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WEST MELBOURNE STRUCTURE PLAN

On Saturday 9th May 2015, over 60 people attended a 2.5 hour discussion workshop. This report is a summary record of the feedback captured at the session and how useful people felt it was. This data will be used to inform the final report from Stage 1 of this project and assist with planning future engagement for Stage 2 of the development of the West Melbourne Structure Plan.



WORKSHOP PURPOSE

To provide an opportunity to share your vision for West Melbourne's future and your priorities for the area.



PART ONE

OUR PRIORITIES

We began our gathering with some small group conversations to reflect on the outputs from our first workshop, consider some current ABS data on the area and work together to identify our priorities for the structure plan. Participants identified the following broad categories to cluster individual priorities:

CAR PARKING

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- More permit parking.
- Hard to provide parking for dwellings built.
- On map (E2) on street parking imposes on traffic travelling north on Hawke street and at E3 when travelling south. These spaces should be made no stopping areas. *See map reference on page 5.*
- Developing a sustainable use of heritage and maintain building while including more green spaces, parking plans, walking and bigger parks.
- Parking - new buildings must offer off street parking (at numbers based on bedroom numbers). *See map reference A-F, 2-7 on page 5.*
- Car parking restrictions are generally relaxed. The result is that street parking is pushed beyond capacity, reducing the viability of the area for raising a family see over.
- Infrastructure appropriate development of public transport, roads, parking, health and essential services.
- No all day street parking other than resident permit. In railway place MCC meters are only \$4 a day.
- To raise future developments provide for their own residents car parking needs within the compliance off the street.
- Need to complete parking utilization and use this information to inform plan applications for multi unit development. Include research into car ownership of residents in multi unit developments.
- Car parking to be provided on site for all new residences especially apartment building. Ratio should be at least one car park per apartment but preferably per bedroom.

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CULTURAL DIVERSITY

- Hearing from the Victorian Islamic council who are based in Jeffcott street.
- Community harmony - based on understanding and the availability/accessibility of opportunities for all community members to reach their potential and live a fulfilling life. How can the built environment support this.

HERITAGE

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- Low rise maintenance of village/heritage characteristics. Maintenance of industrial face (maintenance).
- Heritage look and protection of heritage buildings and places/parks.
- Heritage to be preserved in form of low rise development next to single and storey houses, no overshadowing, respect of integrity of Victorian and Edwardian streetscapes even if these streetscapes not intact.
- Preserve small cottages in West Melbourne (Historical) Community student housing buildings. Units standard ceilings off Victoria/No new high-rise development.
- Buildings that represent the history of West Melbourne need to be refined.
- The façade of heritage buildings must be restored and retained even where the building is a lone piece of history of the area.

INTEGRATED PLANNING & WIDER CONNECTIONS

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- Between numbers built and built amenity. Street scapes - small pocket parks - infrastructure.
- Integrated planning, physical social/economic link. Increased population.
- E-gate, Fishermans Bend. Will impact on West Melbourne as well as North Melbourne.
- Appropriate and well considered development and opportunity.
- Development that restores improves history, heritage and cultural value of the area, improves connection to Docklands North Melbourne and the city.
- Appropriate use of street spaces, activity zones, types of developments, open spaces and parks, extend tram line. *See map reference B-H, 1-9 on page 5.*
- To provide more connection between Docklands/E-gate and West Melbourne.
- Priority to include E-gate as part of West Melbourne and plan and build a new model suburb of sustainability - no high-rise - ecological - sustainable.
- Pedestrian link to Docklands, build walkway/bike path.
- Easier access to Docklands from West Melbourne.
- Improved connections for walking between West Melbourne and the Docklands and E-gate developments. The railway line significantly needs these connections and creates a real separation between these communities.



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DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS

- Developer contributions e.g. 2 stories = 1/2 cost of primary school.

