

MASTER PLAN VISION

The K Road precinct will be a special location to stop and spend time in the unique natural environment. Visitors will be encouraged to park and walk to viewing areas, fishing platforms and picnic facilities, where they will spend time learning about the place and its history.

The precinct will make a lasting impression on visitors, who will remember K Road Cliffs as a unique destination where the natural qualities of the site are protected, valued and revealed.

DESIGN NOTES

NEW VISITOR CAR PARKS

Two carparks are suggested to be fitted on the north and south ends of the site providing easy pedestrian access to the new picnic areas, viewing platforms and river. The car parks will be graded to fall towards a new drainage system. The surface of the north carpark will be asphalt and the south carpark will be spray sealed gravel.

NEW CLIFF TOP WALKING PATH

A new 2.5 meter gravel path which interconnects park facilities is recommended. This path will be developed on a new levee bank system which ensures all water is directed back over the landsape towards K Road, to minimise future erosion to the cliff face.

REFLECTIVE AND VIEWING SPACES

This area, recovered from cars, will be a natural area. It will be attractive space to wander and stop to contemplate the river, bird, wild life, the sugar gums and new plantings.

The space will contain three new timber viewing platforms with timber seating benches, picnic furniture and balustrades that incorporate interpretive information about the history, ecologies and geology of the site. These viewing spaces could also be used for small group activities.

RIVER ACCESS AND TERRACING

A new stair access is proposed to the south of the site to enable improved connection to the river from the shared pathway and improved access to vantage points for wildlife photography. These steps could be timber, fitted to the existing embankment gradient. A series of gravel terraces are also proposed to be built into the river bank to provide safe and attractive areas to sit, gather and view the river.

(5) WATER PLATFORMS

Access to the water for fishing is proposed as a floating platform with a hinged gangway. Revegetation of the river bank and waters edge is recommended to soften the visual appearance of the gangway.

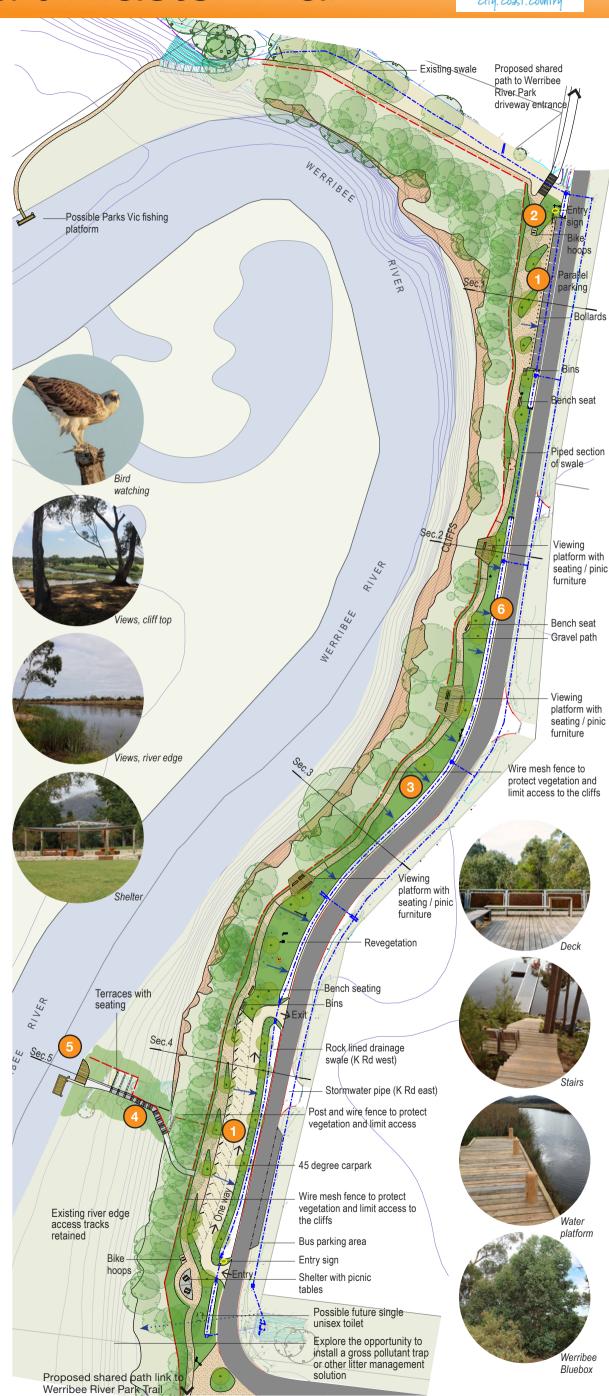
A second river front platform is also proposed for general viewing.

