

# **CITY OF WHITEHORSE FOOTPATH TRADING GUIDELINES ANNEXURE FOR CARRINGTON ROAD, BOX HILL**

## **CARRINGTON ROAD VISION**

*Council's vision for the Carrington Road retail precinct is to be a vibrant, contemporary and popular destination for a variety of businesses and restaurants. It integrates consistent outdoor dining and footpath trading solutions into the heart of its streetscape activity, attracts visitors from many areas, and offers a variety of day and night dining experiences in the heart of Box Hill. It is a precinct where pedestrians and traders form an important part of its everyday life, is accessible, pedestrian friendly, colourful, culturally rich and great to visit any time of the year.*

## **PURPOSE**

These guidelines have been prepared to assist traders to achieve Council's vision for Carrington Road in reference to footpath trading. It applies to the Carrington Road retail precinct, specifically between Station Street and Thurston Street, Box Hill.

The guidelines are based on good design principles and conformant with the *City of Whitehorse Footpath Trading Guidelines, Community Local Law No. 1 2006* and the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*. This document is an Annexure to the *City of Whitehorse Footpath Trading Guidelines*. Any approved outdoor trading permits must comply with the specific provisions noted in the individual permit, as well as the abovementioned Local Law.

## **FOOTPATH TRADING**

Council encourages footpath trading in Carrington Road and recognises it as a key contributor to the street activity, local economic vitality, and contributing to the quality of the area. Well designed and compliant footpath trading can enhance and activate street frontages, promote social interactions, and provide users with a sense of safety. The trading should reflect the unique character of the area, be unobtrusive in style and fit with its surrounds.

Attached for reference are 2 design information sheets to detail Council's vision of footpath trading in Carrington Road. They are titled:

- Transparent Screen Option
- Canvas Café Screen Option

Footpath trading applicants are to use these design information sheets in their design for footpath trading in Carrington Road and submit these as part of the footpath trading permit application. Further detail of the elements contained in the information sheets is provided below.

## **General Design Considerations**

Footpath trading is temporary in nature and may consist of arranged cafe screens, chairs, tables, retractable awnings and umbrellas. These items must be stored away at the end of the day, unless permission has been given for the furniture to remain within the streetscape by Council. All furniture must be designed so that it can be removed from the streetscape within 24 hours in accordance with the permit issued.

Footpath trading within Carrington Road should maintain openness within the streetscape. It is important that footpath trading equipment is manufactured from high quality materials that fit within the local surrounds, are simple and attractive.

Footpath trading should:

- Encourage a safe pedestrian experience,
- Be accessible,
- Contribute to the amenity and character of the local area,
- Be hygienic, clean and easy to maintain,
- Be offset from trees and other assets within the street, and
- Be compliant with relevant regulations, building permits, planning permits and footpath trading permits.

## **Colour Schemes**

Colour schemes are recommended to provide consistency within the streetscape. The colours are derived and consistent with Box Hill marketing initiatives.

The colour palette consists of five colours including *Pantone 187C, 1235C, 548C, Black and White*. Minor variations in colours and in the opacity of colour will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The colours are to be applied to items such as retractable awnings, umbrellas and canvas cafe screens which will assist in creating a uniformed streetscape character for Carrington Road.

## **Transparent Cafe Screens**

Transparent cafe screens are a see-through barrier that separates a footpath trading area from other areas within the street. They create a more formal setting for the outdoor dining experience. Store branding and privacy frosting to a height of 0.6 metres is encouraged to be printed on the screens, consistent in style to that illustrated in the attached design information sheet. City of Whitehorse "Box Hill East Meets West" branding stickers can be supplied by Council and fixed by the applicant to the screens.

Transparent cafe screens must be constructed of suitable laminated glass, perspex or other approved material, and must meet requirements under relevant regulations. Surfaces must be free of sharp or abrasive edges, and designed and certified by a qualified structural engineer. The design and certification must outline the material of construction, capacity of wind and impact loads that are suitable for a streetscape environment. Poles must be made of an extruded aluminium material finished in clear anodised aluminium, or other suitable, approved material.

A maximum of three sides of the trading area can be enclosed. If the screens and support posts can be removed within 24 hours and no permanent roof structure is in place, then the structure is deemed non-permanent and a Building Permit is not required.

## **Canvas Cafe Screens**

Canvas cafe screens provide a clear separation of footpath trading areas from other areas within the street. They are a lower styled barrier and create a less formal setting. Store branding is encouraged to be printed on the cafe screens instead of commercial product advertising.

Canvas cafe screens must be manufactured in the specified colours. Darker colours are recommended for larger surface areas as they are less likely to stain or discolour. The frames must include a light weight frame that can be easily moved and securely located with approved weights or in in-ground brackets. Obtrusive weights to hold down cafe screens are not permitted such as concrete blocks, large sandbags, large weights or containers.

## **Umbrellas**

Removable umbrellas can provide shelter from outdoor elements and can be used when there are no overhead canopies of verandahs or trees. The umbrellas must be designed and built to suit an approved in-ground socket detail. The socket must have a flip-top lid to provide a flush surface when the umbrella has been removed. The umbrella must not create a hazard for pedestrians, must be structurally engineered and be of an appropriate commercial style to suit use within streetscape conditions. A Certificate of Compliance or structural engineers certification should be provided. Domestic and beach umbrellas are not suitable for use. The applicant is to arrange the installation of the in-ground socket and the contractor is responsible to check for clearance to underground services. If there are underground services in the way then an alternative fixing method needs to be proposed.

## **Blinds**

Transparent, plastic blinds can provide a screen that can enhance the outdoor dining experience and provide users with some protection from the outdoor elements. Transparent blinds will be permitted providing that the building facade is not heavily obstructed and pedestrian movements are not limited. Blinds connected to umbrellas or awnings are not permitted.

## **Retractable Awnings**

Retractable awnings can enhance protection from the outdoor elements. Retractable awnings can be used to temporarily extend an existing verandah or balcony. The design must be integrated with existing structures and have a minimum underside height clearance of 2.5 metres. Freestanding awnings are not permitted.

## **Footpath Heaters**

Footpath heaters in footpath trading areas are popular to provide a pleasant environment for patrons, however consideration should be given to ensuring energy is not wasted. Footpath heaters can either be freestanding or fixed.

Freestanding heaters need to be appropriately positioned on a stable surface away from overhead canopies, and installed, operated and maintained appropriately. Freestanding heaters that operate with gas are more commonly used, however have a high risk of fire and explosion.

Fixed heaters can be mounted to existing structures above seated outdoor areas. Fixed heaters must be at least three metres above the footpath and setback at least 750mm from the kerb. Time controlled gas heaters are preferred, however in some instances electric radiant heat will be considered where there is no access to mains gas. In all instances, regular safety checks are required, and compliance with relevant standards, regulations and approvals must be achieved. Heaters must be placed primarily for the benefit of footpath trading patrons.

Applications for footpath trading involving outdoor heating must have suitable plans and documentation ensuring compliance with the relevant guidelines and regulations.

## **Lighting**

Lighting associated with footpath trading should be attached to the building facade and be a permanent installation. Lighting must be certified and meet public lighting standards and regulations.

The City of Whitehorse encourages footpath trading and promotes simple designs that positively contribute to the streetscape character. Footpath trading is assessed on a case-by-case basis and must be consistent with the *City of Whitehorse Footpath Trading Guidelines* and this *Annexure*.

# Carrington Road, Box Hill

## Footpath Trading Guidelines

### Transparent Screen Option

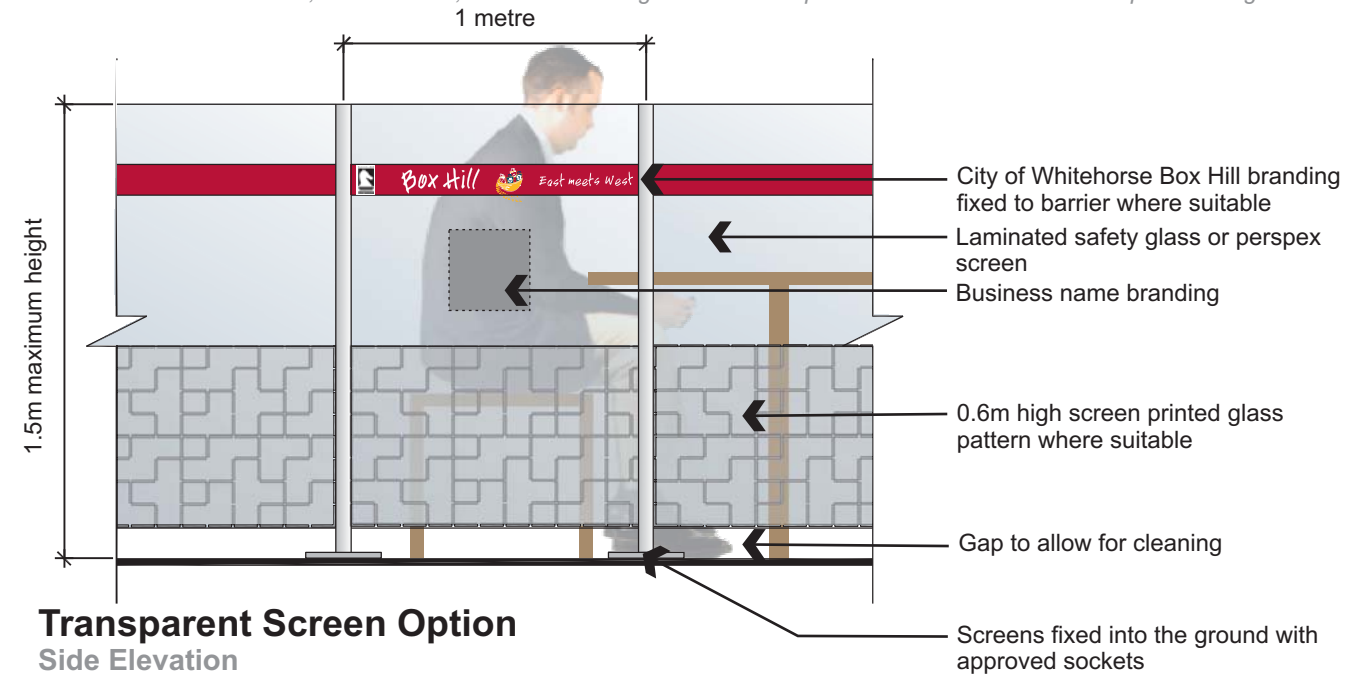


- Pedestrian access points between screens
- Height clearance of awnings to 2.5metres and verandas to 3metres
- High quality outdoor furniture to maximise comfort of users and make good use of public space
- Laminated safety glass or perspex screen

