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Fitzroy Street Taskforce

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Taskforce Coordinator Comment: Future Directions for the Taskforce – Request for Feedback

Welcome to the third issue of the Fitzroy Street Newsletter. This issue contains updates on progress with projects in the Fitzroy Street Action Plan (October 2007). We are now moving into the community consultation phase for the Fitzroy Street Masterplan, which will capture a vision for Fitzroy Street and implement the Taskforce's requests for a public toilet and improved lighting. I encourage you to participate in the design of the Masterplan, which will enable you to follow through on your commitment as a Taskforce to enhance the streetscape, increase safety and strengthen the local community. Further details on the Masterplan process and community consultation appear below.

In this Newsletter I report back on research I have conducted on CCTV. In response to requests by the Taskforce's Safety subgroup (refer to minutes of November 2007 meeting), I have investigated the City of Stonnington's model for CCTV and scoped relevant key literature. While the CoPP and St Kilda police are unable to directly bear the costs of or directly resource CCTV, options exist for Fitzroy Street Traders' Association (FSTA) to initiate and maintain cameras in Fitzroy Street. My recommendation is that if FSTA wishes to take responsibility for implementing CCTV, consideration be given to adopting a similar model to that of the City of Stonnington.

Further to outlining the Stonnington model in the last Fitzroy Street Newsletter (December 2007), I have since met with a Council manager at Stonnington to obtain additional information on costs and responsibilities for operating CCTV in Chapel and Greville Streets, Prahran. Additionally, I have summarised key financial and technical issues that FSTA might like to consider before deciding whether to drive an initiative to set up CCTV in Fitzroy Street.

Could FSTA and other interested members of the Taskforce please inform me by April 2008 if you intend to pursue establishment of CCTV so that I can map out with you how I can assist with the process, such as setting up and documenting discussions with other stakeholders in the Fitzroy Street precinct.

Another important issue on which I require your feedback is the viability and lifespan of the Fitzroy Street Taskforce. At the November 2007 subgroup meetings, Taskforce members unanimously decided to hold another round of meetings in late March or early April 2008. However, before organising further subgroup meetings I need to gauge the commitment and capacity of the Taskforce to continue during 2008.

While my position with Council allows me the flexibility to continue coordinating the Taskforce, I need to report back to Council on 7 April 2008

outcomes of the Action Plan, learnings derived from the process of community consultation, and future directions for the Taskforce and entertainment precincts across Port Phillip. While projects linked to the Taskforce's Action Plan have and are being delivered, costed and assessed for feasibility, we need to decide whether a Taskforce is still required and prepared to commit to monitoring actions, as well as taking a degree of responsibility for developments in Fitzroy Street.

The original list of people who participated in consultations about Fitzroy Street in April 2007 and expressed interest in being part of the Taskforce, does not correspond with the number of people who have actively participated in Taskforce meetings and communicated with me regularly over the past five months since commencing my position as Coordinator. Furthermore, there has not been full attendance at the Community Identity subgroup, which in part appears to reflect the difficulty in securing funding for specific community development projects for Fitzroy Street at this point in time.

It is time, therefore, to consider future directions for the Fitzroy Street Taskforce. At the beginning of March I will be emailing a simple survey to Taskforce members asking you to respond to specific questions about consultation methods and delivery of projects. Please take the time to complete the survey to ensure that I can provide your feedback to Council when I present the Fitzroy Street Taskforce Council Report in April. Your comments will help to shape Council's thinking on community consultation and entertainment precincts across the whole of Port Phillip.

Meanwhile, as a first step toward evaluating the Taskforce, you might like to revisit some of the consultation procedures and key documents that outline progression with key projects. It would be useful to review the Action Plan and consultation processes in relation to meetings and the Fitzroy Street Taskforce documents that I have distributed over the past several months, including the three Newsletters, email updates, minutes of the meetings, and the discussion paper on anti-social behaviour.

Update on Streetscape and Safety projects

Fitzroy Street Masterplan

The development of a Masterplan for Fitzroy Street is underway. The plan will cover the full length of Fitzroy Street from St Kilda Road to the Foreshore and the Upper Esplanade. Given that design of a Masterplan is a key item listed under 'Streetscape' in the Fitzroy Street Taskforce's Action Plan, upcoming community consultations are a highlight of the Taskforce's agenda for improving the street.

