

design guidelines for miller on gilbert



client:
Darebin City Council

project team:
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project description:

hansen worked in collaboration with Darebin City Council to provide design guidelines to direct appropriate built form within the business area of the Miller on Gilbert Neighbourhood Activity Centre, in Thornbury and Preston West.

Through desktop research, fieldwork and community consultation it was noted that the centre is valued for its small size, its moderate scale and mix of eclectic and traditional buildings. There was local enthusiasm for potential change in the centre, especially the anticipation of high quality, contemporary architecture and increased occupation of shops and shop top housing.

Through community workshops a design vision for the centre was generated seeking to keep the built form low rise (up to 3 storeys and 4 storeys on corners) with setbacks of upper building levels so that new development reinforces valued traditional streetscape elements. To achieve this vision a series of simple and effective design guidelines were generated to direct how development should occur. The guidelines addressed matters of building height, setbacks and relationship to the street and adjoining sites, design details and features, materials and textures, and signage. Ultimately the guidelines will be translated into policies within the Darebin Planning Scheme.



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