

NEW TOWN RETAIL PRECINCT UPGRADE

The City of Hobart is seeking feedback from the community on the streetscape concept for the New Town Retail Precinct upgrade project.

The concept designs have been developed by the City of Hobart in response to community-identified visions for the precinct. Many New Town people contributed by responding to surveys, attending workshops, participating in school visioning activities - and a 23 member project action team comprising residents and traders provided recommendations to the Council outlining the community's highest priorities for the project.

The upgrade will make the New Town Retail Precinct a more accessible and attractive community place. The proposal includes improved pedestrian crossing facilities on New Town Road and the side streets, renewed footpaths and new street furniture. Street trees and plantings will soften the appearance of the main street and public art and heritage interpretation will enhance New Town's sense of identity.

Find out more and have your say:

Consultation on the concept designs will be open until Friday 13 April 2018.

On-line

To find out more and fill in a survey visit: yoursay.hobartcity.com.au/newtownprecinct

Pop up exhibition

City officers will be 'setting up shop' in the vacant premises on the corner of Roope Street and New Town Road and the community is invited to come and view the plans, meet project officers and participate in activities at the following times:

- 4-7pm Thursday 15 March 2018
- 10am-7pm Friday 16 March 2018
- 10am-4pm Saturday 17 March 2018



The Project Action Team

Still have questions?

Contact the project manager, Sarah Bendeich, Infrastructure Planner on telephone 6238 2584 or email coh@hobartcity.com.au

Frequently asked questions

Why are the bus stops changing? Two bus stops will be removed to improve efficiency of buses travelling along the high-frequency route. CoH officers are working with Department of State Growth and Metro to coordinate the changes.

Will there be any loss of on-street car parking? Some parking spaces will be removed to provide safe pedestrian crossings, however new spaces will be created when two bus stops are removed.

What bicycle infrastructure will be provided? New Town Rd is part of Hobart's northern priority

route for bicycles, however there are constraints to providing bike lanes due to the busy nature of the road, the need for on-street car parking to support retail businesses and the road width. Hobart's Bicycle Advisory Committee will consider a plan to identify and signpost alternative routes, to complement to the streetscape upgrade project.

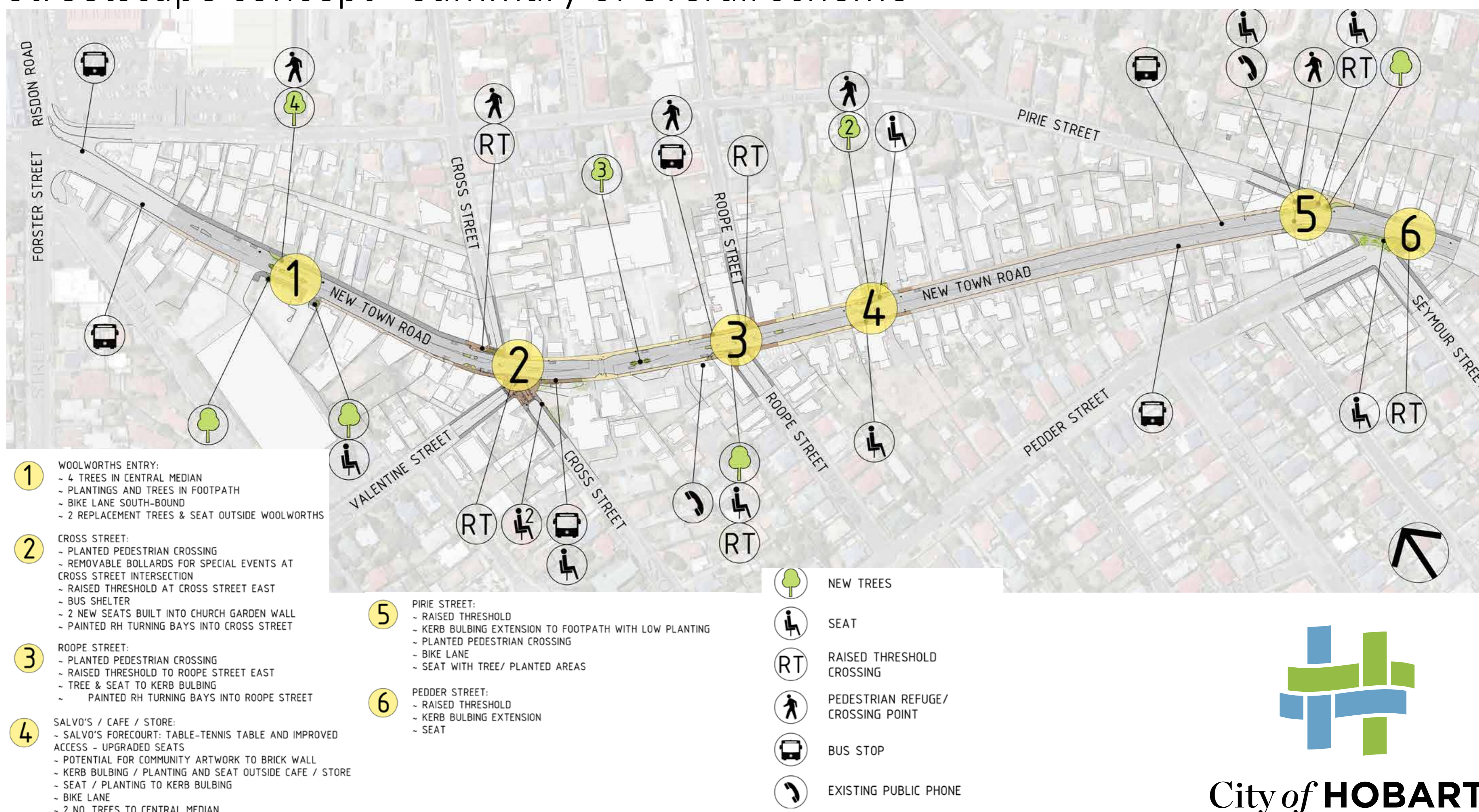
When will works happen? Construction is planned for 2019.