In addition to progressing issues identified through the Fitzroy Street Taskforce, the Masterplan is also a means of ensuring that urban design projects, including the Fitzroy Street Foreshore Connections project, the

Lighting Review, Footpath Renewal program and the City of Port Phillip Toilet Strategy are coordinated.

The overarching aim of the Masterplan is to establish a vision for public spaces. It will ensure future works collectively contribute to a street that is safe, accessible and enjoyable all times of the day and night. The works may include addressing existing problems that have already been identified, such as addressing safety hotspots through lighting and enhancing the street through initiatives such as additional planting. While some parts of the Masterplan may be implemented quickly, others may require time to plan, fund and realise.

It is intended the Masterplan will form part of a Structure Plan later in 2008 for the wider St Kilda Activity Centre. The Masterplan will set a vision for public spaces, providing detailed and practical design directions. The Structure Plan, which will be used by Council to manage future development and identify infrastructure needs, will take into account a wider area including: Fitzroy and Acland Streets; the Triangle site; and adjoining residential areas.

Council officers are currently establishing a Reference Group that will bring together members of the Fitzroy Street Taskforce, key Council staff, and under-represented members of the public, including: young people; women; traders through all sections of the street; and an arts representative. Representatives are being sought out through existing contacts and an advertisement in the local paper.

Reminder: please register your interest in being a member of the Masterplan Reference Group.

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Fitzroy Street Public Toilet: community consultation underway and initial capital works funds secured

Establishment of a public toilet in the Fitzroy Street commercial precinct has been another key priority of the Fitzroy Street Taskforce with concerns raised by members of the Streetscape and Safety groups about public urination in the street, laneways, carparks and residences. CoPP capital works funds have been made available for the first stage of constructing a public toilet and a project manager has been appointed.

The Masterplan will confirm a suitable site for the location of an automated public toilet facility within proximity of the commercial core of Fitzroy Street in accordance with the recommendations contained within the City of Port Phillip Toilet Strategy (2007).

Council is currently seeking feedback on proposed sites for the public toilet.

Possible locations include:

- adjacent to Skate Park facility, south of Lakeside Drive
- Jackson Street carpark
- intersection of Park Lane / Fitzroy Street
- Park Street Tram Terminus

The preferred option is the Park Street Tram Terminus on the basis that this location:

- is highly visible from Fitzroy Street
- there would be minimal overlooking from the building on the north, but the facility would still be visible from the south, improving the level of surveillance and safety
- the toilet would be directly accessible from Fitzroy Street and Park Street Tram stops
- feedback from residents has identified that after a night out, visitors frequently urinate on private property as they make their way back into the city along the Park Street Tram line
- Park Street and the footpath are of generous proportions (30 and 7 metres respectively)

Community feedback on the public toilet is required by 14 March 2008. In March 2008 Council will commence the process of appointing an architect. A draft design will be prepared for the selected site and will be available for further comment in May 2008.

Further consultation and an opportunity for feedback will be provided on the design of the facility prior to Council lodging a planning permit application for the public toilet. Installation is anticipated during late 2008 / early 2009.

If you wish to participate in the consultation process, please contact:

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Street lighting – innovative design

In August 2007, on behalf of the Taskforce, Council commissioned Webb Australia, to conduct a lighting audit of Fitzroy Street and nominated adjacent streets. This document will guide development of a strategy to improve the lighting in line with Council requirements and Environmental and Sustainable Design (ESD) consideration.

Discussion between Council and artist Alexander Knox & Webb Engineering for a Laneway Lighting Installation in the laneway that is colloquially known as “Piss Alley” is currently underway. The intent behind the proposed lighting project is to increase safety and to deter urination by intoxicated people in the laneway. Additionally, the artistic lighting installation would increase aesthetics in the vicinity.

Another case of an innovative lighting project involves Fitzroy Street traders taking the initiative to improve lighting standards in the precinct. Traders have committed to uplighting the fig tree in Cleve Gardens to improve streetscape ambience and safety.

Council has designed a strategy for increasing lighting in the Jackson Street carpark. This will involve Council approaching a nearby private property with a request to fit lights to the back of the building. The strategy has been costed and provisionally allocated capital works funds.

