

Glen Eira City Council

King George VI Memorial Reserve Bike Playground

Concept Plans
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INTRODUCTION

Supported by \$250,000 through the Victorian Government's Pick My Park program and funding from Glen Eira City Council, the proposed bike playground at King George VI Memorial Reserve will transform the former East Boundary Road Traffic School into a vibrant and publicly accessible community open space and bike playground.

The project will celebrate the site's unique history while creating a contemporary destination for play, learning and recreation. It will revitalise elements of the existing learn-to-ride street network and introduce complementary features, including mini-city play experiences, community amenities, new landscaping and garden beds, and improved accessibility throughout the site.

Established in 1967, the traffic school was an important community facility that helped generations of children learn road safety and bicycle-riding skills in a controlled environment. Camelot Traffic School operated at the site from 1976 until its lease ended in December 2022. Since then, the site has remained closed and inaccessible to the public.

The site contains significant mature canopy trees that provide shade, support local wildlife and contribute to the character and environmental value of the open space. Both concept options seek to retain and protect these trees while introducing indigenous planting to strengthen habitat, support biodiversity and create a greener, more resilient landscape. They both also propose to remove a small portion of the internal street network to improve circulation and reduce potential conflicts, recognising the site's transition from a structured training environment to a publicly accessible bike playground.

This document presents two concept options for community consideration. Both are guided by a vision to transform the former traffic school into an inclusive, family-friendly destination that revitalises the site and better connects it within King George VI Memorial Reserve. Both concepts propose removing a small portion of the internal street network to improve circulation and reduce potential conflicts, recognising the site's transition from a structured training environment to a publicly accessible bike playground.

While the options share the same overarching objectives and community benefits, they differ in how much of the existing learn-to-ride street network is retained and incorporated into the design.

Vision

To create a playful and welcoming community open space that reimagines the historic East Boundary Road Traffic School as a contemporary play-and-ride destination, enhancing the site's ecological values while fostering confidence, creativity, active recreation and community connection for people of all ages.

EXISTING CONDITIONS



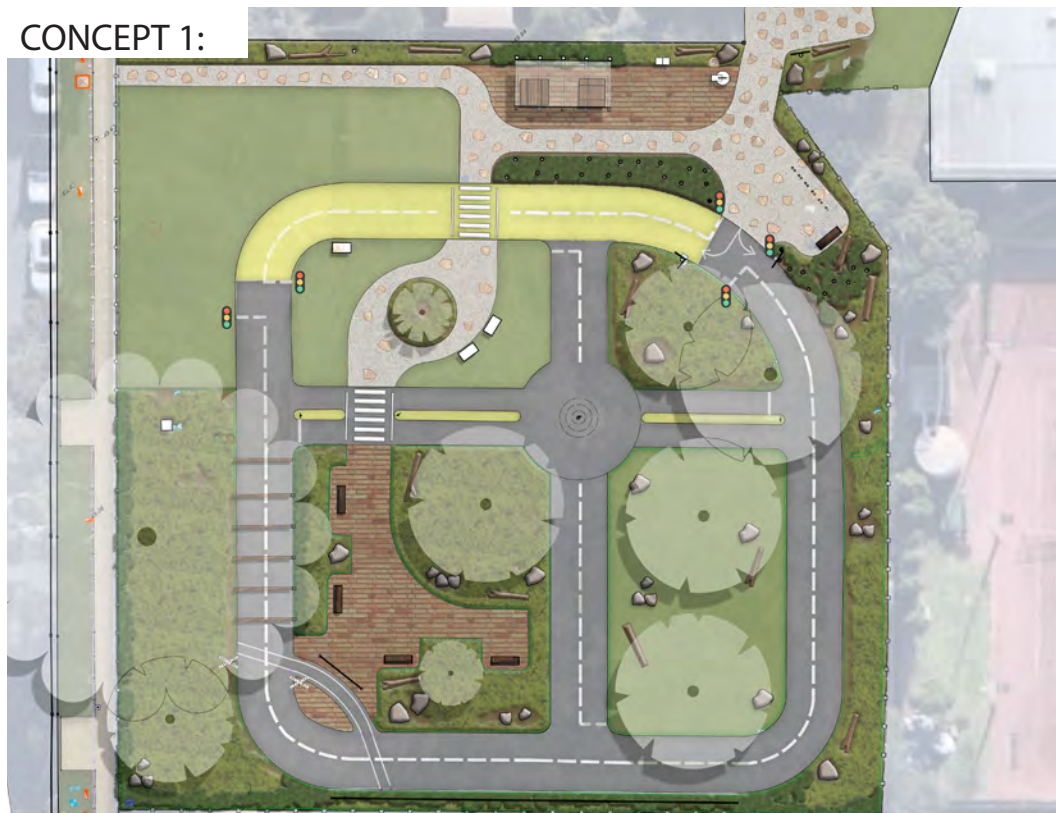
EXPLORING THE OPTIONS

Supported by the Victorian Government's Pick My Park program and Council, the project will create a distinctive play space that celebrates the site's bike riding history while providing a safe, engaging and sustainable community asset for the future.

