



**North Perth
Place Workshop
Report**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The North Perth '*Place Workshop*' occurred on 20 November 2004, after a group self guided and instructed placecheck analysis of the Mount Hawthorn commercial area and surroundings, which occurred in the morning of the workshop.

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

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

A total of 61 people participated in these events and the workshop involved 38 participants focused on the 8 vision focus areas. The workshop process involved participants in identifying the positive and negative aspects of each vision focus area, as well as vision ideas or statements for the future. Collectively participants generated:

- 210 positive observations
- 304 negative observations
- 400 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 PRECINCTS

The Positives

- Sense of character and heritage buildings
- Mix of uses and styles
- Streetscape improvements of Angove Street
- Sense of community and ethnic mix
- Good public transport and accessibility
- Potential for development
- Built form and design
- Attractive Streets
- Adequate parking

The Negatives

- Traffic and poor pedestrian environment
- Poor appearance and streetscape
- Poor built environment and design
- Lack of activity and vibrancy
- State of the North Perth Plaza Shopping Centre
- Negatives impacts of Fitzgerald Street
- Loss of local businesses and banks
- Lack of public art

Vision Ideas for the Future

- Improving streetscapes and creating green spaces
- Developing diversity of uses and increasing housing
- Reducing traffic and improving pedestrian environment
- Improving the Fitzgerald Street environment
- Community cultural activity and markets
- Improving public transportation
- Preserving and reflecting the heritage of the area
- Improving the North Perth Plaza area
- Creating public and civic spaces
- Environmental design principles

HOUSING, DENSITY AND URBAN DESIGN

The Positives

- Heritage housing and character streetscapes
- Current density and scale
- Benefits in increasing housing density
- Pedestrian accessibility
- Mix of housing
- Residential streetscape and parks
- Friendly and mixed neighbourhoods
- Community unity - anti development

The Negatives

- Impacts of higher densities
- Poor design and impact on streetscape
- Neglected houses and streetscapes
- Lack of environmental design principles
- Declining housing affordability
- Low densities
- Impact of heavy arterial traffic on local streets
- Overhead power lines

Vision Ideas for the Future

- Improving design, planning and controls
- Protecting and enhancing streetscapes
- Containing higher densities in certain areas
- Minimising high density developments and height
- Maintaining diversity in people, housing and affordability
- Retaining existing housing stock and character
- Environmental design principles and sustainable housing
- More parks and green spaces in neighbourhoods
- Generating vibrant and happy residential neighbourhoods
- R codes – a community decision

CHARACTER AND HERITAGE

The Positives

- Intact heritage buildings and character houses
- Sense of place, character and local identity
- Intact character streetscape
- Mix of styles and cultural diversity
- Heritage buildings offer good urban design principles
- Improvements to the character of North Perth

The Negatives

- Impact of development and heavy traffic
- Neglected character homes and streetscapes
- Lack of awareness and lost of heritage
- Mock heritage
- Disincentives to retaining heritage homes
- 'Europeanised character homes
- Lack of recognition of migrant and indigenous heritage

Vision Ideas for the Future

- Preserving character buildings and streetscapes
- Sympathetic integration of new and old buildings
- Celebrating and keeping heritage alive
- Heritage walkways and interpretive material
- Recognise and reflect migrant and indigenous heritage
- Preserving trees and green spaces
- Community participation and decision making
- Incentives for retaining heritage buildings
- Determining and reflecting the North Perth Style

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

The Positives

- Walkability and cycle access
- Easy access and good public transport
- Traffic calming and pedestrian safety measures
- Adequate parking
- Good road design
- Less traffic in residential streets

The Negatives

- Poor pedestrian and cyclist amenity and safety
- Excessive arterial traffic volume, speeds and impacts
- Black spots
- Parking deficiencies and impacts
- Parking at North Perth Plaza
- Public transport deficiencies
- 'Rat running' through residential streets
- Preference given the cars over pedestrians/cyclists
- Poor traffic control
- Poor street lighting

Vision Ideas for the Future

- Creating a pedestrian and cycle friendly environment
- Developing public transport and town linkages
- Reducing car use and dominance
- Reducing traffic volumes, speed, noise and local impacts
- Improving car parking
- Reintroduction of light rail
- Developing respect among all road users
- Effective traffic management and design

SAFETY AND SECURITY

The Positives

- Good sense of safety
- Passive street surveillance
- Good sense of community and neighbourhood

The Negatives

- Poor street lighting and urban design
- Safety hazards, presence of drug dealing and beggars
- Impact of traffic on safety
- Public perceptions about safety and crime rates
- Police and community response
- High front walls

Vision Ideas for the Future

- Engaging community and neighbourhood approaches
- Designing out crime
- Open street frontages and passive surveillance
- New approaches to crime and anti-social behaviour
- Improving street lighting and use of laneways
- Increasing policing and surveillance
- Community feeling safe

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

The Positives

- Trees, parks and green spaces
- Strong community awareness and value
- Benefits of older homes and bigger blocks
- Engaged and supportive council

The Negatives

- Energy inefficient design, and buildings
- Impacts of development
- Inadequate recycling system
- Poor environmental practices and design
- Environmental impacts from major roads
- Need more awareness of sustainability
- Little use of native trees in trees and parks

Vision Ideas for the Future

- Energy efficient building design and neighbourhoods
- Planting more trees, green spaces and linkages
- Community awareness and involvement in sustainability
- Improving waste management and minimisation
- Limiting development
- Local decision making in environmental issues
- Limiting the impact of cats

PARKS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

The Positives

- Good local parks and green spaces
- Variety of retail, business and community facilities
- Fenced playgrounds for children
- North Perth Town Hall – a good focal point
- Improvements to parks and use of natives

The Negatives

- Community facility deficiencies
- Need more parks, trees, and green linkages
- Access and public transport to community facilities
- Lack of fenced-off areas for children and dogs
- Lack of activities for young people and seniors
- No public high school in the town
- Lack of public art in parks and community facilities
- Regional sporting needs before local community needs

Vision Ideas for the Future

- Enhancing the use and facilities in parks
- New parks and green linkages
- Improving access to community facilities
- Developing new needed community facilities
- Good community facility planning and adapting facilities to change needs
- Sustainable design, construction and maintenance
- Use of technology
- Adventure parks for teenagers

COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND ARTS

The Positives

- Community embraces cultural diversity and tolerance
- Good sense of community
- Good range of activities and facilities
- Public and community art

The Negatives

- Lack of cultural facilities, events and festivals
- Lacking reflection of indigenous culture
- Lack of cross-cultural and generational activities
- Declining community spirit and cultural diversity
- Lack of public art
- Design destroying culture and character

Vision Ideas for the Future

- Developing festivals, cultural facilities and opportunities
- Creating civic places and building community
- Building community interaction and spirit
- Retaining cultural diversity and ethnic mix
- Strong community participation in local affairs
- 'Artists in Residence' working and public art
- Increasing public art
- Youth arts collective

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 *Sense of character and heritage buildings*

- The whole shopping area, especially along Fitzgerald Street has an atmosphere of character and charm.
- A large number of old shop fronts and historic building have been retained, which give a great sense of the past.
- Lots of little old shops that are facing the street and provide character and variety.
- Landmark buildings are Rosemount hotel, Rosemount Bowl/Theatre; old ANZ Bank; Items façade; J.J. Burns shop fronts and View Street.
- North Perth Hall and surrounding building is an 'icon', nice to look at and has a sense of heritage.
- Some buildings give a sense of style and history.
- The older-style buildings along Fitzgerald Street and adjoining eg. Angove, Alma and View Streets
- Historic buildings in View Street well preserved, with older buildings being utilised authentically.
- Rosemount Hotel precinct, with Rosemount Bowl and adjoining shops.
- The character and heritage being encouraged, eg. The Town Hall.
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1.1.2 *Mix of uses and styles*

- A good range of commercial buildings, shops, restaurants and cafes; different buildings reflect the ethnic diversity.
- Overall eclectic mix of styles and building ages.
- Good shopping; diversity of buildings, usage and nationalities.
- The diversity of styles and people. Styles could be better integrated.
- Good variety of shops and businesses (X2).
- There is good variety of goods in the shops.

1.1.3 *Streetscape improvements of Angove Street*

- The streetscape on Angove Street is excellent; it has 'cooled' the place down and looks great. It has provided a pleasant, attractive commercial hub.
- The improvements to Angove Street, especially the street shops, alfresco dining and sheltered seating.
- The up-grade of Angove Street - trees, lights, fencing and paving. The potential is there.
- The rehabilitation and landscaping of Angove Street (X3).

1.1.4 *Sense of community and ethnic mix*

- Good ethnic mix and multicultural aspects.
- Friendly inhabitants and good community feeling.
- The small commercial area makes it possible to know and be known.
- Currently, a friendly, diverse community with good ethnic and age mix.
- Community focal points, i.e. Town Hall and school; also the positive atmosphere, with community involvement.
- Plaza is a well-used meeting place.
- Enjoyment of the Macedonian Club and church.

1.1.5 *Good public transport and accessibility*

- Good transport to the city with about six buses stopping in North Perth.
- Good public transport to the city.
- Good accessibility on foot to most shops and commercial services (X2).
- Close proximity to the city and closeness of residential areas to shops.

1.1.6 *Potential for development*

- The shopping centre is in a good location, has potential for development and is well supported. Customers need to be encouraged to stay, and go across the road (to shops in Fitzgerald Street).
- Shop fronts on the high side of Fitzgerald Street are ripe for development of 2-3 storey apartments over shops.

1.1.7 *Built form and design*

- Shops in Angove Street are well laid out, with all in convenient locations and offering good diversity.
- Original strip and shops built to the street, with interesting designs/facade and open frontages with awnings and verandas.

1.1.8 *Attractive Streets*

- Attractive streets, which are pleasant to walk in.
- The precious trees still lining the top of View Street down to Fitzgerald Street.

1.1.9 *Adequate parking*

- There is adequate parking; the banning of roller doors is a plus.
- We are close to vibrant areas and the retailers keep trying.

