

Waikerie CBD Revitalisation – Submissions Summary

Questionnaire Responses

In total we received 11 responses to the questionnaire. 9 that were received were on the questionnaire form. 2 others were collated by a community member on behalf of two groups at their workplace.

In addition there were 8 written submissions. The comments contained in them are summarised at the end of this report.

What do people value most about the CBD?

- Ability to socialise at the CBD and riverfront
- Having access to retail services, health services
- Having easy access to shops and businesses
- It is home (was born here)
- Having an active CBD as this is a viable town
- Having most things available for daily living
- Shopping, hardware store and post office
- It's the only CBD for many kilometres and needs to be supported by all locals
- Friendly and safe area

What brings people to the CBD?

All respondents (11) indicated shopping. Socialising (7) was the next popular response followed by work/business, dining and civic uses/facilities (6).

How often do people visit the CBD?

Six respondents visited the CBD everyday while the other 5 visited a few times a week.

What two things would people like to see happen within the CBD over the next 3-5 years?

- 1. Extension/longer and a better riverfront and 2. Shop fronts to have a facelift to help improve shopping.
- 1. More shops with modernised shop fronts, better accessibility and friendly customer service and 2. All parking to be addressed including parking for tourists with caravans with maybe one way or no vehicle traffic, alfresco areas, more businesses and services.
- 1. All parking to remain and 2. More seating in the shade
- 1. Shop fronts to be brightened up and 2. The sheds near the top bakery be removed or replaced (I believe these are the sheds behind Kleemans)
- 1. Theatre, transport buses to Adelaide or other towns, bulk bill doctor.
- 1. Plane trees and jacarandas are beautiful 2. Not to lose car parks near services (bank/PO) or near supermarkets.
- 1. Pedestrian crossing and lower speed limit on McCoy Street
- 1. Derelict buildings to be revitalized or bulldozed and 2. McCoy Street one way from Francis Street up with angle parking on one side only.
- 1. A place more appealing to new businesses, 2. Create a larger RV Park, 3. More parking, 4. One way through McCoy Street and 5. A caravan park not in flood prone area.
- 1. New businesses in empty shops and 2. Increase in visitor numbers.

What's important in the CBD?

Respondents were asked to rate the following from 1 (least important) to 7 (most important).

The results from all responses is listed below starting with most important to least important.

Parking	6.4 (average response)
Public Toilets	5.5
Improved footpaths/crossings	5.5
Safety/security	5.4
Shade/shelter	5.3
Retail	5.1
Pedestrian connection to the river	4.9
Streetscape amenity improvements	4.6
Accessibility	4.5
Food and beverage	4.3
Activities and events	4.3
Civic or community uses	3.9
Public open spaces	3.7
Offices and commercial activities	3.5
Playspace	3.1
Bicycle facilities	2.4
Nightlife	2.0

Any other comments/suggestions?

- Bus shelter and information sign needed for visitors
- Accommodation for backpackers/itinerant workers
- More utilization of the town hall/institute
- Incentives for shop owners/tenants to improve appearance of shop fronts (rate relief or grant program)
- Increase size of riverfront with more parking
- More events on weekends
- Remove existing public toilets and make connection with White Street Car Park
- Angle parking on ANZ bank side of McCoy Street
- Waterpark at riverfront is good
- Duel highway all the way to Mildura
- Bring the older and younger generations together
- Better promotion of Waikerie attractions and activities
- Improve customer service
- The only way angle parking may work in McCoy Street is to make it one way
- Like the idea of one way street and closing Francis Street to the old carpet store
- Don't like the idea of jacarandas as street trees
- Encourage locals to shop in Waikerie and not in Adelaide or elsewhere
- A Waikerie wall of fame recognising local people who have succeeded in sport or anything else for Waikerie
- More gopher access to footpaths
- Pedestrian crossing from Foodland to ANZ Bank
- Jacarandas are not a suitable street tree
- But old retransmission building in the main street for pop up arts and shops and put tourism in there
- White Street and McCoy Street parking needs to be kept at a maximum as it is hard to get a park at times
- Pedestrian crossing in McCoy Street
- Reduced speed limit in McCoy Street

- Empty buildings could be converted to tourist/backpacker accommodation
- Empty shop windows could be dressed by businesses
- Signage needed on the highway to guide people into town – events signage on the highway
- Better advertising of the town
- Make Waikerie a town where people want to shop and socialise, a town to be proud of and show off to all visitors

Written Submission Summary

- Need a pedestrian crossing in McCoy Street (was previously considered by Council)
- Suggestion to reduce the speed limit to 40 or 50km/h
- No need to landscape larger roundabout
- Ensure adequate car parking
- Francis Street should be open for 2 way for its entire length, McCoy Street should be one way enabling angle parking
- Sheltered parking for mobility scooters close/within McCoy Street
- Improved communication and consultation
- A submission provided several photos of a shelter (attached)
- Pedestrian crossing from Foodland to ANZ Bank
- Not in favour of reduced car parking due to increased street trees
- Jacarandas not suitable as street trees
- Ensure seating has back to them
- Opposed to making McCoy Street one way
- More focus should be on ways to attract people to the town instead of beautification/street scape upgrades
- Strongly opposed to any change to the current two way traffic in McCoy Street
- Narrowing footpaths to enable angle parking in McCoy Street and acquire property or relocation to enable more off street parking
- Remove plane trees and replace with modern plantings in appropriate planters
- Strongly opposed to Jacarandas as street trees.
- Provide uniform shading along both sides of McCoy Street with sails or permanent verandah style structures.
- No pop up shops
- Rate relief passed on to tenants or some form of subsidy may ensure extra shops are possible
- Concerned with loss of car parking in Francis Street
- Concerned with jacarandas as street trees