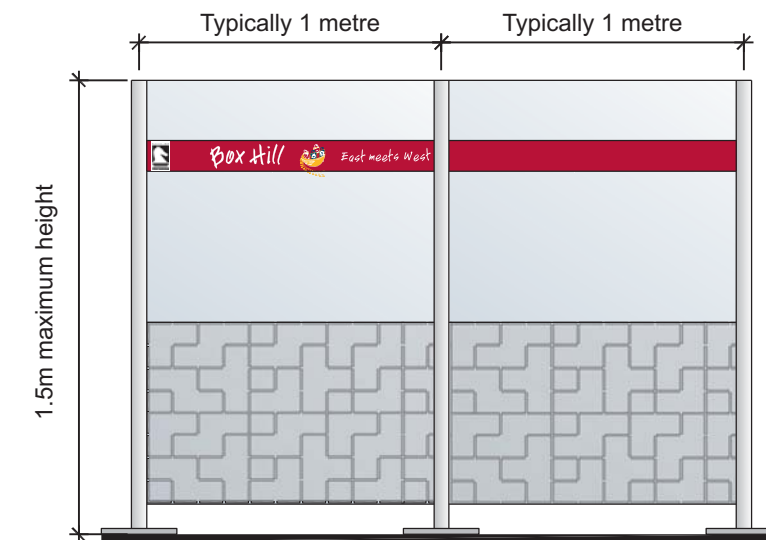
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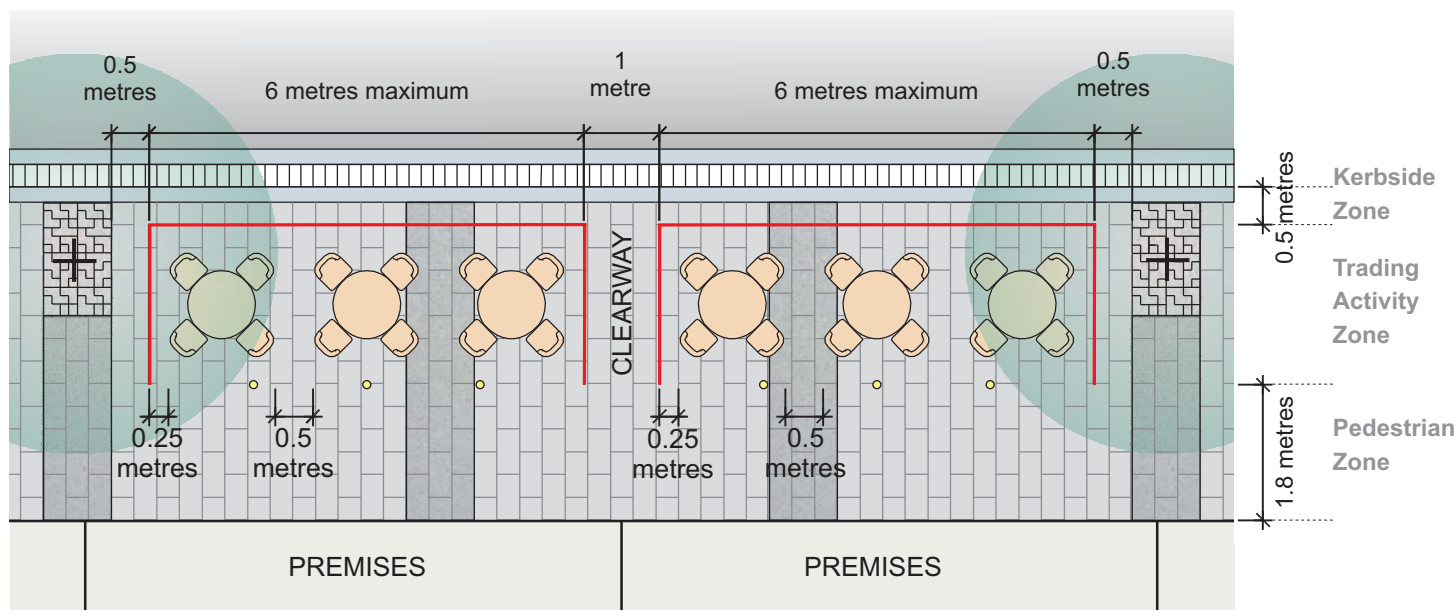
Laminated safety glass or perspex screens provide a transparent barrier that can enhance the outdoor dining experience. It provides users with an unobtrusive, contemporarily styled barrier that can compliment the broader streetscape character and surrounds. If suitable, a retractable, overhead awning can further improve the users comfort of footpath trading.



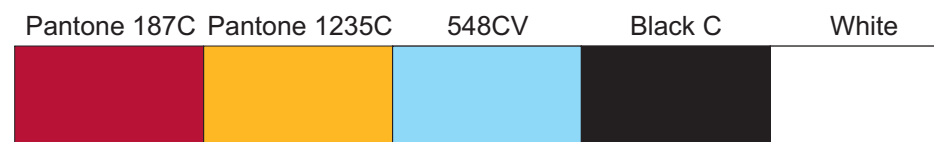
**Transparent Screen Option**  
Side Elevation



**Transparent Screen Option**  
End Elevation



**Typical layout of café tables & chairs**



**Colour Palette Range**  
Typical for awnings, canvas café barriers & umbrellas

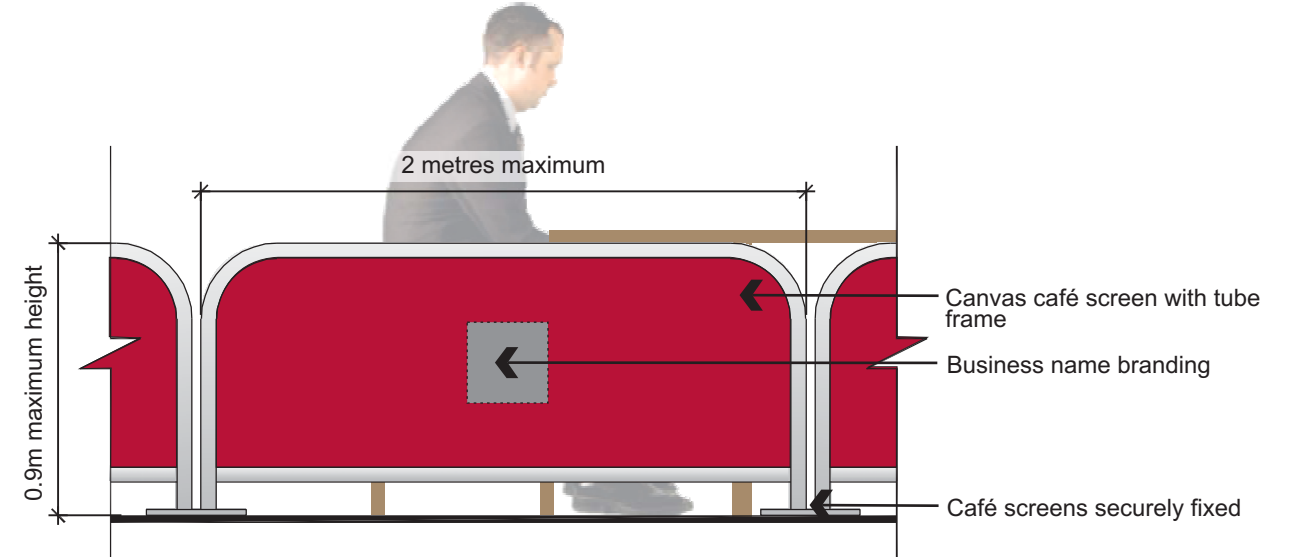
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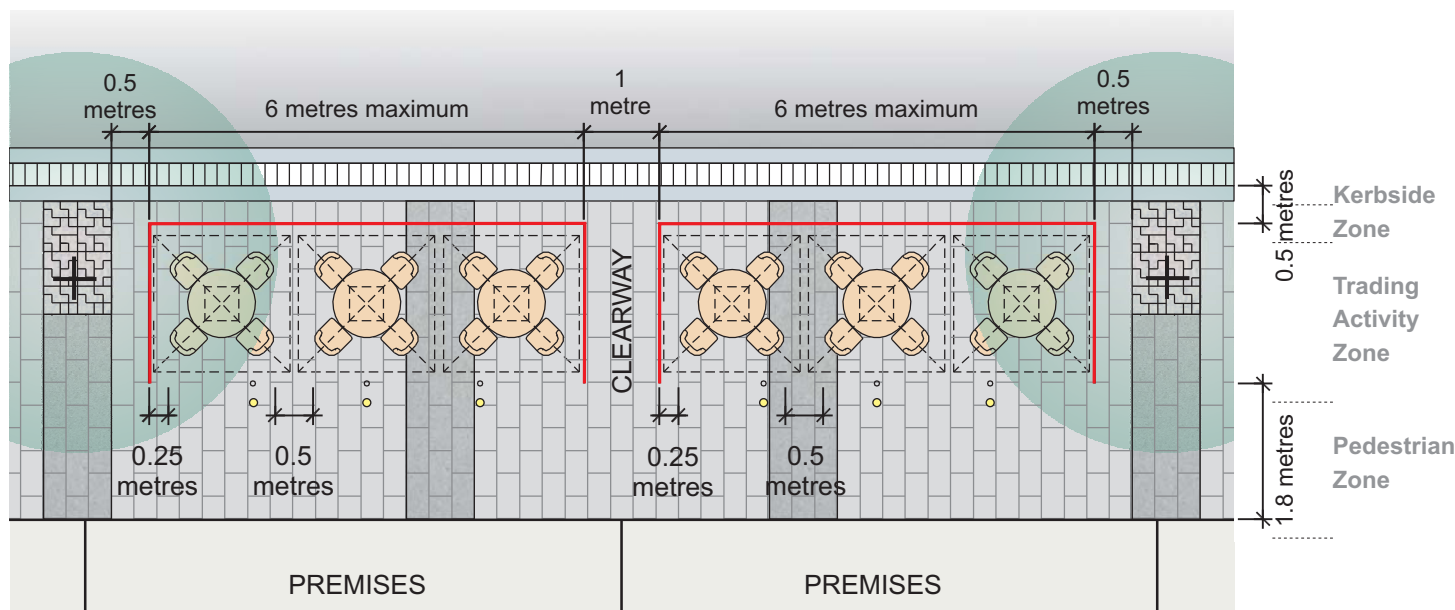
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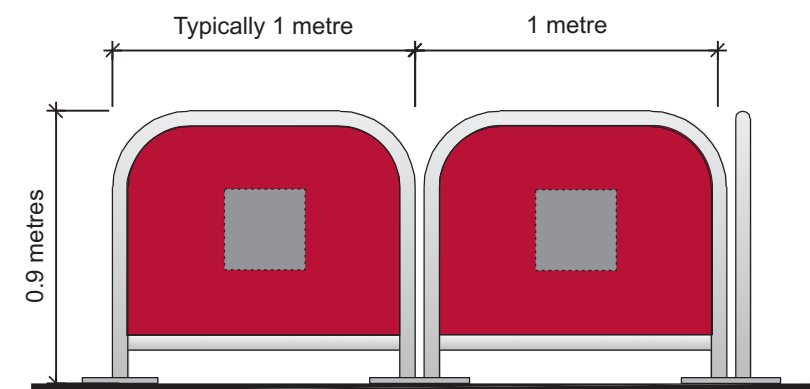
Canvas cafe screens assist in delineating a footpath trading area whilst creating a sense of safety for users. Canvas cafe screens can contribute to Carrington Road's sense of openness, be more casual in their design and integrate easily with the streetscape surrounds and colour schemes. Removable umbrellas provide shelter from the wind and rain and can be used where overhead canopies do not exist.



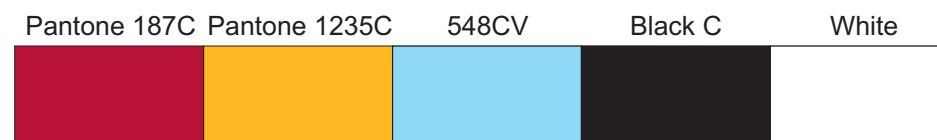
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