



# The Master Plan

### 3.0 PLANNING THE ROUTE

#### 3.1 THE OVERALL ROUTE

The land and water relationship in Ryde LGA varies considerably due to geology and landform. The western study area has generally gentle undulating slopes with wide bays fronting the river. The eastern study area has a more convoluted landform with steep ridges extending to the river.

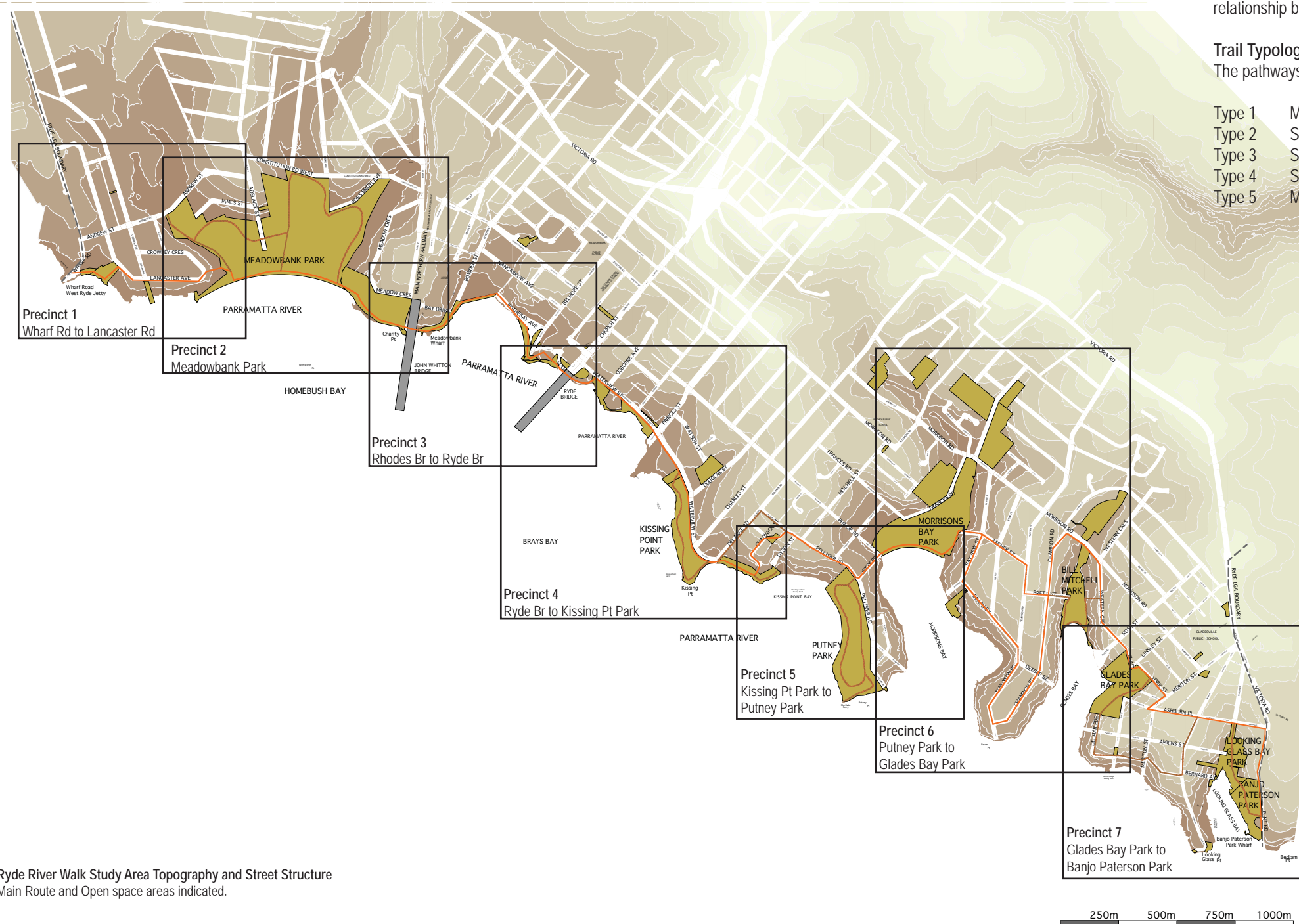
The experience of the River Walk route in the western section is largely at the lower levels, whilst the experience of the route in the eastern section is more varied, requiring climbing over ridges, affording views down to the water and along the river.

The pattern of open space along the foreshore edge also varies due to the landform and the histories of filling bays as well as former land uses located on the water which are now public parks. The Figure below indicates the relationship between landform, street pattern and open space along vicinity of the foreshore.

#### Trail Typologies

The pathways are described as a number of typologies based on use and form. The typologies include:

Type 1	Main shared path	2.5 - 3.5m wide	Main route off-road located within parks
Type 2	Shared loop path	2.0 - 2.5m wide	Secondary route, located within parks
Type 3	Secondary shared path	2.0m average	Highly varied, interpretive pathways
Type 4	Segregated footpath	2.5m min total	Along footpaths with high usage
Type 5	Mixed Traffic street	1.5m min footpath	Cycle use on quiet streets



Ryde River Walk Study Area Topography and Street Structure  
Main Route and Open space areas indicated.





### 3.2 PRECINCT 1: WHARF RD TO LANCASTER AVE

#### Landscape Appreciation

- Parkland dominated by dense mangroves at edge
- Limited views, limited visual connection to the river
- First view of water when heading from the west
- Access and experience predominately on-road, through car park

#### Trail Provisions

- Marked cycleway through Melrose Park
- On road cycleway on Lancaster Ave. Quiet street with limited traffic.
- Laneway link to Meadowbank Park

#### Facilities / Amenities

- Wharf & boating facilities
- Toilet facilities at boat ramp area
- Parking facilities

#### Connections

- Melrose Park Public School
- Potential for improved temporary connection west through 'Reckitt Benckies' industrial site
- Future foreshore connection in Parramatta LGA west to George Kendall Riverside Reserve

#### Public Art Opportunities

- A Route marker
- B Saltmarsh area – potential environmental interpretation