BUILT FORM

- Differentiating between areas south of Dudley street which has already been developed and area north which is still mixed use residential/business/height/industrial.
- Scale and height needs to be used to encourage retention of existing amenities and neighbourhood of the local area.
- More access to public transport. 402 Bus should stop in well lit areas.
- GRZ Should have height limits and scale restored. **See map reference C-F, 2-4 on page 5.**
- Medium rise development when activities streetscapes to be the preferred option over high rise. The high rise precinct should be confined south of Dudley street and in the grain of the bulk of West Melbourne should be protected from high rise (more than 5 stories).
- Mandatory height limit for residential areas in West Melbourne. No more than 4 storeys.
- That height limits carefully take into account the surrounding neighbourhood with loopholes for their avoidance carefully plugged.
- Height restriction to maintain low rise streetscapes, preserve heritage vistas, preserve environment for pedestrians, promote pedestrian and cycle transport and safety.
- Certainty of building heights to both developers and residents.
- That the CBD part of West Melbourne doesn't encroach over Dudley street into West Melbourne residential. Stop the creep of high density high rise into heritage and community areas. **See map reference D-F, 3-5 on page 5.**
- To have a variety of heights and types of buildings within any streetscape.
- Height limitation for development (No high-rise building)
- Ensuring that sensible height controls are enforced (north of Dudley St.).
- There should be certainty around building heights for resident, developers and council.
- Protection of the heritage. Housing pockets in West Melbourne. Height limitations no high-rise. Keep diversity of housing no dissertation. Certainty of planning outcomes from Council - not developer driven. **See map reference B-F, 1-5 & I-J, 2-5 on page 5.**
- Mandatory height requirements for new buildings, with no discretion. Apartment buildings with maximum of 5 storeys.
- Height limitations which are adhered to by Council and not influenced by developers.
- More set backs to building - we do not want another Docklands.
- Stop making height and parking concessions.
- Maintain low rise friendly atmosphere - consider existing residents.
- Ensure the scale of new builds are respectful to existing buildings.
- Maintaining 4 storey building overlay. **See map reference B-F, 2-6 on page 5.**
- The plan should encourage the construction of units that people want to live in - much of the current development falls short on this.
- Affordable and community focused housing that is sustainable and that is purpose built and planned for the needs of specific demographics. Students and youth and mixed demographic.
- Building heights and apartments sizes and affordability.
- Fixed height limits to ensure equity in the access to solar energy and sun lights.
- Minimum enforced standards for size of apartments including natural light.
- We want a planning scheme that is clear and secure. Limit discretion to zero and make the heights actual. If you can build to 60m height should be stated as 60m.
- More 3 bedroom and housing with larger living areas (dining /kitchen /louge). **See map reference B3, C5 on page 5.**
- Mandatory heights everywhere for certainty or discretion of only 10%.
- Maintaining of developing sense of community as population density increasing. Low rise buildings - 5- 10 -storeys. Mixed function including crèches etc., quality apartment design considering natural light. Solar energy.
- Maintain height limit in West Melbourne. Residential area to max 4 storeys.
- Height limits - avoid wind tunnels - allow sunlight - avoid VCAT override.
- Enforcement of a variety of accommodation patterns not all student apartments.
- Retention of mixed use with ground levels and apartment buildings. Used for provision of shops, small business of suitable kind.
- Planning certainty of quality - mandatory height - minimum quality standards for apartments.
- Height limits - avoid wind tunnels - allow sunlight. Avoid VCAT developers allowance. Site parking in new buildings based on number of bedrooms - cycle space storage - Footprint as approved to number of people. Building amenity area per person.



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PLANNING PROCESS

- To encourage an assessment of the quality of development proposals, rather than just based on a quantities justification based on satisfying numerical values.
- DDO equipment's need to be specific. Some sharp edged working their encourage desirable development and not the Mickey Mouse requirements in the council DDO's
- Heritage in mixed use arc DDO needs to spend rules to ensure protection.
- Mixed use functions need to be promoted in the MU areas - hand small businesses needs to be encouraged to stay and expand by keeping land value under control which will help them stay.
- Transparency in funding for political candidates.
- Change the planning scheme so that residents make planning decisions not developers who influence off council VCAT, to corrupt the process.
- Transparent democratic processes with residents making decisions about planning rules.
- Residents decide rules not developers, not state government.
- Prohibit political funding except from voters.
- Transparent funding of councillors and declaration only vested interests at meetings of residents.
- A robust planning scheme providing certainty for planning decisions away from too much distractions as in the amount structure plan which is determining many approvals made through the current structure plan. Especially in the residential zone of West Melbourne.
- A structure plan on 3D form defining height of buildings, boulevards, open spaces, recreation areas and precincts. Avoid a zoning plan. **See map reference H9 on page 5.**
- Drawing on success stories here/overseas to ensure West Melbourne is a world leader in providing sustainable infrastructure to support diverse and growing population.

