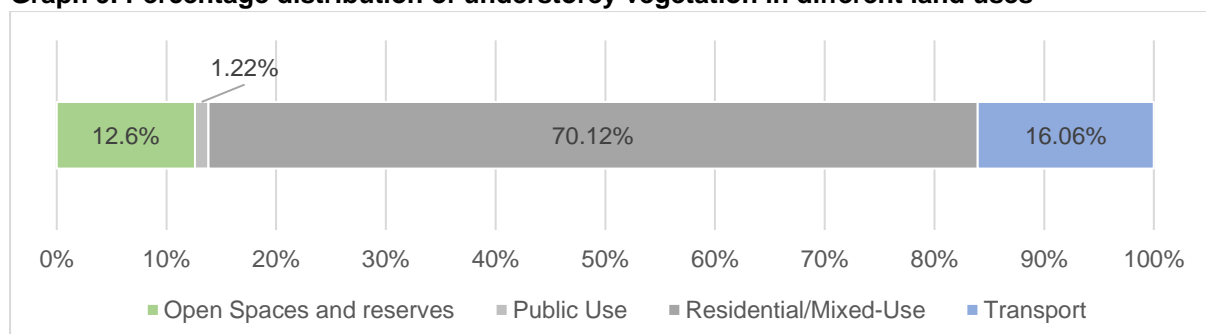
There is currently 16.97% of understorey vegetation coverage in Hampton East, with a majority of this being located within residential / mixed uses areas of within the suburb (70.1%), and this is likely due to this land use being the main component of the suburb. Opportunity exists to increase understorey vegetation within streets (16.1%) and open spaces and reserves (12.6%) as depicted in graph 8 & 8 and Map 7.

Council's priority will be to increase understorey planting in a range of places, particularly within streets with less than 20% tree canopy cover, roundabouts without current vegetation (Carrington Street - Warland Road and Wickham Road - Spring Road), core habitat patches/priority habitat improvement areas/priority linkage improvement areas (identified in Maps 10-11) and in gaps around sporting ovals (Wishart Reserve, Moorabbin Baseball and Cricket Club, Curly Rourke Reserve, Basterfield Park and Spring Road Playground). Council will also encourage residents to have biodiverse gardens that reflect the species targets as shown in Appendix 3. Streets that have very low percentage of understorey planting (0-10%) have been identified in Map 7 and include sections of Nepean Highway, South Road, Widdop Crescent, Dane Road and Wickham Road.

Graph 8. Percentage distribution of understorey vegetation as grass and shrubs in Hampton East

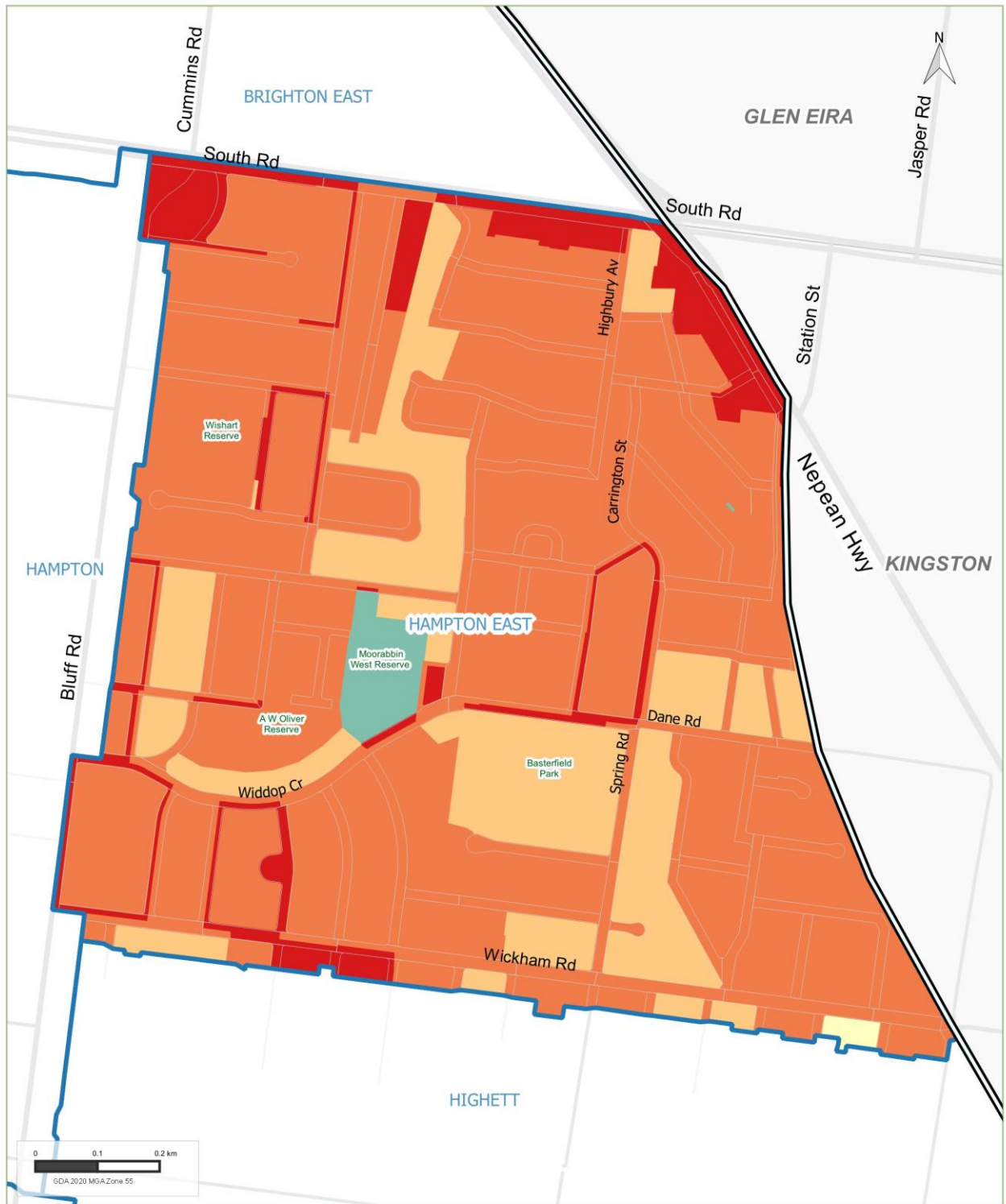


Graph 9. Percentage distribution of understorey vegetation in different land uses



³ Land for Wildlife Queensland, 'The Value of Understorey Vegetation' Note V6, available at: <https://www.lfwseq.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/The-Value-of-Understorey-Vegetation.pdf>

Map 7: Understorey Planting in Hampton East



Legend

Understorey Planting Percentage
 0 to 10%
 10 to 20%

20 to 30%
 30 to 40%
 40 to 50%

50 to 60%
 Bayside LGA Boundary
 Suburb

Council Land
 Roads
 Highway

Arterial
 Sub-Arterial
 Collector
 Local Road

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Urban Heat Island

Urban heat Island effect in Hampton East

Urban heat island effect is the phenomenon of dense urban areas having significantly warmer air and land surface temperatures than surrounding areas.⁴ It is primarily a result of impervious hard surfaces which generate heat combined with low vegetation cover that fails to provide adequate shade and natural cooling.

Urban heat data was captured in 2018 and is provided in Map 8 below. It is evident from this map that there are various areas of Hampton East, particularly in the north, east and centre of the suburb, that are undergoing increased temperatures and are subject to urban heat island effects.

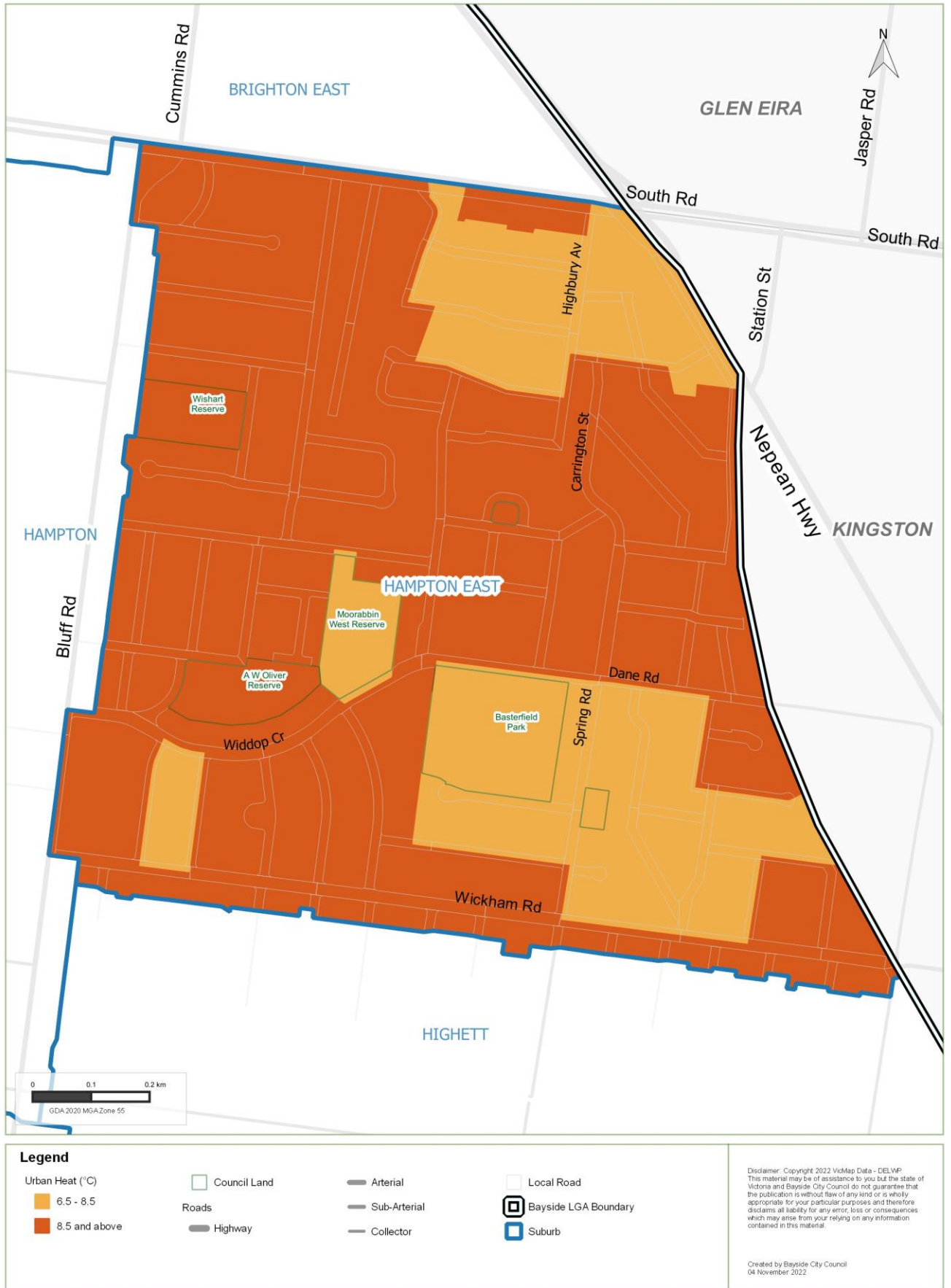
Increased greening and enhancement of the urban forest has been identified as one of the most cost-effective means of mitigating the potential impacts of climate change and urban heat island effects. The Urban heat map referred to (Map 8) illustrates that the vast majority of Hampton East will be impacted by increased temperatures, albeit not within the highest bracket of impacts (8.5 and above).

Council will prioritise planting on council land in the vast majority of Hampton East through the Annual Tree Planting Program to help combat urban heat island effects. In conjunction, innovative techniques such as green roofs and walls as part of more intensive residential developments within the activity centre should be explored and encouraged to increase vegetation.

Due to larger areas that have impervious hard surfaces, that generate heat, and low percentage of understorey planting, the vast majority of Hampton East will be impacted by increased temperatures, albeit not within the highest bracket of impacts (8.5 and above).

⁴ Resilient Melbourne and The Nature Conservancy, 'Living Melbourne – Our metropolitan Urban Forest', 2019, Available at https://livingmelbourne.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Strategy_online.pdf

Map 8 - Urban Heat – Increased temperatures in Hampton East



Biodiversity Assessment

To help inform the Bayside *Urban Forest Strategy*, Council undertook a desktop biodiversity assessment across the entire municipality. The purpose of the desktop biodiversity assessment was to assess and identify the existing ecological values present within the municipality and identify key areas where biodiversity could be improved. This section of the Precinct Plan will focus on the findings of this assessment within the suburb of Hampton East.

Strategic Biodiversity Value Score

The Strategic Biodiversity Value (SBV) is a ranking system developed by the Department of Transport & Planning (DTP) that ranks the biodiversity contribution that a location has to Victoria's overall biodiversity. The SBV is presented as a score ranging between 0 - 1 and is mapped across all areas of Victoria.⁵

56 areas with SBV scores were identified within Bayside, all of which exist on public land and are identified in Map 9. Hampton East did not have any areas with an SBV score.

Ecological Vegetation Classes (EVCs)

As a part of this study a review of Ecological Vegetation Classes (EVCs) model was undertaken. A total of 8 EVCs were modelled within the Bayside area. The modelled distribution of the 2005 DELWP mapping extent, highlights that most of the study area has been cleared. This is largely due to the extensive residential development that has occurred, and the associated road, rail and commercial development.

Of the 8 EVCs modelled within Bayside, two were present within Hampton East, within Basterfield Park. The EVC is a very small section of Grassy Woodland / Damp Sands Herb-rich Woodland and the Sedgy Swamp Woodland. These identified EVCs have informed the species palette in Appendix 3 to this Precinct Plan. The species palette provides guidance on species of trees and vegetation that should be planted in order to enhance the character and enhance the ecological values of the urban forest.

⁵ Desktop Biodiversity Assessment for the Urban Forest Strategy, Bayside City Council (2022)

Map 9 - Biodiversity Value Score – identified outside of Hampton East



Map 10 – Historic Ecological Vegetation Classes



Legend		
Bayside LGA Boundary	Grassy Woodland / Damp Sands Herb-rich Woodland Mosaic (EVC 719)	PPRZ - Public Park and Recreation Zone
Suburb	Sedgy Swamp Woodland (EVC 707)	PUZ2 - Public Use Zone - Education
Council Land		
Property Boundaries		

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Park Improvement and Habitat Linkage Plan 2022

The *Park Improvement and Habitat Linkage Plan 2022* was undertaken by Council to assist with improving species diversity within Bayside and to understand which species (trees and vegetation) would best support specific locations in Bayside and encourage the rebuilding of ecological foundations. The objective of the plan is to assist in increasing the diversity of indigenous and native plantings in council-owned open spaces outside the conservation reserve system and to strengthen the connections between natural areas.

