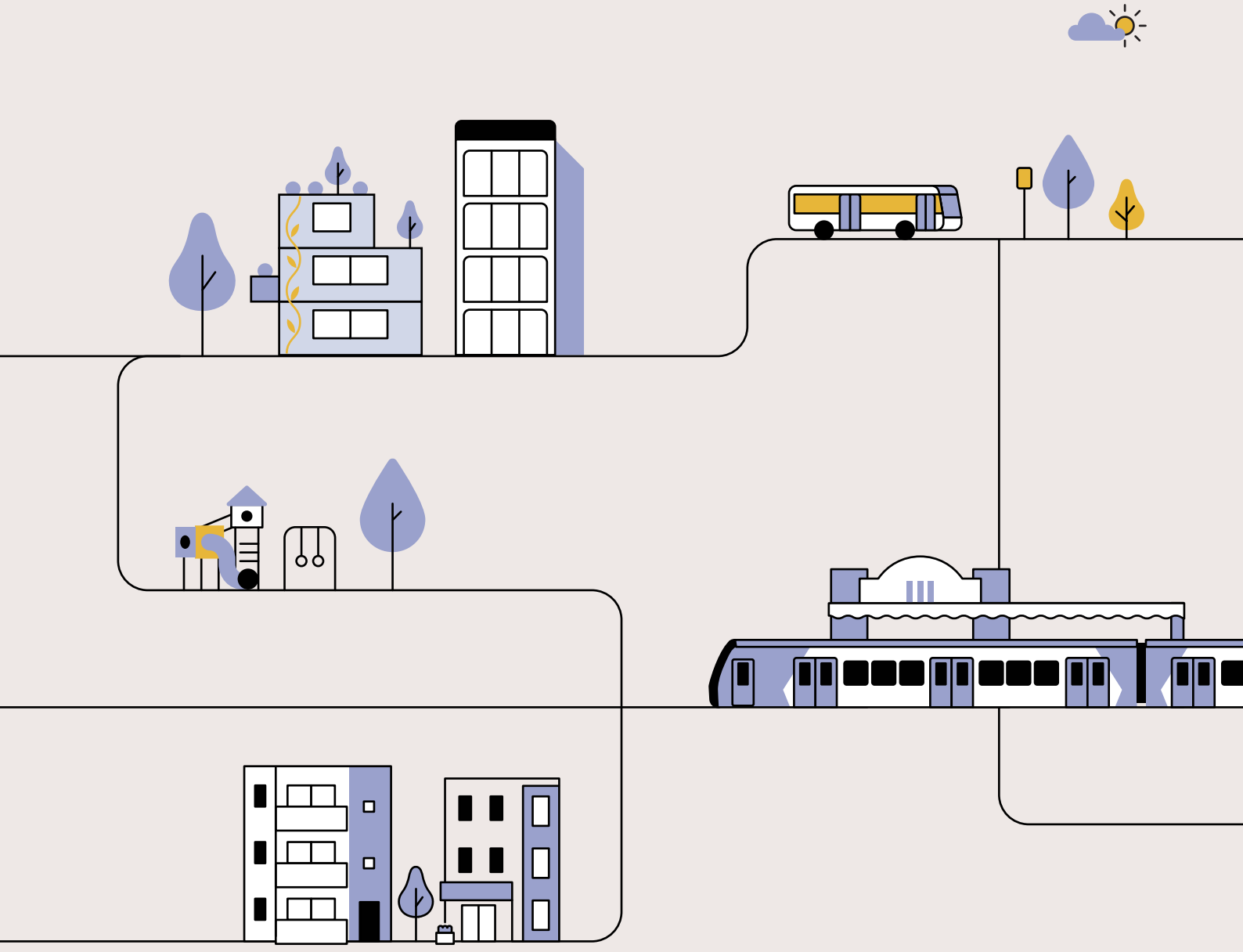
HEIDELBERG TRAIN AND TRAM ZONE ACTIVITY CENTRE PLAN

WURUNDJERI WOI-WURRUNG COUNTRY

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Victorian Government acknowledges Traditional Owners in Victoria as the custodians of Country. We acknowledge their extraordinary strength and resilience in the face of historical and ongoing social, economic and legal injustices, maintaining their connection to Country.

The Heidelberg Activity Centre is located on the lands of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung People and we acknowledge them as Traditional Owners. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, whose knowledge and wisdom have ensured the continuation of spiritual and cultural practices.

We acknowledge that the long-lasting, far-reaching and intergenerational consequences of colonisation and dispossession continue to exist today and continue to cause harm. Colonisation has left entrenched systemic and structural racism and suffering, including through the laws and policies of the Colony of Victoria, which specifically excluded First Peoples and their laws, lores, customs, languages and cultures. The Victorian Government has a responsibility to transform its systems and service delivery so First Peoples have decision-making power over matters that directly affect them.



Description of artwork

Aaron (Gunaikurnai) 'Movements Between the Five Clans' 2019, acrylic on canvas.

"The tracks are going between the five clans of the Gunaikurnai and the hands are the symbols of my spirit travelling around the campsites."

This artwork was created through programs provided by the Torch. **The Torch** provides art, cultural and arts industry support to Indigenous offenders and ex-offenders in Victoria. The Torch aims to reduce the rate of re-offending by encouraging the exploration of identity and culture through art programs to define new pathways upon release.

