



# Places for People: Public Space Strategy 2022–32

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Community vision

# Proudly Port Phillip

**A liveable and vibrant City that enhances the wellbeing of our community**

Strategic Directions



## Inclusive Port Phillip

Port Phillip is a place for all members of our community, where people feel safe and supported, respected and comfortable being themselves and expressing their identities.



## Liveable Port Phillip

Port Phillip is a great place to live, where our community has access to high quality public spaces, development and growth is well managed, and it is easy to connect and travel within.



## Sustainable Port Phillip

Port Phillip has a sustainable future, where our community benefits from living in a bayside city that is cleaner, greener, cooler and more beautiful. The importance of action in this area is emphasised by Council declaring a Climate Emergency in 2019.



## Vibrant Port Phillip

Port Phillip has a flourishing economy, where our community and local business thrives, and we maintain and enhance our reputation as Melbourne's cultural and creative heart. The importance of action in this area is emphasised by Council declaring an Economic Emergency.



## Well-Governed Port Phillip

a leading local government authority, where our community and our organisation are in a better place as a result of our collective efforts.

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## Acknowledgement

Council respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Owners of this land, the people of the Kulin Nations. We pay our respect to their Elders, past and present. We acknowledge and uphold their continuing relationship to this land.

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# Our neighbourhoods

Our City is made up of nine neighbourhoods, each with their own distinctive character and community. While the city-wide public spaces (the foreshore and Albert Park Reserve) contribute significantly to the overall network, the public spaces in each of the City's neighbourhoods are greatly valued by our community.

Overall, we have a great existing public space network. The neighbourhood actions in this strategy seek to respond to the city-wide outcomes and resolve some issues with public space. This includes filling gaps in the public space network (particularly in Balaclava/ St Kilda East and South Melbourne) so that open space is accessible to everyone.

The neighbourhood actions also identify opportunities to improve the quality and diversity of our existing public spaces and enhance key links and connections to these spaces.

For each neighbourhood, we considered:

- population changes including anticipated growth in residents and workers
- quantity, distribution and quality of existing open spaces
- accessibility of public open space (walking catchment based on the size and function of the space – people generally travel longer distances to larger spaces and shorter distances to smaller spaces)
- future responses to city-wide challenges.

**The neighbourhood actions in this strategy seek to respond to the city-wide outcomes and resolve some issues with public space. This includes filling gaps in the public space network so that open space is accessible to everyone.**





# Action plan

An action plan has been prepared for each of our neighbourhoods to guide investment in our public spaces. This does not include plans for Montague and Wirraway / Sandridge in Fishermans Bend. The Victorian Government is currently implementing the Fishermans Bend Framework and preparing Precinct Implementation Plans for the Montague and Wirraway / Sandridge neighbourhoods, which will outline the role and function of existing and new public spaces in Fishermans Bend.

## How have actions been chosen?

The actions in this strategy (excluding strategies and guidelines and advocacy and partnership projects) have been selected to be fundable and deliverable based on available resources to 2032. If Council wants to deliver more projects, additional resources will be needed.

The four criteria in Volume 2 (equity, quantity, multiple use and innovation) have been applied to projects contained within this strategy and will also be used into the future to assess new ideas, potential projects and requests for public space.

In assessing how we prioritise achieving our desired outcomes, first we determine how well a new idea, potential project or request for public space is strategically aligned with this Strategy. We then look at our available funding (including the likelihood of funding from other sources such as State and Federal Government), consider the cost and, where possible, the associated benefits of projects.

We assess our capabilities and capacity to deliver the project which helps us to determine our key actions. This process is outlined in the **Strategic alignment, funding and deliverability assessment process** diagram.

While consideration has been given to ensuring a spread of projects across all neighbourhoods, some neighbourhoods have more actions than others. For example, neighbourhoods with less open space (such as Balaclava / St Kilda East) have more actions. Neighbourhoods with higher levels of population growth or visitors (such as St Kilda / St Kilda West) also have more actions.

Projects have also been aligned to Victorian Government committed projects to ensure we leverage the best outcomes.

### Strategic alignment, funding and deliverability assessment process

1

#### Strategic alignment assessment

- Equity
- Quantity
- Multiple use
- Innovation

2

#### Funding assessment

- Partnership opportunities
- Council budget position
- Cost / cost benefit analysis of projects / portfolio

3

#### Deliverability assessment

- Portfolio capacity and capability



The actions in this strategy (excluding strategies and guidelines and advocacy and partnership projects) have been selected to be fundable and deliverable based on available resources to 2032.

## What types of neighbourhood actions are proposed?

- New public open spaces, including exploring land acquisition opportunities.
- Expansion of existing open spaces.
- Upgrades to existing open spaces.
- Play space upgrades.
- New pedestrian crossings.
- Landscape masterplans.
- Foreshore upgrades.
- Dog off-leash areas.
- Temporary projects.
- Street tree planting.
- Advocacy and partnerships.
- Structure plans.
- Strategies and guidelines.

## When will actions be delivered?

The Action Plan has been staged for short (2022-25), medium (2026-29) and long (2030-32) term projects, and the project timing for each action can be found in each neighbourhood action plan.

The timeframes for delivery of projects varies and includes design, consultation and construction. Several factors can increase the complexity of delivering projects such as the need to remediate contaminated land, heritage values and external approvals, partnership projects reliant on other parties, or land acquisition.

The prioritisation framework outlined in this strategy is enduring and will be used to guide new ideas, projects, land acquisition and initiatives over time.

## What involvement will the community have?

The community have been involved in identifying the actions in this strategy as well as informing the overarching outcomes sought to be achieved by the strategy and the prioritisation approach.

Further consultation will be undertaken in the future during the concept and detailed design stages on specific projects (including proposed road closures) as they commence.

The outcomes of this consultation will influence the way projects are delivered, and in some cases will influence whether it is still feasible to proceed in the manner outlined in this strategy. If it is not feasible to proceed in some cases, this will be highlighted, and the strategy will be updated over time.



## How will actions be funded?

The total budget for delivery of neighbourhood open space actions is \$88 million. The action plan has been developed on preliminary cost estimates and more detailed work will be required to establish the cost of remediating contaminated land, land acquisition, detailed design and construction.

Funding sources identified for Council-delivered projects include Council revenue (such as from rates), grants (such as from the Victorian Government) and public open space contributions from new development via the Port Phillip Planning Scheme. The delivery of projects specified in the action plan will be dependent on annual budget allocations through Council's budget process.

The delivery of advocacy and partnership projects in the action plan are dependent on funding and commitment from other key stakeholders, such as the Victorian Government.

The Strategy also includes a range of actions funded by other means, including:

- public space projects delivered by others
- street tree planting and renewal works (via Council budget)
- development of guidelines and strategies (via Council budget)
- additional maintenance cost impacts to the budget. If Council's annual budget changes, or if project priorities change and additional budget is required that Council cannot fund, then alternative funding sources can be considered to bridge the affordability gap including:
  - external funding sources (e.g. Victorian Government grants)
  - delaying the implementation of certain projects
  - reducing targets set in the measures table in this strategy
  - seeking additional funding from Council.

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## What other public space projects will Council deliver?

In addition to the actions identified in this Strategy, other public space related projects will be delivered by Council, including:



### Sport and recreation facilities

These include sporting fields and pavilion upgrades.



### Public space in Fishermans Bend

This will be delivered by the Victorian Government or Council.



### Ongoing maintenance and renewal

Such as maintenance and replacement of park and foreshore furniture, paths, lighting and play spaces.



### Streetscape upgrades within activity centres

These will be determined by future Structure Plans.



# Measuring and reporting

The Places for People: Public Spaces Strategy 2022 – 2032 will be reviewed after five years and updated as needed.

## Understanding our service levels

### What happens if we keep doing the same thing (if we don't change things will get worse)?

- More people will be using our public spaces and they may not be fit-for-purpose.
- Fewer people will be within a short walk of a public space.
- Many public spaces will be limited to single-use activities.
- Underused and under-resourced spaces will not develop to their full potential.
- Our community and the environment may be exposed to existing and new contaminated land and associated risks.
- Our spaces will be more sensitive to the impacts of climate change.

### What happens if we make a change (doing things differently)?

- Our public spaces will be able to cater to higher use from more people.
- Nearly everyone will be within a short walk of public space.
- Our public spaces will better meet the needs of the community, including active and passive uses.
- More of our public spaces will be used to their full potential.
- Our community will be kept safe from the risks of contamination.
- Our public spaces will be more resilient to climate change.