1.2 The Negatives

1.2.1 Traffic and poor pedestrian environment

- Traffic predominance i.e. continuously heavy flow and really dangerous; not pedestrian friendly.
- Traffic on Fitzgerald – too loud, too much, too heavy and too chaotic.
- Traffic is heavy, noisy and very fast - it needs 'calming' and a 50Kmh limit.
- Traffic management is unfriendly – a major thoroughfare, with dangerous intersections and hazardous pedestrian crossings.
- The owners of shops in Fitzgerald Street need to say why they close their businesses and leave them vacant – it is because of traffic density down Fitzgerald Street?
- The amount of traffic and lack of parking are problems, especially safety around Fitzgerald and Alma Street.
- Unfriendly to pedestrians – too much asphalt – does not encourage people to stay longer than they have to.
- It is difficult for pedestrians to cross Fitzgerald Street to access shopping.
- Pedestrian hazard on corner of Fitzgerald and Angove Streets.
- The dominance of motor vehicles is traffic 'abuse'.
- The amount of heavy traffic is causing a lot of air pollution.
- Street parking restricts traffic flow.
- Parking on Fitzgerald Street creates one lane near shopping centre.
- Parking mayhem.
- No east/west bus service.
- Lack of bike racks

1.2.2 Poor appearance and streetscape

- Aesthetics needs improvement i.e. landscaping, setbacks, rundown buildings and lack of outdoor meeting places.
- Shop fronts on the high side of Fitzgerald Street are ugly and dilapidated. Needs a facelift.
- The twenty-year-old buildings on Fitzgerald Street that are offset from the street – a shabby building style.
- Un-rendered brick buildings in a commercial area are unsightly.
- Need for more trees down street centres, underground power and untidy areas of grass of grass and weeds to be cleared.
- The streetscape of Fitzgerald Street is hot and bleak (near Angove Street)
- Barren, inhospitable landscape on Fitzgerald Street – worst in Town of Vincent.
- Not enough greenery in Fitzgerald Street
- Lack of shaded areas with seating and low-level plants.
- Streetscape has no character, sterile and clinical. Needs more trees, cafes etc. shopping centre needs a makeover with better parking.
- Could be more pedestrian-friendly; it is a bit drab, lacks vegetation and needs more street seating and shelter for people who have difficulty walking any distance; lacks a place for socialising.
- No underground power.

1.2.3 *Poor built environment and design*

- Shopping Centre is unattractive (paint/design); no places to sit and eat; no community atmosphere; shops are duplicated (five hairdressers). Facades of other shops/hotels are ugly; eg. Rosemount Hotel, Rosemount Bowl, vacuum shop. There should be design guidelines.
- Angove Street and North Perth Plaza are not well connected, even though close.
- Lack of wide footpaths that would facilitate outdoor eating and easy pram access. Also a lack of awnings along the commercial precinct.
- Poor built environment i.e. setback, design/style and car parking.
- The set back of the newer shops creates uneven and useless spaces out front.
- 3.0-metre road reserve on Fitzgerald Street produces saw tooth street frontage and threatens North Perth Town Centre Heritage Buildings.
- Lack of consistency of pavements, no universal access and poor signage.

1.2.4 *Lack of activity and vibrancy*

- No alfresco dining on Fitzgerald and lack of cafes and restaurants generally.
- Lack of entertainment outside buildings.
- Lack of a central meeting place outside shopping hours.
- No pleasant open spaces, i.e. piazza-type areas. No coffee shops/cafes.
- Not enough residential development in the Town Centre; little activity there at night; poor street lighting generally and poor shop signs.
- The 'Pub' – the only meeting place and social venue needs fixing up.
- No real nightlife – it's dead.

1.2.5 *State of the North Perth Plaza Shopping Centre*

- North Perth Plaza Shopping Centre car park is ugly, difficult to drive around, has no shade and lacks cycle parking.
- Poor layout of the 'Coles' area shops and parking. It is the current 'meeting place' and needs to be spruced up with trees, shade, seats and colour.
- Car park at North Perth Plaza is ugly; entry and exit points are not easy and parking itself is difficult.
- Presentation and layout of shopping centre – poor. Lacking youth facilities. The degradation of public infrastructure.

1.2.6 *Negatives impacts of Fitzgerald Street*

- Fitzgerald Street cuts the precinct in two – not connected.
- Fitzgerald Street divides the commercial area.

1.2.7 *Loss of local businesses and banks*

- Loss of local hardware store due to Bunnings super-stores and the loss of local bank branches and threat of further such losses.

1.2.8 *Lack of public art*

- Lack of public art.

1.3 Vision Ideas for the Future

1.3.1 *Improving streetscapes and creating green spaces*

- Tree-lined streets with underground power, creation of a pedestrian shopping/dining area between the strip of shops and the shopping centre i.e. between Raglan and Angove Sts.
- A green, tree-lined, shady place in summer – sunny in winter, with people spilling from flourishing businesses on to the footpath.
- The streetscape consisting of large shady trees, more areas to meet, at community cafes, etc. Central lighting and underground power.
- Shaded tree-lined streets with seating i.e. focal points to sit and meet.
- A streetscape up-grade, including trees, lighting and artwork from schools and community. An entry statement that is positive and fresh, reflective of the cultural area.
- Replicate the streetscape of Angove St on all other streets surrounding the retail precinct.
- Improve aesthetics by greening the business area - tree planting and landscaping using local flora.
- More attractive streetscapes viz. end of Angove St. North Perth Plaza Shopping Centre is the North Perth heart. 'Green' it - sculpture with seating etc.
- Planter boxes out front of town centre shops and landscaping area outside the Bendigo Bank.
- Improvement in buildings - not so close to the streets
- Shop fronts with awnings to give a more aesthetic look to the street.
- Footpath cafes with shady chairs and tables.
- More public seating options.
- To have underground power with tree lined streets.
- Underground power.
- Underground power on main streets with shading 'avenue' style large trees.

1.3.2 *Developing diversity of uses and increasing housing*

- In 2024 the North Perth Town Centre will be a successful community meeting place: catering for all ages; providing retail, commercial, civic and educational opportunities for the district. It should express a North Perth character, reflecting past, present and future.
- To see the area from Raglan Rd to Angove St, along Fitzgerald, made into an integrated shopping, café, and commercial precinct, with open spaces, underground parking, and water-fountains, possibly facing away from Fitzgerald St.
- A vibrant living town centre, with balanced mix of commercial and residential and apartments above an accessible shopping area.
- A vibrant shopping centre, with cafes, a visually pleasant streetscape, and having life and movement at night. Also alfresco along Fitzgerald and Angove Sts.
- Higher density 'mixed use' precinct that is a vital centre of the North Perth community. It's identity retained and reinforced through the adaptive reuse of the Commercial Centre character/heritage buildings.
- Greater integration of higher density residential and commercial developments along Fitzgerald Street.
- The shopping centre on two levels, incorporating housing and multi car park and shops along Alma Street.
- Shops along Fitzgerald Street having overhead apartments.
- In 2024 – On Fitzgerald St, from Raglan to Angove Sts, and Angove to Woodville Shopping hub, a variety of interesting stores, meeting local and wider needs; all shops with interesting displays, and good shade through awnings and trees.

- Stimulate diversity of business and appearance of shops by rewarding owners who take pride in appearance of the architecture.
- Preserve 'localness'. Do not expand to 'mega shops' (Galleria style).
- A small library branch in Fitzgerald St with a thriving strip of shops and cafes.
- Antique shops in Angove and some other streets.

1.3.3 Reducing traffic and improving pedestrian environment

- Traffic calming in main areas.
- Traffic improvements: a pedestrian overpass on Fitzgerald, speed arresters, narrowing of roads and 40 Km/h limit.
- Reduce the volume of traffic by using a tram system or light rail. Preserve the heritage value of the area.
- Significant reduction of traffic and greater emphasis on walking and cycling. Local jobs accessible without car travel.
- Quieter streets; easy walking; more large trees; CAT bus from Leederville to North Perth Plaza; more public seating; facilities for 'gophers' for the elderly.
- Fitzgerald St, from Raglan to Marmion Streets, will become a tunnel, enabling the section of Fitzgerald St from Alma to Wasley Streets to become a pedestrian mall with alfresco dining, and street entertainment. Access to off-street parking would be from side streets.
- Easy pedestrian connection between Angove Street and the Plaza behind the Rosemount Hotel, the verandas of which would overlook the thoroughfare.
- Improvement in traffic and safety for pedestrians.
- Safe pedestrian and cycle ways throughout the area.
- Unobtrusive parking and pedestrian needs coming first.
- Safe well lit parking behind shops (to avoid street parking).

1.3.4 Improving the Fitzgerald Street environment

- Fitzgerald Street with slower traffic passing through a leafy shopping precinct, with a mix of shops, that encourages people to come to the area during the day and evening, and with a return of the theatre. Lots of seats under the trees.
- Fitzgerald Street narrowed to one lane either way, with large shady trees, and with all services, including alfresco dining, banks, post office and supermarket.
- Have a 'green corridor' down Fitzgerald St, eg. Native flowerbeds (water wise) on east and west sides of the street. A consistent setback along Fitzgerald Street. Shelter along the full street.
- Reclassification of Fitzgerald Street to a road with less emphasis on non-local traffic. Shops to have continuous verandas and canopies, with trees lining the street.
- Alfresco dining on Fitzgerald Street.
- Plan for Fitzgerald Street infrastructure up-grade including trees, underground power and paving. Building redesign including setbacks, more pedestrian friendly and better innovative design.
- More trees and shrubs on Fitzgerald Street.
- Some way of integrating/joining both sides of Fitzgerald Street eg. Under/overpass over the road.

1.3.5 Community cultural activity and markets

- A nurturing fertile hub of community.
- 'Multicultural Mecca': street umbrellas, trees, restaurants and cafes. Tourists will come here to experience the food, arts and crafts etc.
- Regular local celebrations eg. Street fairs, market in Plaza car park.
- Regular small and medium scale events, eg. Festivals, swap meets and picnics that promote community cohesion. East/west public transport.
- Community markets at weekends to create vibrancy, possibly on the school oval.
- Car Park markets, as in Singapore, with entertainment on Friday/Saturday nights. The Town of Vincent to be a no smoking zone.
- Monthly fair/market to encourage the community to meet. Use an area with shaded seating.
- Reintroduction of a cinema/theatre in town.

1.3.6 Improving public transportation

- Put North Perth on the map. Bring back the trams! From Perth to Angove St.
- Reintroduction of trams along Fitzgerald and Angove Streets.
- A tram/trolley /CAT service operating day and night.
- A better form of public transport such as a monorail.
- Light transport system between major centres (small buses).
- An east/west CAT bus service linking key centres and crossing main radial public transport routes.
- East/west public transport options.
- Transport that connects all the main precincts with the Town of Vincent.

1.3.7 Preserving and reflecting the heritage of the area

- Preservation of the precious heritage shopfronts on Fitzgerald St, placing interpretive plaques on these buildings eg. Rosemount Theatre building.
- Buildings of note and heritage to be floodlit.
- North Perth has a colourful history. It should be displayed with interpretive signs, or a 'heritage walk' with recorded or printed dialogue about interesting shops.
- A Cultural Centre, displaying all forms of the arts to showcase the history and diversity of the immigrants who may have lived in North Perth.
- A Heritage Precinct to encourage preservation of culture and architecture.
- Old shopfronts retained and restored
- Old buildings restored.

1.3.8 Improving the North Perth Plaza area

- In a warming climate, have the North Perth Plaza as a cool oasis, with natural shade and full of happy people enjoying themselves. The car park as a forested park and the parking underground.
- I envisage many more small shops, (Coles is smaller). The plaza has been remodeled into a mixed-use village and there is an alfresco precinct with a true town square.
- North Perth Plaza car park needs to put underground with easier entry and exit points. The ground level could then be landscaped over with some shops/cafes.
- Remove the car park at North Perth Plaza to either underground or on top, with shops fronting on Fitzgerald and Alma Streets at ground level.

