

CHARLOTTE STREET POCKET PARK - FINAL CONCEPT PLAN

Final concept plan + elevations + view

The feedback from the community on the draft concept plan was overwhelmingly positive and supportive and we have modified the design in response to your feedback and comments.

The design for the pocket park aims to maximise greenery and tree planting while creating a space that reflects the setting next to the library building and respects the heritage nature of the adjacent buildings.

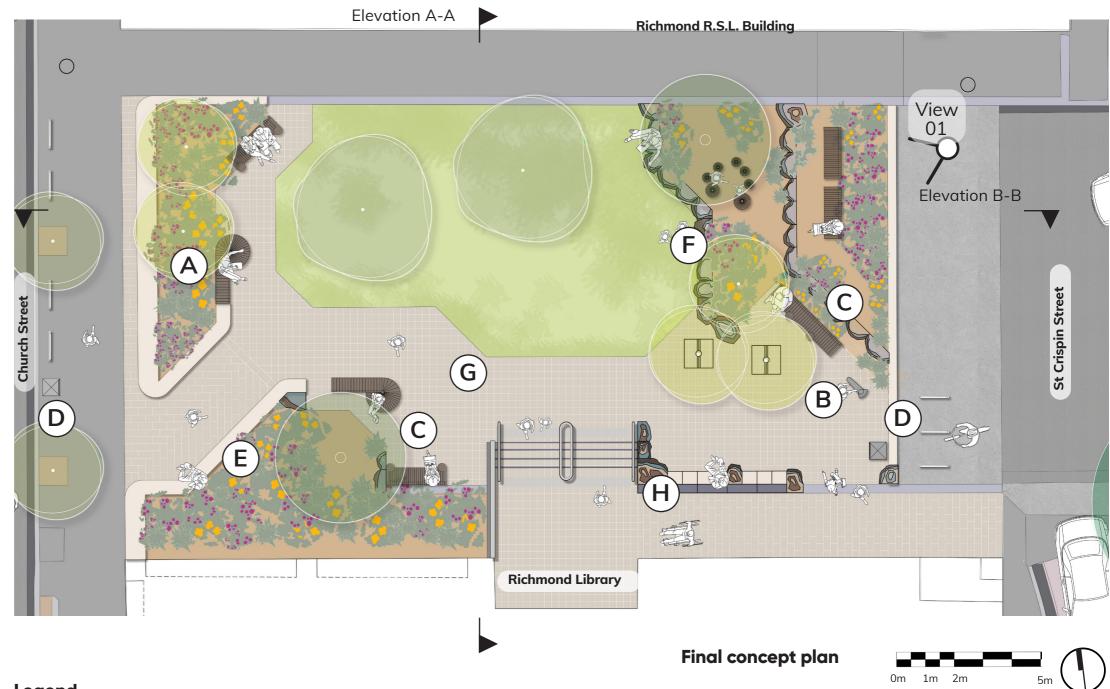
Main changes from draft concept plan to final concept

Final concept plan response to the Stage 2 community consultation feedback:

- A. Widened landscape buffer along Church Street to further separate the park from the street, noting that sight-lines and visual connection between the street and the park are not obstructed.
- B. A drinking fountain with a dog bowl will be located in the park.
- C. Bench seats in key locations will have back and armrests and the will also integrating small cafe style tables.
- D. Bins will be located on either end of the park.
- E. Bike hoops are relocated from the main access path into the park, to be along Church Street for improved accessibility.

Other design modifications include;

- F. Sawn basalt edges have been introduced, to create informal moments and also to address the fall of the land creating informal steps and edges.
- G. Further material investigations are underway to select a light coloured material palette that compliments the existing setting and bluestone kerbs.
- H. A design has been developed for library entrance threshold, to create a better accessible and more open and welcoming entrance that also reflect the design and materiality of the park.



