

# Salisbury Reimagined







present

A vision for the future



Prepared by the Suburban Alliance

### Overview

Early in 2019 The Suburban Alliance identified the Brisbane suburb of Salisbury as a worthwhile candidate to promote suburban renewal and employment regeneration.

The Suburban Alliance had already released a case study on the successful renewal of Nundah, and by March had released its proposals for the rejuvenation of Chermside. Both had been positively received across a wide spectrum of interests. The Nundah outcome and Chermside proposal both relied heavily on addressing transport issues as components of their success. Salisbury is different. Here, the issue is that historic industrial uses and zonings are no longer relevant. Instead of supporting evolution, rigid zoning is holding the area back. Older style saw tooth industrial sheds which once housed thousands of blue collar workers working shoulder to shoulder now house only inefficient storage space, with a skeleton work crew. Employment numbers have shrunk and protection of the historic 'industrial' zoning work against a range of emerging mixed use employment possibilities.



The Suburban Alliance decided to focus policy attention on the planning constraints and placemaking opportunities of Salisbury. Urban Economics was engaged to prepare a report profiling the employment history and landscape. Tract (Town Planning, Urban Design and Landscape Architect Consultants) were engaged to fold this economic report in with a 'master plan' to highlight the opportunities of the area.

This report is the result. It does not pretend to be a definitive view: the intention is simply to focus public, media and urban planning attention on the future of Salisbury and ask "how can we improve the amenity and employment prospects of the area?"

The Suburban Alliance hopes that this report stimulates public discussion and that this leads to appropriate planning, infrastructure and private investment decisions which will work together to revitalise this suburban centre.

## **Historical Context**



# Key Trends for Salisbury

# **BCC's Plan for the Future**

Manufacturing jobs decline, while finance, property and business jobs increase (over 20 years)

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Manufacturing = **450** 

Finance, property, business = 220

OB BY SELECTED INDUSTRY OF EMPLOYMEN



"Implications of business decline suggest that the older saw tooth roof buildings are no longer fit for purpose"

# Decrease in the number of employees per business (over 8 years)



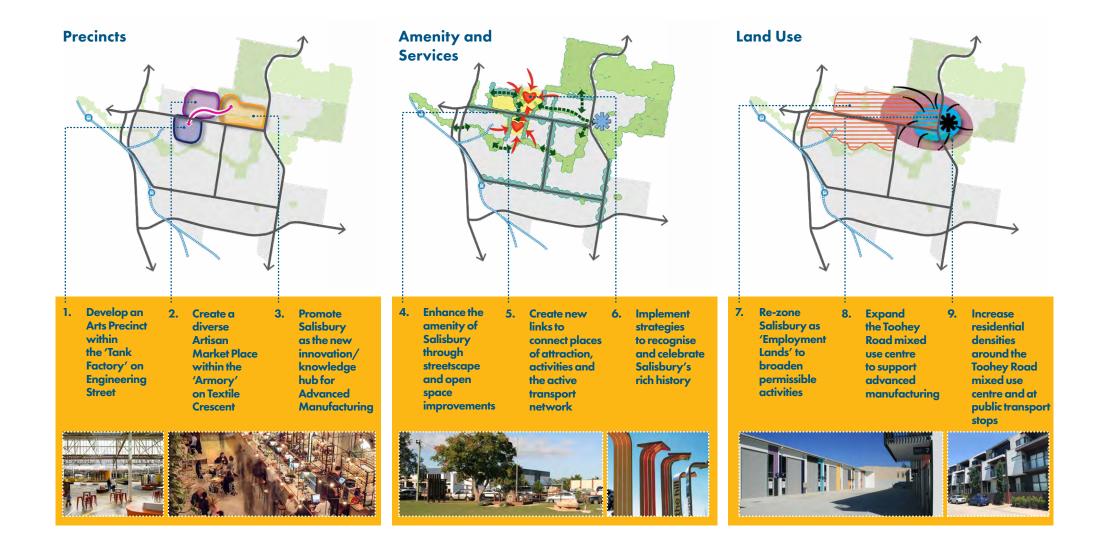


Source: Urban Economics, Salisbury Reloaded: A Case for Suburban Renewal and Industrial Regeneration Aug 2018

# A Vision for the Future of Salisbury

Salisbury is renowned for its rich history, unique built form and expansive employment opportunities. A revitalised Salisbury will enable existing and future businesses, residents and visitors to embody its rich sense of place through recognition of its history, unique branding and diverse employment offering. A new layer of building diversity and employment transformation shall attract new site users and promote the desirability of Salisbury's business and employment.

# **Big Ideas and Principles**



# **An Indicative Master Plan**

#### Legend

- Big Idea / Principle Employment Lands Historic Precinct Repurposed Heritage Small Scale Built-Form Local Centre (mixed use) -- Active Frontage Residential Low Residential Medium Education and Community Open Space Soho Park Extension • Local Park Proposed Local Park O Dog Park ( ) 400m Park Catchment Primary Gateway O Secondary Gateway Character Streetscape (heritage)
- Historic Building Trail
- → Wayfinding & Streetscape Improvement
- Signalised Intersection
- E Proposed New Signalised Intersection
- ← → Green Pedestrian Link