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TRANSPORT

- Bicycles, parking, storage, cycling paths, hire bikes.
- Tram connection from Errol St to down Victoria through St Vincent hospital - public transport. **See map reference F-J, 1-3 on page 5.**
- Three new tram connections - extend 57 route up Abbotsford street to terminate near North Melbourne station (maybe half the tram, extend Spencer Street tram to service whole of West Melbourne. Complete tram section between Victoria Street (North and West Melbourne) to St. Vincent's Place. **See map reference B-F, 2-6 & B-C, 1-4. & H-J, 1-2 on page 5.**
- Prioritise walking, cycling, public transport and private cars, in that order.
- Public transport. Open Flagstaff station at weekends, extend trams west - east Victoria Street. Increase number of pedestrian crossings. Improve.
- Spencer Street - reduce cars - extend tramline - add bike path.
- Extend tram along Spencer Street.
- More public transport include better east - west tram connection e.g. Victoria street, better use of Spencer Street by extension. **See map reference E-H, 4-10 on page 5.**
- More public transport at night and weekends.
- More bike paths in West Melbourne.
- Bike path connection from Peel/Victoria street to William street.



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AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Any developments with residential in it should have 20% affordable family accommodation in it.
- 0-90 Planning need affordable housing across lifespan. Local resident's on their income decreases.
- Mandatory requirement for 20% of units per new APT building allocated for social (Public) residents.
- A community of people who will work on social drive projects. This can be achieved by a co-operative housing project in the development. This can result in community inclusion by extension.
- Co-Operative housing, community focused, self managed, alternative models, sustainable.
- Affordable student housing, intercultural minded, community focussed, purpose built response.

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COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE AND SCHOOLS

- Apply ongoing financial uses to developments that don't supply amenities (street level cafes etc.)
- Council collecting data from school principals direct to get a better idea of future enrolment in primary schools (departmental estimates are poor aim, better allocate areas for new schools in structure plan).
- Amenity for families particularly with young or school age children. Doctors, childcare/schools.
- More state schools, primary and secondary, kindergartens. Many cannot afford or do not send to or attend private schools.
- Adequate social and civic infrastructure to support the residential of worker population at the start. Not 20 years later.
- Public schools, no provision for future primary and secondary school.

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STREETS AND PUBLIC REALM

- Pedestrian friendly - traffic reduction- easy access - noise reduction - safe.
- Security and lighting.
- North Melbourne needs more lights.
- Improve the lighting and security for the underpass on C4 it feels quite unsafe. **See map reference on page 5.**
- Total ban on Harley Davidson motorbikes.
- Reduced speed limits in residential streets. Hawke street - a Mecca for speed maniacs.

OPEN SPACE

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- More provision for native birds, more native plants, suppression of starling, sparrows, blackbirds, pigeons.
- Good balance built. Open space/trees.
- Ratio of green space to bedrooms on 2011 levels maintenance.
- More vegetation in railway place.
- Make authorities save you. Check for more open spaces.
- Maintain a sense of community in the West Melbourne and North Melbourne.
- Better access to green space.
- Building footprints - offsets needed for new buildings as public access.
- Off leash dog area within walking distance of Hoddle grid. **See map reference H-I, 5-7 on page 5.**
- Protection of dog off leash area space in area.
- Off lead dog run area perhaps using part of fenced area near Hawke St/Adderley Street. Playground/No unleashed.
- Dog park facilities within walking distance of all residence pockets.
- Stop encroaching on park land with playground equipment.
- More green space especially with relation to sustainable living.
- Open space - West Melbourne is currently under supplied with open space - green open space in particular. These need to be protected from over standing and dominating visual bulk.
- Open space/parks. Recreation facilities. Childcare and schools. Liveability for youth. **See map reference E-G, 1-4 on page 5.**
- Green open space already needed and need continues to as population. Association priority communes parking. Local traffic only with low kph. Associated priority.
- More green space developers to subsidise.
- Better physical amenity- more green spaces (pocket parks, need along sheets).
- I'd love a dog off-leash area within close walking distance of my dwelling. **See map reference F-G, 6 on page 5.**

