

South Frame – Pūtahi Whakatetonga

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Central City
Anchor
Projects

The South
Frame

The South Frame is a series of gardens, pavements, laneways and public gathering spaces. It will be more than a thoroughfare. It will be a destination for central city events or markets, a place to gather, dine, be entertained or just relax.

At the heart of the South Frame will be the **Greenway**, a pedestrian and cycling corridor with distinctive gardens. The Greenway will connect four **gathering spaces**. **Lanes** branching off the Greenway will provide access to nearby businesses.

WHERE

The South Frame occupies seven city blocks along the north side of St Asaph Street, bordered by Montreal Street and Manchester Street. It links Hagley Park and the Health Precinct in the west with the Innovation Precinct to the east.

WHY

The South Frame is helping to create a well-connected city centre. As its name suggests, the South Frame will complete the 'framing' of the central city. It will make it easier for people to move between the adjacent Health, Justice, Retail and Innovation Precincts, the Bus Interchange, the Metro Sports Facility, and other nearby businesses and residential areas.

HOW

Ōtākaro is developing the public area (the Greenway, gathering spaces and lanes) and is selling remaining land to developers with plans that will complement the South Frame Precinct.

WHEN

Work began on the eastern end of the Greenway and several of the lanes in June 2016. The project will be delivered in stages and is dependent on the acquisition of land required to build the lanes. **Ōtākaro will work closely with you if work is likely to affect your property or business.**

KEY FEATURES OF THE SOUTH FRAME

THE GREENWAY

The Greenway will run east to west and will provide an attractive pedestrian and cycle corridor between the Innovation Precinct and East Frame at one end, and Hagley Park at the other. The Greenway will be a planted and paved, car-free area.

Interpretive paving inlays will tell a 'story of stone' to represent the underlying geology of the region. Sections of the Greenway will reflect the history of Ngāi Tūāhuriri/Ngāi Tahu trading and utilising stone through highly crafted inserts, illuminated pounamu, and stand-alone rocks and mulches.



THE GATHERING SPACES

The gathering spaces will be areas for people to meet and enjoy a quieter space just outside the busy central city. Four gathering spaces will be positioned in the South Frame. These 'yards' will be designed to draw people in to gather, relax, have lunch, observe and be entertained. The yards will also provide flexible and adaptable spaces for events, performances, celebrations and markets.

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THE LANES

The narrow north-south lanes will support retail and hospitality businesses, as well as small offices and studios. The lanes will allow slow-speed vehicle traffic to service businesses. Paved with basalt, the lanes are a reflection of the volcanic Port Hills which can be seen from the South Frame.

Many heritage buildings in the area will be restored or modified to house businesses, while there will also be new, purpose-built facilities. The result will be an urban, industrial space, softened by the surrounding 'green' environment.



The Story Behind the Names

The names for gathering spaces and lanes create links with the function of the precincts, as well as Ngāi Tūāhuriri/Ngāi Tahu or other culture or heritage.

THE HEALTH PRECINCT

The Health Precinct will be a hub for health education, research and innovation and the names reflect this.

WAIORA LANE – Māori term for healing waters.

HAUORA LANE – Māori term for healing winds.

MAURI ORA LANE – Māori term for life force or state of wellbeing.

THE GREENWAY

The names of lanes linking to the Greenway reflect the Port Hills, which are visible from the South Frame.

LAVA LANE – Lava is the molten rock that formed the Port Hills.

SUGARLOAF LANE – Sugarloaf is a Port Hills landmark.

TE POHUE LANE – Te Pohue is the Māori name that means 'place of the creeping plant,' referring to a plant commonly found in the Sugarloaf area.

MATĀ LANE – Matā is the Māori term for obsidian/lava.

The gathering spaces names in the Greenway, reflect two Christchurch noble native trees:

MATAI COMMON and **KAHIKATEA COMMON**. A traditional Māori proverb is "Ruia taitea kia tū ko taikākā anake." This translates as stripping away the sapwood so the heartwood stands alone. The sapwood of tōtara decays quickly and was cast aside. The proverb reminds people to prioritise quality for enduring results.

THE INNOVATION PRECINCT

The Innovation Precinct is about encouraging collaboration between innovative business and research organisations. Names mostly refer to more recent history.

SWAMP HEN LANE – Before European settlement central city Christchurch was a wetland area. Swamp Hen is the English language equivalent for pākura, a local variant for pukeko, found in wetland areas.

MEMORY LANE – refers to the labyrinth of past lanes in this area and the proposed Forest of Memories art to be located in the Innovation South yard.

COTTERS LANE – Refers to the Vulcan's Dry Cell Battery Factory, located on the site in the 1930s. The Cotter family were pioneers in manufacturing batteries in New Zealand.

LITTLE HIGH LANE – creates a link with High Street.

BUTCHERS LANE – refers back to the historic Knight's Butcher shop that was in the area from about late 1800s to 1985.

NURSERYMAN LANE – refers to the nursery that once stood on the site of the Innovation Precinct.

The names for gathering spaces in the Innovation Precinct reflects the intentions of the area as encouraging collaboration between innovative business and research organisations.

