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PROJECT VISION

Create a landmark boulevard of trees, seasonal colour, heritage, art and story along Lurline Street linking Katoomba Town Centre to the Three Sisters in the Blue Mountains.

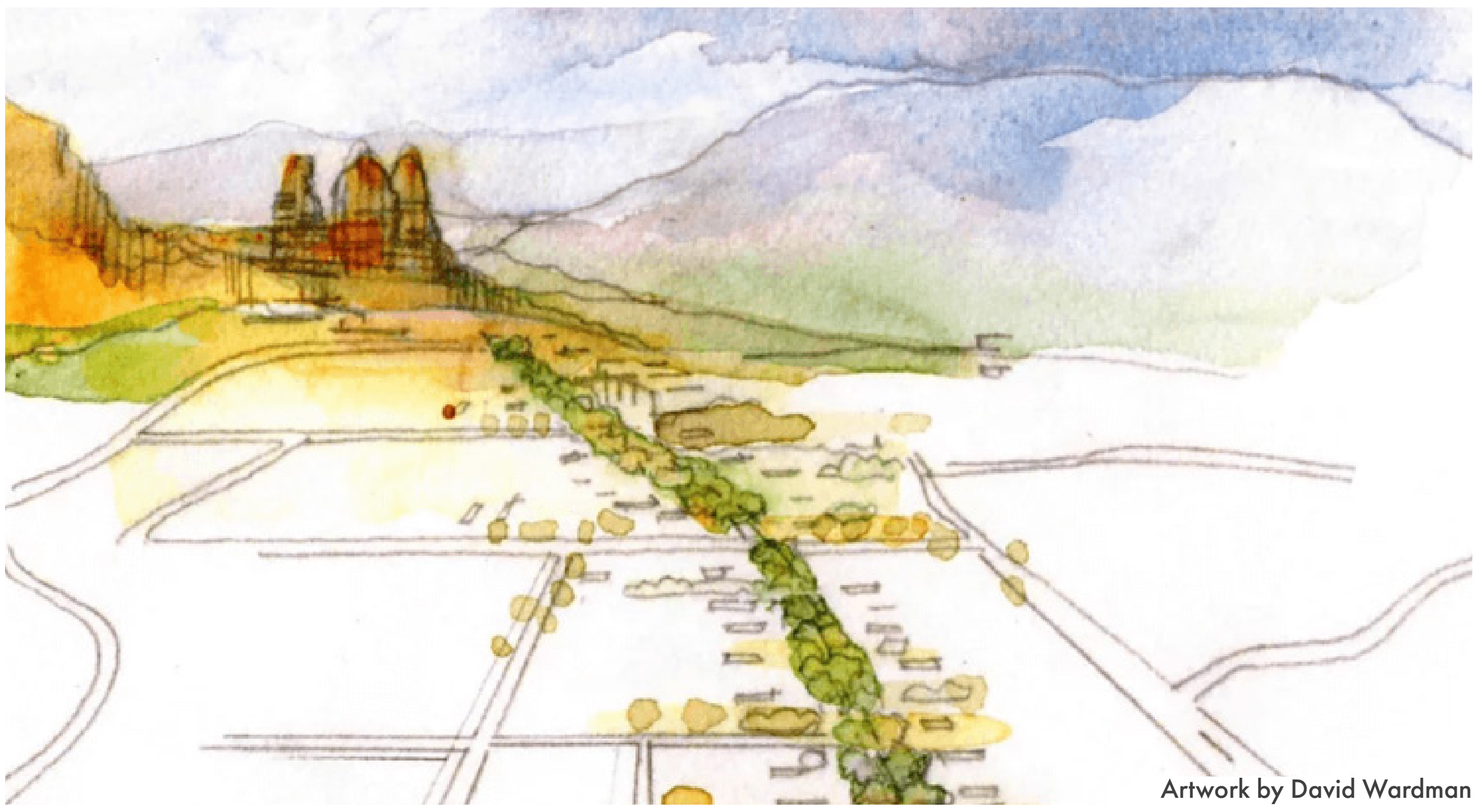
ABOUT TREELINE LURLINE

Treeline Lurline is an infrastructure renewal project of tree planting with underground power lines and whole-of-precinct refurbishment along Lurline Street, Katoomba.

