

A greener, better-connected west

Whitehall Street and Maribyrnong River

The West Gate Tunnel Project is more than a road, we are also delivering new cycling and walking paths and creating nearly nine hectares of new open space.

This open space will be made up of parks and wetlands, and over 17,000 trees will be planted along the project corridor by the time the tunnels open in 2022.

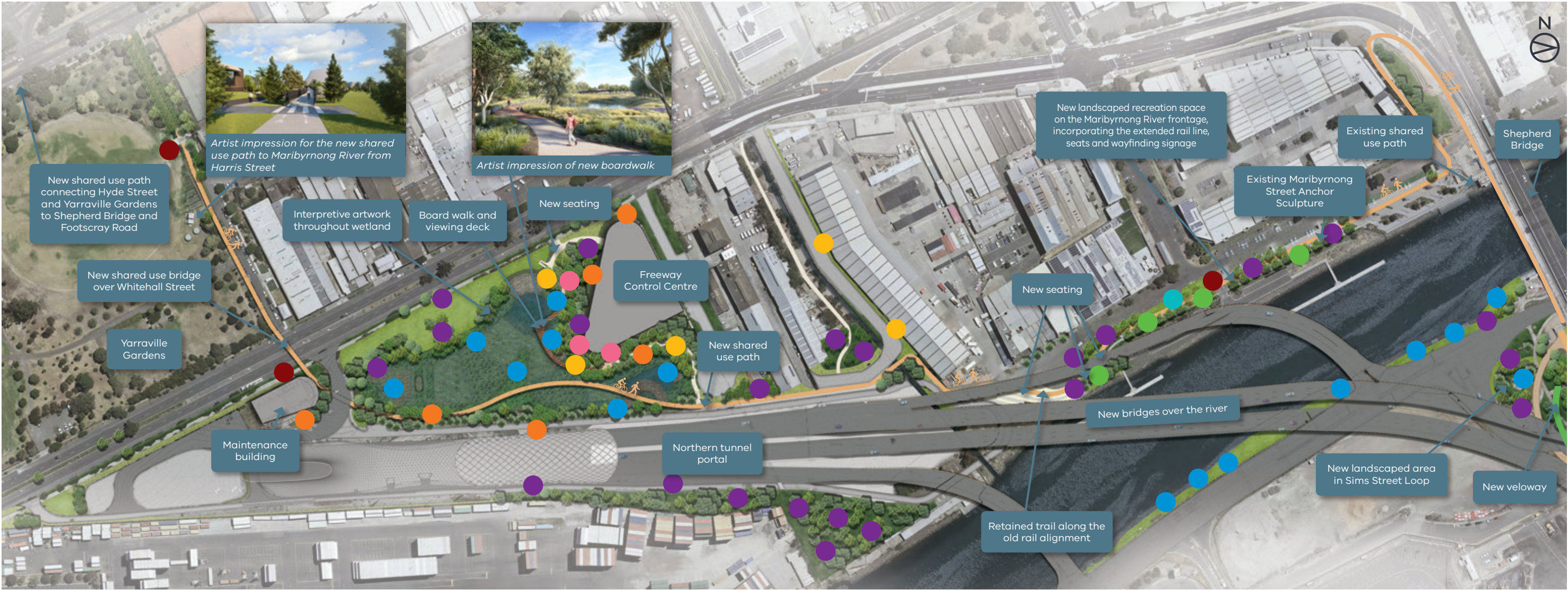
At the Whitehall Street and Maribyrnong River areas, we will deliver a greener and better-connected west by:

- Turning industrial land into new open space and wetlands
- Providing a new, naturalised environment that directly links Yarraville Gardens to new open spaces via the new shared use path over Whitehall Street and down to the Maribyrnong River
- Retaining elements of the former rail alignment to Maribyrnong Street and shared use path, celebrating its heritage through interpretive wayfinding design
- Retaining the existing anchor sculpture on Maribyrnong Street at the Maribyrnong River as a symbol of the area's historic river trade.



Artist impression of shared use path over Whitehall Street to the Maribyrnong River

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Artist impression – subject to further development

Tree and plant species

A selection of mostly native grasses, trees, ground covers and shrubs, will green and colour the landscape and wetlands at the Yarraville Gardens and Maribyrnong River crossings. The exotic Canary Island Date Palm will bring a grandness to the landscape, while shrubs and ground covers including Pink Bells, Running Postman and Common Everlasting will provide bursts of yellow, pink and red.

Groundcovers








Milky Beauty Heads Creeping Saltbush Native Pigface Running Postman Common Everlasting

Native Grasses








Jointed Wire Rush Blue Flax Lily Blue Fescue Basket Grass Tussock-grass

Native Trees



Swamp Wattle Red Flowering Yellow Gum Queensland Brush Box Yellow Box Black Tea-tree

Screening & Large Shrub



Gold-dust Wattle Fragrant Saltbush Australian Indigo Woolly Tea-tree Silver Cassia

Small Shrub






Common Everlasting Rock Correa Native Fuchsia Tree Everlasting Pink-bells

Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD)



Tall Rush Curly-leaf Pondweed Marsh Club Rush Eel Grass Water Ribbons

Exotic Trees



Italian Pencil Pine Umbrella Tree Canary Island Date Palm

Please note that the species and images listed are not limited to that shown above and are only a selection from the overall planting palette.

Designing open space

The Whitehall Street landscape design has been shaped by:

- **Integrating interpretive art on the boardwalk** and providing a lookout space for views west across the wetland
- **Enhancing pedestrian linkages** further north between Youell Street, new and old shared use paths, and Whitehall Street

The Maribyrnong Riverfront landscaping design has been shaped by:

- **Including features that encourage passive recreation**, such as seating and signage to highlight environmental and cultural elements of the area
- **Retaining the former rail alignment** to Maribyrnong Street, as much as possible.



Artist impression of the northern tunnel portal on Whitehall Street

Working with stakeholders

After years of talking with communities, local authorities and our Community Liaison Groups, we understand that landscaping is of great interest to locals.

Feedback indicates that community members are keen to see vegetation replaced quickly, with a focus on native plants that will complement and adapt well to the existing local environment, and provide a green visual screen in a range of areas, including near new noise walls.

Residents are also keen to see the project construction sites transform into open spaces for the community, creating new recreation areas along the project corridor.

We will continue to work with local authorities and the community as we build the new open space.



Contact us

Do you have a question about the project? If you need more information or would like to provide feedback, please get in touch.



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