- Redesign (demolish) the 'Coles' area, with a covered/multi storey car park.
- Multi-storey car park at Coles, with apartments on top.

1.3.9 *Developing public and civic places and amenity*

- A gathering place which all surrounding residents would be encouraged or would want to go to. "Walk rather than drive to the Place".
- Creation of a public meeting place outside North Perth Plaza on Fitzgerald Street.
- A good meeting place for local residents including residents of Casson House.
- Landscaped outdoor areas for meeting places.
- Meeting areas – Italian/Greek style plaza/piazza with restaurants and gardens. Retain the heritage value.

1.3.10 *Environmental design principles*

- Design awareness of solar seasonal aspects (shade-sails that allow for winter sun).
- Promote a water-wise culture.

2 HOUSING, DENSITY AND URBAN DESIGN

2.1 The Positives

2.1.1 *Heritage housing and character streetscapes*

- The beautiful old character homes that have generous rooms with high ceilings, which make them naturally cool in summer. The attractive front gardens and low front fences open to the street that allow for neighbourhood interaction, and display a consistent setback from the road.
- The many lovely heritage homes, large gardens and open spaces that still exist throughout the precinct.
- The cluster of history and heritage in the North Perth Town Hall, Fire Station and Post Office. Also the big, old, heritage homes in the area.
- Residential area retains its single-storey, character homes, many of which are being restored and renovated. Streetscapes are also being kept along with heritage buildings.
- North Perth's housing reflects a good mix of pre 1940's and post 1940's architecture. It is harmonious in size, bulk, scale etc., and should be retained.
- Federation housing stock.
- Good variety of character housing from different decades and ethnic backgrounds.
- We still have some houses of character.
- The ever-improving heritage area at the top of Angove St that actually attracts visitors.
- Some developments add character/variety to the streetscape.

2.1.2 *Current density and scale*

- Block size and housing density are manageable at the moment. Increases in defined areas only (eg. around Fitzgerald Street) can have significant social advantages.
- Housing density is OK, but only in relation to the site; care is needed with concessions where other buildings are retained.
- Infill is OK, but only in keeping with existing housing – do not agree with over-sized houses on small blocks.
- Low density in an area maintains close links with neighbours.
- Maintaining current densities
- Large blocks allow for gardens and trees.
- Scale, in general, is good.
- Lane development can be very attractive and intimate.
- Current R-codes on busy roads is ideal - eg. Charles St R60.
- Fitzgerald St is an acceptable height as it is i.e. no more than 1 - 2 storeys on the whole; otherwise there is a danger of it becoming a 'wind tunnel'.

2.1.3 *Benefits in increasing housing density*

- Increasing housing is a good thing. It creates a safer community. Empty blocks make an area unsafe.
- The increasing population base will help improve the level and amount of services.
- Increased density supports a livelier town centre.
- It is a good use of land, to allow 1½ storey development behind existing dwellings.
- Small blocks and reasonable house prices compare well to other near-city areas.

2.1.4 Pedestrian accessibility

- The beauty of living in North Perth/ Vincent is its central location: easy access to all areas.
- A great place to walk (if there was more shade).
- Good footpaths provision encourages walking.
- There are good aged facilities that are easy to access on foot.

2.1.5 Mix of housing

- The good mix of housing styles and eras: eg. Alma Rd has new and old together. The influence of cultures and a diverse population.
- The general mix of housing is good, but some infill may attract younger people, so affordability need considering.
- Well-designed infill is helping more people to live in the area.

2.1.6 Residential streetscape and parks

- The wide, tree-lined streets.
- Parks and recreation areas - eg. Les Lillyman Reserve - that have open areas and children's play equipment.

2.1.7 Friendly and mixed neighbourhoods

- Friendly neighbourhood community, especially when walking in the evenings and talking to people on their verandas.
- There is a good age mix of people living here.

2.1.8 Community unity - anti development

- Developments often unite community action – oppose developments on a united front.

2.2 The Negatives

2.2.1 *Impacts of higher densities*

- Destruction of character homes and streetscapes
- Character homes are fast disappearing due to no standards policy.
- Too many examples of early architecture are being demolished.
- The integrity of heritage homes is lost with infill development; some places are lost altogether.
- Many significant buildings are demolished, vegetation (large trees) is lost and poorly designed, two storey developments cause problems with neighbours and changes the feel of the area.
- Character of North Perth is being lost through inappropriate infill (i.e. on back lanes). We cannot replicate the past; development should be on a similar scale, but not a replication.
- Preservation rather than demolition is not always encouraged.
- Heritage streetscapes are also lost with destruction of setbacks when the ugly 'Tuscany' style is used.
- Urban infill eventually decreases the long-term value of the area.
- Invasive impacts on neighbours and neighbourhood
- 2-3 storey infill, overlooking neighbour's backyards, even without windows, feels like living at the bottom of a well.
- Two-storey developments in a mainly single storey area are no good – privacy becomes a problem.
- High density often results in loss of privacy and solar access.
- Lack of privacy is an issue.
- There will be a severe impact on the amenity, style and harmony of the area with a general increase in density and population – we can and should avoid this.
- Infill results in families relocating to areas with bigger blocks. Units do not attract families, so no resulting population increase (as Government. would have us believe).
- High density leads to lack of responsibility for common areas eg. grass verges are not kept well. The age diversity is reduced and population numbers do not necessarily rise.
- Developers need to address other issues when building multi sites, such as traffic and rubbish.
- Poor design, bulk and scale
- Need to consider the devaluation of land through infill and subdivision; also quality building developments being based on sound planning guidelines. These don't often consider the existing look of the street and the façade of the house.
- High density housing being allowed in low-density areas; does not consider the character of the area. The bulk and scale is inappropriate.
- New developments/extensions of 2-3 storeys block the views – makes one feel "in jail". They are out of character with other houses around.
- Some developers are putting up badly designed and cheap housing, that reduces private space, and no extra POS is provided.
- Developers often don't contribute anything to the community; they only consider the economics.
- Too much uncontrolled developments.
- Are the appropriate levels of infill housing codes – R codes – adhered to?
- Removal of trees
- The loss of street trees and those on properties due to infill; subsequent loss of habitat for native animals.
- Private space and mature trees are lost along with character housing.

- Present infill developments often remove trees and vegetation, leaving houses with negligible yard space, without compensating access to POS – a potential for social degradation.
- All trees being cut down in infill areas; personal gain, community loss.
- Street trees are also being chopped down for so many new reasons.
- Infill results in loss of trees and increase in traffic.
- Increase in cars and traffic impacts
- Infill development and higher population will make traffic management strategies essential, to avoid car dependence.
- With development come too many cars for small streets.
- Extensive on-street parking turns the area into a car park.
- Parking needs expanding.

2.2.2 *Poor design and impact on streetscape*

- Some buildings are not really compatible with the overall 'feel' of North Perth, and lack design consistency. Older buildings especially, could be restored to bring back 'character', eg. Burt/Fitzgerald St.
- New home designs, with carports in front, are not very interesting compared to say West Leederville. They lack architectural input.
- Height of housing is inappropriate to the surrounding residences and walls surrounding them are too high.
- Lack of consistency of building design approved by council and then standard of construction (eg. brown building with angles on Angove St).
- Character of new developments must be in line with the neighbourhood; some do not engage the street.
- Lack of consistency of streetscaping/landscaping.
- Council should control streetscapes and implement policies to maintain some form of standard, i.e. not allow 'out-of-character' houses to be built in an area.
- Huge solid front fences give the place a 'prison' feel.
- Quality of new housing projects not investigated. (Will they last?).
- A barrier is formed by Charles/London Sts - locking in North Perth precinct as an island.

2.2.3 *Neglected houses and streetscapes*

- Absentee landlords result in lack of care for the community and buildings.
- Verges are unsightly.
- The use of homes for doss houses is very destructive to the surrounding community.
- Many streets are without shade trees – walking is discouraged.
- The barrenness; not enough local vegetation and large trees.
- Wide streets and big setbacks leave lots of unusable space.

2.2.4 *Lack of environmental design principles*

- Some buildings are designed without energy-sustainable principles i.e. without eaves etc.
- Some designs are environmental nightmares.
- Lack of water-wise gardens.
- Unresolved tension between NIMBY/suburban ideal and developers.

2.2.5 Declining housing affordability

- Increasing house prices are impacting on the diversity of people moving into the region, especially young people.
- The mainly big houses are not affordable and the residential streets are very quiet – without activity.
- Rising prices of rental properties for low-income groups i.e. students.
- Area is too expensive for many people; it will lose diversity. This will worsen as more people move back into inner city suburbs as in other capital cities – market forces cannot be controlled.

2.2.6 Low densities

- Low density/population assists with urban sprawl. It is a waste of land and results in little street activity.
- Not enough people near the shop/transport hub.
- Density (low) is inefficient in terms of environmental concerns. (transport, utilities, etc.)

2.2.7 Impact of heavy arterial traffic on local streets

- Too much traffic on arterial roads, also 'rat-running' on local streets.

2.2.8 Overhead power lines.

- Overhead power lines.

2.3 Vision Ideas for the Future

2.3.1 *Improving design, planning and controls*

- Maintain character urban design houses that address the street. New homes facing on the street activate it and make for a safe community feel.
- Retain heritage and have all new developments adhere to strict design and building codes, to avoid the 'tilt-up slab' look of Subiaco.
- All new housing developments built under strict design guidelines
- House extensions are carried out in the appropriate style.
- Interweave heritage buildings with new developments. Land use mix of local retail, business and residential with parks interspersed.
- Encourage heritage designs for new homes and renovations. Perhaps introduce incentives (\$ or concessions) for heritage colours, materials, design etc. or use by-laws.
- While 'federation' housing may be in keeping with the streetscape, they are rarely 'green'. Change is not always bad, we need to be more open-minded to development and modern designs.
- That town planning adopts a consistent approach to new housing, in keeping with local areas and needs of residents.
- Urban infill needs to be controlled and planned and not be the 'ad hoc' situation that now exists.
- Haphazard infill to be minimised, i.e. selling the occasional back block or demolishing and rebuilding is dumb.
- Council and developers, to ensure fairness for all, will strictly adhere to development codes and guidelines.
- Present building and Town Planning regulations allow for concessions on rules if the developer has compensating provisions. These concessions are abused with excessive 'provisions' as the 'norm'. A policy is needed so that such concessions are the exception rather than the norm.
- Council will be unable to be overruled by the State Tribunal, so preserving what is left of precious streetscapes by creating definite set-backs and only permitting higher (2-3 storey) buildings behind the front of single storey existing dwellings, or if a new dwelling, it must be the same set-back and only single storey abutting the street.
- That commercial/non-residential developments are out of residential areas, or at least they must be architecturally sympathetic.
- Right angle parking in narrow streets to increase car density parking without compromising safety.
- Monitor the fine line between allowing many people to share the North Perth lifestyle without creating a "cheap" environment.

