CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE STREETSCAPE UPGRADES WILCANNIA, MENINDEE, IVANHOE & WHITE CLIFFS



DOCUMENT HISTORY

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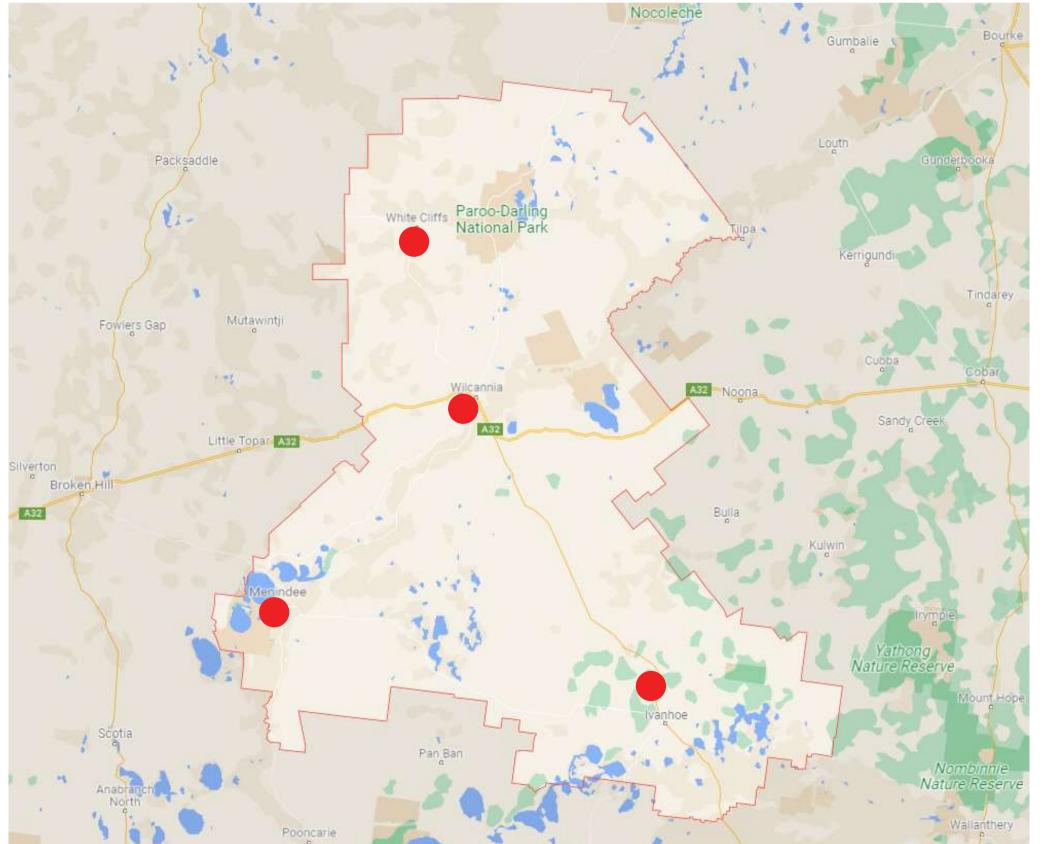




STATE CONTEXT



REGIONAL CONTEXT



KEY GOALS

- Identify opportunities for greening and increased shade coverage
- Improve appearance of selected key streets
- Create a holistic look for each town that suits local conditions
- Improve tourist appeal and encourage visitors to stop in town centres

BACKGROUND

Central Darling Shire is the largest Shire in NSW, however has the smallest population. This, combined with its remote location and the distances between town centres creates a number of challenges. The administrative centre of the Shire, Wilcannia is located on the Darling River, 560km west of Dubbo and 714km north east of Adelaide. Menindee, with the largest population in the Shire is located 150km south west of Wilcannia, and Ivanhoe on the Cobb Highway is located 182km south east of Wilcannia. White Cliffs is around 255 km northeast of Broken Hill, and 93 km north of Wilcannia.

Aboriginal occupation by the Barkindji Tribe within the region can be traced back a long way, with significant sites at Lake Mungo to the south of Wilcannia and Mutawintji to the north-west. Archaeological finds within in the dry sand dunes around Menindee Lakes have provided some of the earliest remnants of human existence anywhere in the world.

Opal was first discovered in White Cliffs in the late 19th century. The town boomed through to 1900 with numerous businesses and services in town. Other towns within the region sprung up during the early 20th century functioning as stops on the extensive paddle steamer trade rout along the Darling River, and later the rail line. Wilcannia was the third largest inland port in the country during its 70 year peak form 1880. With rail and river trade ceased, towns and populations with in the region have declined and employment opportunities have changed and reduced. Today agriculture is the primary source of income for a number of residents, whilst opal mining continues in White Cliffs, with tourism also playing an important role.

Central Darling Shire Council is looking to revitalise town centres within the region by carrying out streetscape works to improve the atmosphere of key streets and create a more appealing environment for residents and visitors. As a starting point for discussions with local communities this preliminary streetscape masterplan has been developed to identify existing site features and opportunities for improvement. This document is a working document, which will evolve as community consultation is undertaken and Council planning policies developed.

Site visits to three of the town centres within the Shire were undertaken in November 2020, with arborist assessment of street trees carried out in January 2021. A further site inspection was undertaken in June 2021.

The following key goals have been developed for street scape upgrade works:

- Select drought resistant species for planting
- Carry out footpath restoration works to improve safety and make town centres more pedestrian friendly
- Develop a consistent palette of materials and street furniture that suits the character of the area



CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL - PROPOSED STREETSCAPE UPGRADES WILCANNIA TOWN CENTRE - SITE ANALYSIS

HISTORICAL BUILDINGS







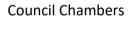


St James Anglican Church



Police Station





EXISTING STREET FURNITURE



Rubbish Bin Type 1



Rubbish Bin Type 3



Bench seat



Water bubbler

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Tree Guard







Sandstone Kerb in pour condition



Concrete kerb and footpath



Paved footpath





Grass Verge

LEGEND

Extent of study area

- 1 Court House
- Police Station
- Post Office
- Wilcannia Athenaeum Pioneer Museum
- **Council Chambers** (5)
- Public Swimming Pool $\overline{\mathbf{6}}$
- Future Baaka Cultural Centre
- Wilcannia Club Hotel $\left(8\right)$
- Supermarket
- St James Anglican Church (10)
- Wilcannia Central School
- Memorial Park
- Baker Park
- 14 Water is life wall art
- Various wall art (15)
- (16)Wilcannia College
- Informative signage, seating and historical memorabilia in park
- **Petrol Station**
- Existing concrete kerb
- Existing sandstone kerb
- Existing concrete area
- Existing paved area
- --- Existing concrete footpath in turf
- ----- Existing grass verge, no kerb
- R Existing rubbish bin
- S Existing bench seat
- w Existing water bubbler
- P Existing pay phone
- B Existing bus stop / shelter





CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL - PROPOSED STREETSCAPE UPGRADES WILCANNIA TOWN CENTRE - STREET TREES

TREE ASSESSMENT

Urban Tree Management (UTM) assessed the existing street trees within the study area in Wilcannia and made recommendations on tree retention and removal and suitable replacement tree species. It was observed that existing footpaths are old and when a section is disrupted by tree root growth uneven edges are ground down as an ongoing practice to mitigate trip hazards.

