



**Kensington – What the Australian 2021
Census shows about
SA 20604112103 – Barnett Street
Precinct Open Space**

Australian National Census 2021 Data

- Census data shows the number of citizens in the precinct. This is called an SA1.
- This presentation discusses a part of Kensington currently occupied by more than 600 residents.
- Mapping data allows a density analysis of the area where people actually live.
- Density calculations *should exclude* railways, toll ways, main roads, private businesses, drains, levee banks *indeed* any space not shared with residents.



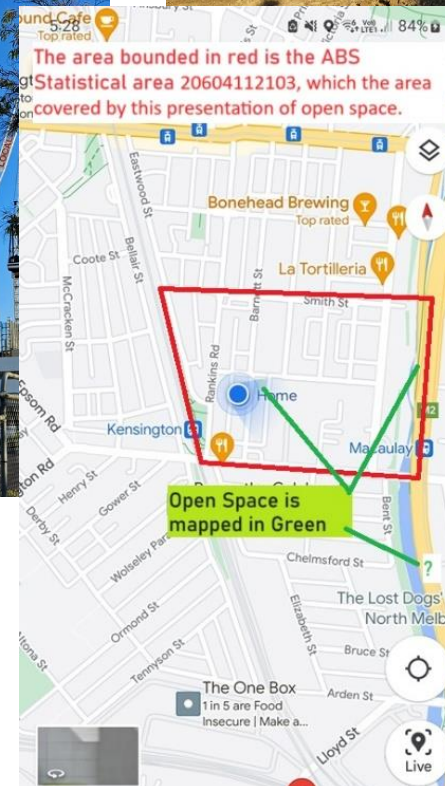
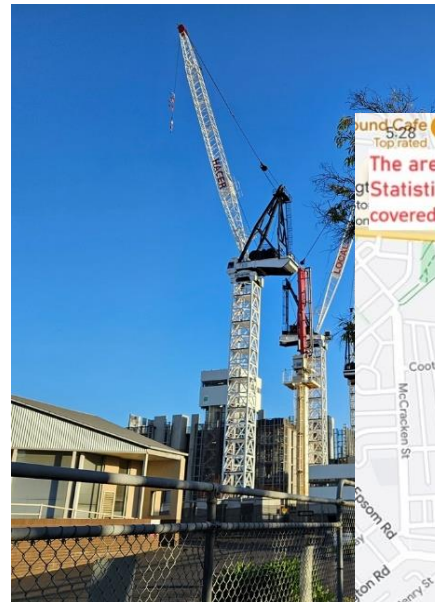
North Macaulay Precinct Street



Do residents really use this space?

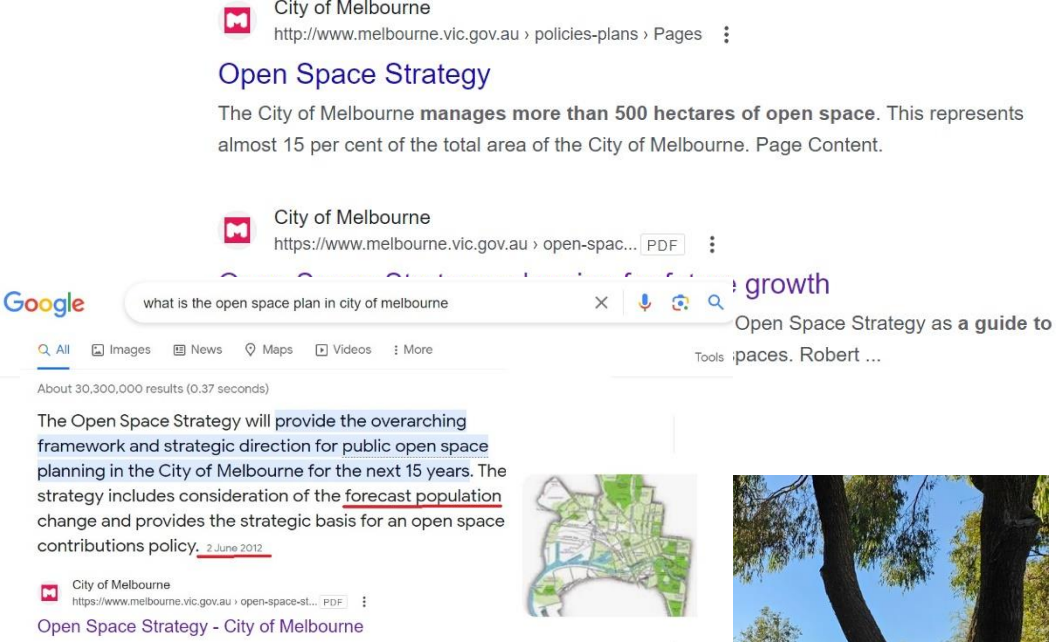
Open Space – Resident Numbers

- Just looking at the area defined by the ABS as Statistical Area 20604112103 there are three significant construction sites at this moment (October 23)
- Indications from previous density and resident population studies indicate many thousands of new residents.
- Note that the numbers from 2021 census approximately 600 residents which was a significant (40% growth) over 20 years. This growth was achieved by infill construction.



City of Melbourne – Open Space

- Do we know the current “open space” strategy for the City of Melbourne. A Google search reveals something from 2012?
- Data analysis must state the assumptions before we can begin discussion
- What is a reasonable distance for open space accessibility?
- What actually is “High Density” and how is density related to open space?



The screenshot shows a Google search for "what is the open space plan in city of melbourne". The search results include a link to the City of Melbourne's "Open Space Strategy" page, dated 2 June 2012. The snippet of the page content reads: "The Open Space Strategy will provide the overarching framework and strategic direction for public open space planning in the City of Melbourne for the next 15 years. The strategy includes consideration of the forecast population change and provides the strategic basis for an open space contributions policy." Below the search results, there is a small map of Melbourne and a photograph of a park area with a playground. A caption for the photograph reads: "The Barnett Street Precinct's second park - enjoyed by families and dog owners".

Open Space Issues

- Do we *really* know the likely impacts of increasing population densities by factors of 5,10 or more on the residents' use of open space?
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