**As our population increases and the opportunity to create new public spaces continues to be difficult, the percentage of open space per person in our City will decrease. We will respond by ensuring our spaces cater for multiple uses and user groups so that they are used and loved by the community that they service.**



## Measuring our success

We will be reporting our progress each year through Council’s annual report (unless otherwise stated). Note: the measures do not include the proposed new public space that will be created through the redevelopment of Fishermans Bend.

In addition to the measures below, the Strategy will help to support reaching targets in Council’s other core strategies and policies:

- **Move, Connect, Live – Integrated Transport Strategy 2018–28:**
  - increase in pedestrian and civic space on shopping strips in activity centres to 20% by 2027/28
  - streetscape improvements are delivered as part of tram stop upgrade projects in shopping and activity centres per year to 100% by 2027/28.
- **Act and Adapt – Sustainable Environment Strategy 2018–28:**
  - street tree canopy cover 10% increase on baseline (to 21%) by 2027/28.

City-wide measure	Indicator	Inputs	Reporting timeframes	Reporting location
A well-connected network of public spaces for all people that nurture and support the health, wellbeing, social connection, creative expressions, economy and environment of our community into the future.	<b>Local indicators</b>			
	Percentage of actions in the strategy that are on track (tracked by short, medium and long-term priority timeframes).	2027: 40% to 60% 2032: 60% to 100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of relevant priority actions.</li> <li>• Five-year review.</li> <li>• Completion of Strategy.</li> </ul>	OneCouncil
	Number of open spaces rated good or high quality.	2027: 40% to 60% 2032: 60% to 100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of relevant priority actions.</li> <li>• Five-year review.</li> <li>• Completion of Strategy.</li> </ul>	OneCouncil
	Delivery of new open spaces achieved in line with budget/ plan.	2027: 20% to 60% 2032: 60% to 100%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of relevant priority actions.</li> <li>• Five-year review.</li> <li>• Completion of Strategy.</li> </ul>	OneCouncil
	Percentage of municipality within a safe walking distance of parks, gardens and reserves (i.e. without having to cross major roads or other physical barriers such as railways or waterways).	2019 result: 85% 2032 target: 90%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five-year review.</li> <li>• Completion of Strategy.</li> </ul>	OneCouncil
	<b>City-wide indicators</b>			
	Contracted maintenance standard delivered for open spaces.	2027: 95% 2032: 95%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five-year review.</li> <li>• Completion of Strategy.</li> </ul>	Council Plan 2021–31
Public space community requests resolved on time.	2019 result: 85% 2032 target: 85%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five-year review.</li> <li>• Completion of Strategy.</li> </ul>	Council Plan 2021–31	
Resident satisfaction with open space through annual Customer Satisfaction Survey and Neighbourhood Conversations.	2026: 90% 2032: 90%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five-year review.</li> <li>• Completion of Strategy.</li> </ul>	Council Plan 2021–31	



# Neighbourhood priority actions



## Albert Park

Made up of the suburbs of Albert Park, Middle Park and a small portion of St Kilda West, this area is well known for its heritage character and wide, tree-lined streets.

Albert Park / Middle Park has 26 open spaces, making up 31 per cent of the total neighbourhood, which is significantly higher than the City's average of 17 per cent. High-quality spaces such as the foreshore and Albert Park Reserve as well as smaller spaces provide a diverse range of recreational facilities for the community. This is our best-serviced neighbourhood with no gaps in the open space network.

Other public spaces include the retail streetscapes of Armstrong Street in Middle Park and Bridport / Victoria Streets in Albert Park as well as contributory spaces including Albert Park College, Albert Park Primary School, Middle Park Primary School and Mary Kehoe Community Centre.

This neighbourhood has an excellent walkable street network with wide road reserves that have space for large canopy trees.

Albert Park/Middle Park is experiencing the least amount of growth of all our neighbourhoods, with a projected population decrease by 2041 (to around 11,900 residents). Older persons aged 50 or more make up the largest proportion of people, compared to the City average, and most people live in houses with backyards.

It is important that public spaces cater to the needs of a diversity of age groups with a focus on provisions for children and older people. Public spaces should also act as places for exercise, socialising and urban greening.

**Map 1** shows the actions in Albert Park / Middle Park.



### Albert Park at a glance

26

open spaces in totals

50%

and more of the population made up by older people

11,900

residents projected to live in the area by 2041 - the least amount of growth.





**Map 1**  
**Albert Park / Middle Park**

- Open space action.
- Contributory space.
- Foreshore.
- Activity centre.
- Community building.
- School.
- Proposed new open space.
- - Improve consistent avenue- style street tree planting.

**Actions**

- 1** Investigate options to plant additional shade trees.
- 2** Finalise Park Plan for major upgrade.
- 3** Transform the **pop-up community park** to a permanent space.
- 4** Partner with the Victorian Government on Shrine to Sea Project.
- 5** Advocate to Parks Victoria to retain the dog off-leash areas and access.



# Priority actions: Albert Park

Priority actions	Short: 2022-25	Medium: 2026-29	Long: 2030-32
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## Existing public open spaces

### 1. Gasworks Arts Park

Finalise the Park Plan in compliance with the Victorian Government’s Contamination Management Action Plan (CMAP). Improve lawn areas, garden beds, paths, play equipment, lighting, seats, picnic tables, drinking fountains and bins. Delivery of the Park Plan is dependent on finalisation of the CMAP and associated environmental assessments.



### 2. Moubray Street Community Park

Transform the ‘pop-up community park’ to a permanent public open space. Improve access and community use and increase greening and tree planting.



## Streetscapes and other public open spaces

### 3. Armstrong Street

Improve consistent avenue-style street tree planting and seating to link the foreshore, Armstrong Street Shops and Albert Park Reserve.



### 4. Bridport Street

Improve consistent avenue-style street tree planting and seating to link the activity centre to Gasworks Arts Park, Lemnos Square and the foreshore.



### 5. Cowderoy Street

Improve consistent avenue-style street tree planting and seating to link the foreshore, Cummings Reserve, Jacoby Reserve, HR Johnson Reserve and Albert Park Reserve.



### 6. Mills Street

Improve consistent avenue-style street tree planting and seating to link St Vincent Gardens with Dundas Place Reserve/Bridport Street, Victoria Avenue Activity Centre and Kerferd Road medians.



### 7. Montague Street

Improve consistent avenue-style street tree planting and seating to link St Vincent Gardens with Dundas Place Reserve/Bridport Street, Victoria Avenue Activity Centre and Kerferd Road medians



### 8. Pickles Street Foreshore

Investigate options to plant additional shade trees to improve the useability of the foreshore reserve.



## Advocacy and partnerships

### 9. Albert Park Reserve

See action 97. In addition, continue to advocate to Parks Victoria to retain the dog off-leash areas and access within Albert Park Reserve.



### 10. Albert Park, Middle Park and St Kilda West Foreshore

See action 101.



### 11. Shrine to Sea Project

See action 111.





## Balaclava / St Kilda East

Made up of the suburbs of Balaclava and St Kilda East, this neighbourhood's distinctiveness comes from a range of features including a diversity of housing types. This includes the highly-valued and well-loved Alma Park, the civic precinct around the St Kilda Town Hall and the unique retail hub of Carlisle Street. There is a prominent Jewish community that adds a vitality and distinctiveness to the area.

Balaclava / St Kilda East has eight open spaces, making up five per cent of the total neighbourhood area. While Alma Park is one of the highest quality spaces in the municipality, Balaclava / St Kilda East has the lowest amount of open space of all our neighbourhoods, significantly lower than the City average of 17 per cent and has one of the larger historic gaps in our public space network. As such, it is a focus area for additional open space in the future.

Other public spaces include the retail streetscape of Carlisle Street as well as contributory spaces such as the St Kilda Primary School, St Kilda Library forecourt and St Kilda Town Hall surrounds.

Narrow local streets result in a lack of canopy cover and trees. The relatively poor permeability in the street network makes it harder for people to easily and comfortably walk to public spaces. Major roads act as a barrier to safe and easy access to existing open spaces for some in the community, particularly for children, the elderly and those with limited mobility.

Balaclava / St Kilda East is expected to grow by almost nine per cent by 2041 (with over 1,600 additional residents taking the population to around 19,900). This neighbourhood has a diverse community, with a higher proportion of young children and young workers and a lower proportion of older people and people living on their own, compared to the rest of the City. We need new open spaces in this neighbourhood, and the existing spaces should provide the opportunity for children's play, as well as a mix of uses for young families and young adults.

