

Yarriambiack Shire Sport and Recreation Strategy

Media Release

Yarriambiack Shire Council is currently preparing a Sport and Recreation Strategy for the municipality. The purpose of this strategy is to help guide Council and the broader community to make decisions about where best to invest time and resources in relation to sport and recreation programs, services and facilities over the next 10 years.

CEO Ray Campling said, "So that we can deliver the best possible plan that meets the needs of the community, we strongly encourage local residents to become involved in the consultations that will be occurring throughout the Shire next month. We are particularly keen to hear about the types of physical activities that people are currently participating in; what types of activities they would like to do right now; and what the barriers to participation may be. To help us plan for the future, we also want to know about the types of physical activities people would like to do in ten years time and hear any suggestions about the types of programs or facility upgrades that may be required for this to occur.

"We understand the enormous value of sport and recreation to the community in terms of health and wellbeing, social connections and economic benefits. We also understand that the broad range of activities available within our Shire, including bowls, golf, netball, football, tennis, cricket, roller derby, table tennis, shooting, etc, would simply not be possible without the significant voluntary contributions made by our local sport and recreation clubs. Therefore, we also need to find out how we can work in partnership with our sport and recreation clubs to help build their capacity and assist them to be more sustainable into the future," Mr Campling added.

Yarriambiack Shire has appointed a Bendigo-based company, communityvibe, to help develop the Sport and Recreation Strategy in partnership with the Shire. A number of different initiatives have been planned in order to seek feedback from the community. The first of these is a community survey, which can be accessed online:

- Beulah: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/beulah-survey>
- Brim: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/brim-survey>
- Hopetoun: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/hopetoun-survey>
- Lascelles / Woomelang: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/lascelles-woomelang-survey>
- Minyip: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/minyip-survey>
- Murtoa: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/murtoa-survey>
- Rupanyup / Lubeck: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/rupanyup-lubeck-survey>
- Tempy/ Patchewollock / Speed: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/tempy->

[patchewollock-speed-survey](#)

- Warracknabeal / Sheep Hills:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/warracknabeal-sheephills-survey>
- Yaapeet: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/yaapeet-survey>

Alternatively, a hard copy of the survey can be picked up and returned to one of the following sites by 16 October:

- Beulah - Business and Information Centre, 77 Phillips St
- Brim - Wavell McPherson Store, 36 Swann Street
- Hopetoun - Gateway BEET, 75 Lascelles Street
- Minyip - Emma's Cafe, 76 Main St
- Murtoa - SLAAM, 36 McDonald St
- Patchewollock - Patchewollock General Store, 56 Federation St
- Rupanyup - Tyler's Hardware Store, 27 Cromie St
- Speed - Speed General Store, 20 Chamberlain St
- Woomelang - Woomelang General Store, 67 Brooke St
- Warracknabeal - Yarriambiack Shire Council Office, 34 Lyle St
- Yaapeet - Tony Welch Mechanics, 24 Byrne St

There is also a club survey that has been sent to sport and recreation clubs and organisations in the Shire.

In addition, Wendy Holland from communityvibe will be visiting the following locations in October to have an informal chat with community members and sports clubs about their specific issues and needs:

- Murtoa Show, Friday 2nd October, 12pm – 3pm
- Minyip Show, Tuesday 6th October, 12pm – 3pm
- Community / Sports Club Workshop, Tuesday 6th October - 6pm – 7pm at Gateway BEET, 75 Lascelles St, Hopetoun
- Rupanyup Show, Wednesday 7th October, 12pm – 3pm
- Community / Sports Club Workshop Wednesday 7th October - 5pm - 6pm at the Community Centre, Recreation Reserve, Lake St, Murtoa
- Community / Sports Club Workshop Wednesday 7th October - 7pm - 8pm at the Yarriambiack Shire Office, 34 Lyle St, Warracknabeal
- Warracknabeal Post Office, Thursday 8th October, 10.00am – 11.30am
- Warracknabeal Show Thursday 8th October 12pm – 3pm
- Hopetoun Show on Sunday 11th October 12pm – 3pm

Mr Campling said, “the sport and recreation activities and facilities available in a community can have a significant impact on the liveability of an area and its ability to attract and retain local residents and visitors to the area. To make sure each of our towns provides the best possible opportunities for our residents and visitors; make

sure you have your say and help us to prioritise where we need to invest our available resources.”

For more information, please contact Wendy Holland at communityvibe on 0438 433 555 or wendy@communityvibe.com.au.