Due to decay, pruning for overhead wires and top lopping, a number of the existing street trees in Wilcannia are recommended for removal by the arborist.

Planting new trees into the road shoulder, at approximately 3m from the edge of the kerb, with tree protection would assist with footpath upkeep by locating trees away from the footpath and kerb, while allowing each tree to develop a stronger root structure. The stronger root structure would support a larger tree canopy increasing shade coverage over the road reserve and the footpath, protecting pedestrians and prolonging pavement durability while providing unhindered pedestrian access. Trees would also guide car movements and parking, with tree pits designed to allow for runoff of rainwater and protect car doors when opening.

EXISTING STREET TREES



Existing fig in road shoulder close to kerb.



Existing trees in road shoulder close to kerb.



Pruned trees under wires and un-pruned Eucalyptus



Existing small Bottlebrush in tree guard





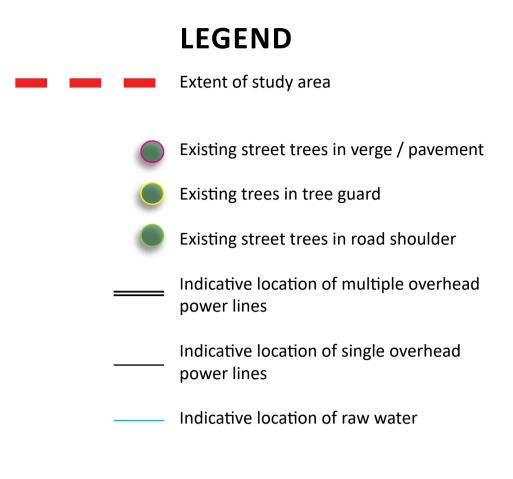
PROPOSED FEATURE TREE OPTION Fraxinus angustifolia subsp. oxycarpa 'Raywoodi' Claret Ash



PROPOSED LARGE TREE OPTION Eucalyptus largiflorens Black Box



PROPOSED LARGE TREE OPTION Eucalyptus populnea Bimble Box

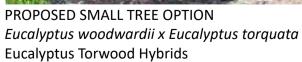


PROPOSED STREET TREE PALETTE



PROPOSED SMALL TREE OPTION Lagerstroemia Lagerstroemia indica x fauriei 'Natchez' White Crepe Myrtle









CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL - PROPOSED STREETSCAPE UPGRADES WILCANNIA TOWN CENTRE - OPPORTUNITIES AND CONSTRAINTS

ISSUES & CONSTRAINTS

- Locations of overhead power lines restrict proposed locations for street trees and/or limit size of trees to be planted
- Dry and hot conditions limit the types of suitable street tree species
- Location of raw water supply limits tree planting extents / locations
- New trees to be planted prior to existing trees being removed
- Tree succession plan to be developed
- Large trucks utilize the Barrier Highway / Myers Street reducing pedestrian amenity
- Parking on main streets is not formalised, with trucks taking up large areas in centre of town
- Dilapidated frontages diminish the overall town appeal
- Works to be carried out progressively, prioritised list of proposed works to be developed
- Works proposed to Meyer Street / Barrier Highway may require RMS approval

OPPORTUNITIES

- Wide road reserves allow for additional street tree plantings
- Plant smaller tree species under existing power lines
- Plant larger tree species in the road shoulder / grass verges
- Develop parking and truck stop policy and delineate parking spaces between tree plantings
- Rationalise locations and types of street furniture
- Introduce consistent street furniture pallet
- Introduce town centre node at intersection of Myers and Reid Street, linking future cultural centre, historic Post office building and Memorial Park
- Retain / upgrade existing sandstone kerbs at intersection of Myers and Reid Streets or salvage and store for future use
- Upgrade pavement to Post Office frontages, followed by other corners of intersection
- Investigate safe pedestrian crossing / refuge island locations on Myers Street, such as at existing bus stop
- Create sense of arrival via entry features at gateway points to town
- Streamline design of Memorial Park to give a more holistic feel and encourage use by residents and visitors
- Investigate opportunities to link street footpath system to river pathways
- Consolidate and update informative signage design across town / shire and consider digital access
- Engage with local community to implement street art / public art strategy
- Preserve heritage building frontages and maintain in line with Council policy





EXISTING BUILDINGS



Corner Store / Cafe





Albermarle Hotel



Supermarket



Civic Hall

EXISTING STREET FURNITURE & FEATURES



Rubbish Bin type 1

Post Office





Seat type 1



Grass / gravel verge, no kerb

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Concrete kerb with concrete footpath in turf





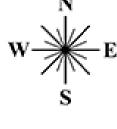
MENINDEE TOWN CENTRE - SITE ANALYSIS

LEGEND

- 1 Corner Store/ Cafe
- Albermarle Hotel
- 3 Hair Salon
- 4 Pharmacy
- 5 War Memorial
- 6 Menindee Central School
- 7 Holy Trinity Anglican Church
- 8 Public Swimming Pool
- 9 Public Art & Seating
- Civic Hall (10)
- Pizza Shop / Cafe
- (12) Saint Patrick's Catholic Church
- 13 Police Station
- 14 Post Office
- 15 Supermarket
- (16) Menindee Uniting Church
- Op Shop
- 18 Maidens Hotel
- (19) Burke & Wills Motel
- 20 Burke & Wills Park
- Existing concrete kerb
- Existing concrete area
- --- Existing concrete footpath in turf
- Existing grass / dirt verge
- Existing pedestrian refuge
- R Existing rubbish bin
- S Existing seat
- w Existing water bubbler
- Existing pay phone
- B Existing bus stop







TREE ASSESSMENT

Trees in Menindee are mostly planted within the verge or pavement and most have been subject to top lopping or some crown pruning for clearance to aerial electrical cables. In some locations new plantings in the road shoulder could be placed 3 m from the edge of kerb with protection by wheel stops. In some locations an alternating second row of smaller trees or upright trees with narrow crowns could be planted within the verge 1 m from face of kerb.

Where no aerial electrical cables are present additional trees could be planted adjacent residences and shops or in Yartla Street in the road reserve alongside the public swimming pool. Where aerial electrical cables are present in the road reserve such as Menindee Street smaller trees or trees with narrow spreading crowns, e.g. Red Capped Gum and Kurrajong, could be planted within the verge 1 m from the face of the kerb. This would allow for crown development that may not conflict with the wires or require reduced pruning, resulting in less disfigured and misshapen shaped trees and preventing premature decline from lopping wounds and predation.



