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**Report**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Perth '*Place Workshop*' occurred on 6 November 2004, after a group self guided and instructed placecheck analysis of the Mount Hawthorn commercial area and surroundings, which occurred in the morning of the workshop.

The '*Placecheck*' is a system originating from the Urban Design Alliance, which helps groups of people and organisations find ways forward to improve their town centre and neighbourhood, in a systematic way.

A '*Walk of Interest*' occurred a week prior to the place analysis and workshop and this involved a guide walk, discussion and education about the local area, providing all participants with a map of key features, events and characteristics.

A total of 66 people participated in these events and the workshop involved 36 participants focused on the eight vision focus areas. The workshop process involved participants in identifying the positive and negative aspects of each vision focus area, as well as vision ideas or statements for the future. Collectively participants generated:

- 276 positive observations
- 319 negative observations
- 480 vision ideas for the future

All observations written by participants at the workshop have been recorded verbatim and documented in this report. The approach then taken to analysing this information has involved clustering participant comments into common topics or key points for the positives, negatives and vision ideas, across each of the 8 vision focus areas. A heading has then been applied which hopefully reflects the collective essence of participant observations. This provides the following summary of the findings of the workshop:

## TOWN CENTRE AND COMMERCIAL AREAS

### The Positives

- Mix of uses
- Diversity in cultures and global atmosphere
- Built form, heritage and character buildings
- Walkability and accessibility
- Higher density housing
- Sense of improvement and potential
- Contained area

### The Negatives

- Poor maintenance, appearance and streetscape
- Traffic and poor pedestrian amenity
- Degraded condition of William Street
- Lack of street trees and seating
- Lack of vibrancy and energy
- Overflow from Northbridge
- Mixed use creates conflict
- Lack of a good supermarket
- Homelessness

### Vision Statements and Ideas

- Developing the identity and character
- Traffic calming and pedestrian amenity
- Rejuvenating commercial areas and streetscapes
- Developing the diversity in uses
- Improving maintenance and public amenity
- Using best practice in design
- Night life and markets
- Residents above shops
- Affordable housing
- Abolishing planning controls

## **HOUSING, DENSITY AND URBAN DESIGN**

### The Positives

- Mix of housing – old and new
- Opportunities for residential uses and higher density
- Design and scale
- Current density
- Heritage buildings and character streetscapes
- Affordable rentals
- Close to pubs and restaurants
- Many well maintain front gardens

### The Negatives

- Poor design and impacts on the streetscape
- Neglected houses and poor streetscapes
- Higher densities and impacts
- Restrictive Rcodes and guidelines
- Declining housing affordability
- Neglected opportunities for higher density

### Vision Statements and Ideas

- Carefully managing housing densities
- Enhancing housing design and choice
- Creating sustainable housing
- Improving the streetscape
- Retaining character housing stock
- Developing housing above shops
- Sensitive integration of residential and commercial uses
- Maintaining affordable housing

## **CHARACTER AND HERITAGE**

### The Positives

- Old buildings are being retained and restored
- Cultural diversity and heritage
- Parks
- Mix of old and new
- Particular places
- Vincent Vision 2024 project
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### The Negatives

- Lack of heritage awareness and protection
- Extreme views and heritage controls
- Modern design
- Neglect of old buildings
- Disincentives to retaining heritage buildings
- Lack of recognition of Indigenous heritage

### Vision Statements and Ideas

- Building awareness of the history of the area
- Preserving character buildings and streetscapes
- Incentives and heritage controls
- Sensitive integration of new and old

## **TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT**

### The Positives

- Easy to get around
- Being able to walk to most things
- Good parking
- Speed limits

### The Negatives

- Parking deficiencies and impacts
- Traffic speeds
- Impediments to pedestrian and cycle amenity
- Impact of Centre Ford on traffic and parking
- Shortcomings in public transport
- One way traffic flows

### Vision Statements and Ideas

- Reducing traffic volumes and local impacts
- Improving public transport and extending the CAT routes
- Creating a pedestrian and cycle friendly environment
- Improving and underground parking
- Reducing car use and dominance

## **SAFETY AND SECURITY**

### The Positives

- Open Streetscapes and passive surveillance
- Responsive local police and council
- Sense of safety

### The Negatives

- Poor lighting, sign posting and maintenance
- Impacts from pubs and nightclubs
- Street prostitution
- High front walls
- Perception of Northbridge as unsafe and police action
- Traffic impacts on pedestrian safety

### Vision Statements and Ideas

- Increasing lighting
- Designing out crime
- Improving safety for pedestrians
- Promoting activity, passive surveillance
- Enhancing the sense of community
- Increasing policing
- Creating a sense of safety

## **ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY**

### The Positives

- Parks and trees
- Strong community interest and support
- Waste management
- Worm farm subsidy
- Decrease car use
- Dog control

#### The Negatives

- Impacts of development and poor environmental design
- Inadequate recycling and waste management
- Impact of traffic
- Impact of powerlines and lack of trees
- Condition of Hyde Park lake
- Cats and pests
- Impact from Birdwood park - homelessness
- Noise and impacts from Northbridge
- Inadequate priority given to the environment

#### Vision Statements and Ideas

- Creating more green spaces, green linkages and trees
- Improving the recycling service and waste management
- Saving and managing water
- Sustainable building design and practice
- Generating community involvement
- Incentives to be more sustainable
- Improving public transport and reducing car use
- Undergrounding power
- Controlling animals
- Community garden plots
- Managing noise

## **PARKS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

#### The Positives

- Hyde Park
- Range of parks
- Range of community facilities and easy access
- Robertson Park
- Quality maintenance of parks
- Catering for dogs in parks

#### The Negatives

- Lack of facilities in parks
- Unfriendly environment for children
- Impacts of homelessness and anti social behaviour
- Poor access to library and Loftus Community Centre
- Insufficient cycling tracks
- Lack of publicity about what is available

#### Vision Statements and Ideas

- Meeting the community's needs
- Protecting and enhancing parks
- Enhancing the water quality, habit and use of Hyde Park
- New parks and extending green spaces
- Creating community garden plots
- Improving footpaths
- Maintaining the state government's responsibility
- Renaming the area as Hyde Park
- Creative solutions to social problems in parks

## **COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND ARTS**

### The Positives

- Access to cultural facilities
- Cultural diversity
- Sense of community
- Public and community art
- Artists living in the area

### The Negatives

- Cultural diversity should be acknowledged more
- Lack of recognition of indigenous cultures
- Artists moving out of the area
- Lack of public art
- Reactive or a lack of community spirit
- Treating culture and the arts as an after thought

### Vision Statements and Ideas

- Developing cultural opportunities and facilities
- Enhancing sense of community and cultural diversity
- Creating a cultural precinct and artists working space
- More public art
- Festivals, events and activities
- Retaining the unique identity of the area

The full detail on each vision focus area follows and the efforts of local residents, community visioning taskforce members, council staff and elected members of the Town of Vincent, whom participated in this workshop and the associated events is gratefully acknowledged.

# **1 TOWN CENTRE AND COMMERCIAL AREAS**

## **1.1 The Positives**

### **1.1.1 *Diversity of uses***

- Love the diversity of businesses and the variety of types of food.
- Diversity of businesses and restaurants.
- Diversity of uses, interesting shops, etc. (x3).
- Varied businesses and uses.
- Still a mix of business types (not just cafes): food shops, cafes, and some retail.
- Diversity: restaurants, shops, hotels, backpackers.
- More compatible uses
- Mix of shops.
- Growth/business/living.
- Accommodation businesses bringing people into area.
- Asian grocery stores.
- Great shopkeepers.

### **1.1.2 *Lots of restaurants and cafes***

- The food.
- Great restaurants, on William St: lets make more alfresco. Bring the inside restaurant OUTSIDE.
- Great cheap restaurants (x2).
- Lots of places to dine.
- Lots of variety in food and restaurants.
- Restaurants and cafes of different cultures.
- Takeaways, pubs.

### **1.1.3 *Life on the street***

- People at the streets: has some street life.
- Lots of activity.
- People wandering around.

### **1.1.4 *Diversity in cultures and unique identity***

- Global/cultural mix of William St.
- Diverse cultures (x2) and influences in the area.
- Diversity of people living in area: age, economic, and nationalities.
- Ethnic atmosphere: Greeks, Italians, Vietnamese, Jewish, etc.
- Multicultural: e.g. Vietnamese, Italian; Brisbane St businesses.
- Diversity Multi-cultural mix of businesses/residents.
- Diversity of people/activities.
- The cultural mix.
- Rich history; cultural mix; religious connection.
- Cultural History (x2).

- Diversity of houses, people.
- Diversity.
- The grungy feel.

#### **1.1.5 *Built form and design***

- Open space in close proximity for mixed use residential.
- Small parks for lunchtimes.
- Buildings with NIL setbacks.
- Mixed 'grain' of buildings.
- Streetscaping.

#### **1.1.6 *Heritage and character buildings***

- Heritage landmark buildings giving a sense of place.
- Still some 'character' buildings that are visually appealing and give a sense of history and a link with people.
- Heritage buildings being restored.
- Retaining of heritage buildings.
- Older/heritage two storey buildings.
- Character: some grand old houses and some good new ones.
- Interesting buildings.
- Existing building stock.

#### **1.1.7 *Accessibility and walkability***

- Access to facilities and services by foot from my home.
- Diversity, walkability, friendliness.
- Easy to walk to almost any area of interest.
- Walk to all conveniences/activity.
- William St is a potential boulevard with wide footpaths.
- Wide footpaths.
- Convenience: i.e. ease of getting here and there.
- Ease of access to amenities and convenience of shops, etc, including flexible opening/trading hours.
- Proximity to city for work, recreation, and transport.
- Shops and public transport handy.
- Curbs and humps on Brisbane St good for crossing with kids.
- Good public transport.
- Easy movement (traffic).