2.3.2 Protecting and enhancing streetscapes

- As many of the present streetscapes as possible will be kept, including, perhaps, the 'Europeanised' houses.
- Heritage valued streetscapes, with high density along main roads only.
- Streets retaining their character, with tree-lined streets and underground power.
- 2024 will be much as it is in 2004, but the area will be 'beautified', and 'greened' with gardens, tidy verges and no 'grot'.
- In 2024 – beautiful streets and parks.
- A vision of tree-lined streets with underground power.
- All streets are shaded by glorious green trees.
- Underground power in all streets.
- Underground power, so allowing for more tree planting, preferably local varieties to increase native habitat.
- Power will be underground and all streets will have continuous shade from a variety of trees.
- Maintenance of native trees where possible, and the move towards native streetscapes. Use of small public spaces for trees and shrubs, but keep them. Residential streets are very attractive; it is nice to walk under shady trees.
- Further native plantings in public and private spaces to off set climate change and use less water.
- Plant natives as street trees.
- Mediterranean style landscaping treatment to streets and parks.
- Grass verges being kept tidy, with more plantings of trees and shrubs.
- Well-maintained homes, verges and streets. Introduction of incentives if needs be.

2.3.3 Containing higher densities in certain areas

- In 2024, higher density housing will be well located close to the town centre or transport routes.
- Density to be loaded on distinct centres which benefits business and reduces pressure on residential areas.
- Density around the commercial centre.
- Higher density areas to be restricted to commercial space or along major arteries, where there is community consultation and agreement.
- Higher density, low level housing being centred around the commercial precinct to reduce transport demands.
- Higher density areas to be identified, possibly around North Perth Plaza and other shopping precincts, also corner of Charles and Scarborough Beach Rd. Leave other areas alone.
- In 2024, high-density developments along Fitzgerald St and around the commercial centre, but conservation of lower density heritage housing areas surrounding the centre.
- Density should be increased in certain nodes or areas eg. along Fitzgerald St
- Graduate densities from main roads (high) to family areas (low).
- Mainly single-storey family homes, with higher density near commercial areas, or apartments over appropriate commercial buildings. (All within walking distance).
- Higher density is achieved by residences above shops; amalgamating blocks with poor quality homes; and larger chunks of high density, rather than small high-density developments.
- Higher density being kept to certain areas – eg. Brown's Dairy site infill.
- Medium/high density housing is already available and on line in Northbridge; should more be necessary it should be along Charles St towards Dog Swamp.

2.3.4 *Minimising high density developments and height*

- High density to be kept at a minimum, so retaining the architectural values, flora/fauna, and ethnic and age mix of the area.
- Avoid high-rise buildings, which will spoil the area.
- No Subi-Centro hyper-development. It will change the character of North Perth
- Only low to medium density in residential areas. Maintenance of heritage precincts. High density only in places compatible with this style.
- There will be a higher density, but keeping 1-2 storey buildings.
- Current two-storey scale should be sustainable for future development.
- Housing/apartments should not be more than 2–3 storeys.
- Height limit of two storeys. No lofts, as they become third storeys.
- All development must be kept to two storeys, with the bulk and scale reflecting the area.
- More R20 codes; they especially need to be kept in Eaton Street.
- No infill.

2.3.5 *Maintaining diversity in people, housing and affordability*

- A residential area that is diverse in age levels and allows people (through its housing) to live in North Perth from birth to death (X2).
- Mixture of low and medium density encourages families to move into the area, according to their affordability level.
- Affordable units and increasing population near main streets, integrated with commercial areas (necessarily multi-storey). Working out 'how too?' rather than exclude.
- Retention of housing diversity to maintain a broader demographic.
- Mixed population and range of housing types
- Variety of housing styles, with low to medium density.
- A greater variation and better design of smaller dwellings. Town houses are a good use of land.
- Higher density homes, with reduced car dependence, which can lead to greater socialising and community interaction.
- Infill by subdivision of big blocks would make housing more affordable, thus encouraging younger people into an 'ageing' area and stimulating it economically and enlivening the atmosphere.

2.3.6 *Retaining existing housing stock and character*

- The majority of existing housing stock (that is well built) will be restored/retained.
- The bulk of existing housing stock is retained.
- Retention of the present housing stock – no general change in bulk, scale or density.
- Wasley Street, between Norfolk and William Streets, retains the character streetscape and has sympathetic development scale-wise.
- I would like to see the creation of a significant heritage housing precinct in North Perth and the retention of low densities.
- Some of the lovely old homes, built in the early 1900's should be retained in certain streets, to keep our links with our early settlers.
- Everyone will know the history of the occupants of their own home, passed on when the house is bought/sold.

2.3.7 *Environmental design principles and sustainable housing*

- A high priority should be passive energy efficient building designs to avoid the need for air conditioning and take the pressure off peak summer power supply.
- Appropriate urban design promotes energy efficiency and low water use.
- We should be building energy efficient homes.
- To see a good percentage of houses with solar panels on their roofs; also underground power, allowing street trees to grow to a decent size; also storm water from streets going into soak wells or swales in the verges, so that run-off recharges the aquifer rather than pollutes the Swan.
- There should be sustainable strategies applied to public and private land.
- Adapted to less rainfall and warmer, more variable weather and using water better.
- Water-wise gardens and shade trees still present.

2.3.8 *More parks and green spaces in neighbourhoods*

- More small parks with trees and gardens being established.
- That the number of parks/open spaces be increased.
- I would like to see no empty blocks in future. Develop them or create a park. More parks are needed anyway; more greenery should be planted, also lawns, and trees on verges. Dead trees and weeds would be removed – fire hazard.
- The retention of urban 'spaces' – not every square inch filled in, but some greenery and shade in the inner city.
- As population increases, the use and accessibility of reserves needs to be planned for. A POS strategy should be in place.

2.3.9 *Generating vibrant and happy residential neighbourhoods*

- A vibrant, happy community/village.
- To see urban communities which have the ability to interact; using of open spaces within residential areas; and the limiting of high-density buildings.
- People interacting and socialising in the streets.
- Generate a thriving nightlife by improving cafes, restaurants, buildings and streetscapes.
- Small and frequent places for people to meet and mix, eg. Cafes, cinemas, sporting facilities for youth.

2.3.10 *R codes – a community decision*

- That R codes are clearly established, that it is a community decision, not Gov. driven (X3).
- Metropolitan development economics is driving higher density and infill development. Present Town Planning Regulations cannot cope. Major reform is needed. Town of Vincent should campaign for this with other local authorities.

3 CHARACTER AND HERITAGE

3.1 The Positives

3.1.1 *Intact heritage buildings and character houses*

- Beautiful old public buildings and their history: Post Office, Town Hall precinct, Rosemount Hotel, The Bank and Rosemount Bowl building.
- The old buildings in View, Fitzgerald and Angove Streets maintain our history.
- North Perth Hall and surrounds is an icon.
- The number of art deco, federation, and character buildings mostly pre-WW1: key ones are Fire Station, Post Office, St Hilda's, The Bank on 3 Glebe St.
- Important buildings include Town Hall, Fire Station, Redemptorist Monastery, Rosemount Theatre, Rosemount Hotel and Angove Street heritage antique shops.
- The Town Hall is well restored. Use of Fire Station is not antipathetic to the building.
- I like the many old buildings eg. Churches, shopfronts, old factories, Town Hall, Post Office, St Rita's.
- Buildings from the early 1900's – houses, corner deli's, strip shops, public buildings and halls.
- The Bank is a classic well-preserved building.
- Heritage precincts such as View St are important to retain.
- Lots of old corner shops remain, even if converted to other uses.
- Character housing responds well to local environment; hall walls conduct a through breeze and verandas shade the outside walls.
- Most original homes remain so with intact streets.
- Great variety of 'character housing'.

3.1.2 *Sense of place, character and local identity*

- Old houses contribute to the sense of place and sense of belonging to the North Perth community. Also they have a history and tell stories about the area.
- The character of the place makes it a more interesting and stimulating place to live in and move through.
- Small shopping centres add to our quality of life and the character of North Perth and should be attractive to all ratepayers – old and new.
- Living over a shop is great fun. Keep the corner deli's; they are the heartbeat of the local community.
- That council has recognised the value of collecting the stories and artifacts of our heritage. Real stories are more entertaining than the movies!
- Stories from the many people who have lived in North Perth still await discovery.

3.1.3 *Intact character streetscape*

- Some excellent more or less intact streetscapes.
- Intact character streetscapes.
- Also important to retain are the streetscapes, although the old thinking on Queensland Box trees – not appropriate.
- Wonderful view of the city from the top of View/Leake Streets the lovely jacaranda streetscapes.
- The park near Len Fletcher Pavilion (mural); Rosemount Hotel; The Bank.

3.1.4 *Mix of styles and cultural diversity*

- Good variety of styles from different decades, migration waves and ethnicity.
- Great mix of different cultures within the town, and differing ages to maintain our cultural heritage.
- The mixture of ethnic backgrounds is positive for a family friendly community.
- Positives include the ethnic and demographic mix, heritage and civic buildings, Woodville Reserve and Hyde Park.

3.1.5 *Heritage buildings offer good urban design principles*

- That the height of most buildings is less than 2-3 storeys.
- Harmonies of scale in housing and block sizes, (but different scale and size in different areas).
- Big homes, consistent styles; changes reflect migration.

3.1.6 *Improvements to the character of North Perth*

- Improvement in character of North Perth, i.e. shops, parks and buildings, multicultural gardens are excellent.

3.2 The Negatives

3.2.1 *Impact of development and heavy traffic*

- Inconsistency of new building and infill designs in relation to local character and residents needs.
- Uncontrolled demolition and infill destroys character.
- Too many older buildings have disappeared – many could have been 'converted' or had their façade retained (X2).
- Lots of stories of the area are being lost.
- Too many trees are being lost: new houses should be designed around significant trees.
- 'Boxes' built on small lots should not be encouraged.
- New, aesthetically unattractive developments produce a 'fractured' feel.
- Because of heavy through traffic, the character and vibrancy of Fitzgerald St shopping and many heritage homes have been lost.

3.2.2 *Neglected character homes and streetscapes*

- Old heritage buildings have been allowed to fall apart, or have been demolished for piecemeal developments. Extensions are often out of character, as are facades that have been changed. Historical records (old photos) should be available and used as reference.
- People speculate on old homes and let them run down.
- Character homes not being maintained, leading to demolition.
- The neglected and overgrown properties and verges; the badly designed and boring car parks, which waste so much space.
- The streetscape of Charles and Fitzgerald Streets are degraded and sub-standard. There is a need to challenge the role, influence and priorities of Main Roads Dept.
- Consistency of landscaping; lack of recognition of 'Heritage'.
- Red brick housing leads people to think that red brick paving is a good idea – its not.