PROPOSED STREET TREE PALETTE



PROPOSED LARGE TREE OPTION Pinus halepensis Aleppo Pine



PROPOSED LARGE TREE OPTION Eucalyptus largiflorens Black Box



PROPOSED SMALL TREE OPTION Eucalyptus erythrocorys Red Capped Gum



PROPOSED SMALL TREE OPTION Eucalyptus woodwardii x Eucalyptus torquata **Eucalyptus Torwood Hybrids**



MENINDEE TOWN CENTRE - STREET TREES

	LEGEND
	Extent of study area
ightarrow	Existing street trees in verge / pavement
۲	Existing tree in road shoulder
	Indicative location of multiple overhead power lines
	Indicative location of single overhead power lines
	Indicative location of raw water





Existing Coral Gums at Post Office



Existing trees in grass verge



Existing trees in verge



Existing Coral Gums at Post Office





CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL - PROPOSED STREETSCAPE UPGRADES MENINDEE TOWN CENTRE - OPPORTUNITIES & CONSTRAINTS

ISSUES & CONSTRAINTS

- Locations of overhead power lines restrict proposed locations for street trees and/or limit size of trees to be planted
- Dry and hot conditions limit the types of suitable street tree species
- Location of raw water supply limits tree planting extents / locations
- New trees to be planted prior to existing trees being removed
- Tree succession plan to be developed
- Public and commercial buildings are scattered through town, meaning there is no key commercial strip
- A range of signage and street furniture is scattered around town
- Works to be carried out progressively, prioritised list of proposed works to be developed

OPPORTUNITIES

- Wide road reserves allow for additional street tree plantings and provides opportunities for double row planting
- Plant smaller tree species under existing power lines
- Plant larger tree species in the road shoulder / grass verges
- Rationalise locations and types of street furniture
- Introduce consistent street furniture pallet
- Improve visual prominence and access to covered seating at corner of Perry Street and Yartla Street to encourage use by residents and visitors
- Create sense of arrival via entry features at gateway points to town
- Update furniture and review layout under existing trees at Post Office
- Consolidate and update informative & interpretive signage design across town / shire and consider digital access







EXISTING BUILDINGS



Ivanhoe Hotel



Multi Service Outlet



Community Hall



Ivanhoe Health Services

EXISTING STREET FURNITURE



Rubbish Bin Type 1



Painted concrete planter



Mixed signage types & Water fountain

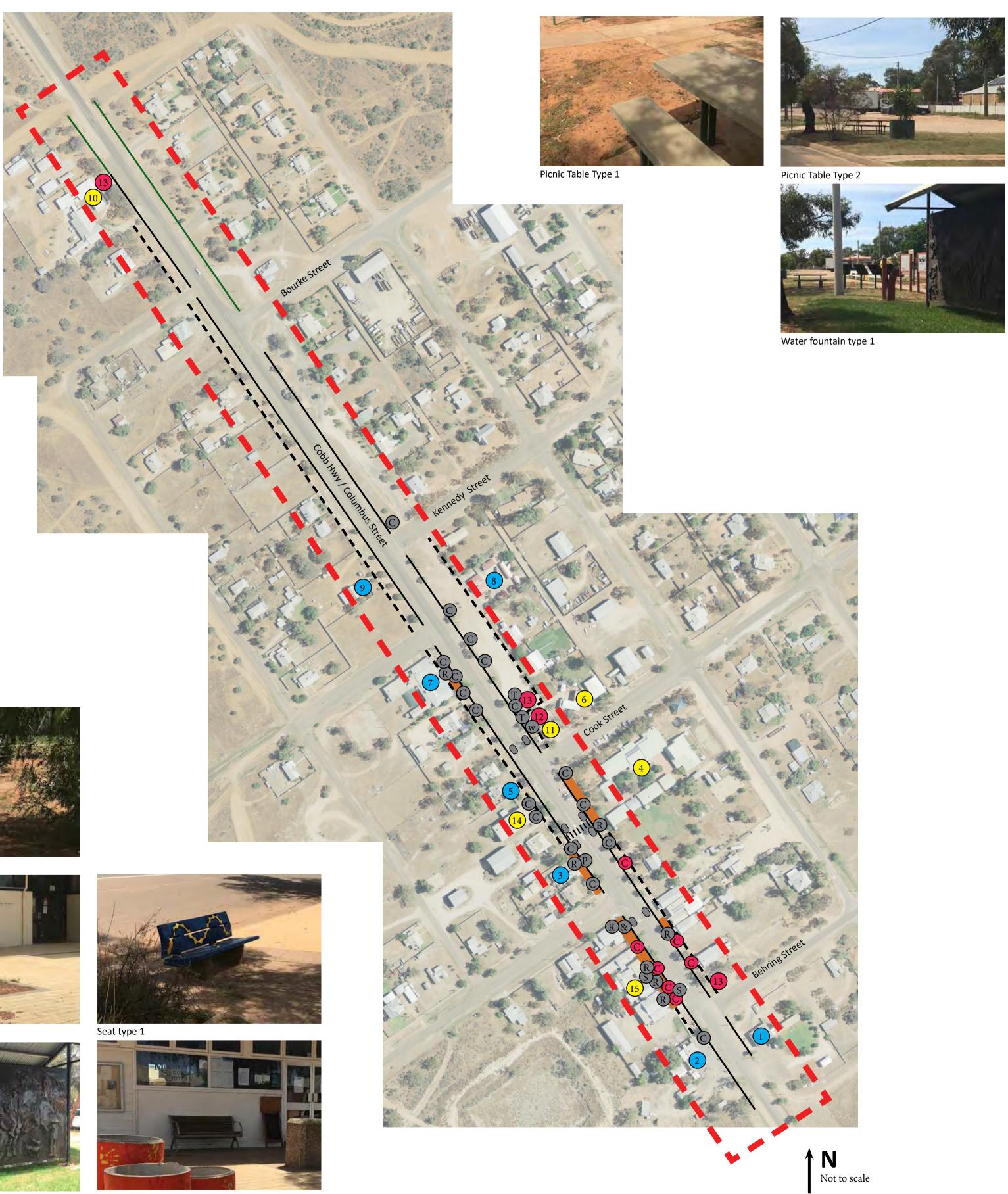
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Motel







Totem Poles & Informative signage



Rubbish Bin Type 3



Concrete planters



Sculpture wall

IVANHOE TOWN CENTRE - SITE ANALYSIS

Seat type 2

LEGEND

Extent of study area

- 1 Petrol Station / Caravan Park
- Ivanhoe Hotel/Motel
- Post Office
- 4 Ivanhoe Central School
- Butcher
- Police Station
- RSL Club
- Motel
- Hospital / medical centre (10)
- Public Toilet
- 12 Sculpture / War Memorial
- Informative signage, seating and Historical memorabilia in park
- Totem poles
- (14) Ivanhoe Community Hall
- (15) Multi Service Outlet
- Existing concrete kerb
- ----- Existing grass verge, no kerb
- Existing paved area
- --- Existing concrete footpath in turf
- Rubbish bin
- S Seat
- Water fountain
- T Picnic table
- Pay phone
- Bus stop / shelter
- C Raised concrete planter
- Raised concrete planter with artwork





