

Your say Westfield Doncaster was always better than Chadstone anyway and still is.
- Jon Andon, Facebook

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Clear message vital

HAVING lost a council motion last week to have the federal candidates for the seat of Menzies put forward their funding pledges for Manningham, I am completely miffed at how the Mayor Paul McLeish who voted for my motion then used his casting vote to vote against it!

To send out a very clear message to our residents and to the investment community, let's hope the mayor can get his act together when it comes to the all-important vote.

COUNCILLOR STEPHEN O'BRIEN

Westfield expansion

REGARDING Manningham Council has given the go-ahead to a massive \$500 million expansion of Westfield Doncaster that has been two years in the making.

As long as they also double the parking, and somehow massively improve the traffic around the general area on weekends, then I'm all for this.

SIMON TUCCI, Facebook

HOW about they improve the infrastructure?

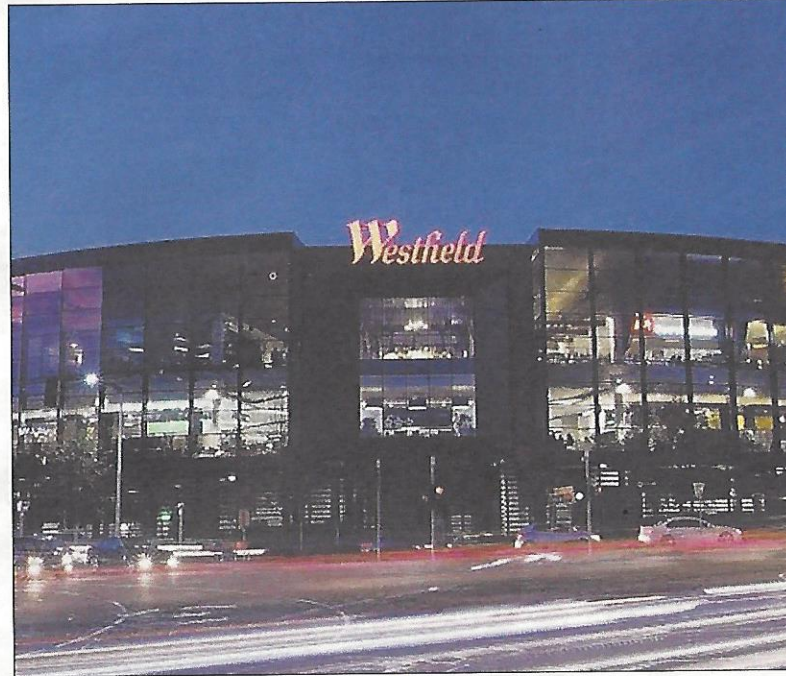
A train or tram would be great as there are too many cars there.

And increase parking spaces, there are not enough.

ALEXANDRA TSOKAS, Facebook

WESTFIELD Doncaster was always better than Chadstone anyway and still is.

Quality always over quantity ... I've lived here most of 47 years



Doncaster Westfield is set to get a whole lot bigger.

attracted a lot of people here after the 1960s.

If you don't like Doncaster you must not know it well and there are far worse places to live, I can assure you!

JON ANDON, Facebook

JUST added another reason to sell up and leave this downhill spiral of a suburb!

DESSIE BAYLISS, Facebook

I WILL need GPS to get around it!

FRANCEE BOULT, Facebook

RETAIL overload anyone? How about shops with different stuff in them?

Shoe shops have all the same

shop.) Clothes shops have all the same cheap fabric styles sagging in the windows.

Nearly everything is made (badly) in China.

We need shops selling items that the US and Europe sell.

Australia hardly scratches the surface. We are ignorant shoppers. There is so much more out there.

SAM, posted online

JUST what we need: more clothes shops. This country has absolutely no soul whatsoever.

As long as people can satiate themselves with an endless stream of entertainment and consumerism, everyone's happy.

parking now. Not enough parks for staff now and we were told even when new car park is finished there still won't be enough staff parks.

RHONDA JOHNS, Facebook

I WISH we could access stuff made in other areas but the sad reality is, that if you are in the US you'll find most of the stuff in their department stores is made in China, same story with the UK.

Europe resisted the wave of cheap Chinese goods right up until the last five years or so.

Now you can find "One euro" stores all over the place there ... especially in the south.

Maybe Trump's plan to reimpose tariffs to stop Chinese trade dumping might push other nations to throw up protective tariff walls.

Yes ... things will be a bit more expensive (as they were in Australia in the 50s and 60s) but everything will revert to being locally-made.

As a kid growing up in the 60s everything we wore, ate and bought ... even radios and TVs ... were made here.

TOM, posted online

REALLY? And yet no Doncaster railway network which we've been waiting for over a century?

ELZA CAMP, Facebook

CHADSTONE always was an awful shopping centre and no matter how big it gets it will always be awful.

Shocking layout/car park people walking and crossing holding up traffic and simply

biggest ... Fountain Gate another awful place.

Take a look around the catchment area of Westfield Doncaster.

Ever-increasing affluence which is why it was extended 2006/2008 during a slump in economy.

I think Westfield knows they are doing.

I've never had a problem with the parking.

JOHN, posted online

IS there all of a sudden no money to spend by consumers? You can only buy so much. An oversupply of retail space is going to change that.

ANTHONY, posted online

PUMP the brakes guys. Add up all these proposed expansions and you get 166,000sq m ... well short of Chadstone's 200,000+sq m.

Doncaster can try as they like but the reality is that Chadstone is still the big dog.

SHANE, posted online

THE rents are astronomical. Major shopping centres you purchase an item you are basically subsidising the rent.

This leads to large margins and low quality goods.

DENISE, posted online

ANOTHER mega expansion will help kill off useful independent shopping strips like Greenvale Shopping Village (North of Doncaster) nearby.

I lived near it in the 1970s. How much money do you think Westfield owners and