

Preliminary Design Options



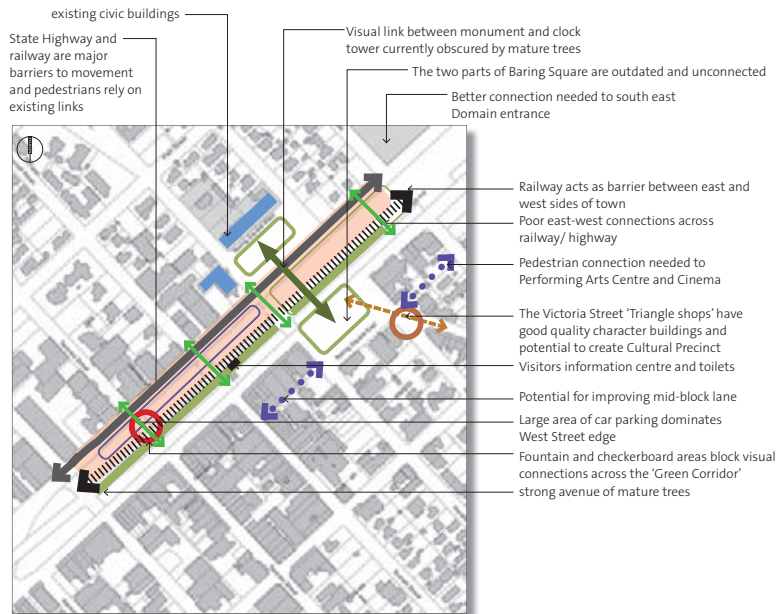
analysis and design approach

'Green Corridor' and Baring Square

The Preliminary Design Options focus on the central part of Ashburton Town Centre, between Cameron and Moore streets.

The options presented are based on delivering the Concept Plan proposals and responses to more detailed site analysis. The analysis and the overall design approach are presented below.

The 'Green Corridor' and Baring Square (central to the Civic Precinct) projects have been split into three parts, each with three Preliminary Design Options. These focus on the East Street upgrade, pedestrian links across the 'Green Corridor' and Baring Square. Options represent various ways the overall design approach could function and appear.



Site analysis diagram



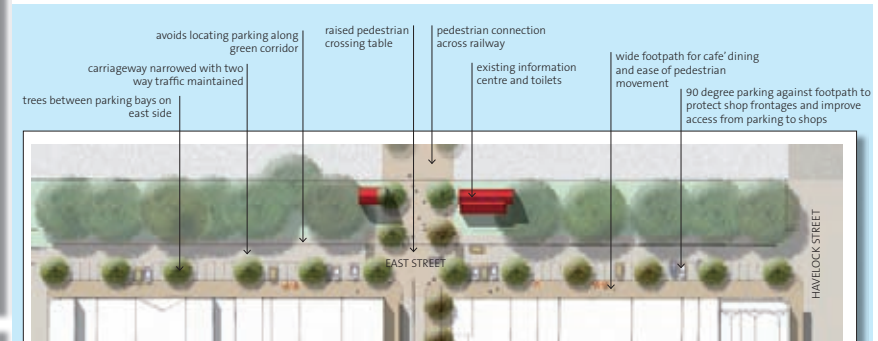
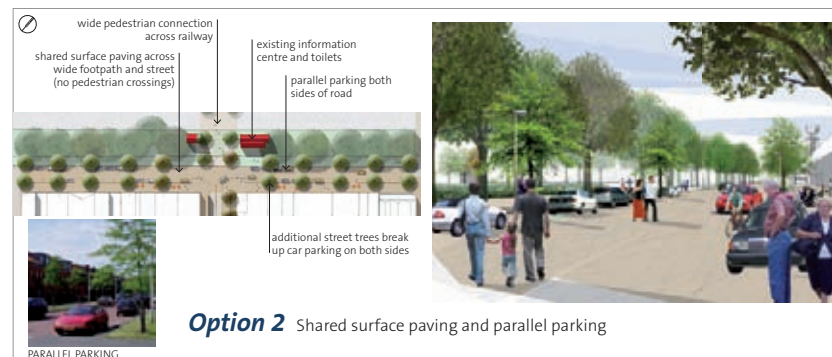
Concept layout



