

MEDIA RELEASE

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Focus on Footpaths

Yarriambiack Shire Council would appreciate assistance from residents to outline future footpath priorities throughout the Shire as part of a review of the Footpath Hierarchy.

Council has a limited amount of funds considering the number of footpaths throughout the Shire, Council want people to look at the plans and provide feedback so Council can set out to maximize efficiency of the resources.

A copy of Council's current Footpath Hierarchy is available at the Yarriambiack Shire Offices in Warracknabeal and/or Gateway BEET in Hopetoun or accessed online by viewing Council's website www.yarriambiack.vic.gov.au/roads/

Following this link https://who.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a46j229FoHiT3qx will provide a survey to complete to assist Council during this process.

Written submissions and completed surveys on the review will be received until Friday 25 August 2017. Submissions should be addressed to Mr Ray Campling, Chief Executive Officer, Yarriambiack Shire Council, PO Box 243, Warracknabeal, Vic. 3393.

Alternatively, Council's Technical Officer, Nathan McLean will be available for community consultation and engagement at various locations throughout the Shire:-

Town	Date	Time	Location
Warracknabeal	27/06/2017	9:00am – 2:00pm	Post Office
Woomelang	28/06/2017	9:30am – 11:00am	General Store
Hopetoun	28/06/2017	Midday – 4:00pm	Gateway BEET
Beulah	29/06/2017	10:00am – 11:30am	Business Centre
Brim	29/06/2017	1:00pm – 2:30pm	Post Office
Rupanyup	05/07/2017	10:00am – Midday	Post Office
Minyip	05/07/2017	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Post Office
Murtoa	06/07/2017	10:00am – 2:00pm	Post Office

Council has inspected and recorded the existing condition of every footpath in every town and classified every footpath according to its use.

The categories are:-

Category 1

These are the footpaths with the greatest amount of use and typically, they include:

- The central shopping area in larger towns
- The more important paths that link focal points such as shopping areas, medical centres, schools, recreation facilities etc.
- Paths in areas immediately surrounding the central shopping area in larger towns that are used by pedestrians to access the central shopping area.

Category 2

Generally, these paths are in residential areas and are regularly used by a medium number of pedestrians.

This category includes all paths that have been constructed with a surface that are not Category 1.

Category 3

This category includes paths in residential areas which are used by pedestrian traffic but where a low volume of pedestrians indicates a standard lower than Category 2 is appropriate. Some of these paths have been constructed with gravel, crushed rock or quarry dust, while others have never been constructed.

This category also includes paths that are primarily used for recreational purposes and are the responsibility of Yarriambiack Shire Council.

Standard of Footpaths

Council will endeavour to provide footpaths of a suitable standard for pedestrian traffic as required by Council's Level of Service Plan.

The design for footpaths will be a default width of 1.5 metres unless replacing a small section joining the existing path, which complies with Council's previous default width of 1.2 metres.

Footpath surface types consist of the following materials unless not constructed and of a natural surface type:-

- Concrete
- Concrete or Clay Pavers
- Premix / Hotmix or Asphalt
- Gravel
- Bitumen Seal
- Crushed Rock
- Quarry Dust
- Seal

General:

In some instances footpaths already exist which are of a higher standard than that required by the hierarchy. In this situation, Council will maintain the existing footpath while this can be done in a cost effective manner. When an existing footpath deteriorates to a point that it can no longer be maintained in a cost effective manner, a footpath of a lower standard may replace it