Update on actions recorded in minutes of November 2007 Taskforce subgroup meetings

CCTV: further research on models, technology and costing

The December issue of the Fitzroy Street Taskforce Newsletter provided information on CCTV, focusing on the strategy adopted in the City of Stonnington. Further to this information I have met with Council managers and officers at the City of Stonnington and the City of Greater Geelong to receive more in-depth insights into models and costing for CCTV.

The information below is intended to assist the Taskforce in deciding whether to lead an initiative for installing CCTV in Fitzroy Street. As agreed in the Safety subgroup meeting last year (refer to minutes, November 2007), Fitzroy Street Traders Association (FSTA) will consider the feasibility of taking responsibility for installing and maintaining CCTV in Fitzroy Street.

The model adopted by the City of Stonnington, which involved the traders association initiating and maintaining CCTV in Chapel and Greville Streets, Prahran, stands out as the most realistic means of establishing CCTV in Fitzroy Street. As is the case in the CoPP, Stonnington Council and local

police were unable to fund CCTV in the key trouble spots of entertainment precincts.

The local traders association, 'Streets Ahead', took the lead in costing and funding CCTV in Prahran. Streets Ahead submitted a Business Plan to Stonnington Council, proposing that of the \$40,000 outlay required to purchase hardware for five cameras, the traders association would pay half of the cost. Likewise, of the \$40,000 per year required to maintain and monitor CCTV, Streets Ahead proposed paying half of the total cost. While Stonnington Council did not directly fund the 50% of outstanding costs for CCTV, Streets Ahead applied for a Council community grant, which was awarded for four years in line with the trader association's Business Plan.

All costs need to be taken into account from the outset. For example, in the case of the City of Stonnington, Streets Ahead did not initially factor-in costs associated with drawing on local electricity supplies to run cameras.

The City of Stonnington's CCTV footage is stored short-term in a secure unit in Melbourne's CBD. The footage is released to assist police in tracking perpetrators of assault, theft, damage and anti-social behaviour. The high quality images of the CCTV, and the technology to move the cameras by remote control, allows for relatively clear identification of people committing crime and anti-social behaviour.

FTSA might like to consider the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that was signed by Streets Ahead, Victoria Police and the City of Stonnington for the installation of security cameras in the Chapel Street precinct, which sets out the responsibilities of the three parties on CCTV. The MOU is a good example of how a collaborative effort can be put in place from the outset of CCTV installation. It might be useful for FSTA to contact Streets Ahead for further details of how the MOU was approached.

While clear signage warning the public that surveillance cameras operate in hot spot areas is intended to discourage alcohol-fuelled street violence, there is no guarantee that intoxicated people will be deterred by signage. Violent behaviour carried out directly in front of signage and CCTV in the City of Stonnington and the City of Greater Geelong has occurred.

Another key point to bear in mind is the effectiveness of CCTV in preventing street violence and anti-social behaviour. On this point, managing the public's expectations that CCTV will ensure safety in entertainment precincts becomes important. For example, in Geelong there was public outrage when a violent sexual assault of a teenager occurred in front of a camera at a time that CCTV was not operating. In the case of Geelong, CCTV was not operating 24 hours a day, which meant that violence occurring directly in front of cameras was not always recorded.

Investigating technology underpinning CCTV is important in determining its effectiveness in reducing crime. For example, the City of Melbourne uses a combination of digital and analogue systems, which means that different

cameras and precincts cannot “talk” to each other. In Stonnington a camera and communications box/aerial has been installed at each camera location to operate a wireless website data network. A workstation has been installed at Prahran Police Station so that footage can be viewed. Detailed knowledge of technological and monitoring issues is necessary in order for purchasers of CCTV equipment to secure quality hardware and surveillance.

Advice from other municipalities where CCTV operates in entertainment precincts is that even when cameras are of the highest quality and monitored 24 hours per day, there is no guarantee that there will be a major reduction in crime. It is important, therefore, to assess whether CCTV will be a major crime deterrent in a particular area. In areas where causes of anti-social behaviour are complex, a suite of policies, services and programs is likely to be required for dealing with street problems. The principle message from other municipalities is that while CCTV can be effective in preventing and solving some crimes, is not a panacea for all episodes of violence and anti-social behaviour.