Will there be public art and interpretation? Yes. Public art will be developed concurrently and

details of this exciting project will be revealed soon. Heritage interpretation will also be included, in recognition of the community's strong desire to express the distinctive history and character of the New Town in the activity area.

Will there be changes to speed limits? The State Government is responsible for approving changes to speed limits. After the streetscape changes have been implemented, traffic speeds would be monitored and speed limit changes considered then, in consultation with the community.

Streetscape concept - summary of overall scheme



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Changes to bus stops



A new inbound bus stop is proposed for this location. It would replace the bus stop on the north side of Risdon Road, providing improved access to New Town Plaza and opportunity for a shelter and seating.

The inbound bus stop near King Wah Chinese Restaurant will be removed.



Changes are proposed to the **Bus Stops** in the New Town retail precinct. The City of Hobart is working with the Department of State Growth and Metro Tasmania to optimise bus arrangements along the high-frequency bus

corridor. The bus stop locations shown here provide a better balance between efficiency and convenient access for bus passengers. Where it can be achieved, seating and shelter will be provided.

The inbound bus stop near Pirie Street, close to Dapper Dog Grooming will remain. The shop awning provides shelter. New seating is proposed.



The inbound bus stop near the Skin Cancer Clinic will remain. The shop awning provides shelter. Seating will be enhanced.



The outbound bus stop near Roope Street, adjacent to New Town Motors, is proposed to be removed.



The outbound bus stop near Rams Home Loans will remain.



The outbound bus stop near Risdon Road will remain.

The outbound bus stop near Cross Street, adjacent to the historic church property, will remain. A new shelter and seating is proposed, in consultation with the property owner.