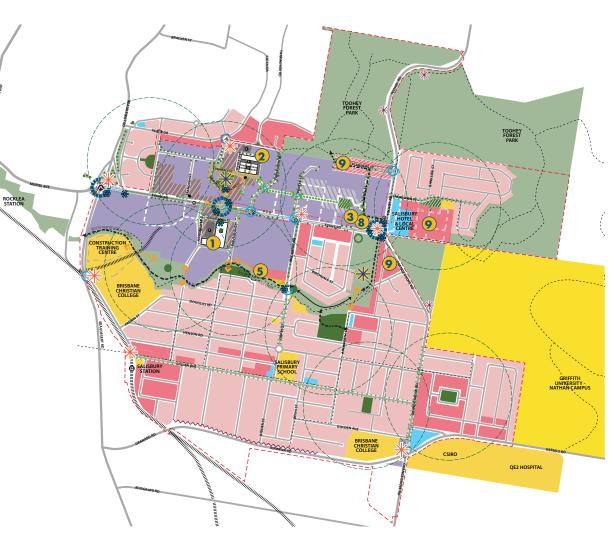
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- Minor Wayfinding (Landmark, Signage) ₩
- \* Land Art
- ◄-► New Connection Pathway
- Enhanced Connection and Activation

- Additional Character Street \* Enhanced Play Space
  - Major Wayfinding (Landmark, Built Form Height, Signage)

- Martin Graffiti Art
- Road
- Private Road
- mana Rail Corridor



Source: Tract Consultants Master Plan May 2019 (Not to Scale)

# **Exploring Key Ideas**

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Creative artisan and fresh -----food market destination work areas with potential shop fronts opening to internal areas Improvements to RSL Park -open up to the surrounding interfaces new play, seating and attractions Central Gateway and Streetscape Enhancements - gateway marker element/s built form and streetscape) could include: bright, attractive street print: branded/character landscaping and signage; green links and pedestrian priority crossings Arts Precinct multi-use spaces featuring a stage/ability to showcase a range of exhibitions - spaces could include: media and acting school; art studios

and teaching facilities; a large library; and food and beverage (and car parking)

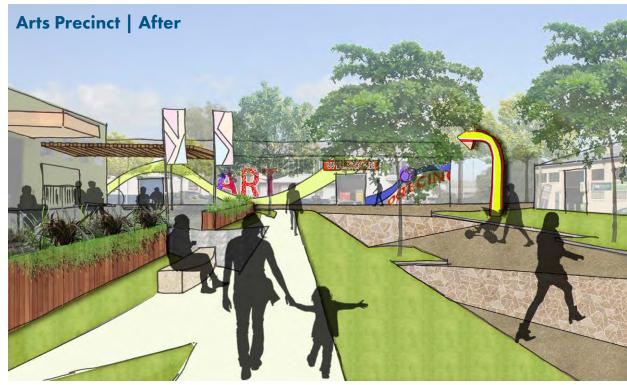


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- 1 Arts Precinct
- 2 Artisan Market
- **4** Enhanced Streetscapes
- **5** Active Path Links



Catalyst projects that celebrate the heritage fabric, build on the local offering and generate new activity and jobs around key places at the heart of the precinct



# **Exploring Key Ideas**



#### Legend

- 3 Advanced Manufacturing
- **4** Enhanced Streetscapes
- **5** Active Path Links
- 8 Mixed Use Centre
- **9** Residential Mix

The ability to make, sell and live in the same place - respond to industry and lifestyle trends/ demands, and capitalise on amenity



# **The Suburban Alliance**

The Suburban Alliance is a not for profit collaboration of people and businesses who believe that opportunities for greater suburban quality of life, business opportunity and economic expansion could get more attention and support than they currently do. We are not a lobby group but instead intend to promote leading ideas, world class thinking, and local issues.

This visioning and master planning exercise for Salisbury is illustrative of the type of contributions we hope to make to urban planning debate and policy.

#### **Our Mission**

To promote a better understanding of the important role of the suburban economy in the life of our cities, through shared insights, information and analysis.

#### **Our Vision**

Progressive cities where quality social and economic infrastructure is equitably distributed across both suburban and inner urban locations

#### **Our Goal**

Equitable quality of life for suburban residents by facilitating greater employment, leisure and retail choices closer to where people live.



"The Suburban Alliance is a go-to source for up-to-date news and information about global suburban trends, and one of the few unbiased resources for learning about the suburban market and suburban land use trends

in general. In a time when the intellectual elite and urban planning orthodoxy vilifies suburban forms, outlets such as this one ground truth what is really happening and reveals a vastly different story."

Prof Alan Berger, MIT Center for Advanced Urbanism (Boston, USA). Alan is Professor of Landscape Architecture and Urban Design at Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he teaches courses open to the entire student body, Co-editor of Infinite Suburbia (2017). "While nearly all metropolitan Australians live in the suburbs and 85% of all jobs are in the suburbs these areas are poorly served by transport and other infrastructure. The suburbs are almost forgotten in the media debates about infrastructure and priorities. Our cities can't keep growing the way they have, with congestion, inequity and cost to government rapidly increasing. The role of the Suburban Alliance in forcing a more accurate and fairer perspective on the ways that our cities should grow is increasingly important to all Australians."

Peter Seamer, AM. Former CEO of Victorian Planning Authority. Former CEO Federation Square. Honorary Senior Industry Fellow in the School of Global, Urban and Social Studies within the College of Design and Social Context at the RMIT. Chair of the Advisory Board for the NHMRC CRE in Healthy, Liveable Communities.





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