

Summary of Submissions:

The Applicant notes that 137 submissions in support of the proposal were received.

All 137 supportive submissions related to the following themes:

- The structure significantly contributes to the local character and streetscape of the Mount Hawthorn town centre.
- The structure has formed a strong communal hub for local families and patrons of the business;
- The structure adds vibrancy, activation, amenity, and liveliness to the locality; and
- The business/premises attracts people to the area.

The City received 5 submissions which objected to the proposal, and one submission which expressed concerns.

The tables below summarise the objecting comments received during the advertising period of the proposal, together with the Applicant's response to each comment.

Comments Received in Objection:	Applicant Comment:
<p><u>Accessibility</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Concerns that usage of the alfresco structure by patrons and staff impacts mobility of pedestrians due to the narrowness of the footpath between the alfresco structure and shop front.	<p>APPLICANT RESPONSE TO POINT 1:</p> <p>The width of the footpath between the alfresco structure and the shop front is 1500mm, which is compliant with the City's requirements and accords with the approved working drawings issued under Building Permit No. 6.2019.212.1.</p> <p>The suggestion that the footpath between the shop front and the alfresco structure is narrow and impacts on pedestrians being able to utilise the footpath is unfounded.</p> <p>Pedestrians are not obstructed from utilising the footpath between the alfresco dining area and the shop front.</p> <p>Patrons of Spritz do not meet gather or dine within the 1500mm wide thoroughfare.</p> <p>Staff of Spritz move to and from the alfresco area in a coordinated and managed way.</p> <p>The alfresco dining area functions in the same way as all other alfresco dining areas along Scarborough Beach Road and across Western Australia.</p> <p>This pedestrian thoroughfare conforms with the requirements of the approval and remains unobstructed and accessible to all. The Applicant therefore requests that the objection be dismissed.</p>

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Comments Received in Objection:	Applicant Comment:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">The structure is out of character with the outdoor parklets approved elsewhere within the City of Vincent.	<p>APPLICANT RESPONSE TO POINT 2:</p> <p>This comment is not relevant to the Application. The Applicant requests that the objection be dismissed.</p> <p>The alfresco structure is not an outdoor parklet. The characteristics of the Spritz structure cannot therefore be compared to ‘outdoor parklets approved elsewhere’ within the City for the purpose of this assessment.</p> <p>To elaborate, the Applicant advises that a ‘parklet’ is defined in the City’s Vibrant Public Spaces Policy as follows:</p> <p><i>Parklet means a small public park set into the existing streetscape. Parklets are for anyone to use at all times, and are not reserved for customers of particular businesses. Parklets repurposes part of the street into a public space for people through the provision of seating, shade and greenery.</i></p> <p>The alfresco structure is not a small public park. It is not used by anyone at all times. It is used for customers of Spritz during business hours and publicly accessible outside of trading times.</p> <p>This Application seeks a renewal of the approval granted by the City for the existing alfresco structure which includes a motorised café blind system to allow for a climate controlled response.</p> <p>The alfresco dining area of Spritz requires this different structure to remain in place for weather protection. It is a structure required to respond to the unique characteristics of the site and is to be considered on its merit, and not in comparison to entirely different public space types which are not relevant to the Application.</p> <p>In the circumstances of this structure, it is essential to the continued successful operation of Spritz in this location that it remain. The south western orientation of the tenancy and siting of the restaurant on the northern side of Scarborough Beach Road means that the alfresco area is highly exposed to all weather conditions. This outdoor dining area would become untenable without this structure being provided and able to be operated in a way which offers protection for patrons in response to the changing weather patterns of the day and throughout the different seasons of the year.</p> <p>The high quality design and robust nature of the structure is a vibrant feature and significant contributor to the Mount Hawthorn streetscape for the benefit of the public. The overwhelming number (137) of supporting submissions received by the City during the public advertising process confirms the positive impact that this structure has had on the local community and that its character is accepted as forming an important and identifiable feature of this café strip.</p>

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Comments Received Expressing Concern:	Applicant Comment:
<p><u>Safety</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The structure is in line with the curb and obstructs the view between pedestrians and oncoming traffic.	<p>The structure is not in line with the kerb. Nor does it obstruct pedestrian sight lines when crossing Scarborough Beach Road.</p> <p>The structure is setback 600mm from the edge of the kerb to the edge of the planters and a further 400mm to the edge of the structure (a total of 1.0m), which is compliant with the City's requirements and Building Permit No. 6.2019.212.1.</p> <p>The Applicant requests that the objection be dismissed.</p>

Note: Submissions are considered and assessed by issue rather than by individual submitter.