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INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND

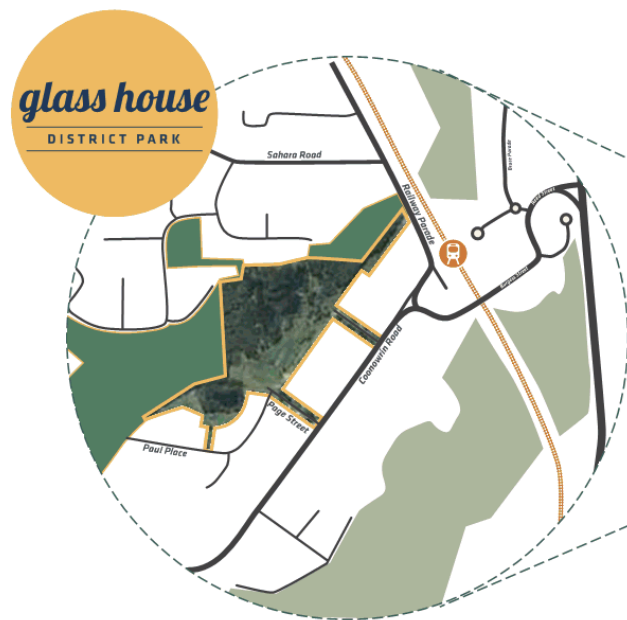
The Glass House District Park Landscape Plan will create the framework for a vibrant community hub which celebrates the local beauty of Glass House and the enjoyment of living close to nature. This landscape plan will inform the future plans for the development of Glass House District Park. The park is only partially developed with minimal embellishment, disjointed layout of facilities, and large portions of environmental reserves. The park also contains natural waterways and is susceptible to flooding in the lower lying areas. Therefore this landscape plan will rationalise, improve and renew the current functions, surface treatments and infrastructure.

REGIONAL CONTEXT

The Glass House District Park is located off Gardner Street in the town of Glass House Mountains. It combines Glass House Mountains Environmental Reserve, Page Park, Dana Close Reserve, Smerdon Way Park and Banksia Park. The district park is approximately 38 hectares, with 8 of those hectares being the subject area of this landscape plan.

LOCAL CONTEXT

The park site is 500m from the town centre which makes it close to quiet street residential areas, the school on Coonowrin Road, and the early learning centre on Page Street.



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GLASS HOUSE MOUNTAINS

Agriculture, big skies, spaciousness, astounding geology, and the reassuring honesty of a township is underpinned by industry and rail. This is a settlement whose scale matches the needs of the inhabitants, where the community hall is locally owned and run, and where key services can be reached by foot from the train station and town centre.

The defining characteristics of Glass House Mountains are not to be taken for granted, as these are the things that make it so easy to appreciate the reasons for the establishment and success of the town.

The landscape plan for Glass House District Park references the defining characteristics of the town, so that the park can become an extension of the settlement.



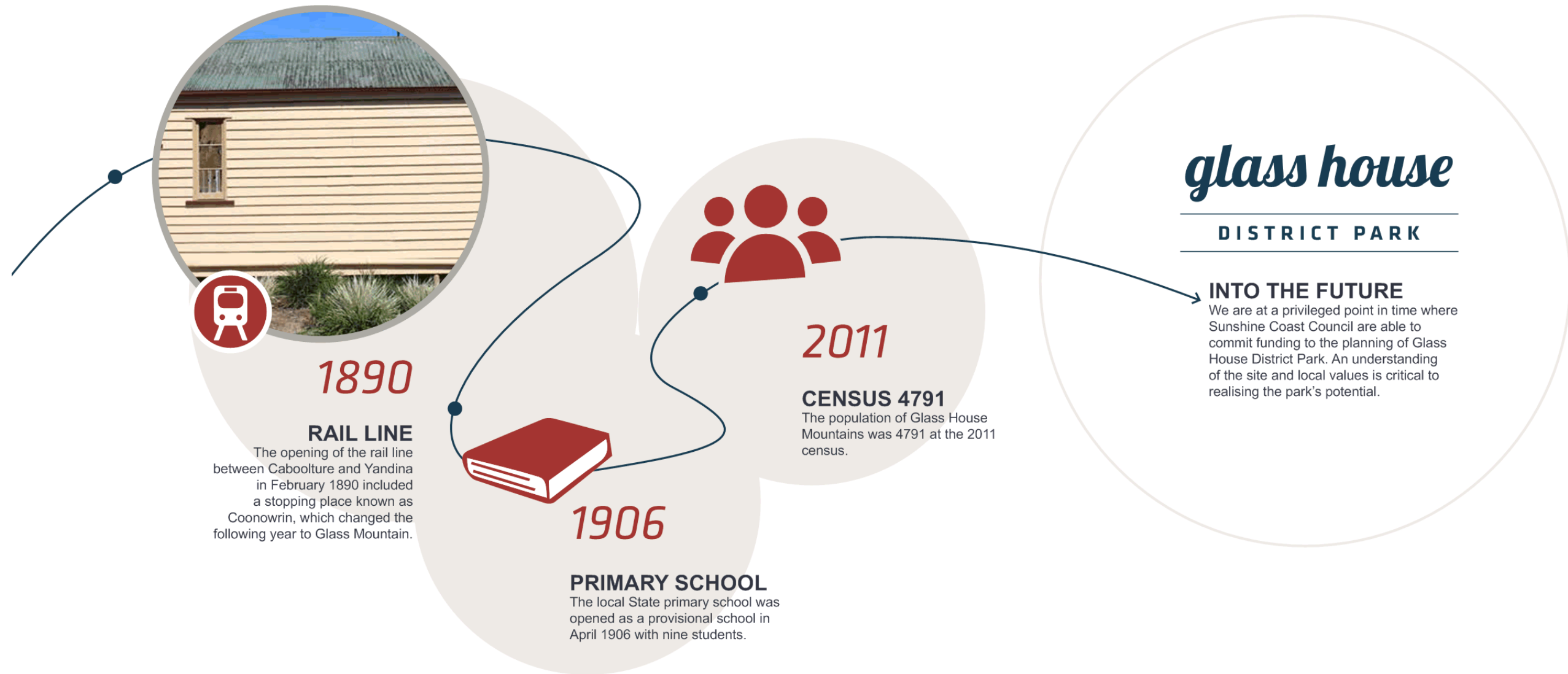
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Glass House District Park can currently be accessed from a number of quiet residential streets, including Page Street, Paul Place, Gardner Street, Dana Close, Allan Avenue and Smerdon Way. The landscape plan identifies the potential to provide additional access points from Railway Parade and the Community Hall on Coonowrin Road. The proposed pathway network would provide a circulation system connecting the District Park with multiple locations within the town.

Adding the qualities of reflected light and wetland habitats, the lake edge is a tranquil place to walk and enjoy the setting of the *Melaleuca* woodlands. A secondary bushland trail is proposed along the edge of the lakes to provide access to the areas of the park that are more densely vegetated.

There are a number of dramatic features within Glass House District Park, with the most iconic of these being the view towards Mount Tibrogargan. When entering the park from Page Street and walking out into the expanse of lawn, it is a remarkable feeling to turn around and see Mount Tibrogargan on the near horizon. The landscape plan proposes planting trees and locating benches beneath the shade of their canopy to provide a peaceful setting for park users to continue to enjoy views of Mount Tibrogargan.