Both options include:

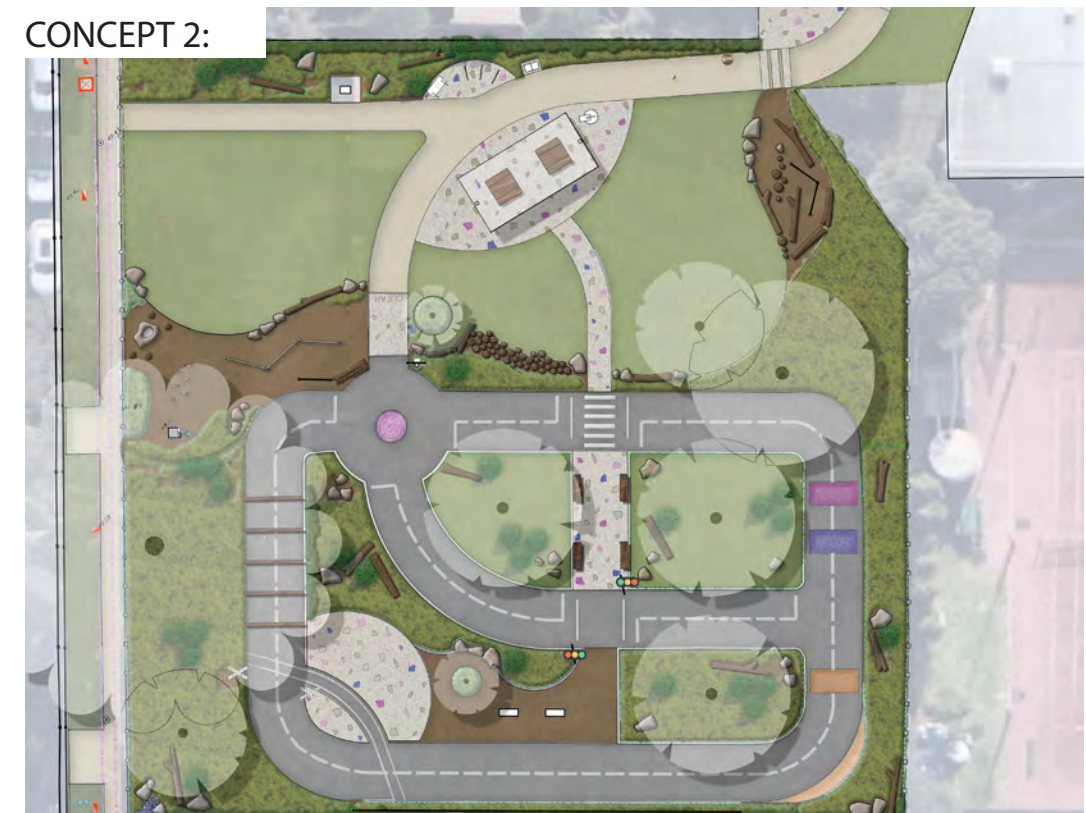
- an upgraded bike playground incorporating retained features such as the level crossing, traffic lights, traffic signs and road line markings
- removal of existing small brick building
- a paved gathering space with a shelter, picnic tables, seating, a drinking fountain and bins
- retention and protection of significant existing trees
- new garden beds featuring native and indigenous species
- an open lawn area
- accessible paths and connections
- a bicycle repair station and bike hoops
- mini-city references through play elements such as shopfronts.

CONCEPT 1:



- Retains most of the original traffic school layout, with the bike playground remaining the site's main focus.
- Introduces a shared zone next to the community gathering spaces.

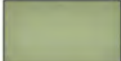
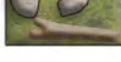
CONCEPT 2:



- Retains less of the original track layout while introducing additional challenge elements, such as a bump track.
- Provides a larger open space area and introduces nature play elements.