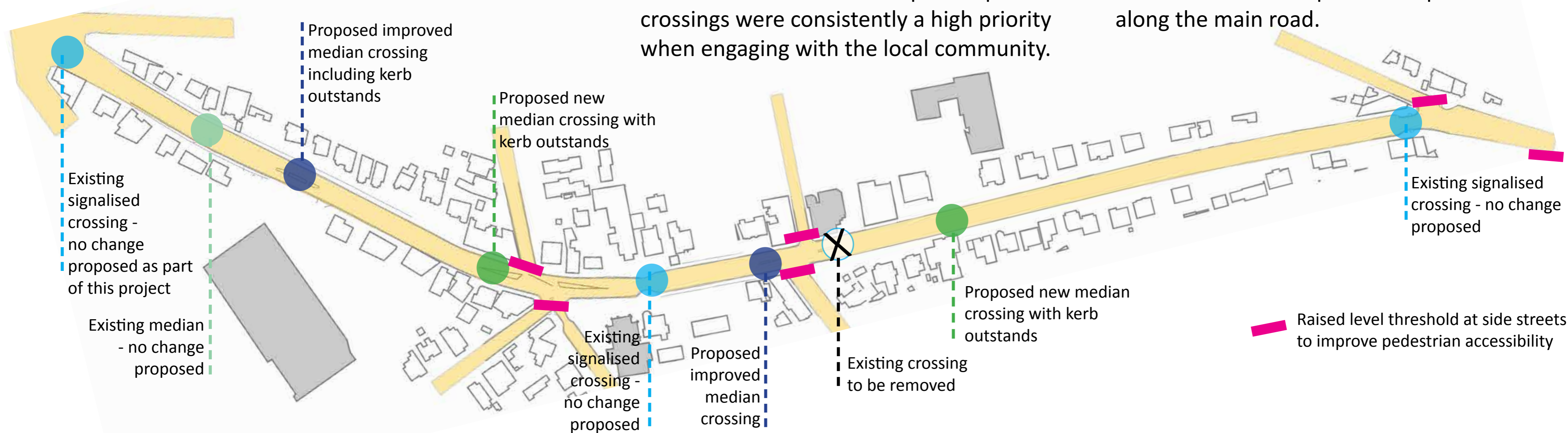


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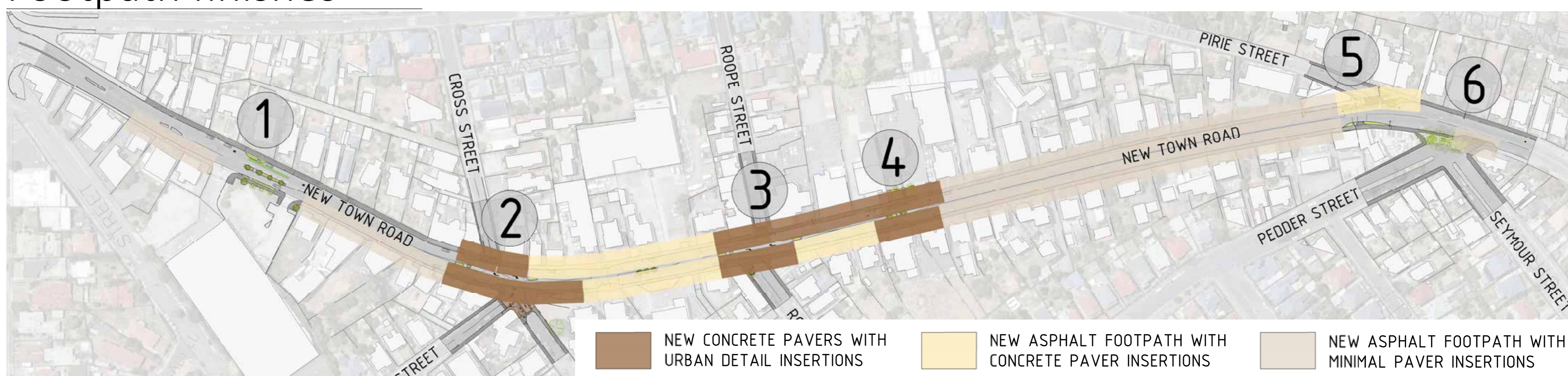
Pedestrian crossing facilities

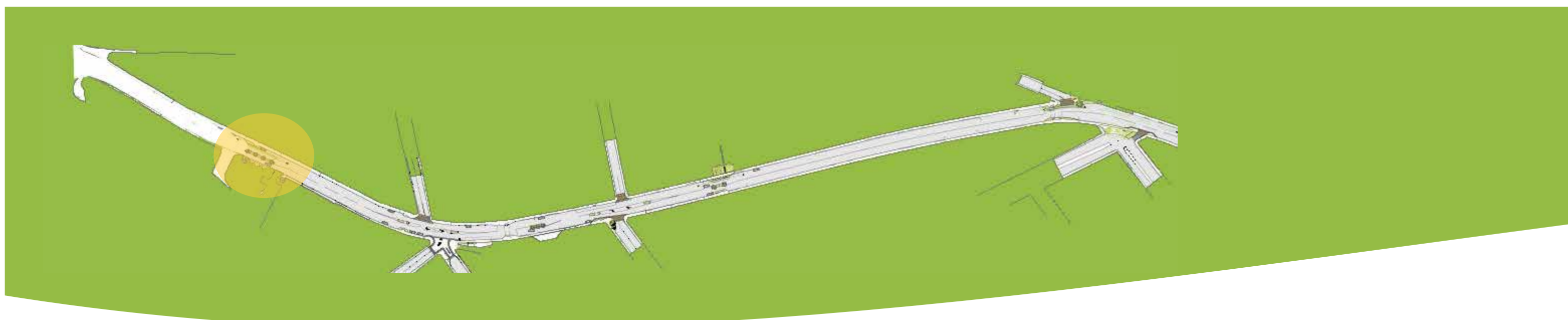
Changes are proposed to the **pedestrian crossings** in the New Town retail precinct and these are shown below. Improved pedestrian crossings were consistently a high priority when engaging with the local community.

In addition to the crossings on New Town Road, the side streets will be improved with raised thresholds to provide step free access along the main road.



Footpath finishes





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Streetscape concept - Northern Gateway



The **Northern Gateway** to the New Town retail precinct is near Woolworths. The proposed treatment here is to enhance the presentation of the streetscape and improve pedestrian access.

