

Yarra Ranges Council

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RECREATION
ENGAGEMENT
SUMMARY



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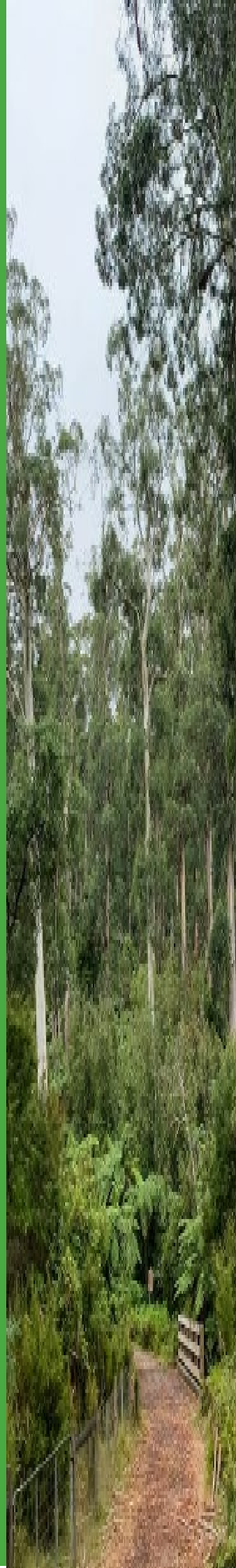


Acknowledgment of Country

Yarra Ranges Council acknowledges the Wurundjeri and other Kulin Nations as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of these lands.

We pay our respects to all Elders, past, present, and emerging, who have been, and always will be, integral to the story of our region.

We proudly share custodianship to care for Country together.



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What did we ask?

The Draft Active Recreation Plan will help guide Council's efforts to increase the rate of physical activity across the Yarra Ranges over the next 10 years. The draft Active Rec plan was developed using previous community consultation undertaken for the:

- Recreation and Open Space Strategy
- Path and Trails Survey, monitoring, satisfaction reports
- Integrated Transport Strategy
- Yardstick Parks User Survey

Prior to the development of this plan, we checked in with the community again via Positive Ageing Group, Disability Advisory Group, Yarra Ranges Youth Ambassadors, 50 participants of skate clinics. Key findings from this consultation were:

Table 1: Key online survey findings

Top Sport/Recreation Activities	Top Sport/Recreation Barriers
Walking	Footpaths and cycling/walking trails are missing/ unsafe
Bush walking/Trail Walking	Not enough lighting
Swimming	Work commitments
Fitness/Gym	Lack of drinking fountains and public amenities (e.g. change rooms, public toilets, etc)
Jogging/Running	I feel unsafe



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What did we ask?

Following the development of the plan we sought feedback from the community about whether we had missed anything. The community were encouraged to view the plan and submit their feedback.

The following sections summaries how we engaged, who we engaged and the outcomes of the engagement on the draft plan.



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How did people get involved?

Between 10 July 2023 and 31 August 2023, Council used a range of different communications and engagement methods to make sure the community were able to provide feedback if they wished.

Council communicated and promoted the engagement via the following methods:

- Digital
 - Shaping Yarra Ranges
 - Social Media
 - Yarra Ranges Local e-Newsletter

Digital	Engagement	#
Shaping Yarra Ranges	Contributions	81
	Visitors	856
Facebook	Posts	3
	Impressions	12,149
	Reactions	94
	Link Clicks	185
	Shares	13
Instagram	Posts	3
	Reach	506
	Likes	52
Newsletter	Inclusions	3
	Link Clicks	695

- Community Pop ups
 - Face-to-face opportunities were promoted and provided for people to talk to Council staff and learn more
 - 223 people engaged with the project team
- Advisory Group Sessions
 - A range of advisory group sessions were held with the Positive Ageing Reference Group, Disability Advisory Group and email correspondence with Indigenous Advisory Committee and Yarra Ranges Environment Advisory Committee.



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What were we told?

89% of comments were in support of the plan. The common themes that came through across the engagement were:

Table 3: Common Themes

Theme	Suggestions
The need for safety and access improvements (27%)	Road crossing/pedestrian access, renewal works, lighting, shared use paths and trail links
More of existing (18%)	Netball facilities, equestrian, exercise equipment, walking trails, croquet clubs
New facilities (17%)	Dog parks, community garden, disc golf, shaded areas, seating
Programming (14%)	Pickleball, events, parents walking groups, programs for older adults
Other (13%)	Aquatics, biodiversity, environmental

11% of comments were either not in support of the plan or suggested that Council should be focusing on other priorities.



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Who told us?

There were 856 visitors to the Shaping Yarra Ranges page and 81 contributions to the survey. An evaluation of the survey respondents indicates that:

- More females (64.56%) than males (32.91%) provided feedback through the survey.
- The 45-54 age group (26.03%) represented the highest percentage of respondents.
- 11.84% of respondents identified as someone with a disability.
- The postcode with the highest percentage (14%) of respondents was 3799 (Millgrove, Warburton, Wesburn ...).

Table 4: User Survey Respondent Sample

Category	Sub-group	Number	%
Gender	Male	26	32.91%
	Female	51	64.56%
	Prefer not to specify	1	1.27%
	Other	1	1.27%
Age Range	16 years and under	1	1.37%
	16 to 24	0	0%
	25 to 34	6	8.22%
	35 to 44	11	15.07%
	45 to 54	19	26.03%
	55 to 64	15	20.55%
	65 to 74	12	16.44%
	75 to 84	8	10.96%
	85 or over	1	1.37%

Table 5: Identify as someone with a disability

Do you identify as someone with a disability ?	Number	%
Yes	9	11.84%
No	63	82.89%
Prefer not to answer	4	5.26%

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Who told us?

Table 6: Respondent postcode

Postcode	Number	%
Millgrove, Warburton, Wesburn, Big Pats Creek, East Warburton, McMahons Creek ... (3799)	11	14%
Belgrave, Tecoma ... (3160)	9	11%
Kilsyth (3137)	8	10%
Mooroolbark (3138)	7	9%
Lilydale (3140)	6	8%
Olinda (3788)	4	5%
Hoddles Creek, Launching Place, Seville, Seville East, Wandin East, Wandin North, Woori Yallock ... (3139)	4	5%
Badger Creek, Castella, Chum Creek, Healesville ... (3777)	4	5%
Selby (3159)	3	4%
Montrose (3765)	3	4%
Monbulk (3793)	3	4%
Chirnside Park (3116)	2	3%
Upwey (3158)	2	3%
Dixons Creek, Steels Creek, Tarrawarra, Yarra Glen ... (3775)	2	3%
Kallista (3791)	2	3%
Gladysdale, Powelltown, Yarra Junction ... (3797)	2	3%
Croydon (3136)	1	1%
Hampton (3188)	1	1%
Coldstream, Yering (3770)	1	1%
Sassafrass (3787)	1	1%
Sherbrooke (3789)	1	1%
Mount Evelyn (3796)	1	1%
Narre Warren East (3804)	1	1%

