

HARGREAVES ST
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the Bendigo region nor its history. Get the family and community feel back.

- I am unsure in this survey if the Marketplace shopping centre included in the CBD. It is in the centre of Bendigo shopping, and not outside like Strath or Lansell Plaza, so I presume it is. But these days we do most shopping at the Marketplace (60%) and a lesser amount (40%) in the mall area. Closer, easier, free time limit parking.
- Put back the verandahs, get rid of all the old and shoddy signs and shop fronts. Put the advertising money towards the city scape looking more to what the founding fathers generously gave to us.
- Smoking ban in mall, alfresco areas and outdoor areas in the shopping area. More parking. More family friendly.
- The Mall being a pleasant and attractive place to be. It needs to be clean, have some protection from the weather and have comfortable seating. A contemporary design was always going to look "out of place" given the age and condition of the shops. Grass, trees, a small amphitheatre, a rotunda and playground, all fenced and locked at night (as in many European cities) would be more appealing to a larger group of people and would allow a range of activities.
- Less food stores - more retail outlets.
- Open up Hargreaves Street to slow traffic and treat it as it was intended, a place of business and shopping.
- More parking, the way the mall has been designed is disgusting. Older people don't like to sit on rocks.
- Video shops.
- I really support the idea of reintroducing a playground or play area for children to use while in the mall. I have fond memories of playing on the old equipment when I was a little girl waiting for my grandmother to finish her shopping. Back then the mall was a safe yet 'happening' place. The total ruin of the mall caused by the so-called upgrade has been detrimental to traders, and it's no wonder the levy is being challenged! I believe that listening to what Bendigo residents want is the only way of restoring the mall to its former glory. After all, the patrons are the ones spending their money in the mall.
- Better shops and better cafes.
- Nothing - the problem is that the marketplace and other shopping centres have taken the business away from the CBD.
- Put plants back in the mall. I admit I'm not comfortable taking my elderly mother to the mall as there is no way to get away quickly if a fight breaks out near us. Not sure of the solution there.
- More upmarket cafes. Children's playground. Friday night shopping.
- Some cover and protection from the elements - it looks like something out of Planet of the Apes, cold and unwelcoming.
- Easy and free parking!
- Certainly not flashy pretentious advertising by the traders and council. Compare the CBD with the regional centres at Strath Village, Eaglehawk, Marketplace and Kangaroo Flat - see the difference. It is pointless to expect the CBD to attract more people when they can shop locally or online. People only need to come to the CBD for the service businesses (law, travel, real estate, and the like) and then only occasionally. The days of the CBD being the focus for shopping are numbered and the sooner the traders and the council wake up to that the better. Even the council's draft traffic report drags all traffic to the CBD. That is a nonsense.
- More colour, the mall is lacking atmosphere, more diverse shopping.
- The removal of the big stores such as Officeworks, the Commonwealth Banks. Shops that open out to the mall and which sell good stuff as well as high turnover stuff. There is no reason to go there.
- Generally, a better family feel needs to be looked at.
- Colours. Liven the mall up. it looks very drab. Mostly grey concrete.
- Better trading hours and variety of shops.
- Increase opening hours for shops. Attract more social places decent



cafes, rather than cheap fast-food places) in Hargreaves Mall.

