

Built by the community, for the community to commemorate those who fought in the Second World War.

Council is currently ignoring the thousands of residents who argue that the loss of public space is actually a huge cost to the community.

Ignores the Senior Citizens' Hall which is not only used by Senior Citizens but also by tens of other community groups. Where will they all go?

The 2013 vision does NOT include 'vertical retirement' or a hotel.

# The story behind 895 and 903-907 Main Road, Eltham – the heart of Eltham's Town Centre

The former Eltham shire office site has been vacant for more than 20 years, and the buildings at 903-907 Main Road were built in the 1950s and 1960s.

To achieve an Eltham-style, revitalised precinct Council is considering a joint venture with the private sector at no cost to ratepayers. Council will remain in control of any redevelopment throughout the process.

No decision has been made yet about what can be built on the site.

Any proposal will need to reflect Eltham's unique sense of place and character and meet our criteria of:

- linkages to the library, train station and town centre
- retain the cenotaph and enhanced civic plaza
- retain Shillinglaw historical trees
- a community building (possibly an art gallery)
- \$1.5 million for Council to relocate the preschool and maternal and child health centre
- a landscaped environment
- environmentally sustainable design principles within the current planning scheme.

If the private sector is able to demonstrate a feasible project that addresses these criteria, Council will engage the community for feedback on the proposal.

## VISION

Precincts 3 and 4 will be locally cherished as a highly accessible, convenient and attractive location in Eltham Town Centre to catch public transport and access information, art and civic services and conduct a range of social, community and everyday business activities.

The precincts will be well connected, both visually and physically, with the rest of the Eltham Town Centre, the surrounding parkland, nearby sporting facilities and the Diamond Creek Trail. The precincts will be highly accessible, particularly for pedestrians and cyclists and will reflect Eltham's local environment and heritage.

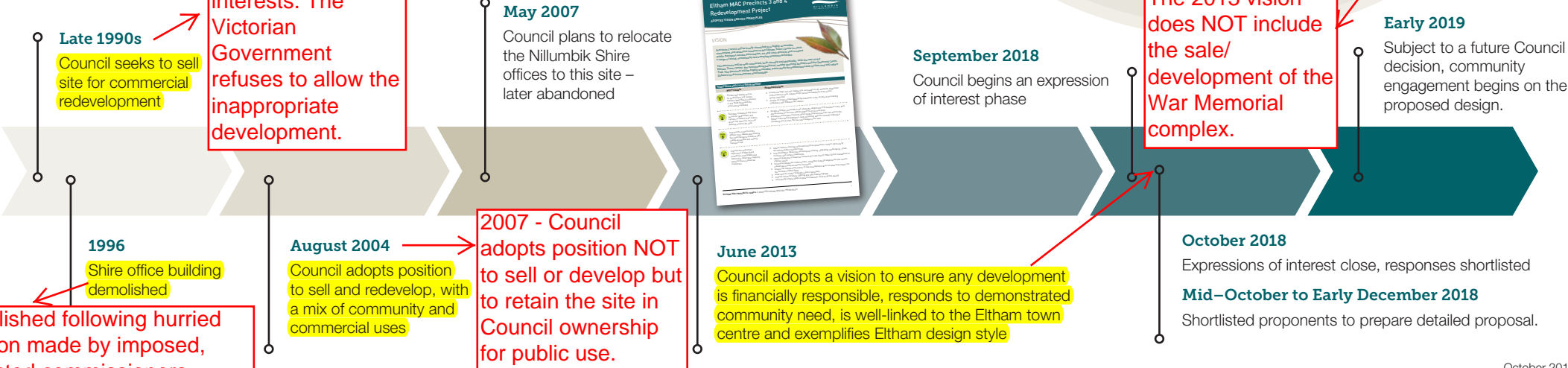
Most principles adopted by Council in 2013 are consistent with today's vision including:

- Draw upon the bushland character of the area;
- Be of landmark quality and positively contribute to the image of the Eltham town centre;
- Retain the cenotaph and obelisk and create an integrated indoor and outdoor civic space;

- Consider making provision in Precinct 4 for: an auditorium, art gallery, community cinema, community arts venue, community kitchen, office and activity space for visiting agencies, customer service/community health centre, restaurant/bar, small meeting spaces, Council tourist and services office.
- Investigate the advantages and resources required to develop the former Eltham shire office site for a range of community facilities.

Abstract from Council's adopted Vision and Key Principles 2013

## TIMELINE



Demolished following hurried decision made by imposed, unelected commissioners.