TREE ASSESSMENT

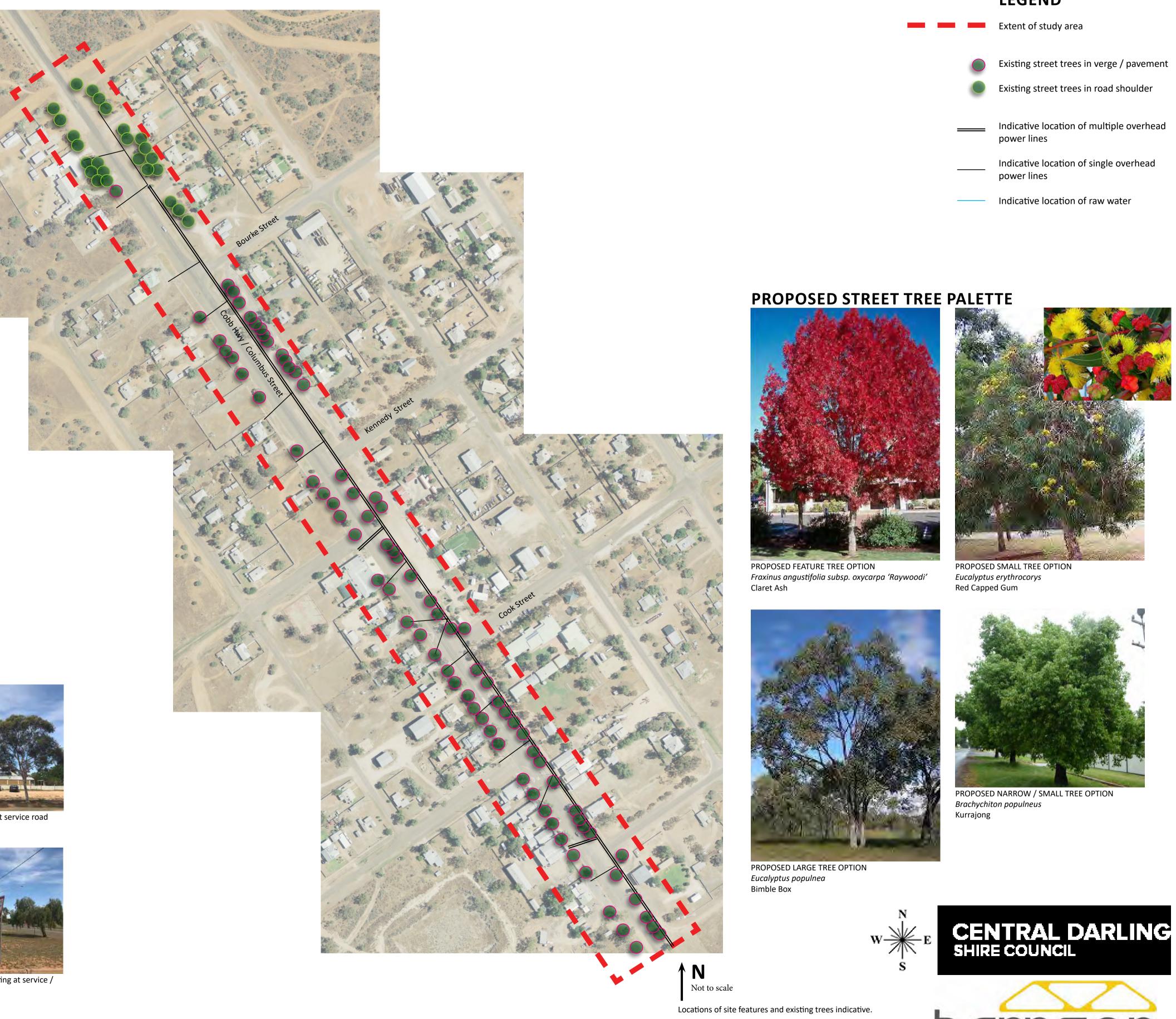
Electrical poles are located on the north side of road, in a very wide road reserve/verge. To the north of town two informal rows of trees are located in the verge, with a double row outside hospital. Space is available for more plantings, including double rows of trees.

From Bourke Street east, kerb and gutter commence. The road reserve remains very wide, with an island of trees close to the property boundary surrounded by a gravel access road. A second fragmented line of small trees is located behind the kerb. Opposite to Kennedy Street there are dead Eucalyptus sp. and hollow Peppercorn. Wires are delivered to residences from north side of street result in good scope to plant in the road reserve / verge.

The service road at Kennedy Street is wide. Planting could be enhanced behind kerb and at 2 m from south side (street side) of access road to provide a continuous second row of trees surrounded by wheel stops for protection.

On the south side (opposite) Peppercorn Trees are hollow and decayed and are likely structurally deteriorated in the area of footpath east from the RSL to the Ivanhoe Hotel.

From Cook Street to Behring Street trees plantings are fragmented and trees have been top lopped under wires. Smaller trees set back 1 m from kerb and a second row 3 m from the foot path and alternating would provide greater coverage and shade. On the opposite side of the road the opportunity exists to plant in road shoulder with trees protected by wheel stops. A new second alternating row of trees 1 m behind kerb could be planted from Balranald Road to opposite Behring Street.



