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Yarra Council's Liveable Yarra project involves talking to our community about the future of our city. This fact sheet provides information on how the Liveable Yarra project will be engaging with our community, and ways for you to get involved.

Changes to the way Melburnians live, move around, play and work has greatly influenced how Yarra's neighbourhoods have evolved over the past 200 years.

Growth and change will always continue to be a part of Yarra's story. Council's role is to plan ahead and put the right measures in place to ensure our city remains a great place to live, work, visit and do business.

WHAT IS THE PROJECT?

Liveable Yarra is about hearing from our community about the challenges and opportunities for the future of Yarra. Through this project, our community will have an important role to play in influencing the decisions that shape our city. The project will focus on:

- People and housing
- Business and employment
- The built environment, and
- Access and movement.

HOW IS COUNCIL ENGAGING WITH COMMUNITY?

To help identify the best way forward, the *Liveable Yarra* team will be talking and listening to the Yarra community predominantly through a People's Panel.

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

The *Liveable Yarra* team will be talking with and listening to the community between July and September 2015. There are a number of opportunities for you to participate:

- A People's Panel of up to 60 community members
- Focus groups with community and interest groups, and
- A project website with related information and feedback form.

WHAT IS A PEOPLE'S PANEL?

A People's Panel comprises community representatives who will actively contribute local knowledge, debate key issues and advise council on the things that really matter to the people of Yarra.

The panel will include people connected to Yarra who have submitted their interest through a random recruitment and a self-nomination process. The selection of panel members will represent a cross-section of the diverse Yarra community in terms of demographics, interests and local knowledge.

During August and September 2015, the panel will assemble on four occasions and be given access to a wide range of information about planning in Yarra. They will be provided technical data, and hear from planning and development experts and guest speakers.

As a group, the panel will be asked to consider what they see as the big issues for future planning, and make a series of community-led recommendations to Council.

Council will listen to and consider the panel's recommendations and acknowledgements. As part of this commitment, Council will formally respond to all recommendations put forward by the Panel.

Ultimately, the work of the panel will influence changes to the Yarra Planning Scheme. The planning scheme is a technical document that guides decisions about planning in Yarra.

HOW CAN I JOIN THE PEOPLE'S PANEL?

Nominations open Wednesday 17 June, and close Tuesday 21 July. Nomination forms can be accessed online via:

yarraconversation.com.au/liveableyarra

You are encouraged to nominate your place on the panel as representatives of the Yarra community.

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT LIVEABLE YARRA?

Current information about getting involved with the People's Panel and other engagement activities, as well as project information, can be accessed via:

Website: yarraconversation.com.au/liveableyarra

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