



Mt Hawthorn
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Mount Hawthorn '*Place Workshop*' occurred on 18 September 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 54 people participated in these events and the workshop involved 24 participants focused on the 8 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:

- 116 positive observations
- 126 negative observations
- 128 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 shops and cafes
- Traditional built form and community atmosphere
- Easy to get around
- Trees and vegetation
- Limited building height

The Negatives

- Tired appearance and empty shops
- Poor design and streetscape
- Traffic and poor pedestrian environment
- Need more activity and businesses
- Safety issues

Vision Statements and Ideas

- Developing public and civic places and amenity
- Developing the town centre
- Enhancing the streetscape
- Developing the ambience and reflecting the character
- Retaining local scale and height
- Slowing and reducing traffic
- Sustainability and environmental design principles
- Informed and integrated decision making

HOUSING, DENSITY AND URBAN DESIGN

The Positives

- Current density and family friendly housing
- Intact streetscapes, parks and trees
- Design and neighbourhood interaction
- Heritage and character housing
- Increasing density and housing mix
- Commercial area does not invade residential area

The Negatives

- Impacts of higher density
- New houses and poor design
- Deteriorated streetscape
- Lack of sustainable and environmental design principles
- Declining affordability and low density

Vision Ideas for the future

- Maintaining traditional housing and streetscapes
- Managing and controlling density
- Improving and developing good urban design
- Developing housing choice and affordability
- Developing sustainable practice

CHARACTER AND HERITAGE

The Positives

- Heritage buildings and streetscapes
- Particular places and icons
- Provides a sense of history and local identity

The Negative

- Mt. Hawthorn Plaza and other places
- Impediments to heritage retention
- Impact of new developments

Vision Statements and Ideas

- Valuing and maintaining character and heritage
- New developments to respect character and heritage
- Maintaining streetscapes
- Improving community awareness about local history

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

The Positives

- Good public transport and easy access
- Low traffic volumes on local roads
- Adequate parking

The Negatives

- 'Black' spots
- Public transport deficiencies
- Trough traffic and 'run running'
- Lack of parking
- Lack of cycle paths

Vision Ideas for the Future

- Reducing car reliance and alternative transport methods
- Reducing traffic on Scarborough Beach Road
- Improving traffic and pollution management

SAFETY AND SECURITY

The Positives

- Good sense of safety and low crime
- Passive street surveillance
- Increased police presence

The Negatives

- Inadequate police presence and community apathy
- Poor street lighting
- Children being unable to cycle to school
- 'Dead' town centre
- Anti-social behaviour

Vision Ideas for the Future

- Developing community and neighbourhood approaches
- Increase police presence
- Designing out crime
- Eliminating graffiti

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

The Positives

- Trees, parks and green spaces
- Location, fresh air and views
- Good opportunities for energy efficient practices
- Strong community awareness and value
- Abundant bird life
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The Negatives

- Energy inefficient design and buildings
- Decline of environmental qualities
- Water wastage
- Car dependency and pollution

Vision Ideas for the Future

- Promoting and achieving sustainability
- Improving waste management and minimisation
- Retaining trees, habitat and green spaces

PARKS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The Positives

- Good parks and green spaces
- Dog exercise areas
- Value of community facilities

The Negatives

- Facilities needing an upgrade and improved maintenance
- Community facility deficits

Vision Ideas for the Future

- Improving utilisation and new facilities
- Improving community development
- Maintaining parks and increasing green spaces
- Easy access

COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND ARTS

The Positives

- Events, activities and places
- Mix of cultures and ages
- Strong sense of community and family

The Negatives

- Community and cultural deficits
- Lack of community and public art
- Use of community centre

Vision Ideas for the Future

- Festivals and events
- Developing community and culture
- Cultural venues and resources
- Reflecting local heritage in parks

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 *Mix of shops and cafes*

- Good mix of shops and cafes; gifts, clothing, white goods, shoes and restaurants.
- Interesting /unique shops for clothes and home wares and New Norcia bakery.
- Mix of shops – change in built form and character.
- Variety of shops and cafes.
- Street cafes.
- Most products are locally available.
- Paddington Ale House.

1.1.2 *Traditional built form and community atmosphere*

- Traditional shopping strip, built to the footpath with glass shop fronts and awnings above, built for pedestrians - gives a sense of community.
- Character and Heritage buildings close to pavements (Paddington).
- Local community atmosphere – open multi-cultural and friendly. Traditional shops.
- A 'village' feel in the shopping.
- Lots of people about.
- Busy streetscape.
- Pleasant safe atmosphere

1.1.3 *Easy to get around*

- Convenient proximity and ease of access.
- Easy walking to all facilities.
- Easy to get to town and commercial centres.
- Access to shops from side-street parking.
- Easy to get around – good public transport.
- Median strip in road is necessary.