EXISTING STREET TREES



Existing Callistemon in planters under Peppercorn trees



Existing garden bed at community hall



Existing Athel Pine at gravel service road



Typical streetscape with wide road shoulder and verge

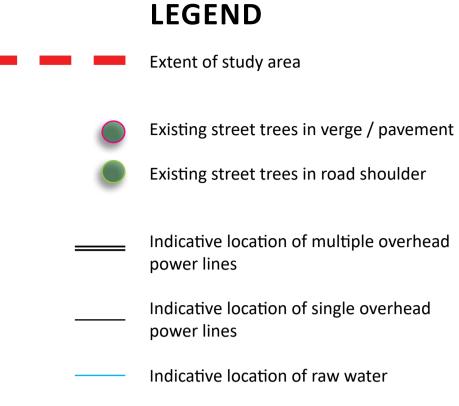


Existing row of trees against kerb at service road



Space available for additional planting at service / access road

IVANHOE TOWN CENTRE - STREET TREES









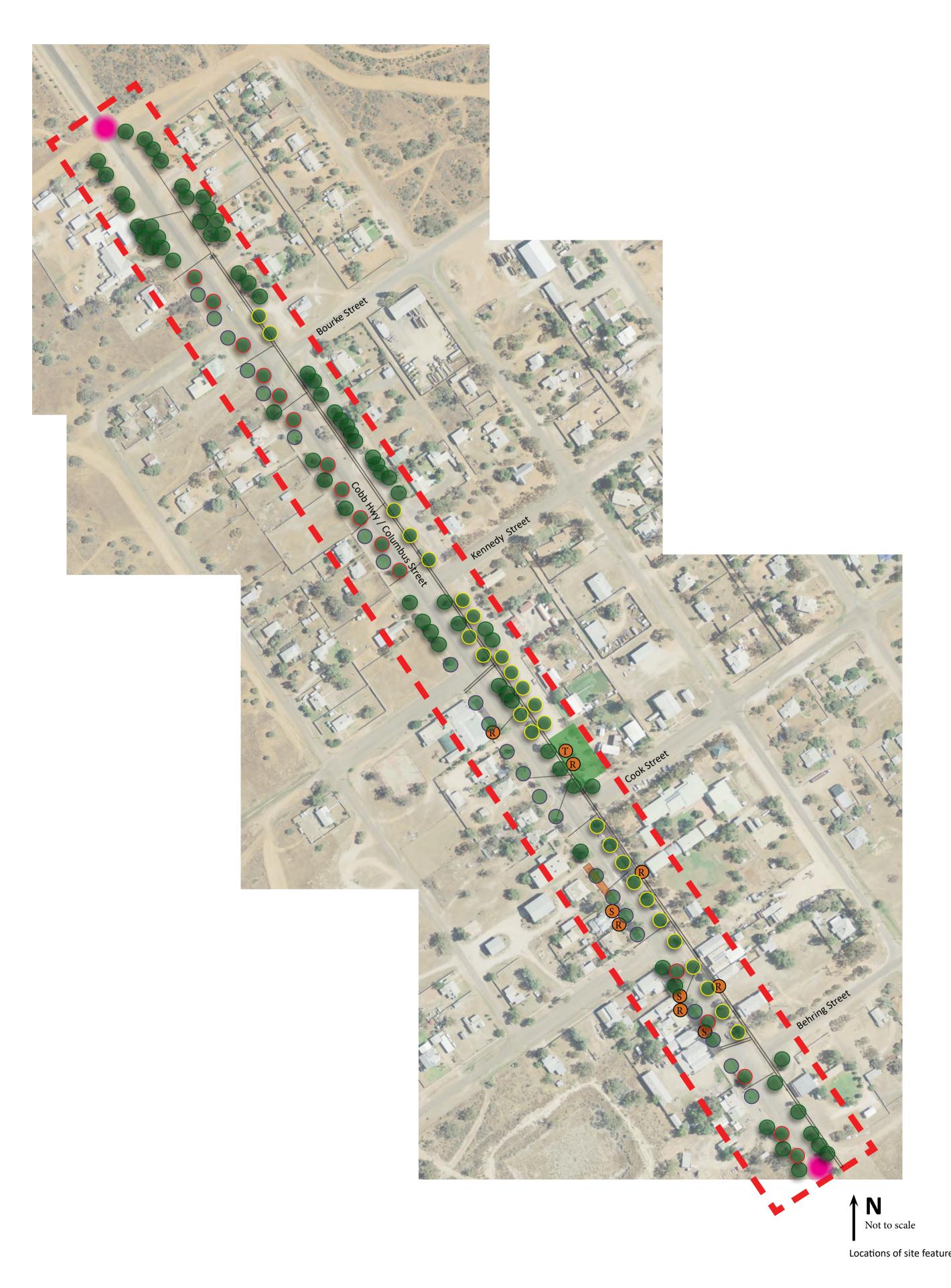
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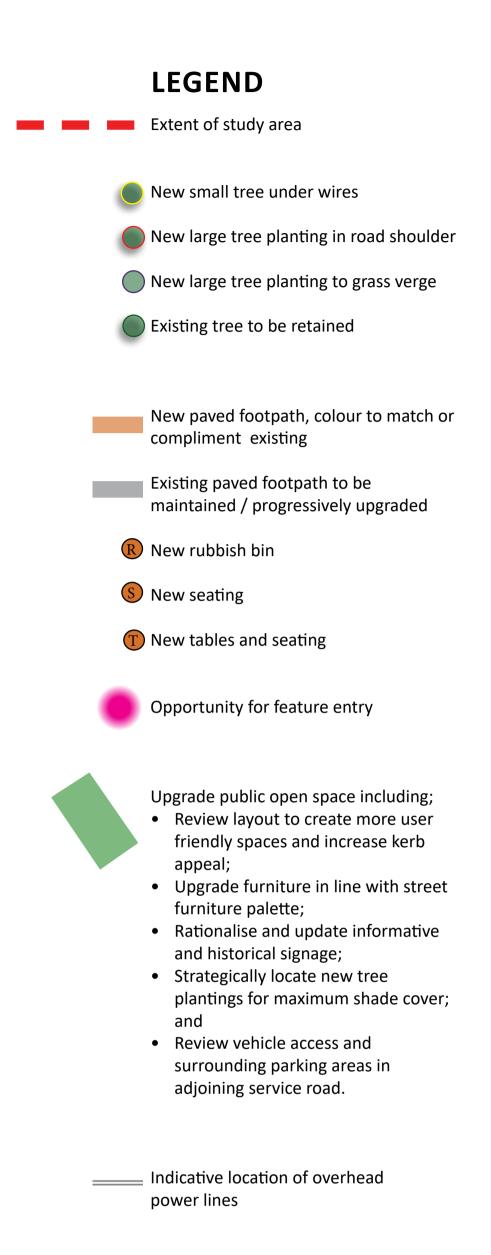
ISSUES & CONSTRAINTS

- Locations of overhead power lines restrict proposed locations for street trees and/or limit size of trees to be planted
- Dry and hot conditions limit the types of suitable street tree species
- Location of raw water supply limits tree planting extents / locations
- Street furniture, concrete planters and garden beds are scattered on footpath, resulting in congested and disjointed look
- Town contains areas of disjointed paving which require maintenance and or repair
- Funding for works TBC, prioritised list required
- Works proposed to Columbus Street / Cobb Highway may require RMS approval

OPPORTUNITIES

- Wide road reserves and footpaths allow for a double row of additional street tree plantings
- Select smaller tree species for use under power lines and in the town centre to give unified look
- Select larger tree species for use in the road reserve / grass verges to give unified look
- Rationalise locations, numbers and types of street furniture
- Introduce consistent street furniture pallet throughout town
- Remove concrete planters and streamline footpath, garden bed and street furniture layout
- Extend existing paved footpath area to link to pedestrian crossing at Post Office
- Instigate footpath maintenance / replacement programme to address areas of aging paved footpath
- Create sense of arrival via entry features at gateway points to town
- Streamline design of gravel access road and green space adjoining sculpture wall to provide attractive place for residents and visitors to stop
- Consolidated informative & interpretive signage design across town / shire and consider digital access







DESIGN PLAN MANAGE

Locations of site features and existing trees indicative.

