

## Elsternwick Structure Plan Community Forum

### Meeting notes

17 May 2017 6.30pm-8.30pm

Caulfield RSL

Attendees: 45

Draft vision: *'Elsternwick will be a vibrant cultural and entertainment precinct, which embraces its historic character and identity and is enhanced by art, greenery and community events'*

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| Table 1 | <p><u>Vision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Restoring the village feel</li> <li>- Making more local – interaction between shop keepers and residents</li> <li>- Encourage and supporting small business</li> <li>- Art??? Maybe Arts/Public arts – film</li> <li>- Where locals and visitors want to come to shop</li> <li>- Meets local needs/self-sufficient</li> </ul> <p><u>Priorities and actions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Developments → maximum of 3 storeys in residential area, setbacks, reduce overlooking &amp; overshadow on existing homes – restrict overdevelopment</li> <li>2. Supermarket → developing into hyper markets, lots of small shops impact from supermarket, loss of green grocer, fish monger, more consultation with community before it is built, limit size</li> <li>3. Design of large buildings should contribute to the community → vertical gardens</li> <li>4. Increase greenery in the centre → tree planting, increase open space e.g. Elsternwick Plaza</li> <li>5. Embellish the library → community hub/multi-use, increase in job opportunities</li> <li>6. Increase communication between council, traders association and community → agree on what type of shops we need on Glenhuntly Road</li> </ol> |
| Table 2 | <p><u>Vision</u></p> <p><i>'Elsternwick will be a <del>vibrant</del> cultural and entertainment precinct, - village feel – controls on type of entertainment – good quality shops, be more local <u>which embraces its historic character and identity</u> and is enhanced by art, greenery and community events.'</i> – give options market, community feel'</p> <p><u>Priorities and actions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Development is appropriate for local area → type, height, housing type, material, quality – clear rules</li> <li>2. Provision of parking → in right places, performing right function</li> <li>3. Upgrading local economy to support local jobs → right mix</li> <li>4. Personal safety</li> </ol>  |
| Table 3 | <p><u>Vision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Village feel</li> <li>- Safe and green village – good footpaths, trees, clean, community feeling</li> <li>- Local job and work options – come in and work in Elsternwick with</li> </ul>   |

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|         | <p>somewhere to park</p> <p><u>Priorities and actions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Heights and setbacks</li> <li>2. More offices</li> <li>3. Streetscape works, seats, lights, WC with change rooms</li> <li>4. Parking</li> </ol>  |
| Table 4 | <p><u>Vision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- People first</li> <li>- People meeting – village not Chadstone</li> <li>- Green space</li> <li>- Entertainment – what does that mean?</li> <li>- Enhance its current state</li> <li>- Local</li> <li>- Continuity of shopping strip</li> </ul> <p><u>Priorities and actions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Close the southern end of Staniland Grove and north end of Carre St – pedestrian area → to address traffic, dangerous for pedestrians to cross, increasing problems of speeding traffic, remove traffic and pedestrians</li> <li>2. Car parking → multi-storey should be located in Stanley Street East – opens up Staniland Grove to have green open areas with library and kinder – underground parking access from Orrong Road</li> <li>3. Diversity in housing → apartments on Glenhuntly Road up to 5 storeys and include affordable housing, housing for downsizers (still want to live in the area), and equal mix of 1, 2 &amp; 3 bed apartments</li> <li>4. Village feel → encourage people to buy and shop locally</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Also need to solve mess of Coles site on Orrong Rd</li> </ul> |
| Table 5 | <p><u>Vision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Vibrant</li> <li>- Colourful</li> <li>- Busy</li> <li>- Exciting</li> <li>- Interesting</li> </ul> <p><i>'Elsternwick will be a vibrant, liveable and accessible cultural and entertainment precinct, which embraces its historic character and identity and is enhanced by art, greenery and community events.'</i></p> <p><u>Priorities and actions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Encourage private investment → through sympathetic development , respect historical significance</li> <li>2. Accessibility for bikes along railway line → connectivity between public spaces/places/parks</li> <li>3. Improve car parking</li> <li>4. Liveable → public area and streetscape improvements</li> </ol>   |
| Table 6 | <p><u>Vision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Art???</li> <li>- Greenery and community events – plaza, markets, concerts</li> </ul>  |

