



# COMMUNITY SURVEY

## “OTHER” RESPONSES BY LOCAL RESIDENTS

MARCH 2023 – VERBATIM REPORT OF RESPONSES FOR ODIN360

# Yarra Valley Survey 6 Local Residents

## VERBATIM COMMENTS

### Q5 What are some of the key factors that negatively impact your living experience? (Other)

- Pathetic dining and shopping options
- Too many tourists for the town to cope with
- Too many tourists
- Not disable friendly
- Overtourism
- No affordable rental
- The amount of visitors we have and not enough parking or toilet facilities. The council encourages visitors but we're inundated and people go toilet in the bushes and harass the nursing home staff when they are told off for parking in their car park
- Upwey has turned into a hippy yuppie cafe centric place to live. I hate coffee shops so there is not much for me.
- Bike riders
- No real medical services no infrastructure improvements locals ignored by government in favour of tourism
- The O'Shannessy Council ward has a 'criminal gang' problem that needs to be cleaned up. The focus would be to commence with Millgrove. There is illegal prostitution, illicit drugs, abuse of disabled people, PTSD and many other psych problems.
- it is a depressed area, which has gone backwards in the last five years
- Lack of dining options, shops too touristy and naff.
- The approval of too many subdivisions, townhouses being built. The streets never used to be so crowded with cars.

### Q6 What are some of the key factors that positively impact your living experience? (Other)

- Hire riding
- Public transport also makes it easy to get to and from the city
- The rail trail is great, if only council would get on with the next stages before I die.
- The peace and quiet, particularly living on a dirt road
- Able to walk to shops and cafes
- The rail trail
- The small town vibes
- Small community

- Peace and quiet, community with my neighbours and other members of my small town
- Sense of community. Clean air. Reduced development
- The wildlife and birdlife here
- Low density housing
- Up until now, few tourists
- I don't have to mix with people, I can do what I want.
- Friendly community groups and neighbours
- It feels safe. I have very few moments when I feel any anxiety about being in and around my region
- Daily interaction with birds and animals
- Little crime. Safe.
- Lots of artisan products
- Places to take family, friends and visitors are close to hand
- The wildlife
- The Close Proximity to a Vast, Biodiverse, Natural World of breathtaking Beauty, Recognized Health Giving Qualities we benefit from, through the mostly untouched eco systems supporting the many forms of life and habitats of the Upper Yarra Valley.
- Despite the recent influx of airbnb rentals and the subsequent loss of rental housing for locals, the local community has a wonderfully diverse range of lifestyle based individual members, mostly focused on maintaining the environment, which is why tourists like to come here, it's old town charm is threatened by the placement plan that appears to desire to remove that charm and turn it into a Byron bay monoculture.
- Little traffic noise
- My work. My home. Is all here.
- The solitude
- The Yarra River
- none of the above
- Lots of active community groups
- Close to state forests, where there's actually more 'uses' allowed than in National Parks
- I like gardening
- We are close to other family members.
- Close knit community that really cares for each other and the local environment.
- Number of churches to attend
- I grew up here, loved it then and love it now

- I would have said "lots of open space, feels like an escape" but the lack of crowds is not accurate. I love living in a small community in spite of the challenges that brings.
- Eto
- I can bushwalk when the mountain bikers don't run us off our trails. Lack of crowds and lots of space - but not when the tourists descend - same with traffic
- a magical blend of gardens and forest, private refuges and national parks
- Horse riding at Wesburn Park as this is the only safe equestrian area away from the busy railtrail that now has too many bikes at speed
- Riding my horse
- I can go horseriding at Wesburn Park the only equestrian safe area for our community/residents
- Being able to ride my horse at the only free to use equestrian facility that is maintained by 2 non for profit user groups of which i have been a member for 36 years and donated many hours of time, labour and even my own money for the betterment of the equestrian community in this shire..
- local entertainment at the 'Memo"
- You have given no option /tick the box for Horse riding
- native fauna
- Peaceful ,unspoilt by contrived "attractions" so far. Please preserve us them, still natural and unpretentious but sadly being Sold of in the interests of misguided tourism .
- Unspoilt natural bushland and habitat environment
- For only a few. Residents can't move for the influx. Hate it!!
- The amazing outdoor pool in Healesville
- Great playgrounds
- Quality of community

**Q11 Please indicate which are the Top 3 Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges tourism experiences you tell your friends or family about (Other).**

- Birdwatching
- Bridges restaurant & Nursery
- Lilydale Lake sailing
- Warburton Trail and Yarra Glen trail
- Riverside in Warburton
- Mooroolbark miniature railway
- Road cycling
- Yarra River and green surrounds
- Redwood forest

- Burrinja
- A cafe in Healesville
- Lotus Garden
- Warburton-(Yarra Glen) Rail trail
- Theatre group
- Local Football
- Yarra River
- Upper Yarra Museum at Yarra junction
- None of the ones listed would make mt top ten things to do in the Yarra ranges. Very telling the YRC Is focussed
- Cute township of Warburton
- Quality eateries and events at Sooki
- Maroondah Reservoir Park
- Dandenong Ranges Botanical Gardens
- Yarra river, Donna Buang (not on the weekend)
- The Birrarung
- Yarra River
- Tessular tulip farm
- Warburton redwood forest
- weekly activities of birds and animals on my property
- Blue Lotus Water Gardens
- the Markets - not currently promoted well
- The Left Bank St Andrews
- Redwood Forest
- Redwood forest; Mt.Evelyn nocturnal zoo
- I ask them what they are interested in and recommend accordingly. I direct away from big fake places and towards small, family run, nice little places
- The Yarra river
- The bakery, cheese shop and cafe in Wesburn
- YARRA VALLEY RAILWAY
- Alowyn Gardens
- Local attractions
- As a local landscape photographer, I would promote the amazing opportunities here for the unique character of landscape found in this area

- Yarra River
- Local stores in Sassafras and Olinda
- You pick farms
- Four wheel driving
- Alowyn Gardens
- Public gardens
- Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park and Tower
- Ada Tree
- Sassafras Village cafes and shops
- Enjoy the valley from home on the weekend as it's so congested with tourists especially Warburton
- Redwood forest
- YAVA Gallery & Artshub
- Craftwork Roasting Co.
- You forgot most of Nillumbik
- The arts community which includes the art centre, the Waterwheel gallery and craft shop, open studios , music festivals, markets etc.
- Rhododendron gardens
- Warburton Waterpark
- botanical gardens in Olinda, although last year when I walked around it was looking a bit shabby in spots.
- Yarra River, Donna Buang (not on a weekend)
- The Nostalgic healesville pool
- You pick farms
- Gardens
- Warburton rail trail

**Q12 What other experiences / attractions would potentially encourage your friends or family to visit the Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges region? (Other)**

- School holiday programs/events – this is very untapped across the region.
- More night restaurants in the Dandenong Ranges.
- Decent places to eat, attractive shops, decent looking villages, no more olde worlde stuff
- Cafes & Restaurants
- Astronomy / Star Gazing events
- Equestrian events

- Many trails are disconnected, when they could be connected and walking loops created.
- Wildlife
- More walking trails - particularly circuit / loops
- promote Lilydale lake as a venue
- Bus tours originating from Eltham bus/train station. Bike & footpath path to Warrandyte from Eltham. Better access & facilities along the aqueduct & extend it. More parking at Research shops for walkers & visitors. Child safe fencing of parks, to be autism-friendly. Pedestrian crossing(s) along Research-Warrandyte Road. Fun holiday housing near Research for visitors (glamping, tiny houses, yurts??). Horse riding trails on public land...
- expansion of Maroondah hwy to 4 lanes and more parking
- Bush walking
- Horse riding
- Better quality restraints and cafes and shops
- Yarra Valley Tourist railway and wine tours
- Night market if held at the Miramar train station car park
- Astronomy - dark skies
- Natural beauty, peaceful surroundings
- Restaurants, local gardens, eclectic shops
- Parades, street markets, festivals
- outdoor plays and performances
- Great driving experience
- Festivals using our local talents, ie hot air balloon events.
- Better roads with out pot holes
- Outdoor mixed use inclusive spaces, for example the proposed Wattle Glen open space project
- More Accommodation Options - Restaurants that are open 7 days
- Road Cycling
- No woke shit.
- Live music - in smaller venues not huge concerts like at Rochford
- Many of the options listed have an impact on what makes this a great place to live. The emphasis on experiences, to me, need to have a strong balance, even, emphasis on a 'care for country' approach. Let's understand and look after the natural world rather than use it and leave a negative impact
- live music
- natural bush

- Finish the rail trail!!!
- better parking
- Small music (local musicians other artists)meets with Food trucks
- Re open the Cookoo restaurant
- More one off specific market also things for families with older children (10 to 20yo etc).
- Field days, sporting events, markets
- Sculpture trails
- Great Cafes to meet at as we are too old to cook but like to catch up!. Restaurants can be good but can also be amazingly up themselves and not concentrating on visitor experience (the Piggery was one)
- Money needs to be invested in beautification of the streetscapes in Sassafras and Olinda. With 3 million plus visitors pre-COVID it remains a disgrace and will hold back return visits.
- Snow play
- A region focused on manageable development that focuses on the environment before profit at all costs, a council that focuses on locals sustainable housing before air bnb hype and a sustainable housing policy that allows for alternative models of housing for low income and supported accomodation for our aging population in the area not just "for profit" aged care
- Farm stays.
- More areas for family get togethers along the likes of Lilydale lake.
- If visitors are to come there must be a greater reliability on cafes and restaurants to be open when the visitors need them Especially on weekends and public holidays Businesses not open at these times deter visitors do not give a feeling of a hospitable town do not encourage a revisit and give visitors a point for negati be commenting t about the region
- better restaurants
- William Ricketts reserve
- Guided walks and heritage trails/information
- A range to give options. All sorts of people want different things. More info to help them find it. Spread the people out not all in the one spot. Get the smaller places found to give them business.
- Markets
- The natural beauty, theUpper Yarra River, historic buildings and sites
- Eco-tourism such as eco-villages open to visitors
- Extension of the tourist railway into Yarra Glen.
- Camping in state forests
- You seem to be forgetting about equestrian trails and never include them in anything which is quite strange considering the huge number of them there are in our area
- Upgraded parks facilities

- Better options for non-car travel - the roads around Eltham are very busy and a blight on the area. I run a small business here and often have to warn customers coming here to be mindful of traffic related delays. Better walking, PT and cycling facilities are desperately needed, both for tourism and every day purposes.
- We need more public transport to cater for tourism. There are too many people attending the O'Shannesy Council Ward area in vehicles. By using Martyrs, McKenzies, Ventura and other bus companies, there would be less cars on the local roads and locals wouldn't be squeezed out like they are now - Warburton is a prime example of this issue.
- off road biking for everyone including kids and paths for pedestrians along the tourist road from treamont to olinda
- Botanic Gardens, open gardens.
- Lillydale Lake!!!!
- Farm experiences, you pick flower farms
- It would be helpful if GPS units did not turn travellers OFF the Warburton Highway before Yarra Junction when they're heading to Warburton. Yarra Junction & Wesburn business suffer greatly due to this happening all the time. Everything is always all about Warburton and we miss out.
- Wilderness events that don't ruin the environment eg guided walks etc
- decent places to eat and drink - its not rocket science!
- decent places to eat and drink
- Fix the parking issues and roads
- Hiking trails
- Craft Markets and eco based festivals
- Yarra junction needs a lot of help eg. Parking, food choices and main st crossings
- beautiful well designed towns and open spaces
- Farm gate sales
- star gazing
- Really my family and friends have stopped being so keen to come here because of the crowds, the traffic and parking problems, the degradation of the river walk - the paths need repairing, the area needs proper weeding not just spraying, redirecting part of the river walk to walk by the overgrown junkyard behind the Sanitarium was mindless - if the path had just left an area for a plantation to screen the Sanitarium from view that would have been so much better. The broken bridge on the Aqueduct that reduces the convenience of walking there. The loss of the Backstairs track that was part of a favourite walk from Millgrove along the little Joe contour track and down 8nto town - now commandeered by mountain bikers and in future the swamping of said Little Joe Track. The excess bike traffic on the RailTrail during tourist times making it unpleasant for walkers. The possible loss of the Waterwheel gallery will also damage my friends and family who come down for exh8bitons., especially during open studios who use this gallery but also at other times. I didn't tick your art installations not because i don't support them - just think the council has little idea about art and mostly does

th8ngs 8n poor taste. Also please support and develop Warburtons quaint old-fashioned feel - really don't think people visit here to see a mini Melbourne - better to escape out of town for a bit of yesteryear.

- Youth programs and activities
- Make better use of existing facilities . Warburton arts centre is a missed opportunity. More variety is needed,
- Safe horseriding trails where there are no bikes are allowed
- live music
- Better equestrian trails and infrastructure to cater for the large equestrian community
- You pick farms
- Playgrounds
- Equine

**Q14 What were some of the key factors that positively impacted your friend's or family's most recent visiting experience?**

- Needed a cheap overnight bed
- Took them Sailing on Lilydale lake
- They liked my house because the infrastructure here is capable of supporting them in their visit
- Horse riding trails
- People come and stay at our place & don't leave whilst here. Warburton is too busy to go do anything over the weekends.
- Visiting us
- Family visit
- Australian animals at Healesville sanctuary and local wildlife near us ( kangaroos etc)
- They just came to our house
- Puffing Billy railway/ wineries
- Visiting us
- visitig us
- My house
- Dentist
- They spent the time on our property and enjoyed the surroundings and view.
- Family celebrations and visits, home based
- Visiting family
- They came to pay me a visit
- They came to visit me, we had lunch at home.
- Healesville sanctuary.
- Being able to get away from the constant noise of suburbia and hear the sounds of the bush
- Markets
- Cafes and coffee shops
- Blue Lotus Water Garden and lunch at Reefton Pub
- Visiting family
- They are 13, so though many attractions are geared to children rather than young adults, he enjoyed Olinda PlaySpace.
- They came to our home
- Warburton water park
- Easy EV charging in some locations

- Visiting my house only
- your options are awful
- Healesville Sanctuary
- Historic townships
- Horse trail riding & camping in state forests
- Botanic Gardens eg Karwarra Australian Native Botanic Garden at Kalorama and Dandenong Ranges Botanic Gardens. (They also made a Bee-line for RBGM Australian Garden at Cranbourne).
- They were visiting family but the weather was unpredictable and there was no shelter at the playground we could have visited.
- Excellent farm stay experiences
- Mosaic class
- Wedding veues nearby so a great place to stay while attending weddings
- They enjoyed visiting me, but there is nowhere decent to eat or drink so our daggy backward reputation is justified
- Play spaces for children
- Natural wildlife. Clean air and cooler temperatures. Miss Marples, Proserpina and Dine Devine
- To see us, not enough cafes and reasonably priced restaurants, a lot of locals look for clean decent local pub
- Visiting me
- None
- We still go bush, but avoid Warburton and the crowds there - myself and my local friends have started hanging out in Wesburn, Millgrove and Yarra Junction more including our favourite cafes being Flying Apron, Wesburn and , Nancy of the Valley when it's open and the Millgrove icecream parlour. And that is during the week just when you all want more visitation. Locals do midweek. I also take family to the Lotus farm Wesburn and are regular visitors to Tesselers tulip festival and the many public gardens in the Dandenongs. Oh and afternoon teas at the lavender farm in Wandin and shopping afternoon tea at the Alpaca farm and then Healesville cafes are favourites and their book and clothes shops. We still shop at Warburton Artefacts and I like the red hut mud hut and lace and things but Warburton that I loved so much and spent so much time (and shopping!) in has become a hole compared to what it used to be. Oh and we still use the Art Centre and the Waterwheel gallery and craft shop as well as local markets and festivals - you know, locals spend money too! And the spend off season and spend a whole lot more if they are loyal local shoppers.
- Puffing Billy and eateries
- tulip festival

**Q15a In the previous question you indicated a local area issue that needed to be prioritised was "overtourism". Could you please tell us the location you are referring to and the times (i.e. weekends / school holidays) where overtourism is a problem)**

- Visitors should be encouraged to support our small local businesses, not just the big 'experiences,' and spread their visitation around the region. Weekends in Olinda and Sassafras are often bananas, with limited parking and toilets, while other nearby villages are less visited.
- Olinda and sassafrass on weekends, not enough parking so not even locals can/will go out
- I might have selected the wrong button. Sometimes impossible to get to Healesville from Coldstream way - traffic can be tedious
- Weekends
- Weekends in Warburton.
- Melba Hwy, Bell street Yarra glen - traffic congestion with travellers returning home or going away on any long weekend or school holidays.
- Belgrave - roundabout near Puffing Billy
- Olinda
- Red woods. Warburton. Mainly weekends and holidays
- Travelling to Olinda on a public holiday or weekend is a nightmare also accessing destinations such as Alfred Nichols Gardens / Rhododendron Gardens on a Weekend is very tricky and unfortunately locals have to avoid these areas and cannot utilise these places in our own backyard due to tourism
- From Yarra Glen to Healesville is a nightmare on weekends at any of the things already of interest in this area such as the Choclaterie, Alowyn Gardens, Healesville Sanctuary, anywhere in the Dandenongs. There are way too many people that makes going anywhere not fun. My extended family in Victoria and from interstate actively avoid going to the places that are overloaded with tourists as it makes the whole visit unenjoyable and just like being in a crowded inner city place
- Warburton. Think it's pretty evident why. Poor road network/flow. Poor public parking. Tourist hotspots limited parking/public transport non-existent. Olinda/Sassafras similar issues with limited parking/ poor traffic management. Issues occurring frequently on weekends and public holidays/school holidays.
- To many people for the town to cope with
- This survey tells me that you would like to make tourist precincts such as being touted for Warburton. We live in this area because it is quiet and not overcrowded, why would we want it to change?
- I love this area and all it has to offer, this issue is that often as a local I miss out on what this area has to offer due to being crowded by tourist. I know tourism is very important but it needs to be managed so it is not at the expense of locals enjoying where they pay to live.
- Towns on Mount Dandenong during weekends and school holidays

- Traffic on the weekends and school holidays can be hard on locals trying to just getting onto the highways or getting a park to do local shops. Visitor leave rubbish every where. We saw a lady changing her baby in the back seat of her car and throw the nappy and rubbish on the ground! The roads need to be updated to accommodated the extra road users. I understand every town need visitors but you need the people living here paying rates to afford to do a lot of the up grades required. Please consider us as well. Some of us live here for a quite life.
- Warburton particularly on weekends, school holidays but you can also find mid week, the town is packed, facilities not coping. Illegal parking, rubbish dumping & people relieving themselves in public due to lack of facilities. Camp fires left burning.
- Warburton and it's surrounds. Fix the roads, expand the Infrastructure before promoting tourism. The water park is a lovely destination but only allocating 20 car parks was idiotic. Woods point road CANNOT handle the volume of families who choose to park on the side to access the water park. Many times parents grab kids at the last second before they U knowingly step into oncoming traffic.
- The entire Warburton Highway is a problem from Lilydale to Reefton more especially on weekends and public holidays, for some reason the council believes that tourists spend all this money in our towns they in fact don't they use our free facilities and don't spend any money leave all their rubbish behind for us to spend the money on cleaning it up I'm not sure where you're getting your information from but it doesn't seem to be very on the ball
- Warburton / wesburn needs infrastructure before promotion of more tourism to support the boom on weak ends or events
- Warburton, Dandenong Ranges are all unequipped to deal with the massive influx of people they are quaint towns that you can't change being quaint or you won't have the people wanting to visit
- Over-tourism is an issue generally throughout the Dandenong Range and Yarra Valley. Weekend can be a nightmare, tourists not confident driving in the area, slowing traffic, causing congestion, and then there are cyclists. Warburton is an example. Speaking to business operators ,many who come up for the day are looking for a cheap day out, not willing to spend a lot of money, congest shops, choke road flow [and carparks] with cars, bikes, and dogs [ and I am a dog lover]. Off leash dogs with over tourism and resultant, waste not cleaned up are issues.
- Weekends are impossible to get into town and the amount of inconsiderate cyclists on the mountain is ridiculous
- Healesville at the weekends, parking impossible. Locals tend not to go into town unless absolutely essential
- Weekends and public holidays.....Warburton
- Warburton on the weekends. I no longer visit Warburton or other tourist destinations over the weekend.
- Weekends and school holidays, locals can hardly get around the mountain. Way too many tourists on the roads that cant drive to the conditions and congest the road
- Rockford concerts. When concerts on inconvenienced by no phone service, slow internet, traffic congestion on Maroondah hwy between Healesville and Coldstream, dangerous

driving. After long weekends traffic banked up to 2km out of Healesville. My husband was in the cfa and couldn't turn out to fires as he couldn't get to the fore station

- I didn't say there was over tourism. I don't want it
- Olinda area on weekends public holidays....traffic congestion, not adequate signage. Visitors blocking private roads along Ridge rd for sunsets. People leaving rubbish in parks, blaring music in public spaces , not respecting peace and quiet of Mountain. Hoons in evening doing laps of Ridge rd and Tourist rd
- Weekends/school holidays given there is very minimal infrastructure to support the influx of visitors. Risk management in fire risk periods. Poor roads!!
- Weekends and public holly are bad but special events such as the tulip festival cause the tourist traffic to become dangerous!
- Olinda, too many tourist no parking Weekends school holidays any holidays
- Traffic congestion along Station Street on weekends, plus the increased traffic on Maroondah Hwy making it even harder to go from Station St or Killara Rd onto Maroondah Hwy. Tourism just adds to our woes since traffic lights never get installed.
- Weekends in the Yarra Valley are crazy how much is enough? We are becoming affected in our residential areas with the influx of airbnb type accommodation taking over attracts huge groups partying on in our residential areas. Keep tourism in the mixed use ,commercial areas please . Our homes are important and we should be able to use them for the intended use
- In general, need to be sensitive to environment to minimise impact-not too many visitors to area.
- road network overcrowded, parking difficult for locals on weekends and public holidays, rubbish left by tourists, destruction of nature by visitors, visitor behaviour 0- eg a family group of 5 cyclists on the narrow path beside the river in warburton - path barely wide enough for one pedestrian let alone 5 cyclists "racing" along narrow path and causing further degradation by bikes and fast riding. Disobedient tourists who ignore signs of any description ie closed, rubbish/litter everywhere
- At Olinda and Belgrave in particular, on the weekends. The traffic can get pretty bad and its hard to find parking as a local needing to do regular grocery shopping etc.
- Over tourism is wrecking Warburton. There has been a loss of community spirit. We do not go into the village on weekends and public holidays- it is just too awful. We are very concerned if there was a major incident and visitors and residents could not get out, and the loss of open space and the natural environment given over to planned car parks
- Nicholas gardens and surrounding forest and picnic areas Esp at weekends and public holidays
- Upper Yarra, Olinda, Sassafras, Monbulk to name a few.
- Weekends
- Weekends, School holidays, Warburton Water Park. Desinged and named by school children...Locals who rarely ever get to use it now at weekends and holidays. Overcrowded. Great to have Tennis and Basketball for families and especially after school when kids ride their bikes and come and use the courts. After school water park or Play Groups i the

morning. Visint disabled Groups can only come on a weekday in term time. Donna Buange when snow up there. Signs need to let tourists know when they get to yarra Junction both venues already full.PARKING Attendants could make a fortune on Fining illegal parking.Tourists have no care where they park even if it says NO PARKING.!!

- Most destinations on weekends
- Kallista, Belgrave, sassafras Olinda etc. weekends and holidays. Locals need to allow an extra 30-60 mins to leave the mountain due to tourists leaving. Especially at Belgrave roundabout. Also major fire hazard for locals.Tourists coming up having no idea on how to drive to the speed limit causing major frustration. Tourists not knowing where they are going so suddenly slam on brakes. Bike riders having no consideration for anyone. Also major fire hazard for locals
- Olinda and Sassafras are over full at weekends, Car parking is dangerous, cars park on footpaths and obstruct around Cloudehill and Olinda Tea House. Need to have a bus service across the hills that allows folk to park at the bottom and tour around, not drive and choke the roads.
- Warburton is often over capacity and council propose to invite 2000 more visitors each weekend for the WMBD. It poses a significant risk for both the residents and visitors. There is one road in and one road out. A small country town with one high street in a deep valley is inescapable in the event of a significant emergency such as bushfire. Council is not only negligent but outright willful in their actions to endanger the safety of the residents. All due to to the ego and arrogance of our mayor.
- Grands Picnic Ground is overcrowded, mostly on weekends and public holidays. Lots of non-local tourists feed native birds, although it is prohibited, which affects the natural behaviour of the birds. Also, dogs in no-dogs national park areas and reserves (for example, Birdsland and Sherbrooke forest region) are common because the regulations are poorly controlled. Similar situation with bike riders. Some non-local tourists dispose of their rubbish along walking trails and picnic areas showing low respect to "take your rubbish with you" signs. Potentially, placing rubbish bins in key localities and their regular servicing would help.
- Our town (Warburton) can't cope with drive-in tourists on weekends and school holidays because there isn't enough parking.
- 1000 Steps at weekends. Grants Picnic ground weekends. Olinda Golf Course at weekends. Dandenong Tourist Road at weekends.
- All the towns in the Dandenongs and surrounding areas get very congested during weekends and any time of good weather. This makes it difficult for locals to get around and to enjoy the area ourselves. The tulip festival in particular can be very problematic causing very long delays.
- As a local we avoid going out on weekends locally because of traffic from tourists - if we go out on the weekends, we leave the yarra valley.
- Warburton water park. Weekends
- The villages Sassafras and Olinda at weekends. Traffic congestion on the major access roads intersections (Mtn Highway/Tourist Road, Tourist Rd / Monbulk Road).