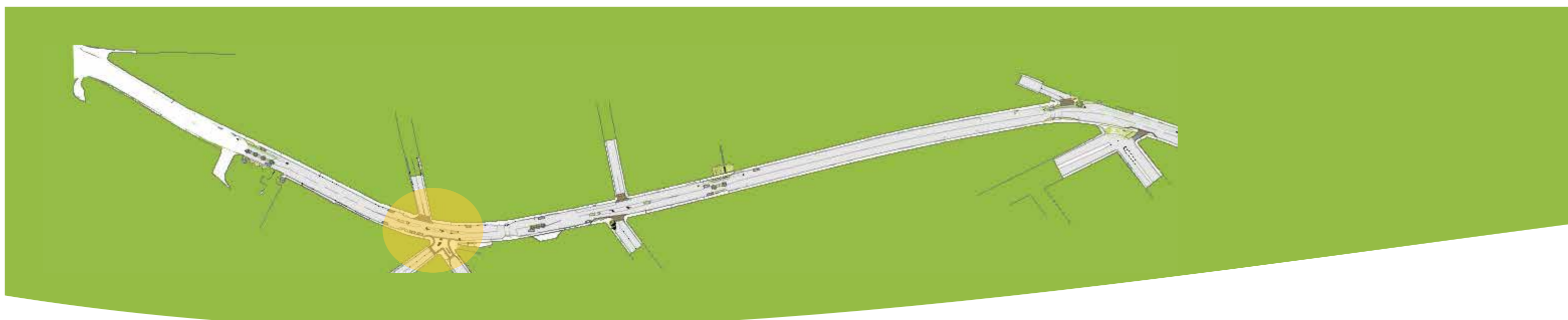
- 1 An improved pedestrian crossing** facility is proposed, with a wider median island and kerb outstands to make the crossing facility more accessible.
- 2 Trees in the central median** and low growing plants in the footpath edges will provide a softer, greener entry point to the busy activity area, calming traffic and defining the gateway.
- 3 A seat and renewed planting** will provide an opportunity for rest (location to be determined in consultation with Woolworths).
- 4 A short section of bicycle lane** avoids a 'pinch point' for cyclists in the uphill direction alongside the median island. Note: a continuous bicycle lane is not proposed.

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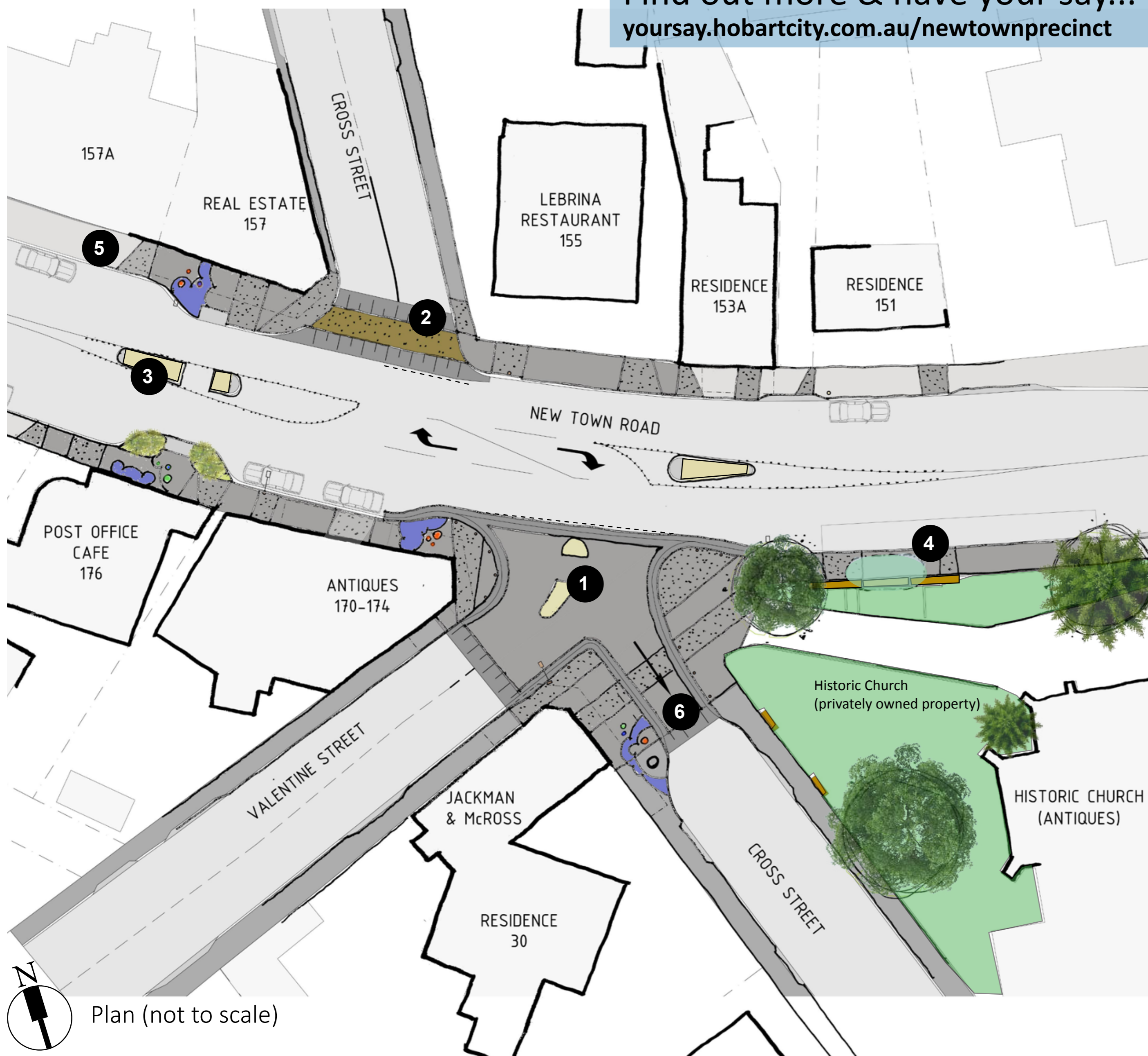