Two major actions identified in the *Park Improvement and Habitat Linkage Plan* that correspond to the Hampton East Precinct Plan are:

1. Streetscapes – Wherever possible, increase the extent of indigenous understorey vegetation in verges, nature strips, roundabouts, traffic islands and edges of carparks or other less frequented or unused areas.
2. Parklands – Expand on areas of existing native vegetation (both patches and individual trees) with dense understorey plantings, or identify locations for additional native plantings, to create structurally diverse ‘habitat planting zones’.

Conservation reserves in Hampton East

Hampton East does not contain any conservation reserves.

Core Habitat Patches

As per Map 11, three core habitat patches have been identified within Hampton East as areas where planting should occur to implement new or improve existing links to areas of open space and provide habitat corridors:

1. Wishart Reserve
2. Moorabbin West Reserve/A W Oliver Reserve
3. Basterfield Park.

Map 11 – Core Habitat Patches in Hampton East



Priority Habitat Improvement Areas

Priority habitat locations are primarily associated with parks or reserves that support high-quality habitat values (such as bushland or foreshore reserves) or have the potential to provide core habitat with further investment through on-ground plantings and complimentary habitat structures.⁶

As portrayed on Map 12, Priority Habitat Improvement Areas identified in Hampton East are:

- Wishart Reserve
- Moorabbin West Reserve/A W Oliver Reserve
- Basterfield Park

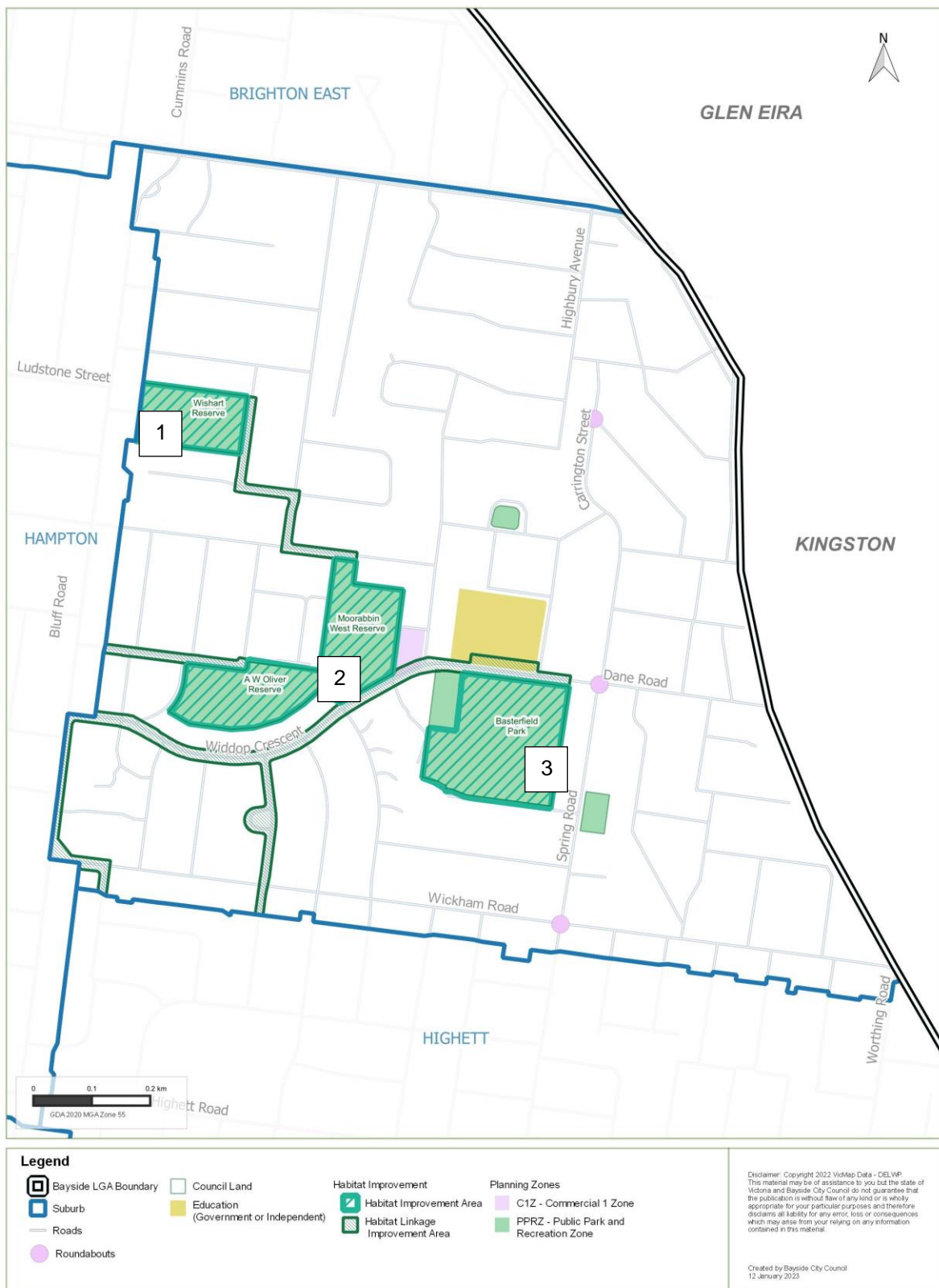
Priority Linkage Improvement Areas

Linkage Improvement Areas are primarily associated with public road reserves with the objective being to increase the functional diversity of vegetation within these areas to improve connectivity for a broader range of species.⁶ Locations of priority linkages identified across the municipality have been restricted to public land, except for limited instances within privately owned golf courses.

- Wishart Reserve to Moorabbin West Reserve via Wishart Street, Short Street, Lonsdale Avenue, Apex Avenue
- A W Oliver Reserve to Hampton via Summit Avenue
- Basterfield Park to Highett via Dane Road, Widdop Crescent, O'Connor Crescent, Bluff Road, Wickham Road and June Street.

⁶ Park Improvement and Habitat Linkage Plan, Bayside City Council (2022)

Map 12 – Habitat Linkages and Improvements



Trees on Private Land

While we encourage and support the increase of tree canopy cover on private land, it is recognised that the uptake of tree planting on private land can only be enforced through better planning mechanisms, education, advocacy and commitment from the community.

The objectives of the Bayside *Urban Forest Strategy* is to prioritise and strengthen the support for retaining existing trees on public and private land and to strengthen Council's ability to retain and monitor trees on both public and private land.

Regulations involving trees on private land

Under the *Neighbourhood Amenity Local Law 2021*, a permit is required for the removal of a tree that is on the Significant Tree Register or a canopy tree that has a single or combined trunk greater than 155 centimetres measured at 1 metre above ground level.

There are several mechanisms currently in place within the Bayside Planning Scheme that require a planning permit to be granted for tree removal. These mechanisms include but are not limited to the Vegetation Protection Overlay (VPO), Significant Landscape Overlay (SLO) and the Heritage Overlay (HO). The HO is however the only overlay that applies to selective private properties in Hampton East.

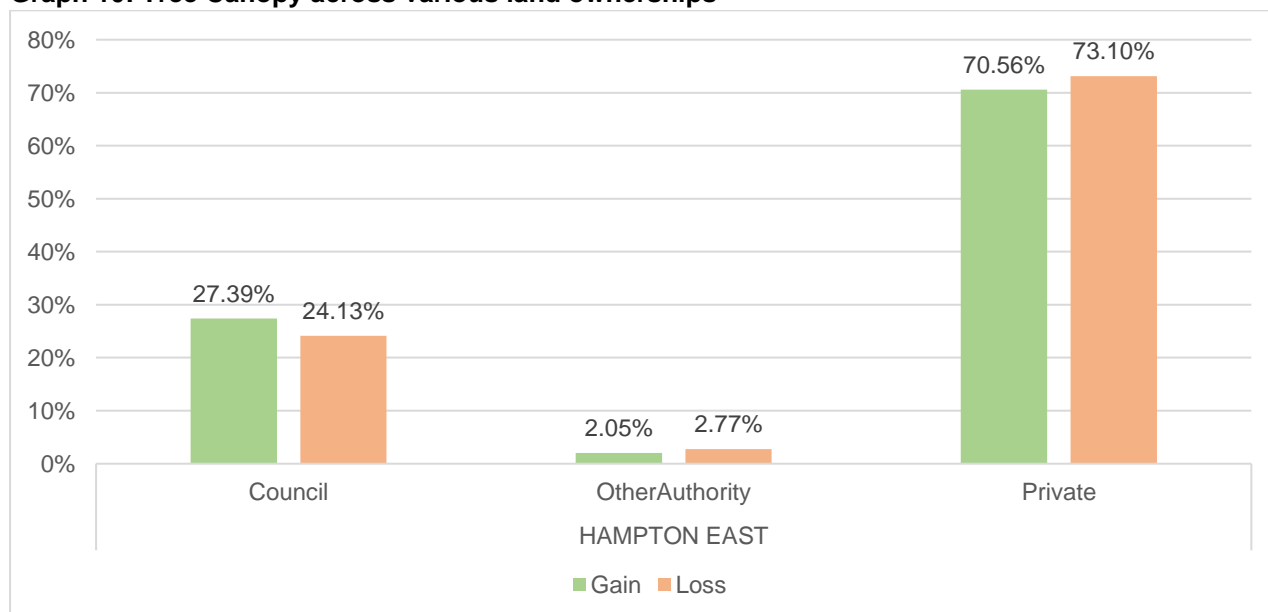
It is difficult to approximate the number of trees removed from private land each year under a planning permit as this is not separately recorded (and one application can be for multiple tree removals), let alone the extent of tree removal that is legal or illegal.

As indicated in Graph 10, while private land contributed to 70.6% of tree canopy gains in Hampton East, it also contributed to 73.1% of tree canopy losses. Conversely, Council-owned land contributed 27.4% to tree canopy gain versus 24.1% of tree canopy loss. Losses and gains were calculated by comparing 2015 and 2019 canopy cover data.

Tree loss and gain in Hampton East on private land

Map 13 shows tree canopy lost and gained in Hampton East from 2015 to 2019. The source aerial photography datasets were obtained from the State Government's Coordinated Imagery Program (CIP). The datasets from 2015 and 2019 were further compared by council's GIS team to identify changed areas of vegetation.

Graph 10: Tree Canopy across various land ownerships



Encouragement of trees on private land

As mentioned in the *Urban Forest Strategy*, community engagement will be essential in growing the urban forest on private land and Council will continue to be proactive in communicating the benefits of trees and vegetation on private land.

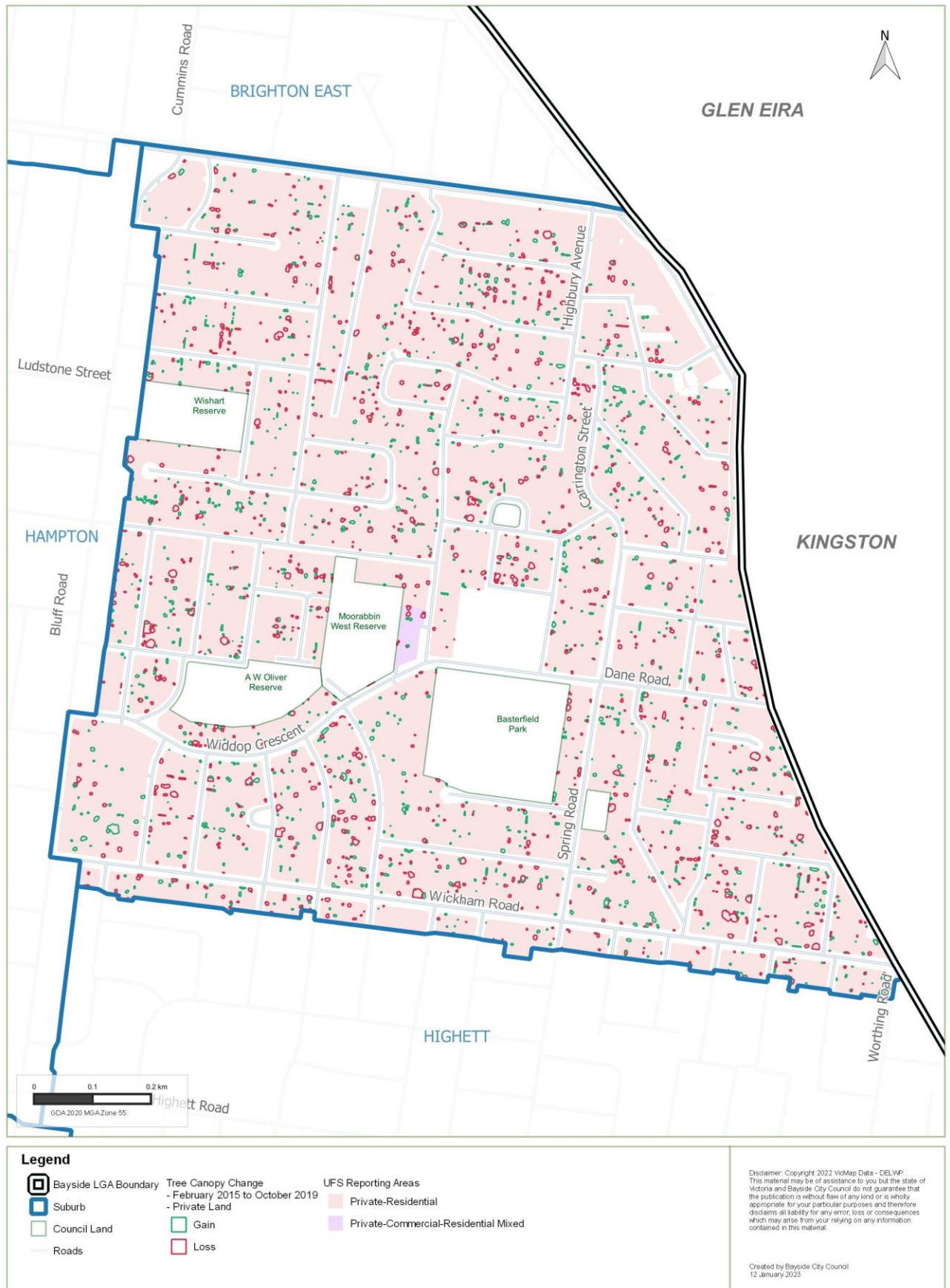
Council will also investigate opportunities to provide free tree and vegetation giveaways to residents. This will provide Council with a pathway to influence the tree and vegetation cover that exists on private land and help residents maintain the health of their trees and gardens. Bayside already has a strong network of 'Friends of' groups and community volunteers who carry out tree and vegetation plantings and would be great allies in this work.

