

**Victoria Green**

Victoria Green is a sheltered local park in the heart of Victoria Harbour, framed by relatively narrow and quiet local streets and surrounded by a mix of residential, business and community activities. The space has an intimate and relaxed character, with a lawn at its centre framed by a grove of canopy trees, which is in turn enclosed by the surrounding buildings. An intimate space hidden away from Docklands' water promenades and wide main streets, it has a distinct sense of place.

The park currently caters for a wide range of local users: residents, workers, children and dogs (on lead). The lawn supports a variety of informal uses, while the surrounding spaces accommodate programming for activities such as a children's play space, fitness stations, picnic tables, barbecues, outdoor cafes and a small community garden. The new toddler play space and café to the northern edge and community garden to the south will encourage further family usage.

**Typology**

Local park

**Size**

Approximately 3,750m<sup>2</sup>

**Minimum recommended programs**

EXISTING PROGRAMS

Informal ball sports	Picnic BBQ	Play	Community garden	Fitness station	Small events	Outdoor dining

**Minimum infrastructure and access**

- Power and water (for small local events up to 500 people).
- Existing proximity to Collins Street tram stop and public car parking.
- Access for small service vehicles to bump-in bump-out to support events and park maintenance.

**Recommendations**

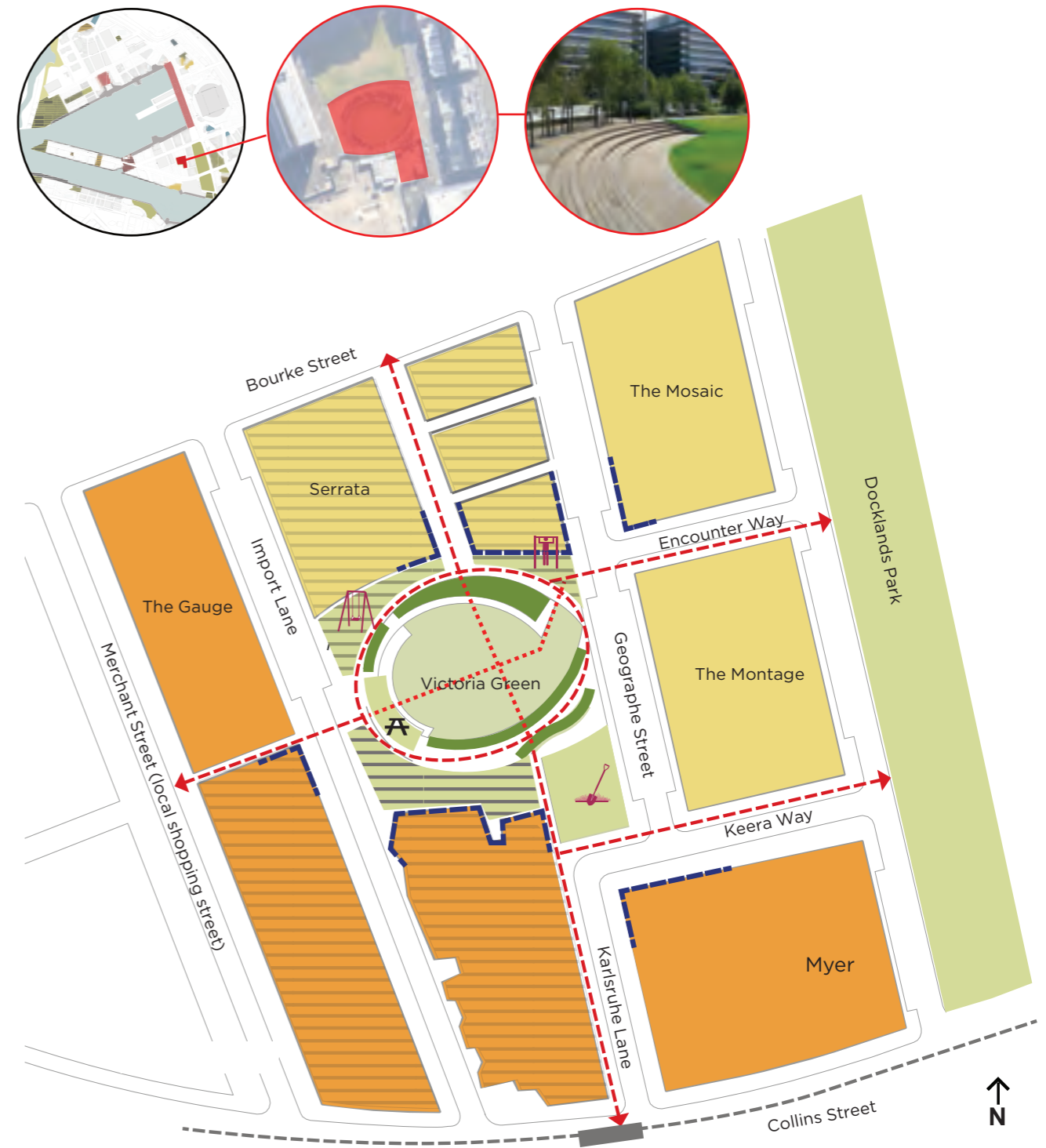
- Provide planting to protect from wind.
- Rationalise level changes and planting to the north to increase visual and physical permeability.
- Provide for accommodation of small-scale, flexible events.
- Encourage mixed land-use activation to edges of the park.
- Ensure local community activities are prioritised in the activities and use of the space.