#### **1.1.8 *Higher density housing***

- Higher density housing encourages more pedestrians in the area, which is good 'passing traffic' for local businesses.
- More high-density housing, more people, and more atmosphere of being a neighbourhood.
- Higher density: people-friendly (people activity).

### **1.1.9 *Recent improvement and sense of potential***

- Some areas in Brisbane St are already starting to improve: i.e. new buildings and business is starting in the area.
- Brisbane/ William Streets are wide boulevards, which are easy to redevelop/upgrade.
- Robertson Park upgrade is great (although a pity there is no lunch bar near it now).

### **1.1.10 *Contained area not invading residential areas***

- Confined area – not sprawling out into residential areas.

## **1.2 The Negatives**

### **1.2.1 *Poor maintenance, appearance and streetscape***

- Obtrusive signs (x2).
- Unattractive.
- Dirty streetscapes: degraded buildings and rubbish and debris.
- Rubbish
- Often looks dirty.
- The streets and buildings look very bad.
- Untidiness of streets (in places).
- Need for upgrade of general area: buildings, roads.
- Areas getting run down: lack of upgrades on buildings.
- Heritage buildings are run down. Need to upgrade them and show off the features.
- Heritage buildings are being saved: these are run down, awful looking buildings, with no aesthetic value.
- Brisbane St looks run down and has a 'ghetto' appearance in certain parts.
- Some of the new buildings are slabs without souls.
- Too much grey concrete.
- Need more colour on buildings.
- Commercial premises painted in company colours (eg all yellow).
- Seeming lack of care for commercial streetscape.
- Shuttered windows of commercial premises out of hours.
- Gaps: streetscapes.
- West end of Brisbane St streetscape.
- Rubbish bins on street are too big and ugly.
- High voltage electricity wires and poles.
- Insufficient lighting in laneways.
- Verges should be maintained by home owners and shop-keepers.
- Pavement.
- Yellow pavement.
- Streetscape needs upgrading.
- Lack of shelter along Brisbane St and William St: footpath needs to be under shelter on at least one side all the way.

### **1.2.2 *Degraded condition of William Street***

- William St is one of the most ugly commercial streets in Perth. There needs to be some incentive (i.e. rate reductions) to encourage the upgrading and painting of these commercial premises.
- William St: rundown, unappealing.
- Footpaths on William St: large, dreary concrete pavers, uneven surface, and chewing gum.
- William St has an unattractive and uninviting streetscape (x2).
- Streetscape/shop-fronts on William St run down.
- William St not integrated or pleasant/activity.
- Derelict buildings on William St.
- William St is very "grey": needs greenery like trees and shrubs; flagpoles for colour.

- Run down infrastructure in William St.
- William St is run down: street, buildings and some businesses; one-way traffic.
- William St degraded/Brisbane St in transition.
- Decline of buildings on William St.
- Lack of atmosphere on William St, but has huge potential.

### **1.2.3 *Lack of street trees and seating***

- Not enough trees in all streets: too hot in summer and too wet in winter when walking.
- Need more street trees.
- Lack of street trees.
- Lack of trees (x2).
- Trees planted too young (many are vandalised) and no shade.
- Poor care of existing street trees.
- Streets needing better streetscape (i.e. trees).
- No greenery in town centres: could take a leaf out of Subiaco, or Coode Street South Perth.
- Lack of integrated tree/seating areas.
- Not enough trees, seats.

### **1.2.4 *High arterial traffic volume, speed and local impacts***

- Traffic in Brisbane St.
- Brisbane St traffic is too fast.
- One-way traffic on William St: too fast, no traffic islands for crossing.
- High speed traffic on William St.
- Traffic on William St is hazardous and not friendly to walk.
- Traffic noise.

### **1.2.5 *Poor pedestrian environment and safety***

- Lighting needs to be improved: can feel unsafe eg for pedestrians (x3).
- Lack of suitable street lighting.
- Poor pedestrian safety and shelter (eg no zebra crossing across William St; no awnings over footpath).
- Paths that have not been upgraded are uneven and pose a danger to pedestrians (x2).

### **1.2.6 *'Black spots', traffic management and parking***

- Bulwer St dangerous (for vision-impaired and children).
- Intersections are dangerous for pedestrians especially Brisbane and William Sts, and side-streets off William St.
- No zebra crossing in William St, and no traffic islands to make it safe crossing to businesses on other side.
- Road traffic crossings are dangerous (x2).
- Very poor traffic management; and parking interrupting pedestrian access.
- Car parks between footpaths and shop fronts.
- Not enough parking.
- Cars are too visible: the area looks like a car park rather than a place with people and trees that is comfortable to be in.

### **1.2.7 *Empty shops, buildings and commercial deficits***

- Vacant shops/buildings diminish streetscape.
- Vacancies.
- Empty buildings disused for years.
- Vacant lots in between buildings.
- lack of good supermarket

### **1.2.8 *Lack of alfresco dining and energy***

- Lack of vibrancy and energy.
- Need more alfresco dining.
- Not enough, or no outdoor eating in William St. When the streetscape is done this needs to be taken into consideration. As a result there is no incentive to linger in William St.
- No affirmative council action in this area.

### **1.2.9 *Mixed uses, overflow and conflict***

- Demand for mixed use creates conflict in community.
- Overflow of late night Northbridge visitors and loudness and vandalism.
- Noisy nights, particularly Fridays.

### **1.2.10 *Homelessness***

- Homelessness

## **1.3 Vision Statements and Ideas**

### **1.3.1 Developing the town centre**

- Verandas needed on all businesses to encourage window shopping, and for when it is too hot/cold.
- Brisbane/William Sts: an "Aussie Soho": a place of renovated and new buildings containing a mixture of 'cultural', not industrial, businesses.
- The 'cultured' center of Perth: a place of cultural businesses (not public institutions): i.e. food, art, designers, entertaining, and the build street environment to compliment and reflect it.
- William St Artisan's area: music, art studios, studios for glass, leather, fabrics, printing, rug making, woodwork, carving, furniture making, metalwork, and sculpture. Similar to Bannister St Fremantle, or Fremantle Arts Centre.
- A vibrant town centre with integrated housing, good walkability and a variety of uses serving the local and visiting populations.
- William St will form a transitional buffer to the City of Perth entertainment area.
- Develop culture communities to area.
- No culturally exclusive and ignorant themed nobby world for our town centre.
- Plaques in the footpath with the history of the area.
- Maintenance of heritage and important buildings with historic notes/tiles with respect to our predecessors.
- An area where owners, renters, and visitors alike respect and enjoy their area.
- A culturally diverse precinct.
- William St: people-friendly (activity, people).
- Celebrate cultural influences and diversity of the precinct by encouraging cultural business development and people to visit the area: emphasise social aspect.
- William St: a place for all people, of all ethnic backgrounds to enjoy, feel safe, and come together as one.
- Creative upgrade of William St, with all cultures coming together to share, and mixed living and business.
- A lot of trees and shade with a mix of businesses that are busy during the day and evening. When you come around a corner the first thing you see is trees and people, not the cars.
- Brisbane St turned into a place that links Mt Lawley (Beaufort St) with Northbridge (similar businesses and cultural diversity).
- Vibrant town centres that possesses the main attractions of the surrounding residential community. Build on the sense of community. Reduce the need to commute outside community area.
- Community events and celebrations in the streets, celebrating the diversity of the area.
- Concession rates for fruit and vegetable markets - like Subiaco markets - to attract lots of people into the area, and to support local businesses.
- A main street that is inclusive of cultural groups who have had inhabited the area for the last 40,000 years.
- Create a community centre in the area.
- Need for public art.
- Street/public art.

### **1.3.2 Traffic calming and pedestrian amenity**

- Review traffic direction flows in William St and Beaufort St. Two-way traffic slower, calmer flow of vehicles. Divert to Stirling St?
- Integrated public transport/cycle system, allowing people to leave cars out of the city.
- Perhaps angle parking in Brisbane St is safer.
- Easy parking, easy walking, easy driving.
- Car parks into green spaces.
- Brisbane St: no traffic, with trees in the middle, and kids on the street.
- Slowing down of traffic.
- Traffic-calming devices.
- Parking in one or two centralised areas, concealed from the street.
- ACROD parking spots should be checked by the Ranger to ensure they are being used by authorised persons.
- People able to walk and move through area safely, and live happily in area.
- Pedestrian crossings (audible).
- Easy, pleasant pedestrian access.
- To be able to walk into the city in shade: awnings and/or trees.
- Footpath under shelter, on at least one side of Brisbane and William Sts.
- Better, safer pedestrian routes.

### **1.3.3 Rejuvenating commercial areas and streetscapes**

- Consolidate town centre through improved infrastructure, traffic management and beautification (i.e. public art/trees).
- Work to get rid of the shantytown ambience of upper William St.
- William St gateway needs overhauling.
- Rejuvenated run down/ derelict buildings and spaces.
- Upgrade William St area: i.e. trees; lighting; streetscape.
- Promote development of vacant lots: incentives for development.
- Improve streetscape, but keep traffic lanes (NOT LIKE NEWCASTLE ST).
- Slow down the Town of Vincent budget allocation for streetscape (over more than one year) so that designs change and less standardized, and reflect eclectic businesses and history of area.
- Improve streetscape where necessary by planting trees and shrubbery.
- More trees (x2).
- More trees but traffic ease of movement to be retained.
- Small groves of trees and skating along the main walking areas.
- Need strict control of commercial signage.