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1 THE PURPOSE

The Activity Centres Plan sets a broad vision for the area, which incorporates the local knowledge of the community and others who visit and work in the place, and informs preparation of new planning controls to enable development over time.





WHY WE'RE PLANNING FOR HEIDELBERG

This Train and Tram Zone Activity Centre Plan (the Plan) for Heidelberg guides where new homes go, how new development will be shaped and what improvements will enhance the liveability of this place.

The purpose of this Plan is to support clear place-based planning rules, focusing on built form outcomes such as building heights, to guide where new homes go and provide certainty to community and developers about growth. It also identifies the opportunities for place improvements to support more homes.

We undertook technical analysis and consulted with the community over two phases to inform this plan, as outlined in *Heidelberg Train and Tram Zones – Stage 1 Phase 2 – Consultation Summary Report* (DTP 2026).

This strategic background document should be read alongside the relevant planning scheme and other documentation.

2 THE TRAIN AND TRAM ZONE ACTIVITY CENTRES PROGRAM

We're planning for more homes in and around 58 train and tram zone activity centres across Melbourne, encouraging more new homes to be built around public transport, jobs and services by 2051.



STATE STRATEGIC CONTEXT

We've expanded the Train and Tram Zone Activity Centres Program to include another 48 train and tram zone activity centres (we refer to them generally as activity centres) where there is good access to public transport, jobs and services. This builds upon the Activity Centres Pilot Program which focused on 10 activity centres. The distribution of the train and tram zones is shown at **Plan 1: Metropolitan context**.

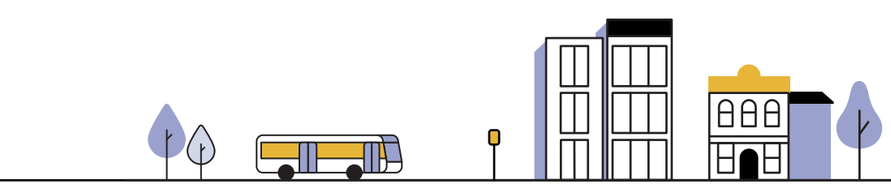
Plan for Victoria sets the vision for how the state will grow to 2050. Structured around five pillars of action, the plan outlines how Victoria will become more vibrant, accessible and connected. *Plan for Victoria* lists the Heidelberg activity centre as one of the centres we're planning for under *Pillar 1: Housing for All Victorians*.

The Heidelberg activity centre is located within the Banyule local government area. *Plan for Victoria* sets a target of 45,500 net additional homes for the Banyule local government area to 2051.

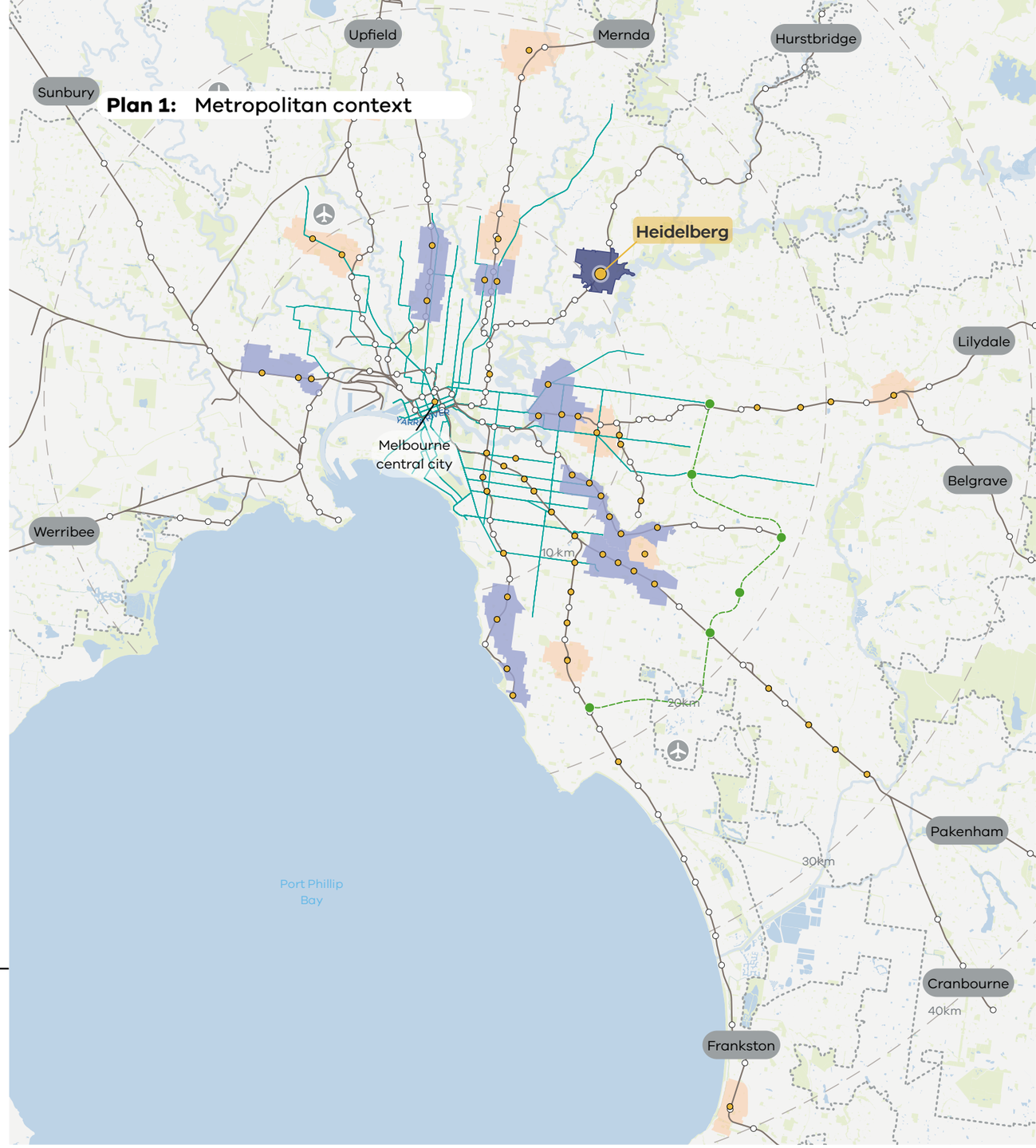
The Train and Tram Zone Activity Centres Program creates planning capacity for more homes in this activity centre and its catchment, contributing to the housing targets for the City of Banyule.