3.2.3 *Lack of awareness and lost of heritage*

- Character of North Perth is primarily in its European residents. Too much focus on buildings. Value is in the community.
- Few 'significant' buildings. Many heritage buildings not recognised eg. shop fronts and facias above awnings, often not seen.
- Police station in Angove St should still be in use.
- Losing stories, as older generations pass on without having recorded their stories.
- Lack of co-operation between council and the private sector.

3.2.4 *Mock heritage*

- New development – some not well designed. They merely mimic 'character' and show a loss of cultural heritage. Advice on design appears not to have been taken (is not available?).
- 'Fake Federation' is worse than a new development (X2).
- Mock development reduces integrity of heritage. No need to recreate – be true to this era.
- 'Tarted up' federation/older homes.

3.2.5 *Disincentives to retaining heritage homes*

- Some developers are after a quick dollar, and don't see the long-term value of retaining character.
- Don't make it so difficult for residents to 'do up' their homes.
- Heritage density bonus is not leading to sympathetic new development.

3.2.6 *'Europeanised character homes*

- European immigrants have renovated many heritage and federation homes beyond recognition.
- Federation/Transitional/Edwardian homes that have been 'Europeanised'.

3.2.7 *Lack of recognition of migrant and indigenous heritage*

- Lack of recognition of the cultural and social contribution of migrants.
- Lack of recognition of indigenous sites, both sacred and historical.

3.3 Vision Ideas for the Future

3.3.1 *Preserving character buildings and streetscapes*

- That the character and heritage of North Perth will be enhanced and embraced by all and respect is given to its value to the community.
- Well preserved heritage buildings and improved streetscapes, adapted to a drying climate.
- Heritage, tree-lined streetscapes preserved, along with Smith's Lake and its bird life. Underground power lines in place and less through traffic.
- The conservation of heritage areas
- The beautiful old homes of red brick and tile to be retained.
- Retain and maintain. – Housing stock, density, harmony and streetscapes.
- Restoration/development.
- Greater advice being made available to owners of heritage homes as to high-density areas to be placed in separate zones.
- Also, developers are actively encouraged to retain old heritage buildings, even if only the façade
- Maintenance of character is seen as a financial imperative – it's where the money is.

3.3.2 *Sympathetic integration of new and old buildings*

- Many of the older character buildings are retained and newer buildings echo them whilst having their own distinct feel.
- Good mixture of old and new houses; single and two-storey, large and small, with multi-units kept to a minimum.
- Heritage buildings and character homes with significant gardens interspersed with quality in-fill.
- An eclectic and diverse mix of heritage and new development. Also regular and accessible public transport.
- In 2024 the population will be denser. Retain streetscapes with a mix of old style homes and the addition of some small multi-storey units that blend in well. Streets made pedestrian-friendly.
- Low density housing with a predominance of older style buildings; only pockets of higher density.
- Facades are retained with new building behind where the original was unusable.
- In 2024, the built environment to be as unchanged as possible.

3.3.3 *Celebrating and keeping heritage alive*

- That the history of the diverse communities who have lived in North Perth is well known and celebrated and that it contributes to a sense of belonging for current residents.
- That this history of Vincent will be available on DVD for loan/hire, including oral history of residents in the period 1950> and the recorded history of the Town.
- Publication of a historical booklet of North Perth with stories and photos of people and buildings. Residents can be surveyed to tap into their history.
- Recording and promotion of our cultural heritage.
- History being kept alive with local festivals and markets to celebrate special days.
- A North Perth Heritage Festival at the school oval, combined with a market/fair.
- An ageing population, celebrating and sharing it's history to help give continued emphasis on a friendly community.

3.3.4 *Heritage walkways and interpretive material*

- The stories of the past are more accessible. Plaques in paths, self-guided walks, and a local studies collection that has resources on par with those we give to sporting facilities.
- The placing of photographs of historic buildings when first built on interpretive plaques on these buildings, so that people can see the original character of that building.
- Create a Heritage Walkway with plaques, photos and street art.
- Design heritage walks – available on the town’s website.
- Provision of Heritage Plaques for sites and buildings. Artwork (sculpture/mosaic) to highlight these.
- When walking the streets, small plaques can be seen, telling the storey of the place/building.

3.3.5 *Recognise and reflect migrant and indigenous heritage*

- The recognition of migrant heritage – interpretive signs in local precincts.
- To develop North Perth into a vibrant, multicultural area, with a mix of heritage and quality modern architectural styles with plenty of open space and street trees planted over the underground power lines.
- Development of community garden plots/farm, reflecting the European way to grow household vegetables. Use of worm farms for fertilizer.

3.3.6 *Preserving trees and green spaces*

- In 2024 – to see more greenery along the streets and more parks and the preservation of those we have already i.e. Multicultural Gardens.
- All large street trees retained
- A well maintained Hyde Park.

3.3.7 *Community participation and decision making*

- Community talking more and determining what is appropriate new development in the area. Considering the existing housing stock, also new design and innovation architecture etc.
- All residents are actively and openly engaged directly regarding re-developments, infill etc. in their immediate vicinity. (eg. arranging a meeting in the street of those affected.)

3.3.8 *Incentives for retaining heritage buildings*

- Encouragement (rate relief) for individuals (residents and businesses) to restore and maintain the older heritage buildings, as well as improving, as necessary, verge areas etc. Town of Vincent to make a bigger effort to do its part.
- Owners of heritage houses should receive some incentives to renovate and maintain their homes. Encourage their adaptation to modern living standards without loss of heritage value.

3.3.9 *Determining and reflecting the North Perth Style*

- Determination of what is ‘North Perth Style’ in design and materials - new houses should match this style and not the fashion of the day.

4 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT

4.1 The Positives

4.1.1 *Walkability and cycle access*

- North Perth Town Centre business is within walking distance of the residential area.
- Lot of the amenities are close by, so one can walk and avoid parking hassles.
- We can walk! To the Plaza, to Highgate, to Northbridge.
- Most facilities are within walking distance.
- Sometimes it's much easier to walk than drive around North Perth.
- Street trees provide shade and comfort for walkers.
- The quiet back streets make cycling easy.
- Perth climate means that one can cycle for most of the year.
- Cycling is made easy.

4.1.2 *Easy access and good public transport*

- It is easy to move around, and shopping centres are close by.
- Easy access to the city by bus, car or riding.
- Good access for pedestrians and the elderly.
- Transport connections to and from the city in the day are good, with six buses stopping at North Perth Plaza during the week.
- Public transport is good; also the footpaths encourage walking (X2). Then local area traffic management is OK.
- Frequent (most times) public transport to the city, especially down Charles St even at weekends.

4.1.3 *Traffic calming and pedestrian safety measures*

- Some traffic calming has been successful. Width of roads is OK for cars. Single lane on Vincent St from Fitzgerald to Beaufort Sts is good; also on Angove St.
- That street signs are clearly visible before reaching the street.
- Central islands have made it easier to cross major roads.

4.1.4 *Adequate parking*

- No need for more public car parks.
- Can always find parking within the three main commercial parking areas.
- Free parking still available.

4.1.5 *Good road design*

- The grid pattern of streets diffuses traffic through the neighbourhood.
- Parking having been restricted to one side of the road only improves access.

4.1.6 *Less traffic in residential streets*

- There is less traffic and it's easier to drive in the back streets. Also it is more enjoyable to walk in the back streets.
- Most streets, except Fitzgerald St are relatively quiet considering it's the business centre.

4.2 The Negatives

4.2.1 *Poor pedestrian and cyclist amenity and safety*

- Pedestrian crossings at many traffic lights are very dangerous, especially in Vincent/Fitzgerald.
- Pedestrians can't easily cross Fitzgerald Street: accidents are frequent.
- Fitzgerald and Charles Streets are dangerous for pedestrians to cross. Reduces people's access to shops on both sides.
- It's hard to cross Charles and London Streets - makes North Perth an island precinct.
- Cycle-ways not available in busy areas.
- Need more visible bike lanes on local and district roads (eg. red bitumen).
- Lack of cycle-ways.
- Lack of bike lanes.
- Not enough bike racks.
- Difficult to access main cycle ways from residential areas; i.e. a lack of east/west cycle ways to access main north/south cycle routes.
- The level of street lighting and lack of crosswalks.
- Lack of shade trees, making walking unpleasant.
- Footpaths are too narrow in places – the road takes over space of pedestrians.
- Need for more traffic lights to assist pedestrians to cross (not with the separate 'walk' phase, but like those introduced in Adelaide Terrace.)
- Cars and buses have no idea how close they get to cyclists.

4.2.2 *High arterial traffic volume, speed and local impacts*

- Excessive traffic on arterial roads through North Perth
- Through traffic is disruptive to lifestyle. It is too heavy and fast especially on Vincent and Fitzgerald Streets.
- The speed and level of through traffic on Fitzgerald and Vincent Streets.
- Too much through traffic in Fitzgerald Street.
- Fitzgerald Street is a 'freeway'.
- Too difficult to get from east of Fitzgerald St to west: traffic moves too quickly on Fitzgerald.
- Main concern is the speed and density of traffic, making driving difficult and dangerous, even walking on busy streets is unpleasant.
- Altogether too much traffic at present.
- Traffic increases are reaching dangerous levels.
- High level of ambient noise from traffic.
- Failure to look at traffic volumes more holistically (i.e. in Wasley, Forrest and Alma Streets)
- High volume of car traffic splits North Perth shopping area.
- High traffic roads create a barrier to community movement.
- Drivers of excessively noisy vehicles use minor roads to demonstrate their vehicle's noisiness.

4.2.3 Black spots

- Fitzgerald Street is particularly dangerous
- Black spots: turning right or left from Alma into Fitzgerald Sts. Many accidents on this corner. Also turning right into Forest St from Fitzgerald Street
- Black spot – corner of Fitzgerald and Alma Street West.
- Corner of Fitzgerald and Alma Streets is a black spot. Need for traffic lights?
- Dangerous intersection at Alma Street parking bays in this area create a hazard.
- Intersection of Charles, Angove and Scarborough Beach Road is always an accident waiting to happen.
- Corner of Norfolk and Wasley Streets is hazardous.
- Charles and View Streets - corner is too sharp.
- Bus stops near corners obstruct vision of vehicles turning into Fitzgerald Street

4.2.4 Parking deficiencies and impacts

- All day parking for non-residents should be restricted in small streets where parking is limited.
- Parking on Fitzgerald Street – a disaster. Should be a 'clearway' till' 8 pm at least.
- Parking in Menzies Street in daytime, turn it into single lane; needs right angle parking.
- Current rear parking is dark, bays are too small and area is unkempt.
- Street verges are poorly managed space when used for parking.
- Some narrow streets are difficult to navigate when used for parking.
- Too few people realise that they could walk and avoid parking problems.
- Gradual loss of parking due to high-density development.
- 90 degree parking.