ORAINAGE

To prevent the cliffs from further erosion all site stormwater will be redirected to an upgraded surface drainage system along the west edge of K Road. A new pipe system is also proposed on the east side of K Road to transport water to the existing river outfall at the southern end of the site. This system will require complex design and documentation by a specialist team.

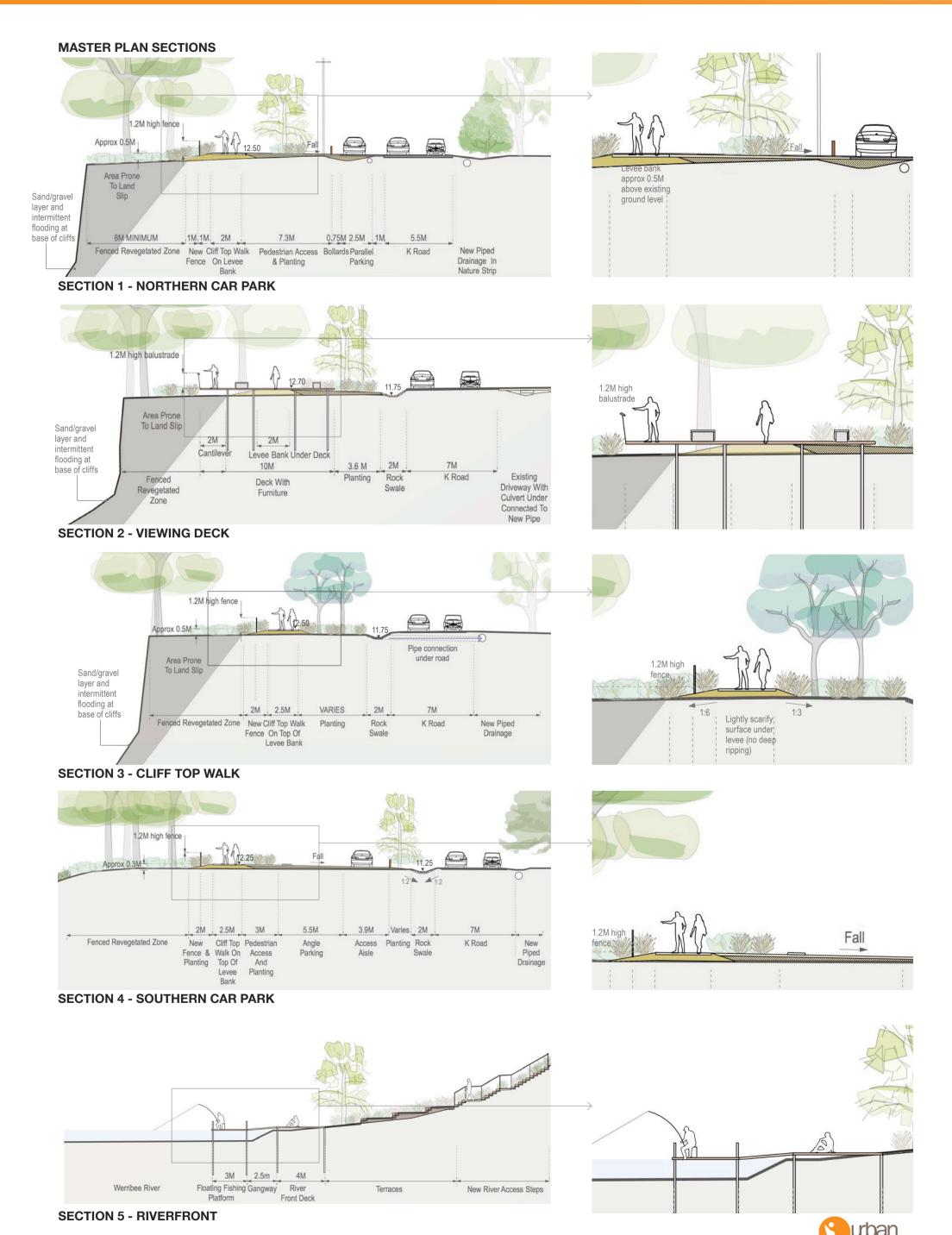
PLANTING

The upper riverbank will include indigenous native plants and grasses, with the possible addition of some prickly shrubs to discourage climbing over the cliffs. Revegetation of the site will allow the reintroduction of indigenous plants and habitats that will help tell the story of food and lifestyle pre settlement.











MASTER PLAN PRINCIPLES

Reduce erosion and protect the unique cliff face geology

Improve drainage to direct water away from cliffs so as to maintain cliff stability and mitigate risk of collapse and associated risk to visitors and site ecology.



Protect and enhance the natural vegetation, habitat and ecology of the site

Increase areas of revegetation and improve plant cover to encourage birdlife, enhance opportunities for wildlife photography, increase soil stability and enhance the bushland experience of the cliff top and riparian experience at the rivers edge. Improve fencing to cliff top vegetation to protect vegetation from visitors. Clearly define areas for use by visitors including designated viewing spots and fishing platforms. Prioritise regular and ongoing maintenance to the site.



Improve parking and minimise vehicle impacts on the site

Reduce the amount of vehicular paving and consolidate parking to allow maximum parking in minimal amount of space and reduce impacts on the landscape.





Proposed direction of overland flow

New piped drainage Levee bank

Drain

Drain outlet filtration area
Existing overland flow

Cliff face



Revegatation and Habitat Enhancement

Drainage Improvements

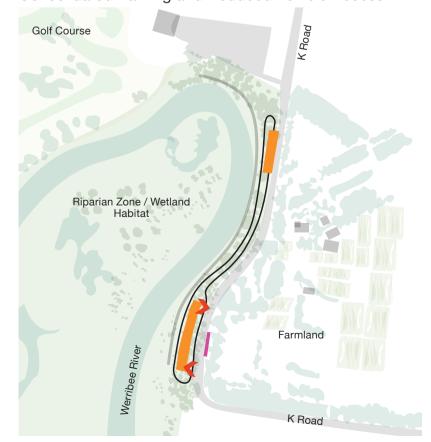