CONCEPT 1

-  Existing tree to be retained and protected
-  Lawn area
-  Low garden bed areas with wildflowers and native and indigenous species
-  Garden bed areas with native and indigenous climbing/groundcover species
-  Feature brick pavement — indicates pedestrian areas
-  Exposed aggregate feature
-  Shared zone paving
-  Dark grey/black permeable surface to denote road area
-  Rocks and logs for habitat
-  Traffic lights
-  Tree for removal
-  Seat

CONCEPT 1 IMAGES

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MATERIALS



Feature paving



Feature concrete paving



Plexipave shared zone



Seats



Picnic setting



Chainmesh fence

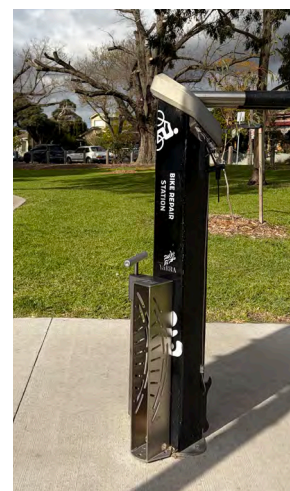
ELEMENTS



Example city play elements



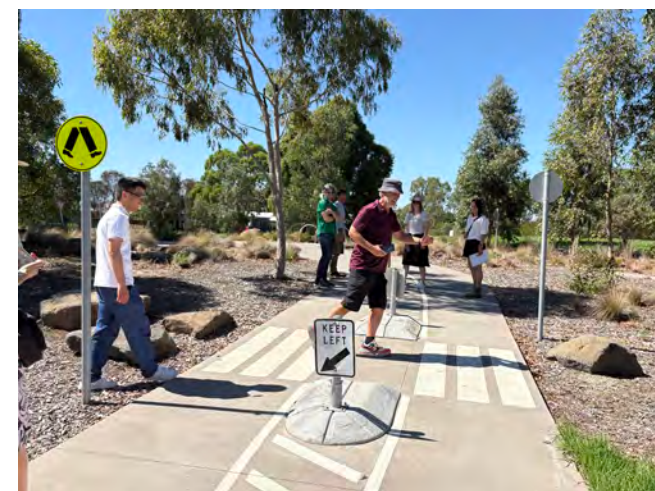
Bike racks

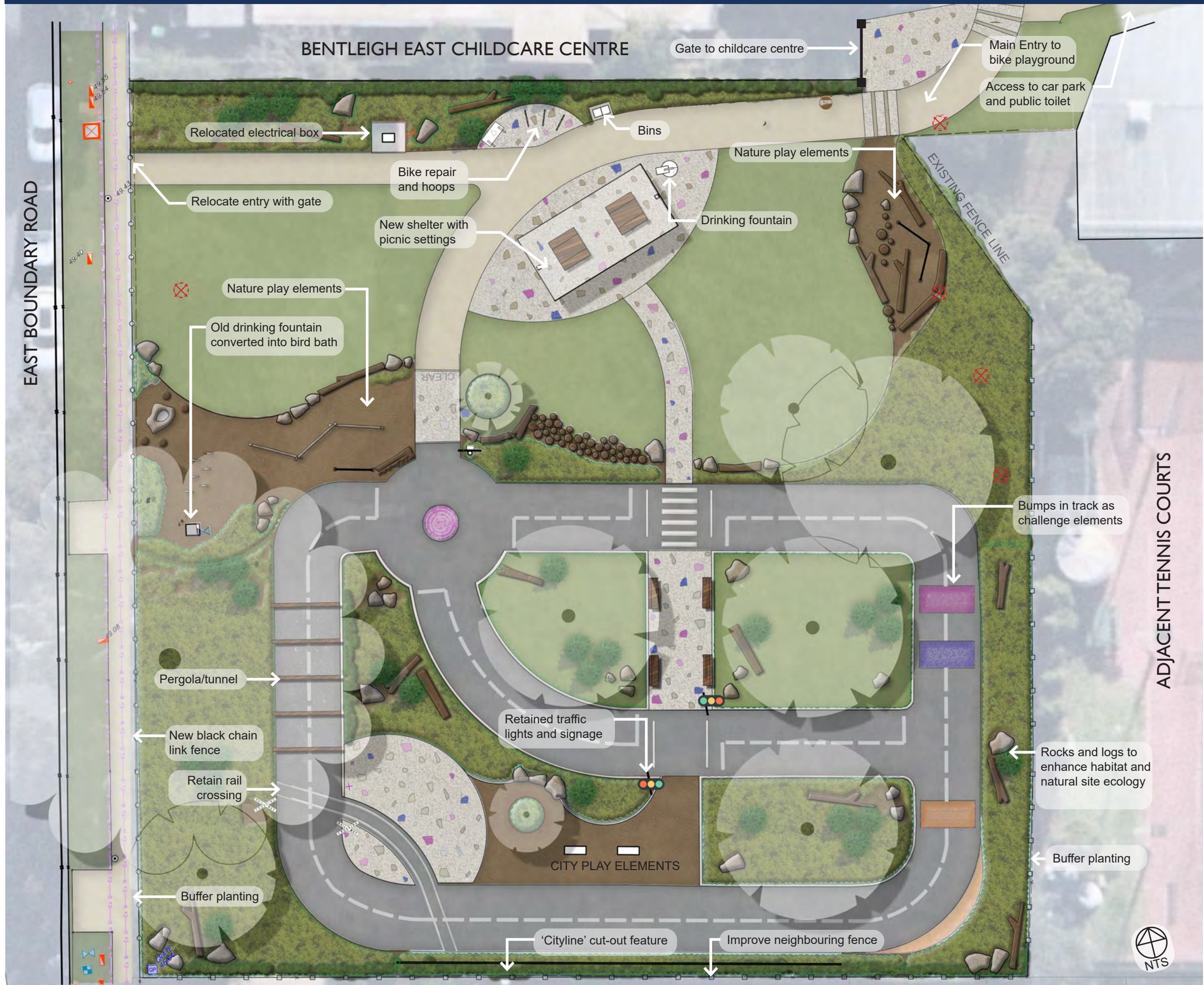


Repair station



Shelter





CONCEPT 2

- Existing tree to be retained and protected
- Lawn area
- Low garden bed areas with wildflowers and native and indigenous species
- Garden bed areas with native and indigenous climbing/groundcover species
- Mulched surface for nature play
- Exposed aggregate feature paving
- Concrete paving
