

### **Submission to Future Melbourne Committee**

City of Melbourne, Melbourne Connect, Carlton  
15 February 2022, 5.30pm – Meeting No.28  
Agenda Item FMC 6.4 Inclusive Melbourne Strategy 2022 – 32

The SRA supports the Inclusive Melbourne Strategy 2022-32 document.

As society comes out of lockdowns and slowly opens up after COVID, it is important that links within the community are re-established and re-imagined to ensure their impact is effective and long lasting.

Initial planning of Southbank placed impediments in the way of building a community. Towers were permitted to be built with no street activation, there were no set-backs, buildings came right to the edge of the footpath, but even worse the street frontage consisted of ground floor car parking, foyers and car park entrances. There was no incentive for local residents to wander the streets, to meet and chat. The street scape became an unfriendly environment.

Active steps need to be taken to overcome this built-in disadvantage.

The SRA supports priority 3 of ‘Empowered, participatory communities’ and is keen to partner with the City of Melbourne in exploring possible initiatives.

Kind regards



Tony Penna  
**President**