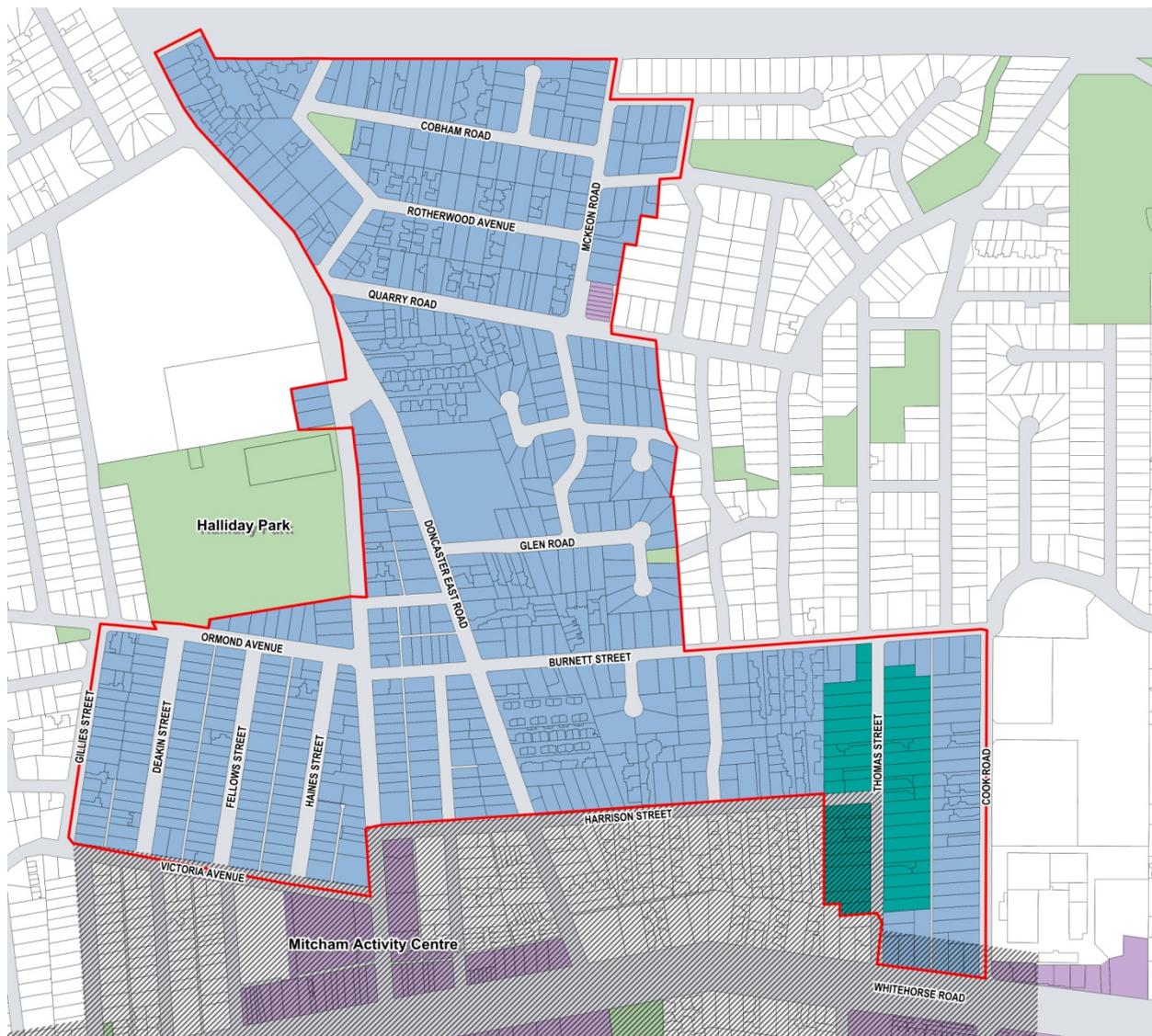


**KEY EXISTING CHARACTERISTICS**

- Architecture is mixed, comprising post-war 1950s dwellings, with some 1980s- 1990s unit development and contemporary infill. There is a concentration of older Interwar Californian bungalow dwellings within the Thomas Street Limited Change area / sites.
- Building materials are predominately brick or timber with tiled roofs, with render incorporated into more recent developments.
- 1-2 storey dwellings, detached with semi-detached infill (units and townhouses).
- Front setbacks are usually 6-9m, with 1-3m side setbacks from both side boundaries. Rear setbacks are usually 6-16m. New developments generally have smaller rear setbacks.
- Garages and carports are nonexistent or located behind the front setback, with a single crossover.
- Front fences are low (up to 1.2m) or transparent and generally constructed of brick or timber pickets.
- Gardens are established and well-planted with a mix of species and canopy trees.
- Roads are sealed with upstanding kerbs and footpaths on both sides.
- Street trees are generally densely planted with large exotic species of varying spacing and height.
- The topography of the area is predominantly rolling with gentle slopes. Interface with SLO.

**PREFERRED CHARACTER STATEMENT**

The mixed, low scale dwelling styles will be set within established, largely exotic garden settings. Generous front, side and rear setbacks will provide space for large trees and shrubs that dominate the streetscape and provide a backdrop to most properties. While occasionally visible from the street, new buildings will sit well below the tree canopy height and will be setback at upper levels. The large street trees will continue to provide an important contribution to the vegetation dominated streetscapes.



