

# Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning Formal Response to Shrine to Sea Community Panel Recommendations

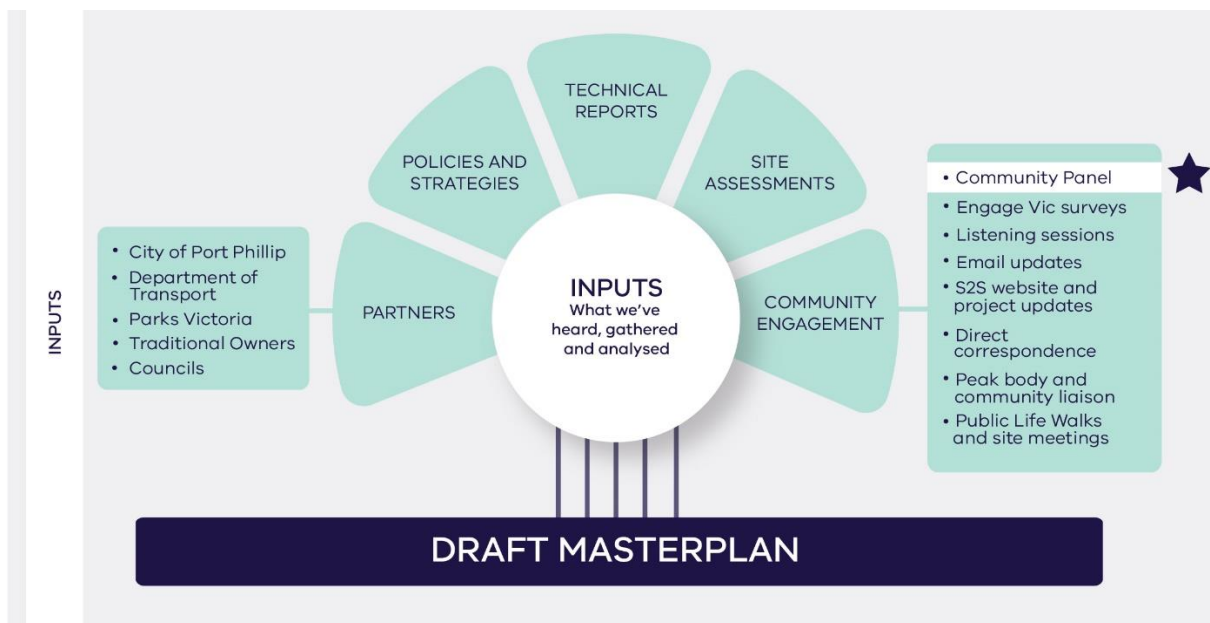
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This document outlines the response from Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) to the Shrine to Sea Community Panel Recommendations Report submitted in November 2021.

DELWP would like to formally thank and commend the Community Panel on the thorough, considered and respectful approach in preparing this recommendations report. The intensive series of workshops the Community Panel participated in has not only led to development of the recommendations but provided invaluable discussion and testing of ideas that has further enriched the planning process to date. The specific recommendations will now be considered by the Shrine to Sea Project team, along with many other planning and community engagement inputs, in the development of the draft masterplan which will be released for community comment in 2022.

This consultation was one of several key inputs, outlined in the below diagram that will help to shape the Shrine to Sea draft masterplan.



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The Shrine to Sea project team has categorised the DELWP responses to each recommendation based on the following scale of support, with accompanying commentary provided where necessary.

### Scale of support\*

S: Supported in principle

P: Partially supported (with qualifications)

N: Not supported

\*Please note 'support' in this context relates to inclusion of the recommendations in the draft plan and does not imply formal approval or otherwise. Formal approval of any actions or recommendations is subject to finalising the Shrine to Sea masterplan, or approval by the relevant landowners/managers given there are intersecting plans and projects under the jurisdiction of these agencies that impact the site.

### GREEN BOULEVARD



Recommendation	Level of support from DELWP	Commentary
GB01. Plant species that flower throughout different parts of the year that encourage endemic fauna.	S	
GB02. Create a landscaped gateway entrance to the area at the intersection of Kings Way and Albert Road, similar to Kerferd Road, through distinctive planting that also complements the rest of the boulevard.	S	DELWP supports this recommendation. It is understood that the reference 'similar to Kerferd Road' implies landscaping elements which reference each other along the corridor, to reinforce identity and character at these important gateways; Kings Way/Albert Road and Kerferd Road/Canterbury Road.
GB03. Plant semi-advanced trees in Albert Park Reserve as soon as possible.	S	
GB04. Replace non-performing trees with new feature trees.	S	