- Warburton is overwhelmed by too many visitors most of the time. Noise and pollution are ruining our lovely town.
- Olinda, weekends
- I have lived in Olinda for 20 years. Tourism growth has increased litter, dog waste, traffic, noise, pollution and environmental damage. Facilities growth has not matched this demand growth, and when facilities are built its been done in a manner which damages the natural values of the area. Residents concerns are ignored, and consultation processes have been shams (note the Merlin's led bulldozing process which led to Olinda green). Stop making economic growth a priority over quality of life of residents and wildlife.
- Access for locals is more difficult due to overcrowding. Bike riding on the Tourist Road is a nightmare - waiting for an accident to happen and also delaying commutes. Overcrowding in cafes - particularly bike riders with their bikes blocking entrances. Roads are overcrowded, particularly with visitors not knowing where they are going and parking in areas where they shouldn't be. Traffic in Olinda is horrendous - coming out of Olinda/Monbulk Road on to the Tourist Road and parking. Car park at the old Olinda Golf Course is disgraceful and a free for all. Rubbish bins (when used) at all locations are either insufficient or non existent. All these are mainly affected at weekends, particularly so on long weekends.
- The dandenong ranges all over. Weekends and school holidays mostly but it is now even weekdays the road are getting very busy. Sometimes I dont even bother going to the local shops on weekends due to the traffic. Lots of litter around the walking trails and picnic areas
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- High level of traffic congestion through Belgrave and surrounding areas on weekends and public/school holidays. Visitors not obeying road rules slowing down and blocking roads bad parking .
- Sassafras is often out of control on weekends and public holidays. Also, the roads leading out to the Yarra Valley wineries on the weekends are jammed with traffic.
- Weekends . Warburton hwy congested . Drivers wreck less speeding
- Olinda and Sassafras on the weekends
- Warburton, Healesville and the Dandenongs get too busy on weekends. There needs to be more better accessible public transport to these areas to reduce traffic and parking issues. Most locals I speak to in these areas avoid leaving the house on weekends because they can't move about their town freely.
- Melba highway can become very busy. Warburton highway and Warburton can too become quite crowded at times
- Weekends in Healesville, Warburton, Redwood forest - over conestion and lack of infrastructure to accommodate the (weekend/holiday) influx i.e. minimal public transport available, roads not fit for purpose, little to no car parking. Tourism is a very important part of our community, however tourism must be managed and balanced without losing the natural beauty of this region or impacting small businesses that make up a huge part of the uniqueness of this region (it's a BIG NO from me to big commercial businesses moving into the more regional areas)

- Weekends in Olinda/Sassafras. To many crowds/ vehicles. Non compliance with local regulations. Visitors from out of town bringing their dogs. No regulation of parking, many vehicles parked illegally. Signed turnout lanes/areas on Mountain Highway are an absolute priority, to many slow drivers , driving in a manner speed dangerous <30/40KM.
- Warburton is full of over tourism / this survey is aimed at mountain biking and anyone from anywhere can fill this in to say they want things in certain towns just by putting in a postcode when they don't have to live every day with trying to get through the traffic, bikes, pedestrians, lack of services and long emergency waits for actual local residents like myself that just want the simple infrastructure first in place before tourism to create balance
- Every Sunday in the Main Street of Olinda, absolutely cannot get a car park if the locals want to go up the street to get a pie, newspaper, coffee, etc. not everyone lives within walking distance of shops
- Warburton on weekends. The exaggerated expectation that tourists have of 'Warburton Water World" thanks to social media means they come flocking. The council have neglected to dissuade tourists to visit Warburton on fire danger days even though there is the increased risk to locals and tourists with the road closure. Not to mention that this goes against all safety planning advice of 'leave early'.
- Warburton, weekends and holidays and most of summer, lack of infrastructure is a major concern.
- Airbnb's are wrecking the long term rental opportunities
- Parts of Warburton township especially along the river at weekends at public holidays. Very large groups gather and bring everything they need (not buying locally) and do not respect the local environment
- Weekend over tourism, lack of parking, Warburton Highway is down to one lane between Millgrove and Warburton, leaving a very negative impression on my friends who came to visit last week. I don't bother to go to Warburton on the weekends because of the traffic congestion, lack of parking, and attitude of unhappy and unfriendly shop owners, so I miss out on our markets and other amazing activities and shops.
- Warburton weekends and with current push for tourism it will be all week.
- The infrastructure in and around Warburton is at best, poor. It struggles to cope with the current tourist load during peak times. If an increase in tourism is implemented, infrastructure needs a major upgrade. But not at the expense of the town's beauty and charm.
- Weekends and holidays are difficult for locals. Many comment they don't go into the township of Warburton on these days. There is also a major problem with long term rentals. Locals are regularly being evicted from rentals to make way for Airbnbs. This has resulted in people having to leave, this effects schools, sporting clubs and volunteer organisations.
- Warburton, villages in Dandenong Ranges - weekends and school holidays
- There is a plan to create more useable spaces in Warburton for tourists, however in doing this I feel we will risk losing the very reason people come to visit Warburton. It's a quaint village. If the infrastructure is put in place to cope with tourism demand, it will only serve tourists and not support the locals who have chosen to call this town home. I also fear for bushfire season, or other emergency situations. The layout of the town and surrounding area will not

be able to cope with mass evacuation and panicked tourists. It shouldn't be the responsibility of volunteer firefighters to keep hundreds if not thousands of visitors safe if an natural disaster was to happen.

- Warburton. Especially weekends and public holidays. Warburton Hey. Every day extremeley busy, noisy and speed too high in Launching Place 80kms through a town that should be slowed to a safer, quieter 60km. Weekends and Public Holidays unbearably noisy, fast, very congested.
- Traffic & parking congestion a nightmare on weekends and public holidays, so many locals don't leave their homes. My D Tourist Rd. Parking infringements cause risks (no standing areas, Terry's Ave etc.) 1000 steps a nightmare. All the ridge townships. Tourists driving after dark a nightmare - 30km ph in 60 zones - even worse during winter as they drive home from functions & weddings. Despite new sections for bike riders, they continue to be a major problem on Mt D Tourist Rd and Mountain Hwy - not all, but many accidents caused by impatient drivers and inconsiderate bike riders 2+ abreast. Many cafes/restaurants have reduced hours already coz they can't get staff. Infrastructure is not always done to an acceptable quality - footpaths so steep most people walk on the road instead, for example. (Olinda - Range Road) and this is part of the new Ridge Walk! Inadequate attention and funding to conserve the environment - major reason to live up here and to visit. People need to value this wonderful environment rather than working out ways to make money from sending more tourists up here when you can't cope with the current numbers!
- Weekends travelling through the valley
- Warburton township, throughout the school breaks (Summer break and each term break), on weekends, on public holidays, and during events.
- During peak holiday times (Christmas/new years/Australia Day etc) there are already scores of visitors that come and have their picnics on the waterfront of the Yarra River. They bring in their own food and some eat in at Three Sugars or DT Dubs and the like. They generally ignore parking rules and will double park, park in no stopping zones, block bus stops and footpaths. Not to mention how much rubbish is left over after said visitors. I walked my dog on Christmas Night and was appalled at how much rubbish I came across. I didn't bring a big rubbish bag but could have easily filled it a few times over. I've heard other people have come across human faeces in the redwood forests in Warburton and east Warburton. They have been disgraceful towards the Avent nursing home staff when asked to remove their vehicle from the nursing home car park (its private property). The amount of rubbish dumped next to bins and along the river is disgusting and the council wants more tourists? WE CAN'T COPE WITH THE AMOUNT THAT COME ALREADY!!!!!!! And then what happens when there's a bushfire and local people are trying to leave????????? We're stuck at a one way traffic light that seems to be handled by Vic roads when they feel like it?
- warburton at weekends is a disaster! The locals avoid it if possible, but we still have to deal with the litter and graffiti afterwards. Tourists are a very mixed blessing, indeed.
- Warburton water park, weekends, school holidays.
- As a local I have just learnt not to go to cafes and shops during high seasons ie weekends and holidays. It's the price you pay for living in a beautiful area. We need tourism to sustain the economy. So ...we learn to accommodate.

- Warburton Chisholm reserve and surrounds. Over crowding, insufficient toilet facilities on the north side of the river and lack of parking. This is on weekends, school holidays and any weekday when the weather is warm. Need a third bin, because on a busy day the bins fill to overflowing.
- Drive the warby hwy on the weekend! When I am trying to go about my business or get to work. There is one road into and out of warbie, bloody ridiculous on the weekend! If there is a bushfire God help us! Bring back the bloody train service!!!
- Warburton on weekends and public holidays. Give the locals the infrastructure and jobs etc they need/deserve rather than focussing on tourism to 'save' the valley. We all know how beautiful it is, that's why we choose to live here. We need jobs, parking, policing, hospitals etc etc, put residents and their needs 1st. That is your job.
- Redwoods forest and water world not enough thought into the impact of tourists by the council Only interested in Warburton
- Warburton - Friday to Sunday and school holidays. I don't even live in the tourist area however we get random people parking on nature strips and walking across land.
- Warburton township. Weekends especially summer and snow season. Due to the steep topographical nature of the area, carports are limited. Warburton does not need more tourism. The plan to build mountain bike trails is ridiculous and destructive to the Warburton community. Already people are leaving because previously existing rentals are now b and b's. The council are promoting a project that will make money for a handful of investors and provide for a niche sport in which most people are not interested. And this is why the council is destroying the uniqueness of Warburton and putting our beautiful environment at risk. Warburton does not need or want this over exploitation. Hands off Warburton!!
- Warburton water Park... and proposed bike trails. Does nothing at all for rate payers. Just floods the town with day trippers causes traffic gridlock, rubbish left and they bring their own food. Causes no access for emergency vehicles when us locals get sick.
- Warburton Sundays
- Over tourism in Warburton on Weekends and holidays
- Sometimes wineries have major concerts, and the Maroondah highway does not accommodate the traffic. Motor bike riders are also a problem when they ride in convoy especially on the Warburton Hwy. Bike riders and dirt bike riders are pushing through the bushland destroying it. Mountain bike riders have wrecked many of the trails around Silvan Dam and it is becoming dangerous to hike on the walking tracks. This is a parks issue but maybe the council could help regulate the bike riders.
- On weekends and during school holidays Warburton gets so congested that it has led to delays for ambulance services when required. It is also a major concern during bushfire season as tourists park wherever they like, making it hard to get out of town in a hurry should a fire strike
- Destroys ambience of towns
- Overtourism is a very big problem in Warburton, during the weekends it is very difficult to visit the shops, find a park, or enjoy the town. They also leave rubbish everywhere, and disrespect the beauty of the town.

- Towns such as Belgrave, Emerald, Warburton, Healesville, Olinda and Sassafras can be overcrowded and unpleasant on weekends and school holidays. A proliferation of Airbnbs in some areas impacts the rental market and quality of life for locals. I do not shop in my nearest town on weekends as parking is almost impossible. The roundabout at Belgrave is dangerous, as are some of the difficult and blind corners in the Hills.
- Warburton Highway from Lilydale to East Warburton, on weekends and holidays. The area needs to be promoted as a place to come and stay, not a day-trip destination. The removal of a public pool (funded by the community) to build a facility for tourists is offensive. Residents should have free use of facilities and tourists should pay!
- As a resident I avoid the Dandenong Ranges ridge on weekends. Shorter term parking (30 minute) is needed for locals who just need to get their prescription medicine from the chemist, for example. Visitors are often not prepared to walk any distance from their cars, it seems, and block roads around townships. More parking, destroying the rural amenity for what locals live here for, is not the answer. An on demand, mini bus type system of transporting visitors from easily accessed parking areas away from townships has been discussed for decades as a solution. The negative impact of over use of some of the national parks is evident. Footpaths are often parked on along the Tourist Road and Olinda-Monbulk Road forcing walkers onto roads. The townships are losing their aesthetic character which is a big part of what brings people here as visitors. It is becoming urbanised.
- Warburton. Esp. weekends and school holidays. Traffic jams getting in and out of town. Also at Redwoods, Donna Buang, Water park, main street and river behind shops.
- Weekends, public holidays, school holidays in Warburton. Particularly the Birrarung and Redwood. Overtourism leads to more Air b&b's or replacement of long term rental accomodation for community by short term accomodation for tourists. This degrades the community.
- Redwood Forest / weekends and school holidays
- Warburton has become a problem with overtourism, on the weekends
- Warburton water world and seville water park are always extremely busy during school holidays and on the weekends. One issue is the lack of parking and cars parking dangerously along the hwy and roads. The redwood forest, when it is accessible is the same. All public access to the river is the same and the amount of litter that is left behind, often falling into the river itself, is disgusting.
- Warburton always experiences overtourism. Worst of all at weekends. But it is something that affects the whole Yarra Valley. Warburton has always attracted hikers which is one of its strengths. The many hiking tracks need little improvement and enhance the area. But mountain bike tracks are a disaster waiting to happen - they will wreck the area. On the whole, overtourism has become so bad that visitors now need to be discouraged.
- This is a National Park and not a Melbourne Suburb - we need to keep our green spaces and reduce the human impact This survey is worded way to much in one direction - Tourism money - and stuff everything else
- Lilydale lake

- Tourism is not wanted in the Dandenong Ranges and especially not in the Sassafras area. It causes air pollution and damages the environment for plants and animals. Not only should tourism be discouraged, but there should be a programme to reduce resident dwelling numbers.
- Olinda/Sassafras hard to find parking
- Location is Warburton and adjacent areas, particularly on weekends, public and school holidays.
- Queens Park, Coronation Park and the Maroondah Dam areas are completely overrun by tourists every weekends, school holidays and on public holidays and become overcrowded, causing significant litter and pollution issues - the visitors have no respect/awareness of the natural environment and leave these areas looking like a dumping ground. Local conservation groups are overwhelmed by this activity and there appears to be no effort from Council to educate the public and change this behavior, instead they've just approved a 7 eleven, McDonalds and Bunnings - I am sad to have witnessed the deterioration of this area within my lifetime.
- Stupid tourists everywhere. Belgrave is a nightmare. In particular access to Puffing Billy. They have nowhere to cross the road at the roundabout at Burwood Hwy/Terrys Ave. It is extremely dangerous. I have people asking me all the time - Where is Puffing Billy? I have to point it out to them and watch them nearly get run over trying to cross the road. In this year of our existence, I can't believe it is still like this.
- Healesville in general. The number of tourists on the weekend AND the weekdays is ridiculous. Most people who grew up in Healesville and those residents who moved here over 10 years ago did so to avoid the busy noisy suburban areas. We are most distressed that the Yarra Ranges shire appears to be addicted to a crazy level of 'over' tourism and the general feeling from many others in the community is that we have lost our amenity of a quiet country town. We would fight against this over development however it appears that the council is deaf to our concerns.
- Unfortunately in Warburton the tourism has become a divisive issue. Our town in peak seasons/public holidays cannot accommodate the amount of traffic entering town. Parking, spaces and facilities cannot cope with those numbers. The relocation of historic buildings to make parking areas is not the answer.
- WARBURTON Highway traffic on weekends. Maroondah Highway, Melba Highway congestion pretty much all the time. Not enough parking school holidays at rainforest walk Donna Buang.
- Live outdoor "a day on the green" music events at Rochford Winery greatly inconvenience local residents who have difficulty gaining entry to their properties or travelling between Coldstream and Healesville due to long lines of traffic at the beginning and end of these events.
- Healesville is chaos most of the time. If only the main thoroughfare through town wasn't full of shops. A by-pass would not only be safer but quicker to get to the other side.
- Warburton, weekends, traffic congestion, over crowded. No parking for locals, public toilets insufficient.

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- Warburton, weekends. There are 52 weekends in a year. You are trying to change and accommodate a whole town of 104 days of the year for tourists. The government, the council can not look after what they already have let alone change a whole town to accommodate for people who don't live in warburton.
- Nicholas garden and Sherbrooke forest as well as Olinda's traffic problems
- Warburton-weekends- NO INFRASTRUCTURE=NO PARKING+NO GROWTH We are already at maximum capacity every weekend. Without parking/transport/facilities, there is NO more room for 'Growth'.
- Somewhat paradoxically it is the high volume draw card attractions - like the chocolaterie, four pillars etc
- My thoughts were that planning more tourism serious consideration is given to region/town ability to cope. Infrastructure roads etc.
- It is extremely hard to get around as the roads get very congested on weekends. The infrastructure is not great and people do not drive according to the conditions when they drive through Lilydale in particular (coming down the hill from Chirnside into Lilydale. There needs to be a greater emphasis on using public transport and making it more accessible on weekends
- More tourism means busier road. The roads of the Yarra Valley already carry more traffic than they can handle. The Melba, Maroondah and Warburton Hwy all need duplication and the intersections need to be improved. Especially between Lilydale, Yarra Glen and to Yea. Often during peak tourism times, the travel times between those towns drops significantly.
- Too many visitors to the areas
- Mainly on the weekends and during holidays
- The township of Warburton. The council has built a new water park. This has brought in more visitors to the area and the parking is appalling. There is no traffic management near the park. No safe crossing is available to people to get to the water park.
- Poorly planned development such as the water play park and its subsequent lack of parking, has destroyed the locals swimming hole behind the redwood center, the lack of bins along the river means the locals have to spend time cleaning the river front of garbage every week. While signage may help bins would be more effective, lack of knowledge about platypus areas in town may be helped with some signage too. The Warburton development plan seems to think that the answer to these things is to turn everything into car parks, force the sports facilities to conglomerate in order to facilitate more cars, which in turn reduces the reason people come here which clearly, is the environment! And all at the expense of the people who actually live here and run things like the cfa and ses , just to name a couple. If our kids can't afford to live here when they grow up who supports the businesses that need staff? Where do they live? In the air bnb's? What a joke
- Warburton, summer holidays, school holidays, public holidays.
- Seville Waterpark during school holidays is overcrowded .. there was an indoor pool planned to be built at the Seville reserve along the lines of Yarra Junction Sports Centre but it was quietly

dumped. Parking at the Waterpark is not satisfactory during these busy times and crossing Monbulk Seville rd is dangerous.

- Rochford events constrain amenity for locals (eg.travel delays), pedestrian access along Main St, lack of appropriate infrastructure organised to support new...primarily tourism 'destination'... facilities eg Four Pillars Healesville, Warburton Water Park and the remedy impacts negatively on community amenity.
- Council has made areas such as Healesville and Warburton difficult for business owners to increase there businesses to allow growth. Council is negative to business ideas.
- Warburton Water world - inadequate parking, dangerous u-turns by visitors, walking across roads and expecting traffic to stop for them, not waiting for traffic to pass, observing how nearby residents have to barricade their own driveways. Times: warm and hot days. Warburton Main Street. Unable to get parking place to pick up mail from post office - a mail delivery to the house would be nice. Weekend double parking, driving at 60% under the speed limit. Stopping on the crest of the road at the entry to the town just to look for a parking place, the constant 'swinging open of doors into moving traffic, poor truck drivers! and the rest of us.
- All Weekends during school holidays. Public holidays. Summer Weekends weather dependant Warburton next to water park and Warburton township on open ground next to river particularly near the main shopping area
- -The school numbers are all dropping. Every single one of them in Upper Yarra. When we moved out here they were all almost double the numbers they have nowZ it is so sad!! -There are no rentals so families are moving out of the area. Too many have been turned into air bnb's to accommodate tourists instead of locals -No way to get out of there is a bushfire as there is only 1 road in and out of Warburton -Not enough parking for visitors, however, too much more parking will ruin the look and natural feel of the town -Weekends and holidays is impossible to find a park in town. -Tourists leave rubbish at the river even with bins nearby. Locals spend Monday mornings cleaning the river bank. East Warburton doesn't even have rubbish bins meaning it is disgusting after a weekend. I have my little Family day Care children cleaning up the area every week. (as well as the bus stop that is usually littered with Mac Donald's rubbish)
- In general the Yarra valley is getting to busy but mostly am worried about Warburton and what the future holds for that beautiful town I love to visit but over tourism already starting to impact me wanting to visit.
- As a resident who often forgets that they live within/very near to a tourist destination, I can make the mistake of heading up to the local shops/coffee shop's etc on the weekend. It truly is a shock to see car jams, people walking all over the roads without any sense. The question about bicyclists has not been asked - this is a major headache on the roads every day of the week, but weekends it is crazy. Bikes racing cars, cars weaving around bikes, tourists having no idea and driving 30 kms an hour/i've even seen them do a U-turn in the middle of the tourist road. We do get an increase in litter in the parks/tracks in the hills - I can't speak for everywhere.
- weekends & school holidays in warburton. its why i moved out of warburton

- For residents living in rural areas of the Shire tourism leads to more pressure and problems such as loud noise into the night, vehicle traffic, visual pollution (especially lights at night times impacting on people/wildlife), pressure to build on hills obstructing views, creating lights etc. Parking in places like Warburton is sometimes impossible-council refuses to care about this....cafes full etc...all this may be OK for tourists but clearly not wanted by residents and why they live here in the first place. So what's the plan...just continue to increase night time activities, grow wineries, increase tourism , increase traffic and bugger the local environment and livability of the Shire??
- Warburton weekends due to a lack of visitor parking. Public toilets are an issue.
- Weekends in Warburton
- I live in Healesville and it is horrific on weekends. Too dangerous to ride my bike or walk or even go to the shops. I have to pick up multiple bags of rubbish that they throw out their windows too. Don't get me started on the dead wildlife they mow down in their cars. Leave light shows for the city thanks
- Illegal car parking at Warburton Splash Park. Traffic jams on High Fire Danger days. Trash and rubbish littering the river reserves after long weekends/public holiday tourists.
- Lilydale, into the Yarra Valley. Traffic is a really big issue, a bypass is necessary. Easter weekend is especially busy.
- Redwood forest especially weekends and holidays, parking and litter is a huge problem Warburton town in general at weekends and holidays, the inconsiderate behaviour of tourists, driving, parking and littering issues This area is a huge fire risk area and out of Towners do not understand risks, come and set up burners to cook food in very dangerous conditions...don't understand the effect of wind.
- Weekends near the redwood forest in Warburton.
- Increase infrastructure so locals also get a benefit it seems all focus is on tourism and locals are forgotten
- All of Warburton and the Warburton Highway and also Monbulk and it's major roads every weekend with decent weather and public holidays school holidays at cetera
- Warburton on weekends and school holidays, and Dandenong Ranges tourist towns at the same times.
- Warburton Main Street,Thomas avenue, weekends, school holidays
- Warburton - Weekends, public holidays. Locals are squeezed out of Warburton by the huge influx of tourists that are in numbers that are too large for the township to deal with. Locals are better off travelling to Yarra Junction, Woori Yallock Seville or Lilydale for their needs.
- Weekends, long-weekends, and school holidays there are so many people coming to Warburton and they leave rubbish everywhere!! There are a bunch of locals who walk around each morning picking up rubbish because the council doesn't seem to care but we can't always stop it from going in the river... so much for caring about the platypus. It's the most disappointing thing about living in this beautiful part our country.
- Mt Dandenong especially weekends.
- Healesville and surrounds during school holidays and weekends

- Warburton...anytime of the day/week
- Warburton is a congestion nightmare on weekends & public/school holidays. Tourism is being pushed at a cost to the local community. Community voice is not being heard to maintain what makes the area special & tourists don't care how the area is treated as long as they can park as close to their destination as possible
- Warburton cannot deal with the traffic that comes through as it is. If there was a bushfire, we would all be stuck with only 1 road out and so many cars. !! The school numbers are dramatically dropping as all the private rentals are becoming air bnbs. There is rubbish left everywhere along river banks in both Warburton and East Warburton and left for locals to clean up There is not enough car parks, yet to create more would destroy the natural beauty of the area. Tourism is great but too much is destroying the town!!
- In Warburton weekends, holidays and school holiday periods are extremely busy with the town nearing capacity creating challenges with parking and traffic. The continual marketing of Warburton only further exacerbates these challenges. The geographic limitations of Warburton (ie narrow valley with single lane highway access) should be weighed when trying to encourage more people to visit. We really need park and ride transportation options to minimise/reduce the amount of vehicles cruising the current Warburton main parking areas. Further developing the very limited free space in Warburton into more car parking will not only alter the country feel of the town but would only encourage more cars to drive to Warburton thereby making matters even worse. Warburton is considered to be one of the highest fire danger areas in Victoria and enticing an unlimited number of tourists to Warburton seems very irresponsible. The development of an effective Emergency Management Plan, Traffic Management Plan and Access Management Plan should be undertaken before any further tourism projects are approved to ensure we can adequately safeguard the community if a bushfire were to endanger the Warburton area.
- Bike riders slow down roads and no parking in Belgrave
- Warburton is awful on the weekends. Overcrowded, not enough parking leading to people parked halfway out on the highway and causing even more traffic issues than we have already, and the whole waterpark situation is disgusting. People doing illegal 3 point U turns in the middle of the highway Infront of incoming traffic. Someone will end up seriously injured, or worse . It would be nice if some more people actually came through Yarra Junction and Wesburn and supported the local businesses there instead of being turned off the highway by their gps to go straight to Warburton via the back road. No one even knows Yarra Junction has decent shops or cafes.
- Every weekend we struggle to even find a car park to be able to shop locally so we have to shop out of town, most effected areas are from Yarra junction to Warburton and that's mostly affected on weekends only during the week it's quiet enough for locals tourism is great for the area and we love local buisness owners reaping the rewards but parking in general is a massive issue spending on money on the look of shop fronts doesn't fix the massive pot holes or the lack of parking
- Olinda and Sassafras parking availability
- Warburton on long weekends and public holidays. Main reason currently being the Warburton Waterworld on any hot day. In winter same occurs when there is snow on Mt Donna Buang.

Hopefully the over crowding occurring with Redwood Forest will get sorted with better amenities.

- Referring to Warburton & over tourism is mainly during weekends, public holidays & events
- Generally need to be mindful of the impact of tourism on the natural environment especially state and national forests eg introduction of invasive plant species, rubbish and adverse effect on wildlife.
- Warburton is being ruined by tourists. Mess, destroying trees, increased crime
- Healesville main street on weekends. Specifically Sunday afternoons. With everyone coming home from out of town is using healesville as a 'go through' and stopping for diving breaks, traffic is a nightmare. Locals can't even go to the shops or get a park when they do manage to get across Maroondah Hwy.
- Warburton weekends holidays festive. Marysville the same and Monbulk.
- The Maroondah Highway through Lilydale to Healesville is always a traffic jam, same as Victoria Road through to Yarra Glen, way too dangerous and congested
- Weekends in summer clegg Rd is too busy. Lots of accidents at the corner of clegg Rd and warrigal rd
- I find with surveys the short answer selection doesn't allow to answer properly, I have put why I mentioned areas if that is in another section coming up I apologise. Weekends, school holidays and summertime. Warburton, redwood forest is a nightmare (no toilets, inadequate parking and too much traffic, I hear local residents complaining about this regularly and the pool in Warburton.) Parking, toilet facilities THE ROADS (the Rd into Warburton has lights to get people through as it's unsafe from landslide which is A priority issue without the extra people) ONE HWY IN AND OUT NEEDING UPGRADING. DANGEROUS INTERSECTIONS eg. CRN OF WARBURTON HWY AND GEMBROOK RD. (Not just from accidents, local residents NEED a safe crossing on BUSY HWY to get to and from bus stops, walking track and local shops YARRA JUNCTION has ONE crossing with lights, so many people don't walk up to light intersection to cross the HWY, it's either too far or in a hurry etc. so they cross close to the corner in front of mall and shops which makes it dangerous in peak times and in general, they have events at the oval and markets, swimming pool, kids crossing HWY at skateboard ramp section. The supermarket has pokey small carpark which is inadequate which is an issue for locals without the influx of tourists. People can't afford their already unjustified rate hikes being continually expected to pay and not be able to use or get around their towns from too many tourists coming, leaving rubbish and shitting the woods as there's no toilets ( and this is actually happening). Tourists help local business yes although not enough infrastructure to accommodate as it is now and we live in a beautiful country area and don't want it turned into all about just to make more money, we always try to buy local to support local business and we're not against tourists in the valley and fed up with councils over charging rates and their outrageous salaries.
- 1000 Steps, Sassafras and Olinda parking nightmare esp.weekends, school holidays, public holiday. Sassafras Post Office parking is almost inaccessible to locals. Reversing cars across double lines on dangerous bend diag.opposite 1000 Steps exit - these are constantly parking "nose-in" on the not-observed/not-policed signed "parallel" parking zone. Tremont petrol station Mt Dandenong Tourist Road (opposite Churchill Drive corner) Very Dangerous

exit-entry as sign Exit Only sign has not been erected. Should be 40-50kph speed limit along Churchill Drive - almost fortnightly deaths of little wallabies struck by speeding vehicles.

Lyrebirds regularly cross this road. There are now very obvious Feral Deer hazard signs but non-locals need Lyrebirds/Wallabies warning signs with a lowered speed limits.

