

Challenges and Opportunities Report

Thomastown and Lalor Urban Design Framework

Council's research, including previous community engagement, identified principles to address challenges and opportunities in Thomastown and Lalor as shown below.



Strengthening the public space network

- Connecting the open space network
- Filling open space gaps
- Increasing perceptions of safety in public spaces



Celebrating local culture and experiences

- Recognising Aboriginal cultural heritage
- Promoting local heritage and culture
- Celebrating food as experience and connection



Enhancing movements and connectivity

- Activating the High Street corridor
- Improving east-west connectivity
- Providing active travel options



Reintroducing a quality natural environment

- Re-imagining Edgars Creek
- Increasing tree canopy coverage
- Re-establishing local vegetation and habitat corridors



Supporting the community to thrive

- Strengthening community hubs
- Enhancing town centres and supporting local businesses
- Opportunities for all ages



Managing urban renewal and character

- Housing diversity and affordability
- Retaining and valuing character
- Managing transitions between land uses