Katoomba Chamber of Commerce & Community and its Treeline Lurline Steering Committee, which includes local residents, businesses and community groups, have initiated and developed the project. Blue Mountains City Council is a partner and facilitator in the delivery of the Treeline Lurline project.

The Treeline Lurline project extends 1.6 kilometres along Lurline Street from the junction with Waratah Street at the bottom of the Katoomba Town Centre to Forster Road on the approach to Echo Point.

It will create a spectacular tree-lined boulevard that encourages walking, cycling, resting and exploring as well as telling local stories.



Artwork by David Wardman

FUNDING

The first stage of the Treeline Lurline project is funded by $4,004,275 from the Australian Government Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program, $25,000 sponsorship commitment from Bendigo Community Bank Katoomba and ongoing sponsorship and in-kind assistance from project partners and supporters.

NEXT STEPS

Concept designs have now been finalised. The current community review and feedback process will help to inform the development of the final project designs, which are expected to be complete by the end of 2023.



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CONSULTATION TO DATE

Public forum, street stalls, survey and petition - Feb-Oct 2019

The project vision was developed through a series of community engagements by the volunteer Treeline Lurline team of Katoomba Chamber of Commerce & Community.

Draft Katoomba Masterplan - 2022

The significance of Lurline Street was identified within the Draft Katoomba Masterplan, which underwent extensive community consultation from October to December 2022.

Have Your Say - July 2023

The community was asked their thoughts about the Treeline Lurline project in July 2023. Questions included what people liked and disliked about the current Lurline Street and what could be improved as part of the project.

WHAT WE HEARD

What respondents like about Lurline Street:

- Character of houses
- Walkability of Lurline Street
- Quiet nature of street
- Character of gardens

Key repeating themes included:

- Tree species
- Need for a cycle path
- Accessible for all
- More seating
- Need for maintenance
- Need for good lighting
- Calming traffic

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LURLINE STREET CONCEPT PLAN

The Lurline Street Concept Plan provides a framework for delivering upgrades to the full 1.6km length of the street.

It incorporates a detailed analysis and mapping of the street's underground services, driveway access requirements, bus stops and on-street parking. The concept plan provides a road map for the staged upgrade of the entire street.

KEY ELEMENTS OF THE STREET

Undergrounding Powerlines and New Lighting

Moving power underground is one of the first steps towards the renewal of Lurline Street and will allow for the planting of large canopy trees without conflicts with overhead power lines. As part of the undergrounding of the electricity, new underground power cables will be installed with new connections to each property along Lurline Street, along with upgraded street lighting.

A Treelined Boulevard

Planting large canopy trees will provide a treelined boulevard between Katoomba Town Centre and Echo Point. The street upgrade includes creating optimal growing conditions for trees along Lurline Street using continuous underground soil trenches that support large and healthy trees.

An Art and Heritage Walk

Telling local stories of the street and the landscape, from the time when traditional owners walked the ridge line through to the present day, is a key part of the Treeline Lurline vision. 'The Walk' will be an opportunity to tell diverse local stories through art, sculpture and interpretative elements along the street.

A Cycleway

Providing a safe active transport link along Lurline Street is a key objective for the project. This will enable both locals and tourists to access many parts of Katoomba using a safe off-road cycle path.

Parking Bays

Parking is an important consideration for the project and on street parking will be retained wherever possible. The parking bays will be constructed from porous pavements to maximise water infiltration to the soil trenches below the pavement.