RESIDENTIAL AMENITY

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- Set minimum size of apartments to 45m plus one car park (onsite) in new developments.
- Building's internal amenity. Minimum for ceiling height, natural lighting, area for baron. In flammability.
- Park land, reduction of transport impacted drains of area partition, environmental sustainability, green energy, living community, families, activities, village. **See map reference A1 on page 5.**
- Controls to be put in the SP to impose minimum standards on internal amenity.
- SP to require solar access to an habitable room with any residential development.
- Process of infrastructure as population increases new primary school, child care facilities, public transport.
- Check height of ceilings, making seal to be lowered.
- Mandatory requirements like for good internal amenity of apartment buildings, including room dimensions, height of ceilings of external light in every room. No reflected light.
- Housing with more internal and external space.
- Liveability of West Melbourne for my family (including children and pets) long term. Amenities, community space, integration of mixed use, diversity of developments etc..
- Liveability for current and future residents. Larger apartments, quality spaces, reasonable density. Lots of natural light.
- Take advantage of the unique opportunities presented by West Melbourne's current state of development, increased liveability true mixed use spaces, socially and environmentally progressive developments and streetscapes.



MIXED USE

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- Additional commercial space to provide more shops.
- To encourage the integration of mixed use within individual developments. Rather than fractured separation of uses via separate properties.
- To encourage a greater diversity of small (studio) medium (1-2 bed) and larger (2-3 bed) units within each new development rather than singular floor plans for entire dwelling developments.
- High-rise buildings should not result in loss of small business that bring the area to life.
- Mixed use within development or block, particularly residential retail (restaurants/cafes /hairdresser).
- Informing and enforcing planning that West Melbourne reframes its injustice flavour and its consequences.
- Differentiating between area south of Dudley Street which has already been developed and area north which is still mixed use residential/business and light industrial. **See map reference E-I, 5-8 on page 5.**
- Retail district near north Melbourne railway station. **See map reference A-B, 2-3 on page 5.**