- Olinda on the weekend gets congested with tourists making it difficult for locals to enjoy their regular haunts... not too mention impatient drivers. Many of the beautiful walks tracks in Sherbrooke have people leaving behind their rubbish.
- Warrandyte on weekends
- We now choose not to go into Warburton on a weekend as it is overcrowded with tourists. This affects our living standards as my partner works and we used to enjoy a coffee and or meals out in our local town on the weekends 😬 😭
- Healesville used to be a nice quiet town to live in but now, it is so overrun by tourists all weekend, every weekend, public holidays and school holidays. It is difficult to find parking on a Saturday morning when I need to go about my business. The tourists have complete disregard for the rules, they turn across double solid lines and park wherever they want to. There is insufficient parking for the large numbers that visit here.
- Warrandyte...only one road in and out ( in FOUR DIRECTIONS) and limited parking . THIS IS EXTRAORDINARILY PROBLEMATIC in fire season. 24/7
- Warrandyte....traffic is a problem, particularly during summer. Fire danger area & poor traffic exits makes it a dangerous place in summer. Too many visitors ignore parking restrictions on narrow roads, as many people want to go to the river. Warrandyte usually has some drownings in the river each summer because people are ignorant of the dangers when swimming in a river.
- No not really
- Both weekends and school holidays in Warburton
- Not some much overtourism more 'overdevelopment' in Eltham/Eltham North which would greatly impact tourism encouragement i.e extreme traffic congestion, car parking etc
- School holidays - Christmas and Easter. Long weekends especially but all weekends with fine weather and in the snow season too. It is crazy on sweltering hot , fire danger days due to Waterworld and the Yarra River. Spruiking Waterworld is insane considering we are a high fire danger area. Places that suffer from too high a concentration of tourists include Warburton Highway, Dammans Road, La La Falls, the river banks, the main street and the RailTrail. Very uncomfortable for tourists while locals have stopped using these areas in tourist times. For those that work and have no other option but mainstream holidays, it is even worse. Many locals holiday elsewhere just to escape the crowds. The WMBD will destroy Warburton as a residential area and will also destroy some sections of our community that will not be compatible with a dominant culture of mountain bikers - eg our arts community. The fact our main gallery space is being offered up for a co-tenancy for any business interest, not having to use it as an arts space is proof of the council's attitude to the arts. Really poor. Lower the rent instead of building all this tourist infrastructure in a town so obviously completely unable to expand to accommodate the tourists you are trying to attract due to the one narrow road in and out and the steep mountains to the north and south of this narrow valley. Jobs are important but tourism is a small part of our local employment- education and health care are

our biggest - those jobs will be lost. I am so sick of hearing this jobs jobs jobs mantra when the WMBDs own social impact says that jobs created by tourism's and those employed in these jobs will not be able to afford to live here. It's not a local job to the person working in it if they don't live here. We are filling up with holiday homes and bnbs and that is the government's choice - it is not inevitable, it's planned. There is no provision for housing for the low income people anymore - it is even getting hard for those on moderate incomes.

- Over tourism in relation to Yarra Junction, Wesburn through to Warburton. Living on the highway we observe all the increased traffic as a result of tourists and even with locals leaving for work and returning home in the evenings. Majority not obeying the speed limits. Constant burnouts, speeding, unnecessary use of engine breaks (trucks), revving of vehicles etc, especially along station road and onto the highway – Wesburn. This occurs generally Wednesday's through to Sundays at all hours of the day and night. When you call police to report, nothing gets done. At times it takes 15-20 minutes to even have an opportunity to pull out of own driveway, not to mention the horrible state of the roads and highway. Disgusting .
- The new Water Park in Warburton there should be a limit per day. Locals now never visit it with their families. It was built for local families planned by school children and rarely do any of them have the use of it. Overcrowded, not enough parking in the area .Even with the use of the Redwood Grounds parking over the river.Tourists out of town still try parking in areas marked NO PARKING.Should have a council traffic officer FINE a few for illegal parking. The park can be used by local children after school or those who love Basketball and Tennis and play on the new courts during the week or ride their bikes up early to play tennis or basket ball.This is great. Play Groups during Term time also use the Play park and Water Park in the Summer. Winter can be another nightmare for locals if there is snow on Mount Donna Buang.Again there should be a limit going up the mountain.Signs saying Mount Donna Buang Full.Again many locals don't go up due to crowds.City drivers have no idea how to drive on country roads especially around mountians.They also think they can park anywhere when they can't find a legal park. It's a beautifull place to live but if a limit should be made daily as to how many come to some of the Venues and make sure there is enough Parking for all new ones . Toilets need to be provided in all areas and note not only dogs on leash but PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOGS!!! Provide more Water Parks around the perimeter of the Yarra Valley and Ranges for all the tourists coming up at weekends from the other side of Melbourne or Inner Melbourne. Tourists are a must for our Businesses and a shame if people can't visit our lovely areas but the masses that are coming make it impossible for locals to go to any local areas during weekends with their kids and families or even shop on these days.Locals tell their families down the line.Don't bother trying to come in the hight tourist times. Not sure what can be done seriously except charge to come to some tourist areas or time parking.ie 3 hours max. So there is a turn over.But then you need to have Parking Attendants. Anyway glad I don't have to make all the decisions. I believe council at present are doing the best they can with what finances you have. Thanks.
- Main Street In Olinda, every Sunday. It's absolute chaos, there is nowhere to park. If the locals want to pop down to the shops to grab a coffee and pie, they just don't bother
- Overtourism makes some of our towns practically inaccessible for locals on weekends and school holidays. Lack of knowledge of local roads can make driving risky and a lack of parking means that I often have to travel to less visited areas to obtain goods and services.

- Parts of Warburton are seeing an influx of large groups of tourists at weekends and public holidays who do not respect the local environment. I love to see families and groups enjoying the beautiful surroundings by the river but we need to have better management of these heavily visited spots. These groups bring all their own food etc and do not shop locally
- Warburton is just too crazy at weekends and during any public holiday period due to overtourism . There are too many day visitors coming for all the free activities then leave their rubbish behind or wild toileting along the pristine waterways, parking over residents driveways, picnicing on private property we could go on and on. It needs to stop and this council needs to step up and look after our community before tourists and especially before promoting the area for more people to visit.
- Warburton is a Disneyland with free facilities for the day trippers. They come use the facilities, leave their rubbish and park wherever they like. Council should concentrate more on better services for the residents who actually pay their wages, need to fix local roads and their potholes, clean up the entrance to Yarra Junction which is a eyesore and a disgrace.
- Warburton Water Park Parking
- over tourism is a major problem in Warburton. We have a single lane of traffic exiting and entering due to road damage it takes too long to be able to exist and enter Warburton, is there was an emergency situation such as a bushfire there is no plan on how everyone would be able to get out of Warburton. This seems clearly to be all about greed and money, there is no proper thought about the community. There is not enough parking spaces to allow for the tourist. They are littering and wrecking the natural beauty of the land. When building the water park for the tourist there was no car park built yet cars are parked all up the road and kids were walking across the busy highway to get the the water park. Tourist were parking in Yrec the business complex for the local small business. When council was approving the wellspring place they had people watching everyday to make sure there was enough parking so they could approve it, they did not allow the Warburton bakery to open inside for eating because there was not enough parking to accommodate for the extra people but with the water park they approved it with pretty much no parking. Because it's all about greed and where they can make there money.
- Warburton. Weekends, public holidays, school holidays
- Warburton. Esp. weekends and school holidays. I avoid going in to town on weekends as there are traffic jams and I struggle to find a car park. Loss of amenity due to overwhelming tourist numbers and fractured community due to proliferation of Air B n B's. Congestion at Redwoods, water park, main street and land slip traffic lights (getting in and out of town).
- Warburton is an absolute debacle on a weekend and public holidays and now with the WUD and place plan to facilitate the mountain bike destination the place will be overrun with tourists who will require
- Healesville- weekends Dandenong ranges - weekends Yarra valley chocolaterie- weekends
- Public holidays - everyone arriving for an event at the same day - last Tulip festival - roads and parking terrible. Day on the green events - need better traffic management. These large events need to be hosted with the local access in mind to get to work or get home etc
- Every weekend it is so hard to cross maroondah hwy at Coldstream, we cannot get out safely and often have near misses just getting out onto the road. We as locals cannot access the

trail or pump track as you cannot take kids across the road safely. The traffic from from healsville mixed with the Yarra Glen access creates a constant flow with no safe gaps for anyone in Coldstream.

- Puffing Billy Station area - Pedestrian traffic contributes to increased risk for cars. Lack of parking space for patrons and driver behaviour extremely frustrating at times. Ferntree Gully National Park area can be very busy on the weekends. Sassafras / Olinda precincts on the weekends can be challenging to navigate.
- Sassafras, Olinda Weekends, holidays
- vbv
- Weekends in Healesville. I love that the town is buzzing but tend to stay away on weekends. Extra parking would be a huge help as I don't mind the people, it's just the traffic and parking. As well as litter on really busy weekends.
- Tulip festival, last year bumper to bumper traffic from tulip farm to past Monbulk, all roads blocked for nearly 5kms and more in all directions from the farm if you were able to go to Monbulk or Seville you were never getting home. Ridiculous traffic that posed a serious threat if emergency vehicles needed access or you needed to get to an emergency Department. Police should have turned people away to ensure roads were clear. Poor traffic management.
- Warburton at the weekend is already overcrowded. As a former resident for 20 years (now in Yarra Junction) I tried to avoid going into the town at the weekends. It is just awful
- Weekends & special events & holiday times cause traffic congestion & overcrowding of facilities & the environment. It spoils the beauty of the area if everywhere are people & cars. It's like being in a busy suburb but there's mountains in the background. The look & atmosphere of this area will get overrun if there are more car parks & people. Such a shame for it to happen
- Weekend traffic mainly , trying to get out onto Maroondah highway is very difficult from local roads .
- Public transport services don't exist to many of the high quality places in our region. Therefore people can only access by car causing congestion issues all over. Ie redwood forest has no parking. The entire mountain has poor parking .
- Roads
- On weekends the Warburton highway is so busy with traffic it can make it feel very unsafe
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- Warrandyte on weekends is impossible to access because of too many tourists hence no parking to frequent our local restaurants.

**Q15b You indicated that a local issue that needed to be prioritised was "public toilets'. Could you please tell us more.**

- We've recently had a new, automated toilet block installed in Emerald near the Hills Hub – this is a great location and service. The same is needed at the Puffing Billy Playground down the other end of town because lots of people I know dislike using those toilets as they are often

very dirty and unkept. I also think toilets like this at Emerald Lake Park would be beneficial too.

- There should be more public toilets in high traffic areas. the new(ish) ones in Olinda are a great example, and should be replicated in Kallista, Sassafras, Belgrave, Monbulk ect.
- Not great condition
- They need to be upgraded.
- There are no where enough public toilets for the amount of beverages consumed and the distance to travel across the valley
- Cleanliness at Lilydale Lake
- Generally, our villages are a disgrace and our area an embarrassment. When you compare the area to other regional type places, eg Gisbon, Daylesford, we are 30 years behind. These areas have gone ahead so much in the last ten years and we have actually gone backwards. The area is daggy and dated, the mountain ash forest trees are dangerous and deter people from coming, they don't want to be crushed when limbs fall. Our nature is beautiful but inaccessible, walking paths are unkempt, weeds everywhere, and generally unsafe to walk on. When it comes to our shops and restaurants, well don't get me started. Frankly, it is depressing to live in an area where so many places open, go bust, and the properties sit empty. Look at the House of Fras, in Sassafras, waiting to open for two years. Look at the Sassafras Tavern, what is happening there. So many empty places, that it is terrible for your mental health. Look at Sky High, they serve deep fried rubbish to burn tourists and don't care at all. There are no decent places to buy fresh fruit and veg or decent meat, or a decent deli. People in Melbourne shun our area and I don't blame them. I moved up here eight years ago, thinking the area would go ahead, what a mistake I made. Personally I cannot wait to leave. Do not believe the area will ever change.
- More public toilet facilities and keeping them clean
- There needs to be ample clean public toilets around the region.
- While public toilets may be available, cleanliness all through out Covid needs to be prioritised.
- Ensure facilities available in all tourism visitor locations, and with adequate daily cleaning and management
- More public toilet facilities needed in more places.
- Need more cleaning
- MANY AREAS HAVE INADEQUATE FACILITIES,IE ,SASSAFRAS,FERNY CREEK,ETC
- Public toilets for redwoods
- There are none anywhere near the Belgrave south Main Street. The ones in Belgrave are disgusting & on public display
- Not enough. No changing places facilities. Poorly designed.
- Keep clean
- Upkeep of public toilets in many parts of the Valley is sadly lacking

- The two sets of public toilets in Monbulk are not cleaned or maintained well enough for people to use
- With an aging population there needs to be toilets that are clean, well lit and open over a wide range of hours. Some of those maintained eg by Parks Vic are atrocious.
- This will always be an issue as more tourism and use of public toilets requires more contractor involvement with cleaning and maintenance.
- More required
- Need to increase availability of public toilets and the quality of service/cleanliness. Visitors need access to facilities and local business do not always accommodate to public toilets need to be easily accessible.
- Clean public toilets are important
- Good quality public toilets are essential! No-one wants to use one of those awful stainless exceloos that play music. they are horrid
- We need clean, world class toilets (think public toilets in Japan). No smelly toilets.
- There is very few toilets and they are not clean
- People will defacate when they need to. When there are inadequate public toilets they do it in the bush. Already a problem in places such as Warburton.
- **PROVISION IS GENERALLY GOOD**
- There are none in our town. No sewage or mains water so no one wants to pay to build public toilets. Have to go to other towns to fine public toilets open some of the time. Not 24 hour toilets around
- No
- Access to public toilets at high traffic areas
- Often hard to find
- Maintenance seems to take a long time. Clear signage.
- Only 2 public toilets in Healesville
- they are unusable
- Cyclists piss "behind" the bus stop near us. Cyclists pee "behind" trees in our court.
- They aren't signed and are often very dirty and lacking soap and paper
- They need an upgrade
- Queens Park and town centre public toilets are always messy and dirty
- There does not seem to be enough public toilets when there is an influx of visitors. Roads need up grading as they are crumbling and pot holes everywhere.
- Public toilets in the are a few & far between & often in a state unfit for use. Broken fixtures.Dirty
- More public toilets needed

- People are lazy, I have witnessed too many people (often foreign) shitting in the river while there are swimmers around.
- I think they're important and generally good. Sadly some places in towns such as Healesville have facilities damaged and fouled which is distressing to see. Not sure how to address crimes such as vandalism. In my experience council has been good at responding
- Working on the rail trail we had human excrement all over the back of our shop constantly because there are no public toilets in places where people need them if you look at other rail trails in Victoria they all have solar powered water tank operated toilets and horse yards and other facilities that owls simply does not
- Wesburn Warburton need infrastructure built to handle new tourist attractions and tourism in general, not enough is being done before promotion of the area and critical infrastructure relied on by locals is failing also the congestion of the town creates a fire safety issue
- Sick of people going to the toilet public areas on the side of the road and at the back of people's houses it's disgusting
- The public toilets are dirty smelly and have undesirables hanging around. There are also not enough bins. Lilydale is just not "clean".
- Clean public toilets. We have travelled a lot and the Yarra Valley does not have enough easy access to public toilets that are always clean
- Not enough, and those that are around are not maintained well and dirty - Belgrave, Upwey - nil in Tecoma, Birdsland - shocking
- Toilets on green street can be odiferous at times. Other option at the walk, shut and locked up. Other options are to go into a cafe.
- More are needed and they need to be kept cleaner
- Public toilets in the redwood forest, which I believe are already on the cards. Also another public toilet at the IGA end of Warburton would be nice.
- Toilets are often filthy and have vagrants who use them as defacing locations or meeting spots
- The only public toilets in Healesville's commercial Centre are in green street & queens park (better signage is required) as a number of cafe's either don't have toilet facilities or allow their customers to use them! the Yarra Ranges planning dept is failing.
- I have seen people relieving themselves on the walking track and side of the highway. Not the nicest thing to see
- Every town should have at least 1 public toilet
- Clean and easily accessible toilets are necessary for locals and tourists
- The public toilets in Olinda , Sassafrass and Sherbrooke forest are a disgrace and disgusting
- Public toilets that are upgraded and well maintained
- The Monbulk public toilets are revolting!
- no

- Hard to find at local parks - Margaret lewis reserve
- There are too few toilet facilities in the area-
- With the amount of tourism you want we need more public toilet facilities instead of using residential gardens etc
- Essential for visitors to have toilet facilities accessible. In particular coach loads of visitors. Locate at a central site 'Welcome to The Yarra Valley & Dandenong ranges"
- As a seasoned traveller, I believe that public toilets need to be clean, accessible and obvious. Although there are public toilets in the main street of Belgrave, they are amongst shops and I think they are difficult for international tourists to find.
- If increase amount of visitors to area then clean and sufficient numbers of toilets need to be available and accessible for all.
- the only public toilets are located in Sassafras or Olinda, yet the Ridgewalk is a long trek with no other toilets...
- It is good we have public toilets in most townships in Yarra Ranges and important they remain
- Not all locations have readily accessible toilets. Young children and older adults can't 'hang on' as long as young adults. I am assuming there must be some 'standard' as to how far a person should walk in search for a toilet. Looking online I found 400 metres or 4 to 10 minutes mentioned ([https://wollongong.nsw.gov.au/\\_\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0020/138125/Public-Toilet-Strategy-2019-2029.PDF](https://wollongong.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0020/138125/Public-Toilet-Strategy-2019-2029.PDF)) I regularly go walking with a U3A group and find that I and others often have to head bush because of a lack of toilets nearby. If you walk from Grant's Picnic Ground and do a loop that takes you up to Grantulla Road there are no public toilets available. There also needs to be public toilets on the far side of Lilydale Lake. Have public toilets been factored in to the RidgeWalk development? The existing public toilets are not always open e,g, Mt Dandenong Observatory - during the week you have to use the toilets at the restaurant which doesn't open until 10am. Other areas needing toilets include: - Mount Dandenong Arboretum, - Valley Picnic Ground, - Birdsland - locations could include Dargan Track / Logan Park Rd junction area (would service Lysterfield Lake and Birdsland), Granite Track Summit (Birdsland) and Trig Point Lookout (Lysterfield Lake). I realize that some of these locations are not in the Shire but they could be mentioned in discussions with Parks Victoria and the State government. - the many linear reserves with walking trails e.g. Sassafras Creek Linear Reserve, Warburton Rail Trail - other areas with large carparks. Often there are not enough toilets e.g. playgrounds; particularly if some are out of action for any reason. There also needs to be signage indicating where toilets are and the distance to them.
- Currently only limited provision in Sherbrooke area Evidence of public use of forest for toileting No clear indication of the location of public toilets
- Must be maintained everywhere due to public health infection control.
- Not enough. NOT CLEAN ENOUGH
- There doesn't seem to be enough
- We live in Don Valley and have four children, we are always looking for a toilet with children. Our options can be too long inbetween especially when visting local bakery and vegie shop

we normally have to drive to Launching place for a toilet stop . The warburton trail really has little toilet stops along the way that aren't business related either.

- Toilets need to be in areas where there are many tourists gathering along the River. ie beside Advent Care Nursing Home. Huge family groups gather everyweekend there. No facilities of them and no rubbish bins. Also Council signs should say Dogs on leash at all times around town and ADD Please pick up after you dog.Carry a Doggie bag?????
- There are not a lot of public toilets around and in winter they are often very wet and the toilet paper is always wet. Always very dirty, I normally just go home to use the bathroom.
- It's always essential to have clean, safe usable public ammenties available at as many locations as possible.
- Clean modern toilets at all towns needed
- There are public toilets in Olinda and Kalorama memorial park and also Kalorama park which are terrible and unhygienic. The toilets at Kalorama reserve are the worst I've seen and are an embarrassment. There is no roof , steel toilets with no seats and don't seem to ever be cleaned.
- Heaseville area and Yarra Glen
- There are insufficient public toilets in certain areas of the town.
- There are some public toilets around Sherbrook forest walking trails and local villages, however, some of them are still closed since the lockdowns or in extremely poor conditions. Besides the overall number and localities of these toilets are not sufficient for the number of people visiting the area. This situation inclines desperate tourists to go into bushes to relieve themselves, causing littering with human biowaste, toilet or other paper and other materials alike.
- Public facilities are so few and far between, even in urban centres. If the plan is to increase tourism, roadside bathrooms and more facilities in urban areas really need to be established
- There aren't enough toilets to meet peak demands in Warburton, and especially on the Aquaduct walking track people just go wherever because there are no facilities at all.
- Upwey toilets are horrible.
- Some places which are highly used don't have them and people use the bush instead.
- Having clean easily accessible local amenities like toilets reflect better on the local area increasing enjoyment of visitors and encouraging them to explore and support local attractions.
- They are required
- Need to be clean and have hand washing facilities etc.
- No public toilets near Kalorama
- I am very aware of the availability of public toilets due to Incontinence issues and find moving around the Valley a little stressful at times.
- Not enough of them
- Important to have clean accessible well sign posted toilets in every town

- Visitors often judge towns by the accessibility, cleanliness etc of their public toilets. If you are to encourage non vehicle movement ( eg walking etc) of visitors, toilets need to be within a walk distance for MOST visitors. Currently not the case. Mt Dandenong has no toilets. Olinda toilets need (better) lighting inside. Monbulk toilets, esp the ones in Woolworths carpark are a 'don't come back' experience.
- Signage mainly to indicate access to toilets
- Too many people, not enough public toilets.
- No or not enough public toilets in tourist attractions, especially in Mount Dandenong
- There is one set of public toilets in Olinda and none in Mount Dandenong, Sassafras, Kalorama. The Olinda ones are messy and there are no lights at night
- There don't seem to be many.
- The management of tourists, especially during peak times is very poor. When compared to the Mornington Peninsula, the volume cannot be managed and there is nowhere for people to go. Public facilities are lacking and poorly resourced and with many small businesses being family run, unfortunately they do not cater or are unavailable during peak times. It's frustrating to have visitors during holiday periods like Christmas and have everywhere closed or completely booked out. There literally isn't even take away available in Upwey, Belgrave, Tecoma over the Christmas period every single year. I've lived here 16 years and it's been the same every year.
- Not enough public toilets
- There are not many around
- Because the few that are available are not pleasant. Need nice modern toilets with disabled facilities. It's a no brainer that visitors need good availability to decent toilets.
- Public toilets Monbulk
- The toilets in the area are dated and limited. They need cleaning more often and upgrading. There isn't enough of them around either.
- more accessible bathrooms for families and those with disability - like changing place bathrooms
- Upgrade to Wesburn toilets, more accessible toilets along the rail trail. Difficult to access public toilets from railtrail
- Visitors to the region have few facilities like this.
- All gender toilets. More availability of public toilets, particularly given number of winery tours in the area
- Old people now are the ones with money to spend, they go to the toilets a lot. Need change rooms for kids. Toilets need to be clean also. You want people to return, tell others, everything needs to be perfect. There is a great venue in Lilydale but due to poor toilets we just don't go there any more.
- More public toilets needed in the Warburton area particularly as number of visitors increase
- All visitor sites should have clean public toilets.

- In a few natural areas I have seen human waste just off the path. The Redwood Forest has a big issue with this. I know new facilities are going in there so I am very happy about that. Dog poo around Lilydale lake is a big problem. I know there are plenty of bins and bags available but disrespectful people still leave dog waste around. I've heard of DNA testing in other parts of the world, could that be possible here? The Warburton trail also has this problem.
- More locations
- Every body needs a toilet during a visit
- I think this speaks for itself. Availability of public toilets, and prioritising their cleanliness should be a priority for all tourism destinations.
- I've never seen any apart from Olinda playspace.
- If you don't have clean toilets with toilet paper, hand wash etc. People will not return or recommend to others. Even worse they will say don't go there.
- There is a lack of toilets, the current ones need upgrading, there are no family or disabled change rooms and toilets m, they are rarely cleaned
- Healesville main Street - access ok for pedestrians, hard for drivers as parking was far away
- People walking the Warburton track need them plus they also need to be managed and clean regularly
- We need more clean facilities.
- Does a bear sh#t in the woods? Tourists do!
- There's no enough toilets
- Existing facilities need modernising and baby changing facilities introduced to prevent dumping of dirty nappies
- We have very few public facilities that are easily accessible to people with disabilities.
- Currently not enough toilets in the villages, and old toilets need upgrading
- Quality and number needs an increase
- More public toilets at local towns.
- Many people are using open spaces in Warburton to picnic ie. near the Nursing home. There are no toilets nearby and it's been reported there are people using nearby bushes.
- Clean and well serviced and signposted toilets important everywhere
- The public toilets in the Lilydale area need to be cleaned more often
- Keeping toilets clean and well stocked with supplies during peak tourist times, particularly if an event is held
- There are parks that don't have public toilets.
- There are no public toilets at the belgrave Borthwick park and the toilets in the Main Street are gross!
- Have you ever been to the Sassafras public toilets behind the hall???????

- Ensure they are better maintained
- The one coming into Warburton is very poorly sign listed. The other toilets are difficult to access with limited parking
- If you road trip you always need a pit stop
- Condition of toilets and cleanliness reflects on visitor and local's experience. Often there is not enough or not clean
- People sh\*t in the bushes. We need more toilets and make them more easily accessible
- condition of public toilets has improved over the last few years, but is still not good. More rubbish bins would help. It is not uncommon to find babies' nappies and sanitary items on the floor; wet floors; no toilet paper.
- Provisions required for redwood forests.
- They need to be cleaned more regularly
- Yes, more public toilets in areas I've sassafras.
- For visitors visiting Warburton and utilising areas on the north side of the river, many times men have been seen urinating in the trees because the toilets on the south side are "Too Far"
- Tourist = public toilets thought that would be obvious.
- More of them and better maintained
- Not enough public toilets, they are uncomfortable and they are not cleaned often enough
- They are embarrassing. Put in proper toilets would want to use. They feel like you would fine current ones in bush camp settings not in the middle of town.
- Redwood forest,
- We need more of them in Warburton
- They are disgusting
- They're clearly aren't enough as tourists go in the bushes and leave toilet paper all over the place (often see this along the river behind main street). Toilets aren't cleaned regularly enough. Glad to finally see soap in some of them now.
- No toilets at redwoods forest or along the trail
- Warburton has a number of public toilets, but as the town developments, it may require some more. Through summer there are many people by the river - they often need access to toilets and if there isn't anything around they just go in the bushes. Where there are large groups of people enjoying nature, and not cafes etc. there needs to be toilets
- Nappies left on the grass on the banks of the Yarra near Advent care
- When town is busy there are not enough. Also some of the day visitors go in the river, along the river banks etc.
- Very limited in warburton
- The Warburton Trail could do with toilets at all the old stations. It is a long way out of the way to access public conveniences which are in the townships, so people who are in dire need

often use the bushes which is unhygienic. People are unaware of where the toilets are and, in some places, there is a ride up a very steep hill which is off-putting especially to those who are riding with their children..

- At the Redwoods in East Warburton, people have been urinating and defecating in people's yards
- Yes, too many tourists piss and shit on the side of the road.
- Easier access for cars to park - in Healesville
- The public toilets in the middle of Belgrave are a disgrace. They detract from the appearance of the town and make neighbouring businesses unappealing. Relocate them to another area.
- Council has removed public toilets despite an increase in population and a push to increase tourism - this is ridiculous!
- It should have a high priority or maintain the high priority it has. Clean, accessible public toilets are essential in all towns - but are particularly important in tourist towns where visitors need to have a positive experience - finding and using them. This is not to say they are not clean and good in Healesville at the moment - they are pretty good but this needs to be maintained.
- The toilets are often not clean. The taps that are used in Olinda and Monbulk toilets are very difficult for people like me who have a physical disability
- Along the Birrarung, upstream from Warburton, it's not uncommon to come across human excrement and toilet paper in the riparian zone.
- In our area we need more and they are definitely maintained enough during busy periods.
- Need more
- More needed in Warburton
- They need to be cleaned and well maintained.
- Not enough public toilets along the Warburton Hwy and poorly signposted which leads to issues like human faeces along hiking trails and tourist sites (eg Redwood forest)
- Lack of identification
- It can be hard to find public toilets, for example travelling to Olinda, sassafras, upwey, areas its hard to find public toilets espically ones that fell modern, clean and safe.
- Public toilets are always a priority in every town and they need to be maintained regularly and within distances of popular shopping areas.
- More available and clearly signed existing ones.
- Need more
- Should be more of them
- Public toilets need to be updated, they are outdated.
- need to be clean!
- Improve the cleanliness of public toilets during peak tourism times.

