THOMASTOWN REGENERATION PROJECT

Vision:
Reimaging Suburban Living:
The Thomastown project aims to harness environmental and social infrastructure as drivers for positive change, creating a model for 20 minute lifestyles within existing communities.

Future development will focus on the social, environmental and economic needs of the local community, creating greater access for pedestrians and leveraging existing assets to transform local character and purpose.

New Precinct Street levels

Neighbourhood Context, Circulation & Climate

Site Analysis

THE PROJECT
LOCAL:

SPATIAL

SOCIAL

ECOLOGICAL

ECONOMIC

LOCAL:

CONSTRAINTS
Established roads – cul-de-sacs
Land Ownership
Project Funding
Resistance to Change
Maintenance

Native flora and fauna
Availability of local workforce

OPPORTUNITIES
Colocation of many community services, with education, recreation, community
Connection to the community space and main access
Public Participation – Design
Local Amenity
Replanting trees or revegetating wetlands
Increase economic activity once project is complete
Opportunity for tourism industry

THE SITE:

CONSTRAINTS
Creek as a movement barrier.
Cul-de-sac road layout.
Heritage
Accessibility & traffic flow
Potential animosity for large scale changes, and density increases. Car dependency.

ENVIRONMENTAL
consideration for the creek
Relocating the public/businesses to a new location/ coordinating development

OPPORTUNITIES
Flat topography
Linear alignment
Significant underdeveloped land, and potential for rearrangement of land uses.
Higher use of the area
Creation of visual amenity
Introduce native plants and animals
Native species may benefit from the regeneration of the creek
Enhance valued biodiversity and vegetation
Better integration of ovals and sporting facilities with nature and surroundings
Greater Business and job opportunities.

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URBAN DESIGN THEMES

VIBRANT CENTRES
CONNECTED PLACES
ENHANCED CHARACTER
GREENER SPACES
SHARED LOCAL CULTURE

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

PUBLIC REALM CENTRE
Establish a new precedent within the community that provides a higher mix of resident and commercial uses within an environment that connects existing street network

ACCESS & MOVEMENT
Improve the local movement network to become safe, reliable, efficient and multi-modal

WAYFINDING
Create a new neighbourhood standard plan that improves urban design and pedestrian experience within the public realm

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE
Improve amenity within the Main Street Community hub by harnessing environmental and social infrastructure as drivers for positive change

POS REVALUATION
Provide a high-quality landscape that enhances the day and night time experience for the community

MANAGEMENT & MITIGATION
Fund an ecological sensitive remediation program that seeks to restore the creek to enhance biodiversity and establishing it as a place to play, rest and reflect

INDIGENOUS RECOGNITION
Understand and celebrate the natural connection between the waterways (stream) and indigenous community

FOREST SOCIAL INCLUSION
Create a space for community connection and cohesion

INTEGRATION

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