### **1.3.4 Developing the diversity in uses**

- Northbridge Village: more people walking, cycling (less driving) to access shops, restaurants, parks, work, etc. Therefore enough diversity of facilities to do this.
- Promote diversity of use (x2): commercial, retail, residential above: not just cafes or backpackers.
- More diverse businesses/shops.
- Mixed use: eg houses above shops etc.

- Uses should be encouraged to diversity: eg variety of shops not just food shops.
- Encourage cultural diversity; maintain restaurants and cafes in area, other businesses preferably not nightclubs and pubs. This area is a regional destination.
- Encourage businesses other than cafes and restaurants within this precinct.
- Diversity of activities: art, theatre, entertainment, commercial all interacting successfully.
- Incentives and opportunities for diversity in businesses, commercial and social spaces, and sustainability.
- Many new business premises to be open to street.
- Diverse, vibrant, clean and safe.
- Make Brisbane St an accommodation hub north of the city (encourage more accommodation businesses).
- More residences above shops: especially William St.
- Above shop living along William St.

### **1.3.5 *Improving maintenance and public amenity***

- Have owners of commercial premises improve and clean up their frontage.
- I would like to see paths clear of bushes overhanging from front gardens.
- For any untidy verges, the owner or occupier should be written to and given a specified time to have this matter rectified or Council will have it done and send the account to the owner or occupier.
- Street lighting should be in the middle of each road.
- Need for small green areas with fountains and seats.
- Improve street lighting; especially in side streets, throughout area.
- Remove old and run down feel of area and create a better atmosphere.
- Underground power and 'safe' lighting throughout the business/residential area.

### **1.3.6 *Using best practice in design***

- Promote best design practice for new development: mix of heritage and contemporary.
- Borocco Restaurant on corner of William St and Newcastle St is an excellent example of what should be encouraged. Wing Hong on corner of William St and Monger St is negative.
- A copy of the better points of Subiaco (Hay St/Rokeby Rd). Maybe ideas from eg Melbourne's South Bank.
- Better integration between Perth and Vincent part (eg. Newcastle St).

### **1.3.7 *Night life and markets***

- Communal green space with water feature etc on William St that could be used as a night market: e.g. Asian food stalls, produce.
- Make use of the area's nightlife: ie night markets, café's, bars, etc.
- Night markets on William St.

### **1.3.8 *Affordable housing***

- Zoning for affordable housing within the Town of Vincent: for those between Homeswest and the yuppie priced housing (artists/single public servants being pushed out of area: Subiaco has this problem already).

### **1.3.9 *Abolishing planning controls***

- Abolish all planning controls: LET WHAT WILL BE OCCUR AS IT WILL.

## **2 HOUSING, DENSITY AND URBAN DESIGN**

### **2.1 The Positives**

#### **2.1.1 *Mix of housing – old and new***

- Good examples of new infill and additions and reuse: at various densities and scales.
- Diversity, character, and modern cultural influences.
- Good mix of old and new housing (x2).
- Heritage buildings with other styles.
- Mixture of heritage and modern.
- Lots of different housing types (keep them tall).
- Allowing diversity of design, densities, heights (x2).
- Range of housing: diversity in styles, ages.
- Excellent housing mix: range of lot sizes, dwelling types, interesting area.
- Use of different styles of architecture (x2).
- The variety in the housing is an asset to the area.
- Church St is a great example of mixed development: old and new.
- Housing has good mix: let's keep it that way, but don't be frightened of some contemporary replacements.

#### **2.1.2 *Opportunities for residential uses and higher density***

- Some former industrial sites provide the opportunity for quality high density (eg Miss Maud's area).
- Adaptation of industrial buildings for residential uses.
- Lots of opportunity in existing commercial strips to add residential to existing commercial.
- Mixed use development.
- Building new apartments above older shop fronts: eg opposite Hotel Northbridge.
- Infill that compliments the existing housing above shops.
- Higher density so close to the city (eg. Subiaco) but not tower blocks.
- High density housing: should be encouraged in the area.
- Closer density enables neighbours to engage and look after each other.
- High density in Northbridge: more people, more life, using public spaces.

#### **2.1.3 *Current density, design and scale***

- Medium density.
- Current density is reasonably high.
- Density is good at the moment.
- Lack of 'infill': let's try and keep it.
- Balconies and front courtyards are open to street.
- Scale and height of buildings in a scale that acknowledges what is in situ.
- Investment in renovating: eg Corner Brisbane St and Lake St.
- Love the eclectic, modern, and constructive styles and plans for the area.
- Environmentally conscious buildings.

#### **2.1.4 *Heritage housing and character streetscapes***

- Some of the greater concentration of the oldest houses in Perth: a history of Perth in any single street.
- Lots of character streetscapes (predominantly intact).
- Adaptive reuse of heritage buildings.
- Older styles of houses are being retained, which should be encouraged.

#### **2.1.5 *Affordable rentals***

- Many properties are investment and rental, which brings an interesting mix of people to the area: it makes it affordable.
- Affordable homes for lease.

#### **2.1.6 *Close to pubs and restaurants***

- Close to pubs and restaurants.

#### **2.1.7 *Many well maintain front gardens***

- Houses' front yards are mostly well maintained.

## **2.2 The Negatives**

### **2.2.1 *Poor design and impacts on the streetscape***

- Insufficient quality housing of superior design.
- Unsympathetic design of no relevance to inner city Australia: eg Neo-Tuscan.
- Council encourages Neo-Tuscan/Federation.
- Modern use of heritage architecture.
- Radical departures in architectural styles from the surrounding area should be discouraged. (this should only be applied to radical departures).
- Most homes have been bastardised.
- Council does not encourage contemporary architecture.
- New developments that do not engage or address public spaces and streets (i.e. 124 Lake St – shocking building).
- Need to encourage more attractive building facades: balconies, courtyards.
- Some newer housing is not consistent with established streetscape, reflecting poor design.
- Repetition of building finishes, styles.
- Roller-shutters and jail-like bars over windows.
- Solid walls/fences at front of houses: cutting off from street. (2)
- Single storey houses in between three storey buildings: up and down streetscapes.
- Inconsistent setbacks from street.
- Building profile not built up to curb.
- Not enough housing mix compatibility.
- Council lacks vision.

### **2.2.2 *Neglected houses and poor streetscapes***

- Housing density: vacant and derelict plots not being developed.
- Council should encourage owners to maintain properties.
- A lot of homes need work.
- Rental properties, which are allowed to decay so they are attracting only undesirable tenants, particularly drug dealers and clients.
- Verges need maintenance.
- Streetscapes are not maintained (verges).
- Need more trees (x2).
- High voltage power poles = ugly streetscapes and fear of harm.
- Overhead powerlines (x2).
- No restrictions on land building: vacant land.
- More consideration for heritage listing. Old run down buildings should not be listed if they cannot be maintained.

### **2.2.3 Higher densities and impacts**

- Some of the new high density is too big.
- High density could mean over supply of accommodation affecting housing prices.
- Risk of too many high density 'apartment resorts'.
- Overdone on apartments.
- Guarding against intrusive overlooks from new multi-level housing.
- Do not want urban infill to create 'dormitory' suburbs/areas (eg Paddington Place; corner Carr/Fitzgerald St).
- Too many cars parked in the street in dwellings with multiple occupancy.
- Increased traffic.
- Traffic.
- Increase in traffic and pedestrians.

### **2.2.4 Restrictive Rcodes and guidelines**

- Council's over reliance on restrictive R-codes in development. This is a unique inner-city area.
- R-codes are unworkable for narrow blocks to be developed.
- Development needs to be assessed on merits as well as guidelines.
- Fixation on density reduces the age diversity of the area: encourages 20-50 year olds and excludes the rest.
- We are going to be stuck in a time warp.

### **2.2.5 Declining housing affordability**

- Housing has become too unaffordable.
- Not enough pockets of affordable housing: Don't gentrify everything.
- I don't believe 'affordability' or social engineering is the province of Town of Vincent.

### **2.2.6 Neglected opportunities for higher density**

- Recent commercial developments have not taken opportunity to provide higher density by mixing residential/commercial (John Hyde Office; Brian Grieg Building; William St).

## **2.3 Vision Statements and Ideas**

### **2.3.1 *Sympathetic and quality new residential housing***

- Current development should be more sympathetic to character areas, more attention to bulk and setbacks.
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- Infill must respect existing buildings' privacy and amenity of all in the area.
- Need to take into account surrounding developments.
- Design and height of buildings to be viewed individually with respect to position on street and geography.
- Good quality medium density no higher than 5 or 6 levels.
- Greater flexibility for R-codes needed.
- More emphasis placed on signaling development potential through identifying building envelope and not density.
- Limit subdivision on existing blocks: using up space (open): what about birds and trees.
- Try and avoid infill.

### **2.3.2 *Containing higher density in certain areas***

- There could be areas of appropriate higher density (eg Maltings).
- Density delivered in town centres, diversity of densities surrounding town centres to sustain a diversity of housing needs for people from age 0 to 100.
- The bulk of the existing housing stock is preserved and areas where high density is suitable are developed: sustainable, not the slums of the future.
- High density mixed use buildings on main roads: Brisbane, Beaufort, William and Newcastle Sts.
- Higher density along main arterial roads (x2).
- More medium density/housing/retail/commercial; creating village style precincts.