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|         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- What should vibrant include? Village feel, sustainable, controls around entertainment</li> <li>- Walking friendly</li> <li>- Residential streets protected</li> <li>- Trams</li> </ul> <p><u>Priorities and actions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Transport and mobility → accessibility along Glenhuntly Road, more trams, promote walking, more safe crossings, bike paths connectivity – connect to Elwood &amp; Caulfield South, kids on bikes, enforcement of traffic rules</li> <li>2. Development → specific controls, quality but particularly height, limit height on Glenhuntly Road, residential only - in suburban street (to maintain character), office opportunities - boutique office, shared service office</li> <li>3. Village feel → CCTV safety, lighting, more room for outdoor dining (remove grass more dining)</li> <li>4. Promote connectedness between residents and traders → community market, incentives for locals to shop locally, incentives for the right shops to come to the area</li> </ol> |
| Table 7 | <p><u>Vision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Entertainment? – not nightclubs – support facilities, need another word – small bars, <u>boutique</u></li> </ul> <p><i>‘Elsternwick will be a <u>vibrant</u>, cultural and entertainment precinct, which embraces its historic character and identity and is enhanced by art, greenery and community events.’</i></p> <p><u>Priorities and actions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Pedestrian safety along Glenhuntly Road from Brighton Road to end of shopping strip → never quite certain re: cars on side street – traffic management</li> <li>2. Ripponlea great model for Elsternwick → quality of shops</li> <li>3. Greening → improving railway line reserve with bike path with landscaping - connection across railway line</li> </ol>   |
| Table 8 | <p><u>Vision</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Object to vibrant (go to Chapel St), replace with ‘peaceful’?</li> <li>- Enhance its current state</li> <li>- Residential precinct – walking</li> <li>- Local – continuity, cultural strength</li> </ul> <p><i>‘Elsternwick will be a residential precinct enhanced by good retail and transport services. Residents wish to retain its low-rise, pedestrian friendly nature with a multi-purpose, integrated community hub’.</i></p> <p><u>Priorities and actions</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Development of good library, multi ala docklands library → fabulous community resource – café, open space - combined with Woolworths in Selwyn Street, would free up Staniland Grove</li> <li>2. Keep population diversity → appropriate housing, affordable and social housing, housing for families and suitable housing for older adults (among community not in retirement village)</li> </ol>  |

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|                       | <p>3. Preserve and enhance local community feel</p> <p>4. Car yard on Nepean Hwy → that's where taller buildings should go</p>   |
| <p>Other comments</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council cannot influence the economy</li> <li>- Draft Community Plan states that community would like to be informed/engaged. Council needs to be committed to transparency and engage residents in decision making. Council says to develop clear and open communication</li> <li>- Plants: More trees, planting and greenery</li> <li>- Concrete jungle: Don't want to live in a concrete jungle that looks like a ghetto with cheap looking, poor quality apartments.</li> <li>- Face of Elsternwick: The face of Elsternwick is changing and not for the better. We spend money beautifying and renovating our homes. We don't want Elsternwick turned into a Carnegie/Elsternwick.</li> <li>- Traders perspective</li> <li>- More offices: supports economy as more people who work will also facilitate spending (local business)</li> <li>- No late night entertainment – people using theatre don't want to feel unsafe</li> <li>- Parking – basement car parking will maintain the village feel idea of Elsternwick</li> <li>- Toilets – people are afraid to use public toilets so maybe more inviting public toilets/facilities</li> <li>- Coles – needs to be rejuvenated</li> <li>- Elsternwick library should be more like the Carnegie library – or a community hub</li> <li>- Orrong Road – removal of car spaces for development affects the traders in that area</li> <li>- More child-care facilities needed in Elsternwick</li> <li>- Appropriateness of tree types to the area</li> <li>- Air conditioning noise currently spilling out – Gordon St</li> <li>- Pedestrian safety (for people catching train)</li> <li>- Community connection – Council should set up an employment office for over 60's who want to continue to work (Japan model)</li> <li>- Exercise classes daily in the park for seniors (low-cost)</li> <li>- Connect both sides of the railway line</li> <li>- Better cycling facilities at railway station</li> </ul> |