

## **Friends of the Pymont Community Centre: Union Square**

Three years ago we proposed to reconfigure and reanimate Union Square. As the PPP Strategy does not take the opportunity to make Union Square more accessible and usable by the public, we restate our ideas.

Union Square is the community's natural outdoor venue. It comes into its own on ANZAC Day and for Christmas Carols when seats, awnings and a sound system are provided by local bodies. Due to its present configuration, however,

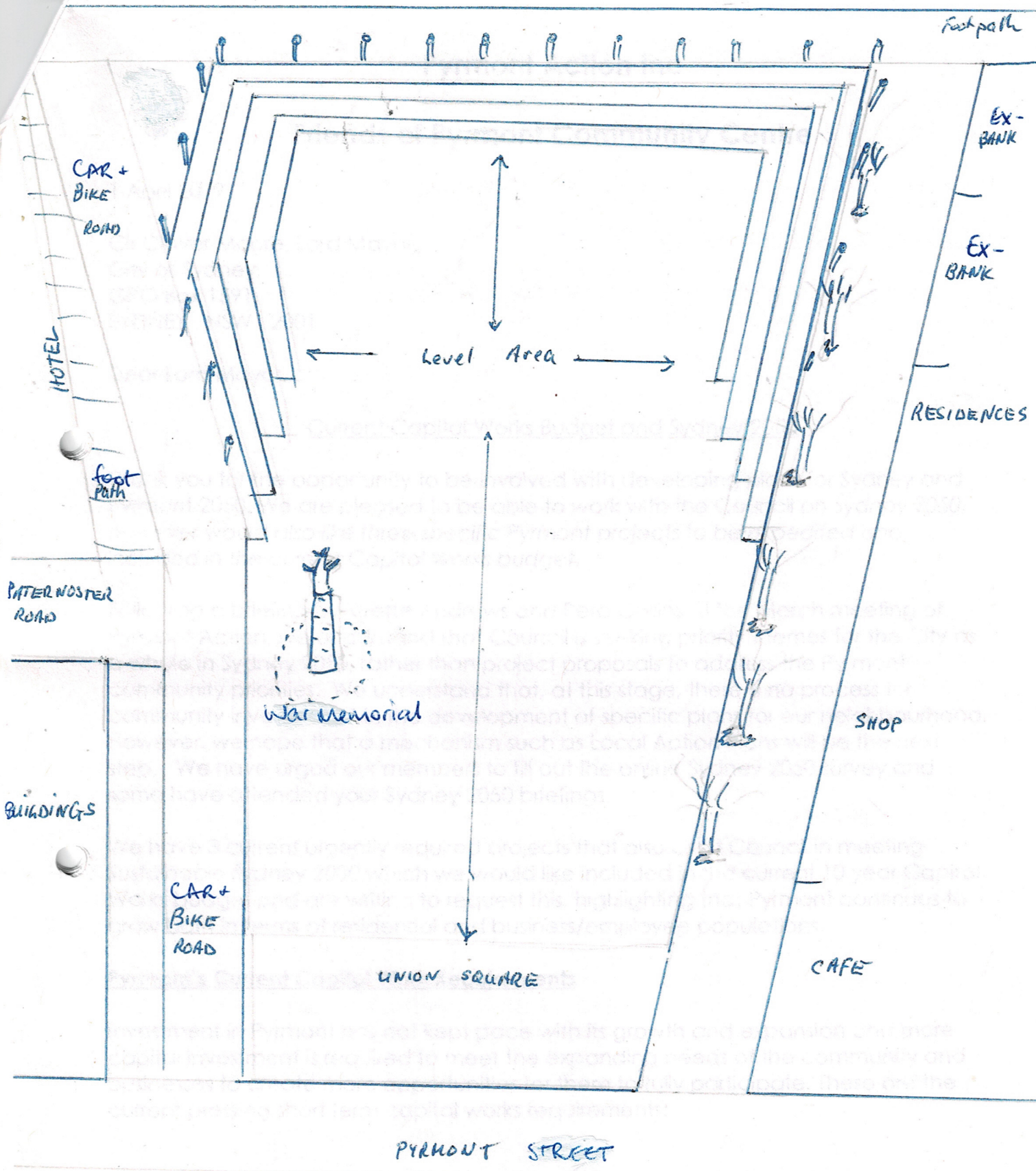
- it does not lend itself to other community or commercial occasions;
- there are many steps from top to bottom, not well marked, and many people have tripped or fallen on them;
- level spaces are few and narrow;
- the largest level space is occupied by the war memorial.

These concerns can be addressed, so that Union Square can be used by the community for concerts and other events, and by businesses for regular markets and pop-up events.

The main obstacle is the central position of the War Memorial. It was moved here from its original site in 1998, when this part of Union Street and Pymont Bridge were closed to vehicles. It would not be difficult to move it again, to the narrow end of Union Square. The Memorial would command the view from Harris Street to Pymont Street, allowing the wider part of the square to become a venue for concerts, plays, pop-up markets etc. The social and commercial benefits would greatly outweigh the cost of the work.

MILLER STREET

HARRIS STREET



|| posts  
|| trees

Notes  
Remove steps from centre  
Trees obscuring statue  
Absorb path next to Bike lane  
Move column from trees