The Program also operates in the context of and alongside state policies that support Victorians to live, work, access and enjoy places across Melbourne:

- ***Victoria's Bus Plan 2021*** sets out the Victorian Government's long-term strategy to deliver a more modern, productive and environmentally sustainable bus network.
- ***Victorian Cycling Strategy 2018–2028*** lays out the government's commitment to invest in a safer, lower-stress, better connected cycling network.
- The ***Economic Growth Statement*** lays out the actions for a stronger economy that creates more jobs and supports a stronger future for all Victorians.
- The ***Healthy Waterways Strategy*** sets the long-term vision for managing the health of Melbourne's waterways.
- The ***Yarra River Protection/Wilip-gin Birrarung murron Act 2017*** identifies the Yarra River, also known as the Birrarung, and its corridor as a single living and integrated natural entity for protection. The ***Burndap Birrarung burndap umarkoo (Yarra Strategic Plan)*** identifies how we work with Traditional Owners and plan for our activity centres where they are located within one kilometre of the river.
- The *Train and Tram Zone Activity Centres Program Explainer, 2026* sets out the objectives for the Program, along with the urban design principles that underpin this work.



Plan 1: Metropolitan context



3 THE STRATEGIC DIRECTION FOR HEIDELBERG

Victorians want more homes close to public transport, jobs and services.





ABOUT HEIDELBERG

When we say *Heidelberg*, we are referring to the centre and its catchment area. The activity centre is shown at **Plan 2: Heidelberg context & recent infrastructure**.

Why Heidelberg is in the Program

The Program is focused on locating more homes close to train stations and tram lines that have the highest capacity now and into the future.

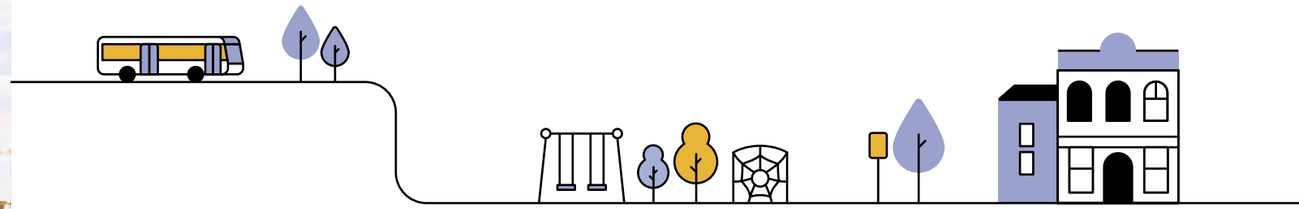
The Heidelberg activity centre is located around the Heidelberg train station, a future Suburban Rail Loop – North station.

The centre is well-serviced by public transport with train services connecting to metropolitan Melbourne, including the city centre. The centre also benefits from a bus interchange that connects people to destinations such as La Trobe University, Bell Street light industrial area and Doncaster Shopping Centre.

What we understand about the place

The Heidelberg activity centre is about 10 kilometres north-east of Melbourne's city centre. Heidelberg is recognised as a Health Precinct in *Plan for Victoria*, recognising the array of health services and infrastructure anchored by the Austin Hospital and Mercy Hospital.

In recent years, the Victorian Government has committed to and carried out several community and transport infrastructure projects in and around this centre. The key projects are shown at **Plan 2: Heidelberg context & recent infrastructure**.



Public realm and community infrastructure improvements – making great community spaces

Open space along the Yarra River and Remembrance Park contribute to creating places which are greener and cooler with more canopy trees. Open space along the Yarra River includes Heidelberg Park, Heidelberg Gardens, Warringal Park Oval and Burkitt Oval, and supports play, rest and exercise.

Burgundy Street provides a mix of cafés, restaurants and retail offerings that contribute to a village character and encourage social interaction and a sense of community.

We heard from community members that a safer, more accessible public realm with good lighting is important.

In the Community Reference Group Statement of Advice, we heard the call for more community spaces and facilities for all ages and mobilities, as well as the enhancement of under-used open space with better design and facilities.

Transport infrastructure improvements – improving how we get around

Heidelberg will have direct access to the North East Link at Manningham Road. North East Link will connect Melbourne's east to the M80 Ring Road and the Eastern Freeway, cutting travel times and taking thousands of vehicles and trucks off local streets.