4.2.5 Parking at North Perth Plaza

- Parking regulations not enforced in North Perth Plaza. Plaza car park is ugly, ugly, ugly, and hot. The employee's park in adjacent streets and trolley traffic is bad. It is hard to get in and out of when cars are parked in Alma Street
- Parking in Coles is chaotic.
- Parking at North Perth Plaza and surrounds – a problem.
- Coles parking is inadequate.
- Not enough parking for North Perth shopping precinct.

4.2.6 Public transport deficiencies

- Little connection between precincts. No easy public transport to other café districts.
- Lack of regular public transport; lack of cross-suburban transport, mainly North to South.
- No bus route from North Perth to West Perth business district. (This was raised 2-3 yrs ago through West Vincent Transport Study.).
- Terrible bus timetable to and from the city at weekends.
- Public transport and cycle-ways are inadequate.

4.2.7 *'Rat running' through residential streets*

- Too much 'rat running' through residential streets.
- 'Rat-runners' are causing danger through Angove, Woodville, Menzies and Fitzgerald Streets - Speed humps needed.
- There is a lot of 'rat running' - makes pedestrians feel unsafe.

4.2.8 *Preference given the cars over pedestrians/cyclists*

- Department of Main Roads wanting to demolish facades on Fitzgerald St shows a 'cars first - local community last' mentality.
- Town of Vincent puts parking provision ahead of pedestrian amenity.
- Walkers are not catered for - the focus is on cars.

4.2.9 *Poor traffic control*

- Poor traffic control between Jack Bell's and Rosemount.
- The disregard for 'give way' and 'stop' signs.
- Over use of speed humps

4.2.10 *Poor street lighting*

- Poor street lighting.

4.3 Vision Ideas for the Future

4.3.1 *Creating a pedestrian and cycle friendly environment*

- Safe, pleasant, activated footpaths, not invisible from homes and gardens, that encourage people to walk to where they need to go.
- In 2024, leafy green streets that encourage walking, and also have extra width for cycling.
- More focus on pedestrian amenities when council is making decisions.
- More generous footpaths and improved access to shops and facilities.
- Large trees for pedestrians.
- Good footpaths for electric gophers.
- Encourage use of personal shopping trolleys for locals.
- Also a cycle path network (able to accommodate power scooters and including parking facilities), criss-crossing the town.
- Bike lanes enabling every one to cycle everywhere.
- Extensive cycle-ways.
- Designated cycle/walk paths on main commuter routes to city i.e. on Charles St
- The mix of facilities making it easier to make a lot of journeys on foot.
- Additional, controlled pedestrian crossings in Fitzgerald Street.

4.3.2 *Developing public transport and town linkages*

- That a public transport system is in place, totally accessible to all, that allows residents and visitors to travel north, south, east and west within the town. Return of trams down Fitzgerald, Angove, Charles and Vincent Streets!
- The bulk of traffic through the town is via public transport, including light rail (trams).
- A hopefully free CAT service from the city and around other social areas. Also a bus route that links the town's precincts. An east/west CAT route to reduce traffic on major roads.
- Also an integrated CAT bus to facilities and car parks; easy road crossing; under cover, multi-storey car parks next to bus stops and rail stations; angled street parking; and better designed bus stops considering weather and position on verge.
- Fuel cell CAT buses using a mix of routes including local loops, radial routes to the city and arcs around the city.
- Community transport around North Perth areas, linking centres.
- Non-peak period public transport by mini-bus on a regular/frequent basis.
- A bus route from Vincent, down Vincent, Loftus and Thomas Streets, to UWA.
- Use of energy efficient public transport.
- A small shuttle bus to local watering holes.
- A fully integrated transport policy eg. Allowing bikes on trains at peak times.
- Comfortable bus stops.

4.3.3 Reducing car use and dominance

- By 2024 Town of Vincent has successfully adapted to less car dependency, focusing on walking and cycling and use of an urban form of a public transport system, adapted to the transformation.
- Lower levels of private car ownership. So, fewer cars parked on streets and less traffic. Local trips being made on foot. Smart local transport, including free buses and low cost taxis. Safe, pleasantly shaded routes for pedestrians. Also safe routes for cyclists. Multi-storey car parks are not a good idea in local commercial precincts.
- Increasing number of people walking, cycling and using public transport to destinations. Better compromises between pedestrians able to cross main roads and the facilitation of through traffic. Trams or small local CAT style buses, doing circuits around the main focal points in Town of Vincent, and linking to main transport routes.
- Encourage walking, cycling and use of trams, buses and cabs.
- Fewer cars. (2)
- Town of Vincent needs to start addressing the issue of availability of transport fuels, the use of which is going to become constrained and more expensive. Transport cost will increase.
- A large increase in use of public transport, bicycles and pedestrian traffic.
- People using scooters and bikes instead of cars.
- Electric bikes will feature prominently.
- A smaller 'village' type suburban centre with easy access to services; more public transport, walking and cycling.
- Many streets used for local traffic only.
- Less traffic, which will help community interaction.

4.3.4 Reducing traffic volumes, speed, noise and local impacts

- No through traffic, or at least substantially less and slower traffic along Fitzgerald Street
- Controlled traffic along Fitzgerald Street, i.e. slower moving. (If we are still using cars).
- Reduce the impact of excessive traffic on Fitzgerald Street
- Less heavy traffic through North Perth in 2024.
- Through traffic on major arterial routes put underground, along with power cables and other services.
- Reduced speed limits in central areas such as Fitzgerald and Angove Sts.
- Movement corridors and systems that service (not dictate to) the North Perth urban community.
- The downsizing of Fitzgerald Street to two lanes
- More lighting on Fitzgerald Street to make it safer.

4.3.5 Improving car parking

- No parking on Fitzgerald Street. Better, subtle, more adequate parking for locals and non-locals, using mainly underground space to improve the aesthetics of parking.
- Properly designed right angle parking bays in narrow residential streets to increase parking with minimal impact and to avoid 'dead' verges.
- A shopping centre with a conscience and sense of responsibility to the community. (Re. parking.).
- No car parks visible from the public domain.
- Maintain high density of new developments to provide reasonable increase in off-street parking.

4.3.6 *Reintroduction of light rail*

- Restoration of light rail i.e. trams to Fitzgerald Street for easily accessible and safe family transport.
- There will be a light rail operating between East Perth Train Station and Leederville Train station; bus stops in each of Vincent's townsites are enclosed and inviting.
- A light rail or mini-bus transport system between Leederville, Mt. Lawley, North Perth, and Highgate.
- Use of light rail i.e. trams along Fitzgerald Street.

4.3.7 *Developing respect among all road users*

- Vehicle drivers and riders respect other road users including pedestrians, cyclists and other drivers.

4.3.8 *Effective traffic management and design*

- The achievement of safe and effective traffic management through road design.

5 SAFETY AND SECURITY

5.1 The Positives

5.1.1 *Good sense of safety*

- Feeling of safety when walking in North Perth anywhere in daytime and evenings.
- Have never felt scared or worried when walking North Perth streets.
- I feel very safe (X3). No concerns walking in the area, even at night.
- Safety problem is largely perceptual; generally North Perth is fairly safe.
- Feelings of home safety; satisfaction with responses from police and rangers (X2).

5.1.2 *Passive street surveillance*

- The low front fences encourage interaction and increase the feeling of safety.
- The 1900's character homes, that are open to the street, assist in providing safer streets, especially when walking at night.
- Mixed-use development around commercial areas help to make safer Town Centres.
- Trend towards mixed commercial/residential use. Daytime business deters burglaries of residences and nighttime residents deter night commercial burglaries.
- Plenty of people in the streets – better safety.
- Lighting on footpaths is generally adequate

5.1.3 *Good sense of community and neighbourhood*

- Proximity of neighbours with dogs increases home security. The size of yards affects this also.
- Older people living at home and neighbourhood watch provide excellent security; as does open front gardens that encourage people to interact.
- The diversity of neighbours; especially the elderly Greeks and Italians who know what is going on in the street.
- Different local people are friendly and likeable.
- Street communities look out for each other, as does the strong school community watch out.

5.2 The Negatives

5.2.1 *Poor street lighting and urban design*

- Street lighting in Hobart St is poor.
- Lighting is not sufficient especially around the back streets.
- Not safe in poorly lit areas and when verges are cluttered with vehicles, rubbish and overgrown shrubbery.
- Needs to be appropriate lighting in ROW's.
- Lack of accommodation above commercial premises influences anti-social behaviour.
- New developments are inward focused – no eyes on the streets.
- Town of Vincent not adequately discouraging the development of 'introverted' buildings.

5.2.2 *Safety hazards, presence of drug dealing and beggars*

- Queensland Box trees are dangerous for falling on seeds. Replace with olive trees.
- Negatives include poor security, drug dealing, rowdy clubs, box trees, and incomplete street plantings.
- I feel uncomfortable walking to and from the Monastery at night, in the evenings around Smiths Lake.
- The presence of drug dealers on the streets.
- An increase of 'aggressive' looking beggars
- The cost of screens must be taken into account when considering home safety.

5.2.3 *Impact of traffic on safety*

- Fast traffic on main arterial roads (especially Fitzgerald Street).
- It is difficult to cross most major roads especially with a pram, even with central islands.
- Traffic is too fast and runs red lights.
- Plaza car park is sometime used as a racetrack at night.
- Car parking on verges creates congestion in some streets and adds to lack of safety and security.

5.2.4 *Public perceptions about safety and crime rates*

- The negative perception of security by insurance companies.
- Hyde Park has a bad reputation for safety after dark.
- There are too many property crimes; theft, burglaries etc. and the streets are not safe particularly at night.
- The crime rate is a little high.

5.2.5 *Police and community response*

- Police are slow to respond or are not interested in general complaints.
- There are less local police stations and old post office. No street parties.
- People don't pull together when a criminal event takes place, i.e. reporting breaking glass or a 'hoon' burnout (X2).

5.2.6 *High front walls*

- Screen walls should be banned – no passive surveillance.
- Tendency for high front fences to create a 'prison' feel. They encourage graffiti.

5.3 Vision Ideas for the Future

5.3.1 *Developing community and neighbourhood approaches*

- An open and friendly community that looks after itself, encouraged by open properties and street frontages. Third places to bring people together.
- Greater focus by Local Government Authorities in engaging citizens in local communities to enable speedier identification and action on safety and security matters, including street lighting, anti-social behaviour, crime, dealing etc.
- Know your neighbours and always greet people on the street. Closing of certain streets to let people play eg. Children with ball games and oldies having gopher races.
- Friendships with neighbours to be developed so that they can look out for each other and make the community safer.
- A more open and public community that knows each other, and is watching and caring about each other.
- Expanded use of neighbourhood watch type activities; use your neighbour, know your neighbour.
- Neighbourhood watch should be supported with a computer network to alert neighbours.
- Community interaction opportunities will encourage neighbourhood watch.
- Regular community meetings (monthly) between residents and Town of Vincent and police to identify problem areas and facilitate a solution.