PRECINCT MAP

CHARACTER ELEMENT	OBJECTIVE	DESIGN RESPONSE	AVOID
<b>GARDENS &amp; LANDSCAPING</b>	<i>To maintain and strengthen the garden setting of the dwellings and the tree canopy of the neighbourhood.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retain established or mature trees and provide for the planting of new canopy trees and substantial vegetation.</li> <li>Locate footings and paved areas outside the root zone of established trees</li> <li>Prepare and implement a landscape plan that includes substantial trees and vegetation.</li> <li>Buildings should not exceed 40% site coverage.</li> <li>Provide at least 40% of the site as permeable surface.</li> <li>Provide space for two areas with minimum dimensions of 5m x 5m, for open space to accommodate substantial trees.</li> <li>Open space areas should be oriented to the north wherever possible.</li> </ul>	<p>Removal of large, established trees.</p> <p>Loss of established vegetation.</p> <p>Inadequate space for trees/planting around buildings.</p> <p>Including the space for the canopy tree within an easement or service area</p>
	<i>To minimise the loss of front garden space and the dominance of car parking structures.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carports, garages and outbuildings should be located at least 1m behind the front façade of the dwelling fronting the street.</li> <li>Provide only one vehicular crossover per typical site frontage.</li> </ul>	<p>Car parking structures that dominate the façade or view of the dwelling from the street.</p> <p>Creation of new crossovers and driveways, or wide crossovers.</p> <p>Excessive areas of hard paving and driveways.</p>
	<i>To maintain the sense of openness and visibility of tree canopies in rear gardens</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Buildings should not exceed the dominant tree canopy height.</li> <li>Landscape plans for new developments should include canopy trees in rear gardens.</li> </ul>	<p>Bulky development dominating the tree canopy.</p> <p>Lack of space for large trees.</p>
	<i>To ensure the provision of permeable and useable private open space for new dwellings.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In addition to any new balconies or rooftops, private open space with a minimum dimension of 5m for each dwelling should be provided.</li> <li>Private open space should be oriented to the north wherever possible and accommodate garden planting.</li> </ul>	<p>Inadequate permeable private open space.</p>
<b>MINIMUM LOT SIZE</b>	<i>To ensure the spacing and density of dwellings is managed to accord with housing objectives.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Limited Change areas / sites, the minimum subdivision area should be 320 sq. m.</li> <li>A permit is required for the construction or extension of one dwelling on a lot that is less than 500 sq. m. Development of single dwellings on lots smaller than 500 sq. m. should only be approved if all other guidelines are satisfied.</li> </ul>	<p>Lot sizes and development that does not meet the other neighbourhood character Guidelines.</p>
<b>SITING</b>	<i>To maintain and reinforce the rhythm of spacing between and around buildings, and the alignment of buildings along the street</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New buildings should be set back a minimum of 7m from the front boundary.</li> <li>Set back buildings a minimum of 2m from one side boundary. The wall on the boundary should be a maximum of 6 metres and no more than 60% of the total length of that boundary.</li> <li>Provide a separation of at least 3-4 metres between dwellings on the same site to accommodate vegetation.</li> <li>Carports, garages or outbuildings should be setback a minimum of 1m from the front facade of a dwelling fronting the street with no walls on a boundary.</li> </ul>	<p>Loss of front garden space and / or consistent front setback patterns.</p> <p>Inconsistent siting patterns and a lack of space around buildings.</p> <p>Lack of spacing between multiple dwellings on a site.</p>
<b>SENSITIVE LANDSCAPE ENVIRONS</b>	<i>To ensure new development makes a positive contribution to adjacent sensitive landscape environments.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimise the visual impact of development on the adjacent sensitive landscape area.</li> <li>Provide landscape plans that incorporate substantial use of indigenous and native trees and vegetation to reflect that in the adjacent sensitive landscape area.</li> </ul>	<p>Buildings that are visually dominant when viewed from within the sensitive landscape.</p> <p>Inadequate space for trees and vegetation to complement the sensitive landscape environs.</p>
<b>PARK INTERFACE</b>	<i>To ensure that new development provides a positive interface with any adjoining parks and open space.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Design new buildings to provide a façade to any adjacent parkland to enable casual passive surveillance of the public space.</li> <li>Buildings should be setback from the interface boundary so as not to dominate or appear overbearing from within the parkland.</li> </ul>	<p>Blank walls fronting parkland space.</p>
<b>BUILDING HEIGHT &amp; FORM</b>	<i>To ensure that buildings and extensions do not dominate the streetscape.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Buildings should not exceed two storeys in height.</li> <li>Upper levels should be setback to allow views between dwellings.</li> <li>Roof forms should incorporate eaves.</li> </ul>	<p>Buildings that appear to exceed the predominant height of buildings in the street by more than one storey.</p> <p>Lack of eaves.</p>

CHARACTER ELEMENT	OBJECTIVE	DESIGN RESPONSE	AVOID
<b>MATERIALS &amp; DESIGN DETAIL</b>	<i>To encourage building detailing that reflects, without mimicking, the details of buildings in the area.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Articulate the facades of buildings with the use of recesses, verandahs, balconies, window openings and variations in materials and colours.</li> </ul>	Blank walls and facades. Mock historical styles and 'reproduction' detailing.
<b>FRONT FENCING</b>	<i>To retain views to dwellings and gardens, and complement the predominant style of front boundary delineation in the street.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Provide a low or open style front fence up to 1.2m height, and constructed of materials appropriate to the dwelling style. Utilise vegetation as an alternative to fencing where possible.</li> <li>– On main roads, higher front fences (up to 1.8m) may be constructed where they provide at least 50% permeability.</li> </ul>	High, solid front fencing.