

SECTOR SPECIFIC

surveys & workshops

The sector specific section of the Community Plan Your Visions was developed to engage specific sections of the community.

The groups were either engaged by a survey or through workshops.

The information on how the data was collected is outlined for each group.

The full data is available on the Surf Coast Shires website, www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au

ENVIRONMENT

Workshop Results

This workshop was attended by 25 participants: (1 – Bellbrae) (3 – Freshwater Creek) (1 – Torquay) (6 – Anglesea) (2 – Jan Juc) (5 – Aireys Inlet) (1 – East Melbourne) (3 – Lorne) (1 – Hawthorne) (1 – Freshwater Creek) (1 – Deans Marsh)

WHAT'S GOOD, What the Shire Does Well

ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS AND SCHEMES

Number of land care groups is impressive.
Neighbourhood Environment and Improvement Program.
Biodiversity Conservation Incentive Scheme.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

More environmental education at schools, children are more appreciative of environmental issues.
More information available (eg weed booklet) & improved community awareness.

COUNCIL SUPPORT

Council support through grants and planning.

CONSERVATION AND REGENERATION

Indigenous species are being replanted.
Numerous locations are being improved by groups and schemes.
Existing natural bushland.

ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES ARE BECOMING MORE COMMONPLACE

Use of grey water and Solar panels has increased.
There are green plumbers now.

WHAT'S NOT GOOD

PLANNING AND ENFORCEMENT

Lack of green building considerations, and poor enforcement of existing ones.
Not enough enforcement of by laws, protection of public, private land.

INSUFFICIENT COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR GROUPS AND EDUCATION ABOUT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Lack of incentives for environmental awareness.
Lack of information, for new residents and visitors.
Council does not encourage use of green cars

power, products.

PRESSURES FROM TOURISM, DEVELOPMENT

Too much rampant development, associated problems with waste, drainage. Sensitive areas suffer.

NOT ENOUGH RECYCLING

Insufficient recycling, no financial incentives for green bins, this impacts on fire preparedness.

NOT ENOUGH RESOURCES/FUNDING

Lack of resources impacts on groups ability to maintain the environment.

PRIORITIES

PLAN, DEVELOP AND LIVE FOR SUSTAINABILITY

Incorporate environmental issues into planning schemes to minimise environmental impact.
Maintain water quality and improve drainage.

ENFORCE STRICTER CONTROLS

Better controls needed of horses, dogs, cats, trail bikes. More council support to control weeds, trailbikes, rabbits, blackberries, cats, foxes.

Environmental weed awareness and controls.

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE FUTURE BY WORKING TOGETHER

To ensure future generations can enjoy the area, encourage communication between groups.

CURB DEVELOPMENT

Retain existing town boundaries.
Maintain open space and natural places.
Place more conditions on new developments to ensure environmental protection.
Regenerate, Revegetate, Educate.
Recognise significant roadside vegetation. Learn from indigenous cultures, educate residents and visitors.
Plant indigenous species.

OLDER PEOPLE'S

Workshop Results

This Workshop was attended by 20 participants: (16 – Anglesea) (2 – Freshwater Creek) (2 – Airey's Inlet)

WHAT'S GOOD, What the Shire Does Well

SERVICES FOR THE AGED:

Home care, home help, meals on wheels, the medical and nursing service.

THE PEOPLE WE LIVE WITH:

The community spirit.

Volunteer clubs and groups - CFA, Red Cross, Ambulance.

COMMUNITY CENTRES:

The Community House.
The Senior Citizens Rooms.

WHAT'S NOT GOOD

SAFETY:

Lack of police.

Lack of bushfire preparedness and hazard reduction.

Road safety – there are no safe crossing places on the Great Ocean Road.

INFRASTRUCTURE - PATHS, NATURE

STRIPS & SEATING:

There is a lack of footpaths, existing paths are not maintained. Nature strips are

overgrown and dangerous.

Street lighting is inadequate.

There are not enough seats along paths and at bus stops.

INFRASTRUCTURE – ROADS, DRAINAGE, PUBLIC TOILETS:

State of roads is poor, drainