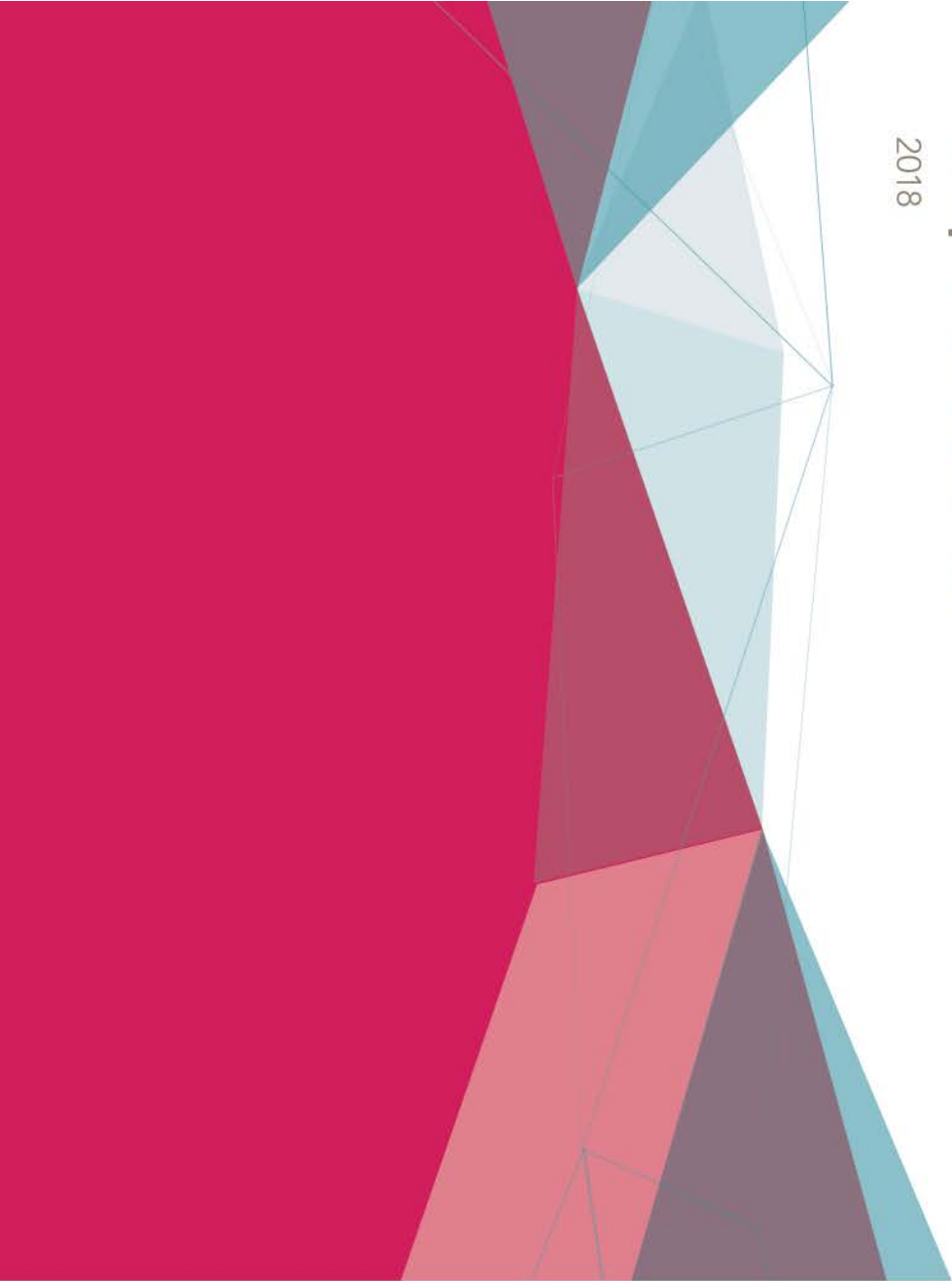
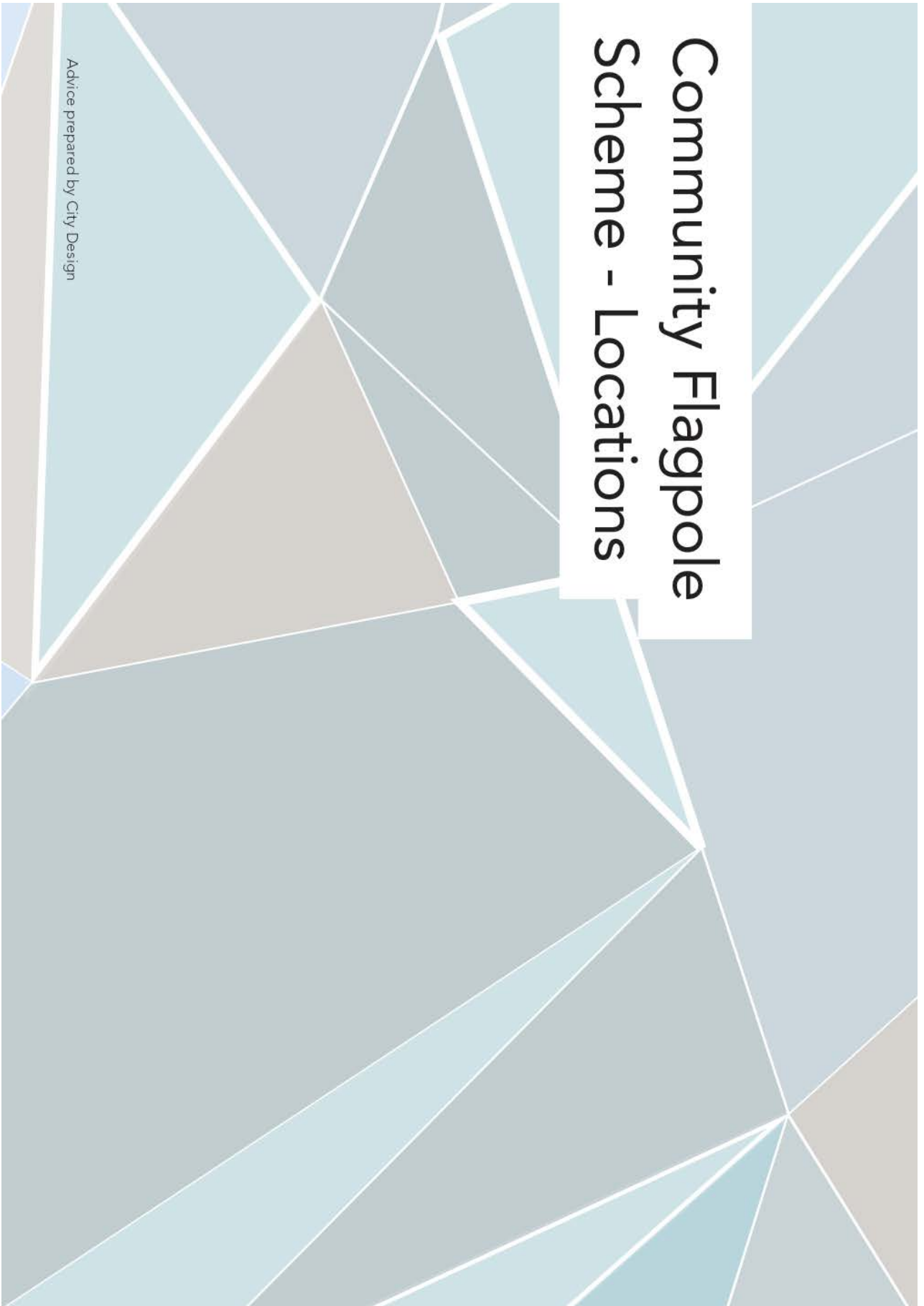


Community Flagpole Scheme - Proposed locations 2018





**Community Flagpole
Scheme - Locations**

Advice prepared by City Design

Council resolution

At its meeting held 1 November 2017, a notice of motion was carried unanimously that Council:

- Installs a community flag pole in a prominent location within the vicinity of each of the South Melbourne Town Hall, Port Melbourne Town Hall and St Kilda Town Hall.
- Develops a simple and accessible policy to govern the flying of flags on community flag poles at Council's Town Halls with a mechanism for Council or a delegate to consider approval of requests for flying of flags.

This document explores locations for flagpoles at each of the three town halls and proposes a preferred location.

Design Principles

A new flag

The St Kilda Town Hall displays the Australian National Flag, the Australian Aboriginal Flag and the Torres Strait Islander Flag. The South Melbourne Town Hall displays the Australian and Aboriginal flags while the Port Melbourne Town Hall displays only the Australian National Flag.

The community flags will be an additional flag and will not replace any of the national flags.

Separate from the national flags

The locations of the national flags all have a formal relationship with the buildings. They are either on top of the buildings, or symmetrically aligned to the civic frontages.

The community flags should respect the setting of the national flags and not compete with, or disrupt this relationship.

Align to municipal function

The sighting of the community flag poles should relate to the municipal or community functions of the town halls.

Avoid clutter

The town halls are busy places with competing pressures on the limited space available in the public realm. The sighting of the flag poles should avoid creating clutter, impinging on pedestrian movement or crowding existing uses.

