

Melbourne needs to RE-OPEN RESET, REFORM as part of RECOVERY.

Move down to Stage 2 and Open Melbourne Up Immediately

Our teams call on Dan Andrews to move down to Stage 2 and reopen retail, catering and other businesses immediately. The past 14 days average has exceeded targets. “Yes Dan, we understand your hard work and wish on sustainability to maintain a COVID safe Victoria; however, life cannot be stopped, people required realistic chances to practice strategies to manage in the COVID world”

Make Melbourne a full digitally transformed city with intelligent systems

Melbourne needs an efficient platform to recover and to seize new opportunities. Some of our processes and bureaucracies are still paper base. The tech needed are already available and proven models of digitization are easily accessible. We should move towards full digitization plus installation of intelligent systems. In simple jargon, these intelligent systems can enable efficiency projects such as:

- Freeing up unused public car park spaces, so enabling higher utilization
- Broadcast CBD traffic information to cars so to redistribute traffic around the CBD
- Give Melbournians direct access to council services via their mobile
- Expand the existing “Participate Melbourne” to allow Melbournians to post issues, submit suggestion, hold virtual forums, vote on a solution, and submit to council for deliberation. If laws are enacted, allow direct vote
- Give an automated platform to engage with local Melbourne suppliers
- Offer an easy “e-engagement” platform for new industries to engage Melbourne and Melbourne businesses. The country Estonia has this for the last 8 years. Skype came from Estonia. Singapore has its GeBiz system to engage any overseas enterprises in just 24 hours
- A permanent system to monitor COVID and any future outbreak (See below Bug Busters) team.

This new platform will be Melbourne “Digital Railway” to recovery.

Make Melbourne the first to reform council rate calculation

Post COVID Melbourne will see many empty shops, office floors and rental apartments. This is in addition to the many heritage listed and old CBD properties that are not rentable but incredibly valuable. The current council rate calculation which is based on property value will send these owners off the cliff.

Our team advocate a fundamental change to how council rate is calculated – based on yield and property value. A property of high value that remains vacant can receive lower rate bill. This will give relief but also give incentive for the property to attract new tenants. For commercial property where

the tenant pays for the outgoing, the reduced rate bill will help to attract new tenants and relief for the tenant to grow their business.

The same applies to heritage listed properties and residential rental properties. The list of beneficiaries is long.

Make Melbourne an active Jobweaver

In some of candidates' campaigns have been alluded Job - Job - Jobs; unfortunately, reality is we know old industries including retail will not return the same number of jobs. So where will new jobs come from. Local government should enact policies and implement initiatives to attract new industries. While the federal government hands out Job Maker financial assistance, local government should implement "Job Weaver" initiatives to attract new industries.

While one candidate stated he has attracted a billion-dollar project to Melbourne, little of this money trickles to small businesses and local workforce. Melbourne's well-educated workforce can attract industries such as Robotics, AI Systems, Smart Financial Services and Accreditation Services. The key to attract these new industries is the development of the e-engagement platform.

Australia will enter a new NATO style trade pack with US, Japan, India, and other friendly nations. With so many Indian students and professions in Australia, Melbourne can seize the opportunity to be the business and finance center to administer these new alliances. Again, an efficient digital e-engagement platform is the key to seize these opportunities.

Make Melbourne the Centre of Remote Delivery of Education, Consulting and Professional Services

While the borders are closed, the lockdown proves that we can (with further refinements) deliver education, consulting, and other professional services online. Melbourne CBD is unlikely to see the return of same number of office workers. Council can relax regulation to attract "Remote service delivery professions to setup their studios in CBD" that in COVID safe practice.

Bring Back Melbourne - Bring Back Visitors, Students and Foreign Investments

Nick Russian rightly advocates; we need to bring back the visitors and the students. In doing so, the city will need to restore Melbourne's image as being safe, supporting environment for visitors and students to return.

No other candidates have advocated for students and temporary residents because they do not vote. Our team will offer support to over 50,000 students that spends up to \$50,000 a year in Melbourne including tuition fees.

There are also at least 2000 "188a" investment visa holders awaiting to bring their investment to Melbourne. They must invest up to \$400,000 as part of the program. We want them to invest these moneys in Melbourne.

