CITY OF GREATER GEELONG

# LABUAN SQUARE

**CONCEPT DESIGN PRESENTATION – NOV 2021** 



Existing conditions.

Community and stakeholder vision.

### **Community Vision for Labuan Square**

Over a four week period in May 2021 we heard from almost 180 people who told us their vision for Labuan Square.

The broad community vision is for Labuan Square to again be a vibrant, green, attractive, friendly, accessible, and safe public space for our neighbourhood with a mix of essential and specialty shops, cafés or eateries, services, and activities – a community hub.



Create a vibrant, green, attractive, friendly, accessible and safe public space.

To achieve this we need to:

- Improve pedestrian access and amenity to Labuan square
- Slow cars through the Labuan Square area
- Improve public amenity (look and feel) on journey to Labuan Square. More trees, seating, signage..
- Improve toilet facilities/position





Looking North East from Tennyson Street



Looking South from Forster Street

# Create a vibrant, green, attractive, friendly, accessible and safe public space.

To achieve this we need to incorporate:

- Wadawurrung heritage and knowledge
- Sustainable landscape design
- More useable, vibrant spaces to help flow through the site
- Heritage
- Informal play
- Aesthetic night lighting
- Formal and informal sitting, alfresco opportunities

#### **Labuan Square Existing - Community feedback**

## Concepts

### **Create a safe and comfortable trip to and from Labuan Square.**



To achieve this we need to:

- Upgrade footpath and crossing conditions, linkages
- Slow cars through the Labuan area via road treatments
- Improve the public amenity on the journey to Labuan Square. More trees, seating, signage
- Improve bike riding infrastructure and connections



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#### **Labuan Square - Access and amenity - East Concept**



View West towards Labuan Square



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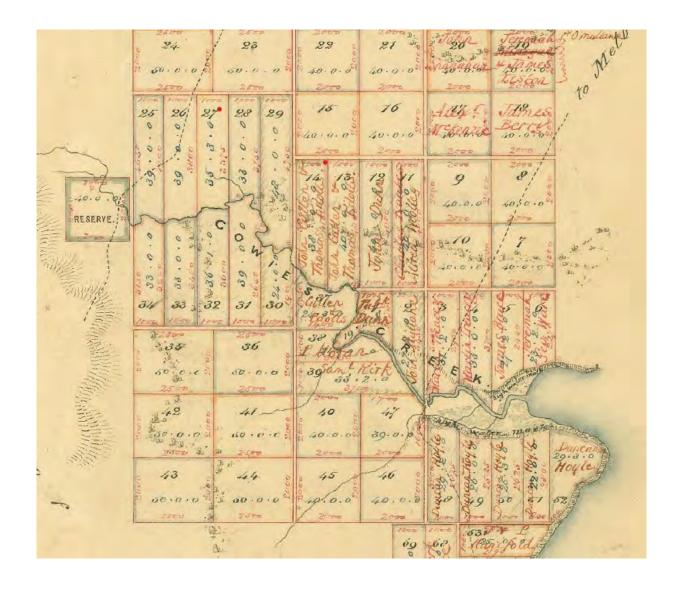
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#### **Labuan Sq -Access and amenity-West Concept**



View East towards Labuan Square

### **Labuan Sq - Access and amenity - Forster St**



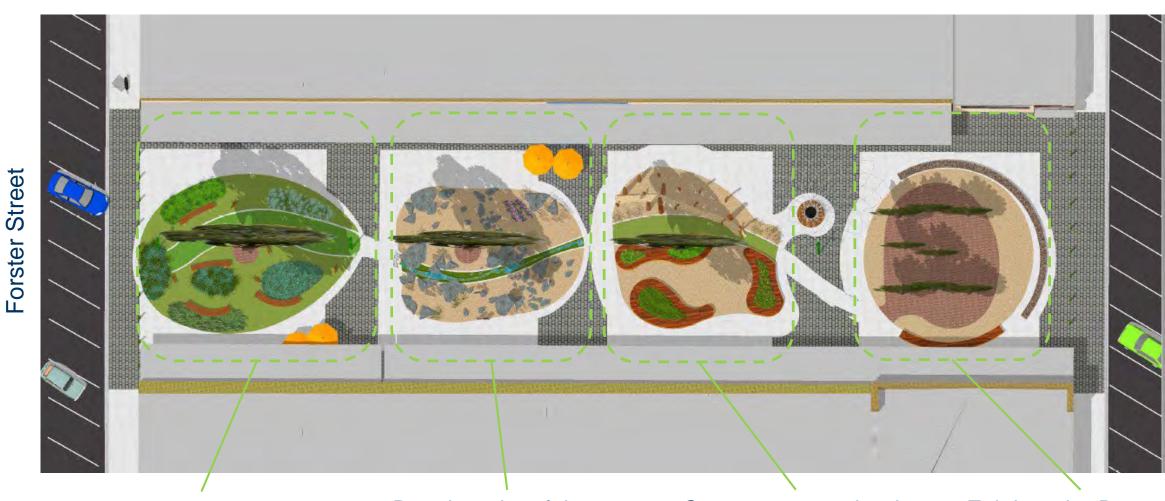
The design of Labuan Square was based on the following design principles:

- Wadawurrung concepts of Country
- Community desire for sustainable and natural landscape

Cowies Creek runs close to Labuan Square and flows through many landscapes. Important to the Wadawurrung People and increasingly to the local community

Principal idea for the Square is the use of Cowies Creek, flowing North to South and reusing the existing lawn spaces and trees as the country that the creek flows through

- Grassy plains of Moorabool, the source of Cowies Creek
- Basalt rocks of the gullies and steeper flowing areas
- Open water, wetland and woodland areas of lower Cowies Creek
- Exit into the Bay through the geomorphological significant cliffs



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Looking South from Forster Street

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- Lawn area
- Timber seating
- Timber sculpted animal for sitting on.
- Remove light coloured concrete pavement and replace with new
- Orange coloured highlights on furniture, (based on cliff colours at Bay exit)



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- Basalt rock landscape
- Informal seating
- Gravel surfaces
- Plantings through rock areas
- Push button controlled fountain stream. (reuse water in gardens)
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- Water Hole seat planters
- Woodland pathway, weave poles
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- Seat wall representing the cliffs at Corio Bay
- Seating surrounding the orchard
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Looking North from Tennyson Street

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- Urban Canopee
- Self supporting trellis system for growing vines on
- Seating all around
- Shade in summer and part shelter in winter



- Remove existing toilets, replace with gardens and trees
- Position new toilet on Forster Street car park, East
- Good views all around
- Easy access from LabuanSq
- Landscape potential









- Update lighting, not just safety type lighting but aesthetic. e.g. accentuate trees
- Integrate smart pole with lighting and CCTV, free Wi-Fi
- Sculpture-part of the cities relocatable sculpture program
- Ongoing programs to get more art onto shops

### Your feedback?

We would love to hear your thoughts on the design.

Please complete the feedback section to have your say on the upgrade of Labuan Square; or

Contact Genevieve Cooper on Ph 5272 5021 to discuss the project.