



# **Mt Lawley Highgate**

**Place Workshop**

**Report**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Mt Lawley Highgate *'Place Workshop'* occurred on 4 December 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 67 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:

- 430 positive observations
- 449 negative observations
- 510 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 AND COMMERCIAL AREAS

### The Positives

- Diversity of retail, commercial and culture
- Good accessibility, public transport and walkability
- Heritage buildings, facades and streetscapes
- Build form, design and scale
- Vibrant and friendly area
- Sense of identity, character and cultural diversity
- Friendly shopkeepers and small scale
- Recent pedestrian safety initiatives
- Late night opening hours
- Some premises are well looked after and clean

### The Negatives

- Traffic and poor pedestrian environment
- Poor appearance and streetscape
- Poor built environment and design
- Poor public amenity
- Obstructed footpaths
- Rubbish and litter
- Lack of vision and loss of heritage values and identity
- Declining diversity in retail outlets
- Impacts of drugs and anti social behaviour
- Not enough public art

### Vision Statements and Ideas

- Improving streetscapes, landscaping and trees
- Reducing traffic and improving pedestrian environment
- Developing diversity in uses and local scale
- Developing public places, amenity and community
- Improving the built form and design
- Improving the Beaufort Street environment
- Car parking solutions

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

### The Positives

- Mix in housing stock and density
- Heritage buildings, intact streetscapes and sense of place
- Open streetscapes and neighbourhood interaction
- Blend of old and new housing
- Current density and scale
- Trees, parks and green spaces
- Higher density
- Potential for improvement

### The Negatives

- Impacts of higher density
- Neglected houses and streetscapes
- Poor design
- Declining housing affordability and diversity
- Lack of underground power
- Lack of sustainable and environmental design principles
- Loss of trees and box trees
- Lack of good car parking

### Vision Statements and Ideas

- Enhancing housing choice and sympathetic design
- Protecting heritage housing and streetscapes
- Sensitive planning and management of development
- Containing housing density to certain areas
- Reducing traffic and improving pedestrian amenity
- Local and neighbourhood decision making
- Better design and approval processes
- Developing sustainable practice and environmental design

## **CHARACTER AND HERITAGE**

### The Positives

- Original houses and buildings
- Diversity of cultures
- Trees and parks
- Blend of character and contemporary
- Traditional style gardens and streetscapes
- Sense of place and local identity
- Historical interest and value
- Particular places or icons
- Affordable accommodation
- Good re-use opportunities for historic buildings

### The Negatives

- Neglected character buildings and streetscapes
- Poor streetscapes and lack of public art
- Impact of new developments and poor design
- Lack of heritage awareness
- Lack of incentives to retain heritage buildings
- Heritage controls
- Chasing out prostitutes and indigenous people

### Vision Statements and Ideas

- Preserving character buildings and streetscapes
- Raising the awareness and celebrating local heritage
- Valuing and balancing heritage and development
- Retaining the unique character and cultural diversity
- Preserving trees and green spaces
- Density and height restrictions
- Improving the design and quality of new developments
- Incentives for retaining heritage
- Redevelop the old geography of the area

## **TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT**

### The Positives

- Easy access and good public transport
- Walkability and cycle access
- Car parking behind shops

### The Negatives

- Poor pedestrian and cyclist amenity and safety
- Car parking deficiencies
- Excessive arterial traffic volumes and speed
- Public Transport deficiencies
- Black spots – Beaufort Street
- Poor traffic control and calming
- Poor design and access
- City workers parking in side streets
- Preference given to cars over pedestrian and cyclists

### Vision Statements and Ideas

- Developing public transport and town linkages
- Reintroduction of light rail
- Reducing traffic volume and speed on Beaufort Street
- Creating a pedestrian and cycle friendly environment
- Reducing car use and priority given to cars
- Effective traffic calming and monitoring
- Car parking solutions
- Environmentally friendly transport

## **SAFETY AND SECURITY**

### The Positives

- Good sense of safety
- Passive street surveillance
- Good sense of community and neighbourhood
- Responsive local police and council

### The Negatives

- Poor lighting and maintenance of lane ways
- Presence of drugs, vandalism and anti social behaviour
- Unsafe places
- Police and council response
- Fortress mentality
- Street Prostitution
- Poor public perception about safety and crime
- Lack of maintenance and use of lane ways
- Poor pedestrian safety

### Vision Statements and Ideas

- Developing a strong sense of neighbourhood
- Improve lighting
- Decriminalisation and focusing on the cause of crime
- Strong sense of safety in the community
- Active and well maintain lane ways
- Designing out crime
- Improving policing and surveillance
- Public transport post midnight
- Reducing domestic violence

## **ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY**

### The Positives

- Trees, parks and green spaces
- Environmental assets
- Recycling and worm farms
- Wetlands
- Trend toward sustainable design
- Benefits of older homes
- Strong community awareness and value
- Undergrounding power
- Responsible pet owners.

### The Negatives

- Poor environment design and sustainability
- Inadequate recycling and waste management
- Lack of trees and green spaces
- Noise and pollution
- Impact of development
- Cats and pests
- Lack of native vegetation
- Poor maintenance

### Vision Statements and Ideas

- Sustainable building design and practice
- Planting more trees, green spaces and linkages
- Improving waste management and minimisation
- Developing wetlands
- Reducing traffic
- Controlling animals and pests
- Town of Vincent encourages strong biodiversity
- Controlling noise pollution
- Local decision making in environmental issues

## **PARKS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

### The Positives

- Good local parks and green spaces
- Hyde Park
- Good all-round amenity
- Library service
- Access to child health
- Access to churches

### The Negatives

- Lack of community hall, meeting place and library
- Lack of public amenities
- Lack of facilities & activities for children and young people
- Limited access to community facilities without a car
- Need more trees and green space
- Impacts of development and population growth
- Impacts of wider Perth community use of facilities
- Unsafe access to parks
- Poor access to high schools

### Vision Statements and Ideas

- Protecting and enhancing parks
- Creating new parks, wetlands and green linkages
- Improving existing facilities and new facilities
- Improving access to community facilities
- Creative outlet for young people

## **COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND ARTS**

### The Positives

- Community spirit and vibrancy
- Diversity of cultures and tolerance
- Community cultural activities and events
- Human scale, interaction and village atmosphere
- Artists living in the area
- Acknowledging the traditional land owners

### The Negatives

- Lack of cultural events, festivals and resources
- Lack of public and community art
- Insular community
- Impact of busy roads
- No community hall or meeting place
- Lack of recognition of indigenous culture
- Little reflection and interpretation of history
- High density and monocultures

### Vision Statements and Ideas

- Enhancing sense of community and cultural diversity
- Developing cultural facilities and opportunities
- Increasing public art
- Developing opportunities for artists
- Increasing funding to community, culture and the arts

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 AND COMMERCIAL PRECINCTS**

## **1.1 The Positives**

### **1.1.1 *Diversity of retail, commercial and culture***

- Diversity: economic, cultural, and social (x4).
- The diversity of businesses and uses of space (mixed commercial; businesses, particularly with large percentage of independently owned businesses).
- I love that I can do all my shopping there: all needs for weekly shopping can be satisfied (x2).
- Love the Queens and coffee shops, more pubs, and alfresco areas.
- Cafes and variety of dining.
- Good choice of restaurants. (x2)
- Al Fresco dining. (x2)
- Diverse mix of shops, cafes, restaurants; local support to Beaufort Street businesses.
- Diversity of retail/commercial activities (x2).
- Diversity of uses.
- Mixed diversity in retail choices.
- Mixed use: cinema/café/shops.
- Variety of shops (including 24 hours).
- Diversity of window-shopping.
- Variety of business in type, and price (cheap to expensive).
- Cinema.
- Residential and commercial mix of uses.
- Increasing mixed use makes for a livelier town centre.
- Eclectic mix of businesses.
- I like the diversity of weirdos' shopping: eg Dr Pat's Emporium.
- Local, interesting shops.
- Newsagents.
- Flowers for sale on street (x2).
- Prostitutes in the area.
- Embracing of diversities.

### **1.1.2 *Good accessibility, public transport and walkability***

- Everything is within walking distance (x2).
- Easy to walk to/around.
- Walkable and safe, even at night (x2).
- Handy to Perth (walking).
- Lots of pedestrians on the streets.
- Pedestrian friendly atmosphere (x2).
- Access: pedestrians.
- Commercial strip: convenience for shops, etc, within walking distance: living suburb.
- Easy access to centre (from home).
- Easy access to public transport.

- Public transport/Plenty of buses to city.
- Good transport.
- Handy to Perth, but not too close.
- Proximity to city and amenities (eg Hyde Park, Post Office, schools, doctors, cinema, restaurants, shops).
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### **1.1.3 Heritage buildings, facades and streetscapes**

- Diversity of architectural periods in buildings (from federation/deco/post-industrial/contemporary).
- Landmark character buildings.
- Love the old buildings: deco corner.
- Historical buildings.
- Diversity of uses and historic buildings.
- Historic streetscape: buildings, especially Walcott/Beaufort Sts intersection.
- Heritage façades (upper levels especially), and art deco buildings (x2).
- Character façades of buildings give Mt Lawley special character.
- Trees - old, fully grown (historical).
- Views - corridor of Perth city (x2).
- Shade provided by awnings.
- Trees on the footpaths for summer shade (x2).
- Wide footpaths.

### **1.1.4 Build form, design and scale**

- Introduction of modern, sympathetic design: built environment.
- Increasing good quality of new buildings.
- Built form has interest, continuity of shops.
- Tight urban network and density.
- Short, low buildings against the street: human scale.
- Streetscape: attractive buildings, some are run down, but with potential.
- Some of the signs on certain buildings are very good.
- Low-rise strip development - eg Beaufort Street strip - retains character.
- "Strip" development of commercial uses: character.
- Commercial area is well defined, with minimal spillage into residential areas.
- Accessible (built environment).

### **1.1.5 Vibrant and friendly area**

- Street life, and tables on the street: movement, etc.
- Vibrancy, atmosphere, nightlife (x3).
- Life: lively, active, friendly (x2).
- Nightlife: cafes/restaurants bring Beaufort Street to life.
- Activities that front the street.

- Atmosphere/ambience.
- Generally safe: lacks Northbridge element.

#### **1.1.6 *Sense of identity, character and cultural diversity***

- Cosmopolitan nature.
- Multicultural.
- Diversity: of cultures, arts, buildings (type and use).
- Great sense of history.
- Lots of character.
- Character due to diversity.
- Community feel: mixed ethnic backgrounds.
- Feeling of community.

#### **1.1.7 *Friendly shopkeepers and small scale***

- Friendly shopkeepers (I feel as if I know them all) (x2).
- Friendly shopkeepers and staff: everybody knows you.
- Small shop service.
- Small shop owners encouraged.
- Small scale of the businesses and the variety.
- Size is local – know the locals.