The project will include Melbourne's first dedicated busway, enabling faster, and more reliable trips along the Eastern Freeway. The project will also deliver upgrades to the Eastern Freeway. Importantly it will deliver new and upgraded walking and cycling connections and revitalised parklands, wetlands and waterways.

We heard from community members that resolving specific traffic hotspots at key locations such as Lower Heidelberg Road and improved pedestrian crossings are important.

In the Community Reference Group Statement of Advice, we heard the call for improvements to footpaths, as well as more frequent bus and train services.

Plan 2: Heidelberg context & recent infrastructure



- train and tram zone activity centre core
- train and tram zone activity centres and catchment
- train station & corridor
- bus route
- municipal boundary
- education (state)
- existing open space
- watercourse & waterbody

Recent State Government funded infrastructure projects

- transport corridor upgrades
- transport infrastructure upgrades
- education facility upgrades
- emergency service facility upgrades
- sporting facility upgrades

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TRADITIONAL OWNERS

The Registered Aboriginal Party for the Heidelberg activity centre and catchment area is the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation (WWCHAC).

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation is the Registered Aboriginal Party for and on behalf of Wurundjeri People. Wurundjeri People are recognised as the Traditional Owners of their lands and waters in Heidelberg, and across central–south Victoria.

Traditional Owner groups are the original custodians of the land who share a deep cultural, spiritual and social connection with Country. They have their own unique culture, history, language, customs, lores and laws.

Statement from the Registered Aboriginal Party

Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation has provided and consented to the publication of a a Statement of Cultural Values for Heidelberg activity centre. This statement is included as part of the Plan for the purpose of sharing information, increasing awareness and understanding of Aboriginal people and their connections to, and understanding of, the place with the broader community.

It is hoped that this statement will spark curiosity and inform the strategic direction for Heidelberg, as well as signal to developers, builders and the wider community the cultural significance of these places to Aboriginal people.



Plan for Victoria's pillars of action

Self-determination and caring for Country is one of the five pillars of action in *Plan for Victoria*.

Action 20 provides the opportunity to recognise Traditional Owners' Country in planning schemes and provide Country-specific guidance, where supported by and following ongoing engagement with Traditional Owners.

The Department of Transport and Planning has consulted with Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation and the Traditional Owners of the land to understand the cultural values and stories that relate to the Country we are planning more homes on.

The Statement of Cultural Values is a condensed statements of documented cultural values.

This statement does not represent the full significance of cultural values of the activity centres, which can only be understood through more detailed Cultural Values Assessments that involve On Country walks and traditional knowledge recording.

WURUNDJERI WOI-WURRUNG WATERWAYS STATEMENT

Water is integral to the formation of Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country, and there are many Creation stories for different waterways, including the Birrarung (Yarra River).

As stated by Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Elders of the WWCHAC Water Program subcommittee (WWCHAC, n.d.):

> The waterways are the lifeblood of the land. The veins of Country. We must care for our mother and her veins.
>
> The waterways provide not just for humans, but all living things; all around us, above us and below us. Being respectful of all spiritual and living things connected to waterways is our cultural responsibility. Waterways sustain all animals and plants – all life. Waterways are important for our totemic systems, as they may depend on living and thriving waterways. Ensuring waterways are healthy and thriving contributes to our strong continued connection to Country.
>
> Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung People are the only cultural authority to speak for Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Country, therefore, it is paramount that Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung People are providing direction on how Country should be cared for and managed. Understanding our lores/laws and our traditional cultural protocols, process, governance and decision-making needs to be respected, supported and resourced to allow proper informed participation. Speaking to the right people who make decisions is an important space for Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung People to be in to ensure cultural values for waterways are imbedded and informing policy and planning. Being involved at a high level and at the beginning of processes, lays the foundation for working towards and achieving cultural outcomes for Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung People, Country and our waterways.
>
> Providing the Elders the space and opportunity to teach and pass knowledge onto the next generation is extremely important. Our voices, stories, history and connections need to be acknowledged and shared. We need to ensure there is the space for the next generation to continue to Care for Country.
>
> Working together is integral to the environmental, spiritual, sustainable and cultural outcomes for Country. A healthy Country contributes to the health and wellbeing of Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung People.

WURUNDJERI WOI-WURRUNG STATEMENT OF CULTURAL VALUES

The Wurundjeri people have an unbroken relationship with Country, caring for this land, its waterways, its plants, and animals. A core purpose of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Corporation is the protection, preservation and revitalisation of Wurundjeri culture and cultural practices.

– Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation Community Statement, November 2025.

The Cultural Values of the Heidelberg activity centre were comprehensively identified and documented as part of the Bulleen Banyule Flats Cultural Values Study produced by WWCHAC in 2020[1].

Heidelberg was a critical stopping place on the travel route songline between Healesville and Melbourne, today this is the Maroondah Highway. Heidelberg is home to several billabongs and the Yarra Flats, where Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people would camp due to the area being abundant with eels, fish, waterfowl, possums, and resources to allow for cultural practice[2].

The Heidelberg area has extremely high historical significance as a place of frontier conflict. Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people were determined and continued living on the lagoons and billabongs in the area even despite direct violence from the colonial administration[3].

