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Wilson ave. Stage Two

Posted by Vittoria | 3 years ago

With all the new developments in the street and neighbouring streets it is great to have any improvement in Wilson Ave. Excellent.

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Need to better tie the two ends together.

Posted by Neil | 3 years ago

The temporary street painting gives a clue to the small refinements needed for the Wilson Ave. design. Could the closure of Wilson Avenue or further reduction in road space allow the street to better tie together the two distinct public spaces at either end. Some more balance on the north side? Surely some spaces could be found for another row of trees in the middle or northern side of the roadway. The crossing of Black street doesn't look in the design to match the walking area of the southern...

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European style piazza

Posted by Jo | 3 years ago

I would like to see the area fully pedestrianised, with an emphasis on food and music to invigorate the space. Think of a European piazza with multiple cafes and bars with outdoor seating, plus some street musicians for atmosphere. No late night venues, as it is important to enhance safety and keep the amenity for people living in the area.

Melbourne has such a vibrant food and arts scene, so it should be possible to entice businesses to open in the area. Spend some money and effort to get it right at the start and then it will drive other business and people to want to be there.

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Hannah | 3 years ago

Late night venues (like wine bars) could actually increase the safety of the area. At the moment, walking home past 9pm can be scary because there is no life or anyone around and it is very dark. Agree that something like Sparta place would be amazing.



Resident | 3 years ago

A good idea, as the renovation of Jewell Station is nearly complete and it would be a shame to see it vandalised owing to lack of people around to deter such activity. It is going to be a fairly big residential area though, so late night venues will need to be mindful of that in terms of noise etc. Agreed, Sparta Place is an excellent example of residential, retail and recreational space.



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Bland, boring, soulless

Posted by Tony | 3 years ago

This looks like homogenous unimaginative urban development with no effort to preserve what is/was great about the area. Bland, boring, soulless. Sure, a few trees might be nice. But why make it look like everywhere else? I am full of anger and despair about these plans, and am already working out how to leave before it looks like this. Council has once again managed to destroy urban character with bucketloads of money, and uninspired, tired ideas.

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Less heat sink surfaces, more shade and greenery

Posted by Vc | 3 years ago

This is the only space around here to eat lunch. It's a really important spot. There is too much space in the new design devoted to the small number of local vehicles instead of the many more people who could benefit from the space. We should make it a shady, green oasis - not more hard surfaces contributing to a hotter, less liveable Moreland.

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deciduous trees - dense shade and winter sun

Posted by Nick | 3 years ago

Please use deciduous trees to allow dense shade in summer and sunlight in winter. Native species can be used in understorey planting to encourage birds.

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Accessibility to apartment block 27 Wilson Ave + derelict design ✕

Posted by WilsonOwner/Resident | 3 years ago

The current plan for Wilson Ave does not provide a loading zone space for apartment building at 27 Wilson Ave or drop-offs for Jewell Station. 27 Wilson Ave has 74 apartments and requires an area for delivery, taxi vehicles and removedist vehicles to park. Further, there is no disability parking in the plan for Wilson Ave.

I also disagree with the design. The Sydney Rd end of Wilson Ave is largely used as a skate park and the sitting furniture is damaged, paint is scratched off and has never been repaired, making the area derelict. Since it is used as a lunch area garbage is left on the ground, which rarely gets cleaned.

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James | 3 years ago

Agreed, that ugly eyesore 'climbing wall' should be pulled out as well, more trees and greenery planted instead



Another owner | 3 years ago

Agree that accessibility is essential. Each building should have a loading zone and disability access.

I quite like the climbing wall, but agree that we need more trees. This isn't really a park? Maybe instead of the same type of bench copied and pasted, there could be picnic tables or a mixture of different types of seating? This seems much more aesthetic than functional. But, whatever, just get something done quicker please.

More greenery please!

Posted by vivien_renzella_rose | 3 years ago

Would like to see some more greenery...perhaps a couple of spots of grass or areas with shrubs - it looks a little stark with all of the pavement and bricks

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Looks great!

Posted by Robbie McEwan | 3 years ago

I've lived in Brunswick for 15 years and my partner and I have bought an apartment being constructed at 1 Wilson Ave. We're excited to move in and this revamp looks great! Agree that the more green space and mature trees the better. Thanks for going with deciduous species. The parking for our complex is accessed via Black St so great to have lots of traffic soothing on Wilson Ave and as little car parking as possible. Could be a great little street that gets closed for events and the like....

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An accessible train station for all?

Posted by Marion Leigh | 3 years ago

I'm wondering if these designs and plans would comply with the State Government Accessible Public Transport Action Plan 2016-2020?
<https://transport.vic.gov.au/about/planning/accessible-public-transport-action-plan-2020-24#:~:text=Plan%202020%2D24-,Accessible%20Public%20Transport%20Action%20Plan%202020%2D24,upgraded%20transport%20infrastructure%20for%20everyone.> What is Moreland Council doing in this space? I am concerned that Moreland Council has not yet reviewed and updated it's own...

