

WATSONIA SHOPPING CENTRE TOWN SQUARE

Additional enhancements should be incorporated into the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to develop a world class Town Square in Watsonia.

Banyule City Council is developing design concepts for a new Town Square in front of the Watsonia Library, supported by the Traders Association and community representatives. Council has received a grant of \$5 million from the North East Link Project and is contributing \$500,000 towards the project design.

This is a fantastic opportunity to create a dedicated, high quality community space which provides a focal point for leisure, youth and promotional events.

It is important that the community and traders input into the design to ensure the best outcome is achieved from this one-off opportunity.

Consideration should be given to include the following in the Town Square project:

- Monopoles to replace the lattice tower pylons near the library
- Simplifying the Watsonia Rd./Morwell Ave./Ibbotson Street intersection allowing for much more free land to be returned to the community.
- New toilets, lighting/security upgrades/CCTV, etc.
- Enhanced access to Railway Station
- Seating/covered area
- Wayfinding signage/directory/map
- Space for outdoor movies/concert
- Free Wifi in Town Square/shopping centre
- Play equipment, skate park
- Electric charging stations in RSL car park

