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Australian cities are growing at an unprecedented rate, creating new challenges for transport networks and infrastructure. How can we manage our existing transport systems while creating sustainable outcomes that deliver efficiency and liveability?

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Having effective, integrated transport networks is critical to the health, efficiency and prosperity of modern cities. This means not just well-maintained roads and public transport networks, but also clear strategies and policies that position a city for growth, and come to terms with the challenges of safety, congestion and environmental impact.

All tiers of government have a role in facing these challenges. Federal and State Governments tend to prioritise large infrastructure projects and policy frameworks focused on delivering big-pictures goals, such as reducing congestion, dealing with the shift to electric and autonomous vehicles, even examining the benefits of road congestion charging.

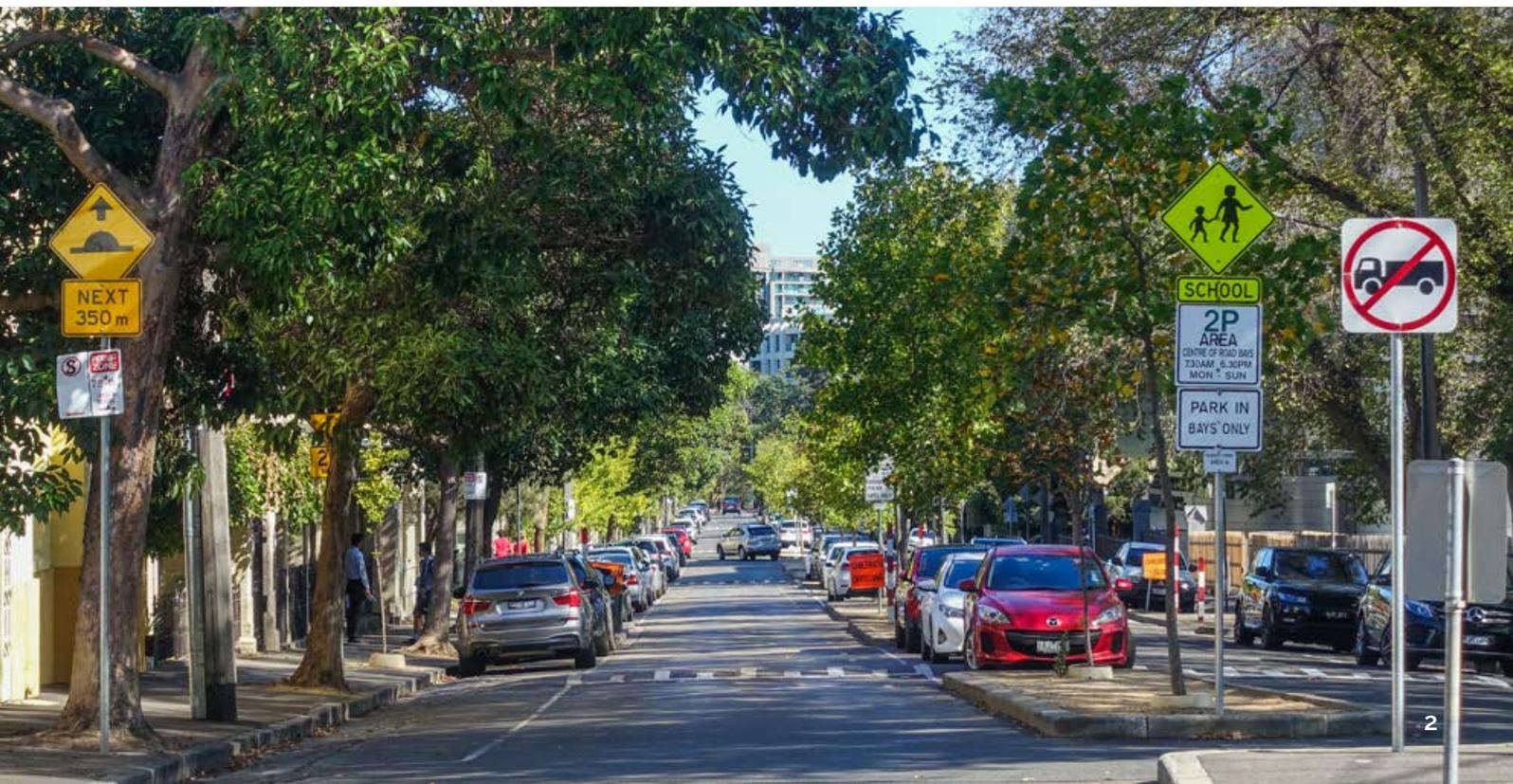
While these large projects often create headlines and are a necessary part of creating better cities, much of the day-to-day work is done at the local government level. Local governments not only maintain our roads and footpaths, they are actively engaged in encouraging healthier transport modes, and ensuring that their residents have the safest possible environment to live and work in.