**Map 2** shows the actions in Balaclava / St Kilda East.



### Balaclava / St Kilda East at a glance

8

open spaces in total

19,900

residents projected to live in the area by 2041.

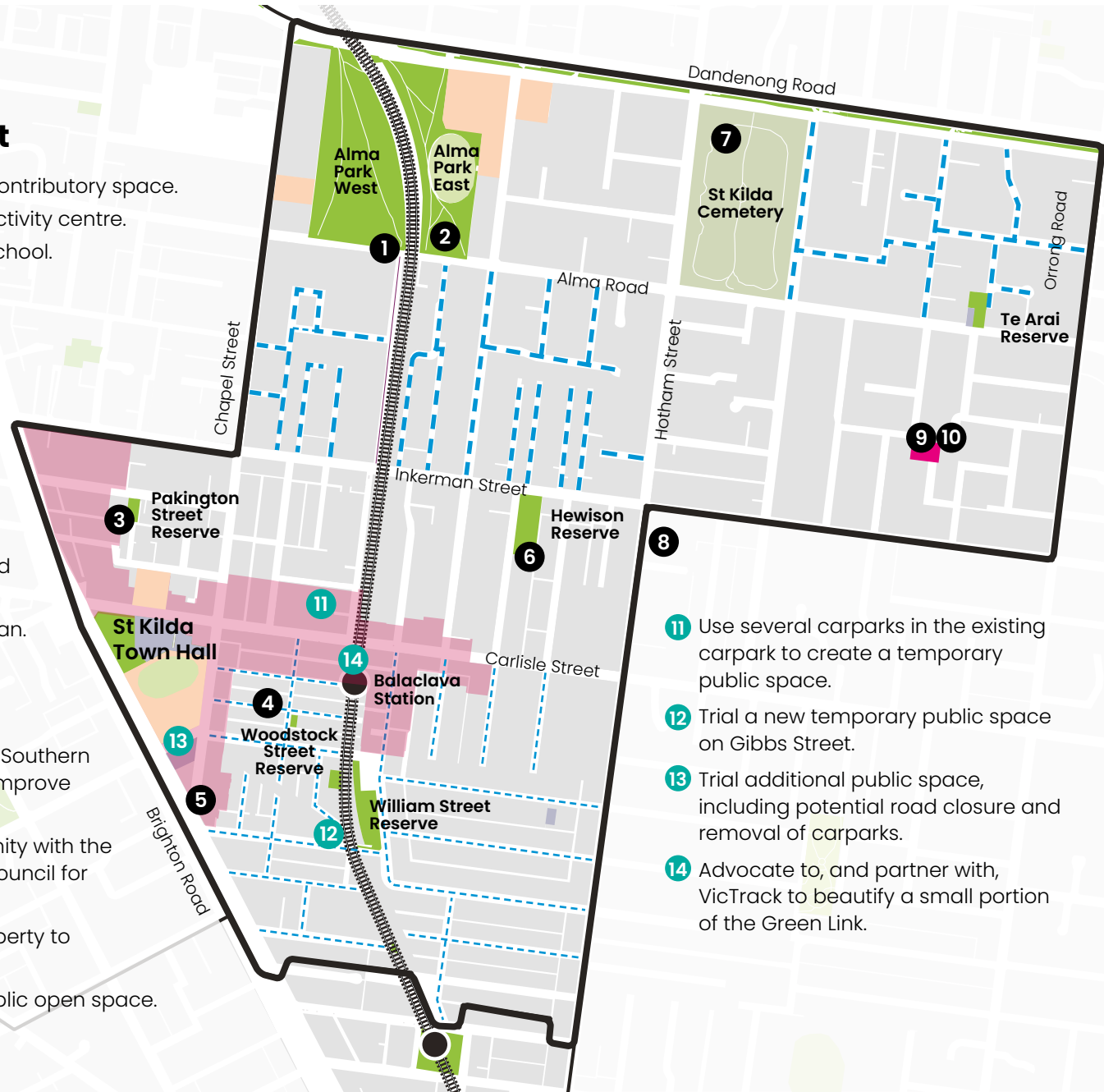


**Map 2  
BalACLava / St Kilda East**

- Open space action.
- Foreshore.
- Community building.
- Proposed new open space.
- - - Improve consistent avenue-style street tree planting.
- Contributory space.
- Activity centre.
- School.

**Actions**

- 1** New signalised pedestrian crossing.
- 2** Revitalise the existing play space.
- 3** Expand and upgrade reserve.
- 4** Investigate opportunities to expand and upgrade.
- 5** Prepare a new St Kilda Structure Plan.
- 6** Improve play space, accessibility, fencing and investigate sporting opportunities.
- 7** Advocate to, and partner with, the Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust to improve accessibility and usability.
- 8** Investigate a partnership opportunity with the National Trust and Glen Eira City Council for access to Glenfern Estate.
- 9** Purchase and conversion of a property to new public open space.
- 10** Convert 14 Lansdowne Road to public open space.



- 11** Use several carparks in the existing carpark to create a temporary public space.
- 12** Trial a new temporary public space on Gibbs Street.
- 13** Trial additional public space, including potential road closure and removal of carparks.
- 14** Advocate to, and partner with, VicTrack to beautify a small portion of the Green Link.



## Priority actions: Balaclava / St Kilda East

Priority actions	Short: 2022-25	Medium: 2026-29	Long: 2030-32
<b>New public spaces</b>			
<b>12. Lansdowne Road</b> Purchase and conversion of a residential property to a public park (address to be released).	●	●	
<b>13. 14 Lansdowne Road</b> Purchase and conversion of 14 Lansdowne Road to a public open space.	●	●	
<b>14. Extension of Pakington Street Reserve</b> Purchase and conversion of 43 Pakington Street to a public open space.	●		
<b>15. Pakington Street</b> Purchase and conversion of residential property to a public park (address to be released).	●	●	
<b>16. Carlisle Street Activity Centre</b> As part of any future redevelopment of the Coles Supermarket site and adjacent car park, investigate options to provide a new open space to fill the gap in this area and create a community heart in the Carlisle Street Activity Centre, consistent with the Carlisle Street Activity Centre Structure Plan 2009.			●
<b>17. Land acquisition in St Kilda East</b> Provision for land acquisition for new public open space in St Kilda East. Location to be determined as part of a Land Acquisition and Road Discontinuance Strategy.		●	●



## Priority actions: Balaclava / St Kilda East

Priority actions	Short: 2022-25	Medium: 2026-29	Long: 2030-32
<b>Existing public spaces</b>			
<p><b>18. Alma Park East</b> Revitalise the existing play space to improve accessibility, enhance nature play and provide enhanced amenities, as well as extending the asset life of the play space.</p>	●		
<p><b>19. Hewison Reserve</b> Improve play space, accessibility and fencing and investigate the opportunities for inclusion of informal sport.</p>	●		●
<p><b>20. Pakington Street Reserve</b> Acquire the site adjoining Pakington Street Reserve with the existing Public Acquisition Overlay to expand and upgrade this open space, including the existing play space.</p>			●
<p><b>21. Woodstock Street Reserve</b> Investigate opportunities to enlarge the reserve through reallocation of road space and undertake an upgrade. Further consultation to occur on removal of car parking.</p>		●	
<b>Temporary public spaces</b>			
<p><b>22. Dickens Street</b> Temporary partial street closure of Dickens Street to trial additional public space, including potential road closure and removal of carparks and some beautification (e.g. parklet, planter pots and paint treatments).</p>	●		
<p><b>23. Green Link</b> Advocate to, and partner with, VicTrack to beautify a small portion of the Green Link from Balaclava Station down to the rail bridge, including planter boxes and public artwork to test and trial future use and inform future investment over time.</p>	●		