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GB05. Liaise with relevant government groups/stakeholders to green the existing tram tracks through planting.	S	DELWP supports the recommendation to liaise with the relevant authorities and understand the opportunities and constraints to this proposal.
GB06. Beautify the east corner of Ferrars Street and Albert Road and east corner of Canterbury Road and Albert Road with planting.	S	DELWP supports this recommendation while noting that any changes to the existing billboard and rail bridge will require engagement and approval by the relevant transport landowners/managers of those assets.
GB07. Plant understorey planting within the central median reserve of Kerferd Road to help promote safety.	S	DELWP supports this recommendation as part of the integrated landscape approach for the boulevard. Safety relates to those accessing and enjoying the reserve as well as ensuring safe view lines for road users. Such an approach would relate to selected areas only and is not intended for the whole of the central median reserve on Kerferd Road.
GB08. Low-allergenic plants are preferred to be planted along the boulevard.	P	DELWP partially supports this recommendation and will take it into consideration when selecting plant species. Other important factors which will also influence species selection include climate resilience, shading and plant structure, pollination services and endemic fauna attractors.
GB09. Recommendation to ensure good visibility is maintained through the approach to planting to promote safety.	S	
GB10. Recommendation to plant understorey planting in front of the South Melbourne Park Primary School to provide safety from roadway.	S	DELWP supports this recommendation as part of the integrated landscape approach along Albert Road whereby safety is one consideration.
GB11. Recommendation to improve the boulevard by adding a second row of tree plantings in the road reserve on Kerferd Road.	S	DELWP supports this recommendation as part of preparing functional designs that support safety for all road users, as well as greening, cooling and enhancement of the boulevard. This recommendation was to provide an additional row of trees in each direction to create a meaningful boulevard in the Kerferd Road section.

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GB12. To create a sense of arrival at Kerferd Road, introduce distinctive planting on the central median that is consistent with the boulevard's landscape themes.	S	
GB13. Recommendation to develop community gardens, including adding edible native plants.	P	DELWP partially supports this recommendation when further developing existing gardens however the creation of new community gardens needs to be considered from maintenance perspective and integration within the overall landscape approach. Any works undertaken in the Clarendon Triangle reserve will consider the opportunities to enhance the existing community gardens, in consultation with the group of volunteers caring for the gardens. Any new community gardens would need to be approved through a City of Port Phillip process assessing the needs etc.
GB14. Recommendation to extend tree planting from Danks Street to Page Street (planted at edge of central median reserve on Kerferd Road).	S	DELWP supports this recommendation noting that any new trees would need to be planted on a new alignment with an appropriate offset from the kerbs. This may not be on same alignment as other trees in the central median reserve on Kerferd Road.

### LINKS & CONNECTIONS



Recommendation	Level of support from DELWP	Commentary
LC01. Bike lanes to be interconnected for the entire length of the boulevard.	P	DELWP partially supports this recommendation. DELWP is supportive of safer, more legible bike access along the entire boulevards, noting that in some locations bike access will be achieved via shared use paths and not necessarily dedicated on-road bike lanes.

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LC02. Consider a change in materials as a treatment (e.g., sandblasting) to create points of interest, improve wayfinding and slow foot traffic.	S	DELWP supports this recommendation noting that specific materials will be determined in collaboration with the parties responsible for maintenance of the specific areas.
LC03. Recommendation for safety, comfort and accessibility using structures/widening crossings and coloured road marking to delineate uses.	S	DELWP supports this recommendation noting use of structures will be subject to discussions with the landowners to determine if appropriate.
LC04. Recommendation to improved wayfinding for foot traffic and cyclists incorporating unified styling for consistency.	S	
LC05. Recommendation to provide access to central median reserve for all users with formalised pedestrian crossings across Kerferd Road and along the boulevard.	S	DELWP supports this recommendation noting 'all users' relates to pedestrians of all ages and abilities and is not intended to imply bike trails within the median reserve.
LC06. Recommendation to provide access to central median reserve for all users with formalised pedestrian crossings across Kerferd Road and along the boulevard.	N/A	Noted above - REPEAT of recommendation LC05.
LC07. Recommendation to integrate a link between Kerferd Road and Beaconsfield Parade for a safe and comfortable connection for cyclists and pedestrians.	S	
LC08. Use landscaping to define a separate bike pathway on Kerferd Road to isolate bikes from cars.	S	DELWP supports this recommendation and notes links to GB11.
LC09. Prioritise new green space over increasing new car parks into the future.	P	DELWP partially supports this recommendation. Its sentiment is endorsed as it aligns with the State Government's policy for a greener, cooler and more liveable city with decreased car dependency as outline in <u>Outcome 6 (Plan Melbourne) Melbourne is a sustainable and resilient city</u> however there are no plans to increase car parking within the Shrine to Sea project scope.

