

# A Greener, Better Connected West

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## Whitehall Street and Maribyrnong River

The West Gate Tunnel Project is more than a road, we are also delivering new cycling and walking paths and creating nearly nine hectares of new open space. This open space will be made up of parks and wetlands, and over 17,000 trees will be planted along the project corridor.

At the Whitehall Street and Maribyrnong River areas, we will deliver a greener and better-connected west by:

- Turning industrial land into new open space and wetlands.
- Providing a new, naturalised environment that directly links Yarraville Gardens to new open spaces via the new walking and cycling path over Whitehall Street and down to the Maribyrnong River.
- Retaining elements of the former rail alignment to Maribyrnong Street and the walking and cycling path, celebrating its heritage through interpretive wayfinding design.
- Retaining the existing anchor sculpture on Maribyrnong Street at the Maribyrnong River as a symbol of the area's historic river trade.



West bank of Maribyrnong River, Footscray

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## Tree and plant species

A selection of mostly native grasses, trees, ground covers and shrubs, will green and colour the landscape and wetlands at the Yarrville Gardens and Maribyrnong River crossings.

*\*Please note that the species and images listed are not limited to that shown above and are only a selection from the overall planting palette.*

### Ground covers



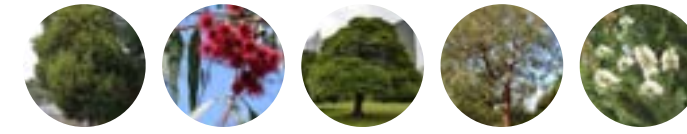
Milky Beauty Heads   Creeping Saltbush   Native Pigface   Running Postman   Running Postman

### Native Grasses



Jointed Wire Rush   Blue Flax Lily   Blue Fescue   Basket Grass   Tussock-grass

### Native Trees



Swamp Wattle   Red Flowering Yellow Gum   Queensland Brush Box   Yellow Box   Black Tea-tree

### Screening and Large Shrubs



Gold-dust Wattle   Fragrant Saltbush   Australian Indigo   Woolly Tea-tree   Silver Cassia

### Exotic Trees



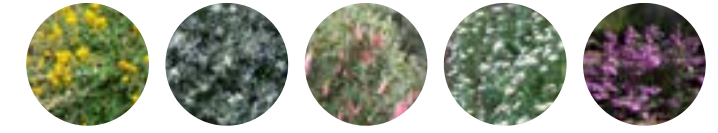
Italian Pencil Pine   Umbrella Tree   Canary Island Date Palm

### Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD)

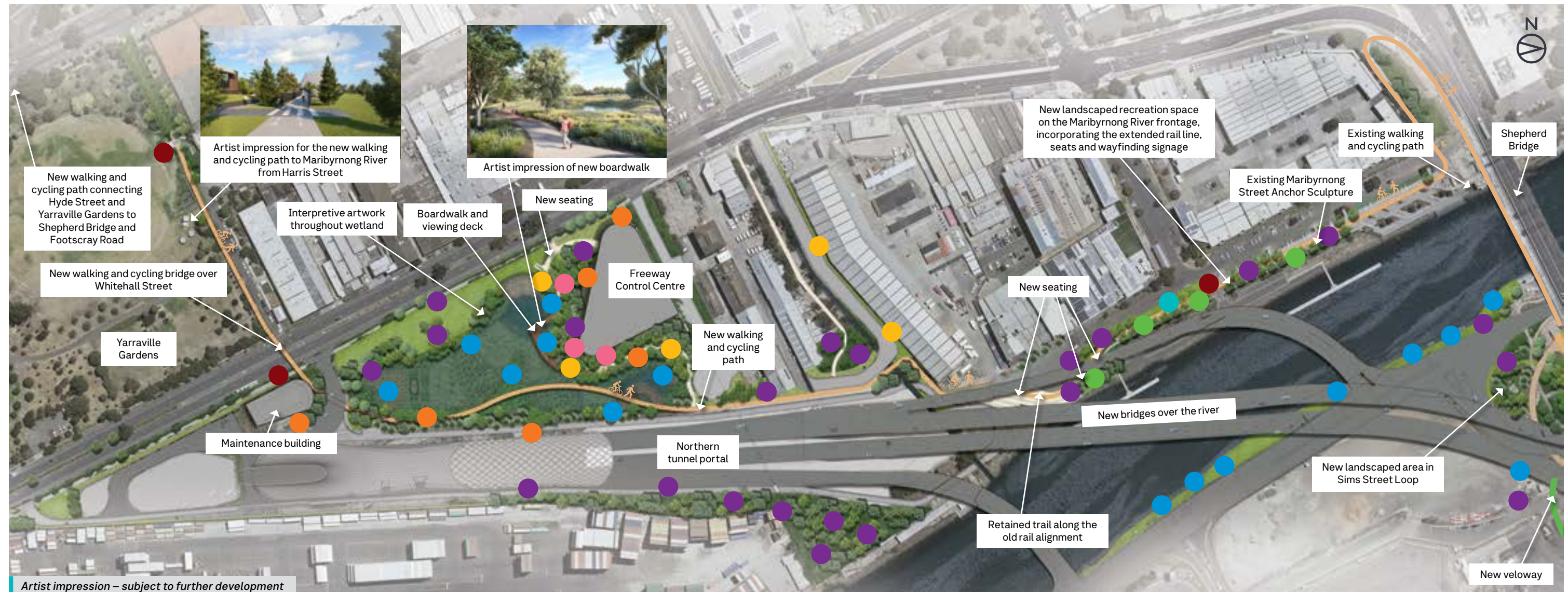


Tall Rush   Green Rush   Tall Sedge   Rush Sedge   Soft Twig-sedge

### Small Shrubs



Common Everlasting   Rock Correa   Native Fuchsia   Tree Everlasting   Pink-bells



Artist impression – subject to further development





Artist impression of the northern tunnel portal on Whitehall Street

## Designing open space

The Whitehall Street landscape design has been shaped by:

- Integrating interpretive art on the boardwalk and providing a lookout space for views west across the wetland.
- Enhancing pedestrian linkages further north between Youell Street, new and old walking and cycling paths, and Whitehall Street.

The Maribryngong Riverfront landscaping design has been shaped by:

- Including features that encourage passive recreation, such as seating and signage to highlight environmental and cultural elements of the area.
- Retaining the former rail alignment to Maribryngong Street, as much as possible.

## Working with stakeholders

After years of talking with communities, local authorities and our Community Liaison Groups, we understand that landscaping is of great interest to locals.

Feedback indicates that community members are keen to see vegetation replaced quickly, with a focus on native plants that will complement and adapt well to the existing local environment, and provide a green visual screen in a range of areas, including near new noise walls.

Residents are also keen to see the project construction sites transform into open spaces for the community, creating new recreation areas along the project corridor.

We will continue to work with local authorities and the community as we build the new open space.

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