Council will encourage landowner participation in greening, particularly for areas identified as having less canopy cover. This is being undertaken through communications and engagement actions that has a focus on education, awareness on the benefits of vegetation, and participation in increased tree planting through various education programs.

There has been strong interest from the younger population of Bayside to participate in increasing vegetation cover. Council will continue to run educational programs within schools and work alongside the community to reach the *Urban Forest Strategy* target of 30% canopy cover across Bayside by 2040.

As part of the Bayside *Urban Forest Strategy* Implementation Plan, Council is exploring opportunities to include further policies and planning mechanisms within the Bayside Planning Scheme with an aim to maintain and increase tree canopy and vegetation on private land.

Map 13 - Vegetation loss and gain on private land



Hampton East in images

The following images show examples of low, medium, and high tree canopy coverage in Hampton East.



Image 5. Henrietta Street, an example of a road with low tree canopy coverage

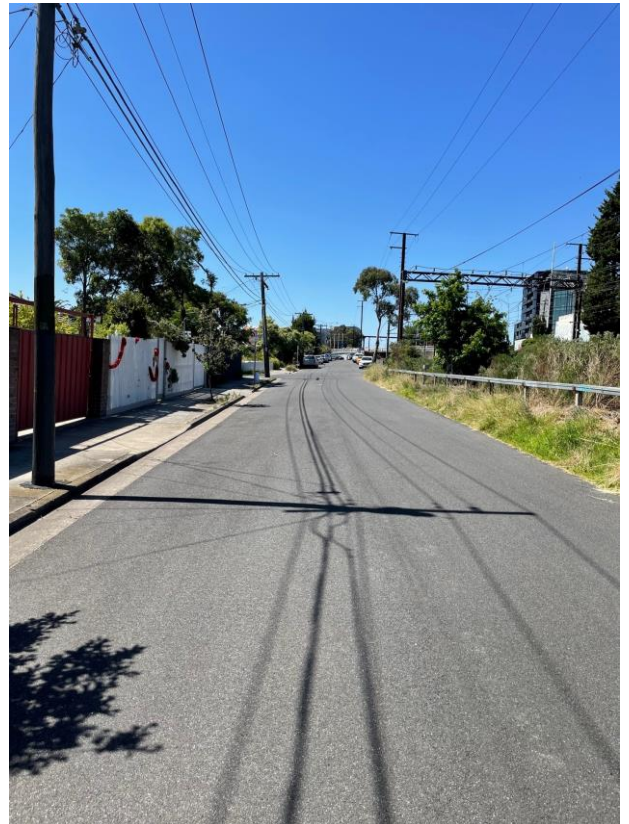


Image 6. Leith Crescent, an example of a road with medium tree canopy coverage



Image 7. Kelsall Court, an example of a road with high tree canopy coverage

Key Constraints – Infrastructure

Finding locations for street and park tree planting can be challenging as it is important to ensure trees do not compromise the existing above and below infrastructure, as well as the existing uses and accessibility of the space.



Small tree under powerlines

Tree trimmed under powerlines

Certain pieces of infrastructure introduce constraints that impact the ability to plant trees. Street and park tree selection for trees growing under powerlines needs to consider a particular species' tolerance for pruning. For example, a tree that has a natural branching habit and a good wound response to mechanical damage would be considered an appropriate tree species for growing under powerlines.

In streets that have small or narrow nature strips, a smaller tree species will be considered for the powerline side of the street. In those circumstances, the trees on both sides of the street should have similar foliage and form to provide a consistent vegetation character for the street.

As a phase 1 action of this plan, Council will facilitate the negotiations between the residents and relevant authorities to support the undergrounding of powerlines (and other services) if there is sufficient interest in a street. Council will also advocate to VicRoads and other authorities for undergrounding the powerlines and plant vegetation on the Principal Transport Network. Map 14 identifies infrastructure that must be considered when undertaking tree and vegetation planting including:

- Footpaths
- Kerb and channel
- Roadways
- Playgrounds
- Pathways
- Private infrastructure
- Public infrastructure.

When selecting tree species for planting, Council officers consider which species will be the least destructive to underground infrastructure. Council will work with utility providers where required to ensure that infrastructure can be successfully maintained. This will ensure that Council can increase vegetation cover whilst protecting existing infrastructure and reducing demand for maintenance.

It is also important to note that infrastructure can also be constrained due to weather events. The *Climate Emergency Action Plan 2020* requires that new infrastructure be designed to higher environmental standards and be located with consideration to future flood and storm surge risk. Existing infrastructure should be retrofitted to reduce environmental impact and to improve resilience. It is critical to consider how each piece of new infrastructure can contribute to a more resilient built environment. Adapting to climate change requires taking actions to lessen its adverse consequences and increase capacity to withstand the stresses and shocks associated with natural hazards and extreme weather events. Investing in climate change adaption helps to embed economic, social, and environmental resilience to protect the most vulnerable to the consequences of climate change.

Map 14 – Infrastructure servicing in Hampton East



- Legend**
- Bayside LGA Boundary
 - Suburb
 - Council Land
 - Overhead Powerlines
 - Drainage Pipe
 - Drainage Pit
 - Roads

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Key Opportunities

Greening Hampton East
Increasing tree canopy cover to reach 30% and vegetation cover to reach 30% across Hampton East by 2040.

Biodiverse suburb
Create a diverse and healthy urban forest that reinforces greater outcomes for biodiversity.

Improve monitoring and maintenance
Improve the ability to monitor and track along with maintaining our existing canopy cover and avoid further decline.

Encourage residents and private owners
Learn together, educate each other, encourage and celebrate greater care and protection.

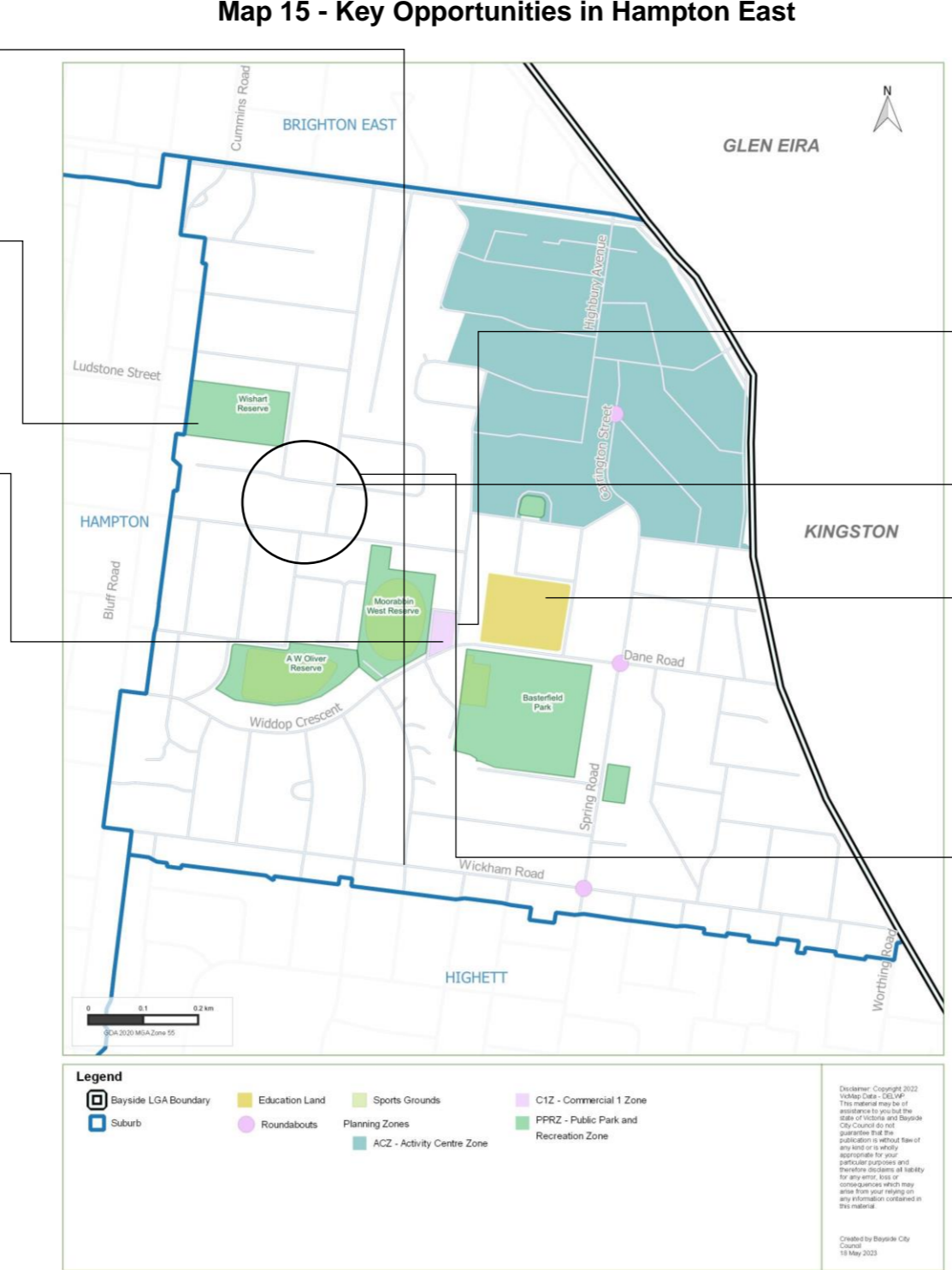
Nature strips
In terms of tree planting, the Street and Park Tree Management Policy states that:
'Council aims to have 100% of suitable sites within Bayside planted with a tree to contribute to the municipality's leafy character. Most property frontages in Bayside can accommodate at least one tree within the nature strip.'

Council-owned open spaces
Hampton East has approximately 11.4 hectares of open space that includes parks and reserves.

An opportunity exists to increase the number of canopy trees and vegetation planted in council-owned open spaces. Open spaces within Hampton East include Basterfield Park, Wishart Reserve, A W Oliver Reserve and Moorabbin West Reserve.

Council-owned projects
There is a significant opportunity to increase vegetation cover in Hampton East through council-owned projects like the renewal or development of community buildings and sporting club facilities. Each Council project has site-specific issues and opportunities that need to be considered as a part of the project scope. Examples of this include having a buffer around Council buildings and sporting ovals to ensure new plantings do not hinder future projects e.g. expansion of a community building. When planting near sporting ovals maintenance of future trees must be considered to ensure sporting events can still run.

Map 15 - Key Opportunities in Hampton East



Educational land
Continue to run student and community educational programs to increase awareness around vegetation planting and protection. There is one school within Hampton East, Berendale School.

Roundabouts
Roundabouts provide opportunities to plant canopy trees and understorey planting where appropriate. New plantings must not affect sight lines, safety or accessibility for larger vehicles. To ensure future planting is appropriate, a Road Safety Audit will be completed before and after installation.

Commercial areas
Across Hampton East there are two areas that are zoned for commercial use. These include:

- The commercial centre of Hampton East Activity Centre (Major Activity Centre)
- Keith Street and Widdop Crescent (Small Neighbourhood Activity Centre)

The character of these commercial centres can be improved by increasing the amount of vegetation. This will create more appealing centres that will attract a greater number of visitors and therefore increase business for local traders.

When planting trees in commercial areas conflicting priorities such as the demand for car parking, footpath activation, shop awnings, street lighting and road signage must be considered. Innovative techniques such as green roofs and walls and replacing trees in poor health should be explored and encouraged to increase vegetation.

Habitat Linkages
Increase canopy cover and understorey cover and improve habitat connectivity at:

- Wishart Reserve to Moorabbin West Reserve via Wishart Street, Short Street, Lonsdale Avenue, Apex Avenue
- A W Oliver Reserve to Hampton via Summit Avenue
- Basterfield Park to Highett via Dane Road, Widdop Crescent, O'Connor Crescent, Bluff Road, Wickham Road and June Street.