In 1840, hostile European colonisers attempted to push Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people off the billabongs, and the Mounted Police were called in, firing on Wurundjeri people. Wurundjeri people returned to these billabongs despite this violence. As the area was being surveyed for further sale in 1841, Assistant Protector William Thomas wrote that the sale of Bolin Bolin would be the greatest loss the people of his district had yet suffered[4]. Bolin Bolin was the first choice by Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people for the location of the protectorate station, and the eel harvest provided enough food for hundreds of people for months at a time.

William Thomas describes the gatherings at Bolin Bolin as "hamlets", like bustling and busy townships. For decades after colonisation began the area was a place to live and work, and to practice culture. It provided sustenance to Wurundjeri people for many generations. Bolin Bolin and the connected billabongs that form part of the Birrarung (Yarra River) remain a highly significant cultural landscape for Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people[5].



Figure 1: (Yarra River at) Heidelberg



THE VISION FOR HEIDELBERG

The vision is built from the Statement of Advice prepared by the Heidelberg Community Reference Group.

The vision

Heidelberg will grow into an even more vibrant and welcoming place where people can live, work, learn and relax as part of a connected and inclusive community. The area will be strengthened by its world-class health precinct and brought to life by a mix of shops, services, cafés and restaurants.

Around Heidelberg Station, the heart of the centre will support new homes and a lively local economy, offering more activity during both the day and evening.

In the surrounding catchment areas, there will be a wider range of homes to suit different needs and stages of life. These areas will be supported by safe and convenient walking, riding and public transport connections.

Treeline views across the suburb will continue to be a defining feature, with new development designed to protect existing trees and create more opportunities for greenery and planting.

The statement of advice excerpt

The Heidelberg activity centre is a vibrant and diverse centre with a leafy character, anchored by local shops, green spaces and the Austin Hospital. It is a place where people come together to live, work and enjoy the area's unique character

4 THE ACTIVITY CENTRE CORE

The activity centre core is the central part of the activity centre, closest to public transport, jobs and services.





EXPECTED CHANGE IN THE ACTIVITY CENTRE CORE

The activity centre core is a vibrant place where people shop, work, access public transport, connect with family and friends, and live. This makes the core the right place for more housing and more diverse housing types. More Victorians can live where they want to and closer to the things that matter to them.

Each activity centre core will change gradually over the next few decades, providing the new homes we need between now and 2051. It is likely that larger and unused blocks of land will be developed first, as they provide the best opportunities to deliver new homes the soonest.

HEIDELBERG ACTIVITY CENTRE CORE

Banyule City Council prepared the *Heidelberg Structure Plan*, February 2025 (the Structure Plan). This Structure Plan seeks to enhance the role and function of the Heidelberg activity centre through new built form planning controls that allow for more homes.

As the Structure Plan was recently completed and is aligned with the Victorian Government's planning policy for activity centres, it will guide the built form outcomes in the Heidelberg Activity Centre core.

The Structure Plan and the *Heidelberg Train and Tram Zone Activity Centre Plan* are background documents under Clause 72.08 of the *Banyule Planning Scheme*.

> "More housing is welcomed, as are more cafés and amenity."
> – Heidelberg community member

5 THE ACTIVITY CENTRE CATCHMENT

The residential area surrounding the activity centre core, called the catchment, provides opportunities to locate more homes close to local destinations such as shops and services, public transport and jobs.





EXPECTED CHANGE IN THE CATCHMENT

The catchment makes sure more homes are in the right places to give Victorians more housing choices with access to local destinations.

The catchment extends approximately 800 metres from the Heidelberg train station and the main commercial areas of the activity centre core and will allow for more housing diversity and choice including small and medium-scale apartment buildings, townhouses and semi-detached houses close to the activity centre.

Changes to zoning in the planning scheme

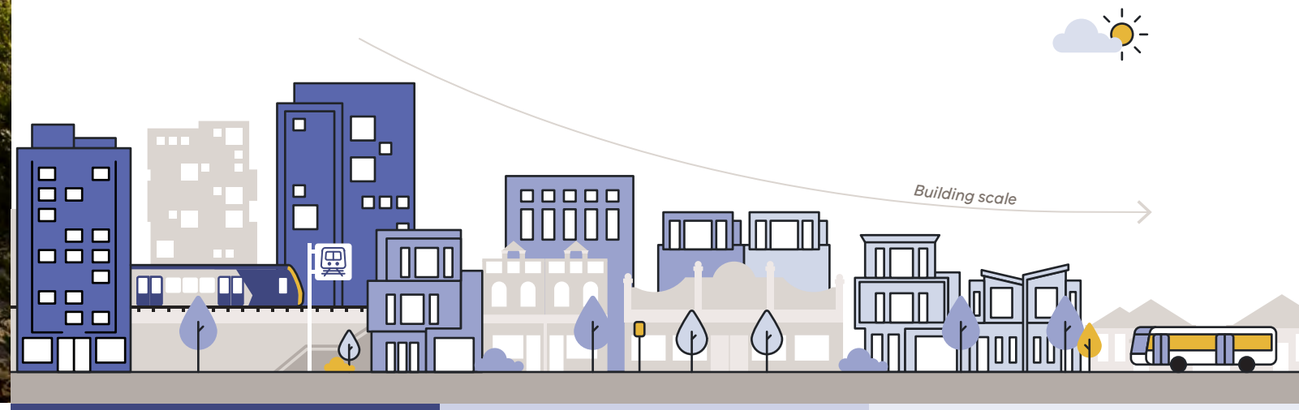
The Housing Choice and Transport Zone (HCTZ) enables a diversity of housing in the catchment, and other well-serviced locations. The HCTZ1 is applied to most existing residentially zoned land in the inner catchment and HCTZ2 is applied to most existing residential-zoned land in the outer catchment and will replace existing residential zones in these areas.

