



DRAFT AQUATICS & LEISURE STRATEGY

PHASE 3 CONSULTATION SUMMARY



Consultation and Engagement period - October 2023 until January 2024 (14 week period)



Shaping Yarra Ranges Page - 252 responses to online survey

Social Media - 6 Facebook posts with 34,673 impressions with 1048 link clicks, 6 Instagram posts with a reach of 4165 and 3 YRLocal inclusions resulting in 881 link clicks



In person Pop Ups - 5 sessions with 440 people spoken to at various locations around the municipality



Advisory Group Sessions - 5 sessions held with key advisory groups and focus groups member (established in phase 1 and 2 of consultation)



Key Themes from Consultation

- There is an overall support in favour of accessible, affordable, and inclusive aquatic facilities, with a shared understanding of the positive impact on community wellbeing, health, and youth activities.
- Positive response towards the overall vision, with agreement that a focus on health, well-being, education, fitness, and play experiences is important for the community.
- Strong support was raised for access to all year-round aquatic facilities to achieve the strategy's objectives.
- Disappointment around closure of Kilsyth Centenary Pool citing concerns about its negative effects on community access and increased travel costs.