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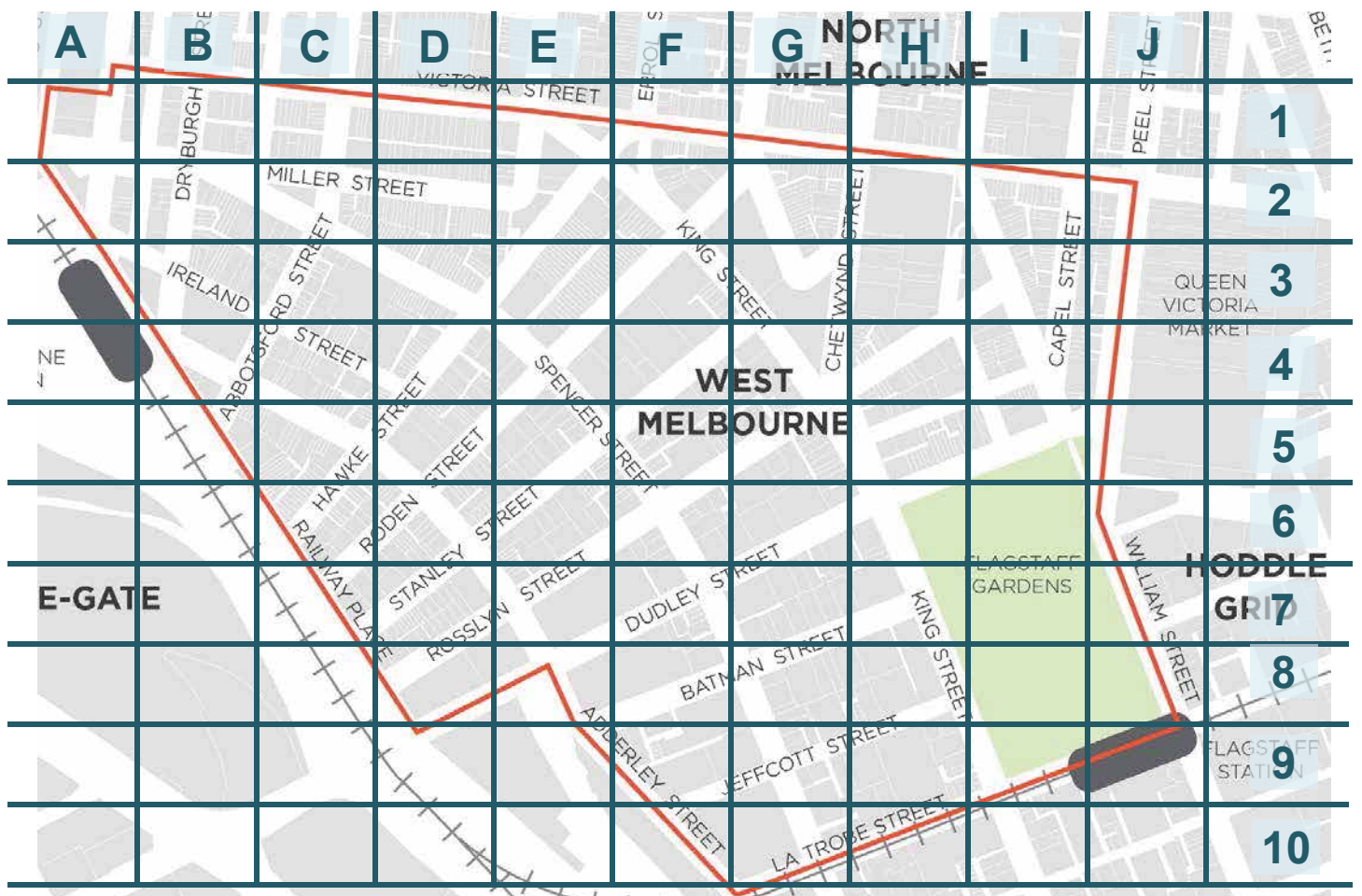
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- Quality of building work. **See map reference F5 on page 5.**
- Sustainability measure e.g. water capture, greening of streets by replacing where there are no nature strips present. Promotion of walking, recycling.
- Quality of developments - affordable doesn't need to be cheap and nasty. Quality doesn't necessarily mean expensive. Quality as in sustainable long term integrated development.

PART ONE

COMMENTS

REFERENCE MAP



PART TWO OUR VISION STATEMENTS

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

What it is today and not turn into a high rise jungle of dull and uninspiring buildings.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

An integrated community with low rise development which has not been over-run by city height and density.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

Creative, economically productive, diverse. Environmentally sound (good flow of sunlight and oxygen) parks, and street based interaction. Buildings with natural light. Rooms of adequate size for families/ individuals including aged.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

A vibrant, exciting, physical and social community cohesive in its built form, height of buildings based on European cities. Work and living - sharing the same buildings.



We took some time out from our discussion to capture individual reflections on what we want West Melbourne to be in the future.



I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

Lots more greening. Not swamped by high-rise developments. Protection of heritage housing. Sustainable. Provision for ageing/older people one on one level. Diversity of housing/medium density/ population mixture. No wind tunnels.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

A liveable inner suburb with an interesting ambience, not another high-rise glass and steel cityscape, i.e. largely maintain and improve on what it is now.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

In 2025 my West Melbourne Flagstaff is green and vibrant.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

An inclusive suburb. People know each other and willing to say hello. Not just look at you as if you have a mental problem. People of many groups, breaking down the barriers.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

I would like Melbourne to be: A thriving residential/ mixed activity community. I would like to see schools and kindergartens, aged care facilities, walking and bike paths. Interesting, well designed high density limited storey (5-8) buildings peppered across heritage areas. Green spaces and solar/wind energy sources.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

Interesting! I want West Melbourne to be an exciting reminder of our historical past and our exciting future! Let's not ruin it with over-development.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

In 10 years time pray that West Melbourne will continue to be the community centre of the residents.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

The best example of urban renewal and industrial regeneration in the country. A brave, bold, progressive suburban village that takes Melbourne's famous liveability to a new level.