VANGUARD SQUARE – is a direct reference to a group of people leading the way in new developments or ideas.

EVOLUTION SQUARE – refers to development, advancement and growth over time. There are many historic buildings nearby and the name also refers to the way the area is evolving.

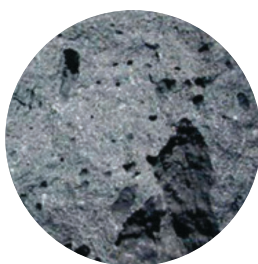
The Story of Stone

These elements have been selected by Matapopore for the ‘story of stone’ to be woven into the east-west Greenway. These elements acknowledge and celebrate the traditional acquisition, use and trade of stone varieties used by Ngāi Tahu whanui.



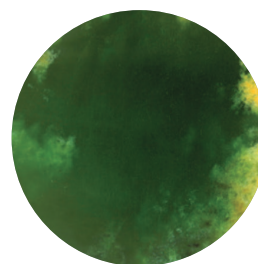
GREYWACKE

Greywacke is the base aggregate for the Greenway’s concrete paving, common all over New Zealand and prolific throughout Canterbury. Gravel stones were used traditionally for mulch and as a heat trap in local kumara gardens.



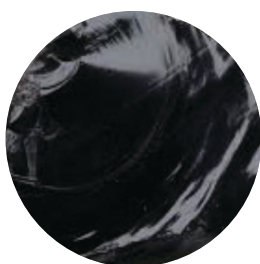
BASALT

A strong reference to the connection between Kaiapoi and Banks Peninsula landscapes and communities which can be seen from the South Frame.



THE POUNAMU TRAIL

Represents the creation and origin of Pounamu and its association with Canterbury’s braided river systems. This will be expressed through illuminated paving inlays along the length of the Greenway.



RARE AND PRECIOUS STONES

A collection of rare and precious stones associated with health and innovation will be positioned in small clusters throughout the South Frame. For example, Mata/Obsidian was flaked and used as a cutting tool due to its sharp edge.



EPISODIC STONE CLUSTERS

A range of stone clusters along the greenway will encourage interaction with stone. These larger boulders of sandstone, riverstone and basalt can be used to sit on or climb over.

The Planting Story

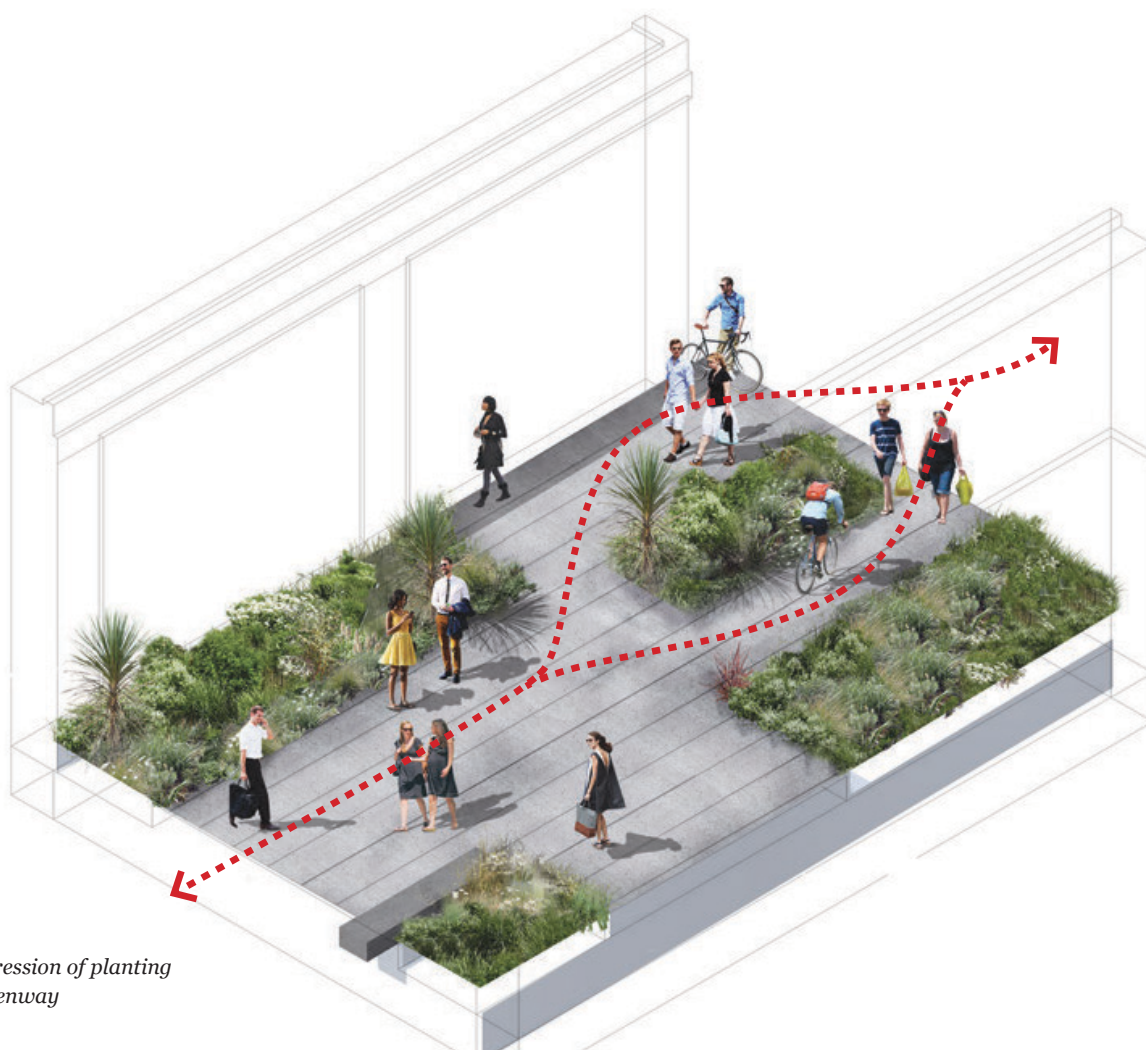
Matapopore, on behalf of Ngāi Tūāhuriri, have contributed to the development of a planting strategy based on the concepts of ecosystem services.