BUILDINGS AND FEATURES



National Park Visitor Centre









White Cliffs Public School



Rubbish Bin & Timber bollards





Bollard Type 2



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Informative signage

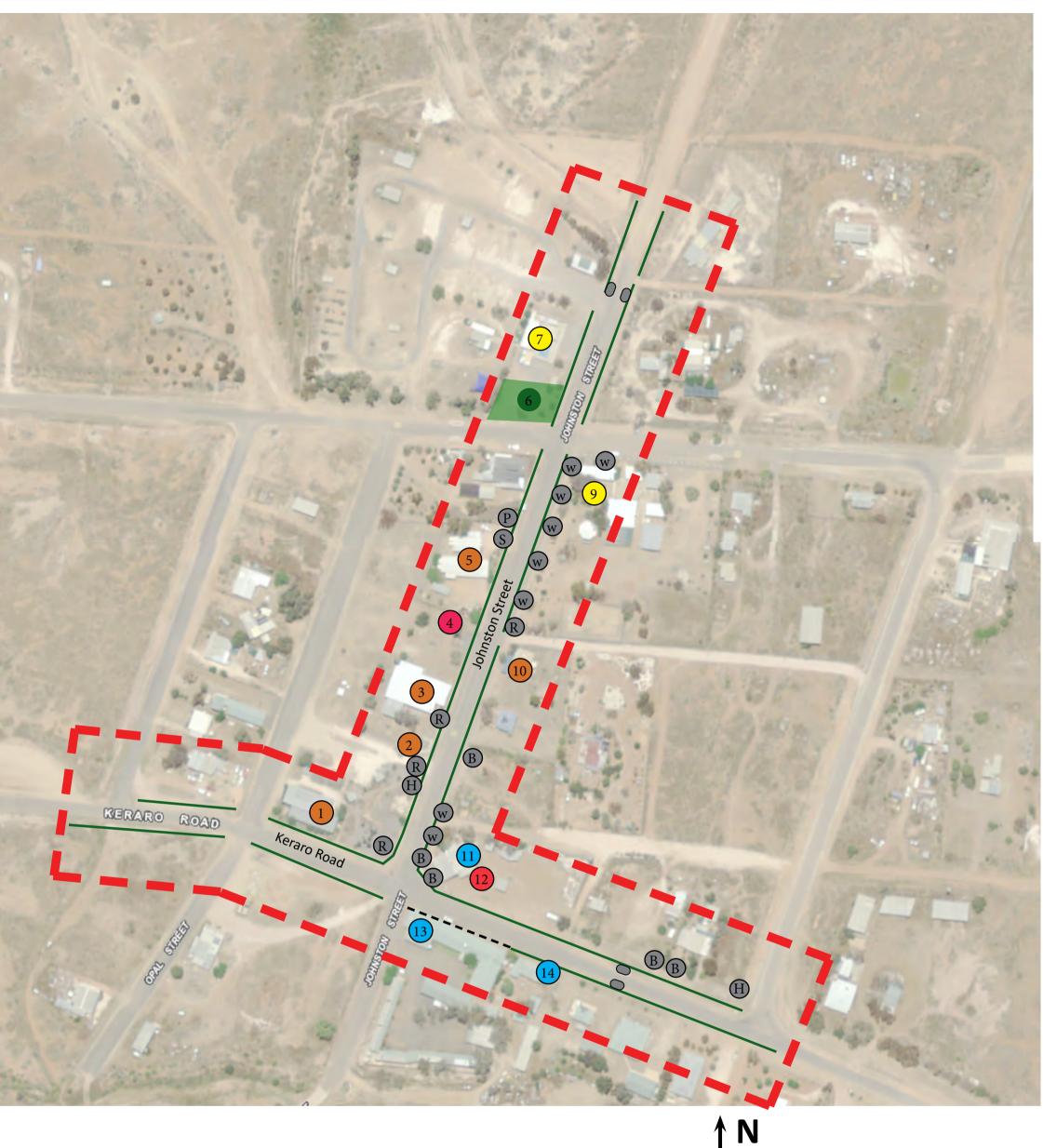


Grass / gravel verges with no kerb



Grass / gravel verges with no kerb

WHITE CLIFFS TOWN CENTRE - SITE ANALYSIS



Not to scale Locations of site features and existing trees indicative.

LEGEND

Extent of study area

- National Park Visitor Centre
- Public Toilets
- Town Hall
- Anzac Memorial
- White Cliffs Health Services $\left(5 \right)$
- **Opal Pioneers Reserve**
- 7 Public Swimming Pool
- White Cliffs Opal Pioneer Caravan Park 8
- White Cliffs Public School
- **Country Womens Association**
- White Cliffs General Store & petrol
- Wall Art
- White Cliffs Hotel
- 14 Petrol point
- Existing grass / gravel verge, no kerb
- --- Concrete edge to Hotel acting as kerb
- Existing signage blister in road
- R Existing rubbish bin
- (S)Existing bench seat
- B Existing bollards
- Existing pay phone P
- Existing wheel stops
- (II) Existing historical signage



TREE ASSESSMENT

Electrical poles and overhead wires are located on the north side of Keraro Road and on the western side of Johnston Street. In both cases the road reserve/verge is wide, with no formal kerb and gutter system. Similarly footpaths are not formalised in the town.

There are no existing street trees in White Cliffs. Peppercorn trees planted on Keraro Road and Eucalyptus and Acacia trees within the CWA property boundary and adjoining the old post office building provide amenity and contribute to the streetscape.

Given the wide streets and lack of infrastructure opportunities exist on both sides of the street to introduce tree planting in blisters within the road shoulder. As per other town centres it is recommended that trees be protected by wheel stops.

EXISTING TREES



Schinus molle - Peppercorn Tree



Acacia sp.

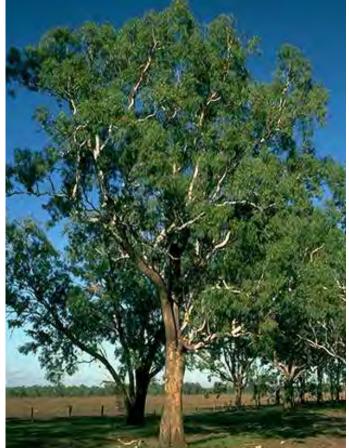


Eucalyptus sp.

PROPOSED STREET TREE PALETTE



PROPOSED LARGE TREE OPTION Eucalyptus populnea Bimble Box



PROPOSED LARGE TREE OPTION *Eucalyptus coolabah* Coolabah

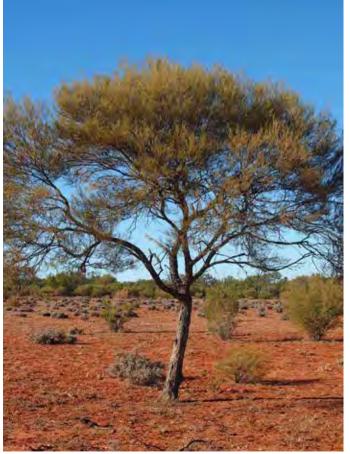


PROPOSED SMALL TREE OPTION Eucalyptus erythrocorys Red Capped Gum

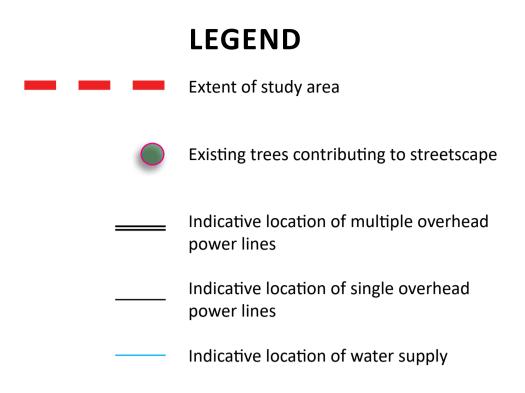
WHITE CLIFFS TOWN CENTRE - STREET TREES



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PROPOSED SMALL TREE OPTION Acacia aneura Mulga