## Priority actions: Balaclava / St Kilda East

Priority actions	Short: 2022-25	Medium: 2026-29	Long: 2030-32
<b>Streetscapes and other public spaces</b>			
<p><b>24. Streets in the area bound by Alma Road, Inkerman Street, Chapel Street and Hotham Street:</b> Plant additional street trees where feasible to increase canopy cover and improve pedestrian amenity.</p>		●	
<p><b>25. Streets in the area bound by Dandenong Road, Alma Road, Orrong Road and Hotham Street</b> Plant additional street trees where feasible to increase urban greening and shading to improve the pedestrian experience and connections from Balaclava Walk.</p>		●	
<p><b>26. Streets in the area bound by Carlisle Street, Albion Street/Oak Ave, Brighton Road and Hotham Street</b> Plant additional street trees where feasible to increase canopy cover and improve pedestrian amenity.</p>		●	
<p><b>27. Alma Road</b> Provide a new signalised pedestrian crossing over Alma Road to Alma Park East and Alma Park West.</p>		●	
<p><b>28. Carlisle Street Major Activity Centre</b> Prepare a new St Kilda Structure Plan, which includes consideration of the proposed new open space in the Carlisle Street Major Activity Centre and public realm outcomes. In the meantime, continue to implement the recommendations in the Carlisle Street Activity Centre Structure Plan 2009, including improvements to the pedestrian pavements and crossing points.</p>		●	●
<b>Advocacy and partnerships</b>			
<p><b>29. Glenfern Estate</b> Investigate a partnership opportunity with the National Trust and Glen Eira City Council for access for the City of Port Phillip community to Glenfern Estate.</p>		●	●
<p><b>30. St Kilda Cemetery</b> Advocate to, and partner with, the Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust to make the St Kilda Cemetery a more accessible, user friendly public space.</p>	●		●



## Elwood / Ripponlea

Made up of the suburbs of Elwood and Ripponlea, this neighbourhood is known for its leafy streets and suburban character with lower urban densities than surrounding neighbourhoods. The local shopping streets with vibrant cafes and restaurants, combined with Elwood Canal, Elster Creek and the Elwood Foreshore, all contribute to its distinctive character.

This neighbourhood has 22 open spaces, making up 13 per cent of the total neighbourhood. This is slightly lower than the City average of 17 per cent. There are some smaller gaps within the municipality in the eastern part of this neighbourhood, and Ripponlea has less open space than Elwood. However, significant open space outside the municipality adjoins this neighbourhood to the east, including Rippon Lea Estate and Elsternwick Park.

Other public spaces include the retail streetscapes of Ormond / Glen Huntly Roads and Tennyson Street, as well as contributory spaces including Elwood Primary School, Elwood College and Elwood Neighbourhood Learning Centre.

While Elwood has excellent walkability with wide, tree-lined streets, Ripponlea has relatively narrow streets with limited opportunity for canopy trees. Crossing major roads is a barrier to safe and easy access to open spaces for some in the community, particularly children, the elderly and those with limited mobility.

This neighbourhood will only experience approximately 1.8 per cent growth by 2041 (over 300 additional residents, taking the population to around 17,400). It has a higher proportion of family households with children, making Elwood School Reserve and Elwood Primary and Secondary schools a central hub for this community.

Many people in this neighbourhood live in medium to high-density housing, increasing the demand and need for public space that provides social and green spaces for families, as well for fitness, exercise and sport.

Facilities in public space need to continue to cater to a diversity of age groups, specifically children and those aged 35 to 49.

**Map 3** shows the actions in Elwood / Ripponlea.



### Elwood / Ripponlea at a glance

# 22

open spaces in total

# 17,400

residents projected to live in the area by 2041.

**Map 3  
Elwood / Ripponlea**

- Open space action.
- Contributory space.
- Foreshore.
- Activity centre.
- Community building.
- School.
- Proposed new open space.
- Improve consistent avenue-style street tree planting.

**Actions**

- 1** Deliver a new fenced dog off-leash area.
- 2** Implement the existing landscape concept plan for Point Ormond Reserve.
- 3** Upgrade play space, accessibility and lighting.
- 4** Continue to strengthen the biodiversity values of, and advocate to, Melbourne Water to enhance the canal.
- 5** Undertake major upgrades associated with the Elwood Foreshore Master Plan.
- 6** Advocate to the Department of Transport for a new signalised pedestrian crossing.
- 7** Investigate a long-term agreement with the National Trust of Australia.
- 8** Investigate options to expand and upgrade the Reserve.
- 9** Trial reallocation of road space to expand the reserve and improve integration with Glen Eira Avenue.





## Priority actions: Elwood / Ripponlea

Priority actions	Short: 2022-25	Medium: 2026-29	Long: 2030-32
<b>Existing public open spaces</b>			
<b>31. Clarke Reserve</b> Upgrade the play space, accessibility and lighting and consider better delineation between play and other activities.		●	
<b>32. Elwood Park and Elwood Foreshore</b> Undertake a major upgrade to the open spaces along the Elwood Foreshore associated with the Elwood Foreshore Master Plan.			●
<b>33. Glen Eira Avenue Reserve</b> Investigate options to reallocate road space to expand the reserve and improve integration with Glen Eira Avenue. Upgrade may integrate a future event space to complement the adjoining commercial interface, while retaining the residential interface and green character to Burnett Grey Gardens. Further consultation to occur on removal of car parking.		●	
<b>34. Point Ormond Reserve</b> Implement the existing landscape concept plan for Point Ormond Reserve including upgrades to the play space, picnic and BBQ facilities and paths.	●		
<b>35. MO Moran Reserve</b> Deliver a new fenced dog off-leash area in Moran Reserve.	●		
<b>Temporary public open spaces</b>			
<b>36. Glen Eira Avenue Reserve</b> Trial reallocation of road space to expand the reserve and improve integration with Glen Eira Avenue. May integrate an events space to complement the adjoining commercial interface, while retaining the residential interface and green character to Burnett Gray Gardens.	●		

## Priority actions: Elwood / Ripponlea

Priority actions	Short: 2022-25	Medium: 2026-29	Long: 2030-32
<b>Streetscapes and other public open spaces</b>			
<b>37. Streets in the north-east part of the area bound by Southey and Milton Streets, Glenhuntly Road, Broadway and Brighton Road</b> Plant additional street trees where feasible to increase canopy cover and improve pedestrian amenity.	●		
<b>38. Ormond Road retail street</b> Integrate passive irrigation and additional street tree planting where feasible to improve urban greening and cooling in the heart of the activity centre.		●	
<b>39. Streets in the area bound by Dickens Street, Glenhuntly Road, Marine Parade and Barkly Street</b> Plant additional street trees where feasible, to increase canopy cover and improve pedestrian amenity.			●
<b>Advocacy and partnerships</b>			
<b>40. Elster Creek and Elwood Canal: Partnership</b> Balance strengthening biodiversity with the establishment of linear paths and recreational access. This includes clear sightlines to maintain view corridors for safety. Review the ongoing flood-safety of shared pedestrian and vehicle access across and along the canal in consultation with Melbourne Water.	●	●	●
<b>41. Elwood Foreshore</b> See action 107.	●	●	●
<b>42. Rippon Lea Estate</b> Following the evaluation of the current arrangement, investigate a long-term agreement with the National Trust of Australia for continued access for the City of Port Phillip community to Rippon Lea Estate.	●		
<b>43. Hotham Street, between Glen Eira Road and Nepean Highway</b> Advocate to the Department of Transport for a new signalised pedestrian crossing on Hotham Street to improve access to Rippon Lea Estate.	●	●	●



## Port Melbourne

Port Melbourne is considered the ‘gateway to Melbourne’ via Station Pier. The waterfront precinct is home to many visitor attractions such as the foreshore promenade, beaches, and the retail strip along Bay Street as well as greater Melbourne.”

Port Melbourne has 56 open spaces – the highest number of all our neighbourhoods – making up 17 per cent of the total neighbourhood, which is on par with the City average of 17 per cent. Residents and workers in Port Melbourne are in a short and easy walking distance of open space, due to the diverse and well distributed open space network.

Public spaces in Port Melbourne include the foreshore and the retail streetscapes of Bay Street and Centre Avenue. The network also includes contributory spaces such as Port Melbourne Primary School, Port Phillip Specialist School and three publicly accessible private church grounds.

The street network is well connected, however improvements can be made in the consistency of large broad-spreading canopy shade trees as well as the amenity on some of the major and arterial roads.

Port Melbourne will experience an expected 5.14 per cent increase by 2041 (over 900 additional residents, taking the population to around 18,600). Forecast growth in Fishermans Bend (to the north of this neighbourhood) is high and will likely result in an increased level of use of public space within Port Melbourne.

There is a higher proportion of families with young children and older people in this neighbourhood when compared to the City average. In the future, it will be important to ensure that the network is diverse and caters to a wide range of uses from play to informal sport to passive enjoyment.