St Kilda Town Hall



- LEGEND
- Existing flag pole location
 - Proposed flag pole location

Option 1

Town hall forecourt ramp

Situated on the ramp to the council building, this location strongly engages with the town hall.

1. Close to the town hall entrance with a clear line of sight along Carlisle Street.
2. Retains a clear path for along the ramp.
3. Does not obstruct pylons along the street, or compete with the monuments in the forecourt.
3. Allows space for community gathering during flag raising.



Option 2

St Kilda Library forecourt

This location engages with the entrance and architecture of the public library.

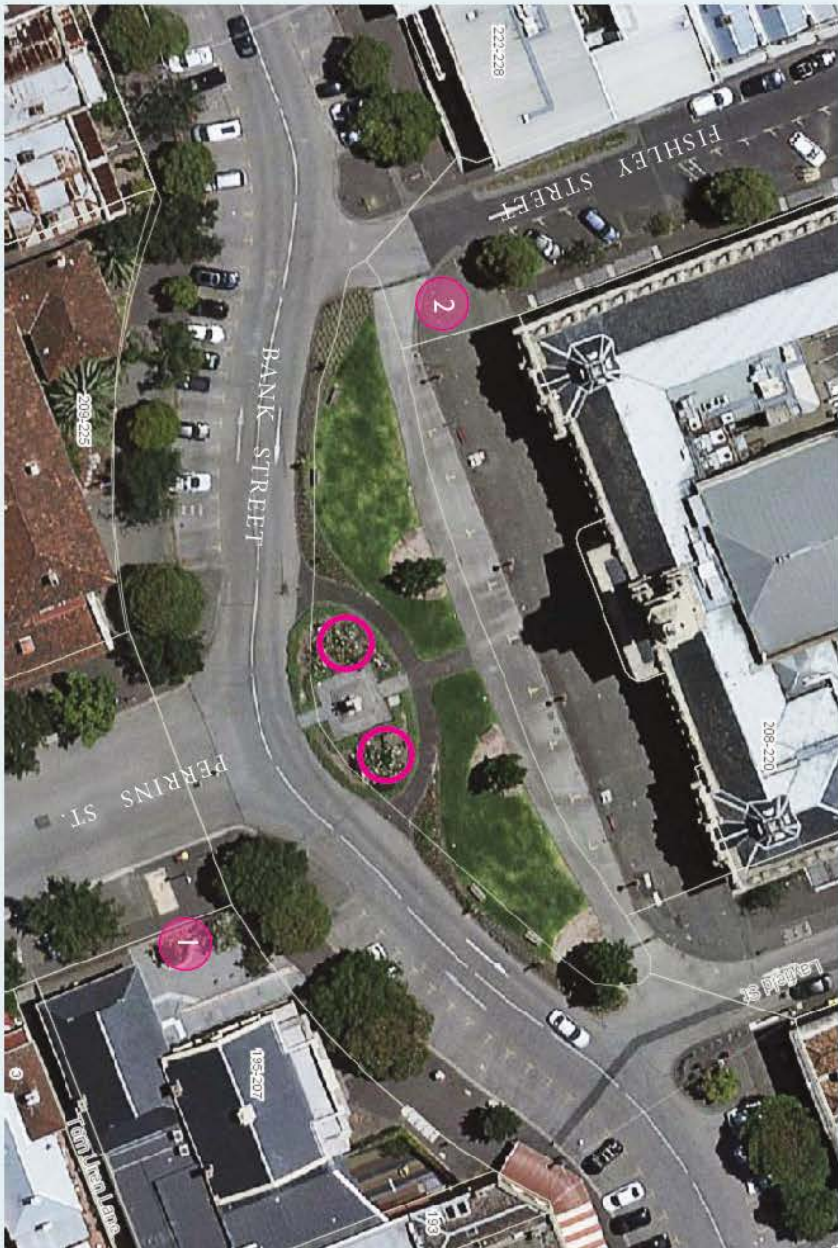
1. This location provides good visibility of the flag from the municipal entrance to the town hall and along Carlisle Street.
2. Located in the forecourt of the library the elevated garden bed location retains a clear line of path for walkers and does not obstruct users of the space.
3. Allows space for community gathering during flag raising.



Recommendation

Option 1 aligns more strongly to the town hall, is clearly visible from all directions and does not compete with the cohesive library façade.

South Melbourne Town Hall



- LEGEND
- Existing flag pole location
 - Proposed flag pole location

Option 1

Corner of Perrins and Bank Street outside South Melbourne Library

This location outside South Melbourne Library engages with the existing landscaped forecourt to the library and is distinct from the formal facade of the town hall.

