

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.

Establishment of a retirement village.

2030Yea Encouraging local energy projects to make Yea totally renewable by 2030, including development of a local micro-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, more footpaths and other safety improvements.

THINGS WE LOVE

- Big enough to be well-served 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
- Yea is a Cittaslow town

FURTHER INFORMATION

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References

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Grow Well Dindi (formerly RESPOND) is a community-led project to support child health and has some actions that align with this Plan.
<http://lhpcp.org.au/respond/>



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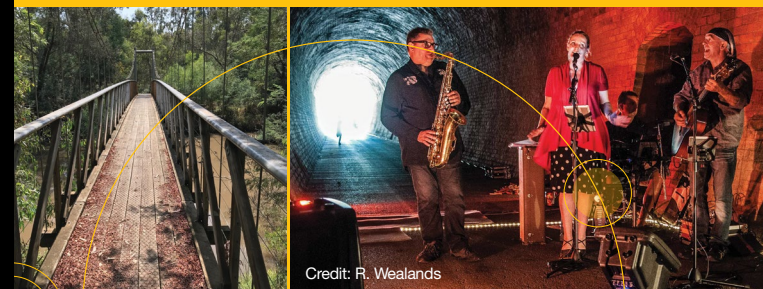
SUMMARY YEA COMMUNITY PLAN 2020

We respectfully acknowledge the Taungurung People, their elders past, present and emerging in Yea and beyond, recognising their deep connections with the land and waters in this area.

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



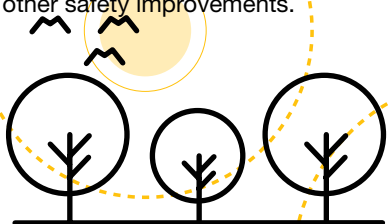
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Official switch-on of electric light



OUR HISTORY

The local Aboriginal 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.

1855 Muddy Creek was surveyed to form a town, which was renamed Yea in 1879

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

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

1905 Butter Factory began in current premises.

1911-1915 Centre for timber, grazing, gold mining.

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

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

1993 Shire of Yea built new livestock saleyards in Flat Lead Lane.

1994 Yea Shire Hall centenary celebrated

2002 Rosebank extended to include nursing home

2006 Naming of the Franklin Track in the Wetlands, in honour of local Aboriginal man "John Franklin" and his family

2009 Devastating fires raged through the southern part of Murrindindi Shire

2011 Yea became an internationally accredited Cittaslow town

2014 Opening of Y Water Discovery Centre and accredited Visitor centre, with a Committee of Management including Taungurung representation

2016 NAIDOC celebrations first held at the Y Water Discovery Centre

2017 Indigenous garden "Badji Baanang" officially opened at Y Water Discovery Centre

WHO ARE WE?



2016 ABS DATA FOR YEA

1600 people live in Yea (approximately)

Median age of Yea residents **52 years**
(state average is 37 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

17% of people were born overseas

10% of people speak a language other than English

33% of people have volunteered over the preceding 12 months (state average is 19%)

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 project ideas is available on request.



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