Plan 3: Heidelberg catchment shows the high-level vision for the inner and outer catchments. To see the detailed application of HCTZ, please refer to the *Banyule Planning Scheme*.

Transition from the train and tram zone

As you move away from the commercial and community core of the activity centre, the allowable building heights gradually decrease, creating a transition between the activity centre and the surrounding suburb.

As seen in the illustration below, the catchment has been divided into an inner catchment and an outer catchment. To understand how the catchment has been set, refer to the *Train and Tram Zone Activity Centres Program Explainer*, February 2026.



The core

The cultural and commercial hub of the community, the activity centre core is thriving and active with shops, community facilities, services and transport options.

The inner catchment

The inner catchment includes residential land with direct access to the activity centre core, open spaces, local destinations, and public and active transport.

The inner catchment generally allows for building heights up to four storeys. Where lots are larger and meet specified criteria, it allows buildings of up to six storeys.

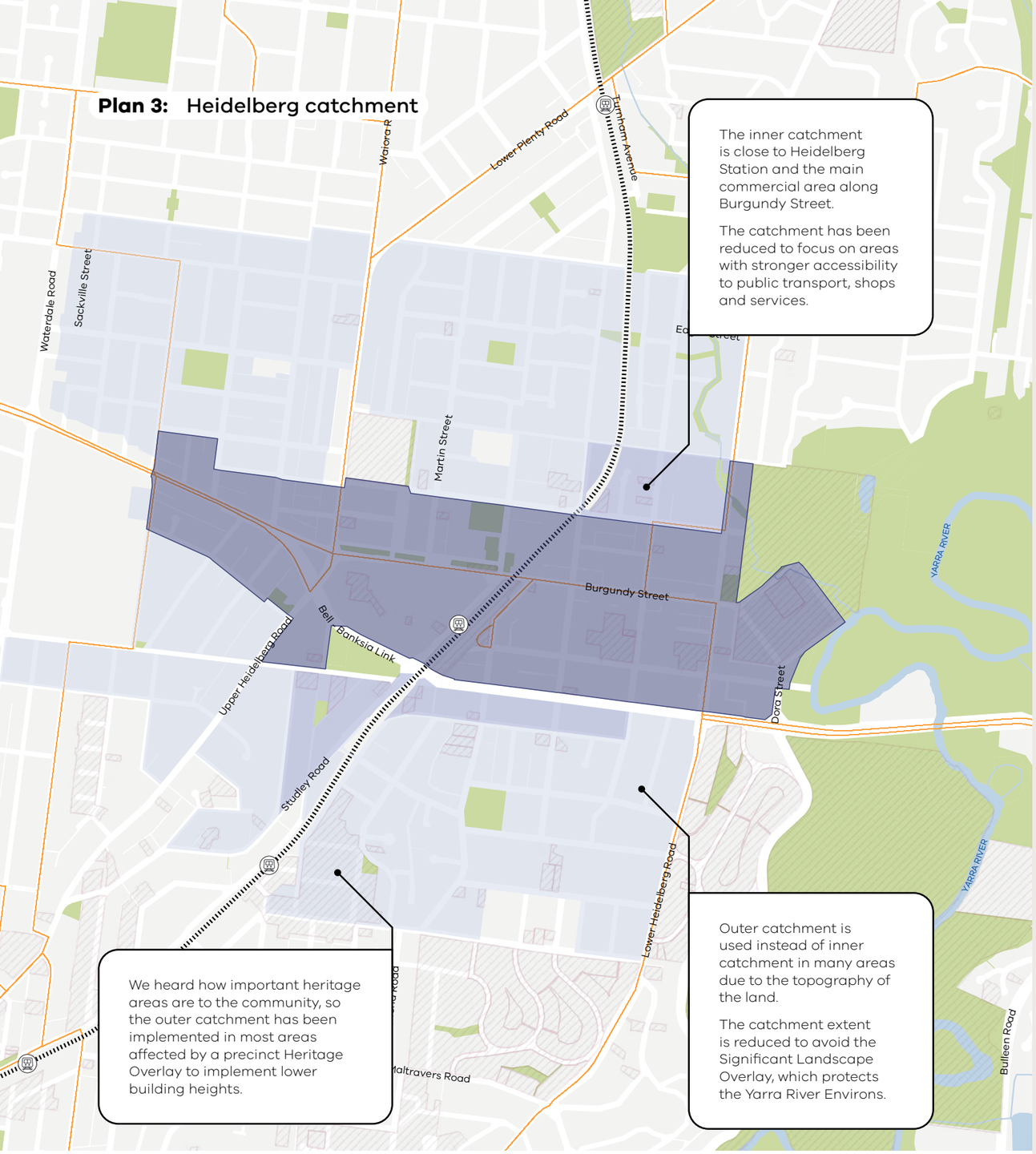
The outer catchment

The remainder of the catchment generally allows for building heights up to three storeys.

Where lots are larger and meet the criteria, it allows buildings of up to four storeys.

