



**Wait –
is this the
new Eltham
treeline?**



Selling the heart of Eltham

Council plans to sell, demolish and develop a large chunk of Eltham's heart.

The buildings and open space between the Library and the old CFA building could be gone. This includes The Eltham Preschool, Maternal and Child Health Centre and Memorial Hall in Main Rd.

These buildings were built;

- as a 'living war memorial',
- with money raised by locals, mainly women, after World War 2.

They are unique in Victoria and are being assessed by Heritage Victoria for state heritage listing.

We know nothing

Council have received **just one** submission from a developer. We're being presented with a choice of one.

Plans are being made behind closed doors, and council's preference is for retirement apartments and/or a boutique hotel.

What else?

How would you revitalise this area?

According to the Eltham Major Activity Centre Review 2018, residents want:

- More trees and shrubs
- More greenery
- Improved streetscapes
- Development constrained, and
- No over development

We want more green space, not less.

Not happy Jan

The recently released Nillumbik Community 2019 survey shows Eltham residents rate the councils' performance as 'Poor', in key criteria;

- Responsiveness
- Consultation
- Engagement
- Representation
- Advocacy
- Trust and confidence, and
- Making decisions in the best interests of the community.

The rating was significantly lower than the rest of the Shire. Why?

Something's up.

We understand a key decision will be made by the end of May - before anyone in the community is consulted.

Council needs to hear your concerns before it's too late to back out.

Here's what you can do

Come to the Eltham Community Action Group meeting

Date - Wednesday May 8th, 7.30 pm

Venue - Senior Citizens' Hall (before it's demolished)

We will have two experts to explain:

- The planning process controls, and how or if we can object to the final application, plus
- A local historian to step us through the Heritage Victoria application and approval process

Before the speakers there will be a very brief

Why should you care?

This is **Community Owned Land. It was given in trust.** Also,

- If it gets re-sold, what will it turn into?
- The zoning of 4 to 5 storeys from Main Road level is high. What would that be from the railway side?
- Will the developer decide that for financial reasons, more storeys are needed?
- Will they maximise profits by covering the sites in buildings?
- Why the secrecy?
- Why no real choices?
- How much of council officers time (salary) has been taken up with this when they could be doing other work for the community?
- This could usher in a 'sell all' era in Nillumbik

**And - why the haste all of a sudden?
Who's pushing for this to happen now?**

Hasn't Council learnt from the failed attempt to sell our Community Reserves that we care, very strongly, about our place?

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