laverton urban design framework

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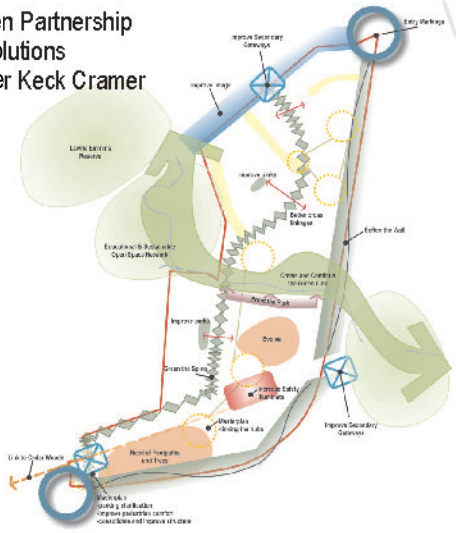

Project description

Hansen Partnership was engaged by Hobsons Bay City Council to prepare an Urban Design Framework for Laverton. The UDF encapsulates the community's aspirations for their place and sets out a series of staged projects that will inspire change and community renewal.

The UDF has been prepared through an exciting four month community led process which has highlighted the significant physical and environmental challenges faced by the Laverton community. In response, the UDF describes a sustainable vision for Laverton's residents, traders and visitors, ensuring it becomes an enticing place to live and work.

Building on the strengths of the Laverton community, the UDF articulates a vision and action plan which is shaped by the social, economic, cultural and environmental development needs of Laverton. The UDF incorporates over 100 site specific projects including immediate buildable projects and long-term actions and initiatives that can be pursued over the next 15 to 20 years.

The UDF focuses specifically on the visual appearance of Laverton as experienced from both inside and outside of the suburb. The study also examines issues of housing diversity and development, neighbourhood amenity, shopping and community facilities, and park and landscaped areas. Recognising the physical separation of Laverton from its surrounds, the linkages between Laverton and surrounding neighbourhoods, and accessibility to and through Laverton are particularly important.

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