- We need more and to ensure that they are always clean
- There are not many and if they are out of service can be tricky!
- There isn't enough and what is there needs to be cleaner.
- It took Council months to repair the public toilets in Queens Park. They are great now but the process took far too long.
- All toilets are shocking. In particular the one opposite Commonwealth Bank Belgrave. Also Belgrave Sth next to tennis courts. Upwey behind shops.
- Lilydale toilets are a disgrace. We need to do better or we will lose clientele
- often the toilets at Healesville are full people lined up outside. noting that many cafes don't offer toilet facilities so people need the public ones
- 1 set of public toilets in Green street (supposed to service the whole main street of Healesville) and these are quite poorly maintained during busy periods, makes a mockery of public amenities. Again not enough for residents AND tourists
- Not enough in town and the appalling state of them after a few hours is a sight to see, not.
- Was hard to find sometime
- Clean toilets are a very high priority for visitors to our region.
- The belgrave township public toilets in the shop area are not great to look at and I would never use them, they need to go to another place please.
- Not enough public toilets, the ones you have are disgusting or used for suicides like the Wesburn one. Need well lit, clean toilets in visible areas so they feel safe.
- More needed around Warburton
- there shud be more public toilets , located in strategic positions , to accommodate tourists.
- Finding public toilets in the Yarra Valley is often very difficult. After living here most of my life I am aware of where they are and the quality levels of them but most visitors really struggle to find them when looking. It's imperative there are quality public toilets available around markets, town centres and sporting complexes and that they are readily identified and easily accessed
- They are filthy, cobwebs, bird poo, build-up of dirt throughout, new toilets are cheaply constructed, no connection with the local area amenity or culture. Public toilets have clearly received minimal investment for many, many years. Go to other tourism regions and their public toilets are not only superior in build quality and connection with the area, they are so clean throughout they shine.
- To make sure they are available so visitors needs are taken care of
- To many tourists for current amenities and need to be cleaned more.
- They set the standard for the town. If they are clean and interesting or creative in some way, they can be a tourist attraction in themselves. But the overall experience can make or break a memory of a town.
- More accessible and more required in high tourist areas

- The public toilets need to be better maintained for cleanliness. The existing toilets are suitable - but they need to be CLEANED more regularly and looked after.
- Need to be easily accessible and with signage in each town
- When out longer than an hour with young children or older people (like self) toilets are essential specially when travelling with others and you are more constrained to suit everyone. Women also need toilets more regularly during menstruation. Babies need some recycling of paper nappies - even though I used cloth nappies to save the environment I used paper nappies for grandchildren when on a pleasure trip as cloth was too hard. Good arrangements for the paper nappies were non existent ten years ago.
- Very few around and most are out of date and grotty
- Public toilets at local parks - Yarra Glen, Queens park etc need updating ( more of them, regularly cleaned, nicer looking) Better signage for toilets.
- Clean, modern and accessible public toilets are essential
- Olinda need additional facilities
- Visitors are relieving themselves in the streets. We do have several public toilets, but the volume of tourists severely outweighs the available facilities.
- Ensuring not just the quality and cleanliness of public toilets but ensuring adequate signage and promotion so that people know where they are
- Need better cleaning frequency
- More servicing of these during peak times.
- Sassafras toilets are a prime example of lack of amenities. They are often so dirty and smell it is well known and a disservice to all the store holders.
- They are dirty and the druggies hang around them in Lilydale
- There are very few Public Toilets on the paths connecting townships and within townships. Along Brushy creek, From Chirnside Park to Mooroolbark for example there are no public toilets. Similar for a lot of the Warburton trail. Public Toilets (with baby change room) should be available every 30 minutes walk.
- The public toilets are always graffitied and small awful. Don't feel safe using the with homeless people around
- Toilet facilities are very necessary along the rail trail.
- ongoing maintenance of any existing facilities are a necessity
- Public toilets need to be addressed
- Just in general.
- Queens park (healesville), dirty, damaged, poor lighting, unsightly, no deterrent for vandals. Main st, (healesville) exposed, dirty, no soap or sanitiser, pedestrians step out in front of oncoming traffic. Train park (healesville) no functional toilets Tourist info centre (healesville) dirty, damaged, poor lighting, unsightly, not safe - have to cross busy rd from playground with kids, etc

- A lot of the toilets are broken, filthy, vandalism is a huge issue.
- We need more public toilets in Healesville
- Have you been to them on the weekends?
- More so the signage of public toilets - tourists clearly don't know where to find them so choose to do their business wherever.
- Belgrave public toilets are in the Main Street, open and ugly. I have no idea where emerald public toilets are. Toilets need to be very well sign posted. Blend into the existing area and be well maintained.
- More public toilet access after dark if you are promoting night time experiences.
- I think toilet blocks on the Walking trail would be appropriate between Seville railway and Launching Place.
- ensure that they are cleaned frequently and maintained appropriately (includes repair of vandalised equipment and graffiti)
- Public toilets are few and far between..they need to be cleaned often and checked for paper etc.. this resonates with visitors who influence others about visiting our area
- As a parent with young children, there needs to be a sufficient number of toilets available to the public that are CLEAN, HYGENIC and MAINTAINED. The number of times I walk into (& straight back out of) disgusting toilets, or toilets that don't have any soap in the dispensers is too often!
- One set of toilets in an area of Healesville for example means businesses wear the brunt of patrons and visitors requirements
- Healesville public toilets in Queens park are a problem.
- Mount Evelyn has one public toilet and one at the servo. There is a case to reinstate the one near the scout hall.
- Public toilets need regular upgrading in order to keep our region attractive to visitors and for them to use them. Dee Rd toilets in Millgrove are in dire need of upgrading with visitors accessing the O'Shaughnessy Aqueduct trail through this point.
- More public toilets would be useful, and ensuring that they are well maintained. A lot of visitors to the water park and main strip of warburton and the river, but not many public toilets
- Quality varies allot. Ideally all have soap and drinking water
- The public toilets need to be kept cleaner
- Clean accessible toilets are must for visitors, particularly when using parks/trails etc.
- They are usually dirty
- A sign would be good at the East Warburton river entrance letting people know where the toilets are. Since it has been getting busier in town on the weekends, more tourists are searching for other places to play at the river. There is now a lot of toilet paper being left in the bushes.
- more public toilets and better signage to find them for those unfamiliar with the region

- The general status of public toilets are revolting. Unclean, no soap, no bins and lack of accessible toilets.
- public toilets at playgrounds and family areas
- The toilets in Olinda are always in a 'general state of mess'. There is no public toilets in Mt Dandenong, the ones in Kalorama are fine -just get dirty. The toilets at Kalorama Park are probably the best, because they get the least use
- there are not enough public toilets what more is there to tell?
- If you're driving around and/or doing passive activities, it would be really helpful to have clean toilets and knowing where they are.
- Many local public toilets are in very poor condition, unclean, with insects nesting between the old bricks and spiders making homes. Some towns have no public toilet. It would improve Yarra valley's image to have clean new public restrooms available for residents and tourists
- The age, condition, accessibility and cleanliness of public toilets particularly in the Upper Yarra Region needs to be improved..
- Not enough. Existing in poor visibility locations
- They need to be available. It's not optional.
- In thinking about it there are sufficient p/t's in Warburton
- Well maintained amenities are always important for travellers.
- Due to over tourism there are not enough toilets
- Better signage. More facilities. Cleaned more often.
- Clean public toilets at Park entrances
- Cleanliness is important!
- In the YRC area, there are numerous parks without any public toilets
- Need toilets at the redwood forest as this beautiful area is littered with toilet paper, wipes and human faeces all the time, when it is accessible to the general public. At the moment it is not accessible via Cement Ck rd
- Just a tidy up most are dated
- Living on rail trail we are constantly cleaning up human excrement it's disgusting
- Totally inadequate number of toilets, what more is there to say? If tourists can't find a toilet, they just go anywhere. Talk to locals in the Warburton and Redwood forest areas.
- Insufficient number of and/ or clean public toilets throughout region.
- A real nightmare if no loos and young children. so therefore a high priority
- It's important that there are accessible and available public toilet's in the Dandenong Ranges that are clean and user friendly.
- Need better national park management and facilities
- There aren't enough of them in the region and some are poorly maintained.

- Specifically around main tourist attractions
- There is little or no access at many public spaces
- Toilets are important for families with young children as well as the older generation. Public toilets can be difficult to find if not well signed @ if you have had a long journey to get to the ranges, it can be a priority to find a toilet before you can enjoy what yarra ranges had to offer.
- It's important for people visiting to have access to public toilets, in some towns the only access is through cafes and restaurants
- Public toilets are essential for visitors and locals. There is nothing worse than toilet paper and tissues just off pathways where people have been out walking, nature calls and there is no toilet at high visitor sites. They need to be regularly maintained, all access ability toilets.
- No
- It's knowing where they are and their proximity to where people are gathering. It also depends on how many people are there and how often they are cleaned!!!! Allowing intensive housing and reducing block sizes means residents have less space to entertain and these events end up in community spaces, making some places overcrowded.
- Need more of them in Healesville. Plus, the Green St facilities compromise the safety of cars and pedestrians using that intersection.
- Public toilets are dirty, broken facilities & even after reporting these issues to phone numbers on the blocks, nothing gets done. Too many people visiting the area also don't think there's anything wrong with relieving themselves publicly
- If visitor numbers were to be encouraged, public toilet facilities need to be catered for as a simple basic consideration. The drives can be long as there is so much to see and as outdoor activities can be remote, visitors of any age, but particularly the increase in older age group, is an important factor.
- Not enough and the ones here are not maintained
- With increases in visitor numbers comes the need to ensure adequate toilets facilities are available and continuously maintained. During the known high tourism periods maintenance needs to be increased in keeping with the increased usage.
- Signage to where local toilets are, and regular upkeep of hygiene, cleanliness.
- Every decision that councils make need to increase the beauty, amenity, livability, of our beautiful towns. We know we are a tourist destination, and many of us make a living from that, so it is important not to ruin our beautiful rural towns with McDonald's, subway, and ugly Over use planning . Also, every decision needs to be made to provide for locals. Public toilets need to be open. There needs to be rubbish bins where we have our walks. We need to make sure that we leave large areas of open land to set our towns as different and more beautiful than suburban areas .
- Some public toilets are not very clean others are
- Along Puffing Billy Railway
- The only public toilets I know available are in Belgrave. We want to ensure people are not defecating in nature, there need to be more public amenities.

- provide clean toilets that don't stink. it isn't rocket science.
- Sometimes when visitors are in high numbers, the public toilets are too few (redwood forest for example) resulting in the areas becoming dirty and smelly. If the council wants to attract visitors then these basic facilities need to be met, no matter what.
- Maybe throw a bug bomb in there occasionally so we're not wiping our bums with spiderwebs or being attacked by ants.
- Not so much public toilets per se, but the provision of dump points for campervans and the like.
- not enough along walks
- Toilets at the old golf course now a playground often out of order
- The number of public toilets and routine cleanliness needs to be drastically improved. There are simply not enough public toilets in YVDR.
- Not enough public toilets around Warburton on peak times.
- Improved cleaning and more available
- Attractive toilets like those in Healesville and Lilydale - need more of those
- Always need more public toilets and located next to key areas. Our business allows visitors to use the toilets and because we are in the centre of town we have a tremendous number of people come through only for that (they do not then enjoy what we have to offer). So while there are toilets in Warburton, another block at the centre of town is needed and near other "hot" spots, as we have found visitors relieving themselves in people's private green spaces. Amazing, really.
- There are no clean ones
- No!
- it is not just public toilets...generally speaking, our area is a disgrace. It is unkempt, dangerous, and inaccessible to humans. People are frightened of the trees, for good reason, they are dangerous and it is ridiculous that the Council prioritises mountain ash trees over human life, and property.
- Easily accessible and well maintained facilities, in keeping with their situation, ie, low key buildings
- Lots of kids parks with no facilities. When kids need to go, it's a little too late to get in a car and drive to the closest toilet block.
- There are useless toilets at Seville very hard to access for disabled the toilets at Wandin rundown and old the toilets with disgusting murals. Toilets at Warburton filthy and dirty at all sites. Cleaners need to clean properly no spider webs or filth.
- In Healesville the locals toilets are often vandalised and dirty. Security could be beneficial. There is no public toilets near the train station playground in Healesville. Signage says that the toilets are 100metres away, but it's often locked and inaccessible. For a playground for children, you can't expect them to hold on and walk into town.

- Public toilets near places like redwood forest or near Wittons reserve are needed. Cleanliness of the toilets is important too.
- Ensuring that they are clean and equipped with soap is important to myself and my family
- Yeah just need clean and readily accessible toilets that local and abroad tourists can confidently use. When there are not so convenient ones placed through our area compared to what some might be used to.
- It's embarrassing to direct visitors to the terrible, dark, smelly and potentially dangerous public toilets in Sassafras. They are often filthy and are potentially not a safe place for single females to go to.
- Public toilets along the Warburton - LILYDALE rail trail need to at a few more of the stations. Eg WANDIN Nth, Seville or Sunny side (Killara) would be suitable locations
- Not enough of them, as I mentioned previously redwood forest has none unless that has changed since temporary closure. Warburton the shops & waterwheel section of town has very little toilet facilities considering the amount of people that come to the river for picnics and walks & looking through shops.
- More
- Yes this is a priority. The No.1 question is why is there exposed public toilets on the main street in Belgrave? It does NOT enhance the streets visual appeal nor does it offer the privacy you'd usually expect from a public facility. Please don't create more facilities like this, it's not good design nor does it promote an environment friendly approach. Put the public toilet facilities off the main road near a park or super market and have signs that point the way. This has to be the biggest put off to the area other than the street scape itself. Look at towns like Arrowtown in NZ for inspiration of street design & layout. PLEASE!!!!
- Often hard to find and not clean or nice quality
- I believe that tourism promoted places ie the Redwood forest should have toilets and rubbish bins to prevent the place being spoilt.
- Accessible and inclusive public toilets are an important enabler
- More access to public toilets, more regular cleaning schedules, security patrols or cameras to help keep vandals away
- it is a low priority. the toilets are adequate for the people who LIVE here. I don't really care about the visitors; I'd rather they weren't here.
- No
- It's self evident. People need these.
- Public toilets should be located at the entrance of Black Flat. People use the bush instead.
- No
- Some of the state and national parks have insufficient toilet facilities.
- All the public toilets are old and disgusting they need to be updated
- Not enough in local areas to accommodate tourists and daily outings and are not looked after adequately always vandalised and disgusting

- Public toilets in red wood forest. Cleaning of public toilets maintenance.
- Sufficient access to public toilets and their daily management at an appropriate standard
- The facilities are embarrassing for us, we feel ashamed when family and friends visit, by how backward and neglected our area is.
- We'd like to see more
- Clean, safe toilets should be made available
- There should be plenty of public toilets for locals and visitors
- Wild toileting everywhere during tourist peak times - we have even caught tourists using our front garden as a toilet and we are in Millgrove. They do it in the main street without any shame at all and the public toilets are packed and quickly filthy in peak times.
- Public toilets should be signposted more clearly, and there should be at least one in every town.
- Need to be cleaned more regularly, more accessible public toilets
- Public areas around the Yarra where people gather. ie next the Advent Care. There is no toilets there and now when the Water Park is full. these huge family Groups come at weekends and leave rubbish as well . No Bins .People just lazy to take rubbish home.
- Lots of great walks but people need public toilets
- Take the public toilets out of the main street of Belgrave! They are an eyesore and detract from the aesthetic of the town. It is also quite irritating to see people urinating at the side of roads or worse, emerging from bushland having relieved themselves. Better signage for public toilets and possibly more public toilets in smaller villages.
- There are no public toilets in Kallista (although there are plenty at Grant's picnic ground) and the only public toilets in Sassafras are the spooky ones behind the hall.
- Make sure all public toilets are clean and that everything works in them. Eg door closes, plenty of paper and a bin. Toilets are important with so many visitors to the hills and will effect their visit to the area. Needs to be clean and fresh looking. Nothing worse than going into a dingy dirty toilet.
- Upgrade of the existing toilets within the township is needed x 3 blocks Also allow for baby changing facilities as dumped dirty nappies are an issue at weekends
- Too many day trippers going anywhere and everywhere and not always using the toilets already available in the town.
- If council insist on promoting tourism we need more toilets to stop the wild toileting along the river and at the Redwoods or on my front lawn
- Cleanliness or lack thereof
- vandalism of public toilets and their reparation is a problem
- Availability and quality of Public toilets is important
- Cleanliness and also where they are positioned in a lot of the towns....often hard to find, if they are there at all

- Re: Healesville- they are not clean, not well signed, poor locations. I e traveled through many county /regional towns and these facilities are impeccable compared to Healesville.
- Quite often the toilets are unclean.
- Mount Dandenong does not have public toilets, closest is Olinda!
- More needed
- Need more toilets on bike riding tracks like the Warby trail and Yarra Glen track to stop people using the bush.
- Upwey public toilets need an urgent upgrade. The popularity of local cafes/restaurants and weekend market (Seed of Life) contribute to increase in pedestrian flow. Small toilet block next to skate park can is inadequate and a target after hours for undesirable behaviour. Belgrave Main Street toilets are inadequate and an eyesore. Surely a better design could be made!
- public toilets and the indication where they are is necessary for locals as much as tourists
- Limited public toilets available
- They are often dirty, wet and lacking soap and toilet paper. Need facilities for hygienic disposal of baby nappies.
- Provision of good public amenities with a variety of DDA, ambulant, and changing places allow for families and visitors to stay longer in the region. Most existing public amenities are in poor condition with poor passive surveillance.
- The public toilets in Sassafras are substandard, with poor access and no one ever knows where they are.
- The public toilets are adequate for local use but not fit hordes of tourists
- More people in the areas at high volume times need more toilets
- No!
- It is hard to find clean toilets sometimes outside of visiting a cafe
- In general
- Yes, it's a long way from convenient ammenities. For local and abroad tourists. Have to provide clean easy access approachable toilets.
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- Clean public toilets that are well managed and kept clean. Soap and always toilet paper.
- Not many toilets along the rail trail - poor signage to how far before the next one .
- Keep them clean

**Q15c Are there any other issues in the local region that should be a high priority?**

- I think we could have much better festive decorations around town. Really professional ones rather than DIY.
- Access to nature is for everyone - not just high paying visitors

- Roads/potholes (saying again as they're bad!)
- Cut down the mountain ash that are near roads, and plant decent trees.
- Parking enforcement is a high priority
- Drains
- Planning Permit Delays
- **SAFETY ISSUES FOR CAR DRIVERS AND CYCLISTS**
- Signage for smaller towns
- Improve viability for shop owners midweek and off-season. Currently we see shops unable to survive throughout the waves/influx of tourists which mainly occurs on weekends and during Spring/Summer. There needs to be a plan to incorporate all FOUR seasons and mid-week specials and attractions
- Moores Rd intersection in Monbulk
- Must prevent overdevelopment which risks losing both natural landscape and habitat as well as losing the unique character of our urban town centres and villages
- Protecting the environment from further unnecessary development
- Local wildlife environment care and education information sheets for all residents and visitors
- Emergency management vs tourism
- Lack of town connections with bike paths eg. Monbulk-Silvan
- Locals embracing tourism
- Start looking after the rate payers instead of the tourist
- Current planning restrictions are not conducive to growth
- Roads, especially SA-KG ground are a mess. I've cracked two rims on that road
- Ensure that areas of high conservation value are not degraded by tourism
- Reducing road kill of wildlife
- More development and signage of walking trails
- Mountain bike park saw planning but see no action
- Hooning at night, dangerous and noisy
- Promote Lilydale sailing on the council web
- Not enough parking in Eltham or Research.
- Traffic congestion
- lack of parking
- Road up grades
- Public Transport
- Speeding motorists, motorcyclists through the 60km/h zone on Woods Point road

- Volunteer Staffed Tourist Information Centres
- Not everybody likes mountain bikes
- Supporting local businesses
- The wesburn park development pavilion and associated works needs to be paramount on the councils to do list to show our community spending is for their benefit as well, to support our emergency services a prepare the area for future disasters, to support tourism volume attracted by the Warburton Mountain biking destination project
- Please stop believing that everybody wants to see mountain bike trails they really don't
- Finish the yarra Glen rail trail
- Local Indigenous History Centre in Healesville
- fix the poor drainage before sealing quiet residential street
- Road maintenance, pot holes and dust (we live on a dirt road)
- No dump point for caravans
- Too many short term accomodations resulting in no rentals for long time residents
- Illegal parking and U turns
- Better waste recycling
- The planning dept's failure with planning permits that have liquor licenses attached.
- Quality of the roads. And making sure when they are fixed, they last longer than 2 weeks
- Road and drainage maintenance
- Weed eradication
- Roads
- Traffic management/ road conditions.
- getting local arts events advertised through tourism networks (rather than each artist doing it themselves)
- Parking
- Keeping green wedge land and not having YRC overturn the decision
- Mountain bike trails and venues
- Density limits on short stay accommodation
- Welcome Signage.
- Traffic flow and safety
- signage for the Parks attractions in the area are non existent
- road maintenance
- Fire safety
- Over tourism

- Main roads - maintenance
- Parking off roadside where much erosion occurs and threats to surrounding trees
- Our Roads and pot holes are completely in a bad state and dangerous
- Definitely the presentation heading into the hills, in Belgrave, it's almost embarrassing when you go on Monbulk Road
- Lack of rubbish bins in public spaces, reserves and parks.
- Keeping the village feel & look of local towns
- Roads
- There is no footpath on the tourist rd from Kalorama 5 ways to the post office and beyond. It is extremely dangerous for our children to walk on the shoulder of this busy road
- Over use of Neon and lit up signs in shops at night time. The shops and towns close, no need for bright pink signs and multiple coloured lights
- Yarra Valley Tourist Railway completion and link to wineries
- Emergency management plan
- Abandoned/unused commercial properties not being maintained or used.
- road quality
- Public toilets in shared spaces like parks
- Diverting traffic from Maroondah Hwy
- Control of Airbnb numbers so locals can find housing
- Reduce car traffic on Mount Dandenong Tourist Road to improve safety of cyclists and pedestrians
- Kilsyth Memorial Pool moved to different location and a new state-of-the-art complex close to the Mooroolbark train station built or public transport accessible via flexi ride bus service
- Traffic management - what's going to happen when VicRoads close the highway and bloody tourists flood old Warburton road?
- Invasive species weed management
- Road conditions are worsening locally and state wide.
- Parking
- Traffic management along Mount Dandenong road especially corner of Olinda Monbulk Road
- Cyclists creating unsafe situations on major access roads, esp Mtn Hwy. There needs to be campaign to encourage them to increase their visibility by wearing bright clothes and appropriate lighting for visibility on bicycles.
- road repairs
- The abandoned buildings need to be used in a better way instead of having kids and adult squat
- Bad Road conditions on ridge road - everyone visited that area noticed

- Too much development
- Poor traffic flow due to cycling
- Resident's quality of life
- Restrict cyclists
- Belgrave main st redevelopment - its ugly needs a facelift. (Something like Lawson NSW development)
- Roads are dangerous.
- Pedestrian crossings in the Main Street needed
- Maintained of the natural environment
- Road safety
- poor road maintenance by both council and Vic roads
- maintaining roadside mowing
- Cycling lanes particularly on mountain highway. It would encourage more cyclists and keep everyone safe.
- Walking paths around the Dandenong's need to be better maintained
- Parking and traffic control around Warburton on a nice weekend
- hoons at night
- more affordable transport for visitors like uber but not uber
- Wildlife conservation
- Parking
- Transport
- Ensuring an intersectional lens is applying to all event planning
- Cafe need to be open more hours - closing at 2-3 pm is not good
- Road surface quality / Warburton Hwy land slip
- Parking on the shoulder disturbance of nature
- greater availability and access to medical services
- Dog poo in public areas. DNA testing and fines issued?
- Sustainable development - lots of medium and high density living is being constructed that really doesn't suit the character
- A decent peak body for tourism
- LILYDALE BYPASS - This is the main route to the Yarra Valley, and must be made an urgent priority immediately. Maroondah highway through Lilydale is already a congested mess. Even a small increase in tourism growth will bring this town to a standstill. BYPASS now!!!
- The public transport passed Lilydale is poor
- Traffic

- Aged care living in Monbulk
- More shop varieties
- Affordable housing
- Road maintenance
- Council needs to listen to residents not just businesses
- Road maintenance including verges
- Repair of Warburton Highway between Millgrove and Warburton
- Improve awareness of artist run spaces
- Local timber industries protected
- The river banks in Warburton are poorly maintained. If these were properly maintained, there would be more areas for tourists to enjoy.
- Housing
- Regeneration of remnant bushland
- Congested roads during school drop off/pick up times in Lilydale
- Focus on supporting local residents
- Lots of streets are very narrow and don't have asphalted areas to pass cars
- Not allowing anyone up here on Code a red/Extreme weather days. Major traffic problems!
- Parkibg
- Housing availability and affordability
- Yarra Glen / Coldstream bike path
- Warburton highway speeding traffic
- Roads
- car parking
- Road maintenance Urgently
- Waste management ie environmentally
- Cafes using too much footpath space with the Alfresco areas. Mostly in breach of Disability Access guidelines.
- Reduction of airbnb's, so people can actually live here.
- TRAIN SERVICE BACK!!!
- Weed management
- Rubbish pick up
- Public transport - more buses and uber
- More care for rate payers, it appears council put tourists before rate payers.
- Parking in Warburton

- River pollution
- River reserve is not well maintained, grass not cut, rubbish not collected, looks shabby and harbours snakes. During long weekends etc extra rubbish collection is required/more bins
- Parking and markings in main St YJ
- Parking in strategic locations
- Public transport for locals around Yarra valley not just in and out
- The vendetta against live music and live music venues in Warburton. Warburton is a town which attracts creative people, including musicians. It is unfair that creative outlets for musicians which provide entertainment for locals and visitors keep getting restrictions that are so strict that it makes it unviable to try to provide this entertainment. The council needs to identify the odd serial complainer to explain to them that community has rights to listen to live music.
- Tourist
- Retaining historical buildings and amenities
- The main road into town needs to be wider.
- Tourism development which enhances and protects the environment
- Road widening
- Repair of roads
- Turn right lanes on the Warburton Highway at Seville East
- Sorting out the mountain bike mess
- Too many airbnbs
- cafes/restaurants closed during the week
- Maintaining the natural beauty of the area generally
- Noise from licensed venues
- Please consider the value of the road cycling community in planning.
- Protecting the natural and rural environment instead of destroying it in the name of tourism.
- Empower local businesses to grow, don't nanny us.
- Subdivision to allow second houses on a block that become Too many Airbnbs driving up housing and rental costs for those who wish to live in Healesville. So housing stock going to accom and not residences.
- Low noise, quiet, passive recreation is increasingly compromised. This type of recreation is highly valuable
- loss of amenity due to over tourism
- Not enough long term rental accomodation for community because it is being replaced with short term accomodation for tourists.
- Rubbish being left

- Retainin the natural beauty of the area.
- The current state of our roads.
- Dangerous intersections that cause multiple accidents (I was hit by a tourist (cherry picking) who ran a stop sign. These black spots are well known and no improvements have been made
- Maintenance of roadsides - weeds & protection of vegetation
- public transport, for example some areas only have 4 buses on a saturday morning and then thats it for the entire weekend. No point investing in tourism if people cant get to the location.
- public transport
- Main street in Belgrave has major pot holes that are in urgent need of repair.
- Telecommunication Infrastructure
- Sustainable (carbon neutral - self sustaining) development
- This survey is not well created and does not allow options for "I don't know", controls numbers for some questions and not for others. It would be great to suggest the bias and reason for this survey.
- Fix existing problems that have been caused by the over population of humans
- Rail stops in a bad place at Mackintyre Lane
- Road maintenance - VicRoads potholes!
- EXCESSIVE AND INAPPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT
- Rates are too high
- Tree maintenance - bush fire prevention
- A consistent pick-up hardrubbish for everyone.Like Everyone has the Ring and pick-up
- conservation
- Yes Sealing my road!! Austral Ave Upwey. We STILL don't know if the sealing is going ahead or not. Funding was pulled late last year yet the council still does not know if the sealing is still going ahead or not. Hopeless communication to residents.
- Variety
- Inappropriate development (eg multistory apartments near Aldi main st healesville)
- Bike tracks that were walking tracks.
- Promotion of markets. They are currently really badly promoted. Doesn't mention number of stalls, if there is music and food, if dogs are allowed, and most don't even have photos. It's so hard to gauge if it's worth going to
- Making unmade roads
- The pot holes in the roads in belgrave township and on the belgrave south
- Roads
- Re focus on the region being the green wedge

- Affordable accomodation for staff
- more bicycle tracks and footpaths along existing roads
- Road conditions are appalling
- Speed of planning issues for renovations and building are absolutely disgraceful
- Warburton Highway traffic congestion
- Bike and car sharing on Mountain Hwy, can be very dangerous for all involved
- People driving to slow
- The town changing because it has to accommodate tourists.
- Belgrave bypass road
- More busses are needed for the locals. One an hour is not suitable for children and people without transport.
- Tidying up of roadside verges, both russbish and long grass - don;t just leave it to Vicroads or the locals to clean up!
- Unsealed roads maintenance
- Rectification of road traffic issues at Lilydale station following level crossing removal
- Overtourism in warburton
- Local communities. The people who live here.
- Get rid of graffiti
- Better management/ signage for events so locals know to avoid a road or area (for example - rodeo in Healesville. Locals to know to avoid that road with all the cars turning into the racecourse.
- Completion of the YV rail trail through to Healesville
- Condition of roads
- Parking
- Completing Tourist Railway
- Unmade roads maintenance
- Streetscape in villages
- Better traffic management
- Foot bridge across Brushy Creek between Chirnside Park and Wonga Park
- Fix road under Lilydale Station
- Beautification of local towns especially Wandin North and Lilydale
- Roads need fixing
- Badger creek rd intersection is dangerous
- New picnic tables for some parks.

