UNIQUE STREETS

There are seven Unique Streets in the study area that do not fit into the typologies. These are: Bothwell Street, Dickens Street, Cardigan Street, William Street, Grosvenor Street, Pakington Street and the northern stretch of Alexandra Street that runs alongside the St Kilda Cemetery.

Bothwell Street, a back street in Balaclava, is classified as a Unique Street as it is currently being transformed into a 'Biolink' project. It has a wide central median strip with mature eucalypts, beneath which a biodiverse understorey is being developed, along with a gravel walking trail, rock seating nodes, bird baths, and other elements to enhance its ecological function. At the Chapel Street end of Bothwell Street, there is also a pilot Woody Meadows project featuring a diverse range of woody mid-storey shrubs. Similarly, Dickens Street is a Unique Street because it is temporarily functioning as a pop-up park next to St Kilda Primary School. The former cul-de-sac car park now includes bike lanes connecting to Nepean Highway, seating and play equipment, a basketball hoop, and raised planters.

Cardigan Street, William Street, Grosvenor Street, and Pakington Street are also considered Unique Streets for similar reasons. Each is a wide street—approximately 20 metres—with angled parking on one side. They also feature traffic-calming measures such as chicanes and corner buildouts, which allow trees to be planted closer to the centre of the road.

Finally, the northern stretch of Alexandra Street within the study area, where it runs alongside St Kilda Cemetery, is considered a Unique Street. It is a wide street with angled parking, and presents an opportunity for increased planting (which has been highlighted by the local community in several Council reports).



Figure 35: All of the Unique Streets in the neighbourhood, shown in pink.



Figure 33: Bothwell Street Biolink central median strip



Figure 34: Woody meadows pilot project at the end of the Bothwell Street Biolink



Figure 32: Cardigan Street (shown above), William Street, Grosvenor Street, and Pakington Street are Unique Streets with angled parking



Figure 36: The Dickens Street pop-up park is a unique, temporary open space

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