I strongly recommend that FSTA and other interested parties read the Department of Justice, Government of Victoria publication: ***CCTV Toolkit for Victoria: is CCTV the Best Response?*** (May 2007). The Toolkit recommends a practical 7-step process for determining whether CCTV is a viable solution to crime and anti-social behaviour. The publication contains useful links to references for further reading on key issues. The Toolkit is also a useful guide for considering issues that were not directly covered when I met with other Councils to discuss CCTV, such as: wider public consultation on the pros and cons of CCTV; legal considerations; and evaluation of the effectiveness of street cameras.

I am not able to locate the web PDF version of ***CCTV Toolkit for Victoria: is CCTV the Best Response?*** If you would like a copy of the Toolkit contact:

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To access an interesting summary and analysis of CCTV throughout Australia, ***Open-Street CCTV in Australia: A Comparative study of establishment and operation*** (2003), click on:
<http://www.aic.gov.au/crc/reports/200102-26.html>

Litter: expansion of services

Further to the Streetscape subgroup's request to consider whether additional cleaning service need to be provided in Fitzroy Street over and above Council's standard service, and how this might be resourced, a trial has been commissioned by the Infrastructure Services Department for a new level of service for bin collection and street cleaning.

The six month trial involves additional times for picking up street litter and emptying bins and runs when temperatures reach 25⁰ Celsius or above. The service includes Fitzroy Street, Acland Street, the foreshore, and nearby residential streets and surrounds.

The increased street cleaning service includes an additional daylight cleaning service and will continue until 30 June 2008.

Increased times, frequencies and resources for litter collection and street cleaning are as follows:

Street litter bin collection

- night service collection - 7pm to 10pm (only until 31 March 2008 when forecast temperature exceeds 25⁰ Celsius)
- litter bin truck x 1
- staff x 2

Street cleaning

- additional daylight cleaning service - 11am to 7pm (7 days all year)
- street sweeper manual machine x 2
- staff on ground x 2

Pedestrian way-finding signage

At the November Streetscape subgroup meeting Taskforce members requested to be kept informed of when pedestrian way-finding signage is installed. The infrastructure has been installed this month and will be capitalised by March 2008.

Easy to read and locally relevant maps have been designed to encourage walking in the precinct. Thirteen pedestrian signs are being installed across St Kilda providing directional information and walking times for visitors to the precinct. Signage will be installed along Fitzroy and Acland Streets, around the foreshore, Carlisle Street and the Junction where it picks up on key points of entry, public transport interchanges and major intersections.

Street speed-limit signage

As recorded in minutes of subgroup meetings, some Taskforce members questioned current Fitzroy Street speed signage. Recently Mike McIntosh and I walked down Fitzroy Street and took photographs of all the relevant street signage. We did not see any inconsistencies in how the street signage appears in the street. Perhaps members of the Taskforce intended to query the speed limit rather than the signage. Currently the speed limit along Fitzroy Street is 40km for 20 hours of every day.

If you raised the issue of street speed in Fitzroy Street could you please contact me to clarify the problem and suggest possible solutions and I will follow up on the matter with Council's Traffic and Parking Coordinator.

Update on busking permits

At Streetscape subgroup meeting, traders and residents requested information on busking regulations and how the CoPP issues busking permits. In order to obtain this information call ASSIST on 9209 6777 to organise a hard copy or click on the CoPP internet link below:

http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/busking_in_port_phillip.html

General information sharing

Update on Foreshore connections project

Further to previous Newsletters where I outlined the specifics of the Foreshore connections project, the next steps in the process will occur during March and April when the project team will continue to progress design development, whilst seeking initial input on the draft plan prepared to date. During May 2008, Council will display the proposed design and lodge an application for planning approval.

Pending the outcomes of the formal planning approval process, stage works will begin between September 2008 and February 2009. Council will continue to consult the local business community to ensure works minimise impact on the commercial precinct.