1.1.4 *Trees and vegetation*

- Trees and shrubs in front of TAB are great.
- Increasing evidence of trees/plants.
- Native trees on streets.

1.1.5 *Limited building height*

- Single storey shops on south side should be retained and 'tarted up' a bit.
- The limiting of building height (2-3 floors) gives a great view over the city.

1.2 The Negatives

1.2.1 Tired appearance and empty shops

- Tired and run down.
- Neglected state of buildings – face-lifts required.
- Some shabby shop fronts e.g. awnings and signs.
- Empty shops and business spaces, need a good overhaul (x2)
- Some new building could look more attractive.
- Removal of some street awnings.
- Supermarket shopping centre 'feels' untidy, not very clean.

1.2.2 Poor design and streetscape

- No real sense of arrival in Mt. Hawthorn, it merges with Leederville at Oxford Street and no real beginning at the west.
- Poor urban streetscape design and detailing.
- Wasted space on commercial strip – gaps in streetscape.
- Too much red brick paving – could be broken up with plants. (2)
- Not enough landscaping i.e. trees, shrubs and seats.
- 168 Scarborough Beach Road stands out - not consistent with surrounding architecture.
- Banks too far apart.

1.2.3 Traffic and poor pedestrian environment

- Traffic dominates and divides. (Scarborough Beach Road)
- Traffic activity and pace.
- Increasing traffic on Scarborough Beach Road
- Need to be more pedestrian friendly – traffic too fast.
- Street not people friendly
- Difficult access to Plaza for car parking and pedestrians.
- Flinders Street/ Scarborough Beach Road intersection – not pedestrian friendly.

1.2.4 Need more activity and businesses

- Not enough activity
- Population along commercial centre is insufficient for vibrant traffic-free streetscape.
- Need for more restaurants and maybe a book cafe.
- Lack of businesses facing Scarborough Beach Road
- Current densities may not be enough to support increased local business.
- Lack of interaction in Hawthorn Plaza.
- Lack of local shops /deli's.

1.2.5 Safety issues

- Poor night lighting.
- Lighting not safe for young people, especially near the Paddington.
- Push bikes should be banned from the busy shopping areas on busy days.
- Driveways/R.O.W.s onto Scarborough Beach Road a safety issue.

1.3 Vision Statements and Ideas

1.3.1 Developing public and civic places and amenity

- A very cool shaded place with trees and fountains. A place full of interesting types of residential accommodation. A place with community facilities that support all demographics (library etc.) A colourful place.
- A commercial centre totally people friendly. (car on the street take second place).
- Pedestrian/shopper friendly. Footpath lamp posts to go.
- Pedestrian friendly – a place for people to walk and meet.
- More pedestrian facilities.
- Needs to accommodate all needs of the community regarding transport and access, i.e. use of bikes, gophers, pushers, cars, buses and pedestrians.
- Better public transport especially at weekend to town
- Small amphitheatre in Braithwaite Park, (similar to Kings Park).
- Palms in front of the Post Office to be replaced with shade trees and seating.
- Keep Mt. Hawthorn primary school.
- Post Office to relocate to hub – lack of post boxes.
- More public art. Enhances community awareness and encourages kid's art.

1.3.2 Developing the town centre

- That the Mt. Hawthorn shopping strip will be an open friendly area with an interesting variety of shops, residential and cafes, with alfresco dining, adequate street lighting, public art, youth friendly areas and pedestrian friendly access.
- An area rich with a variety of uses, retail, residential, community etc.
- To see Scarborough Beach Road as a tree-lined boulevard comprising increased mixed development, increased alfresco dining and decreased through traffic.
- To see Scarborough Beach Road as an interactive compact street with a variety of uses in a safe pedestrian environment.
- Commercial centre to be more active, leafy and with reduced traffic flow.
- An active centre most hours of the day that incorporates entertainment facilities such as a cultural centre and open-air cinema.
- Maintain variety of shops and businesses with more activity on streets both day and evenings.
- Mixed use developments – a variety of shops, local library.
- Interesting/ stimulating shops, café and restaurants.
- Existing shop frontages retained, but with 2-3 storey residences above. (Set back to protect single storey façade.)