- We need the visitor information centre reinstated
- Social housing
- Narre Warren East, lack of services
- Lilydale township main street almost ugly now with closed pub & vacant land - should be a gateway
- Traffic congestion in lilydale main street
- Clearing of overgrown weeds in road drains. Drummond rd Seville is one example .
- Bicentennial trail promotion
- Those who choose to work in tourism all levels are in the hospitality business and as such are hosts for all the region A friendly Smile with a positive attitude from any hospitality staffer is an integral ingredient for the future success of Yarra Valley Tourism from a
- Road design. Eg. Crossroad and roundabout, visibility of intersections. Especially when events are on
- Steam Railway from Lilydale to Healesville..
- A connected and accessible, family friendly trail network (extension/completion of Yarra Valley Trail)
- Beautification projects for businesses
- better restaurants
- Employment oportunities that don' just involve cleaning toilets and showers in AirBnB's, dish washing at local coffee shops as a career. Your questions used a very broad term - 'employment'. What about quality skills-based jobs rather than lowly paid menial tasks as the only option.
- Healesville traffic management
- York Road widening
- overcrowded roads on weekends
- Town planning should think fifty years ahead.
- Parking to be given designated parking bays in popular parking spots. Resurface these parking areas
- Ensuring that the area maintains it's character
- Short term rentals impacting housing for workers
- Trees along roads need to be trimmed
- Electric vehicle chargers at all attractions and parks
- Easy to find what's on information for visitors. Plenty on the big companies that are always there. For the little one of market, fair, music that is on this weekend so they can find it.
- Rate reduction incentives for volunteering
- More long term rentals so the schools can increase in numbers again

- Keeping our areas beautiful and not overdeveloped
- low levels of rental availability for workers due to high AirBNB rate in the region
- Littering and lack of bins
- information in regards to 'climate' referencing storm events that have happened in the last 100 years
- council failure to deal with noisy dogs
- Protection of our natural areas and parks
- Protection of natural landscapes
- Eco-friendly tourism should be prioritised to stay relevant for current demands and benefit the Yarra Valleys native beauty.
- Improved hospitality offerings in Upper Yarra Region
- Grass verges to be cut in Warburton
- The repair of the Warburton Highway
- Respect to local streetscape
- Get things done more quickly. Less survey. Haha.
- Roads
- Lack of low cost accommodation for local work force.
- Repairing damaged roads
- Overcrowding
- STAFFED VISITOR INFO CENTRES
- Preserve the quaintness and historic nature of Warburton
- Removing fallen leafy branches after storms as they become a fire risk in summer
- Supporting local agriculture
- Keep our tourist towns as they are, but with more toilets. Tourists come to these towns to see the natural beauty. If they want to visit an urban area, they may as well visit Lilydale.
- Roads
- No to Warburton Urban Plan
- Advertising of attractions on entry to lilydale
- Waste management
- Edward street Wesburn is unsealed and used by tourists for parking. It's a mess and gonna be a accident soon.
- Traffic
- Biodiversity and sustainability
- Cease illicit drug use

- footpaths in Ferny Creek
- Tourist information centres8, not everyone finds phone info easy to read
- Holistic management of the environment as tourism grows - specifically bush fire management
- Tourists leaving rubbish
- Cyclists on the mountain being a danger for tourists and others not knowing how to pass them, etc
- Railway Road, Yarra Junction traffic
- Why has the Healesville freeway never been built????
- Affordable long term rentals for local residents/ more community housing
- Medical services
- Maintaining historical significance
- Parking inspectors to visit on the weekend Car parking is needed but it needs to be kept natural
- Road safety (including off-road parking) and maintenance
- Emergency Management Plan
- lack of Local Business Promotions -Shop small, etc.
- Local use amenities ( cinema, opened, and promoted more.)
- Unmade roads need sealing
- Walking track along Puffing Billy
- Less council planning interference that hinders business and growth
- CLEAN AND BEAUTIFY THE AREA -IT IS A DISGRACEFUL PIGSTY
- Emergency services for the bike tracks
- Encourage traffic THROUGH Yarra Junction instead of around it.
- Roads are highly neglected
- more footpaths/cycle paths on the highways
- Parking
- Bush fire prone area
- Invasive species esp plants
- Safety, in particular fire safety since it's one road in and out and with so many visitors, it can be scary during fire season.
- Fix the roads
- Quality Art Galleries
- clean the area up, make it beautiful, safe and welcoming

- training programmes for young staff
- Decent restaurants, bars and entertainment events
- Do something about Coldstream - not a pretty entrance to the valley
- Pedestrian crossing in Yarra Junction dangerous
- Daycare waitlists too long. Can't get our babies in.
- Child centered music events
- Clearing of forests and bushland for logging
- Underground power
- Signage in Sassafras is old dirty bent
- Road quality and dangerous intersection improvements
- Mental health
- Rd safety
- I put issues in with the times and place question and doesn't have go back option to change so I wrote about Hwy issues and when I put residents already having issues Is only going to get worse with more traffic and people.
- Cyclists - warnings needed against riding in pairs, hazardous dark clothing, pulling over when they are often being trailed by 10-20 tourist cars
- Belgrave street front needs an entire makeover
- Roads - there are so many potholes and congestion
- Bike/walking path connecting East Warburton and beyond with the railtrail in Warburton
- Fire management
- More family events, festivals
- enforcing the rules regarding the burning of fires.
- Limited ability for locals to shop on weekends...tourists fill the streets
- Supporting local food producers/farmers by encouraging farm gate sales.
- Traffic gets banked up during busy times. Doesn't help with buses stopping on the road rather than pulling to side.
- Tourists coming to see the natural wonders and not spending any money while here
- Youth crime
- The Warburton Arts Centre facade should be done up to make it more inviting. You can't see from the outside what is going on. These buildings belonging to the shire should be used more for the good of the communities advertising and promoting of events in these buildings should be improved.
- Planning Permit delays
- Beautification

- Preventing over-development which risks losing our special wild habitat as well as the character of our towns and villages
- Wildlife conservation
- Cut the red tape for planning and permits
- Nilumbik council should encourage its rural residents to participate & cut the red tape
- Better parking availability - it seems a little too congested lately
- Priority one: acknowledge that you will never be able to increase the tourist load here without bedlam. Stop developing new tourist attractions stop advertising Warburton as a tourist destination.
- Information days with the CFA to discuss fire readiness
- Condition of roads and highway
- Removal of graffiti
- Condition of roads
- On busy days, pedestrians constantly drift across the road in Sassafras. Perhaps an artistic pedestrian bridge could be the solution?
- Olinda scout hall is getting rundown and being next to the Botanical Gardens, it is looking shabby and needs a paint with a path to the door etc. to make it look more inviting. Just a note, unfortunately there have been homeless people sleeping in the door alcove at times which would be freezing and uncomfortable I would imagine. It is not a good look for the area when visitors arrive to see the gardens.
- Road maintenance
- Public Healthcare access, public health wait times. Emergency department for Healesville please. Maroondah is too far and too dirty.
- Engage and listen to the community /residents needs
- Maintaining and keeping our old buildings in Warburton !
- Over tourism
- road potholes
- loss of amenity due to over tourism
- Accessibility from Eltham to Yarra Valley
- blue
- Healesville- intersections ie Wilson St/Badger Creek Road/Maroondah Hwy; Lilydale Road/McGrettions Rd/Maroondah Highway; Healesville- Yarra Glen Road/RACV intersection- all highly dangerous on weekends.
- Local pride Tidy Town
- Maroondah highway access for Coldstream residents
- The challenge of managing tourism number on weekends and public holiday when the weather is beautiful.

- Community hubs for young adults to meetup
- Graffiti Removal - Too few to cover too much. Lack of consequences for perpetrators.
- foot path planning and upkeep.
- Potholes
- Visitor parking is already over capacity. I would like to see ALL visitor traffic excluded and a shuttle bus service from (say) Wesburn oval
- Pedestrian crossings required for the safety of all in Sassafras village
- Road maintainence
- Cultural Activity focus
- Better facilities at the local airport to bring in wealthy visitors
- Revive the Logging Industry
- Better quality restaurants in Warburton area
- Putting power underground. Everyone knows that the power grid gets affected by weather events. Which happens all the time. And people get annoyed when they have to spend 100's or thousands on getting generators installed. We're they already pay thousands per year in power bills.
- Roads fixed fix our pot holes
- Link the main Yarra bicycle trail through to Warrandyte and connect it to Eastlink/Mullum mullum trail.
- Management of the amount of real estate signs that are popped up everywhere.
- more education around protecting the environment while they're visiting
- More night time restaurants of different pricings
- Beautify the villages, it is not that hard!
- THE DESIGNATED CYCLE WAYS IE BASIN /SASSAFRAS ROAD DEFIES DESCRIPTION.
- Land owners in public areas not maintaining properties
- No busses between Monbulk & Emerald
- Trying to keep what's special and unique about these areas already, in place without attracting more people to gradually erode it. We've seen in lockdowns how too many people being on the walking trails and damaged the environment
- Noise pollution - loud music, parties, etc.
- Cost of living vs tourism
- Working with Parks Vic to have clearer bush trail signage connecting towns
- Planners attitude needs to change
- Councils not listening to their constituents
- Keep trail bikes etc. out of National Parks and conservation areas

- To be aware of not accidentally starting a fire
- Accommodation is seedy
- Lack of foot path for walking
- The sailing club has been going for 30 years and still not listed
- No tourist information "booths" at train stations.
- poor quality roads
- Think of the people who live here not just the visitors
- Support Services
- Theft and drug use
- The equestrian content of our area is very high why is it never mentioned in any of these surveys as a recreation that people come to our area for?
- Supporting the local information centre
- Try looking after other sporting groups instead of your precious mountain bikes for a while
- Get started on the next section of the trail from yarra Glen to healesvill
- Mountain Bike tracks world class
- Seal main roads properly
- Cyclists respecting the road rules and obeying them
- Air bnb taking over, rentals in short supply
- Kick out locals who do nothing but complain 🤦‍♂️ 🤦‍♂️
- Better roads and sealing of gravel roads.
- Hard rubbish collection on request
- Re opening walking tracks around My Dandenong post storms of 2021
- Parking
- Tourism clogging local roads on high bush fire danger days poses a risk to ability of locals to evacuate
- more funding for artists
- Parking
- Slowing down tourism and keeping the locals happy
- Regulation and registration for short stays accommodation
- Directional Signage
- Parking to be provided to support number of visitors
- car parking is very difficult already even before Rdigewalk, yet it has no plans for additional parking...

- cyclists speeding/racing and who seem to ignore/forget that pedestrans have right of way ( both on cyclist path and on normal roads
- Community resilience to climate change
- Car parks at the expense of public amenity
- Main roads - bike paths
- Dangers to pedestrians crossing Sherbrooke roadDanger to cars on barrow curvy road
- Hard rubbish is a great idea however the waste of wonderful furniture, metal, bikes is completly wasteful. I would love to be a world class recycling hub, which can upcycle and recycle things into useful items some towns are already doing this. A missed opportunity to have these things just crushed up and destroyed for what ? landfill as a council you offer this service but I know we could do better with reusing re-selling, upcylcing whatever .
- Bike tracks - bike riders on the weekend should be using the bike tracks, so dangerous going around corners not seeing the bike riders and a car on the other side of the road
- Needs to be more acknowledgements, attractions and events that affirm and celebrate the indigenous aspect and people of the area.
- No overdevelopment
- Bike riders
- The tourist road needs widening to accommodate the amount of traffic that uses it, and to have a bicycle lane, as this is a real concern as more and more cyclists are using our road each year.
- Drive and park ability. More tourism means more cars, not enough space now, and we don't want to cut down more trees
- DEET / Jobskills programs at The Yarra Valley tourist railway to skill the unemployed
- Affordable housing for residents being displaced by the WMBD
- poor control of flood waters
- Increased local tourism buy-in
- A proper emergency plan that accounts for visitor safety as well as the needs of locals
- Improve and reinstate walking trails to reduce car traffic. Eg old goat trails linking streets in Upwey
- Bike trails and walking tracks
- Poor road surface in places
- its hard rubbish time and as it all goes to landfill and residents could put 1/2 of what is on the streets into their weekly waste bin.
- Public transport
- More bike paths on the mountain
- Visitor numbers & control on high fire risk days.
- Maintenance of buildings and green areas

- The grafitti removal and a program or something for the kids to be doing
- The quality of Road Signage on tourist attractions are very poor
- Beautification of towns
- Slow traffic due to people going 25km
- Fence in dog park at Kalorama Memorial Park
- 20 minute city development for Monbulk
- Signage poor.
- More rubbish bins
- ongoing issue with septic wastewater discharge onto road
- More spaces and facilities for local markets
- overseas tourists driving on the wrong side of the road
- Tree falling risk control
- Mowing/ brushcutting the river areas
- Accessibility for people with a disability
- Car parking
- Maintenance of walking tracks following river
- Inexperienced drivers and cyclists on roads
- Safe cycling
- I'd like to see the south eastern side of main street Lilydale revamped.
- A worthwhile CEO for the peak body
- Road conditions and conjetion in general. Traffic in this region is becoming a nightmare. Fixing it must be the next main priority of this council.
- I had no idea we had some of the attractions you listed - so advertisement
- Lack of services
- Fixing roads throughout the whole of Yarra Ranges
- Some road signs are hidden by tree branches
- Parking
- Drainage and run off
- Parking facilities
- Improved connection and education of Indigenous cultures
- Roads repaired properly
- Road access an issue in case of emergencies
- Regeneration and care for local waterways

- Pot holes in roads
- Affordable housing
- Drainage after storms and erosion
- Bus frequency & positioning of bus stops.
- Parking
- Poor road conditions/maintenance
- More mountain biking
- Toilets
- litter along the river bank
- Reduce,limit people to water park or charge a fee.
- Waste management
- Condition of the river walk tracks.
- Listening to the community
- THEN LESS TRAFFIC ON ROADS
- Access affordable bulk waste dumping
- Higher education and TAFE
- Maintenance of forest roads
- Tourst rubbish
- Branches down for ages on the trail before the area is cleaned up (Millgrove crossing) in fire season. Residents fined when their properties aren't in order for fire season but grass is chest height and fallen trees left to sit where council are responsible.
- Residents privacy and noise
- Preservation of current buildings
- More car parks
- Emergency evacuation. Warburton is now serviced by a one lane access road and a windy back road. If there was a severe or catastrophic evacuation it would be bedlam.
- Traffic gridlock
- Some of the tree trunks encroach into the road on windy section of main road into town along the river.
- Nature based tourism incorporating the environmental education and connection
- Old warburton rd
- Rental shortage due to Air BnB
- Replacement of the trees which have been blown down. in th storms
- New buildings being out of touch with the town aethestic

- No more fast food - i.e. McDonalds
- Maintaining existing local facilities
- Protecting our built heritage instead of tearing it down or re-purposing it for the benefit of tourists. it
- Focus on your key remit. Road, rubbish, rates (keep them low you money hungry grubs!)
- The maintenance of the ambiance and atmosphere of the main street of Healesville - protecting the trees and limiting the proliferation of townhouses as next to Aldi and at the East End - this needs to be a country town not a suburb with too much medium density housing.
- Truly understand that residents have a need and right to access everyday services that are often mixed in with tourist towns. Enable access
- poor roads and infrastructure unsuitable for visitor numbers
- Need to encourage respectful use of the Birrarung by visitors ie taking litter home, treading lightly and taking care of habitat.
- Not enough safe parking for the influx of visitors
- Consider the community needs rather than just focusing on tourist needs
- Speeding and dangerous intersections on the roads off the main hwy.
- Limited public transport options in the Upper Yarra Valley
- Better control of roadside advertising
- Public parking, some parks have small car parks that are hard to get in and out of and then theres not enough spaces for example alfred nicholas gardens.
- ride share transport
- Signage along roads look tired and dirty, and a simple clean may spruce them up. It just looks old and tired driving anywhere up here.
- Reliable power infrastructure
- Connection with first peoples / indigenous culture
- Development seems to spoil most areas.
- Encourage restoration of native habitat
- DEGRADING OF THE AMBIENCE OF THE TOWN
- road maintenance (rocks/trees falling)
- overdevelopment
- Parking
- 80 km per hour speed reductions maroondah hwy
- Lack of enrolment in primary schools through lack of public and private housing
- More small scale festivals..
- Dust control

- Wellington Rd Traffic congestion every day to get to my home
- Potholes
- Widening of parts of main road to keep traffic flowing
- Storm damage cleanup
- speed limits should be lower on most roads, so as make it safer for bicycle riders and pedestrians
- Trees shouldn't hang over the road and should be cut back
- Rental and short term accomodation for families living here should be a major priority. You need to relax your draconian planning rules to allow people accomodation alternatives to continue living in our area
- Overhanging vegetation along highways, if a tree falls across one of these roads in the event of a people trying to leave due to bushfire/wildfire we will experience awful trajedy
- Excessive parking on Tourist Rd for 1000 steps, encourage parking at upper gully station and walking up - promote this as a first option
- Tourists don't come here for McDonalds, they come for the difference to where they live. Less generic businesses.
- The community needs to be included in all planning around Warburton
- More tourism ventures / promotion that is targeted to off-season and weekdays. Shops can't survive on the sporadic income.
- Changing a whole town to accommodate people who don't live in warburton
- Conservation of indigenous and exotic flora - the Dandenongs has both but builders, workmen and developers can view vegetation as something to destroy because 'it will grow again' Ha!!
- Update and provide more public toilets and keep clean
- The removal of the Healesville (YV) tourist train. Enough \$ has been wasted on this project for over 30 years
- Age facilities
- Stop promoting until infrastructure is IN PLACE
- Completing Tourist Railway
- Drainage issues
- More tree lined streets in Sassafras and Olinda
- More car parking
- Rural pathways along roads
- More walking trails
- Increased Vandalism, hoons, theft - low policing in area
- Employ people during peak periods to pick up waste.
- The township of Healesville needs a much higher standard of maintenance

- Support for homeless and low income families
- Narre Warren east recognition
- walking tracks including lake need more seating & shelters
- Let people know about flexi bus
- Sealing of gravel roads.
- Coranderrk
- Coldstream caravan park to be fast tracked
- Nightlife (a hub of bars/restaurants- similar to Ringwood Town Square/Top of Eastland) that's vibrant and welcoming and accessible by public transport
- More cafe seating
- more civic functions (like the chestnut festival)
- local green waste recycling
- For Healesville never loose the village atmosphere.
- Do more with the Warburton Arts Centre. Missed opportunity to have more varied activities and shows etc
- Protecting and preserving the environment and nature of the area
- Warburton trail needs to be maintained more and more waste bins provided along the trail
- Sustainable tourism initiatives
- Small places that advertise they are open only for visitors to get there and they are closed. Some education fpr small providers on being consistent. Maybe open shorter hours but be there so touists dont get frustrated.
- Greater emphasis on youth engagement
- Keeping the natural beauty of the town. Not making it look like an urban area as that is not the reason tourists come here
- Inaccessibility for people with mobility aids
- cyclists
- off leash dog areas are not enclosed
- Limitations on the continuous expansion of accommodation and resturants
- Preservation of local community historical sites and buildings
- Mpre after hours activities for locals and visitors
- Old buildings not to be left derelict
- Respect to historical aspects
- Push harder for other authorities to support nature tourism. Ie. park Vic.
- Rubbish
- Provision of supporting infrastructure for local markets.

- Lack of car parking
- Parking officers/local laws checking & fining if necessary for unlawful parking
- Listen to locals' concerns, really listen
- Realising that there is actually plenty of jobs on offer if people aren't actually fussy
- Public Transport
- No to Mountain bikes
- Traffic lights at dangerous intersections
- Tourist information
- Lack of accessible public transport options
- Preserve old growth forests
- Tourists to be bussed into Warburton, Redwood Forest, Donna Buang, Upper Yarra Dam, Wineries etc.
- Road sealing projects that have been recently cancelled
- More public seating especially near major attractions
- Health and emergency infrastructure to match tourism growth
- Homeless people treating the river like a junk yard
- Potholes
- Why remove Montrose roundabout at great expense when it works 95% of the day???
- Healesville outdoor pool to offer early morning lap swimming from start of season.
- Housing
- Recognizing local indigenous significance
- Only one road out of Warburton with more tourists is a scary thought
- Active promotion of tourism to the area
- Traffic Management Plan
- Roadworks during day in tourist destinations - why not night?
- Retain beautiful trees, and shrubs beautiful lighting in our main streets
- Train line could be used for locals
- Allow dependent person units, granny flats, cottages, bungalows etc to be secondary dwellings. This will provide more local accommodation and BnBs.
- **PLANT DECIDIOUS TRESS ON PUBLIC STREETS**
- Condition of local roads that handle higher traffic loads
- Seal dirt roads that were meant to be sealed and have now been cancelled
- Council clean-up collections need to be more quickly done
- Road maintenance

- Road access in & out of Warburton is limited & ok for local traffic but not for the increased number
- Climate crisis
- Regarding accommodation, the fact that so many homes have been purchased for AirBnB rentals due to tourism has left the local population with no place to live and these are the people who work in the local businesses.
- Fix the roads
- Eating in natural environment
- do not allow local businesses to sit derelict and empty for years - it depresses everyone
- Beautification is key, and safety - trees falling on people and killing them isn't great, is it?
- Parking in Warburton fixed
- Dangerous road crossings in Healesville near BP
- More opportunities for young & up and coming musicians
- Maintenance of hiking trails (weed spraying etc)
- Telecommunications improvement
- Drainage on some roads is terrible when it rains
- Dental
- Traffic management
- Parking and road crossings
- "Cloud Down? Lights On" traffic signs needed at entry to Mt Dandenong Tourist Road
- Remove public toilets from Belgrave main drag
- Environmental degradation and weeds
- the govt now considers Healesville to be metropolitan so perhaps they should ban all fires in people's back yards. The air becomes impossibly choked with smoke especially in winter.
- There is ONLY ONE BRIDGE and it's always backed up... it can take half hour in a queue to get access.
- Keeping a country feel in the townships if there is to be more development
- Bike riders do not keep to the tracks & have created erosion issues. Bike riders should respect signage.
- The roads are terrible
- Police attendance
- Food offerings should be improved - too touristy and naff
- Over development
- Council to be supportive of businesses who want to grow and employ locals
- Support of local cafes - especially after covid

- Priority 2: Decide on what number of tourists is sufficient for Warburton. Admit it is way lower than your ambitious plans and develop basic facilities for that number only. Toilets, parking and paths - practical stuff
- Opportunity to request meeting with CFA on site to assess fire readiness
- Traffic
- Something to do with Youth engagent
- Beautifying Belgrave. It is not an attractive town to visit, but it is one of the most visited in the region.
- It would be great to reduce tourists' reliance on private cars in the Dandenongs. Maybe a frequent shuttle bus could work?
- Run off and drainage
- Road Gutters and the run off from the roads washing away driveways and road edges. Water runoff management.
- Too much money spent on all biking infrastructure
- Roads and parking
- Road damage
- poor roads and infrastructure
- black
- Streetscape- Healesville needs attention; more signage, better parking, more public amenities, better landscaping.
- Removal of graffiti
- More parking esp Warburton
- Composting bins for homes
- Upper Ferntree Gully Railway Bridge - A disgraceful entrance to our beautiful area. This has been the case for DECADES!!!!
- parking regulation for restaurants
- Traffic management during events
- A fine dining restaurant would be nice, maybe attached to one of the wineries
- Wheelchair/walker/stroller accessibility!!!
- Quality Art galleries
- Cleaning up - Coldstream main road is not an attraction
- Brewery/restaurant in Warburton area
- Improving telecommunications.
- Create bike lanes on any new road build or road resurfacing
- Placemaking is very important to me!