If you would like to comment on the draft plan, be kept informed of how the project is progressing, or would like to attend the public presentation of the draft design, you can subscribe to the project list via the CoPP website or contact:

ASSIST on 9209 6777

Email: ske@portphillip.vic.gov.au

St Kilda Town Hall: New office wing and upcoming community celebrations

The renovated St Kilda Town Hall is nearly complete and staff members have begun moving into their new office space. The new wing allows most Council services and staff to be accommodated in the one office location. The St Kilda Town Hall is reopening and Council is inviting the community to attend a series of free concerts and celebrations to mark the occasion. The activities include:

- an official opening on Thursday 27 March from 6pm will feature entertainment by Mayhem Cabaret.
- on Saturday 29 March an open day will feature choirs, line dancers, swing dancers, music, roving acts, face painters and food on the lawn, plus behind the scenes tours of the Town Hall and its history. In the evening there will be a big salsa dance night
- Sunday 30 March features an evening concert of classical music from 7pm, capping off the commemorations

Further information will be placed in posters and notices in the local press or call ASSIST on 9209 6777 for further details.

Council's Town Hall story telling project... and Fitzroy Street story telling?

As part of the community celebrations in March, Council is collecting stories, photographs of celebrations - weddings, parties, and anything of interest - held at St Kilda, Port Melbourne or South Melbourne Town Halls. Council would like to receive or make scanned copies of your photos for a slide show display at St Kilda Town Hall as part of a free public open day on Saturday 29th March, to celebrate the Town Hall's reopening. With your permission, your scanned or real photograph may also be added to the permanent photographic archive at the City of Port Phillip, for use by future researchers. Please contact Anne Scambary on 9209 6214 or email curator@portphillip.vic.gov.au

Council's initiative to collect and convey people's stories of Town Halls got me thinking about the power of story-telling to enhance understanding of public space and promote respect for the history and usage of space and landmarks. Could a similar story-telling project be established in Fitzroy Street? At this point of information sharing, I'll contribute my little story of how the St Kilda Town Hall has impacted on my experiences of Balaclava. Perhaps this story will get Taskforce members thinking about personal experiences of local public space and the significance of documenting memories and perceptions of buildings, events and community.

The St Kilda Town Hall has been an important landmark for me since babyhood. Indeed, it is thanks to the St Kilda Town Hall that I came into the world... my mum and dad met at one of the St Kilda Town Hall dances in the 1960s, married, and had their daughters, of whom I'm the youngest. I used to stay with my Balaclava-based grandparents during school holidays and one of the highlights of these sojourns was walking with my grandmother either up Carlisle Street or across the front lawns of the St Kilda Town Hall, under the canopy of trees, on our way to the St Kilda library. Curled up in one of the library's bright orange, plastic scoop chairs, tiny and curious, I used to peer over my children's books at the Town Hall, which stood majestically across the road, and wonder what music might have been playing when my parents met, what they talked about, and what gown and shoes my mother wore the night she met my father. For the past fourteen years I have had a view from my Balaclava abode of the square tower and flag that flies from the building, and when I look across the rooftops toward the Town Hall I still wonder about the atmosphere of the night my parents met in the dance hall. Moving to the new wing of St Kilda Town Hall as a staff member feels a bit like going home for me.

As a social researcher I have always been captivated by the power of sharing and documenting stories. Story telling allows us to revisit the past, reflect on the present and envisage the future. Through stories we can create our own space and identity and find an individual voice to convey experiences. I wonder what stories people have to share about Fitzroy Street? Could the Taskforce initiate a story-telling project asking locals and visitors to share their experiences and visions of what makes Fitzroy Street unique? Perhaps these stories could be published in a small booklet or in poster form and be displayed in Fitzroy Street businesses. This project could encourage people to respect Fitzroy Street and it could serve as a community strengthening exercise.

If you would like to follow up on this idea you could consider applying for a community grant (see details below) to realise a story telling project. I would be happy to assist anyone who wants to write a grant application. I have already spoken with a few Fitzroy Street traders and residents about applying for a grant to establish a community project in the precinct, so we already have some interest out there.

Community grants: your chance to think big, be creative, and apply for project funding relating to Fitzroy Street

While the Taskforce has had and will have opportunities to comment on certain projects initiated by Council, some items on the Action Plan are beyond the financial scope of Council at this point in time. This is not, however, to suggest that the Taskforce should view these items as a lost cause. The Taskforce was set up, after all, to foster collaborative work and joint responsibility for projects among traders, residents, community groups,

police and Council. One of the key roles of the Taskforce is to investigate means of taking initiative for actions to better Fitzroy Street.