**Map 4** shows the actions in Port Melbourne.



### Port Melbourne at a glance

# 56

open spaces in total

# 18,600

residents projected to live in the area by 2041.

**Map 4  
Port Melbourne**





## Priority actions: Port Melbourne

Priority actions	Short: 2022-25	Medium: 2026-29	Long: 2030-32
<b>Existing public open spaces</b>			
<p><b>44. Buckingham Reserve</b> Investigate the installation of a flying fox as a part of the play space.</p>	●		
<p><b>45. Graham Street Underpass</b> Upgrade the existing skate facility and surrounding open space by removing existing car parking. Install informal recreation infrastructure and improve connectivity to Hester Reserve, Turville Reserve and Cook Reserve.</p>	●		
<p><b>46. Port Melbourne Light Rail Linear Parks</b> Prepare a landscape masterplan for Cook, Fennell, Gill, Hester, Howe, Page, Smith, Turner and Walter Reserves to increase the diversity of unstructured recreation and social facilities. Investigate if a fenced dog off-leash area can be supported. Protect mature trees and strengthen the indigenous vegetation values along the light rail corridor.</p>	●	●	
<p><b>47. Waterfront Place</b> Prepare an overall framework plan to guide the future use and design of Waterfront Place integrated with the Station Pier upgrade. This includes consideration of the connectivity to and future use of Beacon Cove Pier, Beacon Cove Promenade, Beach Street Foreshore and the Station Pier Linear Park.</p>		●	●
<p><b>48. Station Pier Linear Park</b> Undertake minor upgrade with planting additional shade trees between the palms to improve the shade and comfort for people arriving and waiting in this area.</p>		●	●

## Priority actions: Port Melbourne

Priority actions	Short: 2022-25	Medium: 2026-29	Long: 2030-32
<b>Streetscapes and other public spaces</b>			
<p><b>49. Streets in the area bound by Williamstown Road, Ingles Street, Bridge Street and Bay Street</b></p> <p>Plant additional street trees where feasible to increase canopy cover and improve pedestrian amenity.</p>		●	
<p><b>50. Streets in the area bound by Williamstown Road, Boundary Street, Ingles Street and Crockford Street</b></p> <p>Plant additional street trees where feasible to increase canopy cover and improve pedestrian amenity.</p>			●
<p><b>51. The Boulevard</b></p> <p>Provide a new bike and pedestrian zebra crossing between Fred Jackson Reserve and Sandridge Foreshore.</p>			●
<b>Advocacy and partnerships</b>			
<p><b>52. Port Melbourne Foreshore</b></p> <p>See Action 107.</p>	●	●	●
<p><b>53. Williamstown Road – Prohasky Street/Centre Avenue, Beacon Road, Northport Oval and Bridge Street</b></p> <p>Advocate to the Fishermans Bend Taskforce and the Department of Transport for new signalised pedestrian crossings at Williamstown Road and Prohasky Street / Centre Avenue, Beacon Road, Northport Oval and Bridge Street. This will improve access to Centre Road Medians and Sandridge Foreshore, and connect JL Murphy Reserve, Garden City Reserve and the Beacon Vista to Beacon Cove Promenade, consistent with <i>Council's Move, Connect, Live: Integrated Transport Strategy 2018-28</i>.</p>	●	●	●



## South Melbourne

South Melbourne is one of the oldest neighbourhoods in our City. Clarendon Street, Coventry Street and South Melbourne Market attract both locals and visitors. The neighbourhood has a mix of residential, civic and business uses. The area also includes a significant cluster of creative industries and their workers.

South Melbourne has 18 open spaces, making up 14 per cent of the total neighbourhood. This is lower than the City average of 17 per cent. While this neighbourhood has a diversity of open spaces, including Skinners Adventure Playground, Albert Park Reserve and St Vincent's Gardens, one of the larger historical gaps in our open space network is in the north-east of this neighbourhood within the South Melbourne Major Activity Centre.

Other public spaces include the retail streetscape of Clarendon Street as well as contributory spaces including South Melbourne Market, South Melbourne Park Primary School, South Melbourne Town Hall and Park Towers. Publicly accessible private spaces include two church grounds.

The street layout is made up of wide, well connected streets, many with excellent canopy cover and greening. Laneways also contribute to pedestrian permeability.

South Melbourne is expected to experience significant population growth of 14.72 per cent growth by 2041 (over 1,695 additional residents, taking the population to around 13,200 residents). It is also likely that the number of workers in this neighbourhood will increase, and the use of public space in South Melbourne may also increase due to the projected growth in Fishermans Bend.

This neighbourhood has a higher than average proportion of older people and family households with children, and lower proportion of residents aged between 18 and 34, compared to the rest of our City.

This means that the existing excellent access to sporting and recreation facilities should be retained and the diversity of facilities for families and social facilities improved.

**Map 5** shows the actions in South Melbourne.



### South Melbourne at a glance

# 18

open spaces in total

# 13,200

residents projected to live in the area by 2041.

### Map 5 South Melbourne

- Open space action.
- Foreshore.
- Community building.
- Proposed new open space.
- Contributory space.
- Activity centre
- School.
- Improve consistent avenue-style street tree planting.

#### Actions

- 1** Upgrade the park and play space to improve the character and quality.
- 2** Advocate to the Victorian Government to improve existing signalised intersection.
- 3** Investigate opportunities to improve pedestrian safety.
- 4** Investigate location options for a new small local open space.
- 5** Investigate options to create a new small local open space.
- 6** Prepare a new South Melbourne Structure Plan.
- 7** Prepare Adventure Playground Strategy.
- 8** Advocate to the Victorian Government to improve access.
- 9** Investigate the potential to expand the Reserve and identify options for future use.
- 10** Upgrade the play space.
- 11** Upgrade the play space and surrounding area.
- 12** Partner with the Victorian Government on Shrine to Sea Project.
- 13** Advocate to Parks Victoria to improve access from Albert Road.





## Priority actions: South Melbourne

Priority actions	Short: 2022-25	Medium: 2026-29	Long: 2030-32
<b>New public open spaces</b>			
<p><b>54. New small local open space in South Melbourne Activity Centre</b>                      As part of the development of the <b>South Melbourne Structure Plan</b>, investigate options to create a new small local open space to provide for residents and workers in this area and fill the gap in the area bounded by Dorcas Street, Clarendon Street, City Road and Ferrars Street. There are opportunities to consider repurposing parts of existing public land adjoining South Melbourne Market.</p>			●
<p><b>55. New small local open space in South Melbourne employment area</b>                      As part of the development of the South Melbourne Structure Plan, investigate location options for a new small, local open space in the heart of the employment area to fill the gap in the area bounded by Clarendon Street, Dorcas Street, Kings Way and West Gate Freeway. The open space should be located away from major arterial roads and provide a protected and peaceful green open space that encourages people outdoors as a break from work.</p>			●
<b>Existing public open spaces</b>			
<p><b>56. Ludwig Stamer Reserve</b>                      Upgrade the play space and surrounding area to improve its condition and play experience, informed by the Playground Safety Audit, and encourage connections to nearby nature strip plantings.</p>	●		
<p><b>57. Skidders Adventure Playground</b>                      Prepare Adventure Playground Strategy to determine the scope of a future upgrade and consider increased public access.</p>	●	●	
<p><b>58. Sol Green Reserve</b>                      Upgrade the park and play space to improve the character and quality of facilities, strengthening its role as a local community space. Investigate opportunities to enlarge the reserve through reallocation of road space. Further consultation to occur on removal of car parking.</p>	●		

## Priority actions: South Melbourne

Priority actions	Short: 2022-25	Medium: 2026-29	Long: 2030-32
<b>Existing public open spaces</b>			
<p><b>59. St Vincent Gardens</b>                      Prepare Adventure Playground Strategy to determine the scope of a future upgrade and consider increased public access.</p>	●		
<p><b>60. Eastern Reserve North</b>                      Investigate the potential to expand the size of Eastern Reserve North through conversion of part of the adjoining road reserve in conjunction with the current Park Street tram extension. Identify options for the most appropriate design and future use in consultation with the local community. This includes identifying if dog off-leash can continue to be supported in part of the reserve.</p>		●	
<b>Streetscapes and other public spaces</b>			
<p><b>61. Iffla Street, Park Street and Montague Street</b>                      Plant additional street trees where feasible to increase canopy cover and improve pedestrian amenity.</p>		●	
<p><b>62. Streets in the area bound by Dorcas Street, Park Street, Ferrars Street and Clarendon Street</b>                      Plant additional street trees where feasible to increase canopy cover and improve pedestrian amenity.</p>		●	
<p><b>63. South Melbourne Market interfaces and intersections</b>                      Investigate opportunities to improve pedestrian safety and priority at the Cecil Street, York Street and Coventry Street intersections and widen footpaths as part of a future masterplan for South Melbourne Market.</p>			●
<p><b>64. South Melbourne Activity Centre</b>                      Prepare a new South Melbourne Structure Plan which includes consideration of the new public spaces outlined above and public realm outcomes. This will include changes to tram infrastructure on Clarendon Street and Park Street.</p>		●	