To understand where we've applied the inner and outer catchment, please see **Plan 3: Heidelberg catchment**

Plan 3: Heidelberg catchment



- train and tram zone activity centre core
- inner catchment
- outer catchment
- train station & corridor
- bus route
- Heritage Overlay
- existing open space
- watercourse & waterbody

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6 INFRASTRUCTURE

The Heidelberg activity centre was chosen for its access to public transport networks, community facilities, services and other important infrastructure.





PLANNING FOR FUTURE DEMAND

The quality of the places we live in affects all aspects of our lives, from our health and wellbeing to our impact on nature.

Though there has already been significant investment in Heidelberg (refer to **Plan 2: Heidelberg context & recent infrastructure**), we know that as more people move in, there will be greater demand for infrastructure and services.

The Victorian Government, alongside councils and other infrastructure delivery partners, is continuing to plan for future demand, to help deliver the things people in train and tram zone activity centres will benefit from into the future.

Transport improvements

We plan and manage transport at a system level, balancing all modes together. Through co-ordinated improvements to train, tram and bus networks, we're seeking to make public transport simpler, more accessible and more reliable.

We are also looking to facilitate improvements in walking and cycling (known as active transport), and have committed to a target of 25 per cent of all trips being by active transport by 2030. These improvements should provide people with more options to travel and encourage more people to leave the car at home.

Road network improvements are planned across Victoria to improve the efficiency, safety and resilience of the road network, balancing the needs of all road users.

Education capacity

The Victorian Government continues to consider the need for additional government primary and secondary school provision to serve the growing community.

We are also monitoring the need for new and/or expanded public, not-for-profit and for-profit kindergarten provision to serve the community.

Health services

The Victorian Government continues to consider the development of health services and infrastructure priorities to support the health system. Future investment will seek to respond to growth and ageing infrastructure pressures, and will also consider opportunities to promote new care models and how to make best use of existing infrastructure.

Integrated water management

To improve the liveability, biodiversity and climate resilience of these centres, the Victorian Government continues to investigate place-based integrated water management interventions including alternative water supplies that can be delivered for non-potable uses. The interventions aim to integrate innovative flood mitigation measures that not only reduce local flooding and build climate resilience, but also contribute to water supply security, enhance public amenity, support urban cooling, and nurture biodiversity.

In line with *Plan for Victoria*, new guidance is being prepared on how to appropriately build in areas subject to flooding. As part of this, Melbourne Water is in the process of updating its flood modelling through the Greater Melbourne Flood Information Program to provide more in-depth information about known hazards. This new flood modelling information could be used by councils when approving permits for housing in areas subject to flooding and to inform the design of future flood and drainage mitigation infrastructure.

The opportunities for public realm upgrades identified below could include consideration of water security, water sensitive urban design and nature-based approaches as part of upgrades to streetscapes and open spaces.

Water sensitive urban design strategies such as permeable surfaces, distributed detention (including deep soil tree pits and raingardens) and waterway enhancement could contribute to managing more intense rainfall, reducing flood risk, and improving amenity, cooling, biodiversity and liveability.

These approaches could contribute to ensuring that the urban form is climate adaptive.

7 LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR HEIDELBERG

Communities value access to high quality parks, open spaces and walking and cycling infrastructure, and they want to see more investment in these facilities.





INVESTING IN HEIDELBERG'S INFRASTRUCTURE

We have heard through community engagement on the Train and Tram Zone Activity Centres Program and *Plan for Victoria* that communities value access to high quality parks and open spaces, and walking and cycling infrastructure, and want to see more investment in these.

The Victorian Government is developing an infrastructure funding system to ensure that developers contribute to improving the infrastructure, so these centres remain great places to live.

Under the system, developers may be expected to pay a standardised contribution for each new home they deliver and for each square metre of new commercial or industrial space they deliver.

This system will aim to provide direct contributions for councils and the Victorian Government to help deliver the essential infrastructure each activity centre needs to thrive.

Developers, local government, state agencies and other stakeholders including the Federal Government all share responsibility for funding infrastructure, and the new system will aim to be one component of a broad infrastructure funding strategy to ensure communities receive the infrastructure they need.

Infrastructure investment focus areas

Inclusive, community-centred design

Improving your streets, public spaces and local public facilities, such as libraries and community centres, to ensure communities can meet daily needs close to home.

Accessible public transport and active transport

Investing in safe and direct walking and riding networks that help people to get around and enhance the community's liveability. Upgrading public transport infrastructure to be universally accessible, safe and comfortable.

Green spaces that are great places

Contributing to greener and cooler parks, streets and public places with more vegetation and street trees.

STRATEGIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

We have identified the following strategies and opportunities. This new flexible system will respond over time to direct future priorities in the local area, and could be rolled out in the short, medium or long-term.

Examples of potential locations are included below and on **Plan 4: Indicative Heidelberg place improvement opportunities**. This plan shows the transport network, open space and community infrastructure improvement opportunities for the Heidelberg activity centre, which could occur over time.

The place examples referenced are indicative only and are subject to change at the discretion of the relevant responsible authority.

Strategy

Support improved opportunities for play and recreation and maximise greening, use, access, and enjoyment of public space by everyone.