5.3.2 *Designing out crime*

- Community Policing Through Environmental Design principles adopted in 2004, would mean that the incidence of crime is almost non-existent in residential areas. Town Centre would be world famous for front gardens, decorative low fences and community interaction.
- 'Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design' – use of passive surveillance. Design of residential and commercial frontages. Places for regular informal and formal gatherings.
- Use urban design that avoids dark and isolated places that could be a hazard. People friendly streets are safer.
- All power is underground, so increasing the view: "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design."
- People understanding that high front fences are not more secure and we see people removing them. Also there is a culture similar to neighbourhood watch where people look after their neighbours.
- Solar powered lighting in all laneways; 40 Km/h speed limit in all suburban streets; high density housing above commercial areas – a constant presence reduces crime.
- A larger residential population in the North Perth district to activate and make it safer.

5.3.3 *Open street frontages and passive surveillance*

- Open fronted balconies and verandas and ample street lighting create an environment for family walks and discourage criminal activity.
- Passive surveillance occurs when newer houses are designed to open/look onto the streets and lanes. High walls are banned.
- Continuation of the good street lighting; more see-through fences and open clear views in the streets. All provide a feeling of safety.
- Incentive program for people to remove screen walls to public places.

5.3.4 *New approaches to crime and anti-social behaviour*

- Graffiti and other acts of vandalism arise when people, especially the young, feel alienated and disadvantaged. Town of Vincent needs to adopt a conscious approach by adopting a good social environment. Some graffiti is beautiful.
- Preventative and therapeutic approaches to anti-social behaviours. Community alternatives to drugs etc. – things for youth to get involved in.
- Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour requires good social and employment initiatives to reduce the conditions that give rise to them.
- Also more activities and focuses for those with idle time who get into mischief.

5.3.5 *Improving street lighting and use of laneways*

- Good street and park lighting so that the community continues after dark.
- Improved street lighting; Illumination of laneways to reduce crime.
- Need for adequate street lighting.
- Laneways better utilised, addressed and lit.

5.3.6 *Increasing policing and surveillance*

- Regular safety patrols by rangers and police to be kept going.
- Video cameras and automatic lights in strategic locations around the commercial area to be used at night in cap parks, alleyways etc.
- Ted does not need to pretend to be a traffic cop, (sitting in his car, holding up a 'hair dryer') to slow traffic in his street.

5.3.7 *Developing an strong sense of safety*

- North Perth will be a safe place for the elderly to walk freely in the evenings.

6 ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

6.1 The Positives

6.1.1 *Trees, parks and green spaces*

- There are large shady street trees and well-maintained and presented parks.
- Smiths Lake is a lovely park with shady trees that sustain bird life.
- There are some good areas of POS, many mature trees on public and private property and Town of Vincent encourages care of gardens and verges
- This is a leafy suburb, but some of the trees are inappropriate types. It is good that we still have some birds in the trees.
- The move by Town of Vincent to use local native plants and trees is a positive step.

6.1.2 *Strong community awareness and value*

- The community is informed and values the environment.
- The community is generally aware and supportive of environmental initiatives.

6.1.3 *Benefits of older homes and bigger blocks*

- Older style houses are more environmentally effective than newer homes. They can easily be adapted to be comfortable with low energy consumption, especially if they are insulated.
- We have big blocks, gardens, shady trees, verges and lots of space.

6.1.4 *Engaged and supportive council*

- Positive environmental policies are being encouraged by the Town of Vincent. It is important to maintain this political will.
- Town of Vincent engages well with the community to build capacity for community decision-making.

6.2 The Negatives

6.2.1 *Energy inefficient design, and buildings*

- Too many energy-inefficient houses being built. People are not aware of the long-term costs (X3).
- Low potential (or will) to reduce the impact of individual new developments on the environment (eg. the types of materials, use of recycled materials and waste minimisation).
- Lack of encouragement to design and build sustainable residential and commercial buildings, eg. with no eaves and an over-reliance on air-conditioning.(Need for rebates for this).
- Little use of solar power.

6.2.2 *Impacts of development*

- Temperature increases made worse by hot hard surfaces – why seal ROW's.
- Green canopy is being lost especially from in-fill development. Need for more trees in North Perth.
- Abundance of marauding cats roaming at night. Too many un-leashed dogs.
- Too many group dwellings and town houses, cramming people together.

6.2.3 *Inadequate recycling system*

- Need for single bin recycling.
- Not enough plastics being recycled. Other councils can accommodate these.
- Current system is too messy, with not enough people participating.
- System is ineffective.

6.2.4 *Poor environmental practices and design*

- People still backyard burn and use wood fires, making walking at dusk unpleasant. Fires are romantic but unsustainable.
- Prohibitive cost of designing grey water systems to conform to local regulations.
- Our European heritage makes it difficult to adopt low water use native gardens.

6.2.5 *Environmental impacts from major roads*

- Traffic noise in Fitzgerald Street is excessive.
- Noise and pollution from all major roads especially at peak times is very bad.

6.2.6 *Need more awareness of sustainability*

- Need for more awareness of Environmental Sustainability and Development guidelines and education.

6.2.7 *Little use of native trees in trees and parks*

- Native street trees not being used; some species do not provide adequate shade (X3).
- Little use of native plants in council parks.

6.3 Vision Ideas for the Future

6.3.1 Energy efficient building design and neighbourhoods

- In 2024, North Perth will be a world leader in best environmental design for old houses, low energy usage, natural ventilation, passive solar heating and cool streets through massive tree planting.
- In 2024, North Perth will be world famous for low energy use in heritage housing. An excellent resource recovery facility will reduce waste to landfill to nil. Householders will participate by reducing consumption and treating organic waste on site with worm farms. Natural habitat is provided in parks and habitat corridors, in private gardens and on verges. Households without a car pay reduced rates.
- A community adapting to our continuing drying and warming climate, with gardens and homes that are water-wise and energy efficient. A community empowered with financial decisions that are facilitated by local government and use of technology.
- A suburb with underground power lines, servicing well insulated and energy efficient houses, surrounded by drought tolerant, low maintenance gardens and owned by environmentally conscious people.
- Stormwater from our streets being infiltrated into the ground. (Not pumped into the Swan). Solar panels can be seen on all our civic and commercial buildings. All our parks have at least one large bush garden. Paths are made from part re-cycled concrete. The Town Planning Scheme requires new houses to be super energy efficient. (4 stars).
- Encouragement of local community grey water systems i.e. similar infrastructure that is implemented in several households. All new houses will be energy efficient, including a mandatory grey water system. Financial incentives for houses adopting energy efficient principles eg. lower council rates.
- Energy efficient buildings of the future, both houses and commercial buildings. Less reliance on air-conditioners and heaters and mandatory insulation.
- Much greater number of energy efficient buildings with a mix of different size vegetation that attracts wildlife.
- Native gardens throughout the city to minimise water use. Use of a greater variety of flowering trees and olive trees. The area will look vibrant and smell good.
- More stringent planning laws on building design and location.
- Reasonable diversity in housing allowing for 'greener' development.
- The cost of total clearance demolition being costed into sustainability of development.
- Streetlights in Town of Vincent will be solar powered, as with hot water and lighting in homes.
- With underground power lines, we could enjoy walking in the streets under the shade of spreading trees.
- Underground power lines.
- Use of native gardens, grey water, rainwater tanks and mulch.
- Households will use Rainwater tanks.
- Less energy and water use
- Scorecards being utilised to drive a strong commitment to energy efficient housing.

6.3.2 *Planting more trees, green spaces and linkages*

- Parks are just one part of a healthy natural environment. Residential gardens and well-treed verges provide the links between these parks. The gardens and verges need to have appropriate trees that provide habitat, food and shade.
- Town to encourage more vigorously, the preservation of large trees on private property, and to plant appropriate street trees that provide adequate shade, especially native trees.
- Householders should have a birdbath in their yards. More plantings of native trees and shrubs in nature strips would bring birds into the area.
- More shady trees and bird life. More small parks and gardens and eye pleasing streetscapes.
- Shady trees to keep the heat down and flowering native trees for bird life.
- A plan and strategy will be put in place to replace the aging trees in Hyde Park.
- Re-cycle; plant more trees and encourage more power economy.

6.3.3 *Community awareness and involvement in sustainability*

- In 2024, people will be aware of sustainability and be less wasteful to preserve the environment for our children and grandchildren.
- VISION 2024 – sustainability – just do it!
- Encouragement rewards and rebates for eco-friendly buildings. In transport, use of alternative fuels/energy sources.
- Council, State and Federal governments, and community involvement in sustainable development, including water-wise gardens.

6.3.4 *Improving waste management and minimisation*

- All green waste will be mulched by Council and re-sold.
- Water and nutrient leakage management will be greatly improved.
- A 20yr strategy to substantially reduce rubbish for disposal “Reduce and Re-use”.

6.3.5 *Limiting development*

- No more group dwellings. Houses designed to be more energy efficient eg. with higher ceilings.
- Less in-fill.

6.3.6 *Local decision making in environmental issues*

- Changes that affect people and their lifestyle should be effected at local level by democratic process eg. Environmental issues.

6.3.7 *Limiting the impact of cats*

- Cats to be sterilized and locked up at night.

7 PARKS AND COMMUNITY FACILITIES

7.1 The Positives

7.1.1 *Good local parks and green spaces*

- Some of the best parks and open spaces in the metro area. They are well maintained and well suited to all age groups, with especially good facilities for children.
- Hyde Park is a wonderful place to visit and full of community spirit.
- Parks are family orientated and have facilities for walking pets.
- Parks are evident and well developed, eg. The multi-cultural gardens.
- Woodville Reserve has a high location, great views and a variety of uses; it is an untapped resource.
- Smith's Lake is a great natural environment and gives a good interpretation of history.
- Our parks and play areas are very good,
- That sporting clubs are making more use of the parks.
- Green spaces – Beatty Park, the Monastery,

7.1.2 *Variety of retail, business and community facilities*

- Facilities such as Community Bank, Shopping Centre, Church and leisure facilities are very good.
- North Perth has a range of doctors, dentists, health facilities, banks, post office and undertaker.
- Good access to shops, schools, parks, pool and sporting facilities.
- Primary schools are well positioned.
- Availability of tennis courts and bowling clubs.
- Town of Vincent has some good activities for seniors – bus trips.

7.1.3 *Fenced playgrounds for children*

- Plenty of fenced playgrounds for children with a good range of activities.

7.1.4 *North Perth Town Hall – a good focal point*

- North Perth Town hall is a good focal point for local activities.

7.1.5 *Improvements to parks and use of natives*

- Recent improvements in parks have made good use of native plants.

7.2 The Negatives

7.2.1 Community facility deficits

- No amphitheatre for outdoor entertainment.
- There is little cultural activity in the area, not even a cinema.
- No community centre.
- There is no BBQ in Beatty Park Reserve.
- Library is missing, also the Commonwealth Bank.
- The acoustics of nearly all Town of Vincent halls is bad – noises and echo's – common to all local govt. halls.
- Not enough seating at Perth Oval.
- Facilities are under utilised and under promoted.
- There could be better integration of community facilities at primary schools for community use.