1.3.3 Enhancing the streetscape

- Aesthetically pleasing area with rich character, well-kept gardens, garden beds along the streets, large shady trees and occasional alfresco dining.
- More vegetation and streetscape ambience needed.
- Local native landscaping – low cottage natives at street corners, in parks i.e. Braithwaite - with community involvement on volunteer planting days.
- Regularly spaced street trees at greater density not just every 50m and intermittent resting places to enjoy.

1.3.4 Developing the ambience and reflecting the character

- Easy, relaxed, charming environment full of colour/vibrancy.
- Great place to meet friends for coffee, a meal or drink.
- Relaxed atmosphere.
- The retention of examples of architecture from all eras since Mt. Hawthorn's origin.

1.3.5 Retaining local scale and height

- Develop only for local community needs and within available parking limits.
- Don't develop in excess of local needs.
- Keep traditional style shops – independent and individually owned.
- Scale no higher than 3 storeys.

1.3.6 Slowing and reducing traffic

- No parking on Scarborough Beach Road
- No traffic between Coogee and Fairfield Streets (possibly w/e only)
- Slower traffic.
- Keep traffic slowed to bike friendly between Fairfield and Matlock Streets with enhanced parks at each end.

1.3.7 Sustainability and environmental design principles

- Environmentally friendly.
- A thriving environmentally sustainable area, which encourages community interaction for all age groups.

1.3.8 Informed and integrated decision making

- Well-informed decision making, cross functionally through local government and community.

2 HOUSING, DENSITY AND URBAN DESIGN

2.1 The Positives

2.1.1 *Current density and family friendly housing*

- Current density generally retains existing character homes and promotes gardens.
- R30 helps retain intact streetscape in Mt. Hawthorn, and encourages families and houses with larger garden areas that compensate for a lack of public open space.
- Currently encourages family-friendly life style in an inner city area, with community and diversity.
- Family friendly block sizes – no less than 450 sqm.
- Family oriented housing – not lots of flats.
- Low density, interesting, family-friendly housing, which looks good and preserves privacy.
- Family-friendly; provision of street trees and parks.
- Moved here because of good density – family-friendly in a metro area.
- A mix encourages all family members at all life stages.
- The current density is OK, it encourages community feelings.
- Current density helps maintain the demographics with cooler suburbs and more trees.
- Many sites cannot be developed. Sought after housing is highly priced.

2.1.2 *Intact streetscapes, parks and trees*

- Unique streetscapes, interesting topography and views to the city.
- Intact streets of 'Californian style' bungalows.
- Area still has largely intact streetscapes.
- New developments have generally fitted in with existing developments.
- Buildings complemented with landscaped gardens and street trees have added to lush streetscapes.
- Good street verges and trees.
- Wide streets.
- Wide tree lined streets, great houses and quaint gardens, good cultivation of roundabouts.
- Wide verges and shady trees particularly the natives that encourage native bird life in many parts.
- Parks are numerous and well maintained – lots of street trees.
- Great parks and dog exercise areas – attractive and functional – good swings for kids.

2.1.3 Design and neighbourhood interaction

- Our urban design has given attractive streetscapes, trees, low fencing, uniform setbacks, mostly single storey, front gardens, coolness and shade, safety and adequate playgrounds.
- Houses face the street, windows overlook the street, so there is an interaction between neighbours.
- Quaint homes with open, friendly streetscapes (i.e. no enclosed walls and fences).
- Majority of older homes are modest in size and not overly imposing.
- Most houses are not more than two storeys.
- Design guidelines allow for creativity and individuality.
- Grid plan is good.
- Grid pattern is good – gives legibility and understanding of the streetscape and its intent.
- Topography – maintenance of the sub-division pattern.

2.1.4 Heritage and character housing

- The current housing styles, particularly 'federation'.
- The character buildings of different eras, especially 'art deco'.
- The variety in house styles and shapes – not yet 'gentrified'.
- Love the traditional 1930's homes i.e. Californian bungalow.
- Older style homes with lots of character.
- Traditional setbacks, decorative brickwork, and tiled angled roofs.

2.1.5 Increasing density and housing mix

- More people with increased density – better casual surveillance.
- Good mix of housing – style and size, from all eras.
- Higher density – greater affordability and more housing choices.
- 'Investor ownership' of homes means opportunity for young people to live in the area despite lack of purpose built accommodation.

2.1.6 Commercial area does not invade residential area

- Shopping precinct is compact, does not invade the residential area.
- Footpaths and trees increase the amenity of the streets.

