

Shelley Roberts Mayor Candidate - Herald Sun 5 Questions - 30 October 2008

1. What's your plan to transform Swanston St?

Transport safety is a huge concern to all who inhabit the city, Swanston Street needs its pedestrians, bikes, trams and cars, and by providing separated lanes for each we can insure all are safe.

The city of Melbourne is built on a truly beautiful foundation of art and culture, by promoting council approved art spaces, we can lessen unsightly tagging and showcase the individuality of our many talented artists.

2. What will you do to improve safety in the CBD, particularly at night?

By increasing street lighting, installing more CCTV cameras and increasing a positive police presence we can work towards defeating the city's growing fear culture.

Zero tolerance for insidious behaviour and intoxication.

3. What's your solution to Melbourne's traffic problems?

The reduction of car usage is the only way to reduce congestion, as an incentive for this public transport should be tax deductible. Likewise cyclists should be able to obtain a tax deduction for their bikes and safety gear.

4. If you had a magic wand, what would you change about Melbourne tomorrow?

I wouldn't change anything; I would only seek to improve it. It's beauty lies in its humble imperfections. The tell tale cracks of a city, like a childhood toy, that has been well loved.

- I'd put a garden on every rooftop and a child on every swing

5. What five things do you love about Melbourne (preferably, in five words)?

1. Culture- tapestry of people
2. City labyrinth
3. History
4. Graffiti (ART)
5. Coffee