Seating and Street Furntiture

New seating and drinking fountains will be provided at key points along the street. New seats and benches provide opportunities to pause and enjoy the street or take a break. There are opportunities for the seating to become part of the art and interpretation for Treeline Lurline.

Kerb & Gutter

The existing kerb and gutter will be realigned to prioritise space for pedestrians and cyclists.

Driveways

All driveways providing access to private properties will be retained and upgraded as part of the works. New driveway crossovers will be constructed up to the property boundary.

Street Intersections

A number of intersections along the length of Lurline Street will be upgraded as part of the project. This means making intersections as safe as possible for pedestrians and cyclists while slowing vehicles. Key intersections are proposed to have high quality pavement and landscape treatments, creating points of interest along the journey.



Lurline Street Concept Design

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Waratah Street to Commonderry Street



Commonderry Street to Goyder Avenue



Goyder Avenue to Birdwood Road



Birdwood Road to Echo Point

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STAGE ONE CONCEPT PLAN

A detailed concept plan has been developed for the first stage of works between Waratah Street and Merriwa Street.

Currently, only this first stage of work is funded. This concept plan provides a more detailed layout of Lurline Street, which has included a review of the existing bus stops, street crossings, on-street parking, driveways and intersections. Detailed services and soil investigations have also been undertaken for this section of Lurline Street.

KEY ELEMENTS OF STAGE ONE

Dr Alex Allen Park upgrade [1]

The plans include an upgrade to Dr Alex Allen Park to create an enhanced entrance to Lurline Street. The plans include new tree planting, a feature artwork and sculpture, pavement upgrades, new seating areas and additional planting and garden areas.

Merriwa Street intersection treatment [2]

Upgrades to the Merriwa Street intersection are proposed including new feature paving and opportunities for additional seating and outdoor dining.

New street tree planting

New tree planting has been located in between formalised on-street parking bays. Underneath the parking bays a continuous soil trench will be provided to ensure sufficient soil volumes for good tree health. The parking bays will feature a porous surface to provide water for the trees and improve stormwater run-off.

Bus Stops [3]

The two existing bus stops, which are located close together, will be consolidated into one bus stop on the street. This provides additional space for tree planting as well as on street parking in close proximity to the RSL.

Pedestrian Crossing [4]

A new pedestrian crossing will be included on the street close to Merriwa Street. This will provide a safe and clear crossing, particularly for school children and their carers, walking to and from the public school and high school. The crossing will also provide traffic calming to the street and help to reduce traffic speeds.

Cycle path

A new cycle path will be constructed along each side of Lurline Street. The cycle paths will be one way in each direction. Initially the cycle path will be constructed as a shared path with future conversion to a cycle lane as the rest of the street is upgraded.

Underground power and street lights

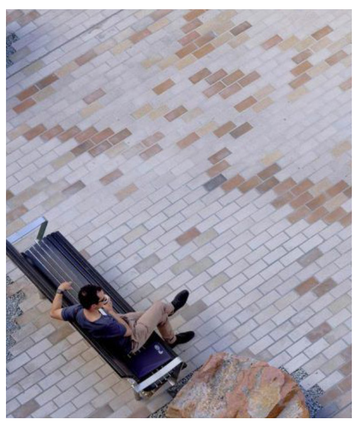
The overhead power lines will be removed and new underground power cables will be installed. New street lighting will be provided along the street.

