

Edenvale Heritage Precinct Masterplan

Executive Summary



Background

The Edenvale Precinct from its origin as a family residence has evolved over the years to offer visitors a unique destination that embraces heritage, culture and the arts. In 2012 the Conservation Plan was adopted, followed by the Place and Activation Plan (2021 to 2031), outlining actions to achieve a vision for the Precinct. Since then, remedial works at Edenvale have been completed and activation strategies are being employed.

A key finding of the Activation Plan was the need to implement a Masterplan to support the Precinct vision. The earlier 2018 Masterplan covered the Edenvale grounds and immediate surrounds. The Shire identified the need for a broader strategic review to create an overarching vision necessary to maximise the activation and sustainability of the Precinct. The consolidated Edenvale Heritage Precinct Masterplan (**Masterplan**) incorporates the Edenvale grounds and the surrounding Murray River foreshore reserve including Glebe Land.

Masterplan

The consolidated Masterplan will enhance the Precinct's amenity with improved facilities and pedestrian accessibility, adding to the social and cultural experience within Pinjarra by increased activation, which in turn adds to the economic value of the Shire. The consolidation of the Edenvale Heritage Precinct Masterplan to incorporate Edenvale and Glebe Land is essential for a holistic approach to its development and management.

The Masterplan addresses several ongoing issues, with recommendations that unify the buildings and various spaces of the Precinct. Expanding on planning and works to date, the Masterplan outlines improvements, including the recently funded sewer upgrade and new toilet facilities near Glebe Land and St Johns Church, consolidating the uniform wayfinding system to make navigation through the site easier, and associated lighting upgrades to improve safety and to support after-dark activation.

The Masterplan outlines accessibility and connectivity improvements, with an improved network of paths and upgrades to existing paths, to improve accessibility for all visitors. Raised plateaus across Henry Street will aid Precinct site connectivity and visitor movements between the river foreshore, Glebe Land and Edenvale's spaces and facilities.

The Masterplan builds on the 2021 Activation Plan to consolidate the Precinct's sense of place, depicting the materials to be used throughout, consistent with the heritage and landscape character of the site. It incorporates upgrade to carparks and driveways with asphalt treatment, statement features at key entry points to strengthen sense of arrival and site presence, and provision of seating, including deck seating designed around a mature fig tree. Proposed planting throughout references the site's heritage and site character is strengthened with the use of consistent and sympathetic materials.

This approach enhances visitor experience, strengthens sense of place and ensures the Edenvale Heritage Precinct's significance is preserved for future generations.