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Streetscape concept - Cross St junction

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The junction of Cross and Valentine Streets is the **Historic Heart** of New Town. Regular traffic arrangements won't change, however a raised, level platform will be installed where the two side streets converge, with flexible infrastructure allowing the space to be used as a temporary pedestrian zone for community events.

- 1** A flexible space is created with a raised, level junction that maintains the existing traffic access. Removable bollards and removable a central island (in Cross St) allow the space to be transformed from roadway to community event and gathering space.
- 2** A raised threshold will improve access.
- 3** A new pedestrian crossing facility with median island and kerb outstands north of Cross Street will improve access across New Town Road. (The existing pedestrian signalised crossing between Cross Street and Roope Street will be retained.)
- 4** The outbound bus stop will remain near Cross Street, and the addition of a new shelter and seating will provide improved conditions for people waiting for the bus. (The specific design will be determined in consultation with the property owner).
- 5** The inbound bus stop will be removed from this location. A new stop at Risdon Rd is proposed.
- 6** A poster pole, bike racks, bin and seating are proposed for this area. Their locations will be determined in consultation with adjacent property owners and traders.



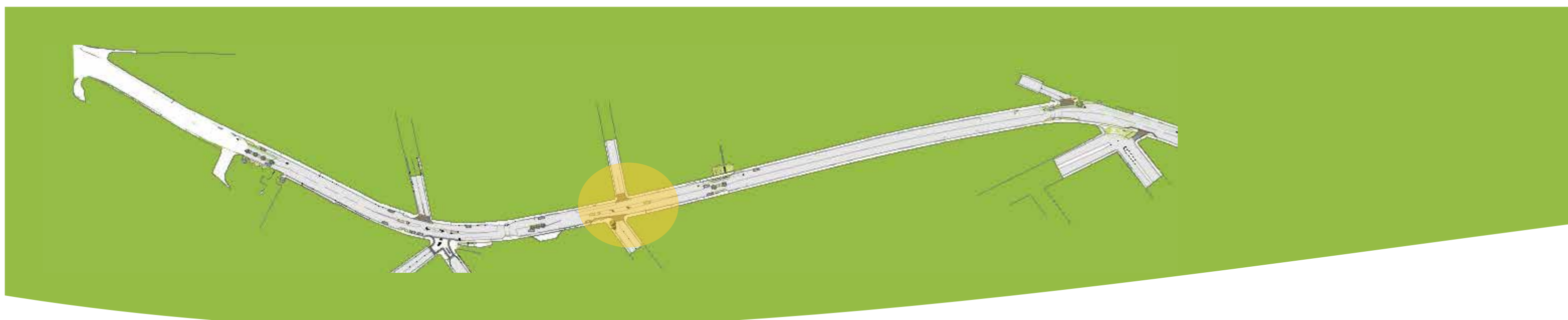
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Cross and Valentine St junction - event mode