- Schools having more discipline.
- Put the covered walkway back. It's too open and cold in cooler weather. That's why people go to the Marketplace. Not because it's that good, but it's fully covered. There's not many shops to entice you to the mall except Myers.
- Perhaps the Media could stop publicising violence in the mall, and this gives the mall a very negative portrayal to anyone that is listening. Perhaps more parking? Better quality shops? Also, why aren't any shops open on a Sunday, except for Myer?
- A strong campaign in support of young people from those in the community who currently find it easier to sit on the fence or label young people as anti-social and violent. Ridiculous!
- Food court always seems to attract people to browse around.
- Security guards to patrol.
- More parking, Sunday trading. Enough toilets. Free parking for library users. Better traffic flow. Less gang of youths around. For me... regular public transport from Axedale to Bendigo.
- Bigger retailers, more variety in stores. The council needs to make the Bendigo CBD more appealing for big retailers. The Beehive Building (for example) has great potential.
- A change in the types of shops... there is very little in the mall to attract my age group... and I'm more likely to go to places that I feel safe taking my young children to. I don't mind the makeover but its only halfway there; it needs a more cosmopolitan feel with better eateries and retail shops.
- The old mall was a lot better before hand, and putting in more shops something like Marketplace but of course a bit smaller.
- Better shops! More diversity.
- Police or private security from 3pm to 7pm weekdays.
- Safer, cleaner streets. Some colour/entertainment/shade/get rid of hideous screens/provide wooden seats around tree bases/playground for children.
- Better parking, more fines issued to workers who continue to feed meters all day taking up customer spots because they are too lazy to walk a couple of blocks.
- More places to relax in shade in the mall.
- More seating and shaded areas. Kids playground.
- Shade in the mall, places to sit down, a more appealing colour scheme, playground, dealing with the horrible glare causing paving!
- Playgrounds for children.
- A better mall with cover, suitable private toilets and a playground.... but if what we have cost \$8 million... Bendigo ratepayers can't afford anything better.
- Indoor shopping centre feel, better streetscape. Large screens that actually work and stream vision.
- A safer environment, positive atmosphere.
- A few ideas for creating a more relaxed and inviting environment: lots of good seating, lots of well-tended plants and trees, shade

umbrellas, little cafes serving good food and coffee, quality public entertainment (eg. good buskers etc licensed by the council to perform), less vehicle traffic in surrounding areas and a greater emphasis on pedestrian access, perhaps (in good weather) stalls selling local and boutique goods, less emphasis on what the traders want, and more on the mall as a public amenity!

- More events, sports on the big screens. They wanted to mall to look like Fed Square, let's use it like it.
- No parking meters and less clutter.
- More life/movement. The big screens are a disgrace. Their only purpose is as a toilet, what a joke. A blight on Bendigo.
- More shade, playground. More variety move the busses away and we need more parking!
- More plants, comfortable chairs not slabs of concrete, perhaps a playground, although there was one there before.
- I wish they could wave a magic wand and put the mall back the way it was. It had the lovely little cafes with the wisteria above that the birds sat in. The rotunda in the middle housed bands for us to listen to. It was all old and quaint, just the way we liked it. The redevelopment killed the CBD shopping district. Now it's just a concrete wasteland where youths congregate.
- Return it to its old beauty. It's cold, stale and far too 'Melbournised' now.
- A roof and better shops.
- Rip down ugly 1970s verandas and facades and replace with heritage-style ones. Maybe a shopping centre development like Westfield in Geelong but in heritage style.
- More restaurants, better parking, seating and shade.
- It's fine the way it is. Another Powney's is really important though.
- Provide plenty of free/cheap parking.
- I think the mall upgrade has made the mall even worse, no one shops there because its a concrete jungle.
- Easier parking, continue to make better traffic flow, easy access to clean toilet/change area facilities. somewhere to sit in comfort and rest. make all these areas well publicised and signed.
- Bring back musical performances and events to CBD.
- A playground for families.
- Open it back up to traffic as it was before the original mall was built; it worked well.
- More family atmosphere; bring back the kids play ground and more shade is required
- Weather protection.
- Why do people shop at the Marketplace, should be the question. We shop there because the parking is easy and free. It has all shops needed and a choice. The council should never allowed a shopping centre so close to the CBD or made it part of the CBD by positioning it closer. The CBD traders are now paying for council decisions that span over years. There was nothing wrong with the old mall.

