



# MEGAmile (west) & Blackburn activity centres

## URBAN DESIGN FRAMEWORK



**Bulletin No. 2**  
**PROJECT UPDATE**  
 NOVEMBER 2009

**What is the Whitehorse MEGAmile & Blackburn Activity Centres UDF?**  
 The preparation of an Urban Design Framework [UDF] for the Whitehorse MEGAmile [West] and Blackburn Activity Centres

commenced in June 2009. The project was initiated to guide change and development in the study area for the next 15 years. A Structure Plan for the eastern portion of the 'Mega Mile' (Nunawading and Mitcham Activity Centres) was prepared last year.

### Project Update:

#### PROCESS

<b>STAGE 1:</b>	Project Commencement and Background Research	✓
<b>STAGE 2:</b>	Issues & Opportunities	✓

#### ISSUES CONSULTATION

##### WORKSHOP

A community workshop was held on Tuesday 1st September at the Box Hill Town Hall to identify the community's issues, ideas and opportunities for the Urban Design Framework.

##### INFORMATION SESSION

Following the 1st September workshop, a community information session was held on Tuesday 13th October at the Whitehorse Centre in Nunawading to provide more information regarding the project.

#### NEXT STEPS

<b>STAGE 3:</b>	Options Development & Assessment	Nov / Dec
<b>STAGE 4:</b>	Draft Urban Design Framework	Early 2010

The Draft Urban Design Framework will be placed on public display in early 2010 where you will have the opportunity to review the Draft Framework and give your feedback. After display of the Draft and review of feedback, a final version will be prepared for consideration by Council.

#### WHAT YOU SAID

- Blackburn Activity Centre boundaries need to be defined
- The real Megamile starts at the service roads
- Whitehorse Road at Blackburn is a separate node
- Blackburn Village has a separate & special character which should be protected and strengthened
- Limit the 'creep' of commercial uses into residential areas
- Need to improve north-south connections
- All development should provide adequate car parking
- The industrial area provides an important context
- Integrate sustainability principles into the project
- Limit building height to 2-3 storeys in sensitive locations
- Enhance the 'green' character of the Study Area
- Make better use of existing open spaces
- Improve bicycle & pedestrian networks as a priority for movement in the Study Area
- Plan for the impact of transport projects
- Reduce car dependency

A copy of summary notes from the Workshop, Information Session and independent submissions can be viewed on Council's website at [http://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/megamile\\_blackburn.html](http://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/megamile_blackburn.html). This feedback will be combined with background research and analysis undertaken by the consultant team to inform the Draft Framework.



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### PARTNERSHIP GROUP

Council has appointed five community representatives from different parts of the study area to join the Partnership Group (PG). The PG has been established to allow a focused group of community and Council representatives to provide an advisory role and input into the development of the Draft Urban Design Framework. The five community representatives (listed below) will join Central and Springfield Ward Councillors, and Council officers representing planning, engineering & environmental services, urban design and economic development on the PG. The five community members of the Partnership Group are available to discuss issues regarding the project and can be contacted via the details below:

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### FURTHER CONSULTATION

Information about the project will be communicated in a number of ways, and there will be further opportunities to participate or comment as follows:

- 4 Project Bulletins, letterboxed to land owners and occupiers
- Consultation on Draft Urban Design Framework (early 2010)
- Local newspaper announcements
- Council's website: [www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/megamile\\_blackburn.html](http://www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/megamile_blackburn.html)

### FIND OUT MORE

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