The Greenway will demonstrate the significant role plants play in the health and well-being of ourselves and the environment. Native planting will be selected from the Wet Plains ecosystem and will be laid out in a mosaic along the length of the Greenway.

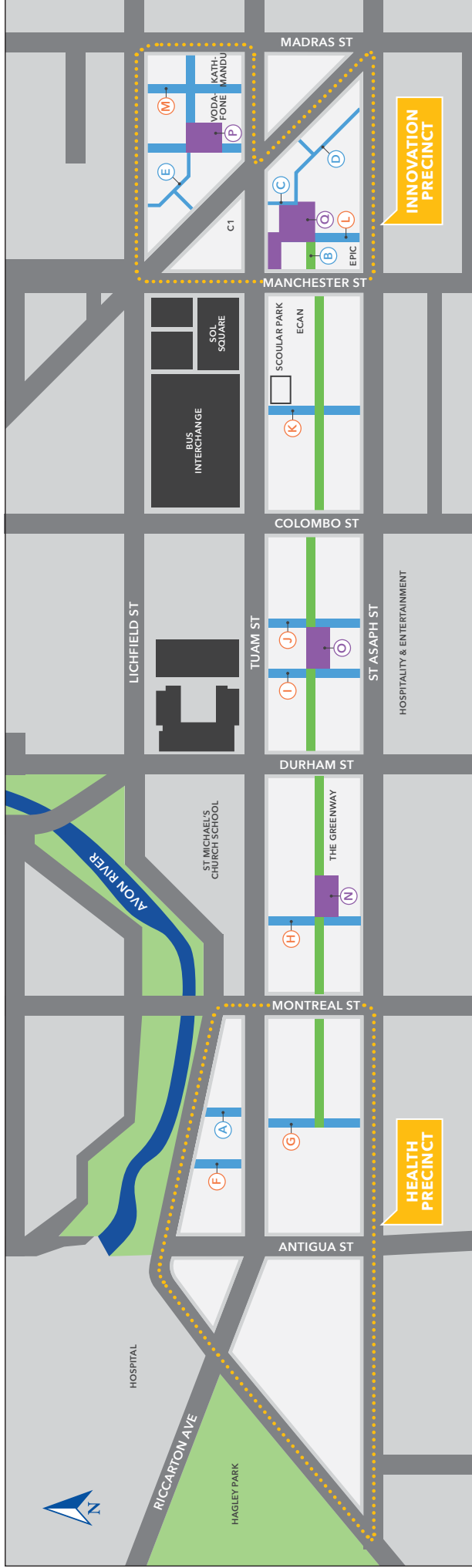
The planting will be grouped into functions which could include plants which have healing qualities and are used in rongoa (traditional Maori medicine), plants that are nourishing, plants that provide a source of kai (food),

are innovative, have qualities which can be used in a variety of innovative ways, have cleaning qualities, and plants which attract native insects and butterflies.

Plants that are related to health and wellbeing will be placed in the Health Precinct and plants that have been used for innovative practices will be planted in the Innovation Precinct. The collection of plants will enhance native biodiversity, encourage native birdlife into the heart of the city and provide an environment for everyone to learn from and enjoy.



Artist impression of planting on the Greenway



South Frame Map

The following lanes and gathering spaces are proposed for the South Frame.

Work will be carried out in stages as land becomes available and construction methodology is agreed with affected property owners.

PEDESTRIAN LANES

- (A) Hautora Lane
- (B) Swamp Hen Lane
- (C) Cotters Lane
- (D) Little High Lane
- (E) Butchers Lane

VEHICULAR ACCESS LANES

- (F) Waiora Lane
- (G) Mauri Ora Lane
- (H) Lava Lane
- (I) Te Pohue Lane
- (J) Sugarloaf Lane
- (K) Matā Lane
- (L) Memory Lane
- (M) Nurseryman Lane

GATHERING SPACES

- (N) Kahikatea Common
- (O) Matai Common
- (P) Vanguard Square
- (Q) Evolution Square