## Priority actions: South Melbourne

Priority actions	Short: 2022-25	Medium: 2026-29	Long: 2030-32
<b>Advocacy and partnerships</b>			
<b>65. City Road / Montague Street intersection</b> Advocate to the Department of Transport to improve this intersection as part of a green link between the Montague Precinct of Fishermans Bend, Sol Green Reserve and St Vincent Gardens.	●	●	●
<b>66. Albert Park Reserve</b> See action 103. In addition, advocate to Parks Victoria to improve local access into the Reserve from Albert Road.	●	●	●
<b>67. Shrine to Sea Project</b> See action 111.	●	●	
<b>68. Park Towers Reserve</b> Advocate to, and partner with the Victorian Government to improve access into Park Towers Reserve.		●	

## St Kilda Road

Made up of parts of the suburbs of Melbourne, Windsor, Albert Park and South Melbourne, St Kilda Road is one of Melbourne's most famous streets. Its role as a premier office location supporting Melbourne's Central Activities District will be boosted by the new Anzac Station for the Metro Tunnel in the Domain Precinct.

St Kilda Road has four open spaces, making up 12 per cent of the total neighbourhood. This is lower than the City average of 17 per cent. The neighbourhood also has three large parklands within proximity – Albert Park Reserve within the municipality, and Fawkner Park and Kings Domain /Melbourne Royal Botanic Gardens located nearby but outside the municipality.

Other public spaces include the contributory space of Mac Robertson Girls High School within Albert Park Reserve. Unique to St Kilda Road are the publicly accessible private forecourts that form an entry to many of the office buildings in the area.

While the heritage listed tree lined boulevard of St Kilda Road significantly contributes to the character of this neighbourhood, the long narrow medians, contained between two major arterial roads, restricts pedestrian access and permeability. Wide roads are a barrier to access to open spaces and provide more of a challenge for the very young, seniors and people with limited mobility.

St Kilda Road is our second fastest growing neighbourhood with expected growth of 24 per cent by 2041 (over 2,380 additional residents, taking the population to around 12,300 residents), and a significant employment hub with the number of workers also expected to increase.

There is a much higher proportion of young people aged 18 to 34 years and a much smaller proportion of parents and young children, compared to the city average. Most people (97 per cent) live in high-density housing – large, multi-story apartment buildings – with significant levels of growth and development to continue. This means more people rely on public open space for outdoor recreation, access to nature and social connectedness.

**Map 6** shows the actions in St Kilda Road. Appendix A includes a more detailed description and timing of actions.



### St Kilda Road at a glance

# 4

open spaces in total

# 12,300

residents projected to live in the area by 2041.

**Map 7**  
**St Kilda Road**

- Open space action.
- Contributory space.
- Foreshore.
- Activity centre.
- Community building.
- School.
- Proposed new open space.
- - - Improve consistent avenue- style street tree planting.

**Actions**

- 1** Provide a new gathering place and plaza.
- 2** Support expansion and upgrade.
- 3** Support Shrine to Sea project and advocate for a seamless connection between Albert Road Reserve and Albert Park Reserve.
- 4** Expand and upgrade the reserve.
- 5** Advocate to Parks Victoria to remove fencing to improve community access.
- 6** Investigate agreement/s with Colleges to enable public access to their open space at restricted times.
- 7** Advocate to the Victorian Government to improve pedestrian crossings and connect walking paths.





## Priority actions: St Kilda Road

Priority actions	Short: 2022-25	Medium: 2026-29	Long: 2030-32
<b>New public open space</b>			
<p><b>69. Cobden Street Pocket Park</b>                      Provide a new gathering place for pedestrians through a shared zone on Kings Place and Millers Lane as well as the new plaza created through partial road closure of Cobden Street. Plaza to include landscaping, tree planting, bike parking, seating and drinking fountains.</p>	●	●	
<b>Existing public open space</b>			
<p><b>70. Bowen Crescent Reserve</b>                      Expand the size of Bowen Crescent Reserve by converting the existing road reserve to a public open space. Prepare a Landscape Concept Plan to guide a future major upgrade in this space to increase the urban greening. This will include additional grass and garden bed area. Carefully assess the reserve to identify location for sunlight access and place facilities in positions that will receive some sunlight, particularly during winter. The character and facilities are to complement those provided in the expanded South African War Memorial Reserve.</p>		●	
<b>Streetscapes and other public open spaces</b>			
<p><b>71. Streets in the area bound by Dorcas Street, Park Street, Kings Way and St Kilda Road</b>                      Plant additional street trees where feasible to maximise canopy, increase summer shade and improve pedestrian amenity, consistent with the Domain Precinct Public Realm Masterplan.</p>		●	
<p><b>72. Streets in the area bound by Lorne Street / High Street, Queens Road and Punt Road (excluding Queens Lane and St Kilda Road)</b>                      Plant additional street trees where feasible to increase canopy cover and improve pedestrian amenity.</p>			●

## Priority actions: St Kilda Road

Priority actions	Short: 2022-25	Medium: 2026-29	Long: 2030-32
<b>Advocacy and partnerships</b>			
<p><b>73. Albert Park Reserve</b> See action 103. Advocate to Parks Victoria and Department of Transport to improve access into Albert Park Reserve from Queens Road. This includes improving the existing signalised pedestrian crossing at Lorne Street / Queens Road, connect the existing footpath network to the trail network in Albert Park Reserve and create a potential new pedestrian crossing over Lakeside Drive.</p>	●	●	●
<p><b>74. Albert Reserve</b> Advocate to Parks Victoria to remove the fencing to the cricket ground to make this open space accessible to the community. Advocate for other fencing to be upgraded to improve visual access to the reserve.</p>	●	●	●
<p><b>75. Albert Road Reserve</b> Support the expansion and upgrade of this open space by reallocating part of Albert Road to public open space, as proposed by the Victorian Government. Advocate for the inclusion of unstructured recreation facilities in locations with excellent winter sunlight access.</p>	●		
<p><b>76. Contributory Public Space</b> Investigate agreement/s with Wesley College and the Victorian College for the Deaf to enable public access to their open space at restricted times.</p>	●	●	●
<p><b>77. Shrine to Sea project</b> See action 105. In addition, advocate to State agencies to ensure a seamless connection between Albert Road Reserve and Albert Park Reserve. Consider improvements to path connections, landscaping and amenities.</p>	●	●	

## St Kilda / St Kilda West

Made up of most of St Kilda, a small part of Elwood and most of St Kilda West, this neighbourhood is known for its iconic retail strips, significant open spaces and the foreshore. St Kilda attracts over a million visitors a year and is home to many of Melbourne's famous attractions including Luna Park, St Kilda Beach and Acland Street. St Kilda also hosts major events including St Kilda Festival and Pride March.

St Kilda / St Kilda West has 35 open spaces, making up 17 per cent of this neighbourhood. This is the same as the City average. There is generally a good distribution of open spaces within a short walking distance of everyone.

Other public spaces include the retail streetscapes of Fitzroy and Acland Streets, St Kilda Park Primary School (contributory public space) and Christ Church on Acland Street (publicly accessible private space).

This neighbourhood has an excellent walking network, wide road reserves with large broad-spreading canopy trees and access to high quality spaces such as the foreshore, Albert Park Reserve and St Kilda Botanical Gardens.

St Kilda / St Kilda West is forecast to experience 15.62 per cent growth by 2041 (over 4,040 additional residents, taking the population to around 29,900 residents. There is a smaller proportion of younger people (under 17 years) living in this neighbourhood, with a higher proportion of people aged 18 to 34 years and prominence of young couples, singles and group households, compared to the City average.

There is a lower proportion of families with young children compared to the rest of our City. Most people live in terrace housing, 'walk up' flats or newer apartments suggesting a high reliance on public spaces for access to nature, recreation and socialising.