### **2.3.3 *Retaining existing housing stock and character***

- Keep all buildings to a maximum of three levels.
- Don't lose the present housing mix.
- Preserve current housing stock as much as possible to retain historic perspective of area.
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### **2.3.4 *Enhancing housing design and choice***

- Development of specific three-dimensional form-based design requirements for the area, which controls building form, use, density, and detail: with the aim of maintaining diversity, dealing with density and interface issues, and encouraging excellent design.
- Encourage high quality housing stock of diverse modern architecture.
- Architectural input into building design.
- Designs that complement and suit the harsh WA environment.

- Promote the existing built fabric.
- Promote the diverse, environmentally, contextually responsible, contemporary architecture.
- Diverse mix of housing styles, heights and a sense of preserving the historic housing stock.
- My vision is of compromise: keep the existing stock as much as possible, but we shouldn't dismiss some contemporary housing (within strict guidelines).
- No need to be afraid of contemporary architecture and design.
- Use building materials that minimise external noise factors (traffic, music, voices). Double glazing and other materials that dampen sound and minimise conflict that may come with high density use.
- Need mix of dwellings.
- Consistency of council's approval process.

### **2.3.5 Sustainable housing and environmental design principles**

- Design of new buildings/residence must pay credence to environmental issues: grey water, solar-passive.
- Town of Vincent to encourage double-glazing to decrease noise, decrease heat loss in winter, and heat gain in summer.
- Town of Vincent to do a heat audit of itself: ie summer heat/cooling devices in housing stock.
- Town of Vincent to develop zero rubbish collection policy for future (to reduce cost and traffic).
- Town of Vincent to develop a solar panel policy to encourage use of them.
- No general limit on building height (should be on a case-by-case basis).
- Town of Vincent to develop a wind shadow policy just as it has a sun shadow policy, to ensure cooling wind in summer.
- Solar and airflow and water recycling on site in building codes (eg grey water policy).
- Need to encourage rainwater tanks.
- Incentives for people to build more sustainable housing (eg solar).
- Town of Vincent to continue its conservation awards.

### **2.3.6 Improving the streetscape**

- Streetscapes to be people-friendly: treed and even paving, underground power, and plantings instead of large paved areas that maintain sun/heat.
- Keep street verges: don't do a Subi Centro.
- Sink the high voltage lines.
- Sink power poles.
- Blend buildings.
- More planned response and engagement between council and residents to streetscaping.
- Maintain setback to make a visually pleasant streetscape.
- Maintain streetscape by having fairly uniform setbacks to buildings.
- More street trees.

### **2.3.7 *Developing housing above shops***

- Encourage living above/within commercial buildings.
- Build more apartments above shop fronts.
- Diversity can be retained by encouraging housing over shops to enable older houses to be retained.
- Improve housing density by building apartments over existing single storey commercial premises.

### **2.3.8 *Sensitive integration of residential and commercial uses***

- Sensitive integration of residential retail and business uses.
- Variety of scale and height to encourage interaction between all users.

### **2.3.9 *Maintaining affordable housing***

- Need for Town of Vincent to develop an “affordable housing policy” (between Homeswest and yuppie priced): see Perth First Housing co-op (est. 2001).

### **3 CHARACTER AND HERITAGE**

#### **3.1 The Positives**

##### **3.1.1 *Old buildings are being retained and restored***

- There are some excellent examples of heritage buildings in the Town.
- Because of the age of Perth we have a large bulk of 'heritage' of Perth. It gives us something we can capitalise on. (More opportunities than you can poke a stick at.)
- Great mix of heritage buildings and places: Houses/terraces; Hotels; Street Trees; Parks
- Restoring some of the good old heritage buildings: eg Brisbane Street shops, corner of Palmerston and Newcastle, Lee Hap's cottage.
- Retention and preservation of buildings in Perth.
- Character and density unique to this area.
- Brookman Street now heritage precinct.

##### **3.1.2 *Embracing diversity in cultures and preserving heritage***

- Great history of multiculturalism in area.
- Diversity of character: old colonial, Italian, 60s.
- Diversity of cultural mix: Vietnamese, Muslims, etc.
- Preserving our connection with the past: not just the building.
- It's the people who make an area, not buildings: buildings are secondary.
- Recognising history of area.
- Asian business in the area is good.
- Using vegetation of the past generation.
- There is still some art left in Northbridge.

##### **3.1.3 *Provides and sense of identity***

- The particular heritage of the area is colourful and diverse: an asset for the place's identity.
- Intact character streetscapes give identity and difference to the area.

##### **3.1.4 *Parks***

- Hyde Park: European style park. (x2).
- New seasonal wetland at Robertson Park.
- Parks are fantastic.
- Hyde Park.
- Development of Robinson Park and maintenance of Hyde Part and Stuart Park.

##### **3.1.5 *Mix of old and new***

- Enjoy the inner city streetscapes with sensitive development of 21<sup>st</sup> century design (love the little gardens).
- Diversity of buildings: Mixture of modern and old design.
- Character can be modern!
- Some good modern architecture (but need more!).
- Promotion of mix of introduced and native trees in landscaping.

### **3.1.6 Particular places**

- Bakers Terrace on Lake Street.
- Fantastic buildings, old and new: Bakers' Terrace to Church Street.
- William Street/Brisbane Street restaurants/cafes add to the character of the area.
- Old buildings; Brisbane Hotel.

### **3.1.7 Vincent Vision 2024 project**

- That Town of Vincent has undertaken a visioning project.

## **3.2 The Negatives**

### **3.2.1 *Lack of heritage awareness and protection***

- Heritage of the area is hidden.
- Story of history of area is not told in the streets.
- Lack of knowledge/care has allowed important buildings and trees to be removed.
- Houses under heritage listing are lovely in a street of them, but the areas at the back of the home are very ugly with broken fences and grass and rubbish: eg Baker Terraces.
- Too many old buildings being demolished.
- Use of heritage buildings is questionable.
- Demolition of 'reusable' old buildings of character and replacement with inferior stock.
- Loss of traditional businesses due to redevelopment.
- Most natural heritage is gone: eg lakes, trees, and birds.
- Old trees being continually pruned because of overhead powerlines.
- Old trees on side streets affecting street bitumen and footpaths.
- Very little native vegetation left in the area.

### **3.2.2 *Extreme views and heritage controls***

- Heritage has been hijacked by the radical fringe and taken to unnecessary extremes: some balance needs to be restored.
- Heritage seems out of control: no consulting of the public in making decisions.
- Council is too focused on heritage at the cost of architecture that reflects the time we live in now.
- Because we want to keep the buildings, it means we can't have the most efficient density.
- Threat of more heritage controls.
- More consideration when applying heritage list to buildings.
- Guidelines about heritage reconstruction need to be clear.
- Not every old building is heritage.

### **3.2.3 *Impact of modern design***

- The modern buildings which have a plain cement front: verandas or similar would give the building some character, and be more pleasing to the eye.
- Too much mediocre architecture.
- Not enough good modern design.
- Dislike pseudo federation buildings, which do not really work.
- "Compromise styles" of design of inferior quality: look cheap and date quickly.
- Ostentatious buildings of no connection with Australian heritage.
- Apartments: 60s block style.

### **3.2.4 *Neglect of old buildings***

- William Street buildings tending to demolition rather than retention.
- Old heritage buildings going to ruin.
- Heritage buildings (especially on William Street) in disrepair and not fulfilling their potential character.

### **3.2.5 *Disincentives to retaining heritage buildings***

- No clear incentive to have your own house heritage listed (eg. rates).
- Heritage does not mean building is maintained: costs involved?

### **3.2.6 *Lack of recognition of Indigenous heritage***

- Lack of recognition of Aboriginal heritage in Perth.

### **3.3 Vision Statements and Ideas**

#### **3.3.1 Building awareness of the history of the area**

- People aware of the heritage of the area: eg the builder of the Witches Hat, the builder of the Horseshoe Bridge; blue asphalt in William St to signal the shores of the former wetland that was the bread basket for the Noongar People.
- Places of interest program on local landmarks: eg plaques, signs, short blurb on history of buildings, localities.
- Places of interest signage program: eg gold plaques on buildings.
- Highlight heritage features by lights or plaques.
- Use available history of area to form "heritage trail" as an attraction to walkers and tourists.
- Having the future equivalent of plaques (i.e. screens/speakers), which have the history of each 'significant' site so you can walk down a street and see/hear the history of the houses.
- The Town to openly embrace its heritage and interpret it to the public.
- Increase in green spaces with signage, plaques, statues, etc., selling the history of the area.
- Educational signage promoting significant sites: eg. Brookman/Moir precinct.
- Create a cultural heritage trail that encompassed: Aboriginal occupation and use of land; English, European, and Asian occupation and settlement of areas.
- More integration of the arts and multicultural history.
- Opportunities for cultural heritage to celebrate the diversity of Vincent.
- Acknowledging past history: especially Aboriginal history and waves of migrants.
- Foster more awareness of non-English housing decorations/features (look at building codes in this respect).
- Bring kids on side.
- Town of Vincent to commission artists drawing of Hyde Park (possibly surrounded by forest; eg like NY Central Park).

#### **3.3.2 Preserving character buildings and streetscapes**

- A place where heritage buildings are protected and used, and where a variety of interpretive signposts tell the story of the history of the areas.
- Identify those areas and buildings that depict the character and heritage of the district and improve on them.
- Retain significant heritage and preserve it.
- Retain and encourage heritage façade/restoration.
- Retain heritage buildings and build around.
- Positively retain heritage streetscapes and houses (eg 100+ years). Must be some published guidelines.
- Clean, tidy, excellent footpaths and streetscapes, underground power blended with diverse housing styles.
- Housing diverse, but retention of existing houses as much as possible to create vibrant community.
- Preserve buildings that deserve to be preserved.
- Eradicate those buildings that detract from the character of the area.
- Streetscapes: ugly canopies on shops to be improved and up-graded.
- More houses to be like the Witches Hat: built with character.