If there is an item on the Action Plan that you would like to pursue or another innovative idea relating to Streetscape, Safety and Community Identity that you have in mind, you could apply for a relevant community grant to pilot a project.

Weblinks links to grants that you could explore:

Small Poppy Grants

City of Port Phillip

http://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/portphillip_speaks_comm_action.html

Community Consultation Grants

Department for Victorian Communities, Victorian Community Support Grants:

www.grants.dvc.vic.gov.au

ourcommunity.com.au : Community Grants and Funding Centre

<http://www.ourcommunity.com.au/funding/>

A Guide to Community Grants: Parliamentary Library, Parliament of Australia

<http://www.apf.gov.au/library/intguide/sp/spgrants.htm>

Strategies for licensees to manage patron behaviour in open areas

The Department of Justice, State of Victoria, has published *Inside Out: Strategies for Licensees to Manage Patron Behaviour in Open Areas of a Licensed Venue* (December 2007).

This resource follows through on the recommendation of the Inner City Entertainment Precincts Taskforce (ICEPT) to develop a tool to manage patron behaviour in open areas of a venue. The content covers: anti-social/violent behaviour; noise; patron congestion; litter; and good neighbour relations. The resource contains practical measures for dealing with complex social behaviour and provides links to further information about the key topics.

Weblink to the resource:

[http://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/CA256902000FE154/Lookup/CAV_Publications_Liquor_Licensing/\\$file/liquor_misc_inside_out.pdf](http://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/CA256902000FE154/Lookup/CAV_Publications_Liquor_Licensing/$file/liquor_misc_inside_out.pdf)

Changes to the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998*

The *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998* was amended on 19 December 2007. This follows the passage of the *Liquor Control Reform Amendment Act 2007* (the Amending Act).

The *Act* aims to minimise harm arising from the misuse and abuse of alcohol. Under the *Act*, fines and licence suspension or cancellation can occur for failing to comply with licence conditions or other breaches. Behaviour prohibited under the *Act* includes:

- underage drinking
- public drunkenness
- anti-social behaviour in and around licensed premises
- disturbance of the neighbourhood amenity

Provisions that come into effect from 19 December 2007 include:

- designated areas and banning notices and exclusion orders
- an amended definition of “associate”
- new temporary late hour declarations (lockouts)
- new grounds for an inquiry into a licensee at VCAT
- suspension by police

Provisions yet to be proclaimed include:

- breach notices
- increased penalties
- bans on inappropriate liquor promotions
- restrictions on live or amplified music after 11.00pm on licensees holding an on-premises licence with restaurant conditions (except in cases of pre-booked functions outside ordinary trading hours)

Weblink to Liquor Licensing Factsheet: Changes to the *Liquor Control Reform Act 1998*

[http://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/CA256902000FE154/Lookup/CAV_Publications_Liquor_Licensing_1/\\$file/liquor_factsheet_changes_to_act.pdf](http://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/CA256902000FE154/Lookup/CAV_Publications_Liquor_Licensing_1/$file/liquor_factsheet_changes_to_act.pdf)

Also refer to ‘Liquor Laws of Victoria’ page on the Consumer Affairs website:

<http://www.consumer.vic.gov.au/CA256EB5000644CE/page/Liquor-Responsibilities+%26+Liquor+Laws-Liquor+Laws?OpenDocument&1=75-Liquor~&2=060-Responsibilities+%26+Liquor+Laws~&3=020-Liquor+Laws~>

Research on anti-social behaviour in entertainment precincts

As part of my Council Report and workplan for the next six months, I am researching best practice models and strategies for entertainment precincts within Australia and internationally. So far this has entailed meeting with Council officers at other municipalities that contain major entertainment precincts, such as the City of Stonnington and the City of Greater Geelong,

and contacting organisations further a field, such as the Crime Prevention Unit in Western Australia.

My research has enabled me to map local government approaches to street lighting, CCTV, safe taxi ranks, ID scanners being trialled at late night venues, two-way radios used by police and licensed venues, safety signage, clean-up programs and street activity programs.

Later in the year I will be providing Council with a report on this research, which will assist in establishing a strategic framework for dealing with anti-social behaviour in entertainment precincts across Port Phillip. Community consultation will continue to inform the research agenda.