2.2 The Negatives

2.2.1 Impacts of higher density

- Increase in density leads to 'Mc Mansion' built environment and less greenery.
- More density – more cars and traffic.(2)
- Blocks being split resulting in two long narrow blocks. i.e. Matlock St.
- An increase in density would turn Mt. Hawthorn into a developers paradise i.e. people with no care for the area influencing the direction of the suburb.
- Proximity to the city will increase housing cost and encourage developers to build more high-rise/units etc.
- Danger of over-development and loss of character and heritage feel of the area.
- Pressure will result in loss of Mt. Hawthorn's character unless 70-80% of blocks remain at +490sq.m.
- DPI and state government want higher densities – not necessarily a local perspective.
- Potential change of suburban look that could result from continued sub-division and subsequent poor development.
- Poor design of developments could lose trees, privacy, amenities and families.
- Little scope for increase without destroying local character.
- Changing streetscapes – larger buildings, loss of trees, higher fences.
- No plot ratios – hence large developments on small blocks.
- Money will always win in the decision-making.

2.2.2 New houses and poor design

- New houses do not respect neighbours enough, i.e. privacy, overshadowing.
- New houses are too big, especially on small blocks.
- New 'Mc Mansions' that cover the whole block.
- New buildings that do not take W.A. climate into account, i.e. no verandahs, no awnings over windows.
- Inappropriate, cheap and 'boxy' renovations to character homes. (Ruining them!)
- Some council approvals for new houses or renovations.
- Some recent unit developments are not appropriate – too large for the block size.
- Blank walls!
- Red brick paving.
- Too many high walls and fences – keep them low and less isolating.
- Design too geometric and symmetric.
- A lack of contemporary architecture.

2.2.3 Deteriorated streetscape

- Poor footpaths and no verge numbers.
- Unkempt verges.
- Ugly carports in front yards, ruining streetscapes.
- Above ground power lines, with street trees being hacked to avoid them.
- Overhead powerlines.
- Ugly power lines and poles ruin streetscape.

2.2.4 *Lack of sustainable and environmental design principles*

- Not enough effort towards sustainability in new designs.
- Council does not seem to have a policy supporting environmentally sensitive and sustainable designs, i.e. solar, grey water use, stormwater management.
- Predominantly east/west orientation makes environmentally friendly building difficult to achieve.
- Large blocks may not be the best use of land.
- Lack of storm-water harvesting.

2.2.5 *Declining affordability and low density*

- Rapidly becoming an unaffordable area, which limits the socio-economic mix.
- Not enough affordable singles housing, (but not apartments).
- No affordable housing outside family homes.
- Low density does not encourage a range of housing types for differing demographics.

2.3 Vision Ideas for the future

2.3.1 Maintaining traditional housing and streetscapes

- Maintain traditional housing patterns and style along with street trees and open spaces.
- Maintain existing housing stock and streetscape in the interest of keeping Mt. Hawthorn a desirable place for family living.
- Retention of most of the character homes with the ability to increase sizes of dwellings compatibly with existing character, yet also enabling a range of households and dwelling types.
- A place to live that keeps its multicultural heritage, community feel and traditional shop buildings, with a West Australian sense of place, through attractive native vegetation landscaping, street trees and public art.
- I would like to see past generations who settled here being remembered – not pulling down their houses, so that each era can be retained and not lost.
- Mt. Hawthorn is recognised as being an area worthy of retaining as it is, centered around a shopping precinct that retains a variety of shops.
- Beautification of Mt. Hawthorn – maintaining and improving the wonderful features it already has.
- Keep blocks large enough for trees and play areas and housing which fits into attractive streetscape.
- Native trees should be chosen for shade (Apple Gem at Axford Park.)
- Quaint tree-lined streets with many parks and gardens.

2.3.2 Managing and controlling density

- Mixed densities would need to be in carefully chosen pockets.
- Heights not to go above 3 storeys.
- Maintaining the present attractiveness, character and quality of housing.
- Small pockets of well planned and placed higher density; eg. close to the shopping strip to create a village atmosphere.
- Low density housing, tree lined streets, well kept parks, footpaths and cycle-ways; facilities promoting community spirit.
- If there are any density increases, they will be conducted in a caring and sustainable manner with appropriate developments on suitably sized blocks.
- Local council should have the final say on any building construction, i.e. ceiling height and size of rooms.