- safer driving on the roads
- More experiences in the Dandenong Ranges for 20-45 year olds
- Do not allow shops and restaurants to sit empty, and rot into the mountain. r
- THE MONBULK TOWN FUTURE PLAN,UNBELIEVABLE
- Streetscapes
- Pot holes are seriously dangerous
- Protecting our wildlife from development and nighttime light shows etc when Australia has a terribly record for protecting our native wildlife and a horrendous amount of endangered animals
- More buildings and units are popping up, yet parking spots are reducing..
- Council workers need to respect land owners as there knowledge of the land is most times far superior to the self righteous council worker
- Keep domestic pets and horses etc. out of National Parks and conservation areas
- Flood recovery, still so much debris and broken bridges
- Vehicle & pushbike visibility - lights, high vis vests etc
- update the council web to promote activities on Lilydale lake
- Roads very narrow & poorly surfaced for safe cycling between Eltham and Kangaroo Ground or Warrandyte.
- lack of footpaths in streets to and around Mt Ridell
- Medical/hospital services
- Foreign families dumping their rendered fat from their river side BBQs into the river.
- Yarra Ranges is far too broad and large a community to have a survey like this actually mean anything. The needs of outta Warburton east and Reefton are completely different to those in Lilydale
- We have a lot stronger jobs and economic infrastructure than what tourism gives us can we please stop acting like this is the last jobs hope for our country because it really isn't
- Clean up the public areas, rubbish, graffiti, gardens. The median strip on Victoria road is a disgrace - always fill of weeds since you put that dirty colored bark and planted horrible grasses
- Hiking access into the Black Spur
- Waste of tax payer money on poor quality outsourcing of work/or incomplete work
- Better town appeal, Lilydale has become a concrete jungle now.
- Wildlife passage
- Removing ruined Preschool and cafe from storm as long tourist.rd
- Facilities management

- Access really should be local traffic only due extreme weather conditions- ie storm/flooding events and bushfires
- Parking
- Fixing our roads
- Road repairs for Tourist roads
- Visitors to be fined if having to be rescued by ses, police etc
- Gentrification
- Traffic
- Parking in small townships - more needed for a longer time period
- Having common sense with building planning - Eg : A friend has 50 acres and needs a shed built but was knocked back where does he store is tractor ? It's disappointing, where is the common sense kindness and care most people are really trying do the right thing .
- Have the stores open for longer - often a ghost town on a Sunday after 1pm everything closes, doesn't really keep people here spending money
- More family friendly, affordable events like concerts, festivals, etc.
- Supporting local heritage
- More road signage with directions to tourists to not stop suddenly etc
- The parks up here are mismanaged by parks vic. Trees that fall are left for a year or more , becoming a fire hazard , haven for rabbits and just being an eyesore .Frankly the parks are an embarrassment, especially when I see tourists come here after seeing promos o how beautiful it is here, and yet the parks are run down and below par. An example of this would be the carpark at the Olinda green . Which is a mud pit
- Yarra Ranges is a farming and education and health services economy as much as tourism - put money into this sectors and don't just respond to the needs of the few
- to develop a world class tourist railway with winery tours would out class Puffing Billy's offerings
- Preserving the tranquility and beauty of Warburton
- Public transport. Make the bus from UFTG station run every 10 minutes and free to reduce car traffic
- Utilise Mooroolbark train station car park for night market in summer months
- Not enough pedestrian paths along Mt DTourist Road
- Improve road conditions- seal roads
- Reticulated sewerage for properties.
- Noisy motorbikes and hoon drivers
- Putting funds in to the community Center etc the roof so they can support others
- Not enough Road lights on top of Mount Dandenong for night time visitors

- Horse riding trails
- Pollution and litter along trails and lookouts
- Car park at Olinda in general, including the old Golf Course
- Not enough public bathrooms or visitor centres or areas that are accessible for families or people living with disability. Emerald lake park is wonderful but we need a heap more development like that.
- too many bike riders
- Clean up/revitalise the public picnic and bbq areas
- Spraying weeds around the river trails, in particular wondering jew
- Acknowledgement and celebration of First Nations culture in all events
- More tracks to the lakes
- formalised car parking for peak periods
- Can't walk from town to town so tourists drive short distances
- A Lilydale bypass to ease traffic congestion on main street.
- Plans ans meetings fo a peak body
- Support for small business. Their uniqueness is a major part of the drawcard to this region and are such an integral part of this community. They cannot be allowed to be swallowed up by big commercial business moving into the area.
- Parking
- Actual local residents not being heard by council or mayor for our area
- Improve crossroads in the Wandin, Seville area
- Essential services
- Sensitively designed car parking areas
- Trees are falling down around us but we are not allowed to cut them down/back etc
- Village street-scaping, footpath safety and increase public artwork
- Shire look after local rate payers
- Maintenance of street trees and parks
- Cap on accommodation/AirBnB's
- Trees on council land checked for safety
- Expansion of Burrinja offerings to reflect the many artists in the hills (no, I'm not an artist)
- Parking it is chaos here and is the number 1 priority before anything else
- Lack of independent essentials retailers
- Better roads for cyclists
- Parking

- graffiti
- Toilets
- Building owners need to spend money on painting the frontages of the shops.
- Stop enriching a small handful of people at the expense of residents
- IF TOURISTS WANT TO LOOK AT TREES....PULL OVER!
- Fixing the Warburton Highway
- Roads are a disgrace
- Camping in the Yarra Ranges National Park
- Lack of hospitals within safe distance
- A secure off lead dog park would be appreciated by many. Fully fenced, water for play and decent parking. This should be in addition to the Wesburn park area
- Exorbitant costs for tip charges compared to coldstream
- A focus on making the townships beautiful - don't get rid of the history
- Council not respecting or listening to the wishes of the community. A few years ago community members in Warburton participated in the development of a Place Plan. With the recent planning for tourism and mountain bike trails it is clear that the council does not care about the issues identified by the Warburton Community. The council has totally ignored the Place Plan Key points. Environment, community, uniqueness of the township etc. The council is an organisation that is funded by community rates. They are there to represent the community not to plan developments that are just in the interests of a few investors at the cost of environment and rural communities. It is disgusting!!
- No affordable rentals or housing as now all air b&b
- Old Warburton Road needs to be made a viable alternative or another via alternative provided. Warburton is a death trap if there is a bushfire.
- mixed use facilities that cater for a wide range of needs/groups eg dogs, horses, bikes, picnics, shelter and open space at one multi-purpose site, ideally close to public transport to reduce emissions and still provide a full day experience
- Alternative roads in and out of town
- Councils plans to turn too much of our beautiful town into car parks and tourist accommodation
- Beautify roundabouts with flower plantings as was done in Monbulk.
- Maintaining the character of local towns
- Protecting wildlife by not interfering in habitat and habits.
- We are a liberal area. Let's keep it that way and get rid of left wing nut job ideology.
- There should be more resources put into parks so that they can properly maintain the gardens at the Maroondah Reservoir Park

- Please don't urbanise the essential character of the local places and spaces. Learn from towns that do this well
- unregulated Air B n B's.
- Pollution of Birrarung by septic and farm run off.
- Public transport more frequently to East Warburton
- Affordable housing for locals. Limit air bnbs
- Limited parking for tourists (eg Warburton)
- Awareness of local needs when allowing/planning tourist destinations/facilities
- Need more tourist attractions to attract 18-30 years olds as a lot of them feel like they need to move out of the area.
- major event/ street festival/ that celebrates the wine and food region
- Need the Cookoo Restaurant and Sassafras Tavern to reopen as they have been vacant and not operating for far too long and there's not enough quality restaurants in the Dandenong Ranges. We normally go out of our own region for a decent restaurant.
- Night time lighting to assist driving at night.
- Safe road crossings to encourage cycling /walking (eg warburton rail trail should have safe road crossings the whole way)
- Lack of care/assistance for the needs of the people in the Healesville area, especially to nurture healthy families and their prosperity.
- Ensure creeks are flowing and free of rubbish
- THE ASSUMPTION THAT GROWTH IS GOOD
- Maintaining walking tracks
- herritage
- Signage
- 40 km per hour zone mainstreet healesville should have been limited to 7am to 7pm
- Lack of medical services
- Policing of parking near schools, especially where signage indicates No parking.
- Parking at Belgrave, I'm older and can't every push my trolley up the hill to my carport from Woolworths, and can't every get a park to get to the post office
- Reduce congestion on roads
- Extending bike path from Yerring to Healesville and Warby trail
- More rubbish collection opportunities
- More common sense approach to business development to encourage cafes and small business development in the hills.
- Beautification and maintenance to town entrances and centres

- Money always goes to the big businesses, it's time to assist small businesses so they can also contribute and benefit from tourism. (local artists are a huge tourist attraction, but cannot be open all the time,. They don't make \$ for themselves, but they attract visitors. There is a need to work out how they can benefit from their attraction. Their own artwork sales of cards etc, is not enough.
- Our roads and lighting needs to be addressed, the town is so much busier now and it's pitch black
- Better signage for car parks - for example, there is lots of parking on top of IGA in Yarra Glen that no one makes use of. Then on weekends everyone parks on the road and sidewalk to go to the playground but the rooftop parking is EMPTY
- Can't look after the town as it is, can't look after the local residents.
- Conservation and support of local history efforts and retention of 'local charm'. Do not become an Asian capital or a Dubai with no distinctiveness and no local charm.
- Keep noise levels down at night
- Finish the Warburton Mountain bike trails.
- Dangerous trees along roadways need to be evaluated and risks mitigated
- Police presence at night
- Completing Tourist Railway
- Lack of caravan parks
- More parking
- better accessibility
- More shrub, bush and tree planting along roads. This will make the Yarra Valley more beautiful.
- A walking trail to link MontdeLancy to Wandin North. Possibly via a loop leading from the rail trail at Wellington road up to and through MontdeLancy and then down to Wandin North
- Too many Airbnb's- not enough affordable rentals for families and aged
- The entrance to Healesville needs to be beautified and maintained to a much higher standard. At present it's a disgrace
- Alternative models for housing development that allow for multiple occupancy properties that aren't just brick vanerial monstrosities like what's happening around Yarra junction
- Lilydale lake should have a cafe
- Fix the homeless situation
- Letting ratepayers know of cancelled infrastructure plans because of budget cuts.
- Great Forest National Park
- Tourist bureau in Lilydale
- Council has dropped the ball in maintaining roads, trees and overgrown vegetation
- elimination of deer and foxes

- Mis-management of Healesville's Memo hall
- More upmarket elderly residential facilities
- Intervene with private landowners who do not maintain their property . The old Sanitarium factory and surrounds should have council notices issued for safety and maintenance
- Better access to public transport to limit the number of cars and parking required
- The law regarding keeping cats indoors needs to be enforced
- Open fires in winter where safe
- Fix google maps and car directions that send tourists on crazy roads. Lots of people just follow their electronic device and it sends them on crazy drives. Maybe you can get the companies to send people the safe and highway way
- Less red tape
- Listening to what the locals want and need. Not just building the town for tourists. People are leaving the area as the reasons they moved here are rapidly disappearing and no one is feeling heard
- Poor road planning and pathetic response to road damage
- community connections
- council rates need to be lowered. still cross about so much money being spent on new council offices. Outrageous.
- Total consideration for ratepayers, families and local community
- Signage not to clean mobile barbecues in the river
- Car parking and traffic management is critical to visitor experience
- Managing overgrowth, dead tress that are bushfire hazard
- Better direction of tourist traffic, to avoid use of local roads, and assist with turning into or out of locations.
- More public rubbish bins
- More 'choose tap' free water refill stations (Yarra Valley Water)
- STOP overdevelopment
- Realising there are more equestrian than mountain bike is in our local area
- Training of young people in tourism
- No to advertising Warburton
- Customer service training for businesses
- High commercial rent driving out smaller and unique businesses
- Recognition of indigenous culture
- Ensure that council staff are trained in customer service procedures and use the services of BDM.vic.gov.au to verify kinship of at least 2 council rangers who are related to the local criminal gang. If they say they aren't, they are not being honest.

- bus stops on tourist road for locals not just in tourist areas. Tremont to Ferny Creek is an absolute safety nightmare
- Support for those who are not as well resourced. We do not want to push out those who need support as tourism grows.. rather we want to find ways to enable all of community so they can benefit from tourism
- Woods Point Rd is in terrible condition - blown THREE tyres!
- Trail maps on the trails
- Residents should be prioritised over visitors, always!!! But who cares???
- Better waste services, ie a weekly green waste collection service
- Support services
- Preserving the natural environment, not pushing 'urban' expansion
- Cap the number of short term rentals. There are not enough private rentals for local families. So many of my children's friends have left the area for this exact reason
- Promotion of local art and culture to celebrate the unique beauty of the Yarra Ranges
- Access Management Plan
- Keep all new buildings under two stories
- Roads and pot holes are prominent especially on belgrave to gembrook road near belgrave
- Less regulation! Let us get on with our lives and businesses without the red tape.
- ALLOW PEOPLE TO CUT DOWN THE DANGEROUS MOUNTAIN ASH - THEY TERRIFY PEOPLE, FOR GOOD REASON.
- Waste control at nature areas such as redwood forest and parks.
- Warburton waterpark
- Some intersections require roundabouts or lights eg Maroondah Highway and Healesville Koo-wee-rup Road
- Bushfire information for tourists
- Lack of rentals & affordable housing for families due to air BnBs, B&B etc it's eliminating the local
- Waste reduction
- A funded tourism information centre - people still like to speak to humans, not everyone wants all info via their phone
- Fix the roads
- let people cut down the dangerous mountain ash - I believe the Council is in 'planned retreat' and does not want people living there
- Safety, safety and safety - do something about the trees
- Better pool in Yarra junction

- More action on climate change and to make our area more ready for fires/floods/high winds etc
- Bike paths and lanes into or through towns
- The biggest tourist towns of Sassafras and Olinda need beautification
- Hospitals
- Speed reduction
- Lack of cafes and restaurants with reasonably prices, not just wineries and fancy expensive eating places
- Potholes, road surfaces breaking up, dangerous edges, bark etc debris in roads
- Fix the pot holes in Belgrave main drag
- Cost of living
- keeping the tourist bus from Eildon to Melb. Public transport.
- There's not a lot for locals to do
- Council maintenance of townships
- No more Ye Olde Worlde stuff - let's get with the times
- More live music
- More activities for families to interact & support the local community
- Priority 3: Look after your locals and stop treating us as expendable. People are leaving due to the tourists while others are being pushed out due to lack of rentals and sky-rocketing house prices (and no - we are not all gleefully selling up for the m9ney many of us hate what you are doing to us but are ignored. Give us a h8gher priority for the things we always ask for: improvement to drainage, paths, sealed roads and keeping the peace and quiet of the valley.
- Provide necessary infrastructure before further promoting the region
- Getting use of of the abandons buildings or demolishing them
- Access for locals, particularly during weekends and school holidays
- Adequate, well positioned car parking sensitively designed.
- Preserve and protect the river and natural habitat around it. Restrict use of weed killer and poison on property that runs into river, both public and private. Prevent as much bush clearing as possible limit density of new builds and start a larger minimum houseblock size that is appropriate for rural areas. Were getting packed in like sardines.
- Car parks
- lack of arts and cultural activities for residents
- green
- INFORMATION CENTRE- regional, a destination in itself incorporating museum/ historical information.

- Put a large PT hub somewhere so people on the weekend can park their car and access buses to our local attractions. Stops so many cars. Invest in less traffic flow by individuals cars.
- Overnight stays for self contained caravans & motorhome in tourist areas
- MAINTENANCE of long grass on nature strips, along footpaths and public areas. This service has seen massive reduction in recent years and Council's approach to this has been reactive rather than proactive. It takes a workcrew ages to get down their 'list' of jobs to do. More crews and more often, please!
- have footpaths accessible for motorised scooters for the less mobile, including outside shops
- Plant pruning at Woolworths exit to ensure visibility
- No more pizza shops please
- Music venues
- Bike paths/lanes accessing towns.
- Stop permitting parked cars on main roads . Better bus service

**Q16 What ideas and suggestions do you have to improve tourism in the region? Please provide at least one idea or suggestion.**

- Placemaking that is modern, complimentary to the area, and supportive of both residents, business owners and visitors.
- encouraging longer stays rather than day trip traffic
- Better signage to the attractions
- More night time activities
- Cheese rooms
- Stop the CFA from frightening the crap out of visitors at the Ferntree Gully turnoff, with their stupid signs
- Better signage to prevent tourists from bypassing towns due to Google Maps
- Nature based or regenerative tourism activities and adventures
- Improve roads
- Night Activities - Warburton and Healesville can be ghost towns at night due to no night activity/attractions
- Tourism is at capacity already
- Better signage for smaller towns & what they have to offer
- More agglomeration of goods produced in the region
- Promote attractions for all seasons and all days of the week.
- Night events
- Improve road signage

- By encouraging it only in already utilised areas rather than developing into more bushland
- Perhaps free public transport in tourist hot-spots to ease congestion (e.g. trips from Yarra Junction to redwoods or Lilydale to Sassafras)
- Cycle paths to connect towns
- Improve transport
- More events
- None encourage at least half of them to go elsewhere
- Community Gallery
- Allow more accomodation options
- Better roads
- Nothing, leave it how it is
- Join up off-road trails
- Making permits simpler to apply for
- More day trip destinations
- Remove onerous amount of planning layers and free people to be more creative within reason. Nillumbik council is viewed extremely negative in terms of their regulations and policing especially if it doesn't involve them profiting from it
- More development and signage of walking tails
- More support and promotion of the arts in the Nillumbik shire with a focus on the history of the area in the arts space
- Improved social media nillumbik
- Parking for tourists
- sailing
- there needs to be strategic planning around all tourist sites and townships to insure that we are looking holistically at what we are offering sand the impacts of this to the community, not just short term but long term
- Tourist opportunities at public transport stops.
- Reduced number of tourist busses
- More parking
- More safe areas for dogs to go off lead.
- Better signage
- Public Toilets
- Improve the infrastructure
- Volunteer staffed Tourist Information Centres

- Stop pushing tourism and look after your local people they are the ones creating the community jobs and feel which is why people would want to visit the place
- Marysville mountain bike tracks family friendly around town
- Create the infrastructure first then promote the area
- We don't need to improve tourism in the region we need to pull it back a little
- More public parking
- A biking destination between Yarra Glen and Healesville
- create a hub for services eg: drs, chemists, & centrelink to free up main street space for quality shops
- Clean up waterways. Queens park overgrown
- Expansion of basic infrastructure
- A few roundabouts in Warburton would make a huge difference to traffic flow.
- Improve presentation of Lilydale. It's the gateway, so make it so. Make it an Attraction in itself.
- Bring Maroondah dams gardens back to their former glory
- fix the roads
- Better roads
- Road maintenance so they can get to accommodation
- Less bikes on main narrow roads; perhaps off road areas?
- None...look after locals first
- Up to date information on Social media
- Improve roads to be able to cope with current demands
- advertising and arts promotion
- Listen to locals who have the problem
- We've got sufficient tourism
- Develop silvan mtb trails formally, incl parking
- Don't continue to push for more tourism we are pumping.
- Annual Event
- Adequate parking
- Wineries to provide transport
- use the Mount D. Arboretum on Ridge Rd for some activities, it's a lost opportunity..
- An educational and community hobby farm similar to CERES in Brunswick
- Focus on areas that can readily accept large numbers of tourists
- Art trails :- Street art in townships but also along the walking trails such as is at Sassafras

- Use of electric small buses running from several foothills rail stations. We'll publicize and costs which encourage their use
- I think our draw card is we are so close to Melbourne CBD. When friends visit from the city they are always amazed how quick it was to arrive and just how beautiful it is. This should be an consideration and I think a great attraction especially for those weekend get aways.
- Put more Water and Play Parks around all areas with Parking or somehow limit the how many can use the Warburton one on any holiday or weekend.
- Make the hills magical, fairy light gardens for the kids
- A bi annual or annual weekend celebration of local musicians, art, experiences and food etc.
- Protect & support local history
- Clean up roadsides more regularly from undergrowth and weeds
- Working with government and vic roads to improve the tourist rd, to make it safe and accommodating bicycles, and a growing number of vehicles
- Provide a cheap hopper style bus service on weekends to remove traffic from roads
- Complete the Yarra Valley tourist railway
- Sustainable tourism Through the week not just negligent over tourism on the weekend
- Modern art museum and cultural experience
- Engagement of indigenous practices and knowledge. For example, creation of interactive bushwalks with indigenous guides, open indigenous ceremonies and art exhibitions
- Connectivity - active transport linking with public transport
- Local community members could be more directly targeted for tourism initiatives
- Bus from UFTG station free and every 10 minutes to reduce car traffic
- Historical signage
- Improve parking and roads to make it more accessible and safer
- Create a Tourist Railway from Lilydale to Healesville
- Put signs on the highway telling tourists to let others overtake on the Warburton highway then they'll be more welcome
- Complete the join-up between the Lilydale-Yering trail and the Warburton Trail
- Council run free/low cost caravan parks
- Not in favour of 'elite' / 'asocial' tourism ie high cost accommodation, restaurants etc. It needs to be affordable by the 'average' person.
- Family playgrounds
- No more free parking
- Making the town more attractive but the suggestions listed previous
- Improve the road conditions and signage

- Don't allow hotels to build in towns so they can capture all the tourists
- Get them to go somewhere else.
- Fix Belgrave - the traffic flow, parking, old tired buildings
- Consultation with council and business. Not just council doing what they think is important.
- Stop putting ugly installations in the park and public areas
- provide better road network with better signage.
- Bush walking trails, need to be upgraded and featured because they are absolutely unique to the Dandenong's
- Permanent presence of police on roads
- Town specific advertising
- signage of what side we drive on
- one night accomm - not two plus cheaper options in caravan parks or accomm. some are very expensive
- Clean up signage (most are covered in moss and it looks dirty and old)
- MTB PARK
- Train from Lilydale to Healesville via Yarra Glen
- More affordable transport options for winery tours!
- Tourist centre where it can be seen
- Improved directional signage to guide visitors to places of interest
- Reinstate the railway from Lilydale to Healesville so that international and interstate visitors can come out to the YV for the day
- Outdoor plays and performances in parks and gardens
- Public transport and ride sharing
- It's a great area for car culture. This should be capitalised on - eg road funding, parking.
- Create a decent peak body
- More family focused festivals
- Would be great to make more family friendly events. Including family friendly hours for night events (e.g starting early enough for kids to attend early sessions)
- Better transport
- No more needed in warburton as it simply can not cope
- Increased low cost accommodation - camping, caravan park etc.
- I don't think we need to improve tourism
- Cherry and strawberries festival
- Parking officers during weekends.

- Infrastructure
- Provide adequate parking
- Improve what the existing facilities eg Arts Centre have on offer
- Repair Warburton Highway between Millgrove and Warburton.
- Promote the region as a high quality artistic precinct
- Improve river bank areas in Warburton
- I would like to see the return of guest house type accomodation as there was previously.
- seating, drinking water more available in towns
- More night time activities
- Probably hold more festivals or events across Yarra Ranges region.
- More nightlife
- Limit tourism
- Parking
- Large guide in Main Street of day trips
- Encourage forest-bathing
- Attractions for teens
- Cycling infrastructure ie. better road verges
- None. People visit Warburton for its beauty. Don't ruin it with this stupid Warburton Urban Development Plan either
- I would like a couple of upmarket restaurants and fewer pizza joints but I suppose the owners are responding to market demand
- Provide infrastructure in before tourism promotion
- Kayak training for tourists
- Environmentally sustainable
- Do nothing to further increase visitors.
- Tourism is growing naturally in Warburton, we don't need anymore summer activities, this is leading to 'overtourism'
- TRAIN SERVICE
- Better signage
- Enforcing parking restrictions/fines in more peri-rural areas to alleviate parking issues and create revenue
- More parking
- Hot air balloon festival
- Charge cars to enter Redwood forest

- Mountain biking in National Parks
- As a life resident of the valley I don't rate tourism as an issue
- Tourist information doesn't seem to jump out at people
- Community business grants
- Improve the roads!!!!
- Tourism does not need improving.
- Close the wally world plastic palm trees waterpark or at least charge a fee
- Light up swing bridge at night in Warburton
- Hop on/off shuttle bus between towns. Like, a loop connecting towns of interest.
- Improved/ increased parking facilities
- Development of the proposed Wattle Glen mixed use open space as the 'gateway to the yarra valley' project
- Parking
- More bins provided
- More buses meeting the trains and travelling to Healesville Sanctuary and around the wineries . actuary
- More art experiences, escape rooms ect
- Improve Footpaths
- I do not prioritise tourism
- Better signage for visitors
- Promote road cycling.
- Bring back guesthouses.
- Whatever the ideas are, they are for entrepreneurs, not government to meddle in
- Restore the Tourist Information Centre in Healesville - having real people and quality info is so much better than those little maps and the computer screen things in the street.
- Coordinate signage and direct traffic out of the centre of townships to make them more walker friendly
- stop advertising
- I'm not sure tourism needs to be improved but the way visitors use the region could be improved - treading lightly, using toilet amenities before venturing in to the more remote areas and encouraging visitors to visit in off peak times.
- Shops and cafes being open early in the week. Often closed Monday/Tuesday/ Wednesday
- Don't put a huge mountain bike track that only caters for 1% of the population.
- More nature driven tourism marketing
- Better signage for all aspects

- Safer roads-fix dangerous intersections, monitor bad drivers (eg pushy tailgaters). I know people who wont drive to the Yarra Valley because of the roads.
- There should be less tourism.
- Recognize local needs when planning tourist facilities
- There are a couple of old buildings in belgrave taking up key real estate such as the Belgrave arcade and 2 monbulk rd belgrave closed mechanic. If they did a brand new arcade with a town clock you could open up more shops or more restaurants.
- major street festivals like shepparton's fryer street food fest
- Night time events. The place is a ghost town at night.
- Collaboration that is cost effective for businesses to work together
- The Olinda trail that's runs along Swansea rd needs a total upgrade. Th Creek needs clearing on both sides with cleared areas and seating so the area can be enjoyed more. At the moment it's a disgrace fallen trees overgrowth use to nobody. A fire hazard. Since the extreme weather we had back in June there has been no clean up except for grass being mowed...
- More smaller venues that support music acts (eg live music at pub from well known artist)
- less development
- The only improvement is to stop it.
- Finish the rail trail
- better parking
- KEEP THE VISITORS CENTRE OPEN
- Make a real issue of the start of the yarra valley with some sort of arches or similar structures over main roads
- Concerts
- Offer interesting things for them to come to and visit families a mix of both families and youth
- focus on eco tourism
- widening the road before Tecoma would be great. Terrible bottleneck in peak hour.
- Advertising - I did not know some of the tourist attractions
- signage improved
- We dont want tourism to ruin our community any more. Alcohol based tourism is wrong in every way
- Shuttle bused
- More small scale festivals (not big ones,. small and intimate)
- Some control of bikes on roads. Ie special times on specific roads.
- Belgrave south shops need an upgrade and more shops
- Don't force it, supply and demand will find an equilibrium

- Road surfaces in some areas are unsafe
- Providing trails that link activities for people that encourage them to travel in areas around particular interests e.g. art/craft trail
- Extend bike path from Yerring to Healesville and Warby trail
- encourage higher quality shops in places such as healesville, y glen etc
- Car parking
- Encourage sporting Gala days where multiple teams are attending and bringing their families and friends
- Lobby VicRoads to upgrade Warburton Highway
- As per previous- encourage parking at upper gully station and walking to 1000 steps
- More Parking
- Open Studios that run every weekend. 4 or 5 studios open on every given weekend, with a rotating schedule that is updated automatically on a website.
- Bypass for Belgrave
- Promote weekday events such as long lunches or evening Jazz. Also promote off-season events so that people come in the winter months as well.
- Affordable accommodation
- Tourism, overtourism will ruin warburton
- Encouragement of properties (eg by rebate support etc) to deal with waste on their own property, eg compost, composting toilets etc rather than huge central systems.
- Complete the YV walking trail loop to Healesville then onto Warburton
- Increase the level of information about the region
- More parking!!!!!!
- More accommodation (but not high density!)
- More caravan parks
- Streetscapes. Don't lose the country town vibe.
- Tailored collateral for each village in the Dandenong Ranges.
- Better signage to smaller wineries
- More bush and tree planting along roads. Less grass
- Have a proper visitor information centre
- More walking trails
- We don't need more tourists
- Clear information regarding the safety, care and respect of the environment and the local community who reside here
- Upgrade Maroondah dam; parkland, waste disposal & carpark