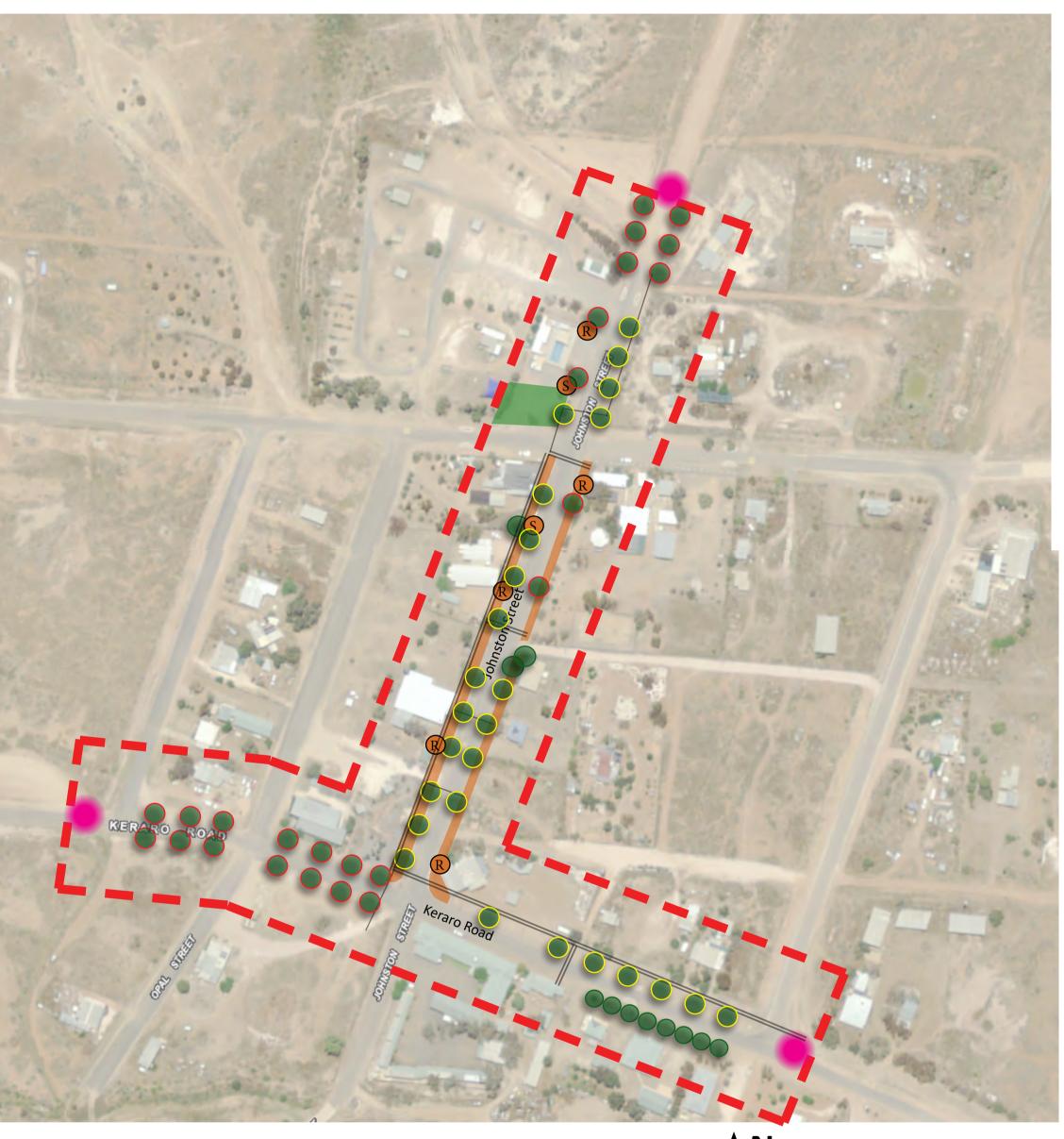
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ISSUES & CONSTRAINTS

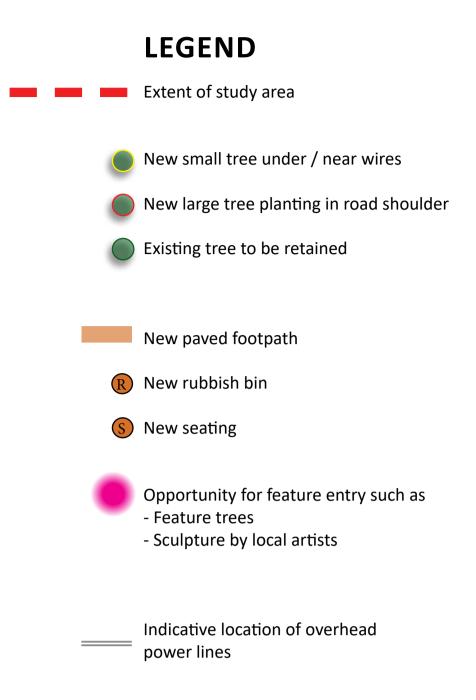
- Summer temperatures are extreme limiting use of outdoor facilities
- No existing street trees to provide shade during temperature extremes
- Limited water supply for town may limit watering opportunities
- Locations of overhead power lines restrict proposed locations for street trees and/or limit size of trees to be planted
- Dry and hot conditions limit the types of suitable street tree species
- Lack of street infrastructure such as driveway cross overs, footpaths, kerbs and gutters
- Street furniture in poor condition
- Wheel stops within town in poor condition and unsightly
- Works to be carried out progressively, prioritised list of proposed works to be developed

OPPORTUNITIES

- Wide road reserves allow for additional street tree plantings
- Plant smaller tree species under existing power lines
- Plant larger tree species in the road shoulder / grass verges
- Install pavement to Johnson Street frontages from Keraro Road to the Public School, consider dish drain to kerb edge
- Remove existing wheel stops and assess requirement for kerb or updated wheel stop solution
- Formalise driveway crossovers and limit bollard usage to a consistent type where required
- Introduce consistent street furniture pallet
- Identify opportunities for additional street furniture in shade
- Consolidated and update informative signage design across town / shire and consider digital access
- Engage with local community to implement street art / public art strategy
- Create sense of arrival via additional entry features at gateway points to town such as feature trees or sculpture



Not to scale Locations of site features and existing trees indicative.





CENTRAL DARLING SHIRE COUNCIL - PROPOSED STREETSCAPE UPGRADES PROPOSED STREET FURNITURE PALETTE & PAVING



Proposed street bench and seat options - Draffin Street Furniture Hobart / Hamilton Range Corten / weathering steel frame Timber or timber look aluminium battens





Central Darling Shire Bin Enclosures Stainless steel frame, Corten / weathering steel panels



Proposed Table Setting - Draffin Street Furniture Brisbane Table Setting Stainless Steel Timber or timber look aluminium battens



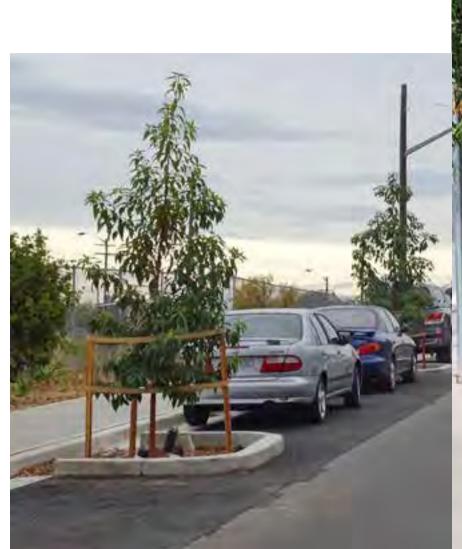


London Dry Pressed Paver Maple

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Water fountain - Street Furniture Australia

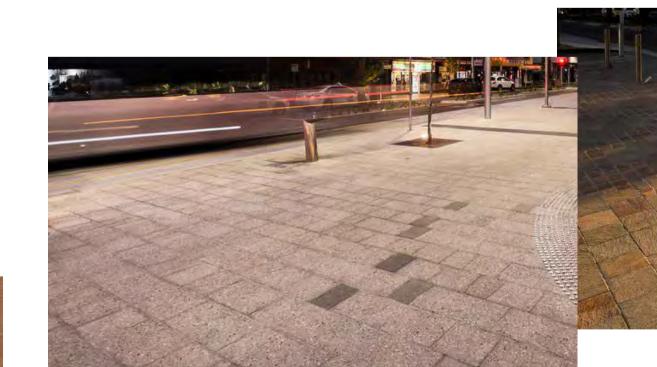


Tree planting to road shoulder Concrete kerb protection

Tree Surround Option Resin Bonded Gravel



Tree Surround option - Tree grates Stainless Steel





Wilcannia Paver Option - UrbanStone 200 x 300 /200 x 200 /Cobble Western Cream River Topaz Silver Grey Engineered Stone Paver