### **3.3.3 *Incentives for retaining heritage and heritage controls***

- If Council/community wants to rescue a building, it should be at the community's cost, not owners.
- We need to think of the financial burden on people who are being forced out of the area because they cannot afford to resolve their near-derelict homes.
- Heritage listing needs RADICAL REVIEW: should not be owner's onus/or private cost.
- Assist people with heritage houses/businesses to maintain character while making them livable: but no being heritage nazis.
- If you have a heritage listed house – cheaper rates.
- Legislate, educate, and provide incentives.
- More incentive to save ICONS.
- Can you make the future "conflict-proof" by planning it like this?
- Encourage unambiguous planning and guidelines.
- Town of Vincent to audit home-owners selling and moving out of the area: to inform building code, community amenities.

### **3.3.4 *Sensitive integration of new and old***

- Integration of old and new buildings that compliment each other.
- Be sensitive to older heritage precincts.
- Work in well with heritage areas.
- Promote high quality architecture.

## **4 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT**

### **4.1 The Positives**

#### **4.1.1 *Easy to get around***

- Very easy to move around: by car, bus (William Street free transit), walk and cycle (good paths).
- Easy to get around; traffic is OK; CAT buses useful; extension to Bulwer Street is a good idea.
- Close to transit free zone.
- Inner city means that public transport is good: makes it easy to get elsewhere in metro Perth.
- The yellow lines marked on the street is a good initiative.
- Traffic within Perth is free flowing.

#### **4.1.2 *Being able to walk to most things***

- Walkability of the area, public transport availability: reduces car dependency.
- It's easy to walk to most places and connect with public transport.
- Able to walk to most things: no need for cars.
- Within walking distance: most areas

#### **4.1.3 *Good parking***

- Resident-only parking is effective.
- Easy to park in the area.
- East Perth car depot is a good use of multi-story car park: maybe use this idea in Northbridge.

#### **4.1.4 *Speed limits***

- 50 km/h limits.

## **4.2 The Negatives**

### **4.2.1 *Parking deficiencies and impacts***

- Difficulty for residents to park as there are too many commercial type businesses.
- Need more dedicated parking in busy entertainment areas: can be hidden similar to multi story car park in East Perth.
- Lack of public parking in William St from Brisbane to Newcastle Sts to service multiple restaurants/shops which have no requirement to provide parking: this is a Town of Vincent planning issue.
- Clearway on Brisbane Street not clearly marked - not enough signs.
- Ranger does not patrol area regularly enough to enforce Town of Vincent regulations.
- Lake St Greek Palica always full of cars illegally parked on Friday and Saturday night: block this section off.
- Parking on side streets can reduce to one lane.
- Car parks are ugly - lack of trees and lacking people and life: there are better uses for the land.
- Robinson Avenue street parking restricts traffic flow to one lane.

### **4.2.2 *Traffic volumes and speeds***

- Speed of traffic on Bulwer (around Palmerston) is a problem for Blind; Aged; and Children.
- Traffic in Brisbane St West: noise and speed (but we don't want speed humps).
- Roads are too straight: cars fly down the street. The use of chicanes may help.
- Traffic racing down Robinson Ave between Lake and William Sts: noise and speed.
- Traffic goes too fast along roads in which laneways open on to: not safe.

### **4.2.3 *Impediments to pedestrian and cycle amenity***

- Overgrown foliage and trees make footpaths difficult for pedestrians, prams and wheelchair use. Residents should be aware, and street trees should be trimmed.
- Developers must be made aware of the damage to footpaths when building: people in wheelchairs and mothers with prams have difficulty in using footpath.
- Not enough median strips for seniors to cross main roads.
- No cycle-ways on Brisbane and William Streets: maybe a dual use path?
- Not enough bike racks in commercial strips. Some of the racks are in poor locations: makes it hard for pedestrians.

### **4.2.4 *Impact of Centre Ford on traffic and parking***

- Centre Ford using Brisbane St to test drive their vehicles.
- High speed vehicle testing is an unacceptable activity.
- Area around Forbes Street is congested by Centre Ford parking.

### **4.2.5 *Public transport deficits***

- Morning and evening peak public transport is exhausted (full) by the time it gets to this area
- No East/West free high frequency buses.

### **4.2.6 *One way traffic flows***

- One-way traffic flows: William/Beaufort/Brisbane Streets.

## 4.3 Vision Statements and Ideas

### 4.3.1 Reducing traffic volumes and local impacts

- All local traffic roads will be one lane car, one lane two-way bike and scooters, rollerblades and footpath.
- Restricted access to residential areas for vehicles.
- 2024: all major inter-suburb traffic is underground and all local traffic is on surface.
- Convert some smaller streets and laneways to one way.
- Need one-way system for Robinson Ave and Forbes Rd between Lake and William Sts.
- More slowing traffic measures closer to Northbridge.
- Traffic is located in a central area in the William St centre (connected from the street).
- Fix William St: nightmare.
- William St: keep full traffic lanes. (Don't go the way of Newcastle St: a disaster for traffic and business).
- Traffic volumes in the area are managed.
- Traffic calming.
- Reduce road bumps – better, DELETE them: eg Lake St is a pain to drive home on.
- Carr/Charles St intersection: need turning arrow for lights.
- Few problems in area: traffic flows well. Keep balance between cars and people.
- Focus on encouraging current arterial and commercial roads to remain and grow.
- With increased population, keep in mind we will need more traffic facilities: roads and parking. BE REALISTIC.
- < zero pollution.

### 4.3.2 Improving public transport and extending the CAT routes

- Public transport links in/out of city.
- Promote public transport routes to and from town centres.
- Cheaper for Town of Vincent to pay City of Perth to extend CATS routes back into Vincent, than tender, buy, service, and store a bus. Also economies of scale.
- Increase free transit zone to include all of the suburb of Perth: CAT service up William St to Brisbane St.
- More CAT buses.
- Small CAT type buses, rather than big green Mercedes type can move people around. With integration of living, working, and recreational facilities this should be possible.
- Extend free CAT service to cover Vincent.
- Extend CAT service/free bus service.
- New mono-rail system.
- Mono-rail for inner-city transport or trams.
- Monorail joining all close suburbs to each other and city of Perth.
- Building zoning codes and public transport planning go hand in hand: ie need higher population density to justify public transport eg trams.
- In 2005 Town of Vincent zones subway station land now in anticipation of 2024 subways. So building it won't involve demolition and businesses building in pockets of remaining land.
- That public confidence in public transport will encourage people to use it for commuting.
- Reassess public transport for "common use" runs and try to use renewable resource fuels.

#### **4.3.3 *Creating a pedestrian and cycle friendly environment***

- Area is safe for pedestrians and cyclists. Increase 24 hour pedestrian traffic, by lighting better footpaths.
- Make footpaths cooler and drier by planting shade trees.
- The area is still easy/safe to walk/cycle around.
- Walking and cycle paths available on travel routes.
- Pedestrian friendly.
- Encourage walking.
- 2024: wings on heels of shoes.
- More cycle tracks.
- Make pedestrian traffic islands wide enough for bikes.
- Town of Vincent to introduce pedestrian volume and time counters, just like traffic counting.
- Perfect surface footpaths so people scooter or rollerblade around suburb.
- Increase fines for failing to give way to pedestrians at traffic lights.

#### **4.3.4 *Improving and underground parking***

- Introduce a Singapore car tag and tax system that also works in car parks in the area at peak commuting times.
- For businesses: decrease the number of staff parking on street.
- Build public car parks in Mt Lawley to encourage businesses to relocate out of CBD.
- Policing of traffic parking in Palmerston St: car park during weekdays.
- Enforce stricter parking in Lake St to deter non-residents.
- Parking restrictions: eg Church St is only 1hour at all times. This is bad for residential amenity: need only restrict during business hours.
- Please have notices on streets: Residents Parking Only.
- Implement underground parking where possible: eg with new building design.
- Parking his 'hidden' underground and part of commercial developments: not the single storey inefficient model we have.
- Hyde Park to become an underground car park. Tickets pay for park and free CAT bus into city.

#### **4.3.5 *Reducing car use and dominance***

- An area where car dependence is reduced, walking and cycling as an accepted mainstream alternative.
- Encourage more smaller local businesses to establish in area to decrease need for people to drive to shops they need.
- Cars come second (or third) and travel at walking speed on many streets.
- Less cars, more bikes.
- More non-visual parking areas.
- Don't put too many car parks in as they just discourage walking and cycling.

## **5 SAFETY AND SECURITY**

### **5.1 The Positives**

#### **5.1.1 *Passive surveillance and open street frontages***

- Knowing your neighbours; community spirit and good communication = security.
- Good, informed neighbourhood watch.
- Most houses address the streets with windows overlooking the street.
- Open fence design.
- Traditional character buildings that address, activate, and make safer streets.
- Lots of people work from home so residential areas are busy during the day: active, therefore safer.
- Work together.

#### **5.1.2 *Responsive local police and council***

- Availability of local police.
- When we were broken into the police were good at attending and caught one of the offenders.
- Attendance has been prompt when police have been called.
- We have good police patrols (x2).
- Policing is excellent and visible.
- Recently there have been more police on foot: personal face to local traders.
- Good to see police on bikes coming north from city (but only on quiet nights) in Northbridge.
- Megan Wendt (Safety Officer).
- Good ranger response.

