

PRIORITY PROJECTS

Better community communications including various ways of communicating community activities and events, as well as bringing people together

Interaction with the Yea Streetscape plan including providing further guidance on maintenance and painting in the main street

A local museum finding a home for the historical society

Aquatic services advocating and investigating options for improved services, including a heated pool for a retirement village

Renewable energy micro-grid Investigating development of a local grid to enable local sharing and trading of renewable power

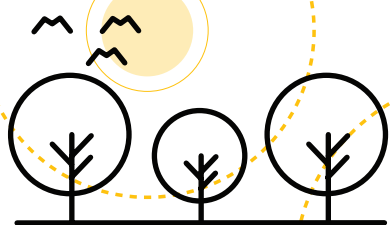
Honouring the Taungurung people and their role in Yea's history and future – including support of local indigenous research and developing information and signage

Wetlands management including expansion of southern wetlands and ring of elms, supporting community hub and implementation of Yea Wetlands master plan

Creating an arts hub including investigating the possibility of activating the Shire Hall or elsewhere as an arts hub.

Creating a Yea town group or Consultative Committee including representatives from all community sectors, to advise Council and other organisations

Advocacy for improved road safety including the possibility of reducing speed limits through town, improved pedestrian crossings and other safety improvements.



THINGS WE LOVE

- Big enough to be well-serviced and small enough to know and be known
- Warm and friendly; great community
- Opportunities to volunteer
- Country 'feel' and convenience
- Beautiful natural environment; wetlands
- Cultural heritage of the Taungurung
- Proximity to Melbourne yet far enough away
- No poker machines
- Central to the Murrindindi Shire
- Good place to retire
- Positive ethos of town centre and layout
- The park in the centre of main street

FURTHER INFORMATION

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References

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https://quickstats.censusdata.abs.gov.au/census_services/getproduct/census/2016/quickstat/SSC22909

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Grow Well Dindi (previously known as RESPOND) data and actions:
<http://lhpcp.org.au/respond/>



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SUMMARY YEA COMMUNITY PLAN 2020

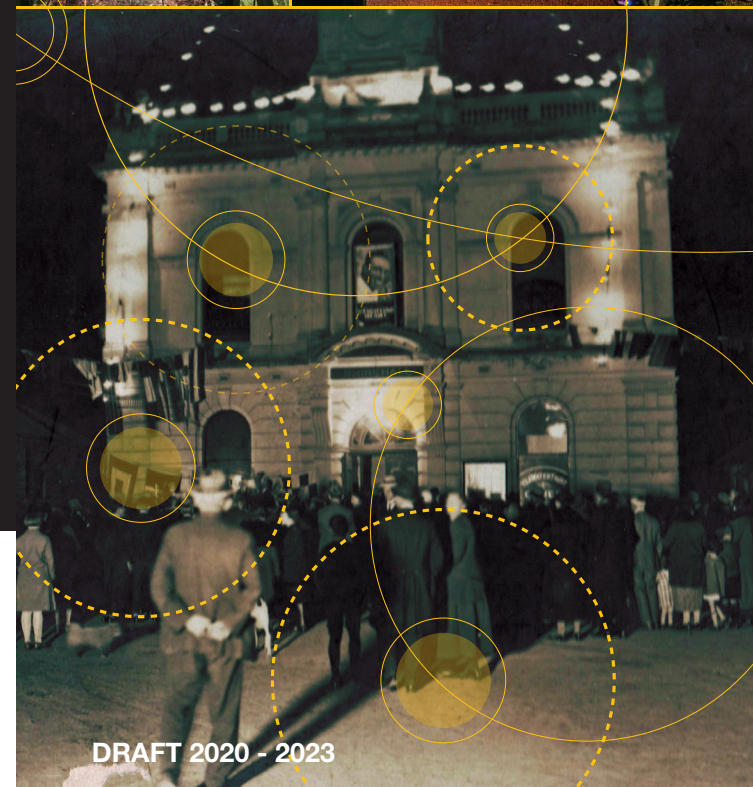
Yea is a beautiful place to live where we feel safe, supported and connected, and where we care for our environment and community.

We respectfully acknowledge the Taungurung People, their elders past, present and emerging in Yea and beyond, recognising the deep connection among their people and with the land.



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OUR HISTORY

The local clan, Waring-illam-balluk of the Taungurung people of the Kulin Nation, have lived on this land for 60,000 years and their descendants still have strong connections with this land and the Yea and district community.

1824 Explorers Hamilton Hume and William Hovell crossed a stream they called Muddy Creek.

1855 Thomas Pinnington surveyed Muddy Creek to form a town which was renamed Yea in 1879 after Clarke's (Vic Surveyor General) British army officer's superior, killed in the Crimean War.

1857-1859 Gold discovered in the Yea area.

1857 First school in Yea, State School est 1860.

1875 Yea Flora Fossils first noticed and in 1935 identified by Dr Isabel Cookson as Baragwanathia, which first appeared 415 million years ago.

1882 Railway line built from Tallarook to Yea.

1889 Water reservoir constructed Marshmallow Hill.

1890- 1900 Yea Bowling Club, Cricket Club, Football Club, Tennis Club and Rifle Club established and each allotted ground for their various activities.

1905 Butter Factory began in current premises. Butter was sent to London.

1911-1915 7 timber mills in and around Yea.

Centre for timber, grazing, gold mining.

1957 Yea Swimming Pool built from community fundraising and by volunteer workmen.

1968 Yea Civic Centre officially opened incorporating Council offices, courthouse, town library, baby health centre and pre-school.

1978 The Tallarook to Mansfield Railway line closed.

1999 Yea River Wetlands officially opened by Mr Malcolm Reid, President of the Gould League Society of Victoria.

WHO ARE WE?



2016 ABS DATA FOR YEA

1600 people live in Yea (approximately)

Median age of Yea residents **52 years**

1.7% of population is indigenous

455 people over the age of 65 years

16% of Yea's population is aged 0-16 years

83% of residents were born in Australia

90% of people speak only English

33% of people have volunteered over the preceding 12 months, well above the state average

14% of people aged over 15 years assist others due to disability, long-term illness or problems related to old age

71% of Yea residents access home internet

There are **65** single parent families

52% of people who work are full-time workers

There are at least **77** established groups in Yea.

HOW WE GOT HERE

COMMUNITY PLANNING

In May 2019, 80 people attended a dinner launch of Yea Community Planning at Beaufort Manor, where initial project ideas and dreams for Yea were gathered.

Community groups and organisations actively involved since that time include:

Yea Rotary Club, Y Water Centre and Wetlands Committees, Taungurung Land and Waters Council, Cittaslow, Yea RSL, Yea Community House, Scripture Union of Victoria, St Luke's Anglican Church, Yea Football and Netball Club, Yea Arts Inc., Yappers, Yea Historical Society, Yea market, and Nexus Primary Health.

The Core Planning Group (10 – 20 members) met monthly in the second half of 2019, with focused discussions including for the arts, environment and heritage.

A Community Planning Steering Group (6 members) met monthly from late 2019 through to early 2020 to steer the final prioritisation event and draft the Community Plan.

In February 2020, almost 60 community members came together for dinner at the Yea Shire Hall to prioritise the top projects that would make the most difference to Yea.

From 118 project ideas, 11 priorities emerged and related Action Teams were formed by community volunteers. These are the priority projects included below.

The full list of other projects is available on request.



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