Opportunities

- Upgrade existing public space to ensure they can be better used by the community for recreation and community events. Spaces like Burgundy Street and Powlett Street Reserves could be improved through interventions including upgrades to playground and exercise equipment, increased tree planting and landscaping, water sensitive urban design and seating and lighting improvements.
- Increase the capacity and/or quality of the amenities of active recreation reserves such as Heidelberg Park and James Reserve to meet some of the additional demands of future development. Improvements could include improved lighting, reconfiguration of sports fields or upgraded playing surfaces and pavilions.

Strategy

Support safer, attractive and connected walking and riding networks that help people meet their everyday needs and move between activity centres.

Opportunities

- Provide safer and attractive riding facilities, on strategic and priority corridors, such as Yarra Street, Cape Street, and Banksia Street.
- Provide attractive walking routes through safe and attractive crossing opportunities and continuous footpath treatments in the activity centre cores, around Heidelberg Station and Burgundy Street and Jika Street.

Strategy

Support thriving activity centre cores that encourage social life and activity and are greener and cooler places where people are safe and welcome to shop, socialise and dine.

Opportunities

- Upgrade streetscapes in the activity centre core to support more outdoor dining, improved footpaths and safer crossings, street furniture, wayfinding, greening, water sensitive urban design and places to socialise and rest, such as Burgundy Street and Cape Street.
- Improve laneways in the activity centre core to support increased accessibility to key destinations by improving pedestrian priority and amenity through greening, traffic management interventions and small-scale infrastructure improvements.

Strategy

Support greater choice in travel by improving on-road public transport efficiency and customer experience.

Opportunities

- Improve the safety, comfort and customer experience of bus stop facilities, including shelters, seating, tactiles, information displays and wayfinding.
- Provide safer access to bus stops by aligning these with pedestrian crossings.
- Improve bus efficiency and reliability, including traffic signals and minor intersection changes, and on-road priority.

Strategy

Support more efficient road movements for cars and freight.

Opportunities

- Continue to review ways to improve traffic flow for cars and freight along roads such as Bell Street and Banksia Street including traffic signals and minor intersection changes.
- Signal improvements for streets that carry buses.

Strategy

Support improvements to existing community infrastructure and identify opportunities for new infrastructure to support a growing community.

Opportunities

- Increase the supply of and expand existing multi-purpose community facilities occurring as a result of population changes in the local area. Facilities should cater for a growing demand for multi-purpose community facilities including early years and creative spaces.

Plan 4: Indicative Heidelberg place improvement opportunities



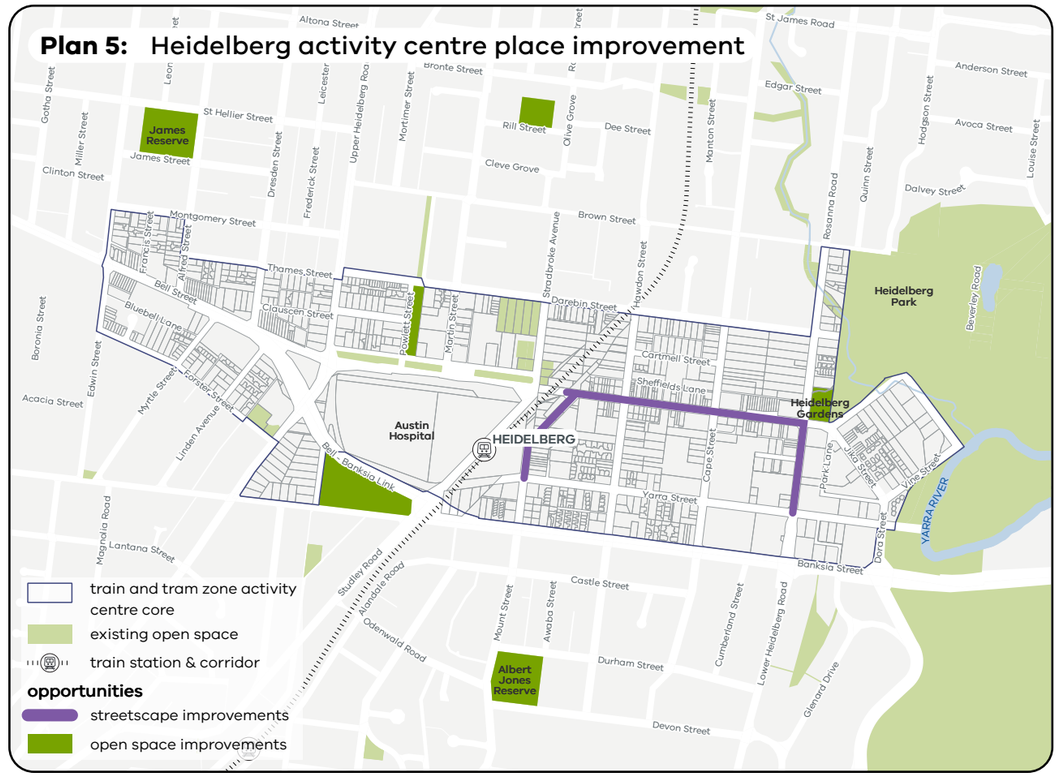
- train and tram zone activity centre core
- train and tram zone activity centres and catchment
- train station & corridor
- existing open space
- watercourse & waterbody

opportunities

- active transport improvements
- public transport infrastructure improvements
- minor road and signalling improvements
- open space improvements

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Plan 5: Heidelberg activity centre place improvement



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