Prioritising Trees and Vegetation

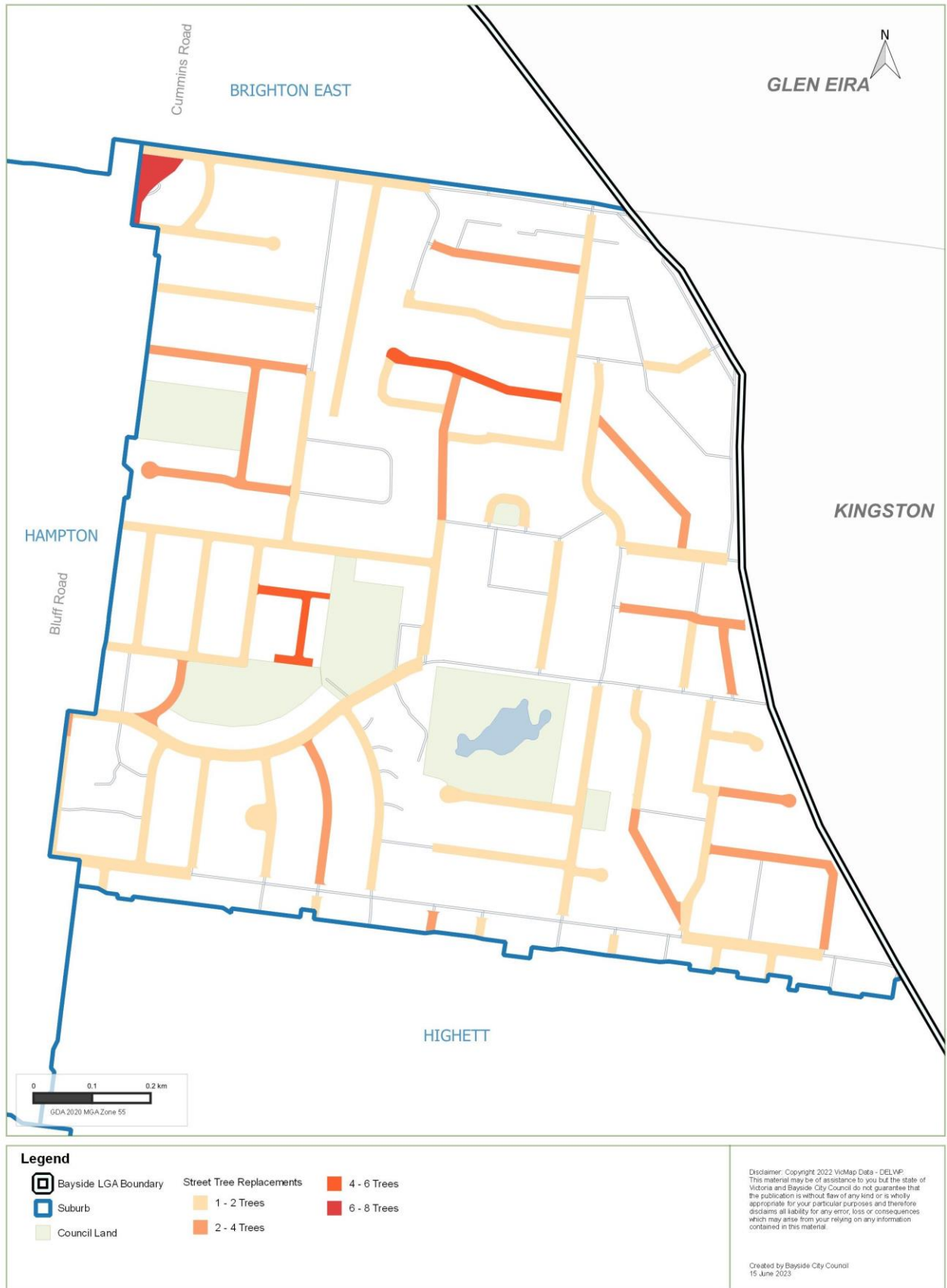
Planting will commence by focussing on habitat linkages and core habitat patches identified in the Park Improvement and Habitat Linkage plan (Action 1 of the Implementation Plan). Focus will also be given to streets that have low canopy cover.

Encouraging planting on private property will prove to be more challenging. The species palette listed in this Precinct Plan is also provided within the revised Bayside Landscaping Guidelines and selection from this list will be encouraged as part of the Planning and Local Law tree removal application and approval process for Landscape Plans. Council will also work with private property owners to seek enhanced landscaping outcomes on nature strips.

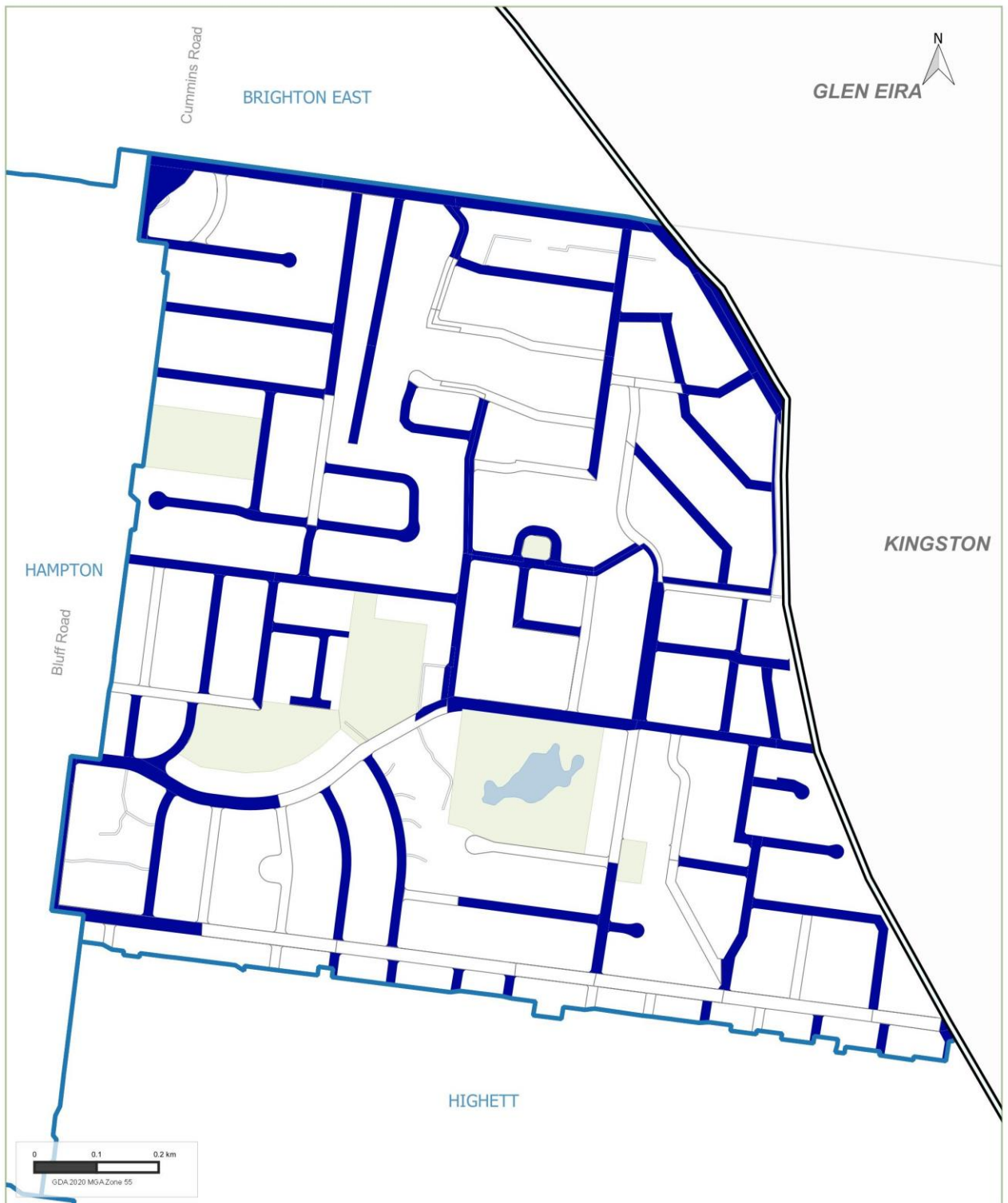
As a response to the Bayside *Urban Forest Strategy*, Council is committed to increasing tree planting every year. Maps 17 to 20 identify priority locations to be targeted in Council's Annual Tree Planting Program.

The Annual Tree Planting Program provides a great opportunity to increase species diversity, habitat and local character. A general rule of thumb that should be applied is the 10:20:30 rule, where the urban tree population includes no more than 10% of any one species, 20% of any one genus, or 30% of any family.

Map 16 – Location of Tree Replacements required in next 10 years in Hampton East



Map 17 – Streets with less than 20% Tree Canopy Cover in Hampton East



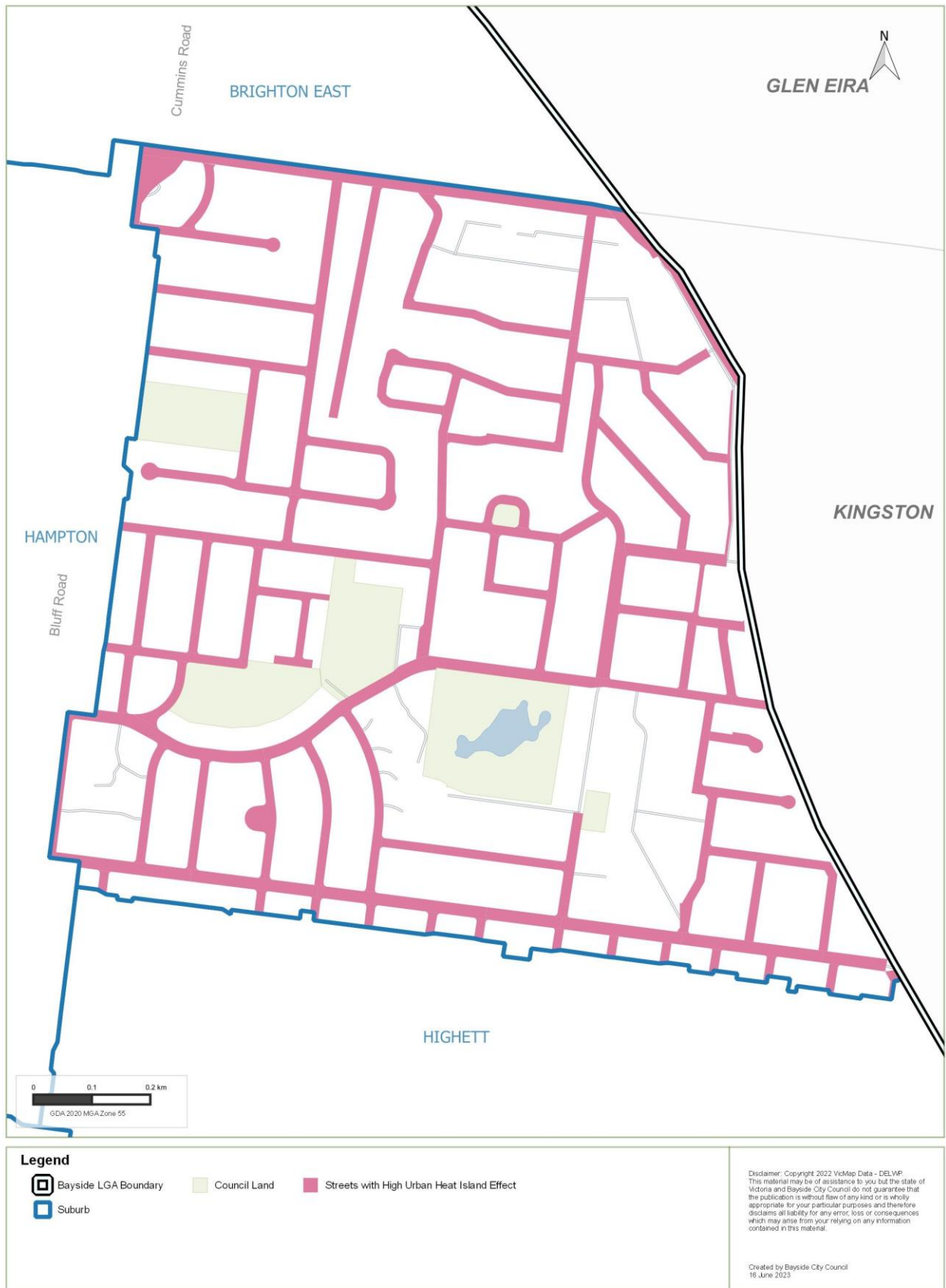
Legend

-  Bayside LGA Boundary
-  Suburb
-  Council Land
- Street Tree Canopy % (October 2019)**
-  Tree Canopy Cover less than 20%
-  Tree Canopy Cover greater than 20%

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Map 18 – Streets with High Urban Heat Island Effect in Hampton East



Implementation Plan

The following set of actions specifically identifies outcomes for trees and vegetation planting. They provide the framework for change within Hampton East with outcomes informed by all of the other factors outlined in previous sections of this Precinct Plan.

Phase	Objective	Action	Responsibility	Timeframe	Resources required	Measure
Create a diverse and healthy urban forest that reinforces greater outcomes for biodiversity.						
Action 1 Phase 1	Prioritise and increase planting on identified habitat and biodiversity corridors across public land to enhance habitat linkages.	Investigate opportunities to provide increased understorey planting in areas identified as part of Council's <i>Park Improvement and Habitat Linkage Plan</i> (Map 10 - 11), including: Priority Habitat Improvement Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wishart Reserve Moorabbin West Reserve/A W Oliver Reserve Basterfield Park Priority Linkage Improvement Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wishart Reserve to Moorabbin West Reserve via Wishart Street, Short Street, Lonsdale Avenue, Apex Avenue A W Oliver Reserve to Hampton via Summit Avenue Basterfield Park to Highett via Dane Road, Widdop Crescent, O'Connor Crescent, Bluff Road, Wickham Road and June Street. Core habitat patches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wishart Reserve Moorabbin West Reserve/A W Oliver Reserve Basterfield Park 	Open Space	Year 1 to 2	Budget allocated for 2022/23 and 2023/24 financial years.	<i>Park Improvement Habitat Linkage Plan</i> and the Urban Forest Strategy Annual Reporting Program.
Action 2 Phase 1	Enhance biodiversity outcomes on private land.	Encourage private landowners to plant vegetation on private property and nature strips within their street and provide support and tools to assist. To ensure new plants enhance habitat and biodiversity, Council officers should recommend appropriate plants listed in Appendix 3 Species Palette of this document	Open Space, Urban Strategy, Communication and Engagement	Ongoing	Budget will be required.	Utilise engagement evaluation matrix to measure success. Number of community members involved in activities. Demand from residents for vegetation outside their house.
Action 3 Phase 1 & 2	Create new open space, pocket parks, microforests in the suburb seeking new biodiversity or habitat corridors.	Investigate opportunities to create new public open space, pocket parks, microforests, and habitat corridors, ensuring that the design of these spaces are contributing to Bayside's urban forest outcomes and the existing Ecological Vegetation Community.	Open Space,	Ongoing	This can be considered as part of the Open Space Strategy review and can be considered with the resourcing of that project.	Council to prepare list of potential open space sites as part of the adoption of the Open Space Strategy review.
Action 4 Phase 1	Ensure humans and wildlife can simultaneously and safely access densely vegetated areas, streets and reserves	Support the undergrounding of powerlines where it is at the request of the community and at their full cost. Facilitate the negotiations between the residents and relevant authorities to support the undergrounding of powerlines (and other services) if there is sufficient interest in a street.	Asset Protection	Ongoing	No budget required	Number of streets where undergrounding of powerlines has been implemented.
Action 5 Phase 1	Ensure open space opportunities along the Frankston trainline are considered.	Council will advocate and explore opportunities for increased open space connectivity along the Frankston rail corridor.	Open Space, Climate, Sustainability, Waste and Transport	Ongoing	No budget required.	Confirmation that planting along the Frankston line will commence.