7.2.2 Need more parks, trees, and green linkages

- Need for more POS More parks, large and small. More nature strips and corridors.
- Lack of small, village style pocket parks in the precinct. There are none east of Fitzgerald St.
- Not enough small public space with shady seating to socialise in. Parks in the area are mainly for active use.
- No large open common or space.

7.2.3 Access and public transport to community facilities

- Parks are not always easy to access. They could be better connected; some residents have to cross busy streets to access the parks.
- Accessing other facilities across busy roads, such as Charles St to get to the church. There should be lights or a crosswalk on Charles St.
- Need for public transport **across** the suburb especially for the elderly.

7.2.4 Lack of fenced-off areas for children and dogs

- Lack of fenced-off areas for children and dogs (that run away).(X3)

7.2.5 Lack of activities for young people and seniors

- Youth activities appear to be limited in the immediate area, especially if they are not 'into' skateboarding.
- They are particularly limited for youth and the elderly.

7.2.6 No public high school in the town

- There is no public high school in the Town. The closest high school does not promote the use of public transport as there is no direct route.

7.2.7 Lack of public art in parks and community facilities

- Need for more public art works i.e. murals and sculptures.

7.2.8 Regional sporting needs before local community needs

- The Town of Vincent is taking on regional sporting responsibilities ahead of local community needs.

7.3 Vision Ideas for the Future

7.3.1 Enhancing the use and facilities in parks

- Parks provide a healthy environment for humans and wildlife, with habitat corridors (through streets trees, verge plantings and gardens) connected to the parks. Because of awareness and availability, community use of facilities will be high.
- Benchmark in 2024 – Universal Access to parks, playgrounds and gardens. Playgrounds designed with an indigenous theme. Dog Park 'run'. Communal gardens. Theme Park – "Adventure World". Develop regular opportunities for street theatre/ music by local artists.
- Parks will be well designed to provide maximum usable space for a variety of activities, including no-dog areas; support of organised sport (important for health, community development and character); passive use and relaxation.
- Encourage social gatherings in parks. BBQ facilities would be great in the park in Redfern Street.
- Use of parks for weekend markets – at Woodville Reserve or Primary School oval.
- Some of the large 'active' parks will have areas set aside for passive uses by having better plantings and seating. Verges will be an adjunct to 'formal' parks by providing a park-like linkage between existing parks.
- In 2024 North Perth is a place renowned for its beautiful streets and parks. A place that provides for its multicultural community in an Australian way.

7.3.2 New parks and green linkages

- A network of well-maintained shady parks and plazas/piazas throughout North Perth, especially smaller neighbourhood parks used for passive recreation.
- Alternative forms of transport will release roads for greenways, parks and plazas.
- Dovetail suitable areas for parks and playgrounds.
- More small village-style parks, easily accessible for the elderly.
- Continued maintenance of facilities, parks and gardens and a program to acquire small areas for pocket parks.
- Plant trees that are suitable to the area. These don't have to be natives, but other suitable trees.
- A treed Plaza in North Perth Town Centre.

7.3.3 Improving access to community facilities

- That an east/west public transport system is in place to improve access to schools and university. That the library has a coffee shop integrated into it.
- Making access main roads easier to reach parks and other facilities.
- All community halls accessible to people with disabilities, including hearing aid loops and audio description (for plays etc.) for the vision impaired.
- That residents of the Town of Vincent are reminded on a regular basis (through the local papers) of all the public facilities available to them.
- Integrating cafes with public social spaces.

7.3.4 Developing new needed community facilities

- Need to have a Community and Seniors Centre.
- Setting up of a Community Centre including an Information Centre.
- Need for library facilities and more bank branches.
- A system of checking on lonely people to see if they are OK.

7.3.5 *Good community facility planning and adapting facilities to change needs*

- The adaptation of outdoor and indoor facilities to warmer, drier and more variable climate and to an aging population.
- Parks and community facilities that are flexible for a multitude of different uses and easily adapted to community needs.
- Provision of facilities based on needs. Do we want more or less open spaces? With BBQ's or is the trend toward private third places?

7.3.6 *Sustainable design, construction and maintenance*

- Our parks and community facilities are the frontiers of sustainability and provide good examples of design, material use and plant selection to residents and developers.

7.3.7 *Use of technology*

- Use of technology to bring community together with electronic bulletin boards and feedback stations in public areas.

7.3.8 *Adventure parks for teenagers*

- Adventure parks for teenagers.

8 COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND ARTS

8.1 The Positives

8.1.1 *Community embraces cultural diversity and tolerance*

- A strong sense of community that cherishes ethnic/cultural diversity; this is a good example to all of what multiculturalism offers to the community.
- People are generally aware of the different cultures and history of the area – this provides a sense of belonging.
- The strong multi-cultural heritage promotes family-friendly views and customs.
- Accepting of diversity and willing to consider new ideas.
- We have a tolerant multi-cultural community (X5).
- Very diverse ethnic heritage in North Perth (X3).

8.1.2 *Good sense of community*

- Community spirit is very strong, even with the diverse ethnic backgrounds. This is due to the big age range of residents and their cultural backgrounds.
- Good community spirit – people look out for each other, even with the variety of cultures in the area.
- A friendly atmosphere at the shopping centre, where people come to meet shop and talk.
- A very positive community within the neighbourhood – good interaction.
- There is a sense of community that we can build on, although it may be weakening.
- There is a lack of pretension and ostentation in living eg. Housing.

8.1.3 *Good range of activities and facilities*

- The wide range of activities facilitating community involvement – eg. Vincent Vision!
- The Plaza functions as a community meeting place.
- 'Rosemount' – diversity of performance groups.

8.1.4 *Public and community art*

- Angove St artwork is fantastic – gives character to the street.
- Town of Vincent's Historical and Photographic Art Promotion.

8.2 The Negatives

8.2.1 *Lack of cultural facilities, events and festivals*

- Hard to find any Performing Arts in North Perth (X2).
- Lack of an Art facility eg. Galleries (X2).
- Lack of Cinema/Theatre in North Perth.
- Lack of Community Theatre.
- Lack of street theatre/music performances.
- No North Perth Festival or street celebrations.
- People are unaware of the Arts anyway.

8.2.2 *Lacking reflection of indigenous culture*

- Apart from Smith's Lake, there is a lack of indigenous heritage in the region. It is possibly unknown and needs to be rectified (X2).
- Lack of interpretation of indigenous culture.
- Indigenous heritage is not celebrated – only a little European and Asian heritage but not enough.
- Little to no understanding of indigenous values in this area or within the broader Perth Metro area.
- Indigenous heritage is forgotten – be aware of 'gentrification'.

8.2.3 *Lack of cross-cultural and generational activities*

- A socially conservative, insular community. A lack of cross-cultural/generational communal activities.
- Need for more awareness of different cultures.
- We do not come together in a formal way to celebrate and share the diversity of our community.
- Homogenisation of communities leads to a loss of a sense of place.

8.2.4 *Declining community spirit and cultural diversity*

- Community spirit should be encouraged at Hyde Park Festival. It has been lost by splitting the Festival.
- Decreasing of responsibility by residents to maintain/improve a community environment.
- High-density housing divides people (X2). Beware greedy Real Estate agents.
- Demographic change due to denser housing reduces the number of young and elderly.

8.2.5 *Lack of public art*

- Lack of street art that could reflect the history of the community.
- Lack of quality public art.
- Not enough focal point sculptures that can be used also for seating play equipment and shade.

8.2.6 *Design destroying culture and character*

- New building facades do not function as 'walls of art' – need for a contemporary alternative. (Old facades are ornate).

8.3 Vision Ideas for the Future

8.3.1 *Developing festivals, cultural facilities and opportunities*

- More frequent Art Festivals, with a permanent Art Gallery supporting the sales of local art. This could be in dual use with a new coffee shop, library and Community Centre at Loftus.
- That once a year, the people of the Town come together to share in and celebrate its diversity - eg. With a community fair/street festival/parade (Like Fremantle Food and Wine).
- More community festivals and social events at the local level as well as the broader Town of Vincent level. ADVERTISE so that people know about them.
- North Perth Cultural and Heritage Festival.
- Have regular street parties/celebrations – formal or informal.
- To have Perth Festival events in Vincent.
- The North Perth Town Hall stage – used more for plays (such as those I write and will write).
- Need for a community-type theatre in North Perth, with restoration of the Rosemount Theatre and Hotel.
- At least one Art Gallery.
- Community could make better use of Primary School facilities.

8.3.2 *Creating civic places and building community*

- North Perth Town Centre has to re-connect the civic precinct with the commercial precinct, to bring together a hub of community.
- That there is a vibrant, aesthetically pleasing town square or piazza, where people, young and old meet for a coffee or beer.
- North Perth Plaza has, by default become a meeting place for many. Social Centre is needed.
- Create a more vibrant community feel through communal areas such as parks and pedestrian areas for shopping and dining.
- Draw on the many cultures in Town of Vincent to progress to a new culture, more in tune with the Australian environment.
- A vibrant community that has built on its multicultural and humble heritage to form locally based, rich and forward-looking arts and culture, including regular family orientated events.
- In 2024, Town of Vincent will be a better place to live, with a range of affordable services and active community participation.
- A tolerant, creative and progressive North Perth Community.
- A suburb to look forward to coming home to.

8.3.3 *Building community interaction and spirit*

- A North Perth where residents feel comfortable with building relationships with others in the area, and socialising in public areas.
- Greater interaction in open spaces – more opportunity to mix as a community in public.
- There will greater opportunities for children to play safely in the streets.
- Maintenance of the existing good community spirit.
- We will have strong links with adjacent suburbs, outside of Town of Vincent.

8.3.4 *Retaining cultural diversity and ethnic mix*

- That the cultural and ethnic groups will still maintain an identity with their origins, while maintaining the acceptance of other ethnic groups.
- In 2024 the community will be diverse in culture and arts. People will be tolerant, accepting and understanding of different cultures and races.
- As diversity is valued, measures need to be taken to ensure that the community is continually re-vitalised through housing programs for immigrants.
- A tolerant and accepting community that celebrates its diversity through festivals.

8.3.5 *Strong community participation in local affairs*

- By 2024, social bonding will have developed strong community participation in local affairs.
- A greater local community role in coping with social problems and less dependence on State Government.
- In 2024, that a majority of the community, all age groups, genders, ethnicity, will participate in at least two activities in the local community.

8.3.6 *'Artists in Residence' working and public art*

- Regular 'Artists in Residence', working with local community groups.
- Having a Town Artist.

8.3.7 *Increasing public art*

- More art in public spaces needed (X2).
- More public art works – murals etc.

8.3.8 *Youth arts collective*

- Development of a youth arts collective, (Theatre, Dance, Street Theatre), which should be encouraged and supported.