Legend



Existing Pin Oak trees retained



Proposed tree



Lawn



Garden bed with low flowering plants



Paving, precast concrete unit pavers



Raised edges along Church Street



Flush bluestone edge



Raised bluestone edge, sculptural boulders and integrated seating



Bench seats with back, armrest and integrated small cafe style table



Grouping of circular seats by the existing oak tree



Cut basalt boulders creating edges informal steps



Feature cut basalt boulders



Bin, indicative locations



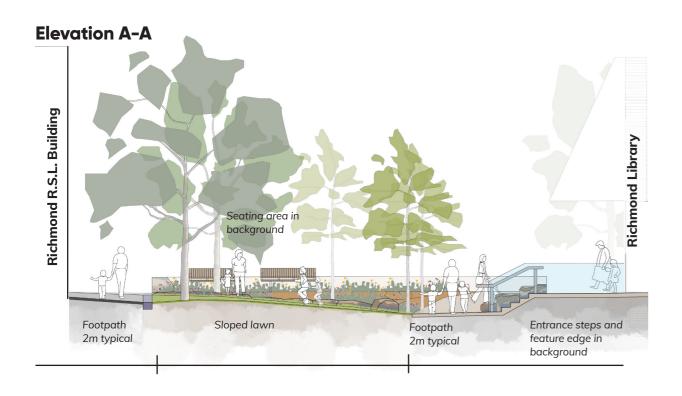
Drinking fountain with dog bowl



Bike parking including space for cargo bike

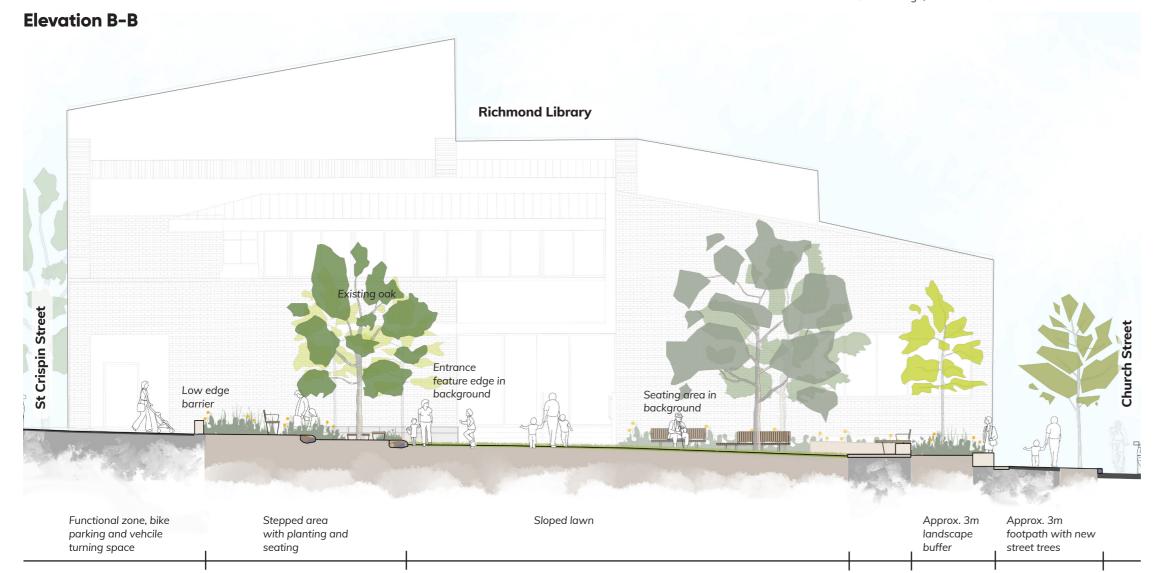
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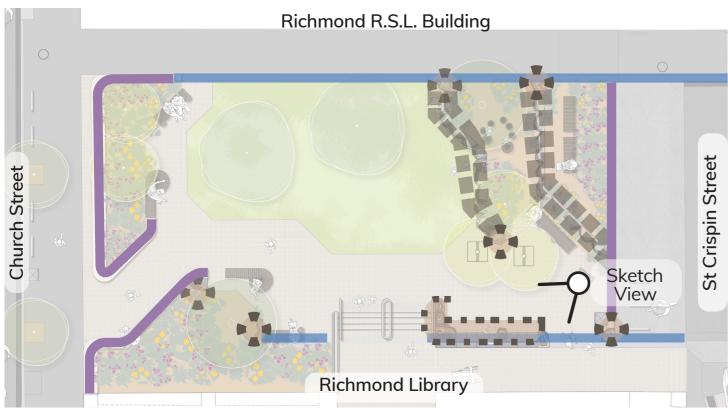


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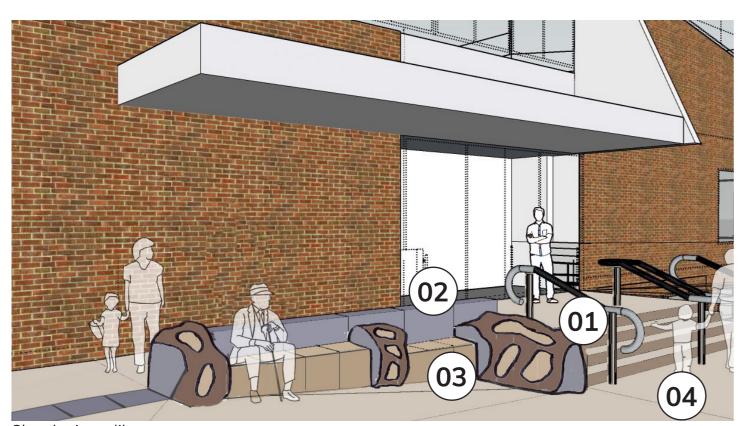