- Tear down the Sanitarium factory to build a new car park.
- Bring back a much needed visitor information centre
- More appropriate planning controls on housing for local communities over air bnb
- More transparent advertising - small towns, minimal parking, come prepared
- Farmers markets
- Lilydale Lake should have a cafe and activities centre
- Have a theater like Ringwood karalinga
- Open areas for family recreation
- support local indigenous initiatives
- Spend some time and money on dirt bike track and signals. You've spent heaps on mountain bikes but nothing for registered dirt bikes. We have so much bush but no ware to ride
- Steam rail to Healesville from Lilydale
- An app of 'what's near me' - like an interactive Google maps for points of interest in the Yarra Valley, that indicates where you are and what's around (search by category-trails/wineries/cafes/family activities etc) and how to get there
- a train extension to yarra glen, healesville and return to lilydale
- better restaurants
- Any tourism venue or business that is not owned by a person who lives full time in the local area is just seeing profits leave the region. The tourism jobs I assume you are referring to, involve the menial tasks? You have not been specific enough. Residents of a town who work in well-paid skilled employment will often work outside their local town as there are few jobs of quality generated by tourism. They do not benefit financially from tourism, unless they actually own a tourism business.
- be included in sporting events such as hosting a sport for the commonwealth games. Our region seems to be overlooked when it comes to regional infrastructure for sport
- target the right tourists
- Complete Rail Trail from Lilydale to Healesville.
- use of shuttle busses to e.g. Warburton (P+R Park and Recreation)
- Training of hospitality staff and trained owners of facilities.
- More heritage information boards with historical information on the history of Warburton and surrounds.
- More and better public transport and or shuttle services
- More frequent smaller busses up the valley to Warby
- Offer free/low cost family events
- Install electric vehicle chargers at tourist attractions, use grants to help businesses, and council to fund chargers at parks etc

- Encourage tourists to respect locals and the local environment. Don't enter their private property. Don't leave rubbish. Ask before parking. Thank the exhausted staff.
- Host three Major events: one for art, one for sport, one for nature
- Local art installations
- I don't think we need to improve on it. Maybe the smaller towns that don't get tourism could do with some funding to make nicer
- more dedicated accommodation (not AirBNBs)
- Stop encouraging cyclists and ruining local spaces for them
- free public transport
- i want less tourism not more
- advertising
- Promote environmental education.
- Allow tourism to grow organically by supporting local business and community. Happy locals attract happy customer's
- Improve public transport in the area would be a top priority for this.
- Improved parking and accessibility signage
- Improve footpaths
- Eco-villages
- Music festival in Warburton
- Tourist information centres are vital. It's important to be able to talk to locals instead of just using a tourist info touch screen like the one in Healesville.
- The history of the town Warburton. The place was for honeymooners and health. An untold story of lovers walk.
- Lots. Ride Time Bikes. Warburton
- None. Don't want them.
- Support provision of low cost accommodation.
- More public transport
- Lilydale bypass.
- Public calendar of events for different regions within the YV& DR area ( electronic interactive signs)
- More motel style accommodation and less air bnbs
- Take your rubbish home...advertise this clearly
- No evening activities due to impact on native animals. We will lose more fauna as road kill.
- Open up more snow options at mt Donna

- Stop pushing tourism when we don't have the infrastructure for it why aren't you pushing it in areas like Woods point and Matlock that could actually do with an influx of people
- My daughter lives in Warburton. Very many locals are adamant that it is at saturation point now! Do not increase tourism.
- Training in tourism and hospitality especially for the young
- No to advertising Warburton
- do up the white dog as tourist information
- Make recycling and composting accessible and easy for hospitality businesses
- Need to sack Parks Victoria and replace with new people who actually fix the problems.
- Encourage walking, cycling and PT significantly more, both for residents and visitors
- Include Yarra Glen in local towns
- bus tourists into the council ward
- Visitor information and street signage
- Put a forest boardwalk in so people can walk and cycle safely especially our local children who have no where to walk or ride
- Actual technical mountainbike trails. Better quality NOT quantity
- Speakers going to various clubs ie. seniors etc
- Encourage diverse attractions so that there are many options
- More rubbish bins and fines for ppl who litter
- Better signage
- Signage, picnic tables, facelift for the Millgrove shops
- Do we need tourism???? Reduce the traffic and reduce congestion!!
- Ban domestic garden bonfires, to improve our air quality
- Improve the area for locals & tourists will benefit
- Less tourists
- Online advertising targeting all age groups
- Only encourage new or increased tourism to areas with the geographic capacity to safely accommodate the increased demand.
- having roadworks occur overnight instead of during the day.
- We should fund the local tourism railway and have art sculptures along its route. We could then promoted iWe should fund the local tourism railway and have art sculptures along its route. We could then promote it as a art/train destination.
- More tv ads and programmes.
- Wine clubs and cooking schools

- Council should support and enable businesses, not impose red tape. The amount of legislation is crippling and over bearing.
- CLEAN AND BEAUTIFY
- Community consultation without commercial interests being favoured
- Better promotion of local events
- A tourism information centre on the highway coming out of Lilydale
- I would like to build accommodation on my property (12 acres) but council declined. Very hard to promote tourism when the locals are wanting to get involved but unable to due to council planning laws. There is minimal accommodation in the area so an increase in tourism will require a review of the local planning laws.
- More parking
- Reduce the number of road cyclists - permit system?? No club runs? Single file with car space between? Rubbish reminder - don't drop it, (back) pocket it. The cyclists intimidate tourists, block traffic flow, slow/stop public transport - buses in and around Mt Dandenong. Road cyclists are day visitor with little to no tourist spend, unlike the Mountain bikes.
- Create real immersive experiences that involve visitors meeting locals - eg. artists
- improving tourism in this region is to the detriment of our surroundings
- More diversity of events
- If we can't get our infrastructure functioning better (namely roads) then why are we trying to bring more people into the area?
- Fix the roads
- Quality Art Galleries
- it isn't rocket science - DECENT places to eat, drink and stay - look at the Mornington Peninsula, Daylesford, anywhere really, the hills must be the ONLY area that has gone backwards in the last five years
- Beautification and gentrification - drop the tea and scones vibe.
- More bed and breakfasts
- More parking
- More accommodation options
- An information centre in Lilydale, it is the gateway to the Valley and there is little information for visitors
- Better RV-friendly amenities e.g. public dump point, parking bays
- More festivals ie art, music, film etc
- Ensure family friendly options
- Encourage a wider range of food and dining options in the upper Yarra besides pizza and fish and chips. Tidy up Millgrove shops.
- Underground power

- Improved amenities
- Better bins at sites
- More parking, toilet facilities and crossings
- Activity and meal deals with local cafes
- Improved clear road signage (without graffiti)
- Public transport and rideshare
- Belgrave main drag re-design with an ECO approach to support local produce grown and made in the area. Establish a world class Art gallery that attracts local international Artist to exhibition, perform and teach.
- Public transport options to reduce congestion including ride share
- Warburton is already suffering from overtourism especially on the weekends
- Family friendly events
- don't want an increase in tourism
- Establish other tourist destinations...OVER THERE...THIS ONE IS PACKED
- Create a genuine (VFMA accredited) Farmers Market.
- People wanting to pass through Warrandyte to get to the Yarra Valley should use Reynolds Rd or Eltham/Kangaroo Ground roads.
- I dont
- Stop promoting the redwood forest.
- More updated facilities
- Fun park in the Yarra Ranges would attract lots of visitors look at the water park in Seville.
- Night time activity - Healesville & Warburton townships often deserted at night
- Better shops
- Better signage on roads
- More indigenous experiences I.e bush food cooking classes
- Greater variety
- Include Nillumbik it's the gateway to the Yarra alley & has a huge potential for accommodation , farm gates & farm stays
- fruit picking weekends - ie cherries, raspberries, strawberries
- Less of it. Reduce tourism. Admit Warburton is incapable of expanding tourism unless you can get rid of Mount little Joe and widen 5he Valley floor - you can't
- Focus on local producers
- Manage traffic through Lilydale better
- Promote sustainable experiences

- Please, please put a sign on the corner of Williams Road and The Georgian Road that indicates the way to Olinda Falls We are constantly getting visitors asking directions to Olinda Falls, we live in Williams Road.
- Provide adequate sensitively designed car parking
- Preserve the bush and river. Keep the streetscape green. Stop chopping down big trees and clearing scrub
- Put a limit on short stays
- Take away food and Restaurants to stay open later on weekends
- stop advertising and pushing tourism
- green
- Stagger events as much as possible over the year. Gives more options to attend
- More musical experiences
- Provide PT option to get to local attractions
- Restrict tourism numbers when there are too many visitors
- Support the gey nomads with places to stop for 48hrs if self contained
- Less cyclists
- Teach people from the city how to drive in the hills
- End of trip facilities with rail trails / walking trails
- More cafes/restaurants
- More accomodation to facilitate overnight visits
- Quality Art venues
- Cafe at airport lilydale
- Brewery and Better restaurants in Warburton and surrounds
- More car parking
- Better signage along the rail trail
- Investment in modern play grounds in the Emerald area.
- environmental/cultural experiences and information
- More day and night time cafes and restaurants
- Non alcoholic involved activity
- Make it a foody destination. NO MORE SCONES!
- Better maintenance of footpaths and street frontages
- Exposition of locally produced products
- Don't focus just on WINE. Yes Wine is great but there are other industries here too
- Community events

- Focussing on encouraging visitors if they come to be respectful of not littering and respecting wildlife and sticking to trails.
- Signage to indicate alternative routes to avoid traffic congestion during events eg, Tulip festival and traffic through Belgrave
- cafes/ bars with local specials
- Improved access - public transport, roads and parking
- Wellness / Nature retreat
- Clean curbside rubbish and grass
- Provide decent visitor maps
- Target getting rid of roadside rubbish
- Allow public infrastructure to be built without council involvement so that costs are not ridiculous because the council are involved
- Public display opportunities of the art collection that is publicly owned by Nillumbik
- Improve town centre eltham
- Free Tourist bus from FTG to Sassafras; Olinda & Monbulk
- walking around the lake
- Better parking.
- More indigenous experiences or information
- Better public aquatic facilities - indoor heated water play centre
- Public Transport/Ride Share
- Keep the town small and charming with some upgrades to KEY businesses (servo and supermarket)
- Tourism is not our only economy if you change the towns then people won't want to visit and there goes your current tourism pool
- Family activities- water park, zip line,
- More bins
- Use of the Yarra River as fishing, family, cultural location
- create more community outdoor eating spaces such as Upwey
- Foot paths poorly maintained uneven due to trees
- Better roads.
- Upgrade Healesville swimming pool more like a water park.
- Encourage use of ride share or public transport at peak times
- City people have no idea
- Micro breweries showcase esp monbulk / emerald area
- Better Signage

- Similarly use the Hamer Arboratum in Olinda for some activities..
- Great Forest National Park
- More appealing markets, the markets that we have are very small and not great quality, no art to look at
- Promoting local small businesses and providing incentives to them
- Speed and drink driving checks regularly
- DEET and Jobskills government funding of employees on CES in completing the tourist railaway from healseville to Yarra Glen to boost the long term unemployed's trade skills
- Jim Child thinks the WMBD will bring more midweek tourism but all the events will be on the weekend overpopulating a small town. He is reckless.
- Clearer tourist drive trails and directions there from Chirnside Park onwards
- Reintroduce koalas
- Route maps showing way around certain areas
- Add additional bike trails to run parallel with Tourist Railway
- Big, fun roadside/ visitor bay signboard maps showing all the highlights of the region - gardens, trails, lookouts, etc -in selected locations
- No bike riding on footpaths
- By having street markets
- Increase market promotion on existing attractions
- Support music venues and musicians
- Outdoor dining areas. Places where people can comfortably spread out. Upwey's new outdoor seating areas totally miss the markz
- Permanent presence of ranger at national parks camping at upper yarra
- separate bike tracks to take riders off main roads
- promote more accessibility for families
- Clean/repair/add more covered bbq's and tables
- Hiking trails
- big section in local paper - what's on in the YV
- Have a minibus service at each railway station (Coldstream, Yering, Yarra Glen, Tarrawarra, and Healesville) to take to local wineries/attractions
- Attracting new businesses to main street Lilydale
- Fund the peak body
- Wine/Restaurant seasonal weekend festivals where many wineries team up to create a wonderful weekend and bus companies are brought in to transport the attendees to and around the region. These weekends should be aimed at 20-40 year old SINK and DINK demographics

- Kid friendly activities
- Signage
- Wine festival
- Parking
- Get the locals involved more and create a proactive community consultation forum
- Have designated parking for tourists between Millgrove and Reefton - maybe running bus shuttle services on the weekend to reduce the congestion through out the townships
- Increase public artwork in the villages - sculptures and murals
- picnicking places in towns, parking
- More family friendly events
- More family friendly adventure destinations
- Stop advertising tourism wasting ratepayers dollars 
- More recreation opportunities along the L to W rail trail
- More variety of restaurants
- Wildlife sustainability
- Create something for the winter months. NOT MTB tracks
- TRAIN SERVICE
- Better management of environment
- Adding more bins for general waste collection to make it easier for everyone to dispose of their rubbish EASILY
- A bridge constructed over the Yarra River on the last bend before Warburton township from Lilydale direction
- Camping along the Upper Yarra
- Make everything cute and beautiful and the people will come
- No bike trails
- Provide more rental properties for families
- Improved/increased public toilets
- Traffic enforcement and parking regulations
- Parking inspectors
- But seriously, please don't improve tourism. Unless your plan is to have a town that doesn't have anyone living in it.
- More walking Tracks
- Fix the roads
- More brochures for places so people can check out what is on offer.

- Encourage tourism venues and cafes to better consider locals; encourage us to visit more often
- utilise local laws and police to fine people for inappropriate parking
- Limiting short term accomodation so the community can thrive. For example in Warburton and surrounds, the unique and thriving community is the foundation of what attracts visitors. If community doesn't have houses to live in then you lose the very thing that attracts visitors.
- More places to eat if an evening.
- Don't accept that a town will become itenerant, grow the community.
- Destination restaurants
- The mountain bike project should be shelved.
- Improve signage - better targeted information and less promotional
- Improve public transport in the area, such as belgrave heights only has 4 buses on saturday morning and then thats it. young residents cant go out and explore because there literally confined to their suburb cause its too dangerous to walk to belgrave on the side of the road.
- major arts festivals like sheppartons 'shepparton festival'
- Fix all the potholes and clean the street signage,
- Realistic pricing for tourism association memberships
- Local festivals / events that showcase different sub regions or local growers for a weekend
- unique environments
- Open the station so Yarra Glen has a railway
- STOP EXCESSIVE PROMOTION AND THE RESULTING OVERCROWDING AND LOSS OF AMENITY
- markets
- more local artisan events
- Need tourism website
- is thre a possibility to by pass the healesville village allwong locals acces to the other side and maybe then the main st village coudl be closed and open to vistors like a mall on weekends?
- More back to nature accommodation would be great (tipis, glamping)
- Up date toilets at certain points for example Silvan Dam
- Belgrave south needs some restaurants
- Reduce traffic congestion
- Better quality cafes and resteraunts, which open on public holidays
- Specialty markets
- Promote the town markets and field days rodeos etc far more
- Invest in public toilets

- Tours that include a variety of attractions... nature, culture, food/wine.
- Help beautify the shopping strips - Yarra glen shops are so tired looking. Since the council removed all the lavender years ago and replaced with natives it remains tatty and not-maintained!
- Improve traffic flow in and around Lilydale
- Changing warburton to accommodate people who don't live in warburton will ruin it
- Do not allow huge roadways - the charm and slow traffic of narrow (but well maintained) roads is a plus. It is horrible to race around on double lane highways in places - you were hoping to enjoy!is an advantage
- More accommodation is required
- Better parking
- Money spent to separate the messaging from Yarra Valley
- better management of big events (i.e. on the green concerts)
- Improve the roads in the yarra valley
- Beautification of local tons and villages
- Like it tge way it is
- Educative activities, events and signage re weather conditions that could be dangerous. Visitors need to have a good understanding of what can cause fires ie lawn mowing, smoking, wind conditions, humidity etc
- Extend rail trail from yering thru to Healesville
- Get rid of the random information hubs that more often than not don't work of are too hard for people to use
- Better utilisation of taxpayer rates in developing places like the sanitarium factory in Warburton as a hub , rather than waiting and hoping that a developer might one day do "something ", certainly the locals have mad e a series of very interesting suggestions for that site.
- Farm stays
- encourage re-opening closed lilydale hotel as historic venue/gateway to valley
- Have an express train run from the city
- showcase sustainable practice initiatives/education
- Have a network of local events so they do not clash with each other. Their seems to be more than a few weekends when local events clash, then have weekends with nothing on. And these events are not the ones which really on cropping seasons eg. Cherry's and tuplis.
- Caravan park in Coldstream
- more live music venues to improve the night time economy
- sustainable & economic friendly dev'ment
- Care that hard rubbish does not coincide with big events

- Work with Sanitarium owners to Develop the building and surrounds including the old rail turntable etc
- More events such as summer night markets
- The new mtb park
- Provide more picnic facilities
- Night time light nature walks / festivals
- Permits to do anything take forever, have no logic to them and are designed to be frustrating and just money making for the council. Make the system sensible and fair. Allow locals to do business.
- Fund a paid place making position in each major township
- More horse riding trails and float parking
- More bins where tourists are likely to go because they are revolting and leave rubbish everywhere
- increased bus times across the mountain
- create a 2nd road in & out of warburton for safety
- Seek participation in learning and development of sustainable activities
- Maintain walking tracks and outdoor areas within community
- Greater and improved accessibility to Yarra River
- Landlords to maintain buildings
- Invest in the YV tourist railway so it can run between Healesville and Yarra Glen to provide an amazing day out.
- Tourist wreck the nstiure
- Better handling of peak tourist times eg when parking areas overflow or roads get congested.
- Uber and taxis
- More right hand turning lanes on Maroondah Hwy for the big wineries eg: Domaine Chandon, Oakridge & Coldstream Dairy - safety issue
- What you can and can't do on high fire risk days
- Protect environment so local fauna have habitat.
- Advertising of what entertainment is avaible
- Locals only days
- A tourist information centre with great customer service located in Olinda
- Find ways to assist small and unique businesses to afford commercial rent as it's a large barrier to running a business in the region, not to mention it drives up the cost of goods and services significantly relative to other areas
- Choclatarre in local attractions

- use a lottery system for camping / motel / b&b application / tourists into O'Shannesy Council Ward.
- Encouragement of walking trails and ridding tracks to access towns
- Footpaths. My children can't walk anywhere safely even to school
- Chairlift for mountainbike trails ( cheeky but less traffic)
- Improve accomodation options.. currently not enough accom infrastructure
- Do something with the horrible old Sanitarium
- More places to overtake or stop on winding roads
- Improve roads and footpaths
- Higher police prescence to deal with anti social behaviour
- Less morons
- Promotional competitions for local artists and photographers to promote the Yarra Ranges
- Establish park and ride options to minimise cars and encourage more foot traffic.
- Have more events, during the day or nights to increase traffic
- We could hold ans promote local wine prizes
- Art events for mainstream not just niche groups
- More you-pick farm experiences.
- IMPROVE SAFETY - GET RID OF DANGEROUS TREES
- Promotion of local businesses
- Redesign of Olinda road junction.
- Target higher value tourism, it becomes a local/tourism win/win
- Don't make our home region into a playground for visitors.
- Too many cars, too many people
- Fix the roads
- Wurundjeri sites
- Clean the joint up - it looks like "Steptoe and Son"
- Go upmarket, clean the place up, have some pride, make an effort, why is everyone so lazy?
- More parking and toilets
- Better play park in warburton
- Easier public transport to the wineries
- Information centre in Healesville
- Improvement of smaller towns, beautifications of businesses and public areas. Like Coldstream Yarra Junction etc
- Telecommunication improvements

- Promotion of unique businesses, shops and experiences in the area
- More rangers
- Better safer roads
- Improved safe-accessible parking areas around 1000 Steps exit
- No night time activities but cant get home with no rideshare anyway
- Replace Belgrave public toilets on main street with fresh food grown in the area
- Improve road surfaces
- Better shopping / more cafes
- Better cafes and restaurants
- More accommodation
- Local produce Awards including food competitions that are judged by well known chefs
- I have already mentioned repairing the bridge on the Aqueduct, properly maintaining the river walk - repairing flood damage, hand weeding along the river, rerouting the path that goes too close to the back of the Sanitarium so a plantation can be planted between the path and the unsightly mess behind that cyclone fence screened. Make the river walk walkers only so there are no bikes on it which make it unpleasant for walkers and also cause degradation of the paths. .
- Fix and maintain local roads and highway including Parkes I.e Maroondah Dam, Upper Yarra Dam, redwoods etc
- Manage traffic through Lilydale better
- Ensure road conditions are advertised, more mirrors installed on blind corners and fix the Belgrave roundabout to promote safety
- Use existing facilities eg Arts Centre/Mechanics Hall in a more imaginative way
- No rentals then no local residents to service your tourists
- Utilise local laws and police to enforce appropriate parking.
- Have more parking
- Parking for caravans and motorhome at more tourist attractions day use.
- Better traffic management around events, prevent 6hr delays of bumper to bumper traffic
- More places to eat
- Eating within natural environment
- Healesville railway completion
- Faster implementation of mountain biking destination plan
- Link Yering path to rail trail completely
- Over our side of the region we need more family friendly activities that compliment Puffing Billy, Emerald Lake Park, and trail paths. I'd like to see something like a mini golf facility, family hobby farm experience, open gardens, a swimming pool to be added to the area to

help encourage tourists to stay longer. We also need a camp ground facility here to provide cheaper accommodation for families.

- more signage in other languages
- More activities to appeal to 20-45 year olds
- Art classes for tourists held on weekends
- Clean up the weeds, the ivy, the overgrown and derelict looking streets.
- Much improved design quality of built environment
- Foodie / Wine Tours
- Incentives to land owners to open their property to the public
- Have suggested tourist routes/maps for specific attractions
- Enhance the entrance to Eltham
- Better traffic control for major events
- canoeing on the lake
- Bike lanes out into the regions from Eltham eg Kangaroo Ground, Warrandyte, Wonga Park
- Improved public transport and signage
- Increase Maroondah Hwy to 4 lanes from Lilydale to Healesville
- Roving tourism ambassadors
- Try focusing on our agricultural sector that we have an abundance and stop worrying so much about tourism like it is the only thing left on the planet
- Night lights in trees
- Create an annual event
- The important Indigenous history of the Yarra Valley
- More attractions.
- Warn locals about large events that may impact day to day life in advance
- Parking is a huge issue
- A Tourist Trail
- Multi day walking tracks similar to Grampians
- Target more family friendly activities that a family can spend the whole day in nature without electronics- family picnic Sundays with food trucks and music
- Promote tourism where the infrastructure can support it
- Link wineries and the tourist railway to a collaborative operation gov managed body in which the wineries provide some income to the tourist railway for its upkeep due to increased patronage of both
- Strongly discourage chain stores and promote small business food options through discounts and subsidies

- Introduce an entry fee to the National Park to reduce overtourism
- Beautification of towns at the gateway to Yarra Valley ie Mooroolbark Kilsyth and Chirnside Park
- Social media game collecting tokens by visiting locations that is competitive and can win sponsored prizes
- More rubbish bins are regular collections
- Having more advertisement of what's around
- More music festivals publicly run
- Reduce or no camping fees
- More local outdoor live music events in summer
- Restaurants
- Encourage people to sign up for shire emails, I have found things to do on these emails
- Promote daytime activities such as an annual Harvest Festival, Polo tournaments, a cycling race, an arts/sculpture festival,
- Really try to revamp Lilydale to make it a destination to stop at in the Yarra Valley.
- Tap into the Mountain bike/hiking clubs and create events to draw them in
- Advertisement - 3 aw has Helen from Nhill (promoting her town) we need Julie from Lilydale
- Information signs in different languages - especially for fire days etc
- Less holiday accommodation
- Regular Music and comedy stand up nights
- Bring more weekday attractions into the area to spread the tourist throng over the week, rather than everything at once on the weekend. Making this region a stay and play destination.
- Create a trail map identifying artist run galleries, shops and studios open to the public
- better signage around buses, stations, parking, maps,in towns
- More businesses open during the week days
- Stop destroying the area in order to fit in more tourists 😡
- Extend rail trail
- Unique Wildlife
- TRAIN SERVICE
- Promoting the multifaceted aspects of the region beyond balloons and wineries for a more inclusive community
- Disband the Warburton river reserve committee
- Keep the cars away and turn more land over to promenades
- No logging

- Higher police presence on weekends in Warburton
- Do not overdevelop the area
- Good signposting so people are alerted to places and can go there easily.
- Cyclists are great, but the road edges are not managed in a way that provides safe use by all. Create safer road cycling space on roads
- Actively manage current visitor numbers
- Direct bus route to wineries/tourist sites on weekends starting at Lilydale
- Cyclists should be discouraged.
- See that some of income from tourists goes to the communities in which tourism occurs, not just to local business owners - some/most of whom don't live in those communities
- more activities such as sip and paints, outdoor adventure activities, canyoning, rafting, ziplines, bowling alley, badminton courts, treetop walks, treetop accomodation
- Have a positive and proactive council, as all the locals feel they are useless and getting anything through the planning department is a nightmare. They do their best to deter any progress.
- Night time events and businesses that trade in evenings
- Affordable Family experiences . For young families there's only really healesville sanctuary, the chocolaterie and warburton redwood forest/ water park
- farmers markets
- Design a through-hike like the Dandenong Ranges one
- adventure playgrounds
- focus on attracting high-end tourism
- Face book
- Creative workshops or learn something new weekends (check out The Kiving Wood Fair in Takaka NZ - education and entertaining for the whole family)
- More picnic tables and bbq facilities throughout the region
- Belgrave South needs better tourism
- Electric Vehicle charging stations
- Incentives for businesses to open on weekends to develop thriving town ships
- Beautification and maintenance townships entrances and centres
- You can pay me for more ideas. ;-)
- Better Christmas decorations for Yarra Glen.
- The council supporting tourism is driving local residents out.
- Keep trucks out! Arrange other distribution methods.
- Encourage events similar to the day on the green concerts

- Better parking options.
- Less tourists on days of danger (winds, storms, fire danger)
- Improved public transport = less cars = nicer place to visit
- Foster a genuine appreciation of the environment. Educate about our responsibility for the care and protection of the natural world
- Agricultural showcase
- Healesville needs more car parking
- PUT BINS ALONG ThE RIVER!!!!
- Quality eateries.
- More adventism of things to do
- support wellness initiatives 'Healesville a place of healing, rest and reinvigoration'
- Actually incorporate the local shops and cafes into tourism buses. Not just cafe and restaurants set up just for tourism. Those expensive ones which local don't actually visit or run only seem to serve the tourism buses. They are not owned or run by locals. Most of them are owned by large overseas companies cashing in on our area
- Tourist info centre in Lilydale
- indigenous inclusion
- Upgrade sewerage system
- Encourage and develop more variety of activities, shows, movies, clubs, cafe etc at the Warburton Arts centre.
- Brewery in Warby
- Promotion of walking trails for all abilities
- Tourists are all last minute. They arrive and then google to work out what to do. Encourage some planning and research before they come to have a better experience. Bookings help operators. And not just turning up and expecting the internet to provide the answer to finding something great within 10 min drive of where they are. Covid encouraged bookings but now people seem nervous to commit again and want to just have it all on tap.
- Engage young people!
- More law enforcement during peak tourism times to ensure laws are followed - actually being at the police stations EVER would be a good start
- funding for community markets
- Promote tourism around natural food in the valley (not plastic covered & sprayed strawberries)
- Maintain road infrastructure, its a ness
- Edgewater needs to be dealt with
- Increased and more useful public transport throughout the region, particularly connecting the Warburton Highway to the Maroondah Highway.