Phase	Objective	Action	Responsibility	Timeframe	Resources required	Measure
Enhance landscape outcomes and increase tree and vegetation cover to reach 30% across Hampton East by prioritising areas in greatest need						
Action 6 Phase 1	Increase tree and understorey cover at areas with greatest need to enhance landscape outcomes, provide for heating and cooling benefits and combat climate change.	Investigate opportunities to increase canopy tree and understorey planting at the following streets which have been identified as having low canopy cover (less than 20%): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wickham Road Worthington Road In addition, investigate opportunities to increase tree and understorey cover at the streets which may be subject to potential impacts from Urban Heat Island effect. Further investigation will be required to determine where would be of priority and where planting can occur with consideration of above and below ground infrastructure.	Open Space	Year 1 to 5	Budget and resources will be required to increase the number of trees and understorey plants to be planted.	In line with the review of the Precinct Plans, a comparison should be undertaken for all roundabouts that currently do not have vegetation.
Action 7 Phase 1	Planting canopy trees and/or understorey vegetation on roundabouts that currently do not have vegetation to enhance landscape outcomes.	Investigate opportunities for trees and/or understorey planting at the following roundabouts (as per Map 16): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carrington Street / Warland Road; and Wickham Road / Spring Road. Heath and Lonsdale Avenue New plantings must not affect sight lines, safety or accessibility for larger vehicles.	Open Space, Urban Strategy, Integrated Transport Team. Integrated transport team to guide and undertake road safety assessment before and after planting.	Year 1 to 5	Budget and resources will be required to increase the number of trees and understorey plants to be planted.	Number of plants planted. In line with the review of the Precinct Plans, a comparison should be undertaken for all roundabouts that currently do not have vegetation.
Action 8 Phase 2	Increase utilisation of green walls and green roofs in Activity Centre area.	Investigate opportunities to introduce mechanisms to increase green roofs and walls within Activity Centres	Development Services, Strategic Planning	Year 5 to 10	Initiate a Planning Scheme Amendment.	Number of green walls implemented. Urban Forest Strategy Annual Reporting Program.
Action 9 Phase 1 and 2	Reframe Council's approach to major council-owned projects, capital infrastructure renewal projects as opportunity to increase urban forestry outcomes.	Explore opportunities within road reconstruction projects to provide new tree plots as boulevard planting or in between car parking bays to enhance tree and vegetation cover upon local streets.	Project Services, City Assets	Ongoing	Budget will be considered as part of the project scope.	Number of plants planted. Urban Forest Strategy Annual Reporting Program.
Action 10 Phase 1	Increase tree canopy cover by prioritising plantation in vacant tree sites.	As part of the Annual Tree Planting Program, prioritise planting at vacant sites.	Open Space, Urban Strategy	Ongoing	Budget and resources will be required to increase the number of trees and understorey plants to be planted.	Number of trees planted. Urban Forest Strategy Annual Reporting Program.
Action 11 Phase 1	Ensure our urban forest is healthy and resilient.	As part of the Annual Tree Planting Program, Council should continue to choose species that are resilient and adaptive to the effects of climate change and increasing urban development. Property owners are also encouraged to select species that are resilient and adaptive through the planning and local law application processes.	Open Space, Development Services and Urban Strategy	Ongoing	Budget allocation as part of the Annual Tree Planting Program Budget allocation required to continue programs such as the Gardens for Wildlife Program to encourage planting on private property.	Species planted. Urban Forest Strategy Annual Reporting Program.
Learn together, educate each other, encourage and celebrate greater care and protection of the Bayside Urban Forest						
Action 12 Phase 1	Increase planting on State owned roads that have less than 20% of tree canopy cover.	Advocate to VicRoads and other authorities for increased planting on Nepean Highway, Bluff Road and South Road.	Open Space, Urban Strategy, Integrated Transport	Ongoing	Budget will be required for any additional planting or maintenance should Council take on those functions for land in State ownership	A commitment made to plant trees on the streets maintained by VicRoads.
Action 13 Phase 1	Increase awareness amongst the community around the importance of vegetation through	Continue to run student and community educational programs to increase awareness around vegetation planting and protection.	Urban Strategy, Communication & Engagement	Ongoing	Budget may be required to create and implement educational programs.	Number of educational programs undertaken every year.

Phase	Objective	Action	Responsibility	Timeframe	Resources required	Measure
	various programs and communication material.					
Action 14 Phase 1 and 2	Ensure humans and wildlife can simultaneously and safely access densely vegetated areas, streets and reserves.	Advocate to VicRoads and other authorities for the undergrounding of powerlines.	Urban Strategy	Ongoing	No budget required.	Funding received and/or partnerships created.
Maintain our existing canopy cover and avoid any further decline where possible						
Action 16 Phase 2	Ensure our urban forest is healthy and resilient.	Continue to assess trees that have limited useful life expectancy or are dead for potential retention as habitat trees using TRAQ (Tree Risk Assessment tool).	Open Space	Year 5 to 10	Budget and resources will be required to assess trees for habitat and to plant understorey to support habitat trees.	Number of replacement plants planted, and number of trees retained for habitat. Urban Forest Strategy Annual Reporting Program.
Action 17 Phase 1 and 2	Increase Council's ability to protect trees from vandalism.	Explore additional opportunities to minimise vandalism, particularly along the foreshore. Consider the preparation of a communications and engagement strategy targeted to private property owners and the wider community.	Local Laws, Open Space, Communication and Engagement	Year 1 to 5	Budget and resources will be required to explore opportunities.	Utilise engagement evaluation matrix to measure success.
Action 18 Phase 2	Provide safer and cleaner streets for our residents and visitors.	As vegetation cover increases with time, ensure future maintenance contracts appropriately fund the clean-up of tree leaves and debris on roads, public land and in activity centres.	City Assets, Open Space	Ongoing	Additional budget will be required to alter maintenance contract.	The number of requests for additional service.
Action 19 Phase 1	Strengthen requirements and advocacy to maintain and increase vegetation on private land.	Prepare Planning Scheme Amendments to strengthen the protection of vegetation on private land.	Development Services Urban Strategy	Year 1 to 5	Planning Scheme Amendment process to be funded via operation budget. Budget may be required to prepare detailed background information.	Adoption of Planning Scheme Amendments.

Appendix 1: Guiding Principles and Considerations

Council is responsible for the management of road reserves, parks, public spaces, and foreshore reserves and has an active tree planting and maintenance program, which is guided by the *Park and Street Tree Management Policy*. As such, Council has a greater degree of control and influence over the tree population on council-owned and managed land.

Planting in streets and parks presents a variety of challenges, and there are important principles to be utilised to overcome these challenges and increase and enhance Bayside's tree and vegetation cover. A complete and expanded set of these principles is included in the *Street and Park Tree Selection Guide* 2016 and should be referred to when designing or planting any streetscape. Examples of the below principles being utilised in street and neighbourhood settings are also provided within this Section of the Precinct Plans.

Planting types and locations in streets

1. Large canopy trees

A single large canopy tree provides greater benefits in terms of cooling, rainwater interception and other ecosystem services than multiple small trees totalling the same canopy extent.. It is recognised that there are restrictions where medium size trees would be more appropriate due to competing infrastructure. Council will prioritise the use of large canopy trees in wider nature strips or tree islands, where there will be low impact to adjacent infrastructure.

2. Constrained planting spaces

- a.) *Cut-outs*. Planting in cut-outs in the road or footpaths provides a useful alternative where there may be insufficient space on the nature strip. Suitability for planting in the road or footpath will depend on road or footpath width and other factors such as traffic volume and impact to on-street parking.
- b.) *Planting in Road Reserve*. Designing in-road tree pits where there is opportunity to plant trees in between on-street parking spaces, traffic islands and buffer areas like street corners.
- c.) *Narrow Streets*. Narrow streets, including narrow footpaths and no nature strips, are best landscaped via tree planting within the parking lanes to either side, although this is partly limited by the need to maintain car parking spaces.

3. Roundabouts

Roundabouts will be considered as opportunities to plant canopy trees and understorey planting where appropriate. New plantings must not affect sight lines, safety or accessibility for larger vehicles. To ensure future planting is appropriate a Road Safety Audit will be completed before and after installation.

4. Boulevards

For boulevards, consider inter-planting with large canopy trees and shrubs to enhance the existing canopy cover.

5. Streets and powerlines

- a.) *Residential streets*. Low voltage overhead wires are present on one side of most residential streets. Where medians exist for large canopy tree planting, medium trees on the side with overhead constraints should be selected, always prioritising understorey planting. Council will continue to investigate engineering and horticultural solutions to manage larger trees under powerlines

b.) *Streets with small nature strip and powerlines:* In streets that have small or very small nature strips, a smaller growing tree will be considered for the powerline side of the street. In those circumstances, the trees on both sides of the street should have similar foliage and form to provide a consistent theme for the street.

c.) *Tree pruning:* In streets where footpath trees provide the only canopy, medium to large trees that can be effectively pruned around powerlines should be selected.

Street and park tree selection for trees growing under powerlines will consider the species' tolerance for pruning. For example, a tree that has a natural branching habit and a good wound response to mechanical damage would be considered an appropriate tree for growing under powerlines.

d.) *Underground powerlines:* Although overhead powerlines are typically more economical, they are susceptible to damage from windborne tree branches, debris, and high wind conditions from extreme weather.

Council will facilitate the negotiations between the residents and relevant authorities to support the undergrounding of powerlines (and other services) if there is sufficient interest in a street.

6. Planting patterns and species choice

Hampton East's urban forest character is strongly connected to gum trees, and there will continue to be a higher population of gum trees in Hampton East. In terms of opportunities to increase diversity in streets, kerb out stands, roundabouts and road ends should be considered as opportunities to plant species drawn from a wider palette that are unique to the location or intersection and provide visual interest. These areas should also be considered as opportunities to create landmark feature landscapes and to support understorey planting.

7. Important Facades

In streets with important public buildings or building that have heritage importance, deciduous trees should be given preference so that building façades are exposed over winter.

The convention of planting avenues, or consistent lines of a single species, can limit species diversity. However, avenue plantings are important to local character in many streets and open spaces. To balance these two conflicting pressures, it is important to identify ways to minimise the extent of homogeneous avenue planting while maintaining a strong design outcome.

8. Selection criteria for street trees:

The following factors can be considered for selection of suitable street tree species:

- Relationship with local landscape character
 - garden character, surrounding streetscape
 - vegetation protection overlays, heritage values
 - maintain existing landscape character by selection of low fruiting cultivators where possible
 - Replacing difficult to replace existing species with species demonstrating similar characteristics, e.g. growth habit, foliage colour and size.
- Ability to tolerate and thrive in a site's environmental conditions. Species that have or can adapt to local conditions like climate, soil, coastal and salt tolerances, pests and diseases.
- Possible future damage to infrastructure as assessed against identified current issues with footpaths, kerb and channel, roadways, private infrastructure and powerlines.

9. Permeable surfaces

Impermeable surfaces such as pavements, roofing and building coverage increase the risk of flooding in urban areas. Comparatively, permeable surfaces are made of porous materials that allow stormwater to flow through, which reduces the volume of stormwater runoff that enters the drainage

system. This helps improve water quality as it reduces the number of pollutants that enter waterways and habitats.

For new private residential development, at least 20% of the site should have surfaces that can absorb water such as lawns, garden beds or permeable paving. Council has developed the Integrated Water Management Plan 2019 – 2039, called 'Water for Bayside', to provide clear direction to deliver high priority integrated water management and water sensitive urban design (WSUD) activities. A key technique to improve water management is to increase permeability and incorporate WSUD into new developments and council projects.



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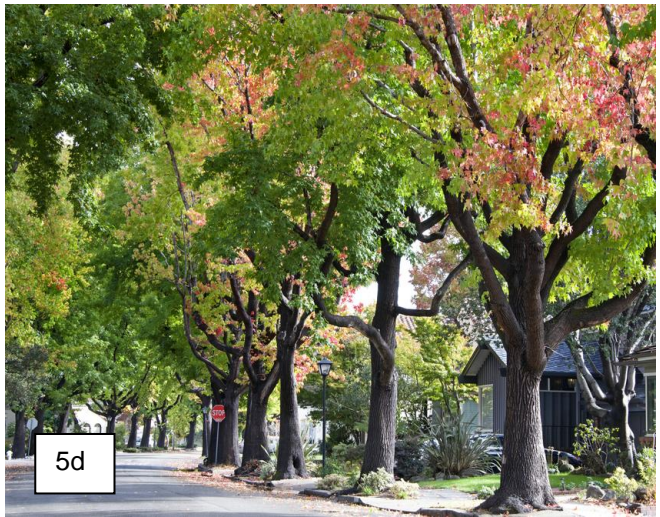
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Appendix 2: Case Studies

The following case studies showcase high-quality landscaping that combines the use of indigenous and native vegetation and high-quality design. A precinct's landscape helps define its character in much the same way as architecture or urban design because trees and other vegetation physically define a place. Landscapes are the setting for many everyday recreational and leisure activities and help forge a sense of connection to place.

1. Dane Road

Dane Road, which connects to Basterfield Park, has new understorey plantings. The plantings are positioned near a public sitting bench and onlooks to the Park. The plantings all exotic and could become more biodiverse with the inclusion of smaller Native and Indigenous shrubs for groundcover.



1 Dane Road, Hampton East

2. Apex Street

Apex Street has several examples of understorey planting. Here, there is a mix of exotic bushes, ferns and grasses. This case study could also be improved by incorporating Indigenous groundcover, such as *Lomandra spp.*, *Poa spp.* or native grass species.



Village Zero – Sandringham

'Village Zero' is a community-driven initiative with the goal of regenerating the Sandringham Village Major Activity Centre through sustainable solutions.

The action group has identified seven areas of focus, these are:

1. Renewable Energy
2. Waste
3. Green Spaces
4. Transport
5. Water
6. Art
7. Culture

The relevant action to the Precinct Plans is Green Spaces.

