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FOCUS AREA

The suburbs of Balaclava and St Kilda East form one of nine neighbourhoods within the City of Port Phillip (CoPP). It is an established, predominantly residential neighbourhood with a range of street typologies that may also be common to other parts of the CoPP. The Urban Forest Precinct Plan for this neighbourhood will become a template for developing precinct plans for the remaining eight neighbourhoods in the future.

In 2023, the CoPP assessed tree canopy cover on both public and private land between 2012 and 2022. The study examined canopy cover on roads, public spaces and private properties. Over the ten-year period, the analysis revealed a slight overall decline in tree canopy cover of 0.69%. Roads had a canopy cover of approximately 26%, significantly higher than the average for inner-city Melbourne. Most canopy growth came from the expansion of existing street trees, while canopy levels in parks remained largely unchanged. However, tree removals on private land reduced overall canopy cover by 1.09%. Notably, more than half of the private land canopy resulted from new plantings during this period. From this study it was revealed that the Balaclava and St Kilda East neighbourhood has an overall canopy cover of 20% - the second highest in the municipality after Elwood and Ripponlea.

Neighbourhood	Current Canopy Cover (2022)*
1 Elwood & Ripponlea	25%
2 Balaclava & St Kilda East	20%
3 St Kilda & St Kilda West	19%
4 St Kilda Road	16%
5 Albert Park & Middle Park	14%
6 South Melbourne	18%
7 Port Melbourne	16%
8 Montague	8%
9 Sandridge & Wirraway	8%

*Note that canopy cover excludes tree canopy within Albert Park. The canopy cover of Albert Park is 16%.

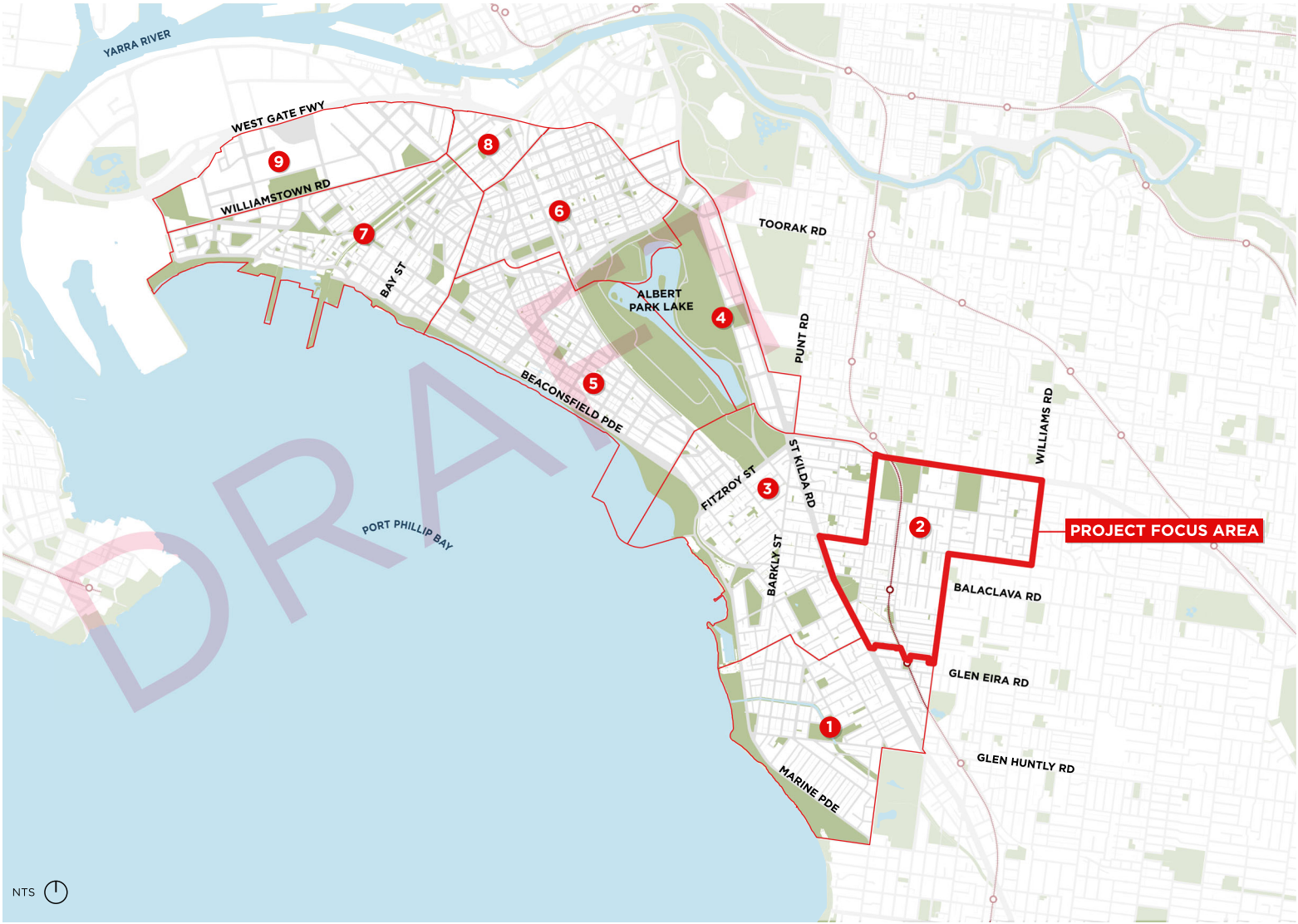


Figure 01: The nine neighbourhoods of the City of Port Phillip (CoPP).