#### **1.1.8 *Recent pedestrian safety initiatives***

- Railings at kerbside (in selected locations).
- New fences (Nandos).
- Parking free (during the day) Barlee Street.

#### **1.1.9 *Late night opening hours***

- Late night shopping/opening hours (x2).

#### **1.1.10 *Some premises are well looked after and clean***

- Some premises are well looked after and clean.

## **1.2 The Negatives**

### **1.2.1 *Traffic and poor pedestrian environment***

- Constant traffic on Beaufort St makes it difficult to cross for pedestrians and motorists.
- Too much through traffic, which is too fast (x3).
- Traffic goes too fast (why not like Victoria Park?), and nowhere to cross the road.
- Unsafe Beaufort St for pedestrians, for parking.
- Road danger: for pedestrians, cyclists, motorists, and animals.
- Too heavy traffic (need more public transport).
- High-speed vehicles from City of Perth and City of Stirling.
- Peak hour traffic.
- No alternative traffic north route other than Beaufort St.
- Too many cars.
- Traffic needs calming – danger to pedestrians (x2).
- Dangerous pedestrian crossings.
- No pedestrian amenity.
- Improve the Barlee St car parks.
- Median strips restricting access to side streets when driving car.
- Prefer to have heavy cartage vehicles banned from area.
- Seems that car is king.
- Traffic congestion.
- Dangerous for cyclists.
- Median strip in centre of street not wide enough for wheelchairs, bicycles, prams.
- Traffic has dominance on Beaufort St.
- Delivery trucks and vans parking and unloading in lanes behind shops: blocks residential access.
- Traffic and parking.
- Lack of parking.
- Not enough parking for café/restaurant patrons at night.
- Proposed parking restrictions.
- Parking issues: weekends and evenings.
- Too little parking restricts some proposed commercial uses.
- Lack of Town of Vincent parking facilities to cater for increasing demand.

### **1.2.2 *Poor appearance and streetscape***

- Some shop fronts have run-down façades.
- Lack of trees and denuded landscape of struggling trees.
- No real streetscape (no trees).
- Trees: not enough, and wrong type/quality (x2).
- Untidy shrubbery, plant areas, and grass verges.
- Some ugly buildings.
- Garages off Beaufort St.
- Unused business facilities: ex car yards, etc.
- Condition of some empty premises.

- Roller doors.
- Shops with no overhangs to protect people from rain and sun.
- Lack of awnings (x5).
- Ugly power poles and lines.
- Overhead power lines: Barlee St south – obscure city views and unattractive and restrict pavement use.
- Restrictions on shop fronts.
- 50% visibility.
- Derelict areas.
- Signage: too loud, large, ugly (x2).
- Shop signs not enhancing.
- Too many car yards/vehicle outlets: better use could be made of sites (x6).
- Hungry Jacks does not fit in the streetscape.

### **1.2.3 *Poor built environment and design***

- Inconsistent urban fabric (built form).
- Lack of common building style – untidy frontages.
- Commercial along the street frontage is a waste of land.
- Large expanses of black top car parking.
- Need more housing above shops.
- Houses over retail.
- Not enough use of upper levels of buildings: neglected appearance, and reduced activity levels.
- Need greater density of development: more homes over shops.
- Narrow laneways: safety issues.

### **1.2.4 *Poor public amenity***

- No real “third” space for meeting: eg market, library (x2).
- Nowhere to sit.
- Lack of resting spots.
- No shade trees.
- Lack of parks.
- Lack of public toilets (x2).
- Lack of bicycle paths and lock places.
- Poor lighting in some areas: safety.
- Smelly: from fast food, car emissions.

### **1.2.5 *Obstructed footpaths***

- Keep pavements free of clutter: signs, poles, bins, and flowers for sale.
- Unclear footpaths due to obstructions.
- Obstructed footpaths: tables, alfresco barriers.
- Footpaths obstructed by café furniture and billboards.
- The spillage from Must Wine Bar and Mykonos is disruptive on persons walking along the footpath.

### **1.2.6 *Rubbish and litter***

- Not enough garbage bins down side streets to take takeaway rubbish.
- Too much litter especially glass/alcoholic drink bottles dumped on verges.
- Litter from takeaways and bottle shops.
- Rubbish from restaurants dumped on verge in Mary St.
- Businesses do not contribute to rubbish clean up (Particularly licensed premises, and the bottle litter).

### **1.2.7 *Lack of vision and loss of heritage values and identity***

- Ad hoc vision.
- Growing pains: becoming popular, but council is not managing - need consistency.
- Danger of losing heritage values (x2).
- Danger of becoming another Northbridge.

### **1.2.8 *Declining diversity in retail outlets***

- Restaurants are taking over – losing diversity of retail shops.
- Worried about all the restaurants.
- Need better variability in retail outlets: over-emphasis on restaurants and cafés.
- Commercialisation – balance.

### **1.2.9 *Impacts of drugs and anti social behaviour***

- Needle disposal units.
- Near health food shop: discarded syringes and human excreta/rubbish.
- Drug users and dealers.

### **1.2.10 *Not enough public art***

- Not enough public art/local icons (x3).

## **1.3 Vision Statements and Ideas**

### **1.3.1 *Improving streetscapes, landscaping and trees***

- Town centre/commercial area is a lively, pedestrian friendly shopping and eating strip, which allows residents: safety night and day; easy access by foot, bicycle or car and bus; shelter from the elements.
- An enhanced Beaufort streetscape with well-maintained buildings and shop fronts.
- A more friendly environment, with leafy scape (more trees) - cooler for pedestrians; street awnings to protect people from weather
- Tree-lined streets, wonderful architecture (old and new) with a focus on pedestrians.
- Leafy streets with shops/restaurants on multiple levels and open until 3.00am.
- Streetscaping: local areas of native plants and shade trees.
- More aesthetically pleasing streetscape.
- A people-friendly streetscape, preferably pedestrian thoroughfares.
- Encourage Al Fresco.
- More landscaping trees.
- Leafy, well-kept streets.
- Shady trees (x2).
- Shadier thoroughfares, preferably more trees.
- Vandal-proof trees that are not blocking vision.
- Alfresco areas = lively streets.
- A reasonably small "park area" fronting Beaufort St, with benches, toilet and baby change facilities: shade and protection from weather essential.
- Even, level footpaths without obstacles.
- Clean streets, no broken pavement.
- Bury powerlines (x3).

### **1.3.2 *Reducing traffic and improving pedestrian environment***

- A shift in paradigm from car culture to local pedestrian networks supported by a council that encourages diversity of activity.
- Traffic needs to be managed to assist this vision: parking underground; culture change to use shared transport.
- Through traffic slowed to reasonable speed (40kph or less).
- Take traffic away with bridges, underground, monorail.
- Main three roads below ground level.
- Controlled traffic flow.
- Slow down traffic and provide more crossing points for pedestrians.
- Well managed traffic, with consideration for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Quieter traffic (x2).
- No loud music from motor vehicles.
- Non-vehicle access improved.
- Safety.
- Walkability/accessibility (x2).
- People and pedestrian friendly.
- Pedestrian accessibility.

- No cars, no brothels, no druggies.

### **1.3.3 *Developing diversity in uses and local scale***

- A vibrant mixed-use predominantly commercial street with housing above shops and small scale businesses.
- Mt Lawley a hub of local community, offering the key needs for its community: i.e. restricted traffic flows; thriving commerce; safety; greenery; a place to come and enjoy.
- The Mt Lawley town centre will be a vibrant place with activity, where locals can meet and that maintains its sense of history.
- Would like to see the Beaufort Street strip filled and maintained by independent businesses, not filled with franchises or owned by a small monopoly of owners.
- A small historical community village style town centre with mixed-use businesses (not large), with adequate, cheap parking provided by Town of Vincent.
- Local "ownership" of the space as well as accessible by others.
- Encourage small businesses.
- Variety of shops and businesses including retail shopping, small business, eclectic, with older buildings restored.
- More socially interactive environment where people can stop and chat.
- More interesting shops; more federation shop-fronts; more trees.
- Maintain diversity of uses.
- Maintain commercial diversity.
- Good mix of businesses.
- Mix of commercial uses.
- More interesting shops; more federation shop-fronts; more trees.
- Dress shops, pastry shops.
- Two or three good bookshops.
- Classy shopping area: encourage cutting edge shops; second hand bookshops, Diverse shopping.
- Unique historic centre that people want to value and visit.
- A lively but safe place: a place that people will enjoy living in and visiting.

### **1.3.4 *Developing public places, amenity and community***

- More public open space: parks, seats, malls, pedestrian areas.
- Central meeting point for community.
- Pedestrianised malls.
- Put in a drinking fountain.
- Absence of litter.
- Rubbish pick up each week along Beaufort Street.
- Weeds under control along footpaths and edges of buildings.
- Reduced public consumption of alcohol, street drinking.
- No huge empty planter boxes!
- A vibrant community linked physically and emotionally.
- Neighbourly mix of cultures.

### **1.3.5 *Improving the built form and design***

- Enhanced mixed-use developments that respect heritage, scale, and form of “village”/strip shopping development, yet enables additional height and contemporary buildings.
- Built form: not imposing; facilitating people activity.
- Unique buildings, shops, atmosphere.
- Reinforce the built up urban environment with a well-designed public streetscape.
- Interactive streetscape.
- Housing over the shop-fronts.
- Retain heritage.
- Not multiple stories beyond 2/3 storeys.
- An urban village where diversity and sustainable environment ideas are highly valued along with safety.
- Responsible use of resources: eg water re-cycling.

### **1.3.6 *Improving the Beaufort Street environment***

- Reduced through traffic along Beaufort Street, with local traffic servicing a vibrant, economic, cultural and social centre.
- No need for morning or evening clearway so footpaths wider and street reduced to one lane each way.
- To reduce traffic flow and make Beaufort St more pedestrian-friendly.
- A cleaner look through Beaufort Street with shop fronts enhanced with better signs.
- More trees planted along Beaufort Street to give a better outlook to the area.
- More illuminated premises to improve the look and give life to Beaufort Street at night.
- Trees along Beaufort Street.

### **1.3.7 *Car parking solutions***

- Car parks located underground.
- No dedicated car parks/limited parking provided within/under developments.
- Parking solved.

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

### **2.1 The Positives**

#### **2.1.1 *Mix in housing stock and density***

- Variety of housing styles: single homes, terraces, units, old and new housing.
- Enjoy the diversity of housing: with new and older residents and diversity of economic backgrounds.
- Diversity of housing types.
- Housing density is variable.
- Good mix of housing types: diversity (x4).
- Like the mix of household types.
- Existing medium and high-density older housing is good.
- Variety of different housing developments, and mix of densities – not all the same suburbia!!
- Variety of heights - 1, 2, 3 storey – can work together ok.
- Block size is sensible: variety of block sizes.
- Small lots and variety of housing creates an interesting pedestrian environment.
- Mix of housing affordability.
- Like the diversity in affordability: styles, heights.
- Affordable housing still available.
- High-density housing providing low cost accommodation and increases residential population.
- Like the increased density, but not at the cost of cheap accommodation and diverse population.