In this issue of Transport Matters we look at a recent piece of work that GTA undertook for Moreland City Council to develop the Moreland Integrated Transport Strategy (MITS).

This project was heavily influenced by community and stakeholder engagement. Throughout the 12-month consultation period, over 2000 responses were received from residents and business owners, setting out their priorities and preferences around the transport strategy. The learnings from this project were considerable — residents wanted a more sustainable travel strategy, focused on putting people on the same footing as cars and addressing issues such as congestion, climate change, health, safety and equal access.

One headline change recommended in MITS, is a shift from minimum parking requirements for new developments. Rather than provide a set number of carparks, developers can be more innovative and flexible, creating developments which take advantage of public transport networks and established active transport amenities. This move means valuable road space can be re-allocated to favour walking, cycling and public transport, and help deliver the kind of community and transport systems best suited to their needs and purpose.

If living in a democracy really means, for the people, by the people, then strategies like MITS provide an on-going opportunity for everyone to be involved in shaping and planning cities of the future at a whole-of-community level.



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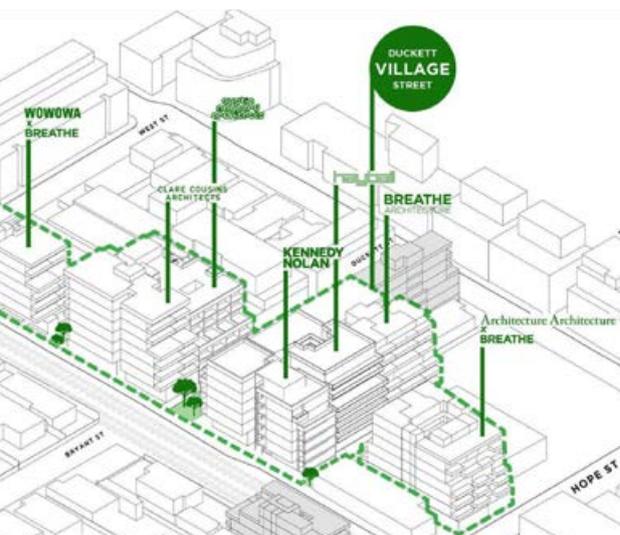


ELIZABETH QUAY LOT 7 PERTH, WA

Elizabeth Quay is a new mixed-use precinct currently under development along Perth's waterfront. Brookfield is developing Lot 7, which will be Chevron's new Australian headquarters. The development encompasses a 30-storey premium grade office tower that will house office space on the upper levels as well as a childcare centre, gymnasium, retail and hospitality space on the lower and ground levels.

Appointed as the Transport Engineers for Lot 7, GTA has worked closely with Brookfield from the early stages of the project through to the development application. GTA's involvement in the project included advice on the built form as well as design advice for the circulation and supply of car parking according to the Perth Parking Policy 2013.

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NIGHTINGALE VILLAGE MELBOURNE, VIC

Nightingale Village is a new project in Brunswick that features a cluster of six mixed-use developments, with 199 new dwellings and ground-floor provisions for commercial use. In 2018, GTA prepared a Transport Impact Assessment for Nightingale Village, including a Green Travel Plan to identify how to make best use of nearby active and sustainable transport facilities. GTA's role included consultation with Moreland City Council to gain support for the significant parking dispensation proposed on site. In accordance with statutory requirements at the time, Nightingale Village would have required approximately 280 parking places for residents. Consistent with the ambitions of Nightingale Village, the development will accommodate only 20 parking places, of which 14 are designated car-share only.

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ADELAIDE HILL — FLEURIEU PENINSULA REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT STUDY — ADELAIDE, SA

GTA was engaged to develop a regional public transport strategy for the Adelaide Hill-Fleurieu Peninsula region. This involved a review of the existing issues for public transport in the region, including community and stakeholder engagement with six Local Councils and a range of government agencies in South Australia. The study was used to develop the strategic directions for public transport with an action plan to improve the equity for residents and visitors and cost efficiency in the delivery of services to promote regional development and tourism. The action plan was developed with practical initiatives to improve public transport services and infrastructure to be customer-focused, such as on-demand transport services and a bus network plan with guiding principles.