**Current ownership**

Places Victoria with handover to City of Melbourne in 2013.

**Status**

Central area of park, toddler play space, fitness station, outdoor café space and community garden complete. Additional passive spaces to the southern edge will be completed by 2014.



**Legend**

Existing public open space	Tram line
Proposed public open space	Tram stop
Existing vegetation	Key pedestrian connections
Existing picnic/BBQ	Active building edge
Play space	Residential building
Exercise station	Commercial building
Community garden	Committed building/public space

**Dock Square & Bourke Dock**

This future public space in the heart of Victoria Harbour will be a hybrid of civic space and park with a river dock. The proposed mix of community, retail, service, dining, waterfront and business activities framing its edges is intended to provide daily activation. The space will support medium-scale events such as music, outdoor movies and markets. Dock Square's identity draws on the site's physical context including the water, wharf, the confluence of Bourke and Collins Streets and the introduction of special tree structures to provide an inviting and comfortable space. Adjacent community buildings and facilities, including a library, boating hub and potentially an outdoor swimming pool will support the civic role of the space.

Bourke Dock is the terminus of Bourke Street at the river's edge. The dock will provide exhibition berthing giving public viewing of a working ship as well as functioning as a transport hub with water transport (potential charter vessel, ferry and water taxi access) and the Collins Street tram terminus.

**Typology**

Civic space

**Size**

Approximately Dock Square 2200m<sup>2</sup> and Bourke Dock 2300m<sup>2</sup>

**Minimum recommended programs**



**Minimum infrastructure and access**

- Medium-scale events infrastructure (power, water, space for a stage, storage).
- Public transport (continue tramline), access for large service vehicles to bump in and bump out to support events.