#### **2.1.2 *Heritage buildings, intact streetscapes and sense of place***

- Historical houses: keep character buildings, which make Mt Lawley unique.
- Heritage/character of homes and care evident with preserving these.
- Heritage character of houses and gardens.
- Current historical architecture.
- People who restore run down heritage should get prizes!
- Retention of character homes by incorporating mixed use.
- Character housing usually single level and accessible for handicapped and aged.
- Older homes add character.
- Great sense of history: intact streetscape of 90+-year-old houses.
- Retention of heritage streetscapes.
- Retention of existing intact streetscapes (x2).
- Sense of history, and re-use of them.
- Retention of "sense of place".
- Value some owners/developers have for heritage.
- Majority of architecture creates a comfortable environment.
- Maintenance of streetscape: including trees, aesthetics, sympathy for existing houses.

### **2.1.3 *Open streetscapes and neighbourhood interaction***

- Open streetscape.
- Predominantly non-gated housing – allows for interaction.
- Despite R80, built at medium density generally in suburbs: provides for gardens, trees, front yards giving interaction with street and passers-by.
- Houses face onto streets, so people know each other.
- People can meet on the streets: not BIG front walls that block out neighbours.
- Pedestrian amenity enhanced by houses and developments addressing and activating the street.
- Footpaths that get used because we walk to work etc, and don't drive.
- Street parking means that people have to walk in the street and talk to neighbours.

### **2.1.4 *Blend of old and new housing***

- Mix of old and new makes for interesting streetscape.
- Some fabulous innovative modern designs interspersed and well integrated.
- Some infill designs modern, but work well: eg use of corrugated iron.
- Blend of old and new: whether new housing or extensions to old houses is acceptable.
- Blend of different housing acceptable.
- The old heritage houses, but also some of the new well-integrated developments.
- Like the mix of character houses and new, well-designed contemporary houses.
- Variation of architectural styles where maintaining old buildings not possible.

### **2.1.5 *Current density and scale***

- Good mixture of housing density currently (x2).
- Density (R codes) are ok and allow for diverse range of houses.
- Like low-level single storey housing (x2).
- Block sizes.
- "Urban" scale.

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

- Street trees help create a cohesive urban environment/streetscape.
- Treed streets.
- Established trees.
- Lots of trees and the fauna that come with them (x2).
- Great parks.
- I like the weeds and scrubby bits too.

### **2.1.7 *Higher density***

- Rather have the land used to the max here where infrastructure is already in place, than the increased urban sprawl and destruction of bush in the north, east, and south of Perth.
- Like the higher density and retention of human scale in most areas.
- Like the smaller lots for dwellings for 1 or 2 people.
- It appears that vertical development has been restricted to 4 to 5 floors max.

### **2.1.8 Potential for improvement**

- Rapidly changing - so potential for improvement.
- Good investment area.

## **2.2 The Negatives**

### **2.2.1 Impacts of higher density**

- Concerned about zones and density as high zones have an adverse impact on quality of life: lack of privacy due to noise and overlooking; no garden space; cramped conditions may cause social problems.
- Three level housing does not have sympathy with existing built form.
- Three storey buildings being built in single storey streetscapes (x2).
- Out-of-scale developments with no regard for existing streetscape.
- Inappropriate infill/development (x2).
- Allowing too much urban infill, creating modern 'ghetto' of over-population.
- Overlooking/overshadowing by new developments.
- Taller housing stock overlooking older homes: lack of privacy.
- Living too close to next-door neighbours.
- Too much infill results in lack of privacy: people want peace and quiet on weekends.
- Air conditioner noise.
- Acoustic privacy should be increased and built into building codes.
- Increase in density equates to increase in parking, traffic issues.
- Small lots with large houses and no thought to outlook.
- Infill for infill sake: responsible placement.
- Sub-division should not be permitted on blocks less than 500m<sup>2</sup> in areas that are mainly single storey development.
- Density bonuses should not be across the board when retaining original house.
- Poor quality of materials used in new buildings.

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

- 'Streetscape' as public reality is very poor quality: i.e. no significant avenues of street trees; poor footpath quality; roads too wide (car is king).
- Streetscape could be improved with trees and interesting paving along Beaufort St.
- Street verges vary greatly in their condition.
- Derelict housing.
- Some places need better care.
- Some run down properties – some owners don't maintain – waiting to sell land.
- "Heritage" housing: owners not supported (eg restoration grants) so houses get pulled down: eg Smith Street.
- Lack of funding to maintain heritage houses.

### **2.2.3 Poor design**

- Take over by trendy/rich: outrageously hubristic new houses disregarding the local streetscape.
- Don't like bad design: i.e. poor solar orientation; poor aesthetics; poor quality; poor privacy and poor lighting.
- Dislike expanses of brick (irradiated heat); houses facing North/West without suitable design features to manage sun – requirement for air conditioning; no relief to row of house façades with greenery to soften.
- Dislike contemporary design that will date quickly and look like a disaster in 10 years.
- Dislike 'suburban character' houses.
- Gated community.

### **2.2.4 Declining housing affordability and diversity**

- Loss of affordable housing is inappropriate.
- Affordable housing is disappearing.
- Affordable housing is disappearing and diversity of housing styles and people living in them.
- House prices are keeping young couples/singles out.
- Control of housing affordability is near impossible in free market: government involvement/ownership is only way of providing affordable housing.
- Housing is not delivering to changing demographic profile: projected 50% single person houses, yet we still have 3 and 4 bedroom houses (mostly) being built.
- Catering for growth?

### **2.2.5 Lack of underground power**

- Lack of underground power/overhead power lines in some areas – affects trees (x3).
- Council's street tree pruning practice is outrageous.

### **2.2.6 Lack of sustainable and environmental design principles**

- Modern houses with no real energy efficiency: eg requiring air conditioning, etc.
- Obstruction of breezes and light caused by double storey development next door creating heat sinks.

### **2.2.7 Loss of trees and box trees**

- Loss of street trees.
- Box trees.

### **2.2.8 Lack of good car parking**

- Lack of good car parking.

## 2.3 Vision Statements and Ideas

### 2.3.1 *Enhancing housing choice and sympathetic design*

- A mix of good housing stock is good, however infill must be improved in design and quality/council to be rigorous.
- Keep in check the increasing percentage of Homeswest accommodation etc.
- Some increase in density, while maintaining the character of the area: well designed homes; well maintained properties.
- A compatible mix of character and modern development where the individual's right is respected.
- Balanced federation charm/character retaining affordability.
- Diverse appropriate housing, with underground power, sufficient public open space, and the "sense of history" maintained.
- Great mix of beautifully (and correctly) restored old houses with outstanding modern architecture.
- Variety of housing - including affordable.
- A diverse housing for people (age/economics); architecture (particularly retaining and celebrating the sense of history).
- Some appropriate increase in density and infill incorporating mix of housing.
- Maintain variety of housing and affordability.
- Keep diverse housing mix, but maintain the unique "heritage" feel of Highgate.
- Should be a variety of densities to provide a variety of housing.
- Mixed density housing.
- A blend of diverse housing styles and types, catering for all user groups and which are environmentally sustainable and, as a cohesive whole, contribute to an urban village.
- Housing density and urban design, which accommodates appropriately, the demography (1 & 2 person) of the residents.
- Like infill so long as it is in keeping with rest of area and well designed.
- Well-designed infill development.
- Maintain unique style and character of area, while recognising need for urban development: this should be sympathetic but not imitation of Mt Lawley style and be of a high quality (materials).
- A residential area that retains its current character while allowing for well-designed infill development: an area that maintains a broad mix of housing types suitable for a variety of residents.
- Find, consult good architects and listen to them when proposals are put up.
- No more airless suburbs like Subiaco and East Perth.
- Working class population still here!!

### 2.3.2 *Protecting heritage housing and streetscapes*

- I want to see clean, well maintained streets with plenty of trees and shrubs (x3).
- Large street trees providing shade (x2).
- Plenty of trees to freshen air spaces between houses for airflow.
- Tree-lined and grassed meeting places.
- Tree-lined urban village with quality architecture reflecting the diversity of residents who live her with an emphasis on pedestrian accessibility.
- If building boundary to boundary, mandate use of trees in gardens: i.e. not enough trees.
- Houses continue to address street with good neighbourhood including low front fences.

- Encourage gardens with local flora.
- Street gardens and seating.
- Pleasant streets to walk down: safe, plenty of greenery.
- Interactive streetscape.
- More thoughtful use of street plantings to soften streetscapes and accentuate character and interest.
- Walks of interest.
- Leafy well maintained verges.
- Underground power (x3).
- No litter.
- Maintain history.
- Current housing preserved and history maintained.
- All old housing has been retained and restored.
- Maintain some heritage.
- Maintain existing streetscapes and heritage "feel".
- Continuity between the many styles, which have existed over the 125 years.
- Maintain some heritage.
- Maintain existing streetscapes and heritage "feel".
- Initiatives for ratepayers to take better care of their homes and shops.

### **2.3.3 Sensitive planning and management of development**

- Moderated infill (higher density) development using climate design and cognitive of existing house stock.
- Larger blocks have infill off right of ways.
- Mix of single residence, with multi-residence.
- Design sympathetic to existing surrounds (x2).
- Present day developments will look dated and be ready for redevelopment, or kept for their historical value.
- Have well designed and well located infill that's well integrated.
- Maintenance of current density with minimum change to visual urban design.
- Keep density and streetscapes as is.
- Housing and commercial buildings to have variety and a limit on height to keep skyline.
- Height restrictions for new development (not high rise).
- No high density.

### **2.3.4 Containing housing density to certain areas**

- Density should be loaded onto town centres.
- Building 1 or 2 storeys over single storey shops to accommodate further housing, and which would not be higher than other buildings in the area.
- Allow some areas to increase density in an appropriate manner and with environmental and sustainable planning to include plot ratio.
- Increase densities along Beaufort St, provided it is very well designed.
- Buildings facing minor roads limited to maximum of 2 storeys. Any increase of height restrictions be limited to properties fronting major roads only.

### **2.3.5 *Reducing traffic and improving pedestrian amenity***

- Even flow of traffic: not bumper to bumper (less pollution).
- Ease of walking safely.
- Safety.

### **2.3.6 *Local and neighbourhood decision making***

- Any development large or small should only be built with the agreement of neighbours.
- Resident control of streetscape.
- Decisions not made purely by investors and real estate, and constant community involvement.

### **2.3.7 *Better design and approval processes***

- Conditions for development should be set so that developers moving into the area know up front the limits they face.
- Consistent implementation of planning regulations: land use and building.
- Changes needed to strata title legislation.

### **2.3.8 *Developing sustainable practice and environmental design***

- Housing with a smaller ecological footprint.
- Integrates excellent design principles: solar passive design; solar energy; grey water use; facilitation of recycling.