1. Does not impinge on the formal axis and symmetry of the heritage-listed South Melbourne Town Hall.
2. Works with an existing gathering place outside the library. The existing tree however, will have to be relocated.
3. Located in a garden bed in the forecourt of the library the location retains a clear line of path for pedestrians.
4. Allows space for community gathering during flag raising.



Option 2

Corner of Fishley Street and Bank Street

This location aligns closely with the municipal entrance to the town hall.

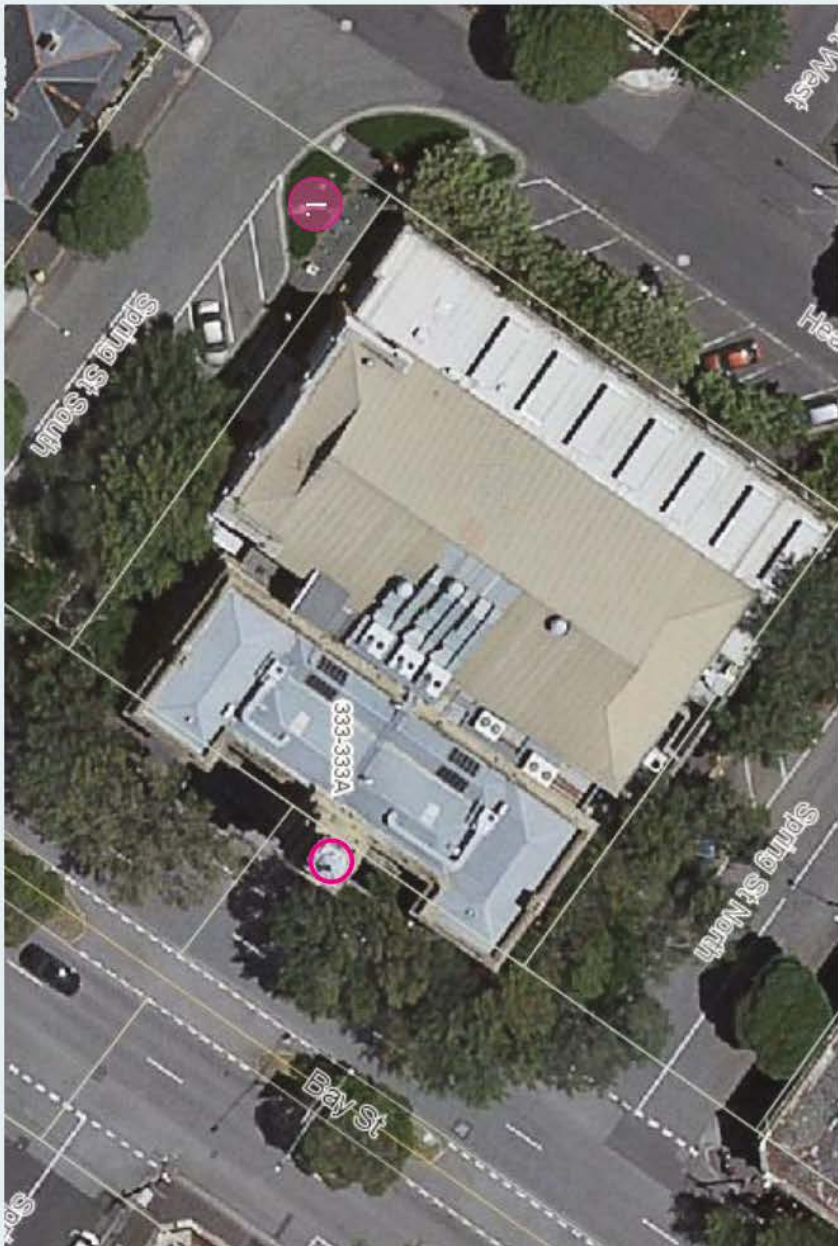
1. The flagpole will be clearly visible when using the building or on approach.
2. Is sufficiently offset from the facade to not detract from the heritage facade.
3. Is clear of pedestrian routes.
4. Allows ample space for community gathering during flag raising.



Recommendation

Option 2 aligns better to the town hall entrance, does not require the relocation of trees and is a more visible location.

Port Melbourne Town Hall



- LEGEND
- Existing flag pole location
 - Proposed flag pole location

Option 1

Corner of Heath Street and Spring Street South.

A single location is proposed for Port Melbourne. The constrained streets and existing trees surrounding the town hall restrict the possible locations.

- 1. The location is close to the building entrance and provides clear lines of sight.
- 2. Aligns to the municipal entrance of the building.
- 3. Located in the low shrub planting adjacent to the pedestrian crossing the location retains a clear path for pedestrians and is unobstructed by road signage or poles.

Recommendation

This location is the preferred location for the addition of a community pole.