**Map 7** shows the actions in St Kilda / St Kilda West.



### St Kilda / St Kilda West at a glance

# 35

open spaces in total

# 29,900

residents projected to live in the area by 2041.



## Map 6 St Kilda / St Kilda West

- Open space action.
- Contributory space.
- Foreshore.
- Activity centre.
- Community building.
- School.
- Proposed new open space.
- Improve consistent avenue- style street treeplanting.

### Actions

- 1** Advocate to Parks Victoria for improved neighbourhood facilities.
- 2** Advocate to the Victorian Government for mid-block pedestrian crossing.
- 3** Upgrade Pier Road to improve safety.
- 4** Improve cyclist and pedestrian connections and address arrival and access to St Kilda Pier.
- 6** Prepare Adventure Playground Strategy.
- 5** Continue to work with Parks Victoria on the pier replacement.
- 7** Redesign for events and beach visitors.
- 8** Create a new plaza outside the Palais Theatre.
- 9** New play space.
- 10** Prepare new St Kilda Structure plan.
- 11** Work with Melbourne Water through the Shakespeare Grove drain upgrade.

- 12** Improve foreshore paths and cross-over safety.
- 13** Future redevelopment of St Kilda Marina to increase publicly accessible open space.
- 14** Increase planting and control vehicle intrusion.
- 15** Upgrade play space.
- 16** Temporary closure of Blessington Street between Peanut Farm and Renfrey Gardens.
- 17** Renewal of Reserve.
- 18** New open space.



## Priority actions: St Kilda / St Kilda West

Priority actions	Short: 2022-25	Medium: 2026-29	Long: 2030-32
<b>New public open space</b>			
<b>78. Palais Theatre and Luna Park precinct revitalisation</b> Create a new plaza outside the Palais Theatre through reallocation of part of Lower Esplanade and control vehicle intrusion outside Luna Park and the Palais Theatre.	●		
<b>79. New public space</b> Purchase and conversion of 14 Marriott Street to public open space.	●	●	
<b>Existing public open space</b>			
<b>80. Jim Duggan Reserve</b> Renewal of Jim Duggan Reserve including new trees, garden bed planting and community garden beds.	●		
<b>81. Acland Street Plaza</b> Increase planting to improve urban heat island effect and control vehicle intrusion.	●		
<b>82. St Kilda Pier Landside Extension</b> Improve cyclist and pedestrian connections, address arrival and access to St Kilda Pier and increase greening and public space to integrate the foreshore with Parks Victoria's upgrade of St Kilda Pier.	●		
<b>83. Pier Road Upgrade</b> Upgrade Pier Road to improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists, manage traffic and increase greening and public space to integrate the foreshore with Parks Victoria's upgrade of St Kilda Pier.	●	●	
<b>84. Rotary Park</b> New play space to replace the previous facilities removed during the construction of the Stokehouse.	●		
<b>85. St Kilda Adventure Playground</b> Prepare Adventure Playground Strategy to determine the scope of a future upgrade and consider increased public access.	●	●	
<b>86. St Kilda Botanical Gardens</b> Upgrade the play space to improve the quality and role of this open space, informed by the Playground Safety Audit, Council's Play Space Strategy and the park's heritage values.			●

## Priority actions: St Kilda / St Kilda West

Priority actions	Short: 2022-25	Medium: 2026-29	Long: 2030-32
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### Existing public open space

#### 87. Donovans to Marina Reserve connection

Improve foreshore paths and cross-over safety, lighting, vegetation and shade, and upgrade the seawall between Donovans and Marina Reserve.



#### 88. South Beach Reserve

Redesign for events and beach visitors to better manage the large number of people who use this space, particularly on hot days.



### Temporary public open space

#### 89. Blessington Street

Temporary closure of Blessington Street between Peanut Farm and Renfrey Gardens to link the two public spaces.



### Streetscapes and other public spaces

#### 90. Streets in the area bound by Upper Esplanade, Fitzroy Street, Grey Street and Barkly Street

Plant additional street trees where feasible to increase canopy cover and improve pedestrian amenity.



#### 91. Streets in the area bound by Upper Esplanade, Marine Parade, Barkly Street and Dickens Street

Plant additional street trees where feasible to increase canopy cover and improve pedestrian amenity.



#### 92. Fitzroy Street and Acland Street – St Kilda

Prepare new St Kilda Structure Plan, which includes consideration of public spaces and public realm outcomes in St Kilda. Investigate options to encourage activation of the commercial interface along Chaucer Street and improve pedestrian links and access between Acland Street and Peanut Farm Reserve.





## Priority actions: St Kilda / St Kilda West

Priority actions	Short: 2022-25	Medium: 2026-29	Long: 2030-32
<b>Advocacy and partnerships</b>			
<p><b>93. Albert Park Reserve</b> See action 103. In addition, advocate to Parks Victoria to provide improved neighbourhood level open-space facilities to encourage unstructured recreation and social connectedness east of Lakeside Drive. Improve paths west of Lakeside Drive, retaining the existing mature trees and the natural features as a contrast to the urban character of the wide pavements on the south side of Fitzroy Street.</p>	●		
<p><b>94. Shakespeare Grove drain upgrade (Brookes Jetty)</b> Work with Melbourne Water to gain community outcomes through the Shakespeare Grove drain upgrade.</p>	●		
<p><b>95. St Kilda Foreshore</b> See action 107.</p>	●	●	
<p><b>96. Fitzroy Street, between Princes Street and Grey Street / Canterbury Road</b> Advocate to Department of Transport for a mid-block pedestrian crossing over Fitzroy Street as part of a future tram stop upgrade to improve access to Albert Park Reserve.</p>	●	●	
<p><b>97. St Kilda Marina</b> Require the future redevelopment of the St Kilda Marina to provide increased publicly accessible open space, including a new civic plaza and additional greening. Also see action 107.</p>	●	●	●
<p><b>98. St Kilda Pier</b> Continue to work with Parks Victoria regarding the future replacement of the St Kilda Pier to ensure quality environmental, public realm and visitor outcomes. Also see action 107.</p>	●	●	

## Montague and Sandridge / Wirraway – Fishermans Bend

Three out of five precincts within Fishermans Bend are located within our City, comprising two of our neighbourhoods – Montague and Sandridge / Wirraway. Lorimer and the Employment Precinct are located within City of Melbourne.

Montague and Sandridge / Wirraway have four existing open spaces as well as a network of planned new open spaces, which once delivered. This will make up 21 per cent of these neighbourhoods (see **Map 12**) will be higher than the City average, the density in Fishermans Bend will also be substantially higher than much of the rest of the municipality.

JL Murphy Reserve and North Port Oval are two existing major sporting facilities within this neighbourhood. However access to these spaces across major roads is currently poor due to a lack of pedestrian crossings. The proposed open spaces will generally provide a well distributed public space network.

Other public spaces will include retail streetscapes in each neighbourhood, existing schools (Montague Continuing Education Centre and South Melbourne Primary School) as well as additional spaces in the future such as new schools and forecourts and new community hubs.

While the permeability and quality of the existing street network is poor, once fully developed, these neighbourhoods will have an excellent walking network with a permeable street network.

Montague and Sandridge / Wirraway are expected to be the fastest growing neighbourhoods in our City, forecast to experience 1520 per cent growth by 2041 (over 28,022 additional residents, taking the population to around 29,865). These neighbourhoods are projected to keep growing and accommodate 68,000 people and 34,000 jobs by 2050. It is expected that this new population will also use existing public space in South Melbourne and Port Melbourne.

**Map 8** shows the existing and planned new public space network in Fishermans Bend. The Victorian Government is implementing the Fishermans Bend Framework and preparing Precinct Implementation Plans for Montague and Sandridge / Wirraway.

This will inform the upgrade of existing, and delivery of new open space in Fishermans Bend, including a funding and finance strategy to deliver these works. Because of this, there is no detailed action plan for the Fishermans Bend neighbourhoods in this Strategy.