This focus area aims to:

- Connect green and open spaces to surrounding pollinator corridors, to promote biodiversity and support local ecosystems. This could include planting native flowers and shrubs, and creating habitats for bees, butterflies, and birds. This includes investigating the viability of

green infrastructure, such as creating green roofs, and vertical gardens for apartment buildings;

- Increase access to green and open spaces, maximising flexibility of spaces for multiple uses and users, in accordance with Bayside Council's "Open Spaces" policies. Prioritise accessibility for people living with disabilities, youth and the elderly in the design and development of green and open spaces. This could include incorporating features such as raised garden beds, wheelchair-accessible pathways, and age-appropriate playground equipment. Improved accessibility will interface with other infrastructure initiatives such as crossing improvements at Abbott Street, across Station Street, and Beach Road;
- Coordinate with the community to increase the uptake of Bayside Council's tree-planting commitment for nature strips;
- Increase community enjoyment of streets, open and green spaces through community building events and activities;
- Align with and enabling other partners in supporting and nurturing green spaces;
- Engage the community in the planning, design, and maintenance of green and open spaces. This could include activities such as community clean-ups, volunteer gardening days, and educational workshops;
- Create and connect community gardens and orchards, which allow for community members to grow their own produce and educate the community on sustainable food production and consumption.

Council will continue to assist the 'Village Zero' project and will support any future initiatives that focus on increasing vegetation cover in activity centres.

Appendix 3: Hampton East Species Palette

Species Palette

The following species provided are of guidance only.

Eucalyptus, *Oak* and other species are key genera across Hampton East, forming an important part of the character of the suburb's urban forest. Species from many other genera will also be planted to increase the diversity of tree species, with the aim to reduce the vulnerability of the Hampton East urban forest. A high diversity of plant species improves the chance of local ecosystems to survive destructive events or processes such as weed and pest animal invasion and climate change. Planting of specific species will depend on the geographic and environmental conditions, as well as the surrounding neighborhood character.

When selecting tree and vegetation species for planting on Council-managed streets, parks and reserves, Council will consider existing infrastructure to minimise potential impact. This will ensure that Council can increase vegetation cover whilst protecting existing infrastructure and reducing demand for maintenance.

Bayside City Council utilises the Street and Park Tree Management Policy and the Street and Park Tree Selection Guide when planting in streets, parks, and reserves or as part of capital infrastructure projects.

A high diversity of plant species improves the chance of local ecosystems to survive destructive events or processes such as weed and pest animal invasion and climate change. Planting of specific species will depend on the geographic and environmental conditions, as well as the surrounding neighborhood character.

The following list of Indigenous, native and exotic plants is provided as guidance only. The list is split into 8 categories:

- Large canopy trees
- Medium canopy trees
- Small canopy trees
- Medium to large shrubs
- Small shrubs
- Grasses & tussocks
- Groundcovers & wildflowers
- Climbers

Each list is accompanied by a key which categorises each plant based on its characteristics (Height and spread at maturity, Uses/traits, habitat, tolerances, sunlight, flowering period, flowering colours and EVC number if applicable).

Indigenous Plants

Council promotes the use of indigenous plants as they occur naturally within Bayside and have adapted to the conditions within the local environment (soil and climate) whilst also providing habitat and food for local birds, insects, and other native animals. There are a number of indigenous trees listed within the Street and Park Tree Selection Guide which are planted as part of Council's Annual Tree Planting Program.

Indigenous plants are the original flora, or plants that occur naturally, in a given location. Indigenous plants have adapted to the soils, topography and climate of the local area because they have evolved to the conditions within the local environment. Indigenous species also help to maintain the ecological balance of the local ecosystem, as plants and animals depend upon one another for their survival.

Native and Exotic Plants

Native species are plant species that did not historically originate within the bayside region but were extant in other regions within the Australian continent. Exotic species are those plants that have been introduced and are not native to Australia and therefore did not historically occur within Bayside.

Bayside's urban forest is a mix of native, indigenous, and exotic species. While priority is placed on increasing the use of indigenous species, the historic planting of exotic, native and indigenous species is a core element of the character in certain areas of Bayside.

The use of native and exotic plants in this list is encouraged in areas where it is considered to have a positive impact on the surrounding environment and neighbourhood. This is of relevance where the existing plant(s) enhances the neighbourhood character. In these areas replanting like for like is encouraged.

Council utilises exotic plant species as part of its Annual Tree planting program. To ensure long term resilience and increase survival rates, native and exotic species adapted to Bayside's future climate will be considered for planting. Council utilises the Street and Park Tree Selection Guide to inform the annual tree planting program.

Species Palette 4 – Medium to Large

INDIGENOUS TO PROVIDENCE (Grown at nursery/within Bayside)		Uses/Traits Key		Habitat Key		Tolerances										Evergreen/Deciduous		
INDIGENOUS (Grown Outside Bayside)		R - Robust and Hardy		H - Heath/Woodland		High = tolerates well without damage.										E/D		
NATIVE TREES (From Australia)		LM - Low Maintenance		M - Moist/Closed forest		Fair = can tolerate medium levels										Habitat		
EXOTIC (From outside Australia)		S - Shade		C - Coast - dune scrub & woodland		Moderate = tolerates somewhat with some effects in low levels										Uses/Traits		
Additional Species		F - Feature		D - Prefers dry, well drained soils & tolerates dryness once established.		Low = suffers serious damage to death if exposed										E/D		
*PLEASE NOTE THE BELOW INFORMATION IS A GUIDE ONLY.		Sh - Prefers or tolerates full shade		W - Prefers or tolerates moist soils, wetness, periodic inundation		Alkaline										Please contact your local nursery or a horticultural professional for further advice.		
Use of any of the below species is preferred but not limited to these species		Sh - Prefers or tolerates full shade		A - Adaptable, growing well in most soil types		Unknown										All indigenous plants provide habitat & food for local birds, insects & animals.		
MEDIUM TO LARGE SHRUBS		Species that reach 2-5 metres in height		EVC = Ecological Vegetation Class		Tolerances										Evergreen/Deciduous		
BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	Mat. HEIGHT	Mat. CANOPY	Growth Rate	EVC	Sunlight	Wind	Salinity	Sea spray	Drought	Waterlogging	Compaction	pH Range	Flowering period	Flower colours	E/D	Habitat	Uses/Traits
<i>Acacia longifolia</i> subsp. <i>sophorae</i>	Coast Wattle	4	4	Very Fast	n/a	PS-FS	High	High	High	High	Moderate	Moderate	Complete	Jun-Oct.	Pale Yellow	E	CW	R, LM, A, Bird-attracting, winter interest, screening, UPL
<i>Acacia oxycedrus</i>	Spike Wattle	4	3	Moderate	n/a	PS-FS	High	Moderate	Fair	Fair	High	Moderate	Acid-Neutral	Jul-Oct.	Bright Yellow	E	HW	R, LM, A, bird-attracting, Winter features, Screening, foliage interest
<i>Acacia paradoxa</i>	Hedge Wattle	3	2	Moderate	719	PS-FS	High	Low	Moderate	Fair	Fair	High	Acid-Neutral	Aug	Bright Yellow	E	HCD	A, bird-attracting, winter features, spiny or thorny
<i>Acacia stricta</i>	Hop Wattle	4	2	Fast	n/a	PS-FS	High	Moderate	Fair	Fair	Moderate	Low	Acid-Neutral	May-Oct.	Pale Yellow	E	HCMW	R, LM, A, Sh, architectural form, bird attracting, Screening, UPL
<i>Alyxia buxifolia</i>	Sea Box	2	2	Slow	n/a	PS-FS	High	High	Fair	Fair	Moderate	Unknown	Complete	Mar, Oct-Dec.	Orange to White cream at tip	E	HCD	Colourful fruit, allergenic, Screening, Hedging
<i>Cassinia longifolia</i>	Long-leaf Cassinia	3	2	Fast	n/a	PS-FS	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Fair	Moderate	Acid	Nov-Dec.	White	E	HMDW	Sh, Aromatic leaves, Screening, Under powerlines
<i>Exocarpos cupressiformis</i>	Cherry Ballart	4	3	Slow-Moderate	719, 3	PS-FS	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	High	Moderate	Unknown	Acid-Neutral	n/a	n/a	E	HD	Screening, Under powerlines, interesting foliage, colourful
<i>Cassinia aculeata</i>	Common Cassinia	2	1	Moderate	719, 3	PS	Moderate	Low	Moderate	Fair	Fair	Unknown	Complete	Nov-Dec.	Creamy white/white	E	HD	A, Screening, Aromatic leaves
<i>Indigofera australis</i>	Austral Indigo	2	1.5	Fast	n/a	PS-FS	Moderate	High	Moderate	Fair	Moderate	Unknown	Acid-Neutral	Aug, Oct-Dec.	Pinkish/Soft Purples	E	HMW	A, interesting foliage, allergenic, Pink/Purple flowers, Screening, Shrub border
<i>Kunzea leptospermoides</i>	Yarra Burgan	3	2	Moderate	n/a	PS-FS	Moderate	Moderate	Low	High	Low	Low	Complete	Nov-Feb.	White	E	HWRI	A, R, Screening, Bird/Butterfly attracting
<i>Leptospermum continentale</i>	Prickly Tea-tree	3	2	Moderate	719, 892, 707, 3	PS-FS	High	High	High	Fair	Fair	Unknown	Acid	Oct-Dec.	White, rarely pale pink	E	HCW	A, Attractive Bark, Bird-Attracting, Screening
<i>Leucopogon parviflorus</i>	Coast Beard-heath	3	2	Slow	919, 921	PS-FS	High	High	High	High	Low	Unknown	Complete	Jul-Nov.	White	E	HCDW	Edible, Hedging, Screening
<i>Myoporum insulare</i>	Common Boobialla	5	3	Moderate	n/a	PS-FS	High	High	High	High	Fair	Fair	Complete	Jul-Oct.	White, Occasionally pale pink	E	CD	R, LM, A, bird-attracting, attractive bark, allergenic, hedging, screening, UPL, Shade
<i>Olearia axillaris</i>	Coast Daisy-bush	2	2	Moderate	n/a	PS-FS	High	High	High	High	Moderate	Unknown	Acid	Mar-Jul, Nov-Dec.	Cream- Greenish or crimson tinge	E	CD	Silver foliage, shrub mass, screening, shrub or mixed border
<i>Olearia glutinosa</i>	Sticky Daisy-bush	2	2	Moderate	n/a	PS-FS	Moderate	Moderate	High	High	Low	Low	Unknown	Nov-Feb.	Cream-white	E	CD	R, A, Long flowering, background
<i>Ozothamnus ferrugineus</i>	Tree Everlasting	3	2	Moderate	n/a	PS-FS	Unknown	High	High	Moderate	Low	Fair	Unknown	Nov-Feb.	White	E	MDW	R, A
<i>Pomaderris paniculosa</i>	Shining Coast Pomaderris	2	1.5	Moderate	n/a	PS-FS	Moderate	Moderate	High	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Unknown	Jul-Nov.	Yellow	E	HMW	R, LM, F, Screening, Attracts birds and butterflies
<i>Solanum laciniatum</i>	Large Kangaroo Apple	2	2	Moderate	n/a	PS-FS	High	High	Low	Low	Low	Low	Acid-Neutral	Sep-Mar.	Purple-Blue	E	HCD	R, LM, A, Sh
<i>Viminaria juncea</i>	Golden Spray	4	2	Fast	n/a	FS	Moderate	High	High	High	High	High	Complete	Oct-Feb.	Yellow-Orange, with red markings	E	W	R, LM, A, Sh
<i>Xanthorrhoea thomtonii</i>	Grass Tree	3	1.5	Slow	n/a	PS-FS	Moderate	High	High	Moderate	Low	Unknown	Unknown	Aug-Dec.	Cream-white	E	HD	R, LM, Sh
<i>Xanthorrhoea australis</i>	Grass Tree	3	2	Slow	n/a	PS-FS	High	Moderate	Low	High	Low	Low	Acid-Neutral	Jul-Dec.	White or cream	E	HDM	R, LM, Sh
<i>Adenanthos cunninghamii</i>	Albany woollybush	2	3	Moderate	n/a	FS	High	High	High	High	Moderate	Low	Id Acid-Mild Alkali	Mar-Oct	Red, Pink	E	CDA	R, LM, S, F, Attracts small nectar eating birds
<i>Eriophila longifolia</i>	Long-leaved Eriophila	3	3	Moderate	n/a	FS	Moderate	Low	Unknown	Unknown	High	Low	Acid-Neutral	All year	Pink to brick red	E	HD	R, LM, Attracts bees and small birds, particularly for winter flowering
<i>Calothamnus quadrifidus</i>	One sided bottlebrush	3	3	Fast	n/a	FS	High	Low	Unknown	High	Moderate	Moderate	Mild Acid-Alkaline	June-Dec	Red, White	E	CDA	R, LM, ideal hedging and screening plant, attracts birds
<i>Chamaelucium</i> spp.	Geralton Wax	3	3	Fast	n/a	FS/PS	Moderate	Unknown	High	High	Low	Low	Acid-Neutral	Aug-May	White, Pink, Purple	E	CD	R, LM, flowers attract nectar eating birds, butterflies
<i>Xanthorrhoea preissii</i>	Grass tree / Balga	3	1	Very Slow	n/a	FS	High	Moderate	Fair	High	Low	Low	Complete range	No set time	Cream to White	E	HCD	bird and butterfly attracting, cockatoos, iconic Australian native
<i>Grevillea</i> spp. (Native)	Grevillea	2	2	Fast	n/a	FS	Moderate	High	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Low	Nov-May	Orange-Red	E	CD	R, LM, F important source of food for nectar feeding birds and fruit bats and bees
<i>Hakea</i> spp.	Needle bush	4	3	Moderate to Fast	n/a	FS	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	High	Low	Moderate	Acid	May, Jul-Oct.	Red, Pink, Yellow	E	CD	RF, bird and butterfly attracting, cockatoos, iconic Australian native
<i>Westingera fruticosa</i>	Coastal Rosemary	2	4	Fast	n/a	FS	High	High	High	High	Low	Moderate	Alkaline	Sep-Dec	White, Mauve	E	CD	R, LM, A, attracts birds
<i>Escallonia lveyi</i> €	Escallonia	2	2	Fast	n/a	FS	High	High	High	High	Low	Low	Alkaline	Jan-Mar/Oct-Nov	White	E	CDA	LM, S, F bird attractant, scented flowers, long flowering period
<i>Hibiscus sinensis</i>	Hibiscus	3	3	Moderate	n/a	FS	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	High	Low	Low	Acid-Neutral	Sep-Dec/Mar-June	Various	E	DA	R, LM, F, Flowers attract bees and small birds
<i>Myrtus communis</i>	Common Myrtle	5	3	Slow-Moderate	n/a	FS	Low	Moderate	Moderate	High	Low	Low	Alkaline	Sep-Dec	White	E	DA	R, LM, Bees attracted to flowers and birds attracted to the berries
<i>Juniperus communis</i>	Common Juniper	5	4	Slow	n/a	FS	High	Moderate	High	Moderate	Low	Low	Complete	May-June	Cone - Berries	E	CDA	R, LM, attracts bees and nectar eating birds

