

Request to be heard?: no

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Organisation: Mac McVeigh Gardens

Affected property: 6 Manningham Road West

Attachment 1:

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Comments: Bulleen Art & Garden is a unique and remarkable business that cannot be 'removed' from its local community. It has been a progressive institution for both local and wider gardening clientele for over 50 years due to its honest service policies, environmental commitments and amazing community contributions. As a previous member of staff, first gaining part time work while an Uni student in 1985, then becoming a senior team member for many years before I started my own business I wish to make some very clear statements about this business for consideration. Points below are my personal opinions / observations only. 1. Community.. - support fund raising events to various community groups , child care, schools, sporting clubs, hospitals, churches etc. with gift vouchers and /or products. Almost always ! - Provide work experience to a wide range of people, not only secondary school students. Many of whom gained work in associated industries. -Educational demonstrations & classes. -Looking for the good in everyone employment strategy. - Local business associations such as Coates hire, Heidelberg Hire, Admon machinery, Iv'e got wood, Kemp electrics, Moran mechanics, Pace demolitions, Heidi, to name a few. -Space for local artists to display - Meeting place for regular customers, now multi-generational. Human health. -Nursery Industry community involvement & economy is obvious. - Existing & ex- staff becoming leaders in the industry. Without doubt, my business network is due to contacts I have met via Bulleen Art & Garden. Many of which have been existing or past employees or contractors. The community contribution of Baag also becomes an economic contribution to the area in my mind. 2. Environment - Baag's environmental contributions are so broad it's difficult to break them down. - Millions of plants provided for gardens. - Revegetation of adjacent park land. - Home to Sustainable Gardening Australia, one of the earliest Garden Centres to implement sustainable gardening practices. - Promote home produce. -Water wise gardening. -Safer pest control. -Promote indigenous plants / habitat creation. - Rate products on environmental impact - recycled products. Heritage - Although only 51 years old, I believe Bulleen Art and Garden should be heritage listed by the local council or state government as a local identity that needs to be retained for the future. - Front facade a local identity. -Place of historical contribution to local (and national SGA /) garden history. - Previous work place of renown poet G. Edwards. - Roady for Hunters & Collectors worked there, as did Michello Stefanovich, Mr. Develliaire and other now famous people. - Kevin heinze dropped by, as did Don Burke. - I worked there! -And so many other great people. 6 Manningham Road West is much more than an address !!