

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE ACTIVE AND HEALTHY AGEING STRATEGY



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Foreword

Streets Alive Yarra is a non-profit, volunteer, resident and ratepayer action group with a vision for more trees, wider footpaths and vibrant businesses in thriving neighbourhoods. We see our streets being used by people from all ages, irrespective of whether they walk, roll on a wheelchair, cycle, use public transport or drive. Residents and shoppers should be able to move safely, comfortably, and conveniently around Yarra; and park near shops.



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Streets Alive Yarra was founded in 2017 and now has over 2,900 followers on Facebook. A network of local champions develops concepts and proposals for how to improve their local street or precinct. Streets Alive Yarra is also a member of the Victoria Walks Walkability Action Group network.

Further information is available at: streets-alive-yarra.org/about.

Suggestions for priorities

Council should prioritise:

- the delivery of a public realm that enables people to get around and access shops, services, and other people, even if they prefer not to drive, are temporarily injured and unable to drive, or can't afford to drive, i.e.:
 - wider, smoother footpaths and safe crossings,
 - protected bicycle lanes that link 30 km/h streets in Low Traffic Neighbourhoods, and
 - protected level-access tram stops and bus stops.
- the delivery of a public realm with places for people to gather and socialise, including more pocket parks with trees, tables, and seating.
- the delivery of a Planning Scheme that supports the construction of a wide variety of housing options, including apartments for 'empty nesters', that are energy efficient, well ventilated, and insulated against noise. For example, 'legalise Paris' across the municipality, allowing beautiful, high-quality 6-storey mixed-use buildings that comply with CASBE performance standards and the Future Home high quality design standards.

Further information:

- <https://streets-alive-yarra.org/better-for-seniors/>

Concluding remarks

Streets Alive Yarra supports the development of the next Active and Health Ageing Strategy, because we believe it would help build a more beautiful, liveable and accessible city. We would be delighted to provide further detail or explanation of the themes raised in this document.

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