Bus shelter



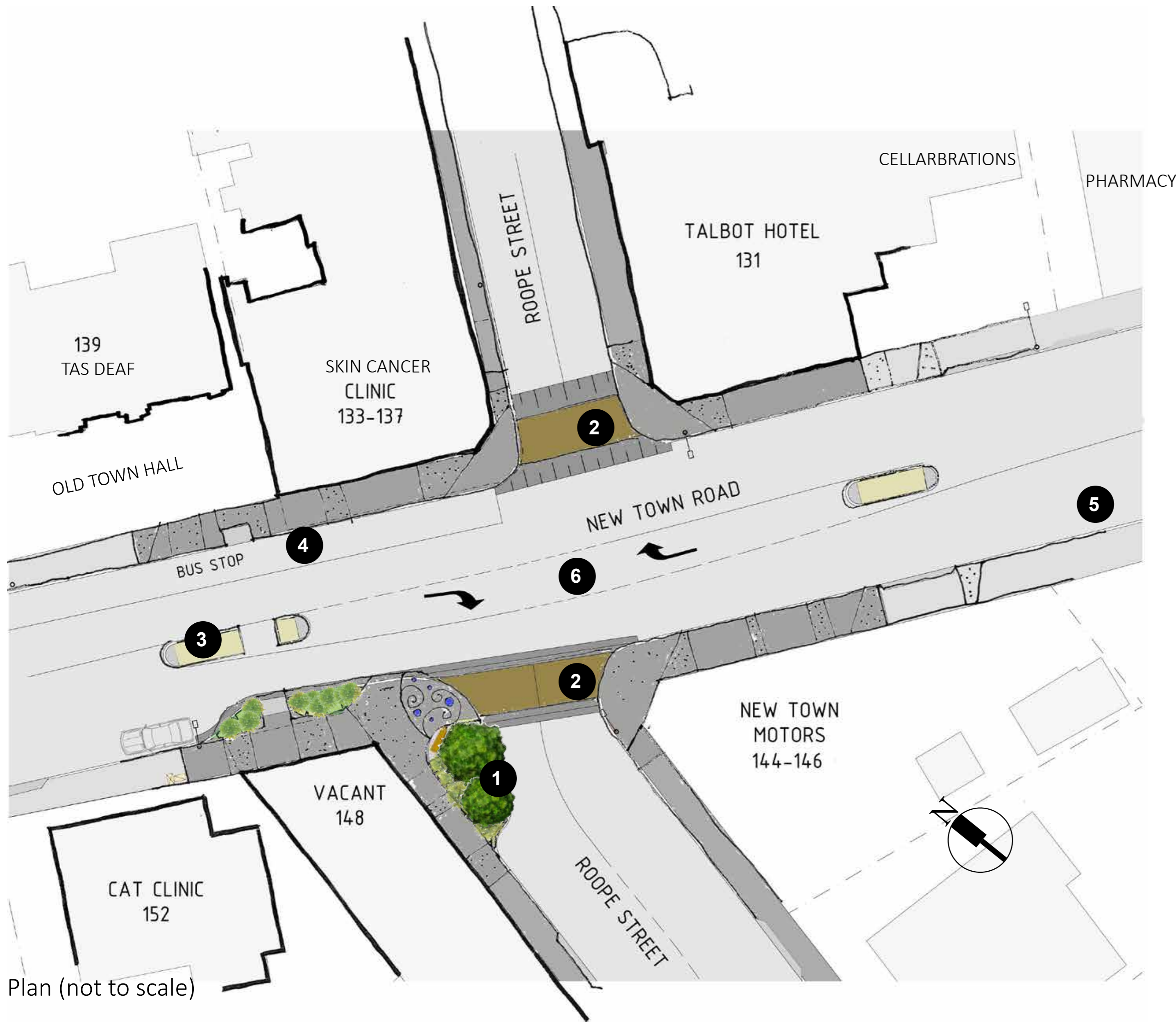
Cross and Valentine St junction in day-to-day mode



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Streetscape concept - Roope Street junction

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The changes proposed for the Roope Street area are focused on improving pedestrian access - across New Town Road and Roope Street - and improving the traffic arrangements at this intersection.

- 1 **A small parklet** can be created by extending the footpath into Roope Street providing space for trees, low planting and seating.
- 2 **Raised thresholds** will provide a level, step free path for pedestrians crossing Roope Street.
- 3 **An improved pedestrian crossing facility** with median island and kerb outstand will improve pedestrian access across New Town Road.
- 4 **Inbound bus stop** is proposed to remain in this location.
- 5 **Outbound bus stop** is proposed to be removed from this location.
- 6 **Right turn lanes** in the road will help to organise traffic movement.



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Raised threshold example



Photo: Victoria Walks



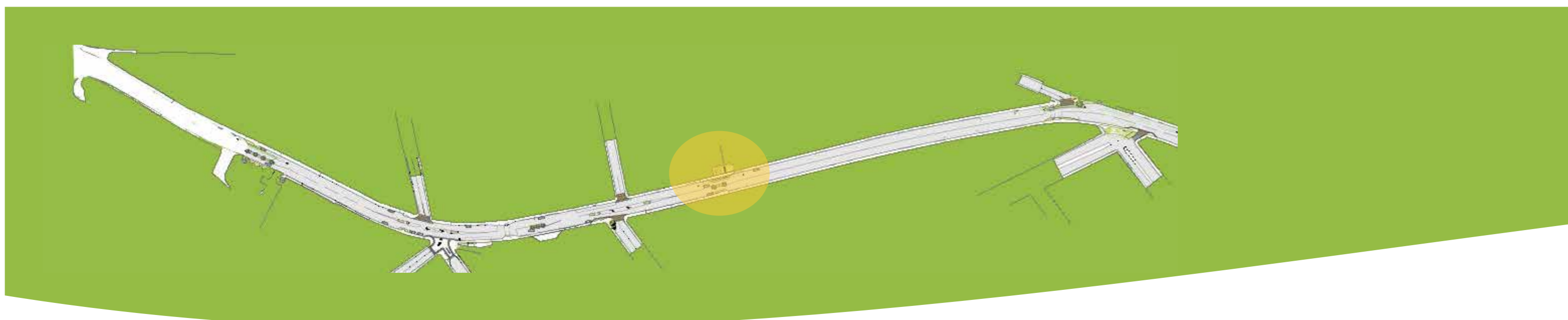
Plant Palette

Clockwise from top left:
Lagerstroemia indica (Crepe Myrtle)
Diets grandiflora
Kleinia mandraliscae (Blue Chalksticks)
Lomandra sp.