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INAS GLOBAL GAMES TRANSPORT PLAN BRISBANE, QLD

GTA is currently providing event transport planning services to Brisbane City Council to develop a transport plan for the INAS Global Games in Brisbane. The INAS Global Games is a sporting competition held every four years by the International Federation for Athletes with Intellectual Impairments (INAS) and the Global Games Sports Company.

The Games are expected to have over 1000 elite athletes from across the world, competing in ten sport at various venues within and around Brisbane for one week. An integral component of the INAS Global Games is the provision of effective transport for athletes and officials to and from the airport, their accommodation, and the various sporting venues.

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KU-RING-GAI PAID PARKING MANAGEMENT STRATEGY SYDNEY, NSW

Ku-ring-gai Council is located on the Upper North Shore of Sydney, approximately 15 kilometres from the CBD. Due to increased population density and commercial activity across the municipality, for several years Council has been assessing the implementation of a paid parking strategy to manage an integrated, equitable and cost-efficient approach to parking and transport planning.

In 2018, Council engaged GTA to prepare a paid parking strategy to report and assess the several options available to manage the current infrastructure. The objectives that Council identified as part of the project included raising revenue to fund local centre improvements and transport-related facilities; improving turnover of parking spaces; managing demand; and helping to meet mode share targets.

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PLENTY ROAD, MERNDA, CORRIDOR DUPLICATION MERNDA, VIC

Developer RCL Group is the major landowner in the Mernda Town Centre. RCL initially engaged GTA to prepare traffic and transport engineering advice for the future planning associated with the Comprehensive Development Zone within the Town Centre.

In showcasing GTA's ability to contribute to additional segments of the project, GTA was subsequently appointed to prepare the functional, civil and detailed design and documentation of Plenty Road and the surrounding road network. As part of the project scope, GTA collaborated with VicRoads and Major Road Projects Victoria to future proof the design and ensure its readiness for the planned duplication of Plenty Road in 2020.

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Moreland Integrated Transport Strategy

As a growing number of people join our cities, Australia's urban centres are becoming denser and creating new challenges around maintaining liveable places for our communities. A major part of this balancing act is creating the right housing, but of equal importance is maintaining adequate education, healthcare services and ensuring efficient transport systems.

In inner city locations increasing transport capacity is not always a viable solution to meet growing demand, particularly in managing road congestion. Building more road capacity seldom provides a long-term solution to network performance and is often at the cost of active transport mode share and environmental outcomes.

To this effect, local councils are now starting to address road congestion with an integrated approach to transport that establishes a vision for how the community wants to travel. One municipality in Victoria who followed this approach is Moreland City Council.

Located in Melbourne's North, Moreland City Council is facing strong population growth. If the current approach to transport planning were to continue, there would be a risk of eroding community liveability through worsening congestion, safety, and amenity. It would also stall action required at a local level to address carbon emissions and tackle climate change due to transport impacts.

In partnership with Moreland City Council, GTA worked with the community about how they saw themselves travelling in the future. The discussions also focused on the key challenges impacting transport across the Municipality now, such as population growth, congestion, climate change, air quality and equal access. GTA worked together with Council to identify and prioritise these challenges and in turn enable the strategic directions necessary to deliver Council's transport objectives.

At its core, the strength of the Strategy is its understanding of these key issues and their causes. It provides strategic direction to manage transport across the Municipality and enables tangible actions that are within the Council's jurisdiction.

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Recent Appointments

In May, we announced the appointment of **Rebecca Want** to the role of Regional Head for New South Wales.

Rebecca is a highly experienced transport executive who has provided strategic leadership across some of NSW's largest infrastructure and transport projects.

With over 20 years' experience across public and private sectors, Rebecca has an extensive background in all aspects of the project lifecycle: business case development, customer strategy, design and program management, as well as construction.

Previously the Director of Customer Strategy on the Sydney Metro, Rebecca was accountable for placing users at the core of the delivery program and implementing a customer-centric approach.

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Client Awards

In March, GTA was thrilled to have been recognised as the Best Consulting Engineering firm with Revenue under \$50 million at the 2019 Financial Review Client Choice Awards.

This marked the fourth consecutive year that GTA has won the award in this category, in addition to winning the award for Best Professional Services Firm with revenue under \$50 million in 2018.

This year, GTA was also a finalist for the Financial Review award for Most Innovative Firm.



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