### **3 CHARACTER AND HERITAGE**

#### **3.1 The Positives**

##### **3.1.1 *Original houses and buildings***

- Still some original buildings: Highgate Primary School, churches, various.
- Character housing and buildings is one of the biggest positives of the area.
- One of Perth's older suburbs: it's great to live in a house that is half the age of the state.
- Original housing stock and its selective recognition by council/heritage council.
- Character historical houses being maintained – as they are what the area is all about!
- Homes that have been retained/restored for their charm and character regardless of their age.
- Old heritage buildings that are well maintained.
- Heritage housing.
- Federation homes.
- Diverse heritage houses ranging in vintage.
- Old buildings.
- The older housing is better built, and more aesthetically pleasing than a lot of modern housing.
- Many interesting and beautiful character buildings.
- Lovely homes on Broome St, down from Wright St: very interesting.
- Type of housing.
- Housing in the area is generally well-maintained.
- Deco design.

##### **3.1.2 *Diversity of cultures***

- Mixture of cultures and religions, which is celebrated and incorporated into the community.
- Multicultural and socio-economically diverse (eg refugees, elderly, professional couples) (x3).
- Diverse population: old ethnic people, and young families.
- Multicultural (x4).
- Ethnic diversity of residents.
- Multicultural feel due to restaurants and shops.
- Embracing of all aspects of culture/people.
- Council's recognition of indigenous owners.
- Diverse people: prostitutes welcomed for instance.
- Like the wierdo's.

##### **3.1.3 *Trees and parks***

- Fabulous parks with old established trees (eg Forrest Park).
- Lovely parks (x3).
- Hyde Park.
- Good, well maintained parks.
- Maintaining historical trees – from parklands to street trees, to trees in residences.
- Mature trees.

- Old street trees.
- Large trees are valued.
- Big blocks.
- Green spaces (x2).

#### **3.1.4 *Blend of character and contemporary***

- In most cases new buildings have integrated well with the old.
- Contemporary development sits well against old.
- Successful blending of old and new housing retaining heritage streetscapes.
- Good mix of ages and styles.
- Diversity of styles.
- Interesting streetscapes: old and new.

#### **3.1.5 *Traditional style gardens and streetscapes***

- Traditional style gardens: front yards including acalypha, privets, plumbago and roses; and back yards with fruit trees – apples, lemons, plums, loquats, mulberries, oranges, and figs.
- Low scale houses and low fences – an interactive relationship with the street, facilitates making a community where people know and care for each other.
- Maintaining an open streetscape, and not the gates/closed in front areas: as the gardens (in front of houses) provide the grounding for the streetscape.
- Retained streetscape and character of area.
- Streetscapes: eg tree lined (x2).
- Diverse development of street verges.

#### **3.1.6 *Sense of place and local identity***

- History of area is interesting, provides meaning, contributes to a sense of place: we live in “Highgate”, not “Nowheresville”.
- Heritage housing can be a cue to telling the stories of the area and build a sense of community.
- Highgate’s character is derived of many cultural layers of past inhabitants. This creates a close village type environment – we should endeavour to grow from this and not become a ‘noddyville’ like Subi-Centro.
- Character is not defined by heritage.
- Character is all about diversity.

#### **3.1.7 *Historical interest and value***

- History is of interest to 4<sup>th</sup> generation residents and also to recent arrivals.
- People who value old houses want to live here: lovely renovations and encourages a sense of pride in the area.
- Interesting houses, parks, friendly people who walk instead of using cars, coffee shops.
- High visibility of its heritage.
- Historical value.

#### **3.1.8 *Particular places or icons***

- Walcott St intersection; Queens Hotel; Brisbane Hotel; St Albans; Mary St; Hyde Park; Brigatti Gardens; Jack Marks Gardens; Sewerage Tower.

- Love Mary St and McCarthy St – avenue of trees.
- Hyde Park is an icon; as are Mary St, and the Sacred Heart buildings.
- Retention and restoration of Astor art deco architecture.

### **3.1.9 Affordable accommodation**

- Cheap accommodation.
- Care and thought (eg the big ugly Smith St block – I believe is well run, and with new park is quite pleasant).

### **3.1.10 Good re-use opportunities for historic buildings**

- Good re-use opportunities of historic buildings: eg church ⇒ home; meeting hall ⇒ small office; tram building ⇒ dentist.

## **3.2 The Negatives**

### **3.2.1 *Neglected character buildings and streetscapes***

- Some old properties are run down - owners probably wanting to sell their land.
- Lack of motivation from property owners to maintain their buildings (incentives?).
- Heritage buildings that are not maintained because there is no incentive to do so.
- Houses left to rot, then pulled down.
- Speculation by owners by just sitting on vacant blocks and rundown old homes.
- Some character properties are not well maintained.
- Poor housekeeping/aesthetics of some businesses: blue tarps in Lincoln St; Roller-shutters in Beaufort Street.

### **3.2.2 *Poor streetscapes and lack of public art***

- Too narrow footpaths and lack of street art.
- Streets do not have enough trees.
- Queensland Box trees – YUK!
- Lollipop tree lopping.
- Character is not related to amenity – lack public amenity in Vincent: parks, nature, quality streets.
- Stirling Towers.

### **3.2.3 *Impact of new developments and poor design***

- Some inappropriate developments.
- Blocks being subdivided with loss of streetscape and character.
- Proliferation of neo federation and 'tuscan' styles.
- Nostalgic building forms should be discouraged, and more encouragement of modern architecture.
- Redevelopment sometimes reduces integrity of heritage housing.

### **3.2.4 *Lack of heritage awareness***

- History of area is not always well know, so heritage buildings not equally valued by all.
- History needs a higher profile – eg plaques.
- Heritage inventory (value of it?).
- Need more knowledge and understanding of historical sites: from police station to sewerage tower
- Heritage and character get confused.

### **3.2.5 *Lack of incentives to retain heritage buildings***

- No government grants to assist homeowners to maintain character homes.
- Enforced heritage listing must be supported by \$\$\$ incentives by council.
- Some people cannot afford up keep of character homes.

### **3.2.6 *Heritage controls***

- Too strict orders on heritage can 'kill' an area.
- Allocation of heritage register.

### **3.2.7 Chasing out prostitutes and indigenous people**

- Chasing out the prostitutes and aboriginal population – Birdwood Square.

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

#### **3.3.1 Preserving character buildings and streetscapes**

- Character buildings restored.
- Retain character and heritage properties.
- Older buildings will be well maintained.
- Secure character.
- History of area and character buildings are valued and celebrated.
- There must be an overall view of what buildings are to be saved. (are the committees well informed, or is it random?).
- Beaufort St - a thriving thoroughfare with the buildings of character and heritage preserved and maintained (x2).
- Maintain character and heritage of area.
- Work with the appropriate authority to have the water tower maintained.
- Encourage pride in people for where they live by beautifying streets: knock on effect to own gardens and homes.
- Preservation of existing buildings on Beaufort St: encourages tenants with a diversity of businesses; makes for colour and vibrancy.
- Maintain present streetscapes, trees, and cultural heritage/character.
- Streetscape friendly and walkable.
- Property frontages interactive with streets, while maintaining a feeling of security.
- Median strips along wider streets (i.e. Harold St) planted with vegetation.
- Greater power to council to force absentee landlords to maintain blocks.
- I would like to see fewer residences that are obviously rentals, judging by their appearance from the street.

#### **3.3.2 Raising the awareness and celebrating local heritage**

- Vincent is valued, by the local and wider community, for its history and character.
- The area will always pay tribute to its heritage and past character, while recognising the time we live in and that this contributes to the character and heritage of the future.
- A great understanding of the social and historical culture of the area and every decision made in reference to this.
- Acknowledge and celebrate the history and culture of the town.
- Education/community involvement in development.
- To educate the community by holding historical walks perhaps every month.
- Local history taught at local schools (x2).
- Better knowledge of the town's heritage so people are more aware of the history of the town: coffee table book, etc.
- A community with a clear knowledge and appreciation of its multicultural past - i.e. Indigenous, British, Mediterranean, Asian, Middle Eastern, and European – and retention of architectural features etc reflecting this.
- Highgate Primary School is world celebrated for its local history research projects.
- Encourage, and listen to, older, long-term residents with old-fashioned ideas and values.

### **3.3.3 Valuing and balancing heritage and development**

- Respectful (valuing) of heritage.
- Acknowledgement that 'heritage' houses are still homes, and the development needs of owners need to be considered; not just heritage nature.
- Balancing of heritage and development.
- Don't just make change for the sake of change.
- Maintain character and unique qualities, recognising the heritage and history of Mt Lawley, while allowing for development that is sympathetic and of a high quality while maintaining the streetscapes.
- The character of the area will be maintained and not destroyed by future development.
- Retention of our cultural heritage along with our growth.
- Maintaining heritage nature and streetscape of area whilst encouraging development in sympathetic design with existing buildings.
- In 2024 the character of Vincent will be defined by the diversity of streetscapes, increased natural heritage (native parks, etc), and the tolerance of residents to accept a range of old and new buildings that contribute to our cultural heritage.

### **3.3.4 Retaining the unique character and cultural diversity**

- Maintain unique, historical yet living character of Highgate/Mt Lawley.
- Nurture and develop the village lifestyle with small grassed areas, open space, or meeting places (Other than café and commercial properties).
- It's still an interesting place to walk through.
- Embrace all new people into the town.
- The 'multiculturalism' to be maintained.
- Retain the multicultural/earthy soul.
- Bring street art into the area.
- Inviting, comfortable.

### **3.3.5 Preserving trees and green spaces**

- Maintenance of parks to at least their current level.
- Maintain trees and parks.
- More trees please: great streets have great trees.
- All the green space has been preserved.
- I would still like to see some good gardens and trees, verges, instead of concrete wastelands.
- Underground power will allow leafy tree lined streets to evolve.
- Some streets still maintain a canopy of trees, with underground power coming in thought should be given to creating more tree canopies in appropriate streets.

### **3.3.6 *Density and height restrictions***

- Densities and height restrictions to be strictly adhered to and at a low level.
- A council sympathetic to retaining the Highgate character of a low density, tree filled area.
- Visually not harsh; not oppressive (x2).

### **3.3.7 *Improving the design and quality of new developments***

- Ensure good design of any new development.
- Design and quality will improve.
- No more disasters like Stirling Towers.

### **3.3.8 *Incentives for retaining hertiage***

- To assist and encourage private owners and developers to maintain the character and heritage of the area (x2).
- Restoration of character and heritage should be encouraged through material, tangible incentives.

### **3.3.9 *Redevelop the old geography of the area***

- Redevelop the old geography of the area: eg the lakes chain, natural woodlands to be integrated into realistic design and usage.
- Aboriginal meeting place preserved.

## **4 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT**

### **4.1 The Positives**

#### **4.1.1 *Easy access and good public transport***

- Easy access to Perth via walking or bus (x2).
- Close to city – it is easy to walk there.
- Easy to get into town.
- Easy to get around in a car.
- Good access to public transport (trains and buses) (x7).
- Availability of buses down Beaufort Street to city.
- Good public transport, especially train (x2).
- Reasonable bus service.
- Good public transport facilities to/from the city (x5).
- Beaufort St to city routes.