So collectively, we will offer the following support

- Mental health services to students
- Emergency health services for all visitors
- Multilingual app to essential services for visitors, newly arrive students and investment migrants
- Rate relief for landlord that offer discounts to student tenants
- Multilingual Helping to visitors, students, and migrants
- Online settlement platform which allow the investment migrant to invest their moneys in a safe and effective manner.

Make Melbourne the first to install a city level outbreak detection team

A hard COVID lesson learnt is that outbreak needs to be contain fast. COVID 19 will not be the last. There are also frequent gastro outbreaks. Our team propose Australia first city level Rapid Response, Virus education / awareness, Outbreak Detection and Containment Team (jokingly called – Bug Busters). While we may not like to mention it, China's city level Bug Busters are key for them to contain outbreaks.

In addition, we advocate installation of health check gates at shopping centers and places of high people concentration. These gates will not only measure temperatures but will have regularly updated features to detect other symptoms. Just like security check points, they will become part of the Post COVID world. They may be integrated as part of security and drug checks. (The technology is already in used overseas).

Think again, this along with PPE when mandated and social distancing is the key to safe opening.

Make Melbourne a Real Residential Precinct

There is little on other candidates' platforms for Melbourne as Residential Precinct. There is a Chemist Warehouse in every block. But where to go when you are sick at night. Our team propose to attract essential services (such as 24 hours superclinic) to service Melbourne residents including GPs, dentist, childcare, radiology, mental health, men's health, women's health and crisis management. We have over 50,000 students in Melbourne; however, they are not entitled to free medical at St Vincent even with a medical insurance. Gary Morgan rightly said, young family will settle in CBD, but where do they send their children for childcare, early learning, kinder garden, primary and secondary schools. Schools will lift apartment resale value. New apartments are being approved but with little green space and essential services. This will be failed.

Melbourne residents are entitled peace and enjoyment. Resident rights have been lacking in all the other candidates' platforms. My list of residents' complaints is 10 pages along. Our team advocate the following

- Introduce quiet zone to residential area after certain hours
- Introduce noise fine
- Attract essential services
- Attract investment in childcare, early learning and schools
- Introduce more green space. New apartment will have to dedicate certain floors for skyview green space
- Regulate Airbnb
- Reduce crime – install additional CCTV / Police patrols

Make Melbourne free of Self Injecting Room

There is a self-injecting room near Queen Victoria Market (QVM), and another planned in CBD. Even among our three teams, we have our own democratic debate. There are voices that want the self-injecting room to remain in CBD but not at QVM vicinity.

I alerted the team to observations made by Melbournians; the users would have difficulties to make decision following obtained the substances from a dealer, then travelled to an injecting room for a safe use. Regularly dealers supply the users from their car just 150 or so meters away. They parked in front of residential towers or around the gardens. Any one witness to these transactions may find themselves threaten. Often within this parameter potentially viewed as illegal activities area. I do ask the team, how can we put these risks to residents in any part of the CBD.

This is a difficult topic. All other candidates confirm they want to move the current location, but do not have a solution. It is the state government responsibility and council have little power to deal with this matter. But certainly, these new revelations will make us all think again about having a self-injecting room in CBD.

Make Melbourne one of the first fully self-powered and sustainable city.

Our team advocate sustainability. We believe good sustainability projects should allow time longer the term of an administration. So even if the incoming administration is not so “green”, the initiatives can continue.

Melbourne stands to benefit from the Australia Green Hydrogen initiatives. Not only that this cheap energy source can power some of the city needs, but it opens new industries across many sectors that Melbourne can lead once easing starts. These include systems, tech, finance, trade, training, and process development.

Given Melbourne strong wind, new towers can have integrated turbines to power some tower's common area needs. It helps the city to reduce the overall carbon footprint and attract new industries.

Another initiative is to get new towers to implement energy generating solar cell coating on glass windows.

Make Melbourne Centre for new culture and art experience

We love arts and cultures. But it will be quite some time before big events and crowded exhibitions will be a norm. The question is will it ever be. The other candidates did not see this, they continue to advocate for big events.

Our team advocate a new format called “Longer Enduring Events”. This is where events are held over longer period and permitted small number of patrons. This gives patrons the space and time to truly experience the events. In addition, exhibitors can also offer Virtual Reality entry to these events. These means instead of seats, there will VR cameras and senders.

Local government does not run art events. But we can advocate change and implement regulation and incentive to bring about the change.