- Dark grey/black permeable surface to denote road area
- Rocks and logs for habitat and play elements
- Traffic lights
- Tree for removal
- Seat

CONCEPT 2 IMAGES

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MATERIALS



Feature concrete paving



Shelter



Seats



Picnic setting



Chainmesh fence

ELEMENTS



Cycle challenge — waves and berms



Nature play and garden



Bike racks



Repair station



Mini city play elements



PLANT PALETTE

WILDFLOWERS AND GROUND COVERS



Black-anther Flax Lily



Chocolate Lily



Bulbine Lily



Common Everlasting



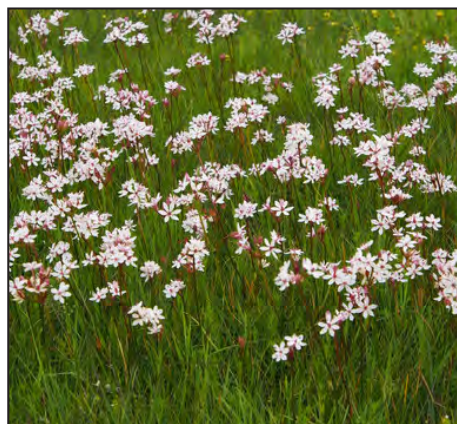
Sticky Everlasting



Blue Pincushion



Tall Bluebell



Milkmaids



Hoary Sunray

GRASSES AND STRAPPY PLANTS



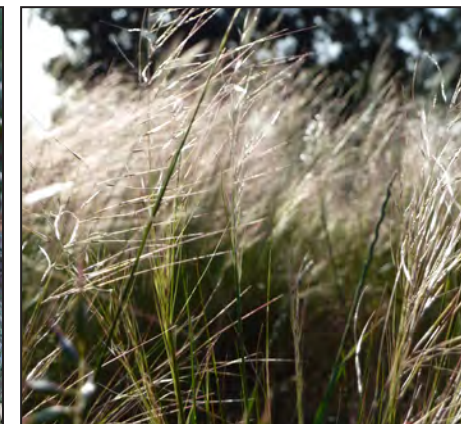
Common Tussock-grass



Weeping Grass



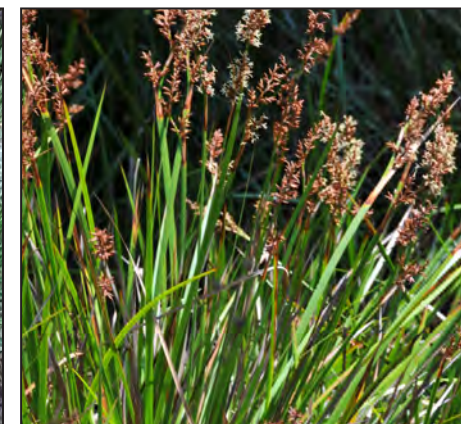
Wallaby Grass



Spear Grass



Wattle Mat-rush



Variable Sword-sedge

SHRUBS



Spreading Wattle



Twiggy Daisy-bush



Sweet Bursaria

The proposed planting palette features indigenous species selected to strengthen habitat, support biodiversity and contribute to a greener and more resilient landscape.