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Streetscape concept - Salvos mid-block crossing and pocket park



Plan (not to scale)

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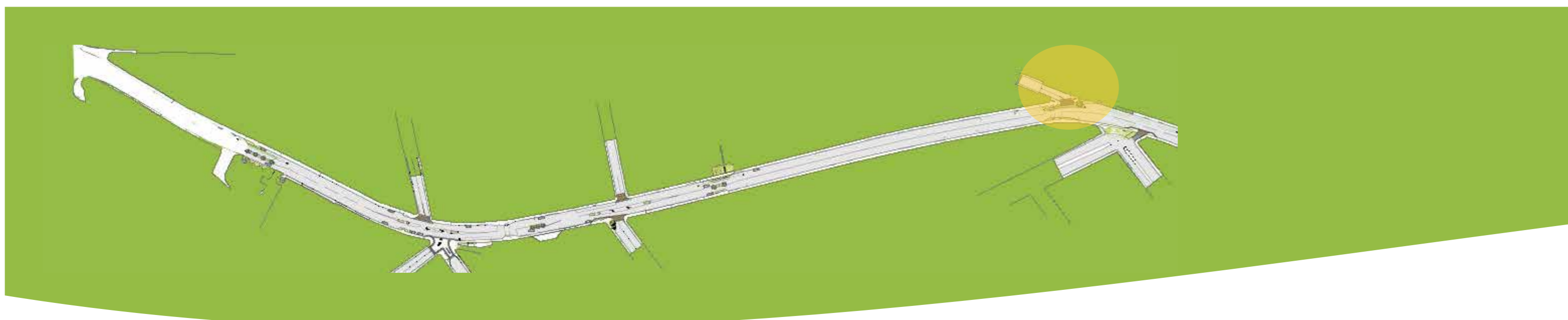
Community engagement revealed a strong desire for a pedestrian crossing facility in this busy mid-block location. The existing garden on the Salvos' site is an opportunity to provide a small space for people to gather. Street trees and plantings will enhance the presentation of this area and create a green gateway to the busy central hub of the retail precinct.

- 1 A new **mid-block pedestrian crossing** facility is proposed on New Town Road connecting the Salvation Army and New Town Greenstore. A median island and kerb outstands will make it easier for people to cross the road.
- 2 The existing garden at the front of the Salvation Army is re-imagined as a **cheerful pocket park** - open to the public and a place for rest, play and community activities.
- 3 **Seating, feature paving, bike parking, a water bubbler and planting** will make this area a more vibrant and attractive place. Exact locations to be determined in consultation with adjacent traders.
- 4 A **short section of bicycle lane** avoids a 'pinch point' for cyclists in the uphill direction alongside the median island. Note: a continuous bicycle lane is not proposed due to constraints of the road width.



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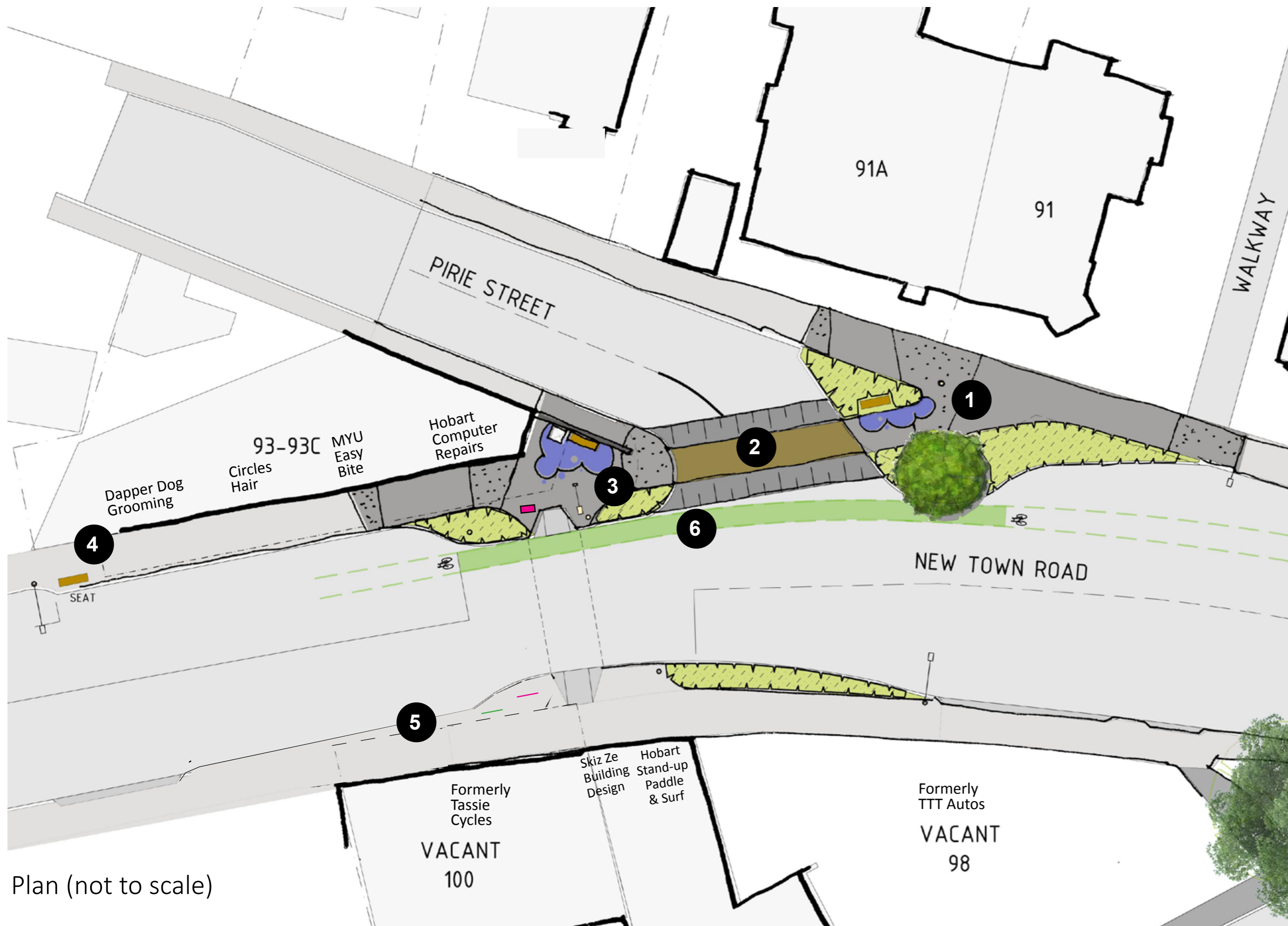