Proposed cliff top revegatation areas

--- Proposed new protective fence

Cliff face

Consolidated Parking and Reduced Vehicle Access





Cliff face





Improve pedestrian experience, connections and walkability

Improve the visitor experience of the natural landscape by providing a generous cliff top walking path that maximises opportunities for viewing and connects to surrounding sites including Werribee Mansion, Shadowfax and the proposed East Bank Trail shared path. Upgrade path connections and stairways to the rivers edge.



Better accommodate existing activities and encourage new activities suited to the bush setting

Provide new facilities that are carefully located and in keeping with the bushland character of the site. Facilities are to accommodate individuals and small groups for fishing, bird watching, wildlife photography and picnicking and have potential to be used for group activities such as yoga, meditation and Tai Chi in the future.



Improve visitor knowledge and understanding of sites ecology and history

Provide integrated signage and interpretive elements that educate visitors about the unique ecology, geology and cultural history of the site. Provide varied perspectives including traditional owners, early European history (including the Chirnside family and possible Hume and Hovel expedition in the Werribee River delta), aquatic biologist and ecologist. Involve the local community in stewardship of the site to build connection, improve the site profile and increase awareness of the site's value.



path network
Improved river access

paths and steps

Existing track to be retained as is

Cliff face

New cliff top walk connected to shared path network

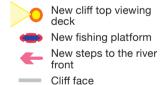


Improved Pedestrian Connections

Riparian Zone / Wetland



Farmland







 K Road Cliffs Vehicular Entry Sign
 Riverfront sign at fishing platform with interpretation

and warning signage

- Cliff Top sign with interpretation, wayfinding and warnings
- Pedestrian Access
 - Cliff face