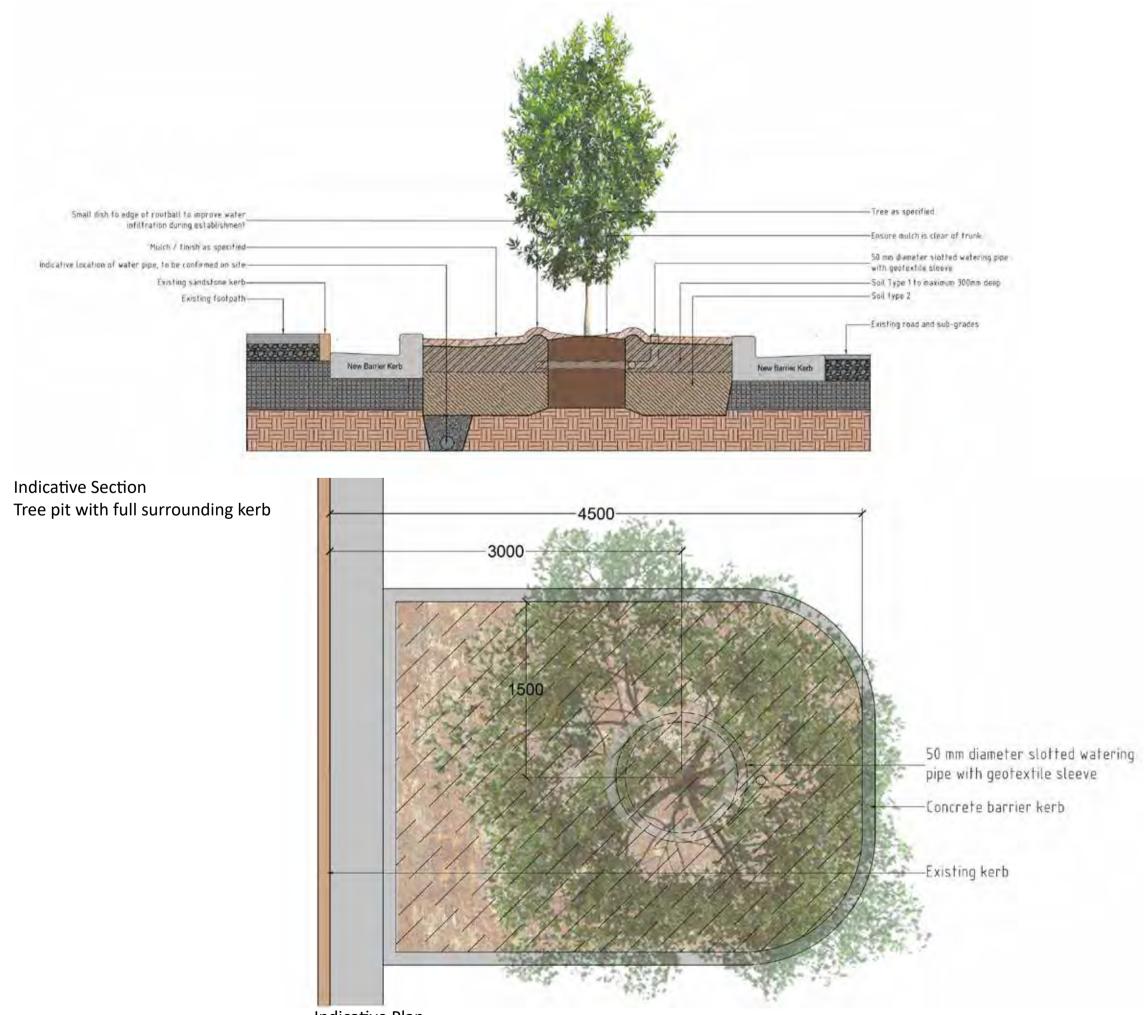


White Cliffs Timber bollard to match existing or Vivid Bollard



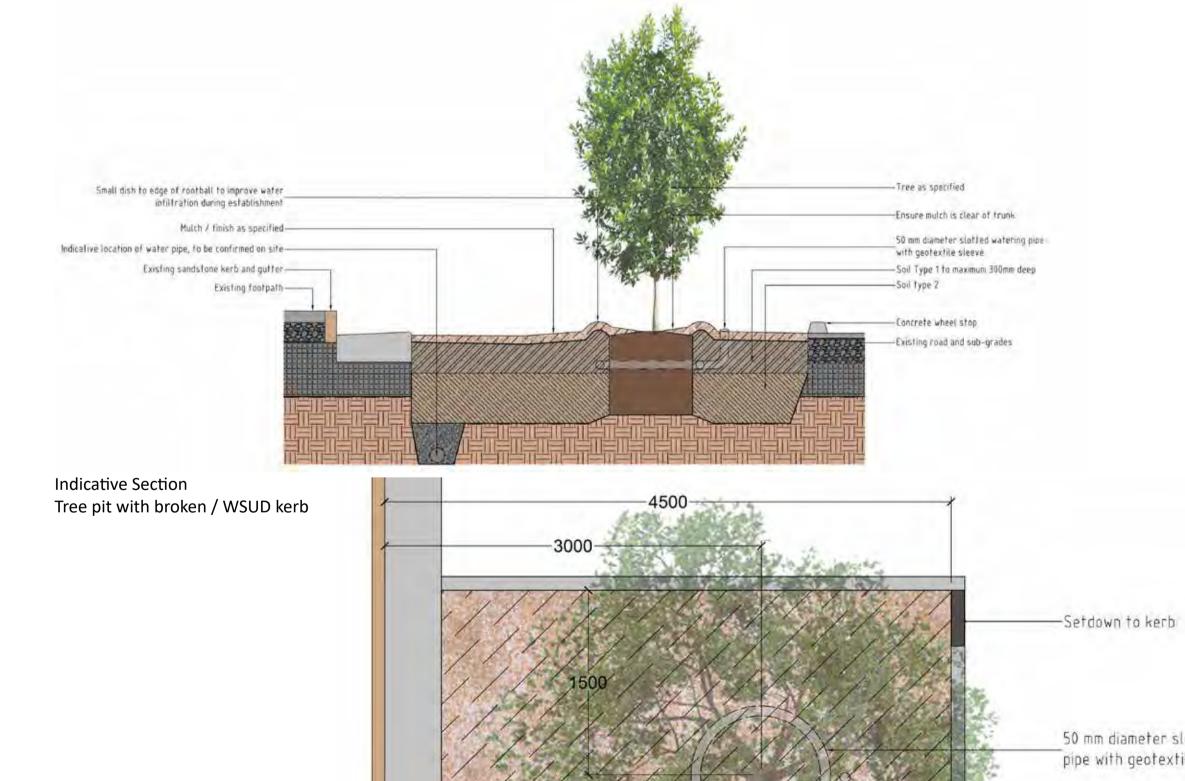


Indicative Street-view - Wilcannia



Indicative Plan Tree pit with full surrounding kerb

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Indicative Plan

Tree pit with broken / WSUD kerb



50 mm diameter slotted watering pipe with geotextile sleeve

—Concrete wheel stop / kerb

-Existing kerb