#### **4.1.2 *Walkability and cycle access***

- The close proximity of facilities so walking or riding is a real alternative.
- It is relatively easy to get around Highgate by bike and foot away from the Beaufort Street area.
- Good pedestrian access: easy access to city; walk to shops and cafes.
- Easy pedestrian access, generally.
- Walkability: good to walk through (x2).
- Ease of walking around: legibility of street network.
- I walk and bike everywhere.
- Very easy to walk and cycle everywhere.
- Highgate is a walkable neighbourhood.
- Highgate is in walking distance to most amenities.
- Lots of things nearby.
- Easy to walk to shops and other amenities (x2).
- A lot of amenities located close by, so walking or cycling are viable transport options.
- Easy access to bike paths.
- Close to cycle path and cycle routes.
- The grid pattern of streets so traffic is diffused through residential areas.
- Pedestrian crossings of Lord, Beaufort and Walcott Sts much better with islands.

#### **4.1.3 *Car parking behind shops***

- Car parking is good behind shops.

## 4.2 The Negatives

### 4.2.1 *Poor pedestrian and cyclist amenity and safety*

- Some difficulty for pedestrians walking on Beaufort Street.
- Walking with kids in the CBD is frightening: cars and trucks go very fast.
- Traffic excludes/hinders pedestrians in Beaufort Street.
- Dangerous for pedestrians walking across roads with lights, as cars don't give way on turning.
- Major roads are difficult to cross, especially if there are no graded kerbs for prams/wheelchairs/bikes.
- Need for pedestrian lights at TAFE on Lord St (East Perth Railway).
- No pedestrian crossings between Walcott and Bulwer Streets.
- Not enough controlled pedestrian crossings.
- Parking and traffic blocks safe crossing points on main roads.
- Difficulty for disabled or seniors in crossing roads.
- No crosswalk or lights between Walcott and Bulwer Sts.
- Walk signs are missing on most traffic lights.
- Lack of pedestrian-friendly crossing points.
- Cars don't give way to pedestrians.
- Not enough shade for pedestrians.
- Footpaths too often obstructed by cars, planters, trees.
- Cluttered footpaths particularly in commercial areas makes access difficult.
- Cycling in Highgate is dangerous (x3); especially for children.
- Cyclist-unfriendly roads.
- Children should not leave cycles lying in middle of footpaths or doorways: need to provide bike racks.
- Cycle paths are more for exercise than practical: eg along river but not between suburbs.

### 4.2.2 *Car parking deficiencies*

- Need for council car park to be further developed to second tier with commercial FRONT to service the street.
- Lack of cheap parking provided by Town of Vincent.
- Parking needed at bank teller machines (x2).
- Cars parking in bus stops in Beaufort Street outside flower shops.
- Difficulty for residents with no off-street parking to park within the near vicinity of their house due to pub/café street parking.
- Limited parking outside private property and unreliable access to garages per service lanes.
- No provision for resident's only parking (on street).
- Residents with off-street parking should be induced to use them.
- No parking on Beaufort Street, or in Beaufort Street precinct.
- Public parking areas are not signaged well enough therefore vehicles use residential areas.
- Right angle parking design is very poor: pedestrian access, street cleaning, hitting other cars when backing out.
- Vincent doesn't monitor parking – no parking officers so restrictions are useless (x3).
- Proposed introduction of parking restrictions in residential streets in 300m radius of Beaufort St.

#### **4.2.3 Excessive arterial traffic volumes and speed**

- Beaufort St traffic is TOO FAST (x2).
- Too much traffic: Beaufort/Walcott Sts.
- Too much North-South through traffic: Beaufort/William/Lord Sts, East Pde.
- Volume and velocity of traffic.
- Traffic is sometimes frighteningly fast.
- Too much through traffic using non-major roads.
- Through (speeding) traffic.
- Traffic build-up in Beaufort St (ex Perth) between 3.15pm and 6.00pm (why not use William St?).
- Peak hour speed limit in Beaufort St is too high
- Beaufort Street, as a major distributor road, is destroying the area: i.e. car is king.

#### **4.2.4 Public Transport deficiencies**

- No West-East public transport (i.e. Highgate – Town of Vincent – Leederville – Mt Hawthorn) (x2).
- Need a Vincent service to Leederville.
- Public transport only into city, not across suburbs (bring back trams/light rail).
- Buses, etc., getting across to other suburbs: eg ECU – have to go to Perth first.
- Buses to big events like Skyworks: by the time the buses get to Beaufort Street they are all FULL.
- Poor public transport at weekends.
- Have to drive to major shops, libraries, Medicare, etc.
- Few sheltered bus stops.
- No free CAT service past Newcastle St.
- New train station and Horseshoe Bridge, and implications on Beaufort Street.

#### **4.2.5 Black spots – Beaufort Street**

- Beaufort/Walcott St intersection is a major traffic hazard: no pedestrian crossings (x3).
- Black Spots: BeauCott intersection (cars turn on orange and red lights, many accidents); Vincent/Beaufort intersection.
- “Black Spots” at corner of Vincent and Beaufort Sts, and corner of Beaufort and Walcott Streets (x2).
- Danger, danger, danger – Beaufort St, especially with respect to traffic.
- It is dangerous to cycle along Beaufort Street, and crossing roads – islands not wide enough.
- Median strips in Beaufort Street are not wide enough for wheelchairs and prams to shelter.

#### **4.2.6 Poor traffic control and calming**

- Speed bumps are ineffectual and do not prevent hoons.
- Speed bumps don't work! (x2).
- Speed limits should be enforced.
- Laneways blocked by cars under NO STANDING signs (x2).
- Lane access is often obstructed.
- Rat running in narrow streets where cars park on street creating dangerous situations.

#### **4.2.7 Poor design and access**

- Power poles, and some awnings, along Beaufort St are too close to traffic.
- Roads are not designed for the amount of traffic clogging them up.
- Accessibility to homes off Beaufort Street with median strips (driving); traffic measures.
- Hard to drive in some areas: eg around Walcott, Beaufort, Vincent, and William Streets.

#### **4.2.8 City workers parking in side streets**

- City bound parking – CBD workers treating us like a car park (x2).
- Too much free parking for city commuters.
- People parking their cars in side streets and parks and taking the bus to work.

#### **4.2.9 Preference given to cars over pedestrian and cyclists**

- Road design is focused on vehicles only, with little emphasis on pedestrians and pedestrian amenity.
- Streets are for people, not cars.
- People don't realise you can walk, not drive, i.e. walk to Leederville.

## **4.3 Vision Statements and Ideas**

### **4.3.1 *Developing public transport and town linkages***

- No cars, better public transport that is cheap, frequent and services everyone.
- Focus on quick, easy, clean and quiet public transport (light rail), and more cycle paths (x2).
- Local trams or bus, and encourage pedestrian access and circulation.
- More buses all through the night
- More frequent, smaller, local buses.
- Local bus.
- Underground rail link to the north.
- Electric trains underground from the city to Morley.
- Frequent, free public transport on local and wider district routes.
- Better East-West public transport (x4).
- Cross Vincent public transport.
- An Inner Circle route. (x2)
- We want a bus to get around in Vincent: eg Mt Lawley train station to Glendalough.
- Extend free CAT service to Beaufort/Walcott Sts.
- CAT service.
- CAT service making circuit up and down Beaufort St, looping up and down every 5 to 10 minutes to keep cars off Beaufort St.
- City clipper to extend to Highgate.
- Integrated public transport rules.

### **4.3.2 *Reintroduction of light rail***

- Bring back trams/light rail.
- Trams brought back.
- A large old-fashioned tram carries people from the city up to Inglewood through manly car-less Beaufort Street.
- Provide light rail on Beaufort Street from city to Morley/ECU, etc.
- "Tram" to the city.
- Monorail to all city main points.
- Monorail in place or fly-over for cars.

### **4.3.3 *Reducing traffic volume and speed on Beaufort Street***

- Slowed traffic on Beaufort St – eg 40kph through the town centre, with different coloured bitumen.
- Beaufort St to be a safe place for pedestrians and cyclists.
- Improved pedestrian facility – Beaufort St.
- Decrease of traffic using Beaufort St.
- North-South traffic slowing to a reasonable speed (<40kph).
- Beaufort St open only to local traffic.
- Diverted thoroughfare traffic on Beaufort St to parallel routes (eg to Lord and Fitzgerald Sts).
- Alternative to Beaufort Street used for through traffic.

- There is a need to develop parallel routes North (eg Lord and Fitzgerald Sts) as an alternative for through traffic to take the pressure of Beaufort St.
- William St re-organised for north-bound traffic.
- Beaufort St to be a mall.
- Impact on pedestrians of traffic on Beaufort St either controlled, or excluded in a small area: eg a mall?

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

- More pedestrian and cyclist friendly.
- Make it more pedestrian-friendly.
- More pedestrian-friendly: on footpaths and road crossings.
- Pedestrian-friendly streets.
- Safe, inviting pedestrian space.
- Better facilities for cyclists, well marked lanes on parallel routes to Beaufort St.
- Bicycle lanes.
- Develop safe cycle paths and bike parking areas.
- Continuous awnings on Beaufort St: side streets tree lined providing continuous shade.
- Provide shelter from rain on bike paths, with a tap now and again.
- Shaded footpaths.
- Ability to walk up Beaufort St (West side) from Vincent St, without scraping against skeletal trees.
- Reduced speed in peak periods.
- It is easy to get around.
- Pedestrian crossings.
- Alfresco must be sensitive to mobility.

#### **4.3.5 *Reducing car use and priority given to cars***

- In 2024 the streets will be filled with trees, people, kids, and families. There will not be traffic problems because we realised that cars do not make sense.
- Mt Lawley is easily accessible by walking, cycling, and public transport.
- More getting around on foot, cycle and public transport.
- People get around by bicycle and on foot: healthier and more sociable.
- More people with bikes.
- Smaller vehicles, more people walking and riding, less demands spatially for parking, greater reliance on public transport. Far higher oil prices.
- More people are prepared to make non-car journeys more often.
- Less traffic as people would share vehicles (mini buses).
- Have a car-free day once a month.
- Car-free households pay less rates.
- Far less reliance on private car use.
- Restricted car usage.
- Priority will be (i) pedestrians; (ii) non-motorised transport; (iii) motorised transport – a) public, b) private; (iv) movement within Vincent; (v) movement through Vincent.

#### **4.3.6 *Effective traffic calming and monitoring***

- Traffic would have calming measures.
- Traffic is slowed down.
- Speed bumps needed in most streets running between Beaufort and William Streets.
- Less through traffic in residential areas.
- Lanes appropriately monitored.
- Laneways cleaned up and free from parked vehicles.
- Create bus bays at stops to relieve traffic hold up.