2.3.3 Improving and developing good urban design

- As people will drive smaller cars, so also houses will get smaller. Mt. Hawthorn will end up at R40 only if the new houses are smaller and new design skills are incorporated into the TPS. Designers will provide impact statements of how their solutions fit into new design requirements. New designs will respect neighbours and the street in a real way.
- Design must 'feed' the soul. Be energy efficient, affordable and creative and accommodate the needs of a diverse community.
- Character housing, renovated into livable homes, designed for climate, using little energy and resources. Block size appropriate for homes, no wasted space, but enough for outdoor living and landscaping (big trees).
- The future urban design will encourage a caring community design that maintains and enhances the current streetscapes with a safe environment that allows social interaction.
- Retention of block size and types of buildings will not impede creativity, with new and better ways of building etc
- The minimum ceiling height for new houses should be 9.5 to 10 ft.

2.3.4 *Developing housing choice and affordability*

- Communal housing projects that enable lower income people and self-care aged to live in the area close to services and with the support of their own community.
- The future will maintain a variety of housing, with styles that will encourage a variety of population and level of affordability.
- Community with people from diverse backgrounds and at all stages of life.
- A safe and friendly place.

2.3.5 *Developing sustainable practice*

- New developments must include sustainability features i.e. passive solar use.
- An eco-friendly village for people wishing to live in a self-sustaining manner.
- Native vegetation use in public areas to make pleasant and safe walkways.

3 CHARACTER AND HERITAGE

3.1 The Positives

3.1.1 *Heritage buildings and streetscapes*

- The character and heritage; houses have quality and beauty with mature trees and gardens.
- Density and housing style give Mt. Hawthorn much of its great character.
- Well-maintained old houses
- Largely intact streetscapes with attractive character homes and established gardens.
- Character housing materials and design contribute to an attractive area.
- Current style of housing (Federation).
- Retention of heritage buildings that will change as time passes.
- Streetscape of the CBD, with traditional shop fronts.

3.1.2 *Particular places and icons*

- The south side of Scarborough Beach Road from Fairfield to Matlock street. (2)
- The Paddington (2)
- Anzac Cottage.(2)
- Mt. Hawthorn primary school. (3)

3.1.3 *Provides a sense of history and local identity*

- Character and heritage eg. Full of character, makes it pleasant to walk around the suburb.
- Keeps the history of the suburb relevant to today's people.
- History of the area is very interesting when discovered i.e. old picture theatre.
- The number of parks, play grounds and garden areas.

3.2 The Negative

3.2.1 *Mt. Hawthorn Plaza and other places*

- Mt. Hawthorn Plaza – orientation detracts from traditional streetscape.
- The shopping centre lacks character and needs development, which should include a 'town centre' focus
- The shopping centre.
- The car yards and empty blocks.
- The streetscape on north side of Scarborough Beach Road from Fairfield to Flinders St.
- The Telstra building.

3.2.2 *Impediments to heritage retention*

- Many older homes are too small for current living standards – outcome is demolition or bad additions – a result of the high value of the land.
- Does not allow for future development that may be necessary.
- No heritage listing.
- The currently underway recording of senior's oral history may not include enough of Mt. Hawthorn's history.

3.2.3 *Impact of new developments*

- Design quality of some new developments, scale is out of context with neighbours and the streetscape.

3.3 Vision Statements and Ideas

3.3.1 Valuing and maintaining character and heritage

- The future character and heritage will depend on the characters living in Mt. Hawthorn. Therefore, the future TPS needs to reflect the past as well as the future. Developers need to be informed of the Town's Vision 2040 so that the current character and heritage is not only maintained but also enhanced to suit evolving characters.
- That the character and heritage of Mt. Hawthorn will be valued, embraced and built upon for future generations to maintain a good quality of life.
- Creation of 'Village Living' in T.O.V. i.e. Mt. Hawthorn, Leederville, Nt. Perth etc., all under the umbrella of T.O.V.
- Keep Paddington Ale House.

3.3.2 New developments to respect character and heritage

- To retain the current character. Any new developments to respect current character as the most important consideration.
- That new developments will fit more subtly into the existing fabric and have a greater respect of the scale of its neighbours.
- The creation of a vibrant Town Centre, reflecting a strong community atmosphere and Centre focus; which respects its history, people and places of significance, keeping the best of the past, but relevant to the future.
- Enhanced 'strip shopping'. The character design of the commercial centre must reflect sympathetically the heritage and sense of place.

3.3.3 Maintaining streetscapes

- Maintenance of intact streetscapes in residential areas and a remodeling of the Scarborough Beach Road precinct that encourages pedestrian traffic and community interaction.
- Enough character housing to be retained to maintain traditional streetscapes.
- Well-maintained and tastefully decorated streets along both sides of Scarborough Beach Road.

