



# Heart of Dulwich Hill



Where the GreenWay starts...

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Our plan for the heart of Dulwich Hill



#### Love our place Dulwich Hill - Our plan for the heart of Dulwich Hill nstitution 70 To Arlington & Herbert-St GreenWay **Dulw** OBNISON PO Pile New Canterbury Rd Key Raised pedestrian crossing Priority pedestrian 2203 priority green Graeme street to GreenWay Priority green **Dulwich Grove** links to GreenWay & Arlington, Dulwich Grove, **Dulwich Hill** station, Connections to GreenWay (in Dulwich progress) Hill Public School Love Our Laneways Town square Find our more - visit <a>SaveDully.com</a> and civic-centre Prepared by Liz Locksley for Save Dully

# Why we love Dulwich Hill



- Friendly village vibe
- Small, family run retail (no big box stores or chain stores)
- You can buy all the essentials – fruit and veggie shop, butcher, baked goods, groceries
- Car parking
- Artworks and murals, many by local artists
- Diverse people
- Traditional retail buildings

- GreenWay
- Cafes
- Small bars and live music
- Good schools
- Public transport
- Cooks River
- Mix of homes
- Food gardens and citrus trees

#### Neglected, underused and badly designed areas

- Laneways littered, dark, dirty, neglected
- Poor quality paving and streetscaping
- No greenery, especially in Seaview St car park
- No town square for gatherings and markets

#### Unsafe, scruffy access for people walking or riding

- Uneven, badly maintained walking surfaces
- Unsafe walking in car parks at Seaview St and Loftus St
- Busy roads hazardous for walking, particularly people with walking difficulties, small children and elderly and bike riders
- Village centre disconnected from Light Rail and GreenWay
- Poor wayfinding to and from rail services (Dulwich Hill Station, Light Rail at Dulwich Hill, Dulwich Grove,

## Arlington) and Green Way corridor and shared path



#### **Unimaginative and poorly** communicated zoning plans

- DCP zoning up to seven-story buildings on Seaview St car parks and Council buildings
- How will current number of carpark spaces will be maintained? No mention in DCP.
- Town Square furthest end from shops, no activation of back of shops. High buildings will completely shade it and likely create wind tunnels down laneways
- Missed opportunity for better community facilities, affordable and social housing



NOW is the time

GreenWay construction finally happening

Council decisions on property

Sorely needed affordable housing

#### The big opportunity:

# Community influence and choice about managing and improving the heart of Dulwich Hill



# Public and for-purpose property owners ....

- ✓ Council owns much of the village centre (Seaview St community centre, former library, 3 x carparks, laneways and streets)
- Council is the planning authority for the village centre and can set zoning and development controls
- Other government agencies and for-purpose owners: Churches & faith organisations, Dept Education, Land and Housing Corporation,

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## Solutions.. a little more love



Clean and cared for –
 routine maintenance



2. Love our laneways



3. Green grid connections - for healthy people, wildlife and climate resilience



4. Community-led, Council-delivered town-square and civic centre plan



# Clean and cared for – a big clean up











- Repair potholes and footpath trip hazards
- More frequent cleaning and litter collection
- More action on illegal dumpers
- ✓ Community engagement to reimagine the potential for some of the neglected parts of the heart of our suburb





# Love our Laneways

#### FROM.....

Neglected, dingy and deserted









#### .....TO

#### **Destination places**

- Artwork
- Creative lighting
- Small event activities
- Green walls and plants
- Flexible seating
- Community participation in design, implementation and management





## Green grid connections

- for healthy people, wildlife and climate resilience



Safe, leafy routes for walking and cycling to Dulwich Hill



Community engagement and participation to create designs and routes



Wayfinding, place branding and art invites people to visit by foot, bike, light rail or bus for Dulwich Hill's many attractions



Water sensitive urban design and native planting



Connecting the heart of Dulwich Hill to the GreenWay trail and rail stations.

#### **Priority missing links:**

- I. Hercules St to Commonwealth Bank laneway via Loftus St carpark
- Seaview St to New Canterbury Road via Seaview St carpark
- 3. Other routes to be identified through community design process





# Town square and civic-centre plan

Community-led, Council-delivered heart of Dulwich Hill

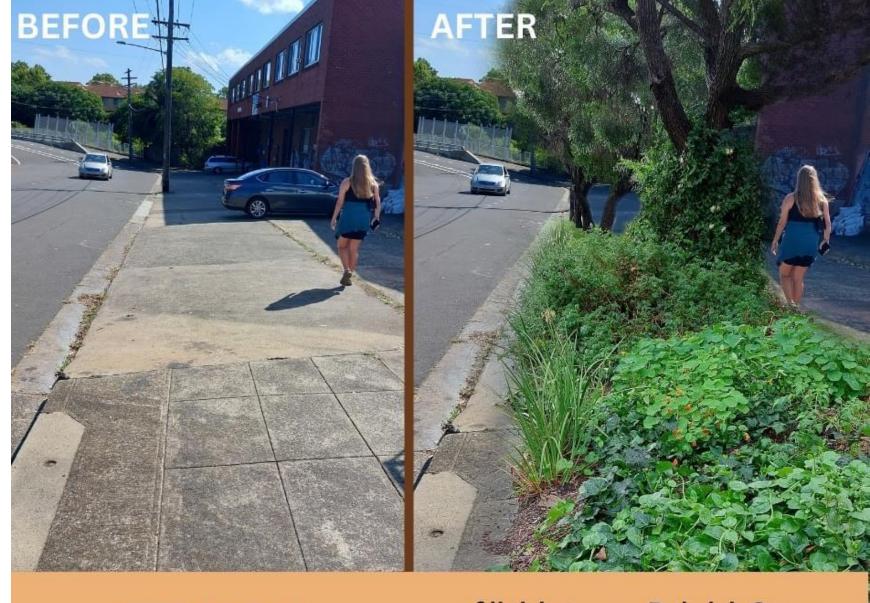
# Flexible community meeting place and carparking at Seaview St

- Redevelop Council assets for public benefit
- Design competition with public participation - as for Marrickville library
- Re-do the Dulwich Hill commercial centre DCP

- ✔ Flexible for events and future transport use change
- ✓ Same number of parking spaces
- ✓ Trees and vegetation for shade and inviting vibe
- ✓ Keep small shops and traditional retail buildings
- Encourage shops to face onto Square
- ✓ Mix of affordable and social housing
- ✔ Purpose-built childcare and community centre
- ✓ Co-working space for small business and flexible working



Potential conversation starter with the community about trellis streets to connect Dulwich Hill village centre with the GreenWay and public transport connections at light rail, heavy rail.



POTENTIAL TRANSFORMATION of link between Dulwich Grove light rail and Marrickville Rd shops, through street greening Conversation starter with the community about reimagining laneways as redevelopment occurs



# POTENTIAL TRANSFORMATION of laneway between New Canterbury Rd and Seaview St carpark, Dulwich Hill



Potential conversation starter with the community about reimagining Caves Lane and Seaview Street



## POTENTIAL TRANSFORMATION

showing how Seaview St carpark could be transformed into affordable housing and a town square, if parking was placed underground

