



Gasometers early twentieth century

The Gasworks site has been the subject of community discussion over a long period of time, starting with a Community Consultation by The 3068 Group Inc in 2006 held at a Community Day in the Darling Gardens. The Yarra City Council adopted the Urban Design Framework for this site in 2008. The East-West Link project put things on hold until the election in November 2014. Then from 2016 to 2018 Development Victoria held a number of community consultation sessions which resulted in the Master Plan of 2017 and the Government announcement in 2018. The final design is still to be finalised and submitted. Covid19 would appear to have delayed its announcement as it was due in 2020.

Fitzroy Gasworks Master Plan Design Report November 2017 states:

Fitzroy gasworks will be a whole of government approach to Urban Renewal - delivering an integrated, sustainable and thriving urban village showcasing the revitalisation of a strategic inner-city site for a growing Melbourne. The design builds on four key themes addressed in our community engagement:

- 1. Recreation and open space - open space, indoor sports facility*
- 2. Built form, housing and land use mix - architecture and design, height and density, affordable and social housing, sustainable design, mixed use*
- 3. Community facilities and amenity – galleries, studio and other artistic spaces*
- 4. Transport and permeability – car parking, site access and egress, public transport*

The final design has not been confirmed but will include:

20% of the residential housing to be affordable/social housing, a new 650 senior high school, a new 6 court indoor sporting facility & gym, underground & bike parking and at least 8% of the site to be dedicated public open space. There are to be 1,100 apartments and adaptive re-use of the Valve House (south-west corner) and relocation & restoration of the Porter Iron Store.

There is a link on www.protectfitzroynorth.org/Gasworks.php to a video by Richard Wynne announcing the project in Sept 2018 in which he states that there will be a maximum of 4 storeys on the boundaries and 10 storeys in the site.

You can still get a glimpse of the Shot Tower from George St but will it still be visible once the apartments are built?