3.3.4 Improving community awareness about local history

- Community being interested and informed of their local history and to contribute to research and interviews.
- Need for a central location to find out about the history of the site e.g. public art, Smith's Lake (seat where you can hear oral history of the lake), plaques around community centres.

4 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

4.1 The Positives

4.1.1 *Good public transport and easy access*

- Good public transport services – high frequency of buses, easy access to trains, plus good paths, bike routes and the freeway.
- Easy to get around Mt. Hawthorn on foot – strip shopping encourages walking.
- New travel-smart bus stops.

4.1.2 *Low traffic volumes on local roads*

- Local streets have minimal traffic, which generally flows fairly well throughout.

4.1.3 *Adequate parking*

- Plenty of parking available, which only needs adjustment in some places.

4.2 The Negatives

4.2.1 'Black' spots

- Scarborough Beach Road between Fairfield and Matlock Street a bit scary to cycle through, too narrow.
- Black spot roundabout – Berryman/ Egina Street
- New lights at Flinders St. – problematic for pedestrians and cars turning right are backing up to Coogee St.
- Purslowe St. used as a speedway.
- Traffic control poor at intersections.
- The single lanes on Scarborough Beach Road in Mt Hawthorn, the right-hand turn only lanes are not well sign posted.

4.2.2 Public transport deficiencies

- Lack of direct bus service to Walcott/Beaufort Street
- Train station is a long way from some areas, so one would need to drive there.
- Old run-down bus stops.

4.2.3 Trough traffic and 'run running'

- Through traffic on Scarborough Beach Road is too fast, not down to 40km outside the primary school.
- 'Rat running' not discouraged on residential streets at peak hours. (use of calming devices).

4.2.4 Lack of parking

- Parking at Mt. Hawthorn shops – terrible.
- Lack of parking in town centre – discourages new business.
- Not enough public parking.
- Off-street parking on smaller streets in residential areas.

4.2.5 Lack of cycle paths

- Lack of cycle paths.

4.3 Vision Ideas for the Future

4.3.1 Reducing car reliance and alternative transport methods

- Rate reduction for 'car-free' households.
- The best local government network of bus routes, cycle ways and footpaths to reduce reliance on the car by 50%.
- Energy efficient, quiet and safe public transport by gas or electricity and accessible on foot. Alternatives – scooters, airbus monorail, linking the suburbs together.
- Shuttle service to access train station instead of using cars.

4.3.2 Reducing traffic on Scarborough Beach Road

- Scarborough Beach Road will be a 30 km/h, traffic calmed road through the district centre
- Main-road traffic will by-pass the area.
- Direction of traffic away from town centre by way of tunnels and by-passes
- Introduction of open pedestrian Mall areas.

4.3.3 Improving traffic and pollution management

- All local traffic will be strictly assessed and proper safety and calming methods will be used.
- Promotion of pollution control over all vehicles.

5 SAFETY AND SECURITY

5.1 The Positives

5.1.1 *Good sense of safety and low crime*

- Well-lit streets, feels safe walking around the streets at night.
- Low level of crime, especially violent crime.

5.1.2 *Passive street surveillance*

- Low fences, kids playing in the streets, people cycling and walking – all adds to safety and security.
- High-density housing, high level of community awareness and surveillance and a good mix of community ages, all assist safety and security.

5.1.3 *Increased police presence*

- Increased police presence under new commissioner.

5.2 The Negatives

5.2.1 *Inadequate police presence and community apathy*

- No police station in Mt. Hawthorn.
- No police walking the beat or responding to residents.
- Community apathy.

5.2.2 *Poor street lighting*

- Poor street lighting in residential areas.

5.2.3 *Children being unable to cycle to school*

- Kids at Mt. Hawthorn primary school not allowed to cycle to school.

5.2.4 *'Dead' town centre*

- Town centre pretty 'dead' after hours, except around the hotels.

5.2.5 *Anti-social behaviour*

- Anti-social behaviour around hotels, drunkenness, property damage and urinating in public.

5.3 Vision Ideas for the Future

5.3.1 *Developing community and neighbourhood approaches*

- Maintain a sense of community and an environment that encourages people to communicate and watch out for each other.

5.3.2 *Increase police presence*

- Encourage greater police presence and state government's zero tolerance on crime. Study the use of security cameras to reduce crime. Have police on bicycles.

