

Victorian Planning Authority

C/- Arden Precinct

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From: Gary Price



Dear Authority,
Thankyou for your Arden Precinct
Brochure which I received in the mail.
I have a few comments to add to
your already well developed plans.
They look quite impressive and
the community consultation has
enhanced it's eventual outcome.
I was born in [redacted] and have lived
in [redacted] for 40 years and
currently run a restaurant, lockdowns
permitting.
So I have observed many things and
only wish for eventual good development.

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My Primary overview is of tree planting and associated greening.

Trees define areas in connection with the built environment.

Melb City Council have a big job maintaining the existing foliage.

They do a reasonable job but there is room for improvement.

Tree selection has to look 100 years ahead. The pine trees in Capel st are coming along and in 30 years will have created a significant statement. They are also planted in the middle of the wide street and therefore not affecting properties.

The same cannot be said of the London Plane trees which are largely not pollarded and create damaged footpaths and deleterious outcomes for roof scapes and subsequent property damage.

People relate to trees and bond with them in the continuum of urban life.

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I notice that 2 trees were recently planted CNR Haines and Curzon, Nth Melb. Either Bunya Bunya Pines or Monkey puzzle. Not sure. In 100 years time they will have big presence.

Arden Gardens is a type of opportunity to distinguish The Arden Precinct as something a bit more special. Foresight that could have been applied to Fishermans Bend.

Ginkgo is one of the street trees of Seoul and they root downwards.

Quercus Fastigiata grows well too and provides acorns for possums.

Native trees of course for the bird life of Royal Park who visit Nth Melb.

Squawking cockatoos on top of the Nth Melb town hall is quite the sight.

I'm sure the council have plans and hopefully trees that are planted will add great aesthetic value to this grand project which will garner possible international observation and acclaim. Its a fabulous botanical gateway.

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On a completely different note Elizabeth Arden the very successful maker of cosmetic products was an interesting person.

Canadian by birth; Florence Nightingale Graham by birth name was once a nurse and experienced in burns.

Thus began her interests in ointments. Also a well sung suffragette looking to rights for women.

If there was to be a medical precinct one could plant in her honour.

Good luck with your endeavours.

Its an exciting adventure which if capped off with good architecture will stand as a community legacy for generations.

Yours Sincerely

Gary Price ~~~~~

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