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Accessibility improvements

Posted by Carolyn | 3 years ago

I would be interested in the detail of any so-called Accessibility Improvements: I don't see any evidence in the plans. Are there specific details and if so, what? I would also like to see how Council will deal with the imminent increase in vehicular traffic from current building developments in the street, e.g. people accessing carparks in the new apartment buildings. People already use the carpark off Union St as a rat-run, and the street is dangerous to both pedestrians and cyclists.

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Parking concern



Posted by Oliviapotts11 | 3 years ago

Hi, as a resident of Wilson Ave, I have some concerns about parking. We have 1 garage but 2 cars so I always have to park on the street. This was a struggle, is even more of one now that 2 spots have become a loading zone from Monday Saturday when the shop they are for isn't even open on Saturdays. I'm just thinking this design is going to limit parking, how many car parks will be available? Maybe the parks left could be permit zone parking or maybe my parking permit could include black St as well. I may not be understanding the design but honestly taking even 1 space away would be a major inconvenience as it is going to become an even busier area with the 2 apartment blocks going up around us. If I've understood wrong I apologise, I'm just really over driving around for 15 mins looking for a park outside my own house.

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Robin Morrissey | 3 years ago

I am in Wilson Ave as well. I agree with above comments especially about parking and the fact there will be new apartment blocks. The number of cars coming from Union Street through the car park to Wilson Ave and bikes is growing every week and is becoming dangerous



Robin Morrissey | 3 years ago

What type of events will be encouraged. I note that the Sydney Rd end is always covered in take away rubbish will this now extend along Wilson Ave. What will be put in place to control rubbish and behaviour

Thumbs up!

Posted by Rick | 3 years ago

A great design, love the trees and traffic calming.

♥ 3 Likes 💬 0 Comments

Too much space for cars

Posted by Josh | 3 years ago

No real reason to dedicate so much space to cars in this area. Best if no connection between Wilson and Gold St and I don't see any justification why this is retained. If it has to be retained though, the narrowing and shared zones are a good fix.

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Not enough parking - unsafe

Posted by Kim | 3 years ago

Hi I have to drive to work from where I live. There is already not enough day parking in the area and i already have to walk 5-10 minutes to my car at night. I am very concerned that there is not enough parking with these proposed plans.

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MORE TREES/GARDENS

Posted by DougC | 3 years ago

Looks great, a huge improvement, I hope this improves the graffiti in the street, however there seems to be a lot of concrete, less concrete and more trees, if not trees, more gardens is needed, also would be nice to have a water installation, like a water feature that embodies a nice sculpture to the street.

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Union Street residen | 3 years ago

Very much agree with the above comment. We certainly need more shade trees, less concrete and a water feature would be attractive. Can it double as drinking water?



Cindy | 3 years ago

a water feature will be a great addition. there are a number of young families in Jewell Station south this would appeal to also

Tactical urbanism sounds childish

Posted by Marion Leigh | 3 years ago

Areas around train stations should be accessible for users of all modes of transport. This is clearly stated in the Urban Design Guidelines for Victoria. This concept plan seems to again want to idealistically prioritise pedestrians, which is neither functional nor practical. Tactical urbanism sounds like something dreamed up by a PhD student. It has no place in serious planning. Please don't mess up another train station in Moreland. Pascoe Vale train station is bad enough thanks to...

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Good start, too much concrete, need more mature trees

Posted by PeterW | 3 years ago

Hi there, thank you for the opportunity to feedback!

First impressions is that there are still large swathes of concrete and pavement that could be broken up with more street gardens and trees. I would suggest a lot more greenery, it is such a big grey concrete space.

Also tree selection, protection and maturity is critical. Moreland keep planting young trees everywhere that die after a year or too because they aren't established (big) enough and not cared for. Please spend the money and buy the biggest most established trees you can afford.

Metal tree guards will (unfortunately) be needed on all trees in this street because of vandals who break young trees for fun. Please also select trees that actually provide good shade coverage and don't just default always to natives because they are cheaper.

Grantham street is a perfect example of what not to do in terms of tree selection - the specimens there are too young and small, unprotected (half have been killed by vandals), won't provide any shade because of their foliage growing patterns and haven't been watered so are just dying.

Finally - please please can't we take the opportunity to get ride of that ridiculous climbing wall monstrosity near Sydney road that no one uses and is just a graffiti magnet/public toilet at night? Please just pull it out and plant some more trees? It is just an ugle eye sore, heat magnet that smells like a latrine.

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Martuc | 3 years ago

Agree with all these constructive comments
First draft document included trees on both sides of Wilson Ave but more recent version has trees on north side removed Why? We need greenery/shade on all sides Please return these



Karen B | 3 years ago

Completely agree about careful choice of tree species and tree maturity. Plane trees are beautiful but remember they can produce terrible allergies and asthma in hot windy summer conditions. Also is Little Gold St being blocked off near Thanks? Through traffic has other options and could be dangerous.