I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

My home for a very long time. A vibrant community. A place to raise my children. Somewhere I want to spend time outside of my house. A suburb where I know my neighbours. A suburb which grows and changes according to community needs.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

Plenty of green spaces and trees. Diverse in terms of age, cultural background and type (families, singles, couples, shared housing). A community in which people feel accepted, engaged, and safe. Diverse in terms of buildings but no more high rise apt buildings.



I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

Diverse, affordable and inclusive. Community minded developments, that make living accessible for the young and international demographics and above all, sustainable.



I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

An attractive, largely residential (low rise) area with facilities such as parks, retail, cafes, a mix of ages and household types, with easy access to Docklands and city. The place to live for those who work at Melbourne Uni, Hospitals and William St legal precinct, who can then walk to work.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

I would like it to retain much of its neighbourhood character, be a low medium rise 4-6 storeys. Diversity should be promoted - should not be wall to wall maximum height and heritage buildings should be protected as much as possible. Infrastructure needs to be improved for all stakeholders - public schools and pre-schools - aged accommodation. Development should be energy efficient and sustainable. West Melbourne should contrast with the high rise of the CBD and provide air and view space for their dense areas.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

Better connected to the city that offers more from within for students and residents.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

Known as FLAGSTAFF. An island jewel. West of the CBD. To have its own sense of space and distinction.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

A liveable place with diversity in its community and retention of heritage buildings. Great place to live, work and visit.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

Continue to be the way it is now. Suppress excessive noise by law enforcement and more vegetation.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

A place to bring up a family containing a variety of population groups, all ages. With appropriate facilities - school, shops, entertainment and recreation facilities, transport.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

The most liveable suburb in Melbourne, with great public amenities and a strong sense of community.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

Safe and a community.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

Rich with sun-drenched park land. Intersections re-designed to facilitate pedestrians e.g. Dudley and William. Much more public transport and less car lanes. More schools. Heritage façade.



I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

A liveable suburb that has a sense of community, open space and low rise residential developments suitable for families to live and grow.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

Better.... Low rise, green and more vibrant, with its sense of place intact - A place for all: rich, poor, old and young!



I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

Model of best practice of integrated community and architecture to meet needs of liveable city (parks, medium height buildings, mix with existing historic buildings, off grid energy source/sustainability, green, green, green)

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

A pleasant and attractive place to live and work that has plenty of open/green spaces, walking/cycling paths and minimal traffic. So; more open/green space; no high rise, high density housing developments; strengthening of heritage controls.



I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

Inner city living. Diverse. Outdoor greenery/landscape.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

A sustainable suburb where the homes have solar access to all rooms and the internal amenity is of a high quality. Where the streets are not overshadowed and not windswept. Where West Melbourne has sufficient civil and social infrastructure.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

A place that retains its community feeling, where people are respectful of one another and supportive. Where development has respected (heritage) built form and not overwhelmed it. Architecture/building design is innovative, has zero emissions, spacious rooms, good insulation, access to sunlight, cross-ventilation etc. - to be an example of urban living. Provides and expands REAL open space. Public transport is prioritised and car use discouraged.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

A happy, harmonious place for people to live and work. Renowned worldwide for "getting it right"! People-plant-potential realised.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

A great place for families that is connected to surrounding suburbs. A diverse community with people from different backgrounds and socio economic groups. Remain a place where I love to live.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

Green. Industrial chic. Foot traffic friendly.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

A community that still lives in a sunlit low-rise area with more park-green areas and has a distinct suburban-ness from the CBD. That apartment dwellers learn to have respect for others around them - inside and outside.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

To continue to be a mixed use area and mixed social community. A sustainably developed area - we can set the bar for intelligent development. Well supported by infrastructure, a natural extension to the CBD.



I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

A sustainable and inclusive mixed-use area that values and celebrates diversity, cherishes and preserves the environment.

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

Greener with more open space, low rise development, water catchment, less commuter parking, opportunities for social interaction, better rubbish management (e.g. not enough rubbish bins between station and La Trobe Street)

I WOULD LIKE WEST MELBOURNE TO BE...

