

## ANSTEY Q WETLAND ZONE PROPOSED LANDSCAPE TREATMENT

I am pleased to advise that we have recently received a report prepared by the environmental consultants engaged by Secret Harbour.

The report, prepared by ATA Environmental in conjunction with JDA Consultant Hydrologist identifies the environmental constraints and legislation governing future development of the Ansteys Q Wetland Zone and makes the following statement:-

This information pamphlet reaches several conclusions with respect to the future development of the Ansteys Q POS area. These are:

1. *The importance of Ansteys Q POS containing one of the largest examples of wetland vegetation that is listed by the State and Commonwealth as a Threatened Ecological Community means that proposals to excavate any amount of wetland vegetation are unlikely to gain government approval.*

2. *The significance of the wetland and its vegetation will be promoted by the installation of pathways around the wetland incorporating interpretive signage and the distribution of pamphlets so that the local residents and other visitors to the area can gain an appreciation for the environmental values of the POS area.*

3. *The minimum EWP levels for Ansteys Q wetland will be maintained to protect the wetland vegetation from further drying out.*

**A copy of the full environmental report is attached or is available on request from the Sales Office.**

On the basis of the established criteria for development, McNally Newton Landscape Architects have prepared a concept plan of the proposed landscape treatment to Ansteys Q.

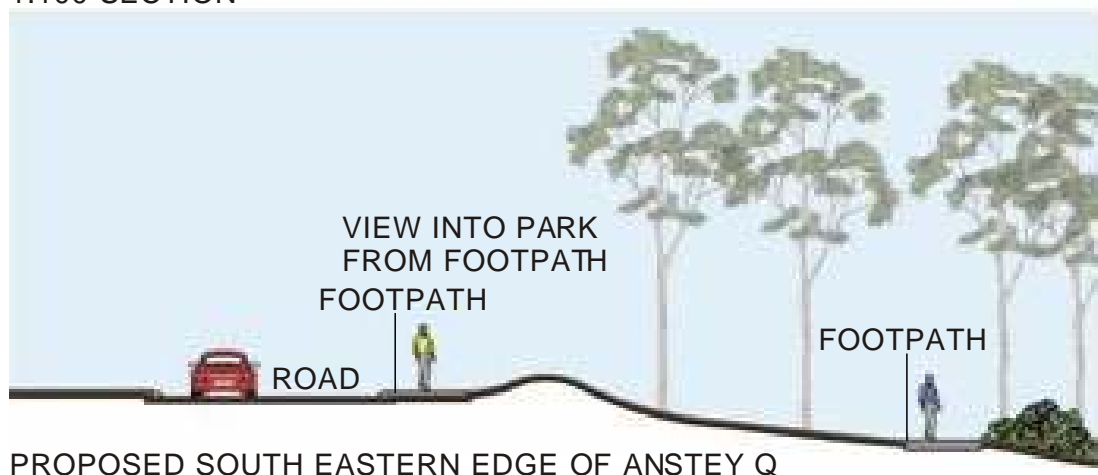
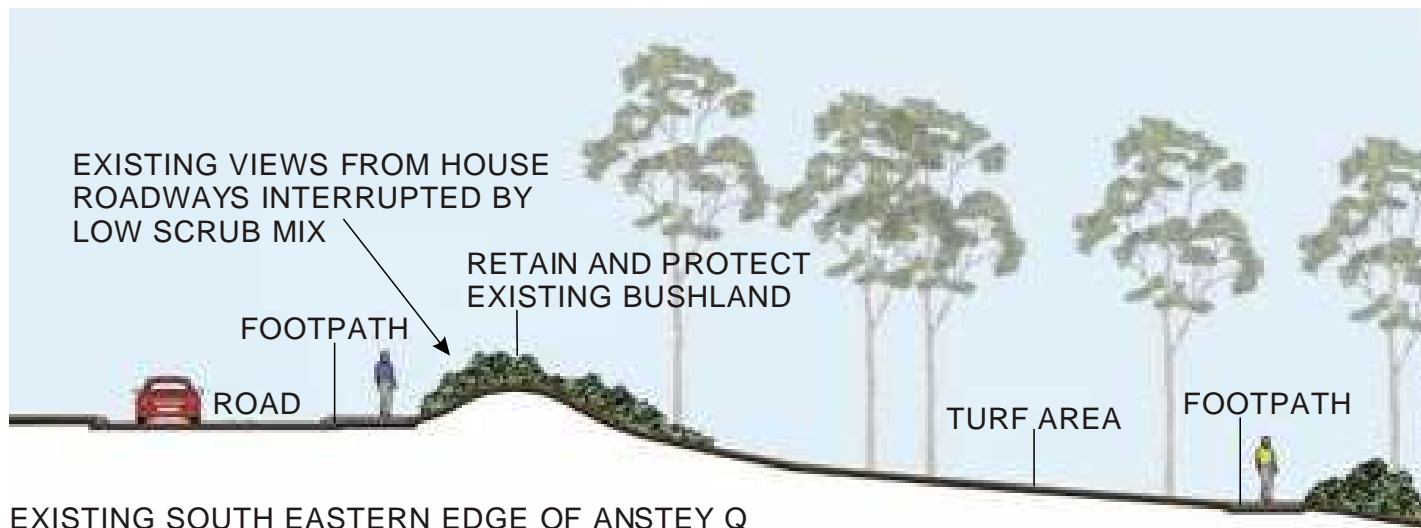
The key points of the proposed plan are:-

- *Landsaped grass edge from path to wetland provides a soft interface between the wetland and residential area which is aesthetically pleasing to residents and visitors. The landscaped grass edge provides a passive active recreation zone which also serves as an important separation zone in the event of a fire.*
- *Replanting of endemic native tree and shrub species to key areas to promote buffer growth between the parkland zone and the wetland area. Vegetation shall be retained where possible.*
- *Controlled access management via appropriately aligned access paths through the wetland buffer promotes pedestrian and disabled access. Alignment of the paths to occur on existing tracks where possible and act as a firebreak.*
- *Interpretive signage will provide local residents and visitors with information relating to bush land/wetland environment, orientation and advise of user restrictions. Possible focus of information could relate to wetland flora/fauna and wetland functions.*

From a resident's perspective, perhaps the key point is that area adjacent the verge that is most visible will be landscaped and given a more "urban" feel. This will also improve safety by reducing the risk of fire and unexpected encounters with any local fauna.