#### **4.3.7 *Car parking solutions***

- Better, and more parking facilities (reasonably priced) by Town of Vincent to cater for increasing demand in town centre.
- A community that enjoys the use of the commercial centre without resentment to those outside the area visiting, by developing good public car parking, more rangers with strong control on offending vehicles.
- Parking underground or in multi stories; taking it away from café strip.
- Dedicated parking inspectors.
- Consideration for residents parking (on street).
- Continuation of residential only parking around Perth oval during events.

#### **4.3.8 *Environmentally friendly transport***

- Environmentally friendly transport.

## **5 SAFETY AND SECURITY**

### **5.1 The Positives**

#### **5.1.1 *Good sense of safety***

- General feeling of safety.
- Highgate is as safe as anywhere else.
- Feel very safe walking the streets even at night.
- Feel safe in the community.
- Feel safe in Vincent.
- Safe most of the time: walk streets at most time with family.
- Comfort in walking streets of Town of Vincent during daylight hours.
- Have not personally experienced property theft since we started locking doors, windows and back gate.
- I think I find the issue of crime and safety manipulated by political gain. Highgate –Perth – WA is one of the safest places on earth.
- Close proximity to public transport allows me to go out at night.
- Crossing guards are excellent.

#### **5.1.2 *Passive street surveillance***

- Some houses with open fencing addressing the street make for safe activated streets.
- Older streets allows interaction between people: feeling of safety is good.
- Overlooking of streets by shops and houses helps prevent crime.
- Paths, lights, people on streets, makes things safer.
- Good lighting on Beaufort Street.
- Street activity; illuminated shop fronts; open house fronts/low walls.
- Activity within buildings close to street.

#### **5.1.3 *Good sense of community and neighbourhood***

- Village atmosphere leads to good communication and people looking out for each other.
- Good relationship with neighbours in immediate proximity engenders a feeling of security as well as community.
- Neighbourliness: knowing your neighbours makes for less crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Knowing neighbours eg through precinct groups and this kind of meeting.
- I feel quite safe living in a friendly area our neighbours look out for each other.
- Feel safe in Highgate due to people out and about and friendly.
- The area has a feeling of community, which makes people feel relatively safe.
- Diversity of all people allows for inclusivity, therefore reducing crime.

#### **5.1.4 *Responsive local police and council***

- We have been burgled – the police response was excellent.
- Have had positive response from council re upgrading problem street lighting areas.
- Local presence in public places.
- Like rapid response from graffiti task force.

## **5.2 The Negatives**

### **5.2.1 *Poor lighting and maintenance of lane ways***

- Some Highgate streets are poorly lit.
- Poor street lighting.
- More lighting in streets and lanes.
- Street lighting is poor in side streets and non-existent in service lanes.
- Bulwer St lights, for nights when walking home from cafés/restaurants.
- Perth Oval gates: frontage lights too dim.
- Parks need better lighting.
- Closed dark shop fronts.
- Lighting in some parts of Vincent is non-existent.
- Maintenance of footpaths.
- Corner houses are not truncated with their fences: eg Broome and Wright Streets

### **5.2.2 *Presence of drugs, vandalism and anti social behaviour***

- Drug use at BeauCott area behind shops.
- Too many syringes.
- Illicit drug use.
- Lack of shooting galleries/safe house for drug users (so syringes on streets).
- Drunken revellers on Beaufort St.
- High levels of vandalism, litter from alcoholic drinks, broken street trees.
- Problems related to alcohol consumption: pubs need to take more responsibility.
- Ongoing anti-social behaviour caused by halfway houses located in residential areas.
- Silly, small negatives: eg graffiti, stealing plants, etc.

### **5.2.3 *Unsafe places***

- Unsafe late at night walking alone – not on main roads: i.e. safe when walking for purpose, eg from work, but unsafe when just walking as exercise.
- I don't feel so safe at East Perth station at night: too dark. Also, during the day in Brisbane St (Birdwood Square); and Claisebrook Station at night near industrial area and walkways.
- Do not feel safe south of Bulwer St/Beaufort St.
- Do not feel safe walking Smith past Bulwer St into city.
- Walking at night.
- Parks after hours have perception of being unsafe: eg Birdwood.
- Parks at night: fringe dwellers sleeping out.
- Feeling safe is an optical illusion, which can easily be shattered by reality.

#### **5.2.4 *Police and council response***

- Known annoyances should be dealt with quickly: eg known beggar.
- Dotted line that defines what are council versus police responsibilities.
- Contacting council after hours.
- Delayed response from rangers.
- Ranger not vigilant enough.
- Laws on soliciting archaic and need sorting out.

#### **5.2.5 *Fortress mentality***

- Trend towards lock-up or fortress mentality actually encouraging anti-social behaviour.
- People who have locked front gates: unfriendly, unsociable, unwelcoming.
- Fortress mentality is alive and well - high walls and gated communities – inactive streets encourages crime.
- Don't like being dictated to by marketer of fear: security companies, etc.
- Don't like gated communities.

#### **5.2.6 *Street Prostitution***

- Prostitutes on street corners still present.
- Street prostitution and kerb crawlers.
- Need to keep street prostitution under control.
- I suspect late night women streetwalkers is the saddest thing I have ever seen.

#### **5.2.7 *Poor public perception about safety and crime***

- Unrealistic perception of dangers (especially by elderly) – need to show how safe it really is.
- Too much negative publicity about safety in Highgate.
- Town of Vincent is perceived as unsafe.

#### **5.2.8 *Lack of maintenance and use of lane ways***

- Lack of maintenance of lanes.
- Poor maintenance of laneways or right of ways for prevention of drug use (and disposal).
- Laneways not being used by new development: more activity in lanes discourages crime.

#### **5.2.9 *Poor pedestrian safety***

- Main lack of safety: being hit by traffic as pedestrian.
- Some trees are poorly placed for pedestrian visibility when crossing roads (corner Beaufort and Chelmsford Sts).

## **5.3 Vision Statements and Ideas**

### **5.3.1 *Developing a strong sense of neighbourhood***

- Continuing the strong sense of community that exists by knowing your neighbours.
- Knowing your neighbour.
- Social interactions with neighbours encouraged to assist with safety.
- Sense of community.
- Strong local community ownership.
- People looking out for each other, and integrated communities may help improve safety and crime and enhance quality of life.
- Promotion and enhancement of urban village fostering communication, through community events, and trust, will enhance an already generally safe and secure environment.
- Lots of people on the streets are to be encouraged by street festivals: eg a Broome St Festival – close off street at Brigatti Gardens.
- More community events and opportunities for people to meet others.
- Establish a community centre.
- I believe security and safety can be achieved in a low-key way.

### **5.3.2 *Improve lighting***

- Town of Vincent have aesthetically pleasing street lighting that becomes almost invisible.
- Floodlighting replaced by lights at ground level.
- Better lighting/policing patrols.
- More night lighting.
- Low level lighting to encourage pedestrians.
- Low level lighting for footpaths.

### **5.3.3 *Decriminalisation and focusing on the cause of crime***

- Decriminalise illegal drugs, prostitution, Aboriginality, weirdo's.
- Safe house for drug use.
- A state government that comes to terms with community drug use, therefore minimising drug related crime and prostitution.
- Take prostitutes off the street: legalise brothels (x2).
- Identify the cases of crime and devise activities and education to tackle the cause that is of a social nature. Gaol and punishment only begets more crime and does not solve the problem.

### **5.3.4 *Strong sense of safety in the community***

- Highgate and Mt Lawley will become safe places through better community awareness, good lighting, good street design, rather than encouraging fortress mentality.
- The area of high and Mt Lawley will be a safe place during any time of the day.
- Still a safe place to be able to walk at any time of the day or night.
- Parks are safe for all.
- Safe environment not littered with prostitutes or needles.

### **5.3.5 *Active and well maintained lane ways***

- Laneways maintained.
- All service lanes paved and lit at night.
- Right of ways are well used for car access and rear homes overlook ROWs.
- Clean, active laneways.
- Revitalise rear laneways and encourage overlooking.

### **5.3.6 *Designing out crime***

- In 2024 our urban village has been designed around the principles of CPTED: crime prevention through environmental design that makes our living environment safe and contributes to a harmonious enjoyable place.
- CPTED principles adopted in 2004 have resulted in very low crime levels.
- Design is safety conscious.
- Council should have strong policies to reduce antisocial behaviour and crime through better urban design.

### **5.3.7 *Improving policing and surveillance***

- Police on bikes.
- Continual strong focus on inner city issues of prostitution, syringes, and lighting.

### **5.3.8 *Public transport post midnight***

- The introduction of public transportation post midnight.
- Public transport goes all night long.

### **5.3.9 *Reducing domestic violence***

- Better education about sexual behaviour and manners: especially anger, relationship education – no domestic violence.
- In 2024 Vincent will be a world leader in relationship counselling resulting in low levels of domestic crime.

## **6 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY**

### **6.1 The Positives**

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

- Great, mature trees (x3).
- Fantastic old trees.
- Maintenance of trees.
- Trees lining streets.
- Old trees and interim/heritage buildings are good features.
- Maintain trees and parks: brings in bird life.
- Many good parks and green spaces around Highgate area.
- Great parks like Hyde Park, Forrest Park, Loton Park, Jack Marks Park, Brigatti, Birdwood.
- Parks are great (x4).
- Hyde Park is great and represents the best vision of our forebears.
- Hyde Park is aesthetically pleasing (x2).
- Public open space is quite well catered for, relative to many areas.
- Parks, gardens, reserves, Croquet Club.

#### **6.1.2 *Environmental assets***

- Native species of plants and trees are unique in the world and worth celebrating.
- Frogs are coming back!
- Native rats; western green tree frogs; skinks.
- Generally good air quality.
- Close available shopping and café's.
- Pleasant and homely area.

#### **6.1.3 *Recycling and worm farms***

- Encouraging worm farms – fantastic (x2).
- Good recycling: not mixing everything together.
- Recycling.
- Retain residential recycling.
- Kerbside pickups.

#### **6.1.4 *Wetlands***

- History of the area, with many former wetlands, has resulted in many of our parks, and can lead to future wetland restoration.
- Wetlands/river; Banks Reserve.
- Reinstatement/regeneration of ornamental lakes to wetlands (x2).
- Habitat for birds.

### **6.1.5 *Trend toward sustainable design***

- Good sustainable design in new architecture.
- Trend in developments to incorporate sustainability.
- Energy efficient building design (protection of).

### **6.1.6 *Benefits of older homes***

- Older buildings are naturally well suited to Perth's climate: can be insulated; naturally cool, and are easy to warm.
- Old building design cool in summer and warm in winter.
- Town's initiatives at Smith's Lake and Robertson Park a positive environmental outcome.

### **6.1.7 *Strong community awareness and value***

- Community relatively well aware of environment and sustainable issues and supportive of required changes.
- Everybody agrees about vegetation and trees: they are essential!