Species Palette 5 – Small Shrubs

INDIGENOUS TO PROVIDENCE (Grown at nursery/within Bayside)		INDIGENOUS (Grown Outside Bayside)		NATIVE TREES (From Australia)		EXOTIC (From outside Australia)		Additional Species		PLEASE NOTE THE BELOW INFORMATION IS A GUIDE ONLY		Uses/Traits Key		Habitat Key		Tolerances		Evergreen/Deciduous																											
				Full Sun = FS		Part Shade=PS		Shade = FSH		R = Robust and Hardy		LM - Low Maintenance		S - Shade		F - Feature		Sh - Prefers or tolerates full shade		H = Heath/Woodland		RI = Riparian forest (interface between land and river/stream)		M - Moist/Closed Forest		C - Coast - dune scrub & woodland		D - Prefers dry, well drained soils & tolerates dryness once established.		W - Prefers or tolerates moist soils, wetness, periodic inundation		A - Adaptable, growing well in most soil types		High = tolerates well without damage.		Fair = can tolerate medium levels		Moderate = tolerates somewhat with some effects in low levels		acid Low = suffers serious damage/Could be fatal		Unknown		Please contact your local nursery or a horticultural professional for further advice. All indigenous plants provide habitat & food for local birds, insects & animals.	
BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	Mat. HEIGHT	Mat. SPREAD	Growth Rate	EVC	Sunlight	Wind	Salinity	Sea spray	Drought	Waterlogging	Compaction	pH Range	Flowering period	Flower colours	E/D	Habitat	Uses/Traits																											
<i>Acacia brownii</i>	Heath Wattle	1	1	Moderate	n/a	PS	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	High	Moderate	Unknown	Acid-Neutral	Jun-Oct	Yellow	E	HD	Ground cover and shrub, interesting foliage																											
<i>Acacia suaveolens</i>	Sweet Wattle	2	2	Moderate	n/a	PS-FS	Moderate	Moderate	High	High	Low	Moderate	Acid-Neutral	Apr-Sept	Pale Yellow & White	E	HCD	R, Long flowering period, Attractive features, Fauna attracting																											
<i>Acacia ulicifolia</i>	Juniper Wattle	1	1	Moderate	n/a	PS	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Fair	Unknown	Acid	Apr-Oct	Pale Cream	E	HCW	A, R, LM, Bird attracting, screening																												
<i>Allcasuarina paradoxa</i>	Green She-oak	1.5	1.5	Slow	3	PS-FS	High	Moderate	High	Fair	High	Moderate	Acid	Mar-Oct	Red	E	HD	R, LM, Interesting foliage, Sh, Under powerlines, Bird attracting																											
<i>Aotus ericoides</i>	Common Aotus	1	1	Fast	n/a	PS-FSH	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Moderate	Low	Moderate	Acid-Neutral	Aug-Nov	Gold with red & orange	E	HWD	Sh, R, LM, Ornamental																											
<i>Atriplex cinerea</i>	Coast or Grey Saltbush	2	2	Moderate	n/a	FSH-PS	High	High	High	High	Moderate	Moderate	Complete	Mar-Sep-Dec	Red & White	E	CD	LM, R, ground cover, hedge, soil rehabilitation, erosion and stabilisation																											
<i>Bossiaea cinerea</i>	Showy Bossiaea	1	1	Fast	n/a	FS-PS	High	Moderate	Moderate	High	Low	Low	Unknown	Aug-Nov	Gold/yellow to Red/purple brown	E	HCD	Ornamental, R, Hedge, screening, attractive, cuttings																											
<i>Correa alba</i>	White Correa	1	1	Moderate	n/a	FS-PS	High	High	High	High	Moderate	Moderate	Complete	Mar-Sep-Nov	Pink & White	E	C	A, R, LM, Aromatic, Power lines, hedging, cover, shrub mass																											
<i>Correa reflexa</i>	Common Correa	1	1	Moderate	n/a	FS-PS	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Acid	Mar-Sep	Green & Red	E	H	R, Sh, A, Winter aesthetic, shrub mass, bird attracting																											
<i>Daviesia ulicifolia</i>	Gorse bitter-pea	1	50cm	Fast	n/a	FS-PS	High	Low	Moderate	High	Low	Unknown	Complete	Aug-Dec	Red & Yellow	E	H	A, Bird attracting																											
<i>Dillwynia cinerascens</i>	Grey Parrot-pea	60cm-1.5	50cm-1.5	Moderate	n/a	FS-PS	Moderate	Low	Low	High	Low	Moderate	Complete	Jul-Nov	Yellow & Orange	E	HD	Sh, Ornamental, floral display																											
<i>Dillwynia glaberrima</i>	Heath or Smooth Parrot-pea	1	50cm	Moderate	719, 892, 3	FS-PS	Moderate	Low	Low	Moderate	Low	Low	Acid-Neutral	Aug-Dec	Yellow, red centre	E	HD	Sh, Attractive, cut flowers, container plant, tolerates heavy pruning																											
<i>Epacris impressa</i>	Common Heath	1	50cm	Moderate	719, 892, 3	FS-PS	Moderate	Low	Low	Moderate	Low	Low	Acid	May-Nov	White, Pink & red	E	HCDW	A, F, R, Attractive, Cut flowers, container plant, revegetation works, nectar																											
<i>Goodenia ovata</i>	Hop Goodenia	1	1	Fast	n/a	FS-PS	High	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Moderate	Complete	Aug-Feb	Bright yellow, red centre	E	HC	A, R, LM, F, Cut flower, container plant, revegetation																											
<i>Gompholobium huegelii</i>	Common Wedge-pea	30cm-1	30cm-1m	Moderate	n/a	FS-PS	Moderate	Low	Low	Moderate	Low	Low	Acid-Neutral	Sep-Apr	Cream to Yellow & Greenish	E	HCD	Sh, Attractive, A, F, R																											
<i>Hibbertia fasciculata var. prostrata</i>	Stalked/Bundled Guinea-flower	50cm	30cm	Moderate	892	FS-PS	High	Moderate	Moderate	High	Low	High	Complete	Sep-Dec	Bright Yellow	E	HD	LM, A, R, F, hedge																											
<i>Hibbertia riparia</i>	Erect Guinea-flower	50cm	50cm	Moderate	719, 3	FS-PS	Fair	Low	Low	Fair	Fair	Low	Complete	Sep-Dec	Yellow	E	HW	A, Attractive, R, LM, F																											
<i>Hibbertia sericea</i>	Silky Guinea-flower	30cm-1	60cm	Slow	n/a	FS-PS	High	High	High	High	Low	Moderate	Complete	Aug-Nov	Bright Yellow	E	HCD	R, LM, A, F																											
<i>Isopogon ceratophyllus</i>	Horny Cone-bush	20cm-60cm	50cm	Slow	n/a	FS	High	Low	Low	High	Low	Low	Complete	Sep-Nov	Yellow	E	HCD	R, LM, A, F																											
<i>Lasiopetalum baueri</i>	Slender Velvet-bush	1	1	Moderate	n/a	FS-PS	High	Low	Low	High	Low	Low	Complete	Jun-Nov	Pink & White	E	CD	H, A, Ornamental, Hedge, F, Screening, Bird attracting																											
<i>Leptospermum myrsinoides</i>	Heath or Silky Tea-tree	1.5	1	Moderate	719, 892, 3	FS-PS	High	Moderate	Moderate	High	Moderate	Low	Acid-Neutral	Jun-Nov	Pink & White	E	H	A, Screen, Hedge, F, Bird attracting, Soil control																											
<i>Leucophyta brownii</i>	Cushion Bush	50cm	50cm	Moderate	919	FS	High	High	High	High	Low	Low	Complete	Dec-Feb	Yellow, Silver, Grey-Brown	E	HCD	A, R, LM, edge defining, insect attracting																											
<i>Leucopogon virgatus</i>	Common Beard-heath	50cm	50cm	Moderate	719, 892, 3	FS-PS	High	Moderate	Moderate	High	Moderate	Low	Complete	Jul-Dec	Pink & White	E	HCD	A, R, LM, F, Bird attracting, hedge																											
<i>Monotoca scoparia</i>	Prickly Broom-heath	30cm-1.2	30cm-1.2	Moderate	892	FS-PS	High	Moderate	Moderate	High	Moderate	Low	Complete	Mar-Jul	Pink & White	E	HCD	A, R, LM, Screen, barrier, hedge, Soil Control																											
<i>Myoporum petiolatum</i>	Sticky Boobialla	1.5	1.5	Moderate	n/a	FS	High	High	High	High	Moderate	Low	Complete	Oct-Feb	White	E	HCD	A, R, LM, F, Soil control																											
<i>Oleandra ramosa</i>	Twiggy Daisy-bush	1.5	1	Moderate	n/a	FS-PS	High	Moderate	Moderate	High	Moderate	Low	Complete	Sep-Nov	Blue	E	HCD	A, R, LM, Ornamental																											
<i>Rhagodia candolleana subsp. Candolleana</i>	Seaberry Saltbush	1	2	Moderate	919, 921	FS	High	High	High	High	Moderate	Low	Complete	Sep-Feb	Green	E	HCD	A, R, LM, soil control, habitat refuge																											
<i>Rhacocarpus pinifolius</i>	Wedding Bush	1-3	1	Moderate	n/a	FS	High	Low	Low	High	Low	Low	Acid-Neutral	Sep-Feb	White	E	HD	A, R, LM, F, Nectar, Hedge, Screen																											
<i>Sambucus guadalupensis</i>	White Elderberry	2	2	Moderate	919, 921	PS	Moderate	Low	Low	Moderate	High	Low	Acid-Neutral	Sep-Feb	White	D	HMAW	LM, Sh, Bird attracting																											
<i>Suaeda australis</i>	Austral Seablite	50cm	50cm	Moderate	n/a	FS	High	High	High	High	High	Low	Complete	Sep-Feb	Green & Red	E	HCW	A, R, LM, periodic inundation, bird attracting, can make dyes with foliage																											
<i>Eremophila nivea</i>	Emu bush or Silky Ememophila	1.5	1.5	Moderate-Fast	n/a	FS	High	Moderate	High	High	Low	Low	Complete	Sep-Jan	Purple	E	CD	R, LM, Attracts birds and butterflies, tolerant of frost and responds well to pruning.																											
<i>Grevillea spp.</i>	Grevillea	1.5	1.5	Fast	n/a	FS	High	High	High	High	Low	Low	Acid-Neutral	All year	red, orange or yellow	E	CDA	R, LM, attracts bees and nectar eating birds																											
<i>Phlotoeca myoporoides</i>	Long-leafed Wax flower	1	1	Fast	n/a	FS	Moderate	Low	Low	Moderate	Low	Low	Acid-Neutral	Sep-Dec	White	E	D	R, LM, attracts bees, butterflies and nectar eating birds																											
<i>Prostanthera ratundifolia</i>	Native mint bush	2	2	Fast	n/a	FS	Moderate	Low	Low	High	Low	Low	Acid-Neutral	Sep-Dec	Purple	E	DA	R, LM, Flowers attract bees and beneficial insects to garden																											
<i>Juniperus communis subsp.</i>	Common Juniper	2	4	Slow	n/a	FS	High	Moderate	High	Moderate	Low	Low	Complete	May-June	Cone - Berries	E	DC	R, LM, F, Berries can attract birds																											
<i>Salvia subsp.</i>	Salvia	1	60cm	Fast	n/a	FS/PS	High	High	High	High	Low	Moderate	Acid	Sep-June	various	E	CDA	R, LM, attracts bees and nectar eating birds																											
<i>Lavandula spp.</i>	Lavender	1	1	Fast	n/a	FS	High	Low	High	High	Low	Moderate	Alkaline	Sep-June	various	E	CDA	R, LM, F, attracts bees																											
<i>Chosya spp.</i>	Mexican orange blossom	1	1.5	Fast	n/a	FS/PS	Low	Moderate	High	Moderate	Low	Low	Complete	Aug-Nov	White	E	CDA	S, Sh, ornamental plant, can be trained to a hedge																											
<i>Gardenia spp.</i>	Gardenia	1.5	1.5	Slow	n/a	FS/PS	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Low	Acid	Nov-May	Creamy white	E	M	F, ornamental shrub with highly fragrant flowers																											
<i>Rhaphiolepis spp.</i>	Indian hawthorn	2	1.5	Slow	n/a	FS	High	High	High	High	Low	Low	Complete	Sep-Jan	White-Pink	E	CDA	R, LM, F																											
<i>Hebe buxifolia (</i>	Hebe	1	1	Fast	n/a	FS	High	High	High	High	Low	Low	Alkaline	June-Sep	/hite,pink,blue,deep purple, crimson	E	CD	R, LM, attracts bees and butterflies																											
<i>Sedum spp.</i>	Stoncrop	0.6	1	Fast	n/a	FS-PS	High	High	High	High	Low	High	acid to neutral	Dec-March	Yellow, orange, pink or white	E	CDA	Attracts Attracts bees, butterflies																											

