21.04 DAREBIN TOMORROW – OUR VISION

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Darebin has a strong commitment towards achieving positive environmental, community, cultural, economic and urban planning outcomes. This commitment is reflected in Council's vision, contained in the Council (Corporate) Plan 2003-2005, which is to work towards:

A diverse and democratic city where citizens work together to advance community life.

In achieving this vision, the City of Darebin will work to improve the quality of our natural and urban environment, and will stimulate development activity within a framework that protects and enhances the natural environment, heritage assets and residential amenity.

This vision and mission recognises the key community values and aspirations for Darebin which are to work towards a future which promotes:

- A sustainable Darebin
- A well connected community
- A diverse Darebin
- An affordable Darebin
- Opportunities for all

21.04-2 Key Land Use Elements

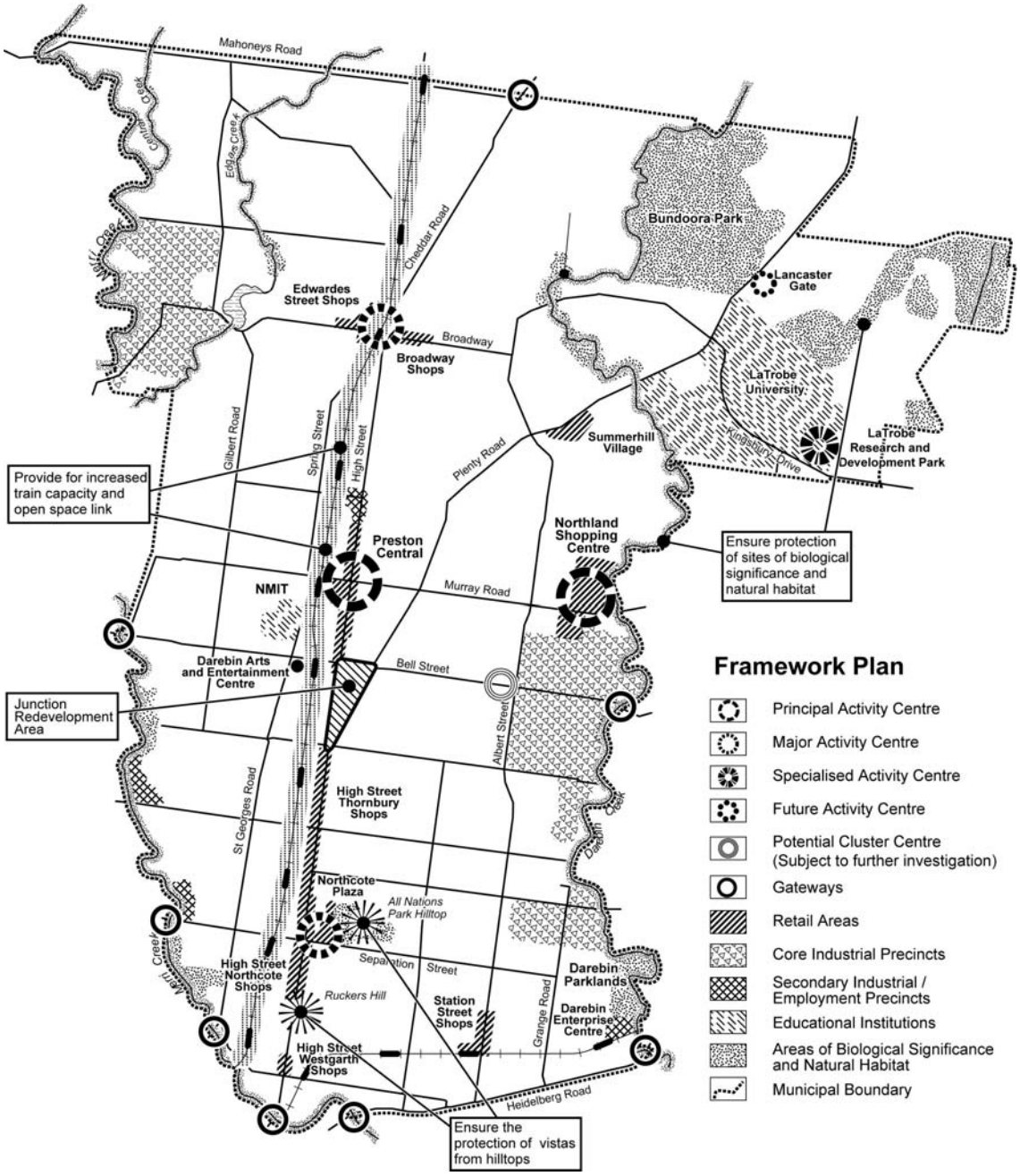
Darebin's Vision is expressed around a number of interrelated themes. These key elements provide a basis for the more detailed objectives, strategies and implementation measures in Clause 21.05.

The key elements in Darebin are:

- Sustainability
- Housing
- Urban Design
- Heritage, Art and Culture
- Economic Development
- Activity Centres
- Natural Environment
- Open Space and Recreation
- Transport and Access
- Physical Infrastructure

21.04-3 Framework Plan

The Framework Plan identifies the major components of the achievement of the Vision. The Plan shows the physical components of the municipality that form the structure within which the MSS is to be implemented and the major directions for the future. The Framework Plan is one method of indicating and influencing the direction of growth and change in the City.

The key features of the Framework Plan are:

- Protection and enhancement of significant natural flora and fauna habitat areas including the Merri and Darebin Creek corridors, Gresswell Hill, Gresswell Forest and Habitat Link, significant grasslands along Central Creek and at Mont Park (Cherry Street).
- Protection of vistas from the All Nations Park hilltop and Northcote Hill in High Street.
- Principal and Major Activity Centres within and around which Melbourne 2030 advocates concentrating residential development.
- The need to plan for the transport impacts that will result from the increased urban growth in the proposed Epping/Plenty growth corridor to the north of the city.