### **6.1.8 *Undergrounding power***

- Great that power lines are going underground.
- Underground power.

### **6.1.9 *Responsible pet owners.***

- Responsible pet owners.

## **6.2 The Negatives**

### **6.2.1 *Poor environment design and sustainability***

- New developments (business and private) not environmentally designed or sustainable.
- Buildings are still being developed with little regard to energy efficiency.
- Buildings not suitable to environment, requiring noisy air conditioning.
- New houses not environmentally friendly: all need air-conditioning.
- Building design requiring too much air conditioning.
- Creation of heat sinks through adjacent 2-3 storey development.
- Blocking of breezeways due to adjacent 2-3 storey development.
- Lack of eaves and north facing homes.
- People not aware of government incentives for sustainability.
- Not water systems and water tanks not well promoted for new developments: need stricter planning (BCA) rules and incentives.
- Does not seem to be enough incentive for good sustainable design.
- Poor climate design of houses: requirement for air-conditioning.
- Noise as a result of inappropriate planning decisions.

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

- Waste management – recycled?
- Most people not committed to recycling: very few recycling bins put out.
- Encourage recycling or improve take up by residents.
- Not most efficient waste management/recycling service yet.
- Paper recycling contractor doesn't always pick up.
- Need recycle bins (wheelie) with divider for different sections – paper/glass.
- Weekly collections, recycling.
- No recycling of wastewater.
- Grey water reuse and power generation feeding back into main grid not given enough focus.
- Drainage of rainwater.
- More "easy to use" recycling process bins.
- No tip passes.

### **6.2.3 *Lack of trees and green spaces***

- Few green areas in Beaufort St area.
- Need more shade.
- Public spaces seem to be a low priority for council.
- Value trees in all development applications.
- Gardens and landscaping using exotic plants require too much water and fertiliser and is killing wetlands and Swan River.
- Completely urbanised environment – no remaining bushland.
- Wetlands/lakes more focused on looks rather than function.
- Water quality in Hyde Park Lake is poor.
- Stop spraying chemicals on verge and parks.

- Weed control: why poison use and not physical weeding.
- Lack of good planning.
- Trend towards building homes without eaves, which rely on air conditioners.

#### **6.2.4 *Noise and pollution***

- Town needs stronger initiatives to control noise, particularly in town centres.
- Car stereos.
- Noisy industrial roller shutters installed in public housing in high-density residential area.
- Noise control for open air events at ovals.
- Noise on Beaufort St.
- Noise level policy.
- Excessive car use causing pollution and greenhouse gases.
- Beaufort St is polluted with petrol fumes.

#### **6.2.5 *Impact of development***

- Development putting pressure on foreshore/river.
- With loss of private trees, street tree policy too narrow: diversity would encourage wildlife.
- Environment is being compromised by high-density buildings: scale needs to be balanced.
- The environment is being destroyed by large blocks of flats and houses surrounded by concrete.
- Eventually the value of land will lead to sale and “new” development (can this be prevented? Really? Or is it cyclic?).
- Minimal open space on new small blocks gives few opportunities to plant trees: we end up with a hot, dry environment.

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

- Foxes: no government agency prepared to take responsibility (too costly!).
- No policy for communal control of rats.
- Rat/mouse problems.
- Unregistered cats
- Feral (pet) cats; lorikeets; rats.

#### **6.2.7 *Lack of native vegetation***

- Lack of native (local) vegetation.
- Need to limit garden plants – ban ones that can destroy bush (eg bridal creeper).

#### **6.2.8 *Poor maintenance***

- Residents – public and private – not looking after their property and surrounds.
- Litter around Beaufort strip; TAFE.

## **6.3 Vision Statements and Ideas**

### **6.3.1 Sustainable building design and practice**

- Water conservancy an integral part of all new housing development.
- All buildings ecologically sound: low cooling/heating cost; grey water use; natural lighting.
- More solar passive/friendly homes with north facing aspects and eaves.
- Make progress in energy and water conservation, and air pollution.
- In 2024 we must be living in a community that values sensible development, without detriment to the environment, whilst striving to improve our public spaces, streets, and natural resources.
- Urban village with the built form working with the environment as much as possible.
- Better building design improves energy efficiency.
- Environment and sustainability should be raised to the number one priority so those considerations are foremost in peoples' day-to-day decision making.
- Development of buildings that limits the strain on natural resources, limits noise pollution and blend in with the surrounding environment.
- Houses use little energy, are passively cool in summer, warm in winter.
- Every household and business will contribute to power generation and water recycling, and generally sustainable designs.
- Environmentally aware design of houses and communities.
- Housing and buildings designed around environmental design guidelines.
- Well designed infill/new development.
- Sustainable development.
- Good sustainable design in new and existing architecture and subsidies for water tanks in residences.
- New development should be environmentally conscious developed with eaves reducing need for air-conditioning and hence reduce noise/pollution.
- Encourage ESD in building design and use policies to control approvals of new buildings.
- New developments will be environmentally and sustainably designed.
- Great majority of residences (and, where appropriate, business premises) featuring a neatly maintained garden area (watered by "grey" water and/or rain water collected from roof).
- More diversity in street tree planting to encourage diversity of wildlife.
- Subsidy/rebates from Town of Vincent or federal government for insulation, gas, solar hot water, etc.
- Local Perth plants used for all public landscaping and majority of private gardens.

### **6.3.2 Planting more trees, green spaces and linkages**

- Green, mature, well developed trees that support diverse wildlife.
- Greenways for movement of birds and native animals.
- More local trees to balance negative effects of car usage.
- Save some trees and parks.
- Replace trees snapped off at base along Beaufort St.
- More greenery, bushes, and trees.
- Parks and open spaces are retained.
- Highgate/Mt Lawley is a world destination for gardens featuring local plants.
- Native (local Highgate) plants in planned corridor to encourage the return of local fauna.

- Avenues of native wildlife filled vegetation.
- Creation of more green open areas to compensate for infill development.
- All streets will be shady.
- Lots of street trees.
- I would like to see more tall trees, and no powerlines.
- Better street tree management.
- All street verges maintained by council.
- Underground power.
- 2024 will see complete underground power. There will be local flora.

### **6.3.3 *Improving waste management and minimisation***

- Households create zero waste.
- Better recycling system with sulo bin for recycling and another for general waste.
- Facility to recycle all types of rubbish.
- Maintain and develop recycling culture.
- More general verge collection or skip allocation.
- Better waste management.
- The town has an efficient waste management and recycling system.
- Rubbish bins along Beaufort St to be emptied more frequently.
- Town of Vincent a plastic bag free zone.
- Better recycling facilities for green waste.
- Recycling BUT ALSO low use of packaging etc.
- Recycling will be part of daily life.
- Recycling needs higher frequency.

### **6.3.4 *Developing wetlands***

- Hyde Park has good water quality with respect for heritage features such as deciduous trees, but also has native sedges to improve water quality, more landscaping in the park that doesn't require manure and fertiliser.
- People being made aware of their behaviour at lakes may be a negative result to the environment and wildlife: i.e. do not feed bread to birds.
- Clean water in lakes and wetlands.
- Lakes and wetlands managed to not only be aesthetically pleasing, but also to be "environmentally functional".
- Better waterway link from Hyde Park to other water areas.
- Mini-wetland substitute for concrete drains, where appropriate, to retain water table levels and filter stormwater drainage.
- Beaufort St (between Brisbane and Bulwer Sts) made into a bridge with wetlands, replaced underneath and either side (also Birdwood Sq and car park).

### **6.3.5 *Reducing traffic***

- Air and noise to improve with less traffic.
- Reduced car use – improves air quality and reduces greenhouse gases.
- Low level of private car ownership, restrictions on local traffic and electric trains/public transport will improve air quality and prevent noise pollution – will enhance streetscapes.
- The environment is safe, friendly, clean – can cycle and walk without danger from cars.

### **6.3.6 *Controlling animals and pests***

- Control destructive pets.
- Destroy the cats, foreign bird invasion (Rosellas and Rainbow Lorikeets).
- Cat free; worm farms everywhere; bush gardens – low water and lots of local native birds.

### **6.3.7 *Town of Vincent encourages strong biodiversity***

- The Town of Vincent will embrace its diversity and encourage a strong biodiversity.
- Local government action on general cleaning of environs could well be scrutinised.

### **6.3.8 *Controlling noise pollution***

- Tighter control of all forms of noise pollution.
- All will be aware of how noise affects others.

### **6.3.9 *Local decision making in environmental issues***

- Local direction informed by local residents.

## **7 PARKS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

### **7.1 The Positives**

#### **7.1.1 *Good local parks and green spaces***

- Beautifully maintained parks and gardens – a credit to the gardeners (x3).
- Love the parks – lots of them with different uses.
- Parks are good and getting better.
- Parks – best features are the trees.
- Big trees/shade.
- Beautiful parks in Wright St.
- Parks help keep kids and grown-ups healthy through sport/walking.
- Existing parks and green areas are much appreciated and used by local community.
- Some good public parks established (but Town of Vincent needs more).
- Use of parks and reserves for community events and sports.
- The town has some great public facilities and parks (could advertise them more, though).
- Dog-friendly parks.
- Croquet/Forrest Park clubrooms – fantastic community facility (but under-utilised) (x2).
- Forrest Park gives a large expanse of open space, well suited to active pursuits.
- Shaded playgrounds.

#### **7.1.2 *Hyde Park***

- Hyde Park and Brigatti Gardens are wonderful gardenesque leisure spaces.
- Hyde Park is brilliant.
- Hyde Park is an inner city icon (Town of Vincent needs to allocate appropriate funds to its ongoing design and maintenance).
- Good parks: Hyde Park is good (but need linking wetlands).
- Environmental management is good (can always be improved).

#### **7.1.3 *Good all-round amenity***

- Generally Town Services Centre provides a good all-round amenity.

#### **7.1.4 *Library service***

- Library service is very good.

#### **7.1.5 *Access to child health***

- Access to child health nurse.

#### **7.1.6 *Access to churches***

- Close to all forms/denominations of churches.

## **7.2 The Negatives**

### **7.2.1 *Lack of community hall, meeting place and library***

- No community hall.
- No local community hall (x3).
- Community meeting place should be here.
- Need central meeting point: eg library.
- Closure of Jim McNamara Neighbourhood Centre (on Alvan St).
- No civic centre/local meeting place.
- No local library.

### **7.2.2 *Lack of public amenities***

- We need public toilets – eg in carparks, behind Supa-Valu, to reduce reliance on lanes for both number one and twos.
- Public facilities should be more available.
- No needle disposal units in community parks.
- Insufficient public ablutions.
- Need public toilets and drinking fountains in commercial strips.
- Need more sharps disposal facilities in laneways.

### **7.2.3 *Lack of facilities & activities for children and young people***

- Not much for kids to do – need to encourage drama clubs, basketball, youth clubs, etc (not everyone likes footy).
- Sporting facilities/big walls and basketball courts for kids to kick balls against (soccer, tennis type practice).
- More interactive library for children (Vincent should look at Inglewood library).
- Playgrounds – rubber rather than sand; and need to be visible for parents – eg while older kids play soccer.
- Need better playgroup facilities for young children and their families (Forrest Park not up to standard).