#### **5.1.3 *Sense of safety***

- Because people are walking around I feel safe walking around the local streets.
- Nice and safe.
- Perth is pretty safe (x2).
- Perth is as safe as most places in WA.
- It is safer than people make out.
- The amount of antisocial behaviour around Robertson Park has decreased over 10 years.

## **5.2 The Negatives**

### **5.2.1 *Poor lighting and maintenance***

- Main streets are not safe due to insufficient street lighting, closed shopfronts, and lack of people on streets.
- Some dark streets with inadequate street lighting (eg Monger St; Lake St) (x2).
- Lighting and safety divides the community: people feel unsafe to walk at night.
- Need to light up alleyways for safety.
- Lighting levels too low in parks.
- Need better sign posting.
- This area is constantly neglected, but has a very high pedestrian usage, and needs constant attention (must be regular).

### **5.2.2 *Impacts from pubs and nightclubs***

- Anti-social behaviour (glass and noise).
- Lots of glass litter from pubs and bottle shops.
- Groups of homeless people who gather in Birdwood Square and surrounding areas.
- Increasing number of backpackers in area: thoroughfares from clubs/pubs to accommodation.
- Vacant land and alleyways are areas to clean up, as they are havens for undesirables.

### **5.2.3 *High front walls***

- Use of solid walls in front of houses for security.
- The general community is not aware of the negatives of high front fences and lack of interactive frontages (Education!!).
- People moving into the area, then removing themselves from the community by living in a fortress that does not address public spaces.

### **5.2.4 *Street prostitution***

- Street prostitution (x3).

### **5.2.5 *Perception of Northbridge as unsafe***

- Big perception that Northbridge is all dangerous.

### **5.2.6 *Difficult getting police response***

- Sometimes we feel we need to plead our case to the police to get action.

### **5.2.7 *Traffic impacts on pedestrian safety***

- The lights at the corner of William St and Brisbane St, for people who are crossing the road, are very dangerous.

## **5.3 Vision Statements and Ideas**

### **5.3.1 *Increasing lighting***

- Upgraded street lighting to dark activity areas/streets
- Better lighting in streets and parks.
- Better street lighting including use of up-lights to highlight buildings of note.
- More lighting down lanes.
- More lighting.
- Upgrade lighting intensity (x2).
- Improved lighting.
- Better lighting would help sense of personal safety (x2).
- Provide lighting and signage for laneways and thoroughfares (eg lane between William St and Money St).
- Lighting audit.

### **5.3.2 *Designing out crime***

- Good urban design and an active community that has resulted in very low crime, so police patrols are no longer needed. Sporting bodies that use major venues should be encouraged to facilitate this philosophy.
- Focus on crime prevention through environmental design.
- Zoning code to prevent 'fortress building' by developers: eg the boxes on Lake St, and The Maltings should have public street through it.
- Urban design to address environmental issues and not be solid-fenced to the street.
- Encourage/provide incentive for removal of walls and high fences in front of houses (x2).
- Streetscapes allow visibility to/from the street.
- Soft surfaces (eg plants/grass in sawdust) in traditional antisocial areas to stop broken glass/graffiti.
- Fencing of public places after hours.

### **5.3.3 *Improving safety for pedestrians***

- William St: upgrade footpath; better/safer lighting - pedestrian safety.
- William St: if new pavement is to be laid, plan to use 'up-lights' in the new pavement.
- Need for better design of footpaths and separation from roadways.
- Safe area for pedestrian traffic intersections.
- Keep footpaths in good repair.

### **5.3.4 *Promoting activity, passive surveillance***

- Businesses open to paving for alfresco style dining.
- Encouragement of restaurants to have alfresco areas to 'populate' streets.
- Encourage more inner city housing: more people- less problems.
- A safer public realm delivered through activated public spaces.
- Surveillance onto streets, open fencing/windows

### **5.3.5 *Enhancing the sense of community***

- A strong community spirit is developed rather than being a collection of individual households.
- Willingness to talk to people, and engage with each other.
- Encourage more interaction between neighbours.
- More people out on their front verandas interacting with passers by.
- The neighbourhood watch ethos is common in the community.

### **5.3.6 *Increasing policing and surveillance***

- More foot patrols of police on duty (x3).
- Increased patrols by rangers and police.
- Keep on top of graffiti.
- Merge security and parks staff: lots of park staff turn a blind eye to antisocial behaviour as it gets too much for them.
- Continuing liaison with Town of Vincent and police.

### **5.3.7 *Developing an strong sense of safety***

- A time when people leave their vehicles at home, because they know they will be safe using the streets and public transport
- An area known for its safety with people living, working, and recreating;

## **6 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY**

### **6.1 The Positives**

#### **6.1.1 *Trees, parks and green spaces***

- Local parks.
- Great parks: Hyde Park, Robertson Park.
- Hyde Park and well maintained parks (x5).
- Having a few parks.
- Restoration of habitat and wetland in Robertson Park.
- Hyde Park; Robertson Park has attempted to incorporate wetlands.
- Robertson Park is a superb asset in our neighbourhood for both sport and passive recreation.
- Town of Vincent's regeneration of parks, using Australian species or local species rather than exotics.
- Parks, trees, fairly good drainage.
- New trees are planted on the strips.
- Smaller garden areas: generally lower water use.
- Trees planted that suit the space: no need for vicious pruning.

#### **6.1.2 *Strong community awareness and value***

- Lovely community – very, very interested in recycling and environmental design. Town of Vincent to take lead in mobilising this into activities.
- Reasonably aware and caring community.
- Local community environment group (Claisebrook catchment group).

#### **6.1.3 *Rubbish collection***

- Easy streets for rubbish collection with good rubbish service.

#### **6.1.4 *Worm farm subsidy***

- Worm workshops.
- Worm farm subsidy.

#### **6.1.5 *Good access decreases car use***

- Access to services/shops/entertainment close to home: decreases car use.

#### **6.1.6 *Dog control***

- Rangers seen to control dog issues quite well: compliance.

## **6.2 The Negatives**

### **6.2.1 *Impacts of development and poor environmental design***

- We are participating in destruction by not paying attention to well planned design and maintenance of buildings.
- New building designs aren't built for environment: promotes reliance on air-conditioning.
- Totally inappropriate housing designs are being approved: eg. no eaves.
- Destruction by paving versus planting; wanton use of fossil fuel due to inappropriate building design.
- Building design is average/mediocre.
- Too much 'black top': badly designed car parks and sealed laneways.
- Loss of trees, new buildings are not energy efficient or smart.
- Environments can be destroyed by too many people. Too much use of eg Hyde Park with concerts, fairs, etc.
- Greater density creates more rubbish.
- Town should pay more attention to get BCA compliance.
- Waterwise drought-only plants.

### **6.2.2 *Inadequate recycling and waste management***

- Too few people use recycling services: how do we increase personal responsibility?
- Poor system of recycling considering it is fortnightly.
- Inadequate domestic recycling system in Vincent.
- Recycling not often enough (should be weekly).
- Recycling: there has to be a better way!
- Rubbish collection too cheap and flat charge.
- Waste to landfill: not sustainable.
- Storm-water goes into drains and straight off to river.
- Domestic litter always strewn along Lake St main pedestrian area (council needs to maintain it) (x2).

### **6.2.3 *Impact of traffic***

- Too fast traffic.
- Too much traffic.
- Traffic noise in Brisbane St, but no speed humps: narrowing instead (x2)
- Brisbane St noisy and lots of cars making pollution.

### **6.2.4 *Impact of powerlines and lack of trees***

- Trees stunted from pruning for overhead power lines.
- Butchering of Peppermint trees on Lake St due to power lines.
- More street trees on Brisbane St.
- Use of some exotic trees provides no value to native fauna.
- Suitable size of new trees, and staking them properly.

### **6.2.5 *Condition of Hyde Park lake***

- Islands at Hyde Park need to be replanted with native reeds, sedges, and trees.
- Parks are not looked after (as a lake in Hyde Park).
- Hyde Park lake needs a dredge and a good clean out.

### **6.2.6 *Cats and pests***

- Local cats have no collars/bells to warn native birds.
- Cockroaches.

### **6.2.7 *Impact from Birdwood park - homelessness***

- Birdwood Square homelessness creating environmental mess.

### **6.2.8 *Noise and impacts from Northbridge***

- Noise spills over from Northbridge activities.

### **6.2.9 *Inadequate priority given to the environment***

- Environment and sustainability has not been given a high priority in the development of the area.

## **6.3 Vision Statements and Ideas**

### **6.3.1 *More small parks, trees and green spaces***

- More parks that are small enough to just sit and relax.
- More small park areas needed.
- Small parks.
- Parks being upgraded.
- Expand the little triangle park: the turn around at the end of the street is seldom used.
- Well maintained parks with spaces for kids.
- Public spaces.
- Green link from Hyde Park down Palmerston St to Northbridge.
- Green link from Hyde Park to Lake St to Plateia Hellas.
- More trees being planted. (2)
- More tree planting eg as in Robertson Park.
- Plant street trees and encourage residents to care for them.
- Not enough street trees.
- Street trees that provide shade and fruit.
- Native trees as street trees – no shade.
- Plant deciduous trees to the north of streets/houses to cool them. Ground water is not a problem in most areas. Gum trees should not be planted for sentimental reasons.
- Use deciduous trees along East-West roads to provide shade to houses in summer but allow sunlight through in winter.
- More native trees encouraged.
- Greater care and maintenance of street trees.
- Plant only trees which are best air filters.
- Plant hedges on footpath streetscapes.
- More native streetscaping (2).
- Attention to small verges: eg brick paving.