- Tree changers go nuts cutting down trees and get piddly fines when they do
- Shuttle buses from town to local attractions
- Signage at Warburton showing how many parking spaces are available particularly at the waterpark and the redwood forest (when the car park is completed)
- Road improvement
- Visitor permit
- More tourist parking in Sassafras
- Ensure the natural beauty of the region is not only preserved, but also expanded. Including becoming stricter about building regulations and management of established plants even on private lands
- Increase focus on eco tourism
- ban Air BnB unless the house is of significant historical interest - e.g. Station Master's house @ Warburton due to housing shortage.
- bus stops that you could actually feel your children could stand on. Tremont to Ferny creek.
- Not an idea, just want to say that coldstream pump track is the best in the country! And that's coming from a lot of good riders
- Think about how to create public transport / in town rentals (day hire) linkages so that tourists do not need to drive in
- Keep the river pristine
- Nothing else comes to mind
- Open garden schemes
- Entry fees to attractions to pay for upkeep
- Less tourists!
- Retreats and day-experiences focussing on health which attract middle/older people to 'rejuvenate & relax' in their otherwise busy routine
- Develop any new infrastructure with the local residents in mind, not the visitors.
- Promote small business, local stores over large companies.
- We could find local artists to have a communal gallery space
- More support for promoting artists
- More farm stay experiences.
- DROP THE TEA AND SCONES IMAGE
- Better road maintenance
- Destination management should be a collective process with local residents. Not something that is done to them by a DMO.
- Fix the roads

- Remove dangerous trees and let people do the same
- We have a reputation as a hill billy backwater for the old and low income
- Nighttime events
- Dog Park closed in pens for large and small dogs
- Better promotion of outdoor activities
- More caravan parks, water parks etc
- Bike paths
- Some beautiful hills festivals...council doesn't seem to do these, like the Knox Stringybark festival
- Stopping councils rorting rate payers and to work and listen with the community
- Local area online specific local wildlife maps eg 1000 Steps to Tremont square-tiled kites, lyrebirds, echidnas, other specific bird species, black snakes, feral deer etc.
- Family friendly night time activities
- Belgrave streetscape redesign to encourage people to stop not accelerate because it is so unappealing
- Tourist attractions
- Crack down on people who leave their bins in the street all week.
- More live music
- Winery open door calendar's for the region.
- Traffic and parking solutions, we do need our main tourist roads all repaired - it is going to happen - but how long will those repairs last till the next landslip? And then are months to years before anything is done. Something more dramatic than a patch job is needed, toilet problems solved, rubbish problems solved, parking problems solved without turning Warburton into one giant car park. Understanding we get bike riders that park first thing in the morning then bike up to Marysville, have lunch there and then return at the end of the day, parking all day and not spending a cent here. A favourite route.
- Provide appropriate infrastructure catering to all
- Manage traffic through Lilydale better
- Encourage discounts for locals and/or special events to promote access for locals and boost knowledge of what's on offer
- Encourage the private owners of the Sanitarium and surrounds to either sell or develop the site.
- Actively manage existing visitors to the town's capacity
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- Better parking at bike track entry points with toilets
- Healesville looks good

- Fun things for kids
- Better swimming facilities in the Yarra
- Stop housing development that doesn't have public transit infrastructure. Warrandyte at school drop off times is horrible

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- The space, the fresh air, the relaxed pace. It has character, and uniqueness is celebrated. We choose not to live in more built up areas because we value the nature surrounding us. Most day to day products and services are available here. We can work here and don't need to commute – spending more time with our kids.
- The area itself has some of the most unique, beautiful features in Victoria, it's amazing
- Village feel.
- Food and wine and places to dine. Beautiful drives amongst rolling green hills with sunsets that paint the picture 'oh what a life'.
- The natural beauty
- Love the nature and the community
- The open spaces & community feel in the towns. Welcoming staff and shop owners
- Proximity to wonderful nature and great relaxed vibe.
- Dear Yarra Valley, You're Amazingly Rich, Relaxing And Versatile. Always Living Life Energetically Year (after year) Love Sharyne.
- Our green landscape and open spaces for walking and enjoying nature are life-enhancing; we also love the proximity to world class wineries.
- I like living in this area as it allows me to escape into a world of natural beauty that recharges my soul
- Striking landscapes
- The natural environment.
- I like the changing of seasons, fresh mountain air and no traffic lights.
- Being so close to nature.
- Amazing natural environment, arts, culture, food and wine region!
- Open space, changes through the seasons, the silver sunlight shining through in the evening after a cleansing shower of rain has been through
- It's an attractive place
- The wildlife and natural environment and the strong community of locals
- Best of both worlds - close to city and country
- Living a free and healthy life in a fantastic climate
- The open but bushy environment, the bike trails, the walking trails and the wineries

- Engaged community, peaceful environment, the benefit of living on the edge of both a vibrant city and natural landscapes that are relatively protection of over development for future generations.
- The natural beauty is right on our doorstep. So many places our kids can play and stay close to home.
- Like the people the local wineries and multiple beverage making facilities
- Everything is at our doorstep, it's a fantastic place to live and experience.
- That my home town is an environmental haven whilst also very cosmopolitan in what it has to offer locals
- The mix of city and country right on your doorstep, providing ample opportunities for everyone to enjoy everything this wonderful region has to offer.
- The trees, hills, clean air and space.
- The beauty of nature, the quiet, the stillness.
- The trees, the sounds of the birds and beautiful waterways.
- The national park is a simple walk from home, Love exercising / walking in it. Many varied attractions close to home to share with visitors
- Closeness to Melbourne but regional in Marysville Beautiful town Mountain biking and hiking
- The community and beauty of the environment
- Having easy access to Warburton trail riding both directions - will be even better when I can get to yarra Glen by bike.
- The natural beauty of the Yarra Valley, including the fresh air and fresh water.
- The peace, quiet and secluded spaces providing privacy and serenity - that includes living on a dirt road.
- I love the clean air and crisp mornings. People are friendly
- Space and fresh air ( when neighbours not burning off). Able to walk into town huge choice of dining options.
- Living on a large property in Warburton gives us privacy and piece and quite. That's what I love about live here the most.
- Nature, peacefulness and open spaces and access to parks and hikes.
- Its so close to everything, yet feels so far away from suburbia.
- Open spaces and wildlife
- I love living in the Hills where the community is friendly, and happy. It's a beautiful natural environment and provides everything I need for a satisfying life.
- Peace and quiet and natural beauty, being able to walk in forest and have land that is private. Friendly locals.
- Access to walking trails, local friends and mountain views

- Our home is our little pocket of paradise. The diversity of every area is wonderful from the rain forests to the farms.
- clear air where you can see a long way, the smell of the dirt, the sounds both near and far and the animals that I share the land with the colours and changes and the variety of landscapes and weathers
- Forests no traffic during week
- Wide open spaces and the wildlife
- Fantastic sense of community, great wineries
- The region is generally a safe environment to live. Shopping is not crowded and parking is generally good. Cleanliness of the region. Some wonderful eateries at wineries. Roads are good but signage is poor
- Opportunity to enjoy the environment: birds, gardens, peaceful, fresh air, culinary delights, art, wineries, walks a relaxing day out to enjoy nature, wine and dine.
- its a spacious and beautiful natural environment, with colourful trees and shrubs made up of "exotics" and deciduous trees, against a backdrop of majestic, towering gum/eucalyptus trees which provide year around interest and beauty.
- I like being close to the State forests and having natural beauty on my doorstep.
- Driving up from UFTG you can feel the stresses disappearing; everything is green, the air is fresh and a feeling of serenity descends.
- The proximity to all season variations in the natural environment including foliage, air quality, bird life and the presence of neighbours with the same values
- Close to Melbourne but still wild and remote in parts
- The amazing variety of opportunities for exploration, indulgence and experience is almost endless. You can go extreme, relax and feel fulfilled in the same afternoon.
- One would say the beauty, when we arrive "home" it's the mountains that makes us feel at home. Also our community feel, we can't go anyway without bumping into to someone we know and having a quick chat. Our local business care and give that old fashion service. I also feel "safe" which is more important than ever. We live on a beautiful property with a rich wildlife and fauna we have to pinch ourselves at times at how lucky we are to live here. It's a secret beauty that still is to be fully discovered.
- I love the peace and quiet of the Yarra Valley and Ranges. I love the forest, river, gardens, art galleries, markets, the friendly locals, businesses.
- My brain is tired Heart is wired Life's demands shrill A drive through green Air so clean Breathe, refill Yarra bliss Soul is kissed Healed
- The unique townships with village feel and great local history and art.
- Living in the Dandenong ranges is such a weight of one's shoulders, leaving behind the hustle and bustle of city life for the sounds and beauty of nature is something that you could never turn away from without leaving your heart behind. My heart is in these hills
- The peace and quiet that allows me to live my life quietly in a caring community

- Community and tranquility
- The potential of the area for tourism and job growth if tourism is nurtured by council to succeed and be supported
- The great walks and nature.
- Within 10 minutes I am surrounded by farms, wineries and nature.
- Beauty of the mountain rainforests, the wildlife and the walking trails running through the area,
- I can be in out of the suburb and into the 'country' within 5 minutes from leaving my house. There are so many options on places to go and things to see.
- The natural environment
- The frequent cackling of kookaburras, whistling of king parrots, bleating of currawongs and carolling of magpies remind you that you are in a natural paradise.
- The scenery
- I love the beautiful nature of our area and that every season is different
- The peace, tranquility and the tall trees.makes me want the Dandenongs as my home forever,
- The open spaces, surrounded by beautiful landscapes, mountains, valleys, parks, creeks, rivers. Yet easy access to work, schools, shops, etc
- I love the community of Warburton, they are like the forgotten town. They have such little bit the sense of never give up and will to survive. The community emplowerment , I love the river and the beauty of the land the waterfalls. The help that red wood community gives
- Close to nature, natural beauty, clean air and friendly locals.
- Connections to community, living with nature, and being a part of one of the most special places in Melbourne.
- Its essentially a screensaver, beautiful everywhere you look. I'm proud to live here but like everywhere, there are some negatives
- I love the peace and quiet, easy access to the National Parks and surrounds.
- The birds chirping in the trees, the fresh smell of the air and the peaceful serenity of nature hugging me.
- Nature and outdoors
- Beautiful place to live and to enjoy the outdoors. Quiet and relaxing place to live.
- That it is not being ruined by developers and at this stage is still very beautiful.
- Access to the beauty of national parks, and world renowned wineries and food
- Peacefulness away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Beautiful surroundings and wonderful wildlife visitors
- The community, forests and the climate
- Being close to nature
- Beautiful fresh air, forests and way of life.

- The natural beauty of the area is simply outstanding!
- The people and friends we have made .We are originally from Queensland and our kids have grown up having great support at school, scouts and CFA in theMonbulk and Ferntree Gully.
- I love the trees, the open spaces and how absolutely beautiful the area is.
- What I like best about living in the Dandenong Ranges is the peace and tranquility of living amongst the beautiful forests, being able to escape and revitalise just by walking down the road to a nearby walking track, and feeling connected to a community that shares my values of protecting the environment.
- Hiking and mountain biking, river
- How's the serenity?! Being able to take a break from the hustle of everyday life and reconnect with yourself and nature.
- The Yarra Valley has many attractions that caters for all ages and tastes. The winery's and Sanctuary are the stand out attractions.
- The natural environment and all that goes with it - trees, birds, walking tails, cycling trails, country / village atmosphere, being part of a community, artisans
- My extended family lives here too. I love the open spaces and natural beauty, trendy atmosphere, changing demographics, access to rural areas, access to metropolitan areas. Great place to work, play and raise kids.
- The scenic drives, Greta meeting locations such as Lilydale Lake and quantity/quality of attractions make the region a must-visit.
- The space, the less than 45min drive to the city, and absolutely beautiful nature and wildlife. A wonderful place for my daughter to grow up.
- I like the restaurants and cafe in the Yarra Valley, food is excellent, staff are friendly and premises are clean.
- Close proximity to bush, cycling trails, great food and drink options AND friendly people servicing same!!
- Having a koala on my front garden
- I love living in the Warburton/Yarra Ranges region for it's clean air and connection to nature.
- A slower pace of life, with direct access to green spaces and the forest, wildlife, and a vibrant artistic community. An old fashioned way of life where we all know and care for one another.
- I love the space, community & lifestyle
- I like the natural beauty: the trees, the birds, the creeks and rivers plus great coffee, food, galleries, libraries and people!
- Within minutes you are transported into the countryside where you can find vineyards, cattle, sheep and chocolate! I love living on the fringe.
- Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges region have lots to offer. I'm close to everything that I need. I felt welcomed when I moved here.

- Incredible views and the feeling that you are secluded and surrounded by nature while not being too far away from other cities.
- Nature, beauty and ease of travel
- The people The environment The history of the area
- The fact that it's usually quite. I moved here to get out of the city. Now locals don't go into town on the weekend because you can't get a car park to get milk at the IGA. I had a staff member of three sugars take his hat off to me once because I bought some pies for lunch and I said I'd take them home to heat up and he couldn't believe I'd come down for lunch on a Saturday Yarra Ranges council, please don't ruin our beautiful town. We're infamous for our nature and wildlife and natural beauty and wonder. People love that We're so close to bush walks and serene views. Don't ruin it. Please don't ruin it.
- The Upper Yarra Valley is one of the most uniquely beautiful places in Australia
- The breathtaking beauty and the wonderful seasonal shifts.
- Strong sense of community and love of the spectacular natural environment. Fabulous cafes, amazing local cinema and unique wildlife ie lyrebirds.
- Yarra ranges has spectacular views, but the best thing is when tourists leave and go home on Sunday afternoon.
- What I love best about living in the Yarra Valley is the kindness of a small town while still being on the doorstep of a metropolis. We have the very best Victoria has to offer and I'd love to share that with the world.
- So many things. It's the air, the view, the people, businesses, smells, weather, ease of getting around.
- It's a beautiful and diverse landscape that feels like home and a holiday all at once.
- Natural beauty Peace and tranquility most of the time Community atmosphere
- Everyday I feel the natural beauty & the serenity it produces in my soul.
- Peacefull Relaxing No stress Quite
- The natural beauty and bushwalks, the Yarra river, great primary schools
- The peace and quiet during the week and the natural beauty
- The beauty and serenity of the Yarra Valley and Dandenong's region with rolling hills, vineyards, forests and scenic drives makes it a perfect place to live
- Surrounded by natural beauty, in a small town of friendly people where we support each other and value the community, what's not to love.
- Living in the Dandenong Ranges is like being on holiday every day. I'm immersed in the natural world and the sounds of the bush dominate.
- Being surrounded by such beauty, able to breath in amazingly fresh air and being part of a caring, nurturing community.
- I like the environment, the sense of community and artistic elements of the community

- Breathtaking natural beauty, world class food, wine and outdoor activities on the doorstep of a metropolis of 5 million people, and still under the radar...
- Yarra Valley-you lit the flame Scenic lookouts, wildlife, orchards and trees.. To live here I feel blessed Yarra Valley you are the best
- I like living in the Yarra Valley because there are many opportunities around from natural landscapes to businesses producing great wine and produce.
- We're far enough away from the mainstream metro area, but close enough if we need anything, and our air quality is great!
- The beauty of the region, fresh mountain air and nature
- Space, Clean air
- As soon as you hit the round about in Montrose the air is fresh and colour hits you I can breathe.
- I love the stunning beauty driving into the valley - the distant blue grey hills, rolling green pastures and lush vineyards. Good for the soul!
- The constant work on my property to regenerate native bush and make it a sustainable home for the plants and animals (incl birds, insects, etc) that reside on my property. They were here first and have the right to be respected, not gawked at by unthinking tourists!
- I love the beauty of it, no traffic, less people, not population/buidling dense.
- Great access to mountain biking in a beautiful area
- I like that it feels like the best of both worlds, on the edge of the city and the country life at the same time
- THE PEACEFUL RELAXED ENVIRONMENT.
- It's fantastic but unrealised potential to develop into the go to location in Victoria for visitors and tourists
- Yarra Valley Ranges Vibe! Beautiful location and wonderful community spirit. Like a breath of fresh air every time we go!
- Golden dappling light, as near as you'll get to flight. Flickering warm hues, Imitating rolling mountainous blue cubes This is why I choose - The Valley
- The stunning views and natural environment, the small-town historic vibe that I would very much like to be maintained. The art galleries and cultural events.
- I love the dust from people roaring up my street, electricity going off constantly, annoying fire sirens, constant threat of branches/trees falling on me.
- I love the big open sky, the variety of birds and sounds and the green of the fields. the mountains and the many creeks. no matter where i travel i never lose the happy emotion of driving home
- I love the river. The way it winds itself though town. It is the life force of my town.
- I love the super easy connection to nature, animals, art and great food!
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- That there is still so much open space so close to home
- Walking through the grandeur of the Mountain Ash forests and treefern-lined gullies to build an appetite for the delicacies at the wineries and cafes.
- Due to its magnificent environment and lifestyle , the Yarra Valley is one of the most beautiful and pleasant places in Australia to visit and to live in.
- It's relatively away from the busy city but close enough if required. A getaway at home is always peaceful and serene.
- I love the beauty and calming effect of its nature combined with the friendliness of all the little thriving townships.
- The mountains, the areas rich local history and how we have what we appreciate today (we don't hear much of this!), diversity with environment, agriculture and other local businesses.
- Being able to live as part of the forest, magical!
- Being close to nature and friendly locals
- Living in a place with amazing nature and culture, and being close enough to all my friends in my community to be able to gather often, with great food and wine.
- Beauty and tranquillity of a unique environment makes returning home exciting.
- The Valley is beautiful and calm.
- The beauty, serenity, and natural environment makes it the best place in our country to live.
- I have it all - homespun values, vegetation, birds and animals. I can eat out daily. I am close to Melbourne's attractions, family and the airport.
- Less crowded
- The wide open spaces, feeling that you are in a rural setting surrounded by friendly locals, but still able to access 'city' amenities and services
- I like the community feel, I like its position, not too far from the city yet close to the country and the activities available to us.
- The relative quiet and peaceful environment
- Beauty of the natural environment and ability to access most services within a short drive. The locals are friendly and a sense of community prevails
- I live in a beautiful part of the world. My town is not too big or small. Access to great food wine music. Forests and rivers on my doorstep.
- What I like best about living here is that you feel like you are in another country within your country. We are all connected to each other as a caring community and look after our community. We need a First Nations Cultural Center at the Olinda Golf course site to complete the puzzle for all of us living and loving here.
- Seeing the hot air balloons from my front verandah early in the morning and hearing the colourful birds screeching overhead. We live in paradise!
- The natural beauty. The people.

- The abundance of wildlife and how happy hearing the kookaburras and magpies sing. Yarra Ranges has amazing animals.
- grew up in this area. Ideal place to raise a family
- There is still a sense of small town community, care for others wellbeing and regional pride, especially for those involved in the 2009 fires.
- The wide open spaces, fresh air scented with eucalyptus, cut grass. The gently movement of leaves in the breeze. Tractors, farm animals, simplicity!
- There's space, light and ease of movement here accompanied by outstandingly beautiful vistas - all good for one's spirit!
- Clean fresh air with local shops and activities on your door step
- No hustle and bustle like inner suburbia. We enjoy the slower pace of small towns and friendly locals
- Rural aspect and experiences near to a large city
- I can immerse myself in nature; spend quality time with people I love in amazing locations; enjoy the region's best wines; what's not to love!?
- We love living among the mountain ash and tree ferns, breathing the clean fresh air, and watching the birds and native wildlife.
- Fresh air. Plenty of space. Close to city and country.
- Fresh air, unique mountain ranges, tranquillity of the Birrarong, local flora & fauna, breathtaking sunsets, complemented by access to culture, excellent food and tourist activities.
- Country life with easy access to Melbourne and the airport. Wonderful healthy outdoor activities.
- The natural beauty of the area. There is so much to explore and experience. The people are so kind and caring, it really feels like a close community.
- The valley views on a crisp morning
- Fresh clean air, misty foggy mornings, rolling hills, open fireplaces in cozy cafes and restaurants. Unique wildlife and walking trails. Simply the best!
- The region boasts a bewildering confection of things to do depending on your every mood. Feeling chill - got you covered. Hungry - take your pick. Got an artsy twinge - follow me. Nature walk anyone - where does it end! I love this place heart and soul. Moving here was nothing short of a triumph for our family.
- Country feel but close to city. Scenery. Peacefulness. Ability to live on farm and go out horse riding
- The fresh air, the fresh food and the beautiful wine
- The Yarra River
- Cause baby, there ain't no mountain high enough Ain't no valley low enough, ain't no river wide enough To keep me from getting to you!

- I choose to live in the Dandenong ranges for the natural beauty, open spaces and fresh air. We have it all and the views to go with it!
- The trees, the scenery, the lack of lots of infrastructure and people.
- The natural beauty, the native flora and fauna, that it feels like I'm at an Airbnb whenever I go home.
- The amazing landscape and national parks that are right on our doorstep to be able to get outdoors and be surrounded by nature.
- Natural beauty of the mountains and easy access to the river.
- The friendliness and proximity to nature. When I've been inner-city, it feels overwhelming, I always take a deep breath as I arrive home.
- The lifestyle, the people, the magnificent surroundings. The feeling of living in a beautiful piece of Victoria.
- I have nature on my doorstep, delicious food in every town, and a feeling of freedom from the busyness of the world.
- Beauty of the valley with its mix of nature and variety of farming. The friendly community with active community groups and enthusiasm to support each other. Quality and variety of activities, venues, shops, cafes and restaurants.
- Everyday, despite everything else, its the beauty that surrounds you.
- The natural beauty is amazing!
- Welcoming friendly locals, fantastic environment for families. Great public land with different uses, Melb Water reserves, fabulous public parks, numerous trails - walking and MTB trails.
- I love the natural beauty, low traffic, peacefulness, sense of community. Would not like to see this lost
- The Natural beauty
- Easy access to interesting places to visit.
- I love living amongst the trees, surrounded by green and away from the urban jungle.
- Trees
- It's green
- Native flora and fauna and ability to get involved in community.
- Clean air, to build a house that was subsequently arsons to below stumps by local criminals in O'Shannessy council ward. Donna Buang spring water,
- I love the natural beauty, serene views and peace and quiet of the Yarra Valley. I breath more deeply when I come home.
- I love the open space and variety of activities and experiences available
- Nature and the ease of creating beautiful gardens
- Fresh air, beautiful views and good weather.accessibility to transport, shopping & entertainment. Close to attractions, parks & wildlife. The place to be!

- The scenery, wildlife and clean environment. Everyday living here has a holiday vibe.
- I love driving to work in the early morning and seeing the sun rise over the mountain
- The wildlife, the space, the forests,
- Ahhh... the amazing views! Coming home to the Yarra Valley, I can feel my shoulders relax and am able to breath just that bit deeper.
- The Yarra Ranges represent the jewel of Victoria's landscape affording locals and tourists the amazing scenic opportunity of discovery, appreciation of Australian cultures and self-renewal
- Great place to bring up the kids
- The combination of forested mountains, the Yarra River, and walking tracks make this area one of the most picturesque areas in Australia.
- Beautiful local villages with Australian owned shops, restaurants and products. Close by to nature walks that are easily accessible, and well maintained.
- I love this smalltown feeling of Healesville, and I'm delighted by the local arts and wine scene
- The peaceful ambience and the diverse gardens of the area. Also the abundance of cafes and other dining place set in great surroundings
- Quaint towns, hiking in nature and pretty gardens are what I love the most... Yarra Ranges and the Dandenongs have plenty to boast!
- It's the most beautiful part of Victoria. Open, clean and free from residential encroachment.
- The mountain views, the wildlife, and 4 generations of my family history
- The Yarra valley is rich with history and so many activities, from four wheel driving to walks amongst the old timber mining industry which once thrived it has something for everyone on offer. The worlds best vineyards, pubs and local music you'll find something for everybody here topped off with the most magical scenery why live anywhere else
- Its very hard to pick one thing that I like the best; the scenery, the serenity, the fresh air, the natural beauty. I love all of it.
- The mountains, rivers & locals
- An awesome variety of natural beauty and a vast array of local quality produce and products
- I love the diversity: beautiful nature, great restaurants, thought-provoking galleries, tiny rural towns, high quality accommodation and stunning camping grounds. It's all here!
- I love being surrounded by nature and having a slower pace of life.
- Natural environment. Trees. Lack of development in Green Wedge. Eating places and coffee. Wine.
- Living in the Green Wedge, with easy access to the city when required.
- The natural beauty is astounding - with so much variety in towns and places to visit. Great community spirit.
- It's natural beauty. We just need the right facilities to help accommodate this and using events to attract those who don't realise we have what we have out here.

- The forest and the wildlife birds
- I love that I can hike through badger weir surrounded by beauty, then be sipping on G&T's and listening to music in the afternoon.
- This beautiful region of Victoria is ever changing, each day brings a new delight. The people, the wildlife, the scenery amaze me everyday.
- Stunning scenery and access to nature at your back-door, along with friendly locals and lots of fantastic shops
- We live in one of the most naturally beautiful places in the world. We're fortunate to have hills, rivers, wetlands, forests and lakes so close by but can reach the city in under an hour. We have great cafes and shopping strips, an abundance of healthcare clinics and Healesville and Maroondah Hospitals. We love raising our family here and never want to live anywhere else
- The fresh air while riding through beautiful green forest trails followed by excellent coffee and lunch at amazing cafes takes me to my happy place.
- Having moved here in 2022 I've found the local community in the Upper Yarra to be so friendly and welcoming.
- The aesthetic of the area is devine. Apart from the overhead powerlines
- So beautiful in the forest and rural Environments. Residents care for and Encourage Nature Investing Their souls and Yearning for peace.
- The best part of living in the Yarra Valley is the fresh air and close access to places like Healesville Sanctuary and the wineries.
- The environment and the space, the state parks and the mtb trails.
- Beautiful tranquility, local river and to live in the country with having access to Shopping centres, hospitals and train station within 30min to an hour.
- Driving on the Warburton Highway, seeing the beautiful place we live in and sighing I'm home
- The ambience.
- Living in the Yarra Valley and Dandenong Ranges is breath taking! Everywhere you look has shades of green, rolling hills, tall forests and a daily soundtrack sung by kookaburras, cockatoos, magpies and other birds. Your shapely landscape, which is beautiful at every turn; crisp fresh air, the sense of adventure and that's not even starting the food and wine.
- The natural scenery and plenty of destinations to visit as a family
- The bush, walking tracks and wildlife. Being a part of a local community recognised and spoken too is so important. CONNECTION sums it up.
- Breathtaking scenery, quaint towns to explore, fabulous playgrounds and water play areas.
- The quiet simplicity of my lifestyle.
- I like the peace and quiet and the natural surroundings.
- The beautiful surroundings and fresh air
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- Living in the Yarra Valley, we are surrounded by the beauty of nature. The opportunity to lead a full life with great opportunities and treasured memories.
- An amazing place that is packed full of arts, culture and delicious cafes & restaurants, award winning wineries and nature to explore.
- I love the natural surroundings and the wildlife. I love the peace and quiet of living in the hills. I wouldn't live anywhere else.
- From the majestic mountain ash in the forest, to hundred-year-old oaks in the gardens, I am awe-struck by the beauty of the Dandenongs' trees.
- I love living in the Yarra valley. I especially love living in Warburton before the over tourism it was the quite and the peaceful. Untouched bush and crystal clean rivers. The community is strong and is there for one another through all the natural disasters of fires, floods and storms and even now over tourism.
- It's beautiful, quiet during the week
- Surrounded by nature, treasured places, respected and supported by wonderful and diverse communities that care.
- It's peaceful mainly , lovely place to live
- Away from suburbia.

It's green