- Free parking and a decent-looking Mall. Not a grey gloomy memorial looking dive.
- Parking, parking, parking, Some shade, better shops, better food, move the kids on.
- Shops that open on weekends.
- Not have done the "upgrade" but since we can't change that now, more colours, more fun, more activities... bring back the mall I remember, it wasn't just a bunch of shops, it was a hub for families.
- Regular attractions in the mall.
- A more warming atmosphere. Its currently all concrete.
- Less disruption. Greater diversity of shops. Parking. Less congestion, for example bus stops.
- More car parking. It's been going on for years. My grandfather used to complain about car parking 40 years ago,
- The Addy give the public some good stories for a change.
- Music events, market days, making the mall more pleasing to the eye. It's not inviting.
- Variety of community events using the great open outdoor space of the mall.
- Traders should direct energy away from anger towards the council and into promoting the CBD as a destination.
- Security and shelter. Stop waisting money on publicity it won't help put it into the above.
- A solution to the antisocial problem in the mall. Better parking in the CBD. Perhaps if the money spent on the upgrade of the mall, which was unnecessary, had been spent on parking we would be getting a better result now.
- More parking and better public transport such as a free city circle bus or tram.
- Reopen Hargreaves Mall to traffic, make it easier to drive around the CBD, remove the ridiculous "Walk Bendigo" features from the other end of Hargreaves Street, move the buses up to the station or Myers Street to try to encourage the antisocial behaviour out of the mall.
- Businesses have to make their business attractive.
- More family days, sidewalk sales. Putting a roof on the mall or partial roof, when it is raining no one is shopping.
- More promotions and competitions for shoppers to win some decent prizes.
- Great activities planned in the mall - it's just not busy enough. We need to see students making art - painting, chalk drawings, and temporary art installation. Flash mobs to be planned to help create a dynamic atmosphere. The video screens need to actually work and be showing events like the royal wedding, AFL and special sports broadcasts. The council would need to fund a full-time activities officer to help engage young people and to work on encouraging us (everyday CBD 9-5 workers) to return to the mall.
- More inside shopping, more parking.
- Strong police presence, better selection of branded shops. Better parking solutions. Radical idea is to completely encase the mall by

a mega-shopping complex like the market place.

- Feeling safe by making it a family-friendly venue with cafes, playground equipment live entertainment.
- Replace the grey piece of trash they turned the mall into with something warm and colourful similar to what they tore up, with a roof over it. A nice eating area or cafe in the mall to break up the desert wasteland. And also free parking - how can you enjoy shopping when you know the council have their minions on patrol ready to take away your hard earned cash simply because you were 10 minutes late getting back to your car - time limits turn the joy of casual shopping into a potentially expensive day out.
- Open the mall to traffic and put the playground near the Town Hall or Library. We have the original Myer store. We should be bringing it back to life and renovating and extending, this is the only draw card we have in the mall or CBD in general.....Someone please improve it!
- I think Bendigo romps in over Ballarat in almost everywhere - however, I think the Ballarat Bridge Mall redevelopment is pretty good - an undercover area, a children's playground, plenty of greenery and seating. Obviously reducing the number of large groups of kids hanging around would make a big difference too.
- Greater interaction and linkages between CBD and Marketplace. Marketplace is not the enemy of the CBD, it is part of the solution. There is no vibrancy or sense of excitement in the CBD and no co-ordination or unity among retailers.
- Better shops, more office space, shop top residential, big screen activities for sports events, shops and cafes open consistent hours including to 7pm on Friday, to 4 pm of a Saturday and Sunday, a bus exchange in St Andrews avenue, renovation and upgrade of retail premises especially beehive building and Allan's walk, finalisation of walk Bendigo.
- Free parking, more child and family friendly activities.
- More parking space made available and free parking. The council should still be encouraged to issue tickets for time limit, but choose your poison: either charge for parking or enforce a time limit (the latter makes more sense). Coles has borne the brunt of crappy council parking management for too long.
- Uniform opening hours... on weekends only some shops are open and at different times - very confusing.
- Free parking, more parking, variety of stores, facelift of downtown Bendigo, redevelopment of Beehive stores, cute little arcades, unique shops.
- Playground for families, more shops aimed at older buyers. If they were more people using the mall it would be a less attractive place for young people to hang out and make trouble.
- Displays, entertainment, music, beautification of the mall.
- Less bitching about the CBD and a more proactive approach. More activities that will be able to use the space that has been brought to it by the redevelopment.
- Better service in shops, more diversity in clothes shops and products.
- Some form off grass, seats that don't heat to 50 degree on a hot day, shade (not trees that will have to be cut down or trimmed in a year because of power lines overhead, place a police office in the mall (like you see at Flinders Street station), bring the Easter show back into the streets instead of a sports centre (be different, stand out a little).
- More car parks some shade in the summer as the mall is just as hot, bright concrete jungle in winter the wind just whips through and combined with rain and autumn leaves it doesn't exactly attract people.
- A warmer, softer feel to the CBD, not enough parking and too much use of unfriendly materials, for example cobblestone surfaces, a hazard to both young and old.