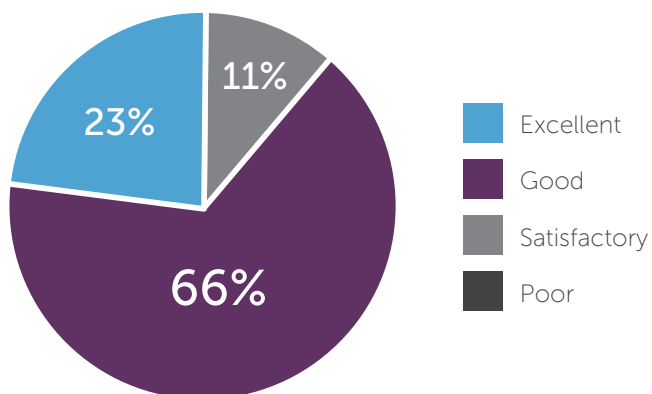
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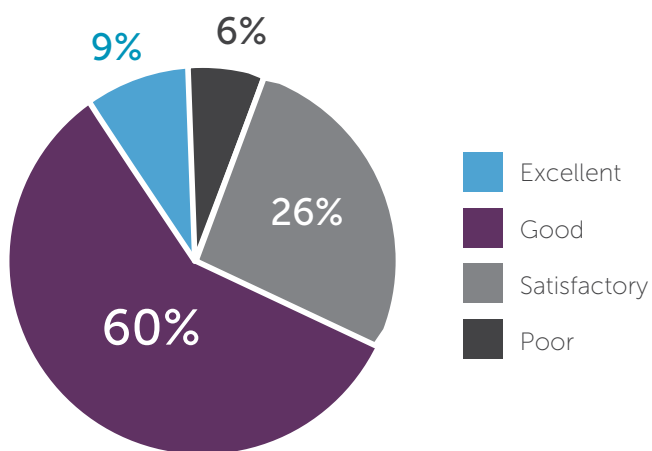
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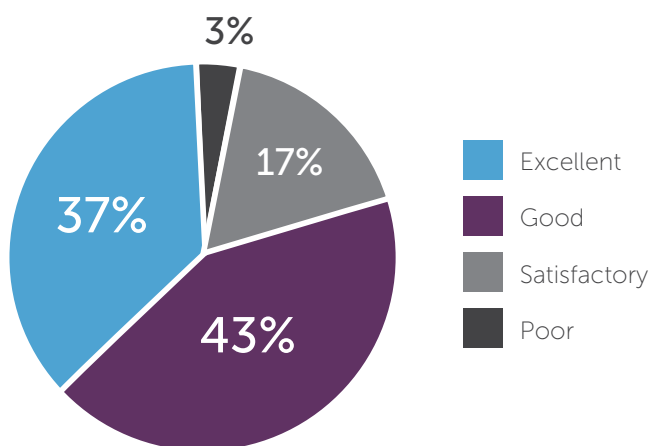
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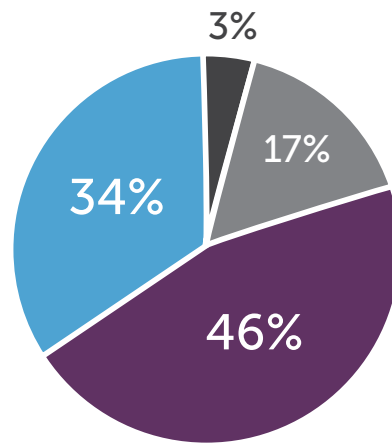
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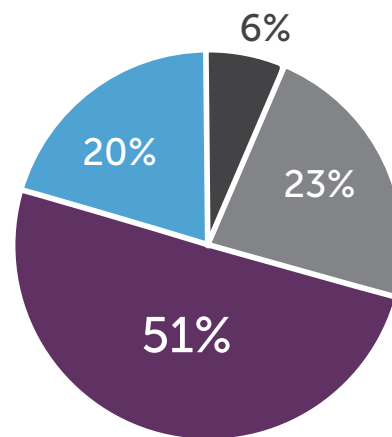
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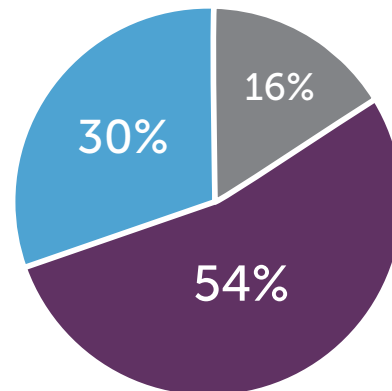
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TO WHAT EXTENT WAS YOUR INVOLVEMENT A WORTHWHILE EXPERIENCE?