Cindy | 3 years ago

the rock wall is very popular but more education is needed to lessen the litter generated daily...even though the area is serviced by council just as often.



Neil | 3 years ago

Good commentary about street trees in Moreland. Treed avenue should be aim here. Have to disagree about the climbing wall space. I was skeptic but it gets much more use that I thought it would.



James | 3 years ago

That climbing wall is NEVER used apart from by council workers who are continually scrubbing graffiti off it! Get rid of it I agree



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Trees on the northern side of Wilson Avenue (explanation) ✕

Posted by tsetyani | 3 years ago

Thank you for all the comments regarding the trees. We would normally put trees on both sides; however, we've encountered difficulties with the multiple services underground on the northern side of Wilson Avenue.

The other issues are the multiple driveways, as driveways need sightline clearances from trees. There will still be opportunities to plant trees in the future when the northern sites no longer require driveways, a bit similar to the southern sites.

After gathering community comments, we will also consult with Council's arborists on the tree species and recommended sizes.

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PeterW | 3 years ago

Please please go for the biggest trees your budget can afford, Moreland consistently plant tiny trees that don't survive and vandals break and just end up replacing them over and over again. You will absolutely need metal tree guards on all the trees you plant as well.



Paul | 3 years ago

If trees cannot be planted on the northern side (for now), perhaps a good interim step is to plant native grasses with green gutters.



Neil | 3 years ago

If councils applies for a lower speed limit via a shared zone (<20kph) then sight lines can be reduced significantly can trees may be able to be planted on the northern side of the street.

More trees, particularly on the North side of Wilson st

Posted by Melanie | 3 years ago

It seems to me that the north side of Wilson st needs to have some large trees. This would decrease the heat absorption of roadway and increase effective use of the space in summer months. In my view mostly native species with some deciduous on south side (probably not native -few) would enable best use of the space. Access to water so that residents can contribute to up keep and ensure effective establishment of plantings. As much tree cover possible please.

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damage trees

Posted by Cindy | 3 years ago

the damage to old trees continues despite it being reported to Moreland. south of the union Street development and West side too. the one in front of thanks is already dying. its evident your conversation with Neometro needs to be translated into a penalty for destruction. the value of a mature tree is in the tens and thousands. please do something ASAP. or does this need to be reported for the 3rd time?

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Timeline - Wilson Ave

Posted by Peter | 3 years ago

This all looks nice but given the recent lack of responsibility from either Victrack or Moreland city council re the public garden and grass area outside of jewel station that these new works will form and extension of... it would be nice if we could have the existing facilities maintained before going ahead and doing new ones - Neometro apparently isn't responsible for it so why are residents mowing it when it's overgrown? Does Wilson Avenue still go through to union street in this updated...

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Much improved

Posted by Paul | 3 years ago

I like the work that has been done out the front of the Brunswick Baths and also next to the library, so if it's in the same vein as that I will be very pleased. Any addition of greenery - especially native and indigenous plants is always welcome .. am looking forward to seeing this proposal come to fruition.

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Great design MORELAND

Posted by ABCD | 3 years ago

I really look forward to seeing this come about since its my daily route. Seeing its flagged for Construction July 2021 - June 2022, start date and program to be confirmed, I am curious as to how it will interact with the medium rise developments in Wilson Avenue, two of which are in progress, and two more to begin. I'd hate to see all your hard work destroyed by Neometro. How can we assist with managing this and protecting the investment Council is making. NM has not really contributed to the...

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A greener space please

Posted by Kirsty | 3 years ago

I think this looks good but I am concerned about all the hard surfaces - is it possible to include more vegetation? I like the idea of catenary lighting provided the trees won't need to be pruned into weird shapes.

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More Trees?

Posted by James | 3 years ago

Great job Moreland! Any reason there arent any trees to the northern side of Wilson ave? The draft concept plan had them. Also are you planning on planting more mature trees so the strip sings from the get go? It was sad that more mature trees were not planted at Bulleke-bek Park on Breese Street.

More functional space and bike parking

Posted by John T | 3 years ago

I agree with the earlier comments about have more green space/trees and especially bike parking. I am skeptical about more car parking since that is one motivation of new urbanism (less driving). We want to encourage walking, biking, and public transport!

It would also be great to know how much mixed use zoning will be included since expanding retail beyond Sydney Road will make the neighborhood denser and walkable as well as connect the train station more closely.

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Wilson Avenue | 3 years ago

More SAFE bike parking = well lit and exposed site

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Melanie | 3 years ago

I think the plan is a great improvement, but provision needs to be made for north side tree cover - important to reduce heat effect of road way. Generally a mix of native and non native deciduous trees would probably work best.