5.3.3 *Designing out crime*

- Ensure all developments are designed to encourage social contacts and awareness through street-facing units, front verandas, low fencing and enforced hand watering (water restrictions). i.e. for TOV to adopt crime prevention as policy through environmental design.

5.3.4 *Eliminating graffiti*

- Stamp out graffiti.

6 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

6.1 The Positives

6.1.1 *Trees, parks and green spaces*

- Lots of trees, shrubs and landscaped parks and gardens.
- Many street trees are natives, although not enough are W.A. natives.
- Public open spaces, wetlands and parks.

6.1.2 *Location, fresh air and views*

- Mt Hawthorn's geographic location could not be better. The fresh air is priceless.
- Interesting views with hilly landscapes in places.

6.1.3 *Good opportunities for energy efficient practices*

- Opportunity to increase the use of water tanks and solar power.
- Generally good orientation for lots of energy efficiency, eg. Solar design.

6.1.4 *Strong community awareness and value*

- Community is informed and supportive of environmental initiatives.
- Population embraces recycling and sustainability.

6.1.5 *Abundant bird life*

- Abundant bird life, especially native species.

6.2 The Negatives

6.2.1 Energy inefficient design and buildings

- East-west orientation and narrow side setbacks makes housing sustainability and energy efficiency difficult.
- Council is not currently implementing 'sustainability' policies or actions. New developments reflect this. The concept needs to be discussed and incorporated in designs.
- Small home extensions on small blocks may cause the removal of mature trees.
- Deciduous trees not consistent with stormwater management principles.
- Cutting down of trees; Pruning of trees for powerlines.

6.2.2 Decline of environmental qualities

- Not much green space left - no remnant native vegetation, very few indigenous trees, lack of habitat for native birds and animals.

6.2.3 Water wastage

- Ignoring the pollution of stormwater run-off with chemicals and rubbish. This could be re-used or put back into the watertable.

6.2.4 Car dependency and pollution

- Car dependency, air and noise pollution from freeway and main roads.

6.3 Vision Ideas for the Future

6.3.1 Promoting and achieving sustainability

- In partnership with the community and the natural environment, to create a balanced life and self-supporting eco-system.
- A sustainable community of mixed demographics and age groups in an environment that generally supports itself, with energy and water efficient commercial and residential buildings, that retains mature trees and established gardens on public and private land.
- The TOV will engage in actively promoting an appropriate environmental and sustainable lifestyle that considers the Australian climate and outdoor way of life. That they promote developments that make the best use of positioning, energy, water, solar and recycling. That they have policies to monitor and improve existing buildings and make the best use of 'renewables'.
- The local community will be safe, with people walking to local shops and local businesses thriving. People will feel connected to each other and be aware and sensitive of their neighbour's history. The community will embrace sustainable living and build around this concept.
- Mt. Hawthorn will be a community where the built environment blends with and enhances the natural environment.

6.3.2 Improving waste management and minimisation

- Greater use of rainwater tanks
- Stormwater channeled into landscaping use.
- That with our waste water being managed, our bird life will be enhanced and our gardens will be more beautiful.
- That all households will become responsible for reducing waste and the chemical pollutants effecting our environment, therefore creating a thriving and refreshed eco-system in Mt. Hawthorn, the surrounding areas and Perth generally.
- There will be a cost efficient re-cycling service and good public transport facilities through the whole town.
- Recycling needs to be more efficient.
- The air will be cleaner.

6.3.3 Retaining trees, habitat and green spaces

- Increase the number of street trees, unencumbered by power lines.
- Keeping the heritage and history of the area intact by resisting the temptation to change the streetscape and environment with native plants.
- There will be many more trees and landscaped places, which will create a habitat for birds and insects.

7 PARKS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

7.1 The Positives

7.1.1 *Good parks and green spaces*

- Braithwaite Park is well placed opposite the school, near Community Hall, Health Clinic and Toy Library. Good amenities include a rubberised playground.
- BBQ's and playgrounds are meeting places - lighting is important.
- Parks are all well maintained and provide a sense of 'place' for families. Those mentioned – Braithwaite, Menzies, Axford, Hobart Street parks

7.1.2 *Dog exercise areas*

- Dog exercise areas are great and very important, they allow for socialisation not only for dogs, but owners also. Menzies Park, particularly shady and dog friendly.

7.1.3 *Value of community facilities*

- Toilets and public rest areas are important; also swimming and sport areas; as are the showground and weekend markets.