LOCATION PLAN

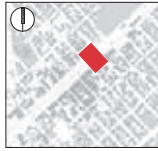
East Street options

East Street currently has a very wide carriageway (road), parallel parking on both sides and shop awnings. The proposal is to improve the pedestrian experience by narrowing the street to slow traffic, widen the footpath for outside dining, add more street tree planting and replace the street furniture. There are several ways of achieving this, as shown in the options below. The preferred option is also indicated.



Option 3 'The Preferred Option'

Wide footpath and 90 degree parking on eastern side with street trees between parking bays.



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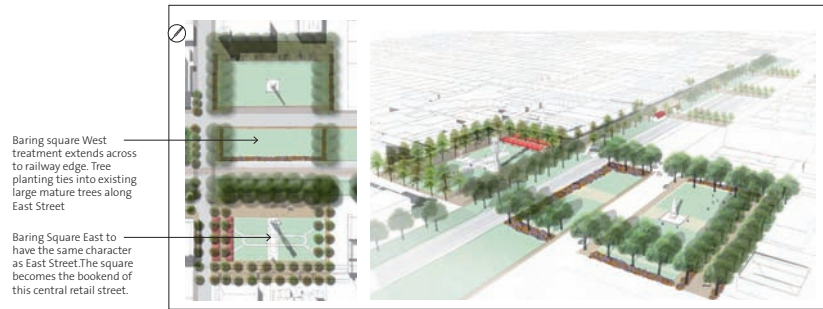
Baring Square options

The Concept Plan proposes to establish Baring Square as the civic 'heart' of Ashburton and the District.

Joining Baring Square (East and West) together will help visually link both sides of the town and make it more recognisable for visitors passing through. The design of the central strip of land, either side of the railway, and the surrounding streets will also be important.

At a local level, Baring Square can be divided up for several different functions and connect with other town centre improvements (i.e. East Street).

The Square also contains important monuments, sculptures and the clock tower, which could become focal points at both scales.



Baring square West treatment extends across to railway edge. Tree planting ties into existing large mature trees along East Street

Baring Square East to have the same character as East Street. The square becomes the bookend of this central retail street.

Option 1 Two separate squares with extended Baring Square West



Consistent tree planting around Baring Square East and West.

Visual element extends between monument and clock tower

Several existing trees removed to open views to clock tower

Option 2 Single square with central view shaft



Consistent tree planting around Baring Square East and West

Sculptural mounding adds interest to SH1 environment and focuses views to Baring Square clock tower

Existing trees removed along part of East Street

Dedicated event space at the end of East Street for markets and community gathering

EARTH SCULPTURE

EVENT SPACE

TREE FRAMED SPACE

Option 3 'The Preferred Option'

Single square with central mounding focus views

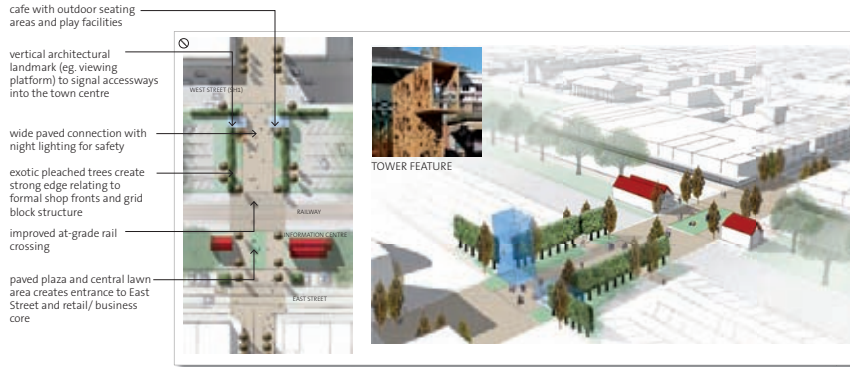
Burnett Street pedestrian connection



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The existing pedestrian connections from the east to the west side of Ashburton are very poor, with narrow inhospitable crossings through the car park and over the railway/highway. The overall design approach is to create welcoming and convenient pedestrian links for those accessing both sides of the town and central car parking areas.