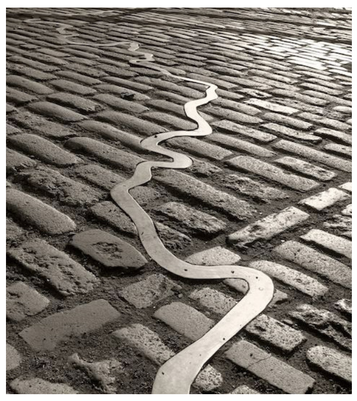
Seating and outdoor dining

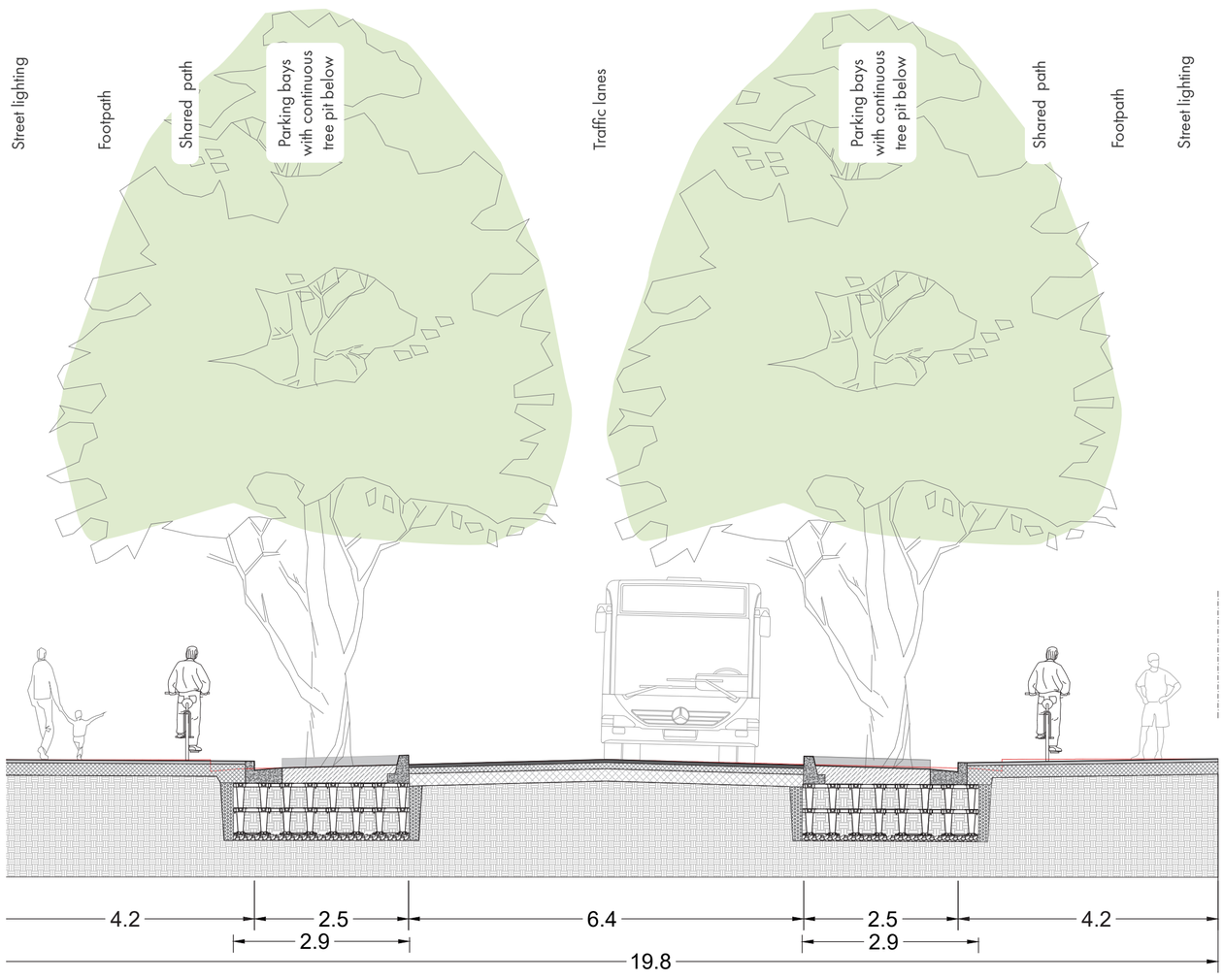
New seating will be incorporated along the street including at the intersection of Merriwa St with the opportunities for outdoor dining as well as seating along the street.













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