### **7.2.4 *Limited access to community facilities without a car***

- No easy access to library/Beatty Park facilities for non-drivers.
- Difficult to get to community centre and library unless you have a car or bike: need an East-West bus.
- Access to town services favours motorists only.
- No cycle, pedestrian or reliable public transport service worth mentioning.

### **7.2.5 *Need more trees and green space***

- Lack of trees
- Lack of street tree shade.
- Lack of green areas around Beaufort St.
- Some parks are lacking in trees: flat green squares.

### **7.2.6 *Impacts of development and population growth***

- Increased density and population will place more pressure on public parks.
- Monmouth Street sub-division with token hidden block of open space is a poor planning outcome.
- Where private developers are required to provide open public space this is not always done in the spirit of the rules.
- Reduced private open space will increase needs and demands on public parks.

### **7.2.7 *Impacts of wider Perth community use of facilities***

- Education for local children suffers as a result of wider Perth community use: local primary school a Perth wide ESL school; pre-school places taken by city workers (x2).
- Park use priority should be for Town of Vincent residents ahead of out of area sports groups (eg Forrest Park).
- Parks used for non-local activity.

### **7.2.8 *Unsafe access to parks***

- Safe access to parks is lacking: i.e. zebra crossing at Hyde Park was removed – try crossing now with a bunch of kids!!!
- People who live between Lord St and railway line have to cross a major road to get to a park.

### **7.2.9 *Poor access to high schools***

- Local government high schools have very poor access.

## **7.3 Vision Statements and Ideas**

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

- In 2024 the Town of Vincent recognises the value of public parks and has put in place a comprehensive strategy to allocate significant funds to improve and maintain existing spaces including improving pedestrian access to parks. It also is actively seeking to develop more parks to cater for increased population.
- Existing parks retained and enhanced.
- Parks will not be sold off.
- The park areas would be protected from being sold off and developed.
- Parks protected in the long term through the lots of the park being amalgamated into one lot.
- Maintaining parks and gardens to at least current levels with pedestrian stops dispersed around the locality.
- Upgrade of Forrest Park to improve environment for non-sporting groups.
- Develop Forrest Park to include child health care clinic, playground equipment.
- Café/Kiosk in Hyde Park (x2).
- More use of parks for community events.
- BBQ's and outdoor furniture in parks.
- Large shady street trees.
- Parks and playgrounds are maintained with shade for summer.
- In future parks will have less grass (but still some).
- More (off-leash) dog-friendly spaces.
- No needles anywhere.
- Plenty of cycle paths within large park areas.
- Water problem at Hyde Park is solved.
- Parks will be water wise.

### **7.3.2 *Creating new parks, wetlands and green linkages***

- New places identified for parks and open spaces rather than just more development.
- More local little parks.
- More parks for increased population. (x2)
- Highgate and Mt Lawley full of multi-use parks, mixing sport, recreating, bush and swamps, native animal retreats, etc.
- Corridors of parkland crossing the town.
- Increase of wetlands to link and encourage wildlife.
- Walk across Vincent in parks – parks connected by habitat highways.
- Rebuild wetlands in old swamp areas: eg Forrest Park.
- Better linking of wetlands.

### **7.3.3 Improving existing facilities and new facilities**

- Community facilities that allow interactions between all age-groups and nationalities.
- Facilities that allow a variety of activities.
- Vincent library to become better equipped for children: i.e. like Inglewood.
- An exclusive community centre where young children and families can grow and develop (other than Vincent which is not easily accessed without car) incorporating health nurse, playgroups, etc.
- Education and other facilities that support local families.
- A senior citizens centre or a community meeting place near Walcott St or Beaufort St.
- Ensure that planning for seniors is proactive to the needs of the ageing community and encourages inter-generational meetings.
- A suburban museum, eg Broome St/Cranshaw Place.
- Create an information centre on the history and facilities in the area.
- Child health care centre site converted in residential zone.

### **7.3.4 Improving access to community facilities**

- All residents can access Town of Vincent library and community centre.
- A bus service (refer CAT in CBD) to serve the Town of Vincent providing access to all relevant public amenities.
- Priority use of Vincent local parks and reserves being given to local residents – not to sporting bodies whose members may come from further afield.
- Better ranger policing – eg with respect to parking.
- Sharing of parks with all users.

### **7.3.5 Creative outlet for young people**

- Young people in Town of Vincent have a creative outlet available to them.

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

### **8.1 The Positives**

#### **8.1.1 *Community spirit and vibrancy***

- Wonderful vibrancy in area.
- Good community spirit.
- Excellent community spirit.
- Great community spirit and diverse range of cultures: shop owners, etc.
- Parks bring people together: eg soccer, dogs, playgrounds.
- Dogs are helping to get to know more people in the community.
- Business owners live and work in the area and understand the area.
- It is a good feeling that shop owners “know” you.
- Negatives (eg streetwalking) actually brought neighbours together: Precinct Group.
- Precinct groups: for spreading information and sharing knowledge.
- The community has a largely untapped sense of community just waiting to be awakened.

#### **8.1.2 *Diversity of cultures and tolerance***

- The area is characterised by cultural diversity: most people see this as a positive aspect – it does not divide the community.
- Fantastic multicultural environment: eg sports clubs bring all ethnicities together.
- Wonderful multi-cultural mix of residents.
- The community of North Perth/Highgate (Town of Vincent) has evolved over more than 100 years as a multicultural mix; more so than any other community in WA, and has survived to this day.
- Many cultural, religious, and sporting events: i.e. park concerts, Santa Maria marches, and playgroup days.
- Embracing of all cultures.
- Tolerance brings community together.

#### **8.1.3 *Community cultural activities and events***

- Town of Vincent art exhibition.
- Vincent Art Prize.
- Hyde Park Fair.
- Big Street Party.
- Forums, such as Vision 2024.
- Public consultation over issues of common interest: eg Vincent Vision 2024.
- Good murals: eg in toilet in Forrest Park (not enough).

#### **8.1.4 *Human scale, interaction and village atmosphere***

- Good proximity for walking, shopping, schools in area, and the parks where local people are constantly meeting.
- Diversity of development encourages opportunities for interaction: less garages/carports.
- Unique in that it has a village atmosphere so close to a capital city CBD.
- Village atmosphere of Highgate brings its residents together.
- Mt Lawley and Highgate have the remnants of an elitist heritage: people come up to Mt Lawley to be uplifted and refreshed.

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

- Many people earn their living through the arts: eg. writers, artists, theatre.

#### **8.1.6 *Acknowledging the traditional land owners***

- Acknowledging the traditional landowners.

## **8.2 The Negatives**

### **8.2.1 *Lack of cultural events, festivals and resources***

- A lack of serious theatre/cultural events, as opposed to the open-air 'mass' type entertainment.
- There are not enough cultural events: eg open events, street parties.
- Lack of local community events in Beaufort Street.
- Not enough arts: the vision of art is too narrow.
- No facilities for artists.
- Apart from the art awards, there is not much support for other areas of the arts.
- The cost of stalls to operate in Hyde Park Fair.

### **8.2.2 *Lack of public and community art***

- More public art is needed.
- More community art: eg shop sides, sculptures.
- No public art work.
- Need for street art in commercial strip: eg footpath art.
- There is no public art in Highgate or Mt Lawley.

### **8.2.3 *Insular community***

- Drugs, prostitutes, and transients make people wary and loath to enter certain areas.
- Fear of crime and mistrust of people, makes people insular.
- The community is divided by lack of communication.
- Community spirit could be improved: the community group is not thriving as well as in the past.

### **8.2.4 *Impact of busy roads***

- Volume of traffic reduces opportunity for more "street" fairs.
- Busy roads that are difficult to cross divide communities.
- Busy roads and rail divides.

### **8.2.5 *No community hall or meeting place***

- There is no community hall, where displays, exhibitions, etc. could take place.
- Lack of "non-profit" space on Beaufort St where public can meet, sit, and talk.

### **8.2.6 *Lack of recognition of indigenous culture***

- No feel of indigenous history in Mt Lawley.
- We don't welcome indigenous people in our public places: a shame.

### **8.2.7 *Little reflection and interpretation of history***

- There is little historical information: eg plaques on local history, indigenous name places.

### **8.2.8 *High density and monocultures***

- High density delivers demographic monocultures with few children or elderly: look at East Perth demographics.

## **8.3 Vision Statements and Ideas**

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

- The community spirit and village atmosphere continues and is enhanced by more people becoming involved in community issues and events.
- People who live in Vincent being loud and proud to live in the area. Community events and promotion/marketing of the area are critical.
- Encourage community participation and carry out activities eg street parties, community festivities, community activities (i.e. sport) (x2).
- A community spirit where local community events, street parties, theatre exhibitions etc. take place.
- Local community events to "get to know your neighbour".
- Good shaded parks: eg Brigatti.
- Parks to have good BBQ facilities.
- The unique aspect of Highgate is the cultural diversity: this should be encouraged through community workshops and social and historical trails.
- Integrated happy community with cultural diversity, sharing of the best of different cultures.

### **8.3.2 *Developing cultural facilities and opportunities***

- Upgrade Highgate Primary School to be a community-based cultural space and school: the infrastructure is already in place.
- A local museum that incorporates the Town's history - from the traditional landowners to the current day - including all aspects of the community we have discussed today.
- Provision of a community hall.
- Child-friendly centres which foster community spirit and development for members of the community first (not for commuters into the CBD).
- Outdoor cinema, outdoor "art" event/theatre events.
- Outdoor cinema type events.
- Evening classes.
- Street markets.
- Bring back Hyde Park Holiday art/craft festival.
- Increased residential will require more challenging social outlets than the pubs and footy.

### **8.3.3 *Increasing public art***

- Project our strong sense of community onto our streets through art: i.e. footpaths and mosaics in the commercial centre - visitors into the area can appreciate, respect, and become a part of.
- Creativity nurtured by providing a high profile site in which temporary public art installations can be installed.
- Art could be used to semaphore community values.
- Public art up Beaufort St.
- Public artworks in Highgate and Mt Lawley.
- Sculptured public street seating throughout the Town.

#### **8.3.4 *Developing opportunities for artists***

- Public/cheap facilities for artists.
- A wonderful facility for local artists to work and display their work and possibly run workshops.
- Shop-front display competition (maybe annually) of artists' work (like Northbridge used to have).
- Artists in the area to contribute back to the community.
- Writers to contribute to social/oral history and to have writers award.
- Art prize to include a major prize for sculpture.
- Empty shop fronts used as gallery space where, for example, the local history and indigenous culture is interpreted through artworks.

#### **8.3.5 *Increasing funding to community, culture and the arts***

- More money given to encouraging community culture and arts, such as artistic graffiti/murals, with a special area where art is displayed.