**Recommendations**

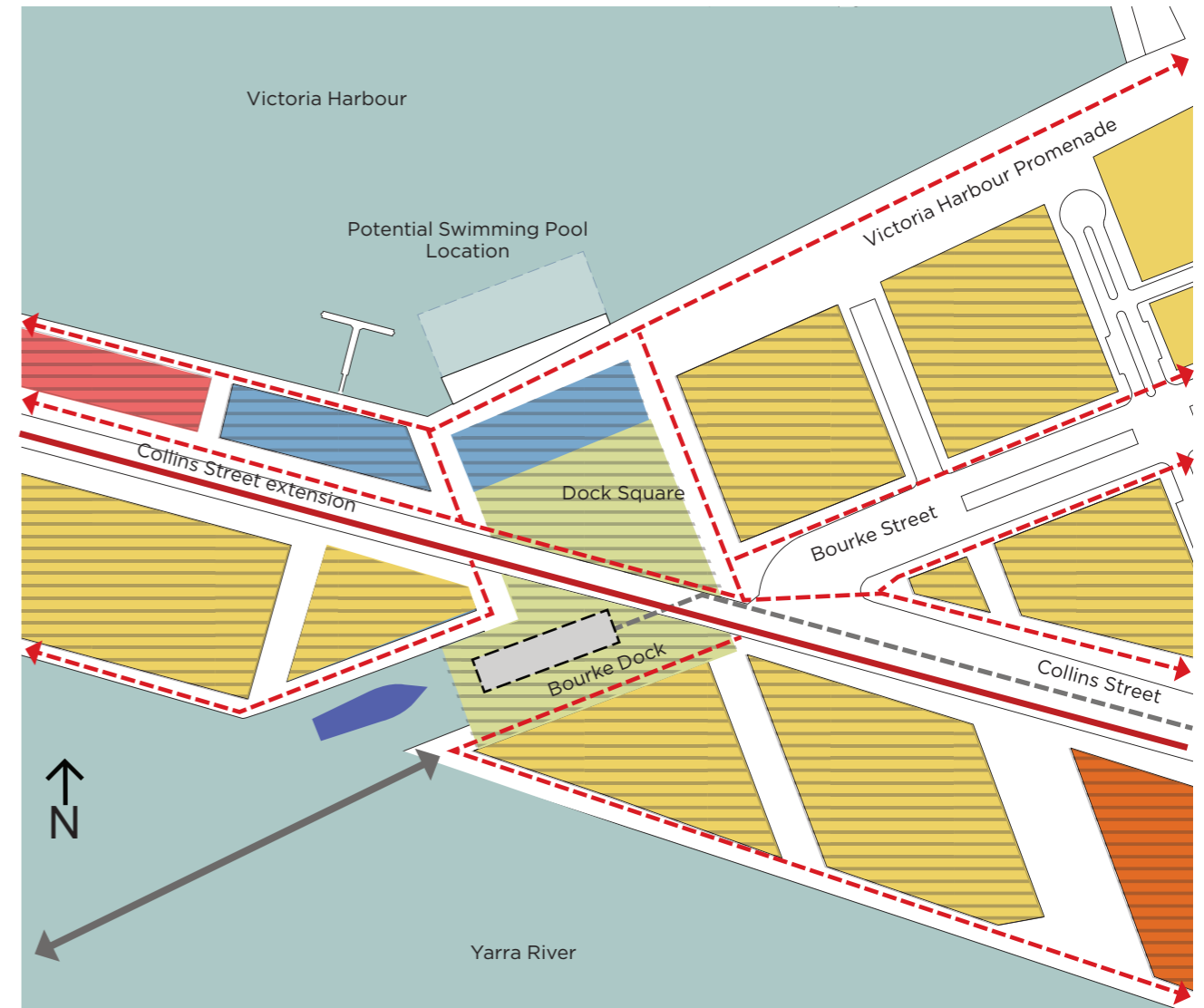
- Provide infrastructure to encourage activation of the water edges.
- Design Collins Street where it crosses the square to minimise traffic impacts.
- Provide space for medium scale, flexible events - including site access.
- Encourage mixed land-use activation to the edge of the space.
- Provide noise attenuation in surrounding buildings.
- Celebrate the maritime heritage.
- Facilitate ease of access to tram stop, harbour and river promenades.

**Current ownership**

Places Victoria. Will be transferred to the City of Melbourne with redevelopment.

**Status**

Future space (2012-13)



**Legend**

- Human services/community building
- Residential building
- Commercial building
- Mixed use building
- Committed building
- Future public open space
- Potential historic ship location
- Tram Line
- Potential tram stop location
- Key pedestrian/cycle connection
- Key pedestrian connection
- Potential connection

**Context Plan**

**Sir John Coode Park**

This park will have a distinctly maritime character. Located at the end of the former Australian Wharf, addressing the Yarra River, Victoria Harbour and the Melbourne Ports, the park should preserve its industrial heritage including basalt rock edges, timber piers (navigational lights), wharf fenders, a control tower and other former port infrastructure (rail lines, lights). As a destination for visitors and a local park, the park should offer information on its maritime heritage, picnic and resting areas, outdoor café/refreshments, views to the port and city skylines, a play space and fishing opportunities.

There is a long-term opportunity for bridge connections across Victoria Harbour and the Yarra River. The design of the park should not preclude this future connection.

**Typology**

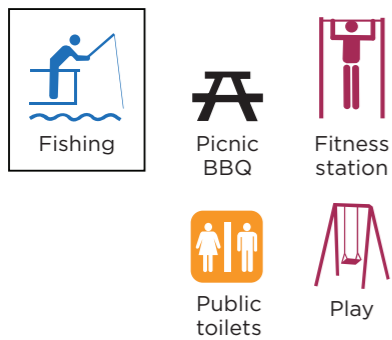
Local park

**Size**

Approximately 3400m<sup>2</sup>

**Minimum recommended programs**

EXISTING PROGRAMS



**Minimum infrastructure and access**

- Power and water (for general lighting around picnic/BBQ/fishing areas).
- No close public transport; provide access for service vehicles for maintenance.