7.2 The Negatives

7.2.1 Facilities needing an upgrade and improved maintenance

- Mt. Hawthorn Community Centre is out of date and under-utilised.
- Menzies Park needs an upgrade – more shady seating and tables, free BBQ's, basketball courts and opened toilets.
- Playground equipment not maintained, sand is old, flea-ridden and dirty. Toilets not open after 3pm.
- Toilets not always open; often dirty and unhygienic; lacking in facilities, i.e. mother and baby rooms and change rooms.
- Axford Park toilet block doesn't appear to be used, as the park is not. It is an eyesore at the top of Oxford St.
- Beatty Park needs upgrading – poor pedestrian access for schools.

7.2.2 Community facility deficits

- Need for more permanent outdoor facilities i.e. chess, table tennis, basketball courts, half wall for sports. These are especially needed for teenagers.
- Fewer facilities north of Scarborough Beach Road None for teenagers or seniors.
- Library needs to be open all weekend. This is not within walking distance, and hard to reach on public transport.

7.3 Vision Ideas for the Future

7.3.1 Improving utilisation and new facilities

- More utilisation and expansion of local parks for festivals, open-air cinema, weekend markets, art displays etc. To keep up with our increasing population, more seating and shelter will be needed.
- We need to utilise facilities in Mt. Hawthorn and ensure that they retain relevance by continual development and benchmarking on local, national and international standards.
- Branch offices of library, council offices and leisure centre facilities in the old Post Office and Braithwaite Community Centre.
- Areas will be provided to facilitate youth and seniors activities, and for a local library without taking up any existing parks or green space.

7.3.2 Improving community development

- That parks and community facilities embrace and improve with the community's development, expectations and relevance.
- Nurture continued community spirit by providing facilities and community pursuits, especially for teenagers, so that they feel included and valued.

7.3.3 Maintaining parks and increasing green spaces

- Mt. Hawthorn will maintain all its current parks and will increase green areas that will allow people to gather socially, or with solo permits.

7.3.4 Easy access

- Easy walking access to branch offices of community facilities, i.e. library, gym.

8 COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND ARTS

8.1 The Positives

8.1.1 *Events, activities and places*

- Underground Jazz club on Friday nights is great; also the Paddington Pub culture.
- Mt. Hawthorn Community centre – many different people and groups using meeting rooms for a wide variety of activities.
- 'Concerts in the Park' series is great; needs to be extended to consider similar programs for dance. (Maybe at sunset not 4pm.)
- Cafes, hotels and shopping centre on Scarborough Beach Road – a positive mixed-use development.

8.1.2 *Mix of cultures and ages*

- Mix of cultures in a friendly atmosphere.
- Presence of elderly long-term residents emphasises the historical aspect of our multicultural community.

8.1.3 *Strong sense of community and family*

- There is a strong sense of community, with plenty of participation.
- Family is what brings us together. Mt. Hawthorn has a good family atmosphere and the character of the streets and parks reflects this.

8.2 The Negatives

8.2.1 *Community and cultural deficits*

- No library.
- No community event, especially for Mt. Hawthorn, i.e. Arts, Crafts and Food Festival, which would bring cottage industries.
- Not enough cultural activities throughout the year; these tend to be centred in Loftus St. centre and do not reflect the culture of the people who have settled in Mt. Hawthorn.
- Not enough out-door evening events for the community i.e. movies, concerts, evening markets.

8.2.2 *Lack of community and public art*

- Very little art for the community either in public parks or on the street. This can be interactive and educational.

8.2.3 *Use of community centre*

- Community centre not used for wide social and cultural interaction.

8.3 Vision Ideas for the Future

8.3.1 Festivals and events

- One day a year, block all major roads in TOV with artworks, performing bands, food, dance and sofas!
- An annual Mt. Hawthorn Festival.
- Involve local business, schools, council and library in promoting cultural and arts events and in putting up Christmas lights.

8.3.2 Developing community and culture

- A Community where people know their neighbours, shop locally, identify with their area and children are involved in local projects and are proud of their area.
- Where people of all ages and backgrounds, having diverse cultures and history, can come together and contribute to Community, through festivals, public art and sculpture, story-telling, music and dance and museum displays.

8.3.3 Cultural venues and resources

- The community, culture and arts of Mt. Hawthorn will be provided with a suitable venue and resources. It will be a year-round focus for all ages and cultures.
- The construction of a sound shell (Myer Music Bowl) to be built somewhere near The Paddington Ale House would be well received by residents on the south side.

8.3.4 Reflecting local heritage in parks

- Landscape Axford Park with plants representing Western Australia and Turkey (Gallipoli).