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Streetscape concept - Pirie Street junction

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Plan (not to scale)

The Pirie Street corner is the **Southern Gateway** of the New Town retail precinct. A raised side street crossing, planting and bench seating will improve pedestrian access and comfort, and enhance the presentation of the street.

- 1 A resting place with seating, planting, a deciduous feature tree and feature paving.
- 2 A raised threshold combined with kerb bulbing to improve the alignment of the junction will improve pedestrian access.
- 3 A seat, planting, feature paving and artwork on the existing traffic signal box will enhance this area.
- 4 The inbound bus stop will remain in this location. A bench seat will be installed near the bus stop (final location to be determined).
- 5 Planting, renewed paving and bicycle parking will enhance amenity.
- 6 A bicycle lane is proposed in the city-bound direction between Pirie Street and Argyle Street on New Town Road.

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Street elements



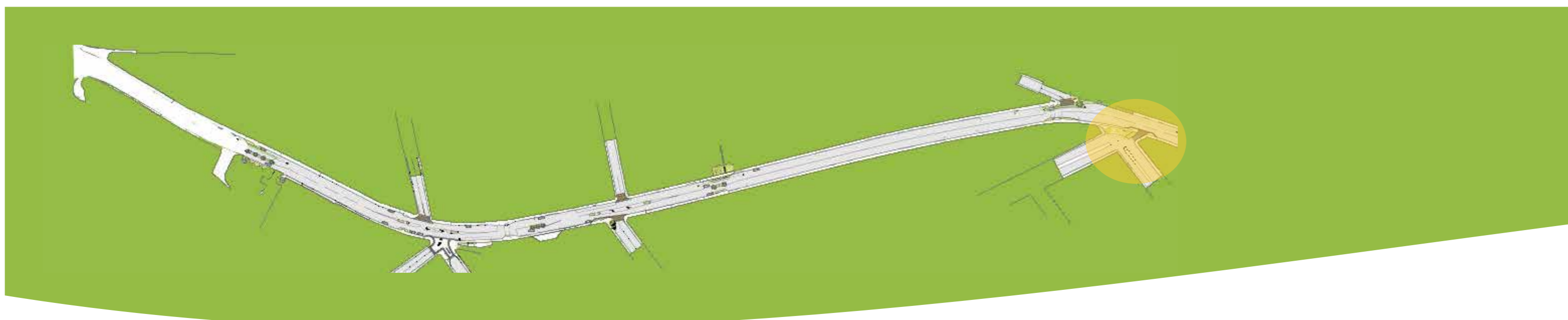
Traffic signal box art, colourful bike racks

Plant Palette



Clockwise from top left:
Lagerstroemia indica (Crepe Myrtle)
Kleinia mandraliscae (Blue Chalksticks)
Dietes grandiflora
Lomandra tanika





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Streetscape concept - Pedder Street junction



Pedder Street is the southern point of the project area. The distinctive stand of mature Eucalyptus trees are a landmark at the approach to the New Town precinct from the south.

- 1 A raised threshold combined with kerb bulbing to narrow the side street will improve the accessibility of this crossing.
- 2 Low planting and a bench seat will provide a comfortable place for pedestrians to rest.

Raised threshold example



Photo: Victoria Walks



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