### **6.3.2 *Sustainable building design and practice***

- Building design has to be environmentally responsible and sustainable.
- Design guidelines for buildings.
- Greater recognition given to environmental issues when designing houses (star-rating).
- More stringent regulations to be initiated in building design and planning to blend in with area.
- Promoting energy/environmental value of trees: eg shading windows and thus reducing energy use; minimising urban heat-island effect.
- Prevent building boundary to boundary: enable trees to be planted in gardens.
- Town of Vincent to foster "catchment areas": meetings to look at air flows through and across suburbs to ensure "flushing" of pollution at night and cooling of suburbs in summer.
- A place where parks are protected; biodiversity is planned/re-introduced, and car trips are minimised, and where people live in houses which have sustainable systems: heating/cooling, water re-use, power generation; and where waste is used as a resource.
- There are usually alternatives to the 'old school' way of dealing with issues as we now have access to a myriad of international experiences. Think outside the square!

- Consider environmental benefit/losses as well as financial costs when decisions are made for the community.
- Environmental scorecards on all new developments to ensure a high minimum standard is achieved.
- Do a clean up campaign.
- Cat curfew.
- Strict control of feral animals (i.e. dog licenses, cat sterilization, etc).
- Owners of animals must show they are responsible and have the knowledge to care for their animals. All must be registered.
- Legislation on cats in Town of Vincent: eg must have bells to save native wildlife.

### **6.3.3 *Improving the recycling service and waste management***

- Working toward a full recycling system that WORKS. Returning wood chips to homes from green collections.
- Why don't we explore Stirling council recycling method, which results in a higher percentage being recycled and solves the lazy resident syndrome.
- Better recycling.
- Council to encourage the provision and use of recycling bins for paper and bottles.
- Town of Vincent worm farms.
- Need for green rubbish pick up.
- Need to charge individual residents for rubbish volume/weight: individually produce bar codes and weigh and bill rubbish bins.
- Tougher penalties for companies that litter.

### **6.3.4 *Conserving water***

- Retrofitting of infiltration measures in storm-water drains (water sensitive urban design).
- Robertson Park/Hyde Park to house a water treatment plant (underground).
- Water and energy: millions of litres of water are wasted in households because pipes are not lagged. Cold water becomes hot in summer and is wasted down the sink in order to get cold water. In winter hot water is cooled in pipes and is similarly wasted. Lagging pipe work would prevent this wastage.
- Town of Vincent to build and run its own water and recycling plans (sewage converted for drinking water) as the cost to residents will increase over time.
- Make using grey water on gardens easier while still healthy.
- Guides for good management of grey water in each house.

### **6.3.5 *Incentives to be more sustainable***

- Incentives to be more sustainable: water tanks; grey water; improve recycling.
- Bill City of Perth for air and heat pollution.
- Incentive for rain-water tanks/solar.
- More encouragement for solar power.
- Town of Vincent to develop and run single street models of bulk buying of power, telecommunication, sewage, water: ie micro water processing plants.

### **6.3.6 *Improving public transport and reducing car use***

- Develop good public transport systems.
- Town of Vincent to pay City of Perth to extend CAT buses north. (Cheaper than buying storing and running Town of Vincent CATS).
- Thoughtful traffic management will be needed to ensure poor air quality and noise is not future problem.
- Limit number of vehicles for each dwelling.

### **6.3.7 *Undergrounding power***

- In 2024 all power lines should be underground.
- Underground power.
- Work towards underground systems for all utilities: water, gas, and electricity.
- Remove power line on Palmerston St.

### **6.3.8 *Generating community involvement***

- Advertise and help fund our local catchment group: educate public.
- Community level recycling sheet: community level better than individual.
- Individuals are encouraged to do their bit to contribute to the overall picture, and given the opportunity by ensuring that we still ensure that blocks have the space for trees.

### **6.3.9 *Community garden plots***

- Community garden plots.
- As density becomes more intense, create community gardens in neighbourhoods. Little open spaces where neighbours can meet and communicate.
- Community gardens.

### **6.3.10 *Managing noise***

- Legislation to stop people moving into the area and then complaining about the noise: if you don't like the noise, move to the suburbs.
- Cooperation between City of Perth and Town of Vincent on noise management.
- Aberdeen pub always noisy since tunnel built: blocking buildings knocked down. Design codes to block noise in areas.

## **7 PARKS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

### **7.1 The Positives**

#### **7.1.1 Hyde Park**

- Hyde Park: one of Perth's best parks. (x2)
- Hyde Park: great for walking and leisure.
- Bird life and lakes in Hyde Park.
- Hyde Park: open space, barbecue areas, seating and diversity of users.

#### **7.1.2 Good range of local parks**

- Parks: Hyde; Robertson; Stuart St; Wade St.
- Extremely lucky with provision of parks and there is a good mix (active, passive, formal, natural).
- Good to have a variety of parks: European Hyde Park, and native Australian Robertson Park.
- Great to have so many parks near us and playgrounds.
- Amount of parks available.
- There are a few parks around.

#### **7.1.3 Diversity of community facilities and easy access**

- Number and diversity of facilities in the area.
- Wide range of facilities in the town (although many are not local).
- Plenty of sporting venues.
- Childcare, youth, seniors, etc, health, schools seem OK (but should be State Government).
- Being able to walk to art galleries and concerts.

#### **7.1.4 Robertson Park**

- Robertson Park new developments are fantastic, including plantings.
- Redevelopment of Robertson Park (especially the native plantings).
- Mixed uses in Robertson Park.
- Robertson Park, and other "art" themes appearing (one art gallery, and two more coming).
- Great that Aboriginal people still feel welcome/fit into Robertson Park redevelopment.

#### **7.1.5 Quality maintenance of parks**

- Lush green parks, well maintained.
- Maintained parks are magnificent.
- Parks well maintained allowing use for social/casual and organised sports and games (x4).
- Parks look good.

#### **7.1.6 Catering for dogs in parks**

- Robertson Park: good for dog running area off leash.
- Dog water bowls in Robertson Park: great!
- Lighting at Robertson park: safe late night dog walking.

## **7.2 The Negatives**

### **7.2.1 *Lack of facilities in parks***

- Water quality of Hyde Park lakes.
- More accurate reticulation of Hyde Park: water ends up on William St.
- Better barbecues facilities at Hyde Park.
- No café in Hyde Park to encourage (good) night use of park.
- Need barbecues in Robinson Park.
- No shade trees to South West of Robertson Park playground (summer).
- Not enough tennis club car parks at peak times in Robertson Park.
- No shade trees over path beside lake in Robertson Park (too hot in summer).
- The interface between the tennis courts and Robertson Park is average.
- Parks need more illumination at night.
- Parks not used a lot at night: not well lit.
- Need more rubbish bins in parks.
- Parks are boring.
- Car parking on open space: we give concession on provision of car parking, then put car parks on parks. Seems illogical.
- Need more trees; seating; quiet spots.
- Higher voltage power line crosses children's play area at Hyde Park.
- Needs more sculpture/art works in parks.

### **7.2.2 *Unfriendly environment for children***

- No childcare facilities.
- Very boring place for kids to live in.
- Need recreation facilities for youth: post-childhood but pre-adult.
- Not many places for kids to play.

### **7.2.3 *Impacts of homelessness and anti social behaviour***

- Homelessness and negative behaviour at night.
- People reluctant to use some public space/parks due to homelessness and anti-social behaviour of those and associated people (x2).

### **7.2.4 *Poor access to library and Loftus Community Centre***

- Library and community centre are remote from William, Brisbane precinct.
- Libraries aren't well known and "disconnected" from community.

### **7.2.5 *Insufficient cycling tracks***

- Insufficient bike tracks: need more!

### **7.2.6 *Lack of publicity about what is available***

- Not enough publicity on what is available in community facilities.

## **7.3 Vision Statements and Ideas**

### **7.3.1 Protecting and enhancing parks**

- Protect Hyde Park and continue to enhance other park areas (eg Robertson Park).
- Nighttime concerts or outdoor cinema in parks.
- Spaces for people with disabilities in parks: hearing impaired, vision impaired.
- To provide a soccer/hockey net in Robertson Park (South West area).
- Maybe more sculptures and artwork in Robertson Park.
- "Micro" skate board park in Hyde Park and Robertson Park.
- Build car parks under Robertson Park tennis courts.
- More trees. Retain parks and have in plans so cannot change mind.
- No parks removed for new commercial businesses.
- Don't overuse parks: make sure rich sporting groups pay.
- Perth will have well-used passive and active parks and facilities maintained to a high standard.
- To maintain and improve the blessings we have (parks, especially).

### **7.3.2 Enhancing the water quality, habit and use of Hyde Park**

- Improve water quality of Hyde Park lakes.
- Explore alternative water supply for lakes in Hyde Park (algal bloom problem).
- Access and egress for larger water birds at Hyde Park - eg. Swans: re-vegetating islands increasing habitat.
- Removal of power line across Hyde Park.
- A winter playground at Hyde Park on the Northern side: it's too cold and shady.
- Exercise areas in parks: eg chin-up bar, sit-up bench.
- Speakers corner for Hyde Park.
- Small café for Hyde Park (so families can do coffee while kids play).
- Café in Hyde Park.
- Perhaps opportunity for kiosks in Hyde/Robertson Park.

### **7.3.3 New parks and extending green spaces**

- Further development of new parks and playgrounds to make them user friendly, including adequate parking.
- Need more green spaces, even if small, in front of buildings or in courtyards.
- Search for locations where "pocket handkerchief" parks can be integrated with building development.
- A few new smaller parks or at least public spaces through area: eg on William or Brisbane St.
- Need for small local parks as housing density increases.
- Keep greening Northbridge.
- Establish green link to Northbridge.
- Better maintenance of small parks and areas around council-planted street trees.
- Better use of some sporting facilities by putting pseudo parks (plantings, seating, water) in the corners (ie the bits that are not required for sports).