OVERALL HOW WELL WAS THE EVENT RUN?



WOULD YOU LIKE TO ELABORATE ON THE ANSWERS YOU PROVIDED ABOVE?

(GRAPHS ON PREVIOUS PAGE)

Can be a little tricky as a young person to contribute on a large scale to the group, however smaller scale discussions were easier

A more productive session this time

There was not an accurate representation of demographics so how valuable was our chats? (international, students, developers)

Excellent participation by individuals

Probably a waste of my time when politicians take over our work

The data/ demographics were excellent and appreciated

Going through the motions - admittedly I did not attend the first session but there was nothing here I did not already know

I was disappointed that we did not take the opportunity to address the underlying problems in the planning process, i.e. the failure to achieve planning outcomes consistent with the agreed DDO lines, especially height limits that are in the planning scheme

My underlying feeling is a lack of trust - the process appears to be better than what we have seen in the recent past but the proof will be in the pudding

Generally satisfactory

I did not feel that my time was wasted

Connections with neighbouring suburbs and growth/ pressure on West Melb areas like Moonee Ponds (Moonee Valley Course development and transport) and Flemington Race Course

Developers need to be forced to attend these meetings

Planning of the meeting was good and work done prior to the event made for efficiency

Lots of people with personal interests and agendas

I'd like to know more about planning schemes

WHAT WORKED WELL?

Small table groups with regular request to change places

A sense of where this step fits into a broader process

Group work

Moving around the room and sharing what others see as improvements to West Melbourne

Well organised

Moving tables helped with engagement

Collaboration between groups

Meeting new people and sharing ideas

Collection of ideas

Group discussion, ideas connecting and common themes

Preparedness of people to listen to each other

Good to hear details of the process

Well planned - reasonable process - vast amount of detail to be processed

Great to see the level of interest in 'stats' and questions were well answered

Group discussion plus recording priorities so discussion felt more purposeful

Group input into priorities and vision

Keeping the event moving with appropriate breaks, food provided was very good

Well facilitated, well organised

Interactivity, collection of lots of ideas on opportunities for discussion in small groups

Still not sure there has been adequate explanation of issues to the whole group to achieve appropriate outcomes

Interaction with others

The little clipboards and little bits of paper were great. They gave people the chance to air their individual concerns and then share them by others at their table

Good mix of people. Nice to see some non-Europeans

Very much the large charts sharing - eg mandatory building height areas

Table discussions

WHAT COULD BE IMPROVED FOR FUTURE SESSIONS?

Ideas - plans should be displayed

Make this a bigger discussion about more specific issues

Manage single issue speakers (residents with a gripe)

We seem to be at much the same stage as the end of the last session without other priorities. Is that a new statement?

Better demographic mix

More time given in the beginning to work through the information handed out.

More community authority and power

Include forecast data of approved planning, consider West Melb as a whole area, not split by trains and Dynon Road

Assurance our efforts and suggestions will be recognised by Council

Don't be too anxious to mix us up too early on - at the midway break was sufficient

More guarantee that residents will really be listened to in the end result

We desperately need openness and a democratic process with Councillors: 1) in funds donated to politicians 2) in the decisions of DDO limits 3) in the application of DDO limits to each project

Continue good participation

Less time on warming us up - we could have started earlier on priorities

Stiffer name tags

Working groups around themes and priorities

Residents should be given greater say, not developers!

Sharing of information (stats) via email before the session, and pre-reading pack



PLEASE NOTE

While every effort has been made to transcribe participants comments accurately a small number have not been included in this summary due to the legibility of the content. Please contact Keith Greaves at Keith@chit-chat.com.au for any suggested additions.

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