Species Palette 8 – Climbers

INDIGENOUS TO PROVIDENCE (Grown at nursery/within)		Additional Species		Uses/Traits Key		Habitat Key		Tolerances																			
INDIGENOUS (Grown Outside Boyds)		Full Sun = FS		R = Robust and Hardy		H = Heath/Woodland R = Riparian forest (interface between land and river/stream)		High = tolerates well without damage.																			
NATIVE TREES (From Australia)		Part Shade = PS		LM = Low Maintenance		M = Moist/Closed forest		complete range = Fair to tolerate medium levels																			
EXOTIC (From outside Australia)		Shade = FSh		S = Shade Tree		C = Coast – dune scrub & woodland		acid to neutral = Moderate = tolerates somewhat with some effects in low levels																			
Additional Species		Shade = FSh		F = Feature Tree		D = Prefers dry, well drained soils & tolerates dryness once established.		acid Low = suffers serious damage to death if exposed																			
PLEASE NOTE THE BELOW INFORMATION IS A GUIDE ONLY		Use of any of the below species is preferred but not limited to these species		Sh = Prefers or tolerates full shade		W = Prefers or tolerates moist soils, wetness, periodic inundation		Unknown																			
						A = Adaptable, growing well in most soil types		Please contact your local nursery or a horticultural professional for further advice. All indigenous plants provide habitat & food for local birds, insects & animals.																			
CLIMBERS														EVC Ecological Vegetation Class		Tolerances											
BOTANICAL NAME	COMMON NAME	Mat. HEIGHT	Mat. SPREAD	Growth Rate	EVC	Sunlight	Wind	Salinity	Sea spray	Drought	Waterlogging	Compaction	pH Range	Flowering period	Flower colours	Habitat	Uses/Traits										
<i>Bilardiera nutabilis</i> (syn. <i>B. scandens</i>)	Common Appleberry	1	1	Moderate	719_3	FS	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Fair	Moderate	Unknown	Acid	Mar-Dec.	Green, White, Yellow	HD	A, Bird attracting										
<i>Cassytha glabella</i> (W)	Slender Dodder-laurel	Climber	indefinite	Moderate to Fast	892	FS-PS	Moderate	Moderate	Low	High	Moderate	Moderate	Unknown	Aug-Nov.	Creamy white/cream	HDMA	Parasitic, feeding off other plants, R, climber										
<i>Clematis microphylla</i> var. <i>microphylla</i>	Small-leaved Clematis	5	5	Moderate to Fast	919_921	PS-FS	Fair	Fair	Fair	Fair	Low	Unknown	acid to neutral	Aug-Oct.	White	HCA	Winter aesthetic, interesting foliage, screening										
<i>Comesperma volubile</i>	Love Creeper	Climber	indefinite	Slow	719_3	SP-FS	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Unknown	Acid	Aug-Dec.	Blue & Purple	HCDW	A, Contrainner										
<i>Gallium australe</i>	Tangled Bedstraw	Climber	indefinite	Fast	919_921	PS-FS	High	Moderate	High	High	Low	Moderate	Unknown	Sep-May.	White	HCD	Scrambler, trailing, groundcover										
<i>Hardenbergia violacea</i>	Purple Coral Pea	Climber	indefinite	Fast	n/a	PS-FS	High	Moderate	High	High	Moderate	Moderate	Unknown	Jul-Sep.	pink or white	HDG	Scrambler, Will not negatively impact plants it climbs, pruning required after flowering										
<i>Muehlenbeckia adpressa</i>	Climbing Ligum	Climber	indefinite	Fast	n/a	PS-FS	High	Moderate	High	High	Moderate	Moderate	Complete	Dec-Mar	Greenish white	HCDSh	plant as groundcover, house plant, potplant, can become invasive, pruning required										
<i>Aphanopetalum resinosum</i>	Gum vine	Climber	3m x 3m	Fast	n/a	FSh	Low	Low	Low	High	Moderate	Low	Id Acid-Mild Alkali	Sep	Greenish yellow	MW	LM, Sh, attractive climber for shady positions, attracts native birds and insect										
<i>Hardenbergia comptoniana</i>	Native Wisteria	Climber	indefinite	Fast	n/a	PS-FS	High	Moderate	High	High	Moderate	Moderate	Unknown	Jul-Sep.	pink or white	HDG	Scrambler, Will not negatively impact plants it climbs, pruning required after flowering										
<i>Hibbertia scandens</i>	Golden guinea flower	Climber	indefinite	Fast	n/a	FS	High	Low	High	High	High	Low	acid to neutral	Aug-Dec.	Yellow	CDA	R, LM, attracts solitary native bees										
<i>Pandorea pandorana</i>	Wonga wonga vine	Climber	indefinite	Fast	n/a	FS	Low	Low	Low	High	Low	Moderate	acid to neutral	Sep-May.	White, cream, yellow, gold, purple	WA	LM, attracts bees and birds, vigorous climber with attractive scented flowers.										
<i>Trachelospermum jasminoides</i>	Chinese star jasmine	Climber	indefinite	Fast	n/a	FS-PS	Moderate	Low	Low	Moderate	Low	Low	acid to neutral	Sep-May.	White	D, W, A	LM, Highly scented flowers, Attracts bees and butterflies.										

Glossary

Biodiversity: 'All components of the living world: the number and variety of plants, animals, and other living things (including fungi and micro-organisms) across our land, rivers, coast, and ocean. It includes the diversity of their genetic information, the habitats and ecosystems within which they live, and their connections with other life forms and the natural world'.⁷

Canopy cover is the layer formed by the branches and crowns of plants or trees. The cover can be continuous, as in primary forests, or discontinuous - with gaps as in an urban area. Canopy is defined in Living Melbourne as vegetation above three metres in height.⁸

Canopy tree: A tree which has, or at maturity is likely to have, sufficient height and canopy characteristics to make a positive contribution to local amenity, sense of place, micro climate and/or biodiversity. Minimum 8 x 4 metres.⁹

Climate change refers to a change in the state of the climate that can be identified (e.g., by using statistical tests) by changes in the mean and/or the variability of its properties and that persists for an extended period, typically decades or longer.¹⁰

Climate change adaptation is the process of adjustment to actual or expected climate and its effects.¹¹

Climate change mitigation is the human intervention to reduce the sources or enhance the sinks of greenhouse gases.¹¹

Climate Emergency refers to the catastrophic changes to the climate brought about by human activity that poses a dangerous threat to all life on the planet.¹¹

Environmentally Sustainable Development refers to development that is designed, constructed, and managed to optimise climate resilience, energy efficiency, integrated water management, indoor environment quality, the circular economy, low carbon transport and urban ecology.¹²

General Residential Zone (GRZ) is applied to land in areas where growth and housing diversity is anticipated. It is expected that the type of housing provided will evolve over time to provide more diverse forms of housing, but not at the expense of existing open garden character.¹³

⁷ The State of Victoria Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, 'Protecting Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2037', 2017, Available at <https://www.environment.vic.gov.au/biodiversity/biodiversity-plan>

⁸ CID Bio-Science, 'Forest and Plant Canopy Analysis – Tools and Methods', 2019, Available at <https://cid-inc.com/blog/forest-plant-canopy-analysis-tools-methods/>

⁹ Bayside City Council, 'Local Law Guidelines, Neighbourhood Amenity Local Law 2021', 2021, Available at <https://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2022-05/Neighbourhood%20Amenity%20Local%20Law%202021%20Guidelines%20-%20Final.pdf>

¹⁰ Definition has been sourced from 'Bayside's Climate Emergency Action Plan 2020-2025 – Glossary', 2019, Available at https://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/sustainability_and_environment/climate_emergency_action_plan_v1.2_140920_for_web.pdf

¹¹ Department of Health and Human Services, 'Arboricultural Assessment Holland Court, Flemington – 3.7 Useful Life Expectancy (ULE)', 2017, available at https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0011/105500/SHRP-SH1-15.a.-Tree-Logic-Rpt_Holland-Court.-Flemington.pdf

¹² Bayside Sustainable Building and Infrastructure Policy (updated 2021)

¹³ Victorian Planning Authority, 'Reformed Residential Zones – General Residential Zone', 2017, Available at https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0023/103865/General-Residential-Zone.pdf

Greenways are a form of landscape planning. They are linear open space corridors in the built or natural environment, which preserve biodiversity or other aspects of a sustainable environment, and generally engage the community in recreational use.¹⁴

Habitat: All the physical and biological things that collectively make up the place where a plant or animal lives.¹⁵

Habitat Corridor: A habitat corridor is a linear two-dimensional landscape element that differs from the surrounding vegetation, in both vegetation structure and form, and connects two or more patches, of otherwise isolated, habitat that have been connected in historical time, this is meant to function as a conduit for both plants and animals.¹⁶

Heat Vulnerability Index: The heat vulnerability index (HVI) is represented by a scale of 1 to 5 based on quintiles, with 1 representing low exposure, low sensitivity, or high adaptive capacity and 5 representing high exposure, high sensitivity or low adaptive capacity. We integrated indicators of heat vulnerability to calculate a Heat Vulnerability Index (HVI) at SA1 level. The index consists of three component layers: heat exposure, sensitivity to heat, and adaptive capability. Integration was accomplished by summing the scores from the three vulnerability components, dividing the SA1s into quintiles, and attributing SA1s with a Heat Vulnerability Rating scaled from 1 to 5.¹⁷

Neighbourhood Residential Zone (NRZ) is applied to land that has been identified as having specific neighbourhood, heritage, environmental or landscape character values that distinguish the land from other parts of the municipality or surrounding area.¹⁸

Permeability: The readiness with which a surface, whether man-made (such as a paved road) or natural (such as soil or rock) allows water, air or plant roots to penetrate or pass through.¹⁹

Residential Growth Zone (RGZ) is considered a substantial change area where medium density housing growth and diversity of housing types is encouraged for example town houses and apartments around activity centres and close to train stations.²⁰

Resilience: The capacity of individuals, institutions, businesses and systems within a city to adapt, survive and thrive no matter what kind of chronic stresses and acute shocks they experience.¹¹

SEIFA: Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas (SEIFA) measures the relative level of socio-economic disadvantage and/or advantage based on a range of Census characteristics.²¹

¹⁴ University of New South Wales, 'The future of greenways in Sydney,' by P. Crawshaw, 2009, available at: https://www.be.unsw.edu.au/sites/default/files/upload/pdf/schools_and_engagement/resources/notes/5A2_41.pdf

¹⁵ Resilient Melbourne and The Nature Conservancy, 'Living Melbourne – Our metropolitan Urban Forest', 2019, Available at https://resilientmelbourne.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/LivingMelbourne_Strategy_online.pdf

¹⁶ Definition as used in 'Corridors for Habitat and Biodiversity Conservation in the Act with Links to the Region' from 'The theory of wildlife corridor capability – in Nature Conservation 2: The role of corridors', 1991 by Soulé, M. E. and M. E. Gilpin, Available at https://www.parliament.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0008/381077/PE_06_Environment_attach.pdf

¹⁷ Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Victorian Government 'Urban Vegetation, Urban Heat Islands and Heat Vulnerability Assessment in Melbourne, 2018', Available at https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0018/440181/UHI-and-HVI2018_Report_v1.pdf

¹⁸ Victorian Planning Authority, 'Using the residential zones – Planning Practice Note 91, Clause 32.09', 2019, Available at https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0033/445389/PPN91-Using-the-residential-zones.pdf

¹⁹ DELWP, 'Land for Wildlife' available at: <https://www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/protecting-wildlife/land-for-wildlife>

²⁰ Victorian Planning Authority website, 'Frequently Asked Questions – What is a Residential Growth Zone (RGZ)', 2017, Available at <https://vpa.vic.gov.au/faq/berwick-residential-growth-zone-rgz/>

²¹ Id community, 'Demographic Resources', Available at <https://profile.id.com.au/bayside/seifa-disadvantage-small-area?WebID=10>

Senescence is the process by which cells irreversibly stop dividing and enter a state of permanent growth arrest without undergoing cell death.²²

Significant Landscape Overlay (SLO): The Significant Landscape Overlay (SLO) is a planning overlay and tool for protecting and managing significant landscapes. Its purpose is to identify significant landscapes, and conserve and enhance their character. The SLO can require a permit to construct a building or construct or carry out works, construct a fence, and remove, destroy or lop any vegetation.²³

Significant Tree: Some trees, through age, size, and rarity of planting or association with historical events achieve a higher level of importance on private or public land. Identifies the following the categories used to define significant trees as scientific, social, historic, and aesthetic.²⁴

Tree Canopy: The uppermost trees or branches of trees in a forest, forming an almost continuous layer of foliage. The topmost layer of bioactivity in a forest setting.⁴

Urban Forest encompasses all of the Trees, Shrubs and Grasslands – and the Soil and Water that support them. An Urban Forest incorporates vegetation in streets, parks, gardens, plazas, campuses, river and creek embankments, coastal foreshores, wetlands, railway corridors, community gardens, green walls, balconies, and roofs.⁴

Urban Heat Island Effect: The phenomenon of dense urban areas having significantly warmer air and land surface temperatures than surrounding areas.⁴

Useful Life Expectancy (ULE): Assessment of useful life expectancy provides an indication of health and tree appropriateness and involves an estimate of how long a tree is likely to remain in the landscape based on species, stage of life (cycle), health, amenity, environmental services contribution, conflicts with adjacent infrastructure and risk to the community. It is not a measure of the biological life of the tree within the natural range of the species. It is more a measure of the health status and the tree's positive contribution to the urban landscape.²

Vegetation Protection Overlay (VPO): The VPO focuses on the protection of significant vegetation, including native and introduced vegetation in urban environments. The overlay can be applied to individual trees, groups of trees or areas of significant vegetation. It requires a landowner to obtain a permit to remove, destroy or lop any vegetation specified in a schedule to the overlay subject to a list of exemptions. Some of those exemptions apply to particular types of vegetation and others apply to specific situations, for example, to clear vegetation from electricity lines and to ensure emergency access.²⁵

Vulnerability: Exposure to contingencies and stress, and the difficulty in coping with them. This can apply to ecosystems, trees, people, and places.²⁶

²² CSIRO Linked Data Registry, 'Definition of Senescence', Available at <http://registry.it.csiro.au/def/keyword/nature/subjects/senescence>

²³ Victorian Planning Authority, 'DPCD South West Victoria Landscape Assessment Study – Regional Overview Report', 2013, Available at https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0023/94820/ROR-Chapter-5-Implementation-Part-2.pdf

²⁴ Bayside City Council, 'Significant Tree Management Policy 2020', 2020, Available at https://www.bayside.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/trees_parks_and_beaches/significant_tree_management_policy_2020.pdf

²⁵ Victorian Law Reform Commission, '4. Planning law and regulation affecting trees on private land - Vegetation Protection Overlay, Available at <https://lawreform.vic.gov.au/content/introduction-34>

²⁶ GreenFacts, 'Vulnerability (in ecosystems), available at: <https://www.greenfacts.org/glossary/tuv/vulnerability-ecosystems.htm>

Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) is a more sustainable approach to urban planning and design to make use of stormwater and reduce the harm it causes to our natural waterways.²⁷

²⁷ Melbourne Water, 'Introduction to WSUD', available at: <https://www.melbournewater.com.au/building-and-works/stormwater-management/introduction-wsud>



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