The existing large car park areas are proposed to be separated into smaller efficiently laid out car parks with minimal loss of spaces. The pedestrian connections will be flexible spaces to accommodate road side facilities such as food stalls, sculptures, playgrounds, and act as an attractive destinations to draw people into the town centre.



Option 1 Vertical architectural landmark and formal exotic trees



Option 2 Native vegetation and water features



Option 3 'The Preferred Option'

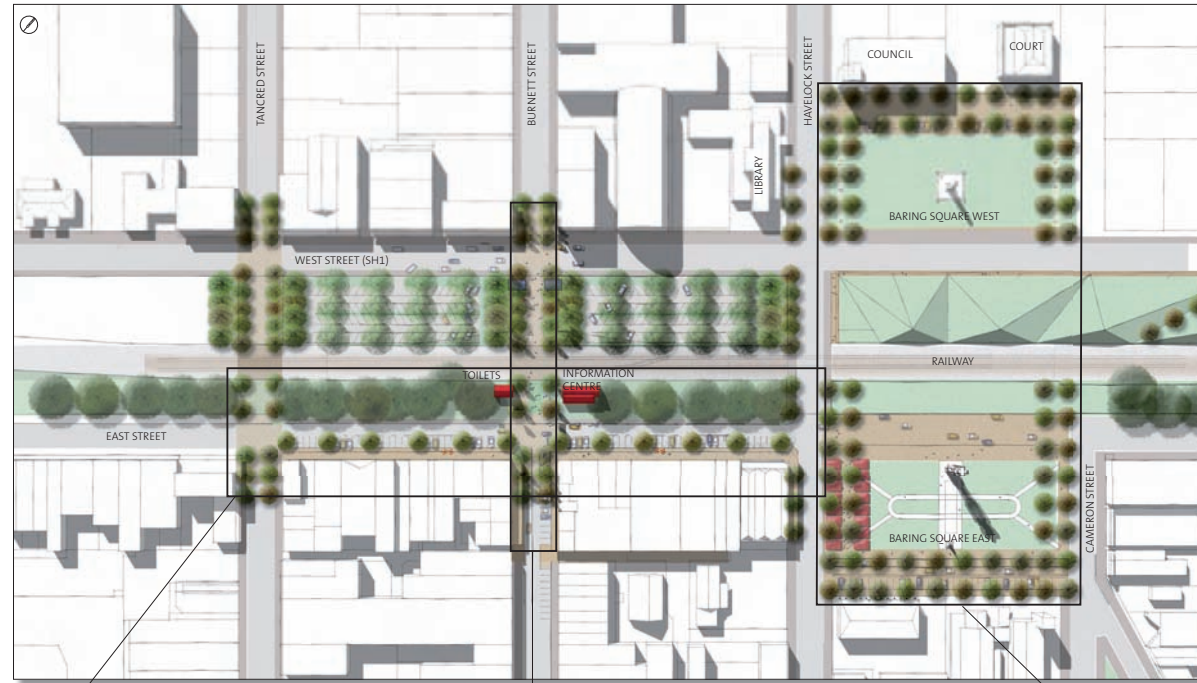
Exotic trees and colourful shrubs matching East Street plantings



LOCATION PLAN

Baring Square & Green Corridor Masterplan

This masterplan shows a combination of the preferred options for the 'Green Corridor' and Baring Square within the town centre.



East Street upgrade

Burnett Street pedestrian connection

Baring Square