### **7.3.4 Developing new needed community facilities**

- Brisbane/William St area will be provided with local community facilities such as a neighbourhood library (ie. in Robertson Park).
- Need more centres for local community.
- Create a localised community centre in the Brisbane/William St area: eg library/café, or youth centre.
- Seniors centre to be established to cover sports, indoor activities, education, etc.
- More local library facilities.
- Childcare facilities should give priority to local residents. (x2)
- Recreation in inner city areas should be developed, and encouraged through activities for all age groups. This will assist in preventing problems such as delinquency in young people and isolation for the elderly. Perhaps programmes can be developed to meet these needs.
- Medical centre for Northbridge.
- Need for youth space in Northbridge precinct (eg Leederville skate park).

### **7.3.5 Improving access to facilities and public transport**

- I would like parks and community facilities to be open and available to all and accessible by all, including ablution blocks.
- That facilities are open and affordable to all residents.
- Schools could become community facilities and used after school and during holidays for recreation and local social activities. During long holidays, some classroom furniture could be stored and the space used for community activities, workshops, etc.
- CAT bus, or similar, service to encourage shopping/dining in town centres.
- A help and trouble-shooting line available through the Town of Vincent, open to all.
- As 15% of our community have some sort of disability, we need more paths made for easier access.
- Developers must be made aware of the damage to footpaths when building: people in wheelchairs and mothers with prams have difficulty in using footpath.
- Use new Perth Commuter parking income to fund shady trees on footpaths leading to city.
- Town of Vincent to police parking on footpaths (like Subiaco).
- Creative solutions to minimise social problems associated with people who sleep/hang out in parks.
- Parks and facilities focused on provision of services and amenity to its local community first, regional responsibilities coming second.

### **7.3.6 Creating community garden plots**

- Town of Vincent to create a demonstration of renting a vacant block, and create a community market gardens (to show locals it can be done!).
- Encourage owners of vacant blocks to get together with surrounding residents and develop community gardens in the vacant land.
- Community garden plots.

### **7.3.7 Maintaining the state government's responsibility**

- Don't try to do things that are the province of the Federal or State government.
- To know what belongs to local government jurisdiction and what belongs to state government.

### **7.3.8 Renaming the area as 'Hyde Park'**

- No one knows the area: rename as Hyde Park, and give it a Postcode.

## **8 COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND ARTS**

### **8.1 The Positives**

#### **8.1.1 Access to cultural facilities**

- Perth has access to the CBD art and cultural facilities.
- Close to major Perth cultural facilities.
- Closest residential area to cultural organizations: AGWA, PICA, Theatre, WAAPA, etc.
- Proximity to AGWA, Central TAFE, ECU, gives rich diversity of cultural interest and availability. Local galleries give another dimension, too.
- Proximity to Perth's cultural district encourages cultural pursuits.
- Galleries, shopfronts.
- Two nice private art galleries in area and two more on the way.
- More galleries opening in local area.
- Lots of design businesses appearing in area.

#### **8.1.2 Cultural diversity**

- Cultural diversity is great (but is not a result of planning – it's a result of history).
- Area has rich cultural diversity and history through waves of immigration. This should be celebrated and honored.
- Diverse and rich cultural area: so much opportunity.
- Much cultural diversity and a fair sense of community across the board.
- Multicultural.
- Perth embraces its diversity.
- Diverse community to live in: especially due to mixed use in area.
- Noticeable movement in and out of many cultures and age groups. It will continue to evolve.
- Lots of culturally diverse restaurants.
- Town of Vincent has the highest non-Australian population percentage of any local area. (This group has a higher participation rate in arts activities).
- Opportunity to learn about different cultures.

#### **8.1.3 Sense of community**

- Strong neighbourhood identity.
- Area has strong sense of community in residential areas. Commercial areas could be encouraged to participate.
- Good neighbours.
- People say hello, look out for one another.
- Good community spirit.
- Perth has an active community.

#### **8.1.4 *Public and community art***

- Town of Vincent has an arts officer (but keeps changing. Why?).
- Murals in public spaces.
- There is a bit of art left in Northbridge.

#### **8.1.5 *Artists living in the area***

- Few galleries around but artists are pushed out of the area.
- Lots of artists traditionally rent in the area: history of arts lingers in area.
- Large number of people who are interested/practitioners.

## **8.2 The Negatives**

### **8.2.1 *Cultural diversity should be acknowledged more***

- Cultural diversity not reflected in action (eg. where are the non-Europeans in this meeting?).
- Cultural diversity of this underrated strip.
- Heritage and culture not actively celebrated.
- So many stories/opportunities but not much done to celebrate/make people aware.
- More recognition and inclusion of older people, especially first generation migrants.
- The narrowing band of age demographic represented in the town is negative: works against encouraging diversity.
- Danger of becoming monocultural - like Highgate/Beaufort.

### **8.2.2 *Lack of recognition of indigenous cultures***

- Indigenous heritage not acknowledged/celebrated: indigenous people not truly engaged in the area.
- Need for more recognition of Aboriginal people and participation in planing and developments.
- No acknowledgement of Aboriginal culture or needs.
- Great lack of recognition for our indigenous heritage and the heritage of other cultures that have lived within the area.

### **8.2.3 *Artists moving out of the area***

- Art is pushed out with the new developments and prices.
- Not much art: artists moving out due to high cost of rent.
- Area now too expensive for young artists to live and work in area.
- Artists not encouraged to set up studios.

### **8.2.4 *Lack of public art***

- No street art.
- More arts and sculptures needed to add diversity to area.
- Lack of sculptural type art works in the town.

### **8.2.5 *Reactive or a lack of community spirit***

- What brings the community together is a housing monstrosity in our street.
- There is not any community spirit at all.
- Not much sense of community.

### **8.2.6 *Treating culture and the arts as an after thought***

- Culture and the arts treated as after thought in this process: indicative of Town of Vincent policy in this area.

## **8.3 Vision Statements and Ideas**

### **8.3.1 *Developing festivals, cultural opportunities and facilities***

- More public events: different scales of events and at rotating venues.
- Access to diverse range of activities.
- Hold a William St festival to bring focus on the precinct and kick start development of the street into a meeting place.
- The Town of Vincent provides opportunities and facilities for all (cultural groups specifically) to perform and show their cultural activities (Indigenous, Anglo centre and each multi cultural group) (not just indigenous cultural group): eg resumption of houses (old non-rate payers) rented to each community group.
- Promoting and develop more cultural opportunities
- Food is only part of culture: so more multicultural activities around the suburb.
- Bring art and craft to the area.
- New art galleries.
- Promote more galleries, arts/music businesses and studios.
- Build a large community centre. Have a large area – ie warehouse for artist studios to encourage an artists community in the area.
- By having a community centre, a section can be set aside covering information on the local heritage, past, present, and future.
- More open zoning options for cultural facilities.
- Cheap leases for business and cultural uses.
- Town of Vincent to publish its cultural directory as a booklet, not a photocopy, to foster networking and artist traits.
- Get the local TAFE and local businesses to assist the town.
- Individual street frontages to be designed by artists/community art groups: “united in our diversity”.
- To see the Town of Vincent concentrate on basic local government issues: roads, footpaths, underground power, good building guidelines, good rubbish control.

### **8.3.2 *Enhancing sense of community and cultural diversity***

- Sense of community might be enhanced by an attempt to remain open with our buildings and designs; our willingness to embrace different cultures and different cultures embracing ours; by encouraging open and accountable management of facilities and a welcome to all who are willing to participate in the Town of Vincent visioning statements.
- A place where indigenous heritage and people are celebrated and engaged in the community together with the cultures of the diverse mix of people who have now settled in the area: art, galleries, music, festivals, streetscapes, studios.
- The Town of Vincent provides opportunities and facilities for all (cultural groups specifically) to perform and show their cultural activities (Indigenous, Anglo centre and each multi cultural group) (not just indigenous cultural group): eg resumption of houses (old non-rate payers) rented to each community group.
- Maintain diversity: cultural; economic; artistic.
- A sense of diversity.
- Streetscaping to encourage community interaction.
- Better street area.
- Focus is on walking not driving.
- A safe cultural diverse area with lots of life, where people of all walks of life come to relax and have fun and be entertained.
- A great sense of community.

### **8.3.3 *More public art***

- More public art and activities to reflect the diverse cultures of the area and encourage civic pride in the area.
- Public art must represent specific cultural groups in area, to help them feel acknowledged and welcome.
- A bit more public art that helps tell the stories.
- Better use of school grounds to provide facilities after hours.
- More public art to recognise our history.
- More public art in public spaces: need an ongoing policy and funds.
- Streets are painted blue where the former wetlands were.

### **8.3.4 *Creating a cultural precinct and artists working space***

- Upgrade William St cultural precinct.
- To enhance the precinct as an arts style precinct.
- Affordable art studios.
- Artisans locality: workshop premises where people can work in art, sculpture, fabrics, printing, woodwork, furniture-making, glass-blowing, etc. Have sound administration to oversee and keep it lively and ongoing, and assist in commercial marketing of work produced.

### **8.3.5 *Retaining the unique identity of the area***

- Perth will maintain its bohemian nature and ensure a diverse range of cultures and persons in the community.
- Avoid tokenism: culture cannot be imposed, it is drawn from the community.
- Avoid 'themed' (eg Chinatown) areas.