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### CELEBRATING LOCAL STORIES



Recommendation	Level of support from DELWP	Commentary
CLS01. Have a summary of all themes at the starting points of the journey so people can navigate and curate their own journey based on interests.	S	
CLS02. Tell stories that represent the diversity and breadth of community experiences ensuring less-dominant stories have equal representation e.g., Indigenous, migrants, multicultural, LGBTQI+, women.	S	
CLS03. Consider and respect Albert Park Memorial Gate's history and tell stories of the rail bridge over Albert Road.	S	
CLS04. Share stories of the historical Kerferd Road Pier, its recreational use, promenade, costumes, fashion, its food sourcing (links from Traditional Owner/fishing for necessity and now for recreation etc.).	S	
CLS05. Recommendation to ensure the Traditional Owner theme is an anchor for the project and tells the evolution of the area over time across the themes.	S	
CLS06. Recommendation to consider new identity (name) for Shrine to Sea.	S	
CLS07. Recommendation to tell the story of the rail bridge over Albert Road and how it links Melbourne to broader precincts.	S	
CLS08. Recommendation to tell stories through diverse media - but ensure that there is a link to Shrine to Sea.	S	
CLS09. Identify multiple points along the boulevard for telling stories.	S	

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CLS10. Recommendation to link the stories of changing social life, employment history, changing built urban form (e.g., from campsites to modern architecture with Victorian and Edwardian periods).	S	
CLS11. Recommendation to consider displaying Country acknowledgment on street signs.	S	DELWP supports this recommendation for consideration by City of Port Phillip and Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation.

### USABLE OPEN SPACE



Recommendation	Level of support from DELWP	Commentary
UOS01. Focus project funding on the Albert Park Lake side of Albert Road, inviting the community to use the space, lake etc. given that the Clarendon Street triangle requires further consideration through another planning process.	S	DELWP supports this recommendation noting the 'focus project funding' relates to expenditure priorities within this section of the boulevard, not the total project funding.
UOS02. Incorporate tiered level planting into the central median reserve on Kerferd Road at the intersection of Canterbury Road & Ferrars Street.	S	DELWP supports this recommendation as part of the integrated landscape approach along Kerferd Road.
UOS03. Recommendation to critically review pause point locations (incl. amenities like water fountains) and create consistency to ensure comfortable travel distances for all users, in all weather conditions (under cover).	S	

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UOS04. Recommendation to improve navigation, appearance and safety at the Canterbury Road & Ferrars Street intersection (e.g., vertical planting on bridge, artwork, wayfinding and lighting).	P	DELWP partially supports this recommendation however further investigation is needed to identify the most appropriate methods used to achieve this e.g. heritage values and character need to be considered in any design options. Proposed amendments would need to be reviewed in relation to maintenance requirements.
UOS05. Recommendation to enhance soft landscaping (planting and mounding) and pause points including seating to create more usable space whilst creating a variety of experiences.	S	DELWP supports this recommendation as part of the integrated landscape approach, specific design approach and design elements will be determined through the design process.
UOS06. Recommendation to improve Kerferd Road Pier layout and sense of arrival, creating less clutter and more usable space.	S	DELWP supports this recommendation however would like to clarify that the reference to layout relates to the entry to the pier and not the pier itself which is of historical and architectural heritage significance to the State of Victoria.
UOS07. Recommendation to create accessible, user friendly, consistent theming, look and feel, sympathetic to local residents and visitors.	S	
UOS08. That the Kiosk near the corner of Kerferd Road and Beaconsfield Parade be used for education, art exhibits, storytelling, play and other activities.	S	DELWP supports this recommendation and agrees with the sentiment of community use, however this will be subject to support and consideration by the City of Port Phillip as the lessor and any existing contractual arrangements. Note the 'Kiosk' refers to the heritage building within the Kerferd Road median at the intersection of Beaconsfield Parade.
UOS09. Recommendation to create an engaging landing point into the Albert Park Reserve, that incorporates wayfinding and a colourful flowering display working in with Kerferd Road/Canterbury Road landscaping.	S	DELWP supports this recommendation noting that this refers to the entry into Albert Park at the intersection of Albert Road and Kings Way.
UOS10. Recommendation to establish an area of reflection with view (potentially on a mound) and access to the lake with potential to integrate an informal play area.	S	DELWP supports this recommendation however any interventions will need to align with the Albert Park Masterplan and Parks Victoria's access and maintenance requirements for the reserve.