**Recommendations**

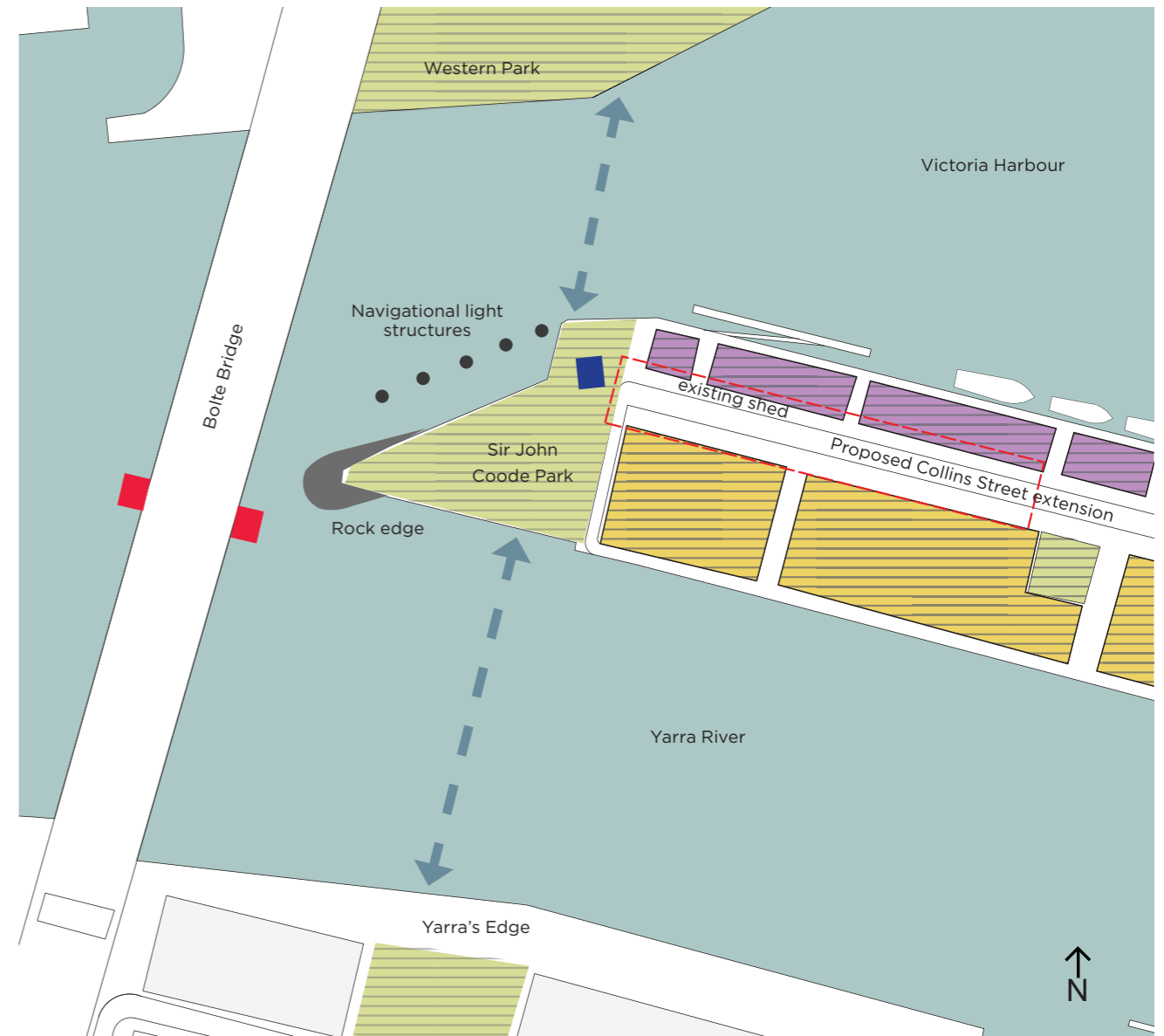
- Protect and enhance the rock edge and remnant navigational light structures.
- Protect views to Melbourne Port and back to the city.
- Accommodate a future bridge/boat connection to Western Park and Yarra's Edge.
- Connect people with the water (provide some soft informal water edges).
- Retain the gritty, maritime character.
- Encourage mixed land-use activation to the edge of the park.
- Restore the existing control tower as an accessible public space.
- Limit vehicle access to maintenance/service vehicles only.
- Provide for and encourage fishing and boating.
- Provide informal play opportunities.