A sectional elevation illustrating the improved views from the road verge and surrounding residences is provided in Figure 1

**Figure 1**

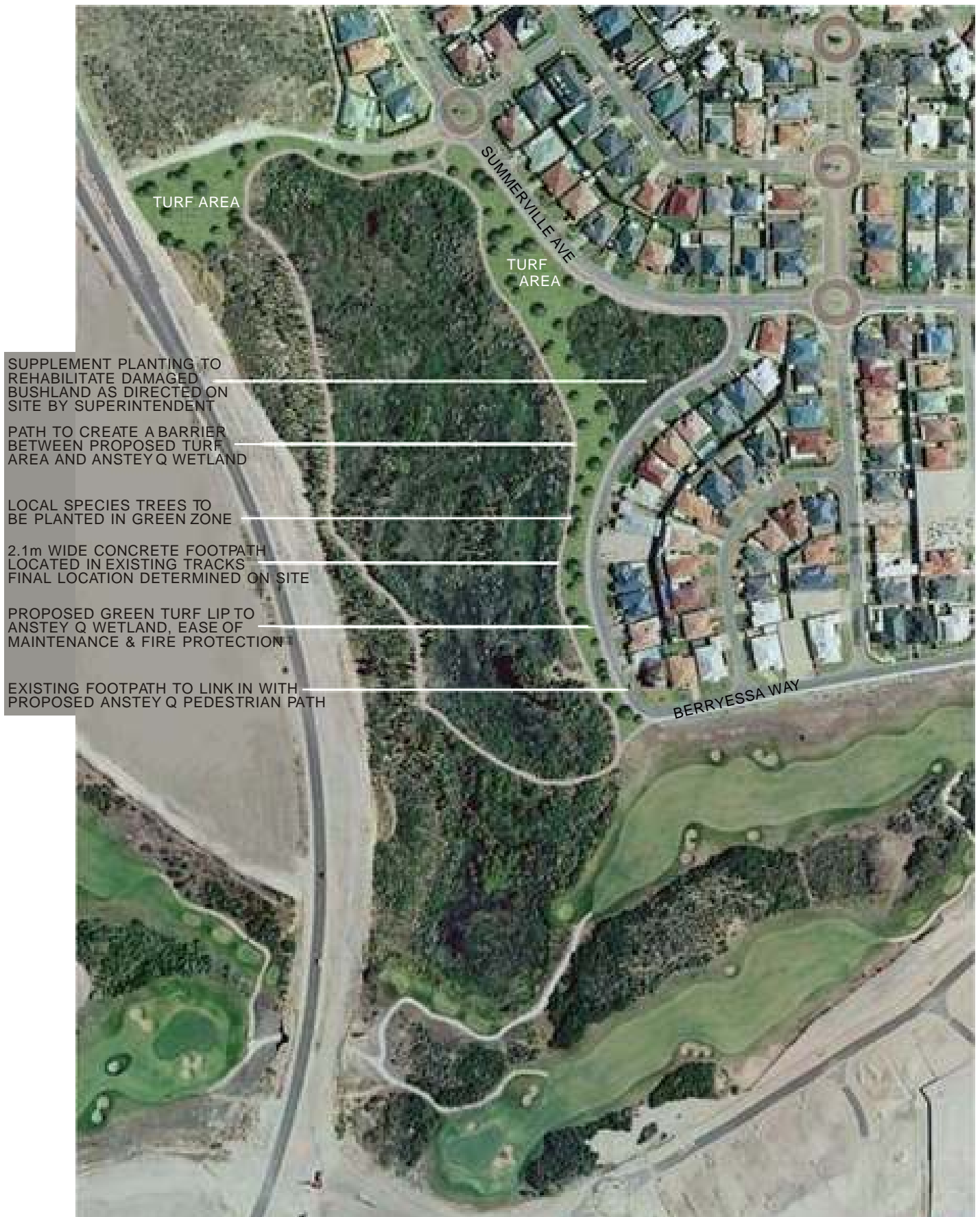


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A plan of the proposed landscape works within Anstey Q is provided as Figure 2.

**Figure 2**



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The proposed plans for Anstey Q have been developed in consultation with the City of Rockingham and the plans have been submitted for approval. As the proposed works do not impinge on the true wetland zone or the protected species we are advised that additional approvals will not be required.

If no other approvals are necessary, it is anticipated that the approval from the City of Rockingham could be obtained by mid-March. Assuming approval is obtained at that time; construction will commence early to mid-April and will be complete in June/July.

The final scope of works will require a number of on-site instructions to be made to ensure we satisfy the twin objectives of acting in an environmentally responsible manner and also satisfying the requirements of the local residents in terms of safety and visual amenity.

I am confident that both objectives can be achieved and that residents, both local and throughout Secret Harbour as a whole, will be happy and proud of the final result. If any resident would like to make a comment or suggestion or just discuss the proposed landscape treatment of the Anstey Q Wetland Zone, then please feel free to contact me.

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