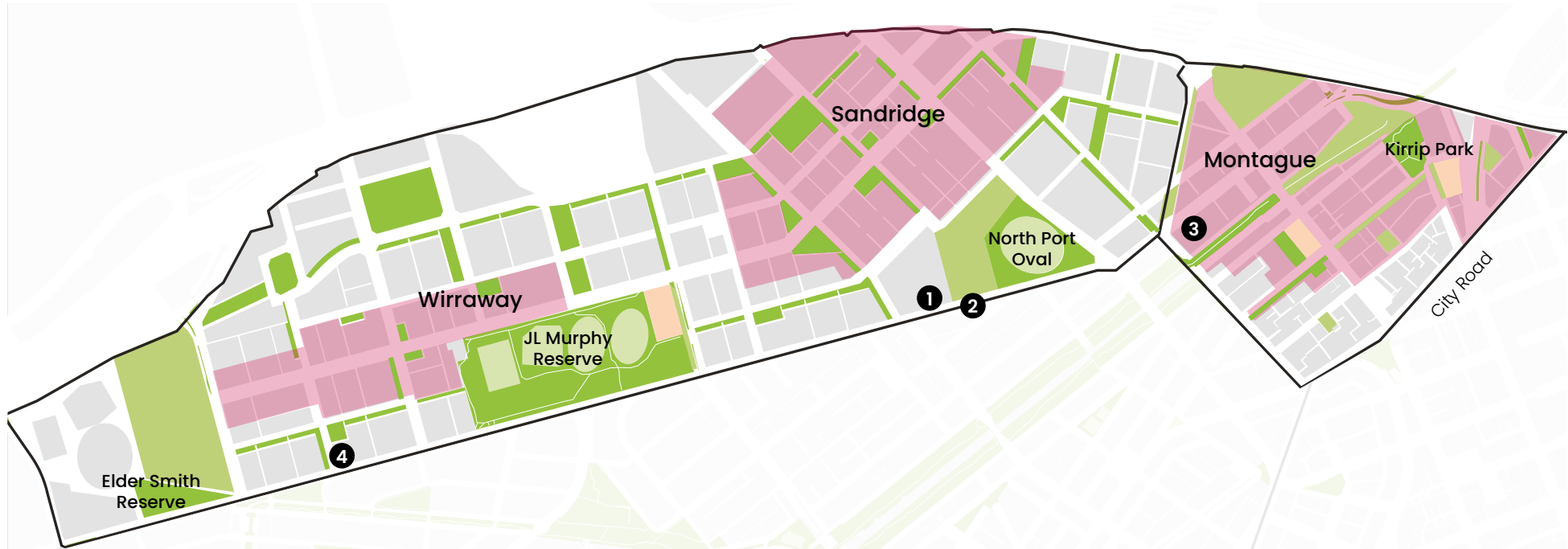
### Montague and Sandridge / Wirraway – Fishermans Bend at a glance

# 4

open spaces in total

# 29,865

residents projected to live in the area by 2041.



**Map 8**  
**Fishermans Bend public space network**

- Open space action.
- Contributory space.
- Planned new activity centre.

**Actions**

- 1** Acquisition of Australia Post site.
- 2** Planning for Sandridge Sports Precinct.
- 3** New public open space.
- 4** New linear public open space.

Map 10 shows the existing and planned new public space network in Fishermans Bend. The Victorian Government is preparing Precinct Plans for Fishermans Bend which will determine the role and function of open spaces in this neighbourhood and a funding and finance strategy to deliver these works. Because of this, there is no detailed action plan for the Fishermans Bend neighbourhoods in this Strategy.



## Priority actions: Fishermans Bend

Priority actions	Short: 2022-25	Medium: 2026-29	Long: 2030-32
<b>99. Australia Post Site</b> Acquisition of Australia Post Site in Sandridge Precinct of Fishermans Bend.	●		
<b>100. Sandridge Sports Precinct</b> Planning for Sandridge Sports Precinct, including Australia Post site, North Port Oval, DHL and Bunnings sites in Sandridge Precinct of Fishermans Bend.	●	●	●
<b>101. Johnson Street Park</b> Development and delivery of a new public open space via a partial closure of Johnson Street.	●	●	
<b>102. Smith Street Park</b> Development and delivery of a new linear public open space on Smith Street.	●	●	

## Municipal-wide actions

Priority actions	Short: 2022-25	Medium: 2026-29	Long: 2030-32
<b>Advocacy and partnerships</b>			
<b>103. Albert Park Reserve</b> Advocate to Parks Victoria for the implementation of the Albert Park Reserve Masterplan.	●		
<b>104. Elwood Canal and Elster Creek</b> Continue partnership with Melbourne Water and other Council to enhance Elster Creek.		●	
<b>105. Developer delivered public open space</b> Advocate to developers to provide public open space as part of their development.	●	●	●
<b>106. Foreshore climate change</b> Advocate for the preparation and implementation a coordinated plan to manage the impacts of climate change along the foreshore.		●	
<b>107. Foreshore key infrastructure projects</b> Leverage opportunities, and advocate for high quality public space outcomes associated with key infrastructure projects on the foreshore (such as Waterfront Place / Station Pier, St Kilda Pier, St Kilda Marina) and connecting to the foreshore (such as Shrine to Sea).	●	●	●
<b>108. Fishermens Bend</b> Ensure the Fishermans Bend Framework and Precinct Implementation Plans for Montague and Sandridge / Wirraway maximise public space outcomes for the current and future Port Phillip community.	●	●	●
<b>109. Open Space Strategy for Metropolitan Melbourne 2021</b> Partner with the Victorian Government to implement the <i>Open Space Strategy for Metropolitan Melbourne 2021</i> and the management of Crown land.		●	

## Municipal-wide actions:

Priority actions	Short: 2022-25	Medium: 2026-29	Long: 2030-32
<b>Advocacy and partnerships</b>			
<b>110. School grounds</b> Advocate to the Department of Education for the funding of additional open space to support new schools, particularly vertical schools; and to facilitate the use of school facilities (for example ovals and outdoor multi-purpose courts) outside of school hours.		●	
<b>111. Shrine to Sea</b> Support the Victorian Government in a masterplan for the Shrine to Sea corridor. Also see action 107	●		
<b>Strategies and guidelines</b>			
<b>112. Foreshore Management Plan</b> Update Council's Foreshore Management Plan and develop a Coastal Adaptation Plan to align with this strategy and relevant coastal management legislation.	●	●	
<b>113. Play Space Strategy</b> Update the Play Space Strategy 2011 to set the vision, policy context and framework for future development of play spaces and prioritise play spaces for upgrade and renewal in the City.	●	●	●
<b>114. Getting our Community Active: Sport and Recreation Strategy 2015-2024</b> Renew the Getting our Community Active: Sport and Recreation Strategy 2015-2024 to be consistent with the actions in this strategy where appropriate.	●		
<b>115. Greening Port Phillip – An Urban Forest Approach</b> Update Greening Port Phillip – An Urban Forest Approach 2010 and the Greening Port Phillip street tree planting program 2017-22 to reprioritise key actions based on this strategy and other Council commitments.	●		



## Municipal-wide actions

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<b>Strategies and guidelines</b>			
<p><b>116. Open Space Water Management Plan</b> Supersede the Open Space Water Management Plan 2010 with a new irrigation strategy to guide decision-making on optimising potable water use for irrigation in our parks, gardens and reserves and for trees. Plan and deliver projects that increase use of non-potable water.</p>			●
<p><b>117. Universal Design Guideline</b> Develop a Universal Design guideline to assist Council decision-making on the design and management of public spaces.</p>			●
<p><b>118. Shared Use of Public Open Space Guideline</b> Prepare an overarching framework to support Council in managing the shared use of public open space, including, but not limited to, formal and informal sport and recreation, commercial uses, festivals, events and activations, dogs, community gardens and public space infrastructure.</p>			●
<p><b>119. School Use of Public Open Space Guideline</b> Prepare a guideline to support school use of public open space, while maintaining access and equity for all public space users.</p>	●		
<p><b>120. Nature Strip Guidelines</b> Update Council's Nature Strip Guidelines to be consistent with this strategy and support the use of nature strips for enhanced biodiversity and greening.</p>	●		
<p><b>121. Public Art and Monuments in Public Space</b> Develop guidelines for locating public art and memorials in public space.</p>			●
<p><b>122. Land Acquisition and Road Discontinuance Strategy</b> Prepare a Land Acquisition and Road Discontinuance Strategy, which will inform temporary and permanent road closure projects.</p>	●		

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#### Strategies and guideline

##### **123. Dogs Off-Leash Guideline**

Investigate opportunities for new dog off-leash areas and review permitted times in all existing public open spaces including beaches.



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##### **124. Laneway Community Garden Guidelines**

Prepare guidelines to assist Council decision making on supporting the use of laneways for gardening by the community.





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