



The city of Sunshine was designed according to the principles of Ebenezer Howard's Garden City. The suburban layout combined back yards adequate for a vegetable patch, fruit trees and chickens, with regularly placed public parks for social recreation. The layout remains intact today, but the expansion of transport infrastructure over the years has fractured much of the social space in the suburb. The Garden City layout of Sunshine is suited to the intensification of sustainable programs including urban agriculture, shared water and energy harvesting systems, increased pedestrian and bike access through the neighbourhood and shared public spaces for increased social cohesion.

Following on from our exhibition of '[Vision: Sunshine 2032](#)' projects in 2011, VEIL took the design process further and held the studio in the community as a

[Studio Atelier](#)

. Sunshine Plaza Shopping Centre generously provided a vacant shop for the duration of the semester, and we constructed the furnishings as we went along. Being in Sunshine every week has allowed us to become better acquainted with the project sites, the community, and the experience of working, shopping, eating and travelling in the area. The studio door has literally been kept open, and we have had locals and past residents come in to speak to us, deliver brief lectures on the area, and request inclusions in the projects. VEIL hopes to continue using the Studio Atelier as a model for teaching and co-creating innovative design projects for the future.

This exhibition of selected design projects, developed as part of the Victorian Eco-Innovation Lab (VEIL) Eco-Acupuncture studio program 2009-2012, includes selected Architecture and Landscape Architecture Design projects envisioning a sustainable future for Sunshine [stage one, two and three].

13 - 17 June

Shop 34, Sunshine Plaza 324-328 Hampshire Rd Sunshine

Open Wednesday-Sunday 10am-5pm.

Exhibition launched by Professor Philip Goad, Director of the Melbourne School of Design, Faculty of Architecture Building and Planning, University of Melbourne.