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Homage to heritage bluestone

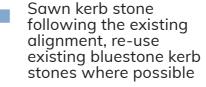


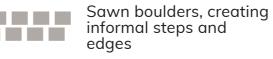
Plan diagram showing location for different stone and edge typologies Plan not to scale

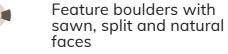


Sketch view, library entrance threshold feature seating edge

Legend







Insitu and/or precast concrete edges with basalt aggregate



Precast concrete paving with basalt aggregate



Feature Basalt boulders, sawn, cut and natural faces, The University of Melbourne Student Precinct



Edge, sawn dressed bluestone blocks



Seat blocks, precast concrete, with bluestone / basalt aggregate
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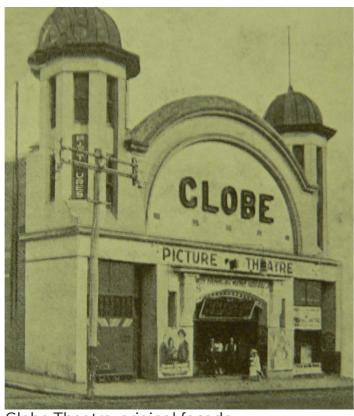
Precast concrete paving with basalt aggregate

Furniture design inspiration + typology



Aerial of Richmond c 1940, provided by Richmond Historical Society. Charlotte Street and the Globe Theatre where the library now is located.

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Globe Theatre, original facade Image credit; Richmond Historical Society



Icon of Swan Street

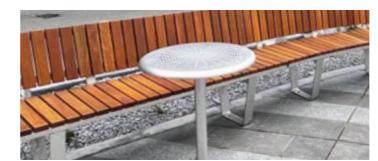


Feature of Swan Street



Circular feature platform seating element of different sizes

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Small cafe style tables, integrated with seat or freestanding

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Seats back and armrest Image credit; Draffin.com.au

Trees + low planting



1. Quercus palustris
Pin Oak - (Exotic, Deciduous)



2. Acer x freemanii 'Autumn Blaze' - (Exotic, Deciduous)



3. Eucalyptus sideroxylon Red Ironbark - (Native, Evergreen)



4. Gleditsia triacanthos Honey Locust - (Exotic, Deciduous)



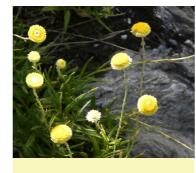
5. Chrysocephalum apiculatum
Common Everlasting



6. Craspedia paludicola Swamp Billybuttons



7. Calocephalus citreus Lemon Beauty Heads



8. Coronidium scorpioides Button Everlasting



9. Pycnosorus globosus Billy Buttons



10 Hardenbergia violacea Native Sarsparilla



11. Wahlenbergia stricta Tall Bluebell



12. Brachyscome multifida Cut-leafed Daisy



13. Scaevola aemula Fairy Fan-flower



14. Pelargonium rodneyanum Magenta Storksbill



15. Carpobrotus ssp. Pigface



16. Dianella spp. Flax-lily varieties



17. Orthrosanthus multiflorus Morning Flag



18. Austrostipa spp. Spear grass



Correa spp. Correa



20. Grevillea lanigera Woolly Grevillea



21. Acacia aculeatissima Snake Wattle

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Seasonal change + flowers



The Charlotte Street Pocket Park is envisioned as a moment of relief in heavily urbanised area. As such, the planting palette has been selected to offer an ever-changing display across the seasons.

Red Ironbarks and Honey Locusts will feature in the site, but also speak to the existing Pin Oaks and Maples. In combination, these trees will create a spectacular foliage display and provide shade over spring and summer, whilst allowing light and sun to penetrate the space during the winter months.

A predominantly native planting palette has been adopted for the Pocket Park to compliment the existing exotic tree species within the site.

The proposed exotic tree species will connect the park design and existing trees with the streetscape, and are suitable complimenting the functionality of the space such as outdoor seating during summer and winter.

The native flowering plants will provide habitat for bees, other pollinators and maximise biodiversity while using native plants in a ornamental way.

Species shown are indicative only and subject to availability. Whilst every effort is made to represent the proposed design as accurately as possible, individual design elements are subject to change due to material availability, budget constraints, and latent on-site conditions.

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