**Current ownership**

Places Victoria

**Status**

Proposed space (2015-20)



**Legend**

- Proposed public open space
- Potential future building
- Bolte Bridge pylons
- Existing control tower
- Navigational light structures
- Informal rock edge
- Existing shed (to be removed)
- Potential ferry/Pedestrian bridge
- Residential building
- Mixed use building
- Committed building

**Context Plan**

**Seafarers Rest**

A civic and cultural square and a destination for local and international visitors, Seafarers Rest is surrounded by the Yarra River, the Mission to Seafarers building (1915), Goods Shed No. 5 (heritage listed), heritage wharves, the new Seafarers Bridge, World Trade Centre Precinct and Flinders Wharf apartment building. The historic buildings and heritage elements underpin the square's identity but it also provides a setting for contemporary art installations, performances and small events. The square includes a variety of outdoor café/dining/refreshment opportunities.

**Typology**

Civic space

**Size**

Approximately 6,000m<sup>2</sup>

**Minimum recommended programs**



**Minimum infrastructure and access**

- Power and water (for small events up to 500 people).
- Existing proximity to tram stop and public car parking.
- Provide access for service vehicles to bump-in bump-out to support events and park maintenance.

**Recommendations**

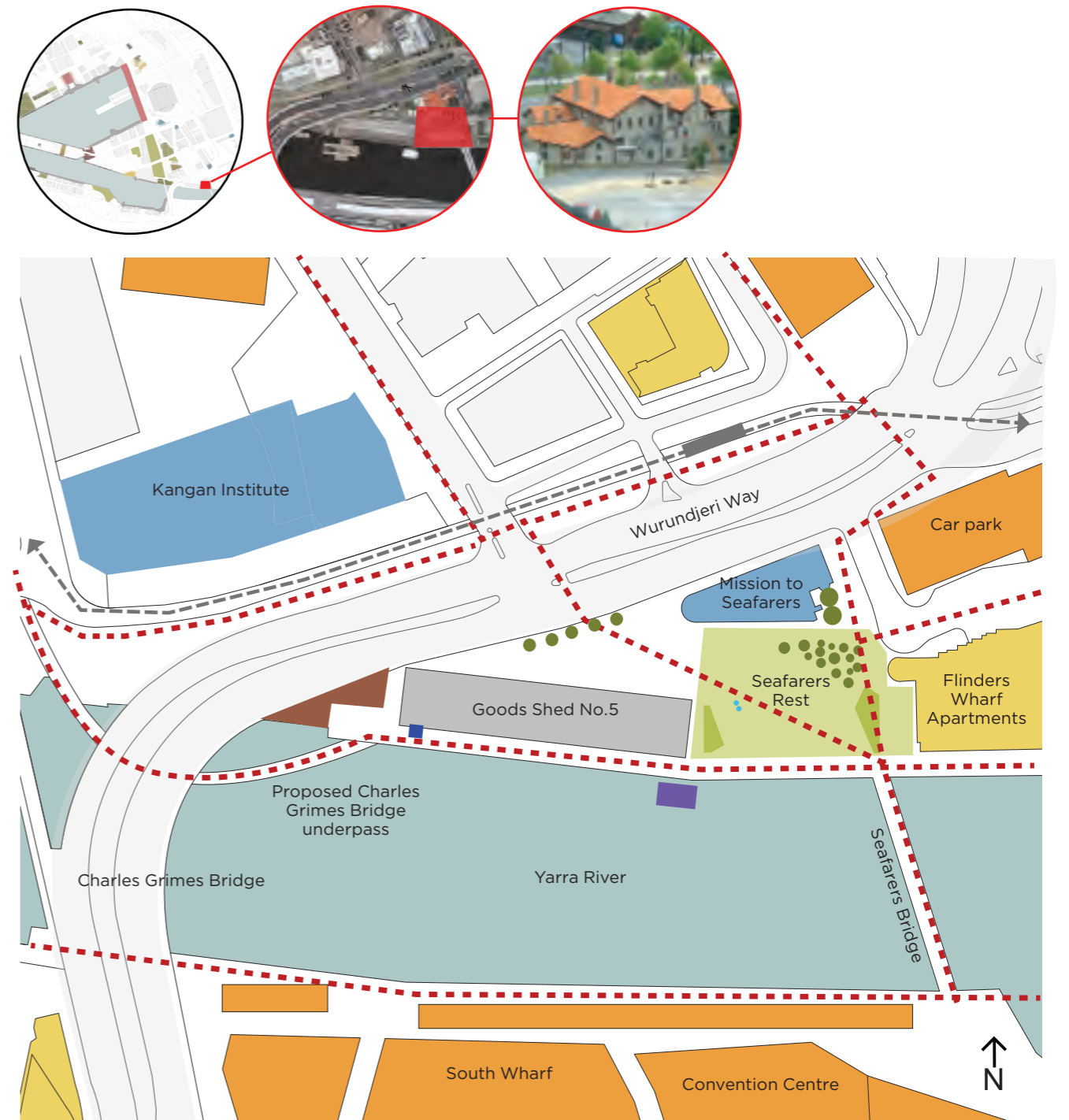
- Provide an arts and culture focus to the space.
- Allow for small-scale, flexible events (up to 500 people).
- Encourage mixed land-use activation to the edge of the space.
- Provide direct pedestrian and cycle connections through the site to the Wurundjeri Way pedestrian crossings.
- Ensure consistent, high-quality materials to the water promenades and the Charles Grimes Bridge underpass.
- Improve the relationship between the Seafarers Building and public spaces.
- Protect and enhance the existing maritime character.
- Provide interpretive information on the site's heritage significance in the broader Melbourne context.

**Current ownership**

Crown land

**Status**

Existing public space. Future upgrade as part of the North Wharf development.



**Legend**

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| Existing public open space to be upgraded | Existing exposed wharf pylons and rock edge |
| Key Pedestrian/cycle connection           | Existing maritime elements (anchors)        |
| Education/community building              | Existing trees                              |
| Residential building                      | Existing travelling electric crane          |
| Commercial building                       | Tram line                                   |
| Potential future building                 | Tram stop                                   |
| Existing Helipad                          |   |

**Context Plan**

**Point Park**

The first stage of a civic park on the Yarra River south bank, framed by residential, retail and community uses. The park caters primarily for residents and is the largest local space for most of the Yarra's Edge precinct. 200 metres of north-facing river frontage provides panoramic views across the river to the central city, and gives the feel of a much larger space. Mounded landscaped areas provide elevated vantage points that enhance this quality; this aspect could be heightened further still.

While Point Park is currently primarily a passive space it could support more active recreational uses including a playspace (for 0-5 year olds), opportunities for active play for older children, fitness station and an area for small informal ball sports. More planting would increase the sense of shelter in the park.

**Typology**




Civic park

**Size**





Approximately 10,000m<sup>2</sup>

**Minimum recommended programs**

EXISTING PROGRAMS

		
Informal ball sports	Picnic BBQ	Public toilets

			
Play	Fitness station	Small events	Fishing

**Minimum infrastructure and access**

- Power and water (for potential small events - up to 500 people).
- Poor public transport provision (bus). Some carparking. Existing access for service vehicles to bump-in bump-out to support events and park maintenance.

**Recommendations**

- Provide areas of shelter from the wind.
- Allow for small-scale, flexible events: adequate space and access.
- Encourage mixed land-use activation to edge of the park.
- Integrate public art input.
- Celebrate views back to the city.
- Consider the relationship between the park and the Yarra River (connect to the water).
- Provide more active recreation and community facilities.
- Increase tree structure.
- Provide a playspace for 0-5 year olds.
- Upgrade the waterfront promenade.

**Current ownership**

City of Melbourne

**Status**

Stage one complete. Future stages including playspace committed.



**Legend**

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|  | Existing public open space |  | Public toilets            |
|  | Existing trees             |  | Picnic BBQ area           |
|  | Residential building       |  | On road cycle path        |
|  | Retail building            |  | Key pedestrian connection |
|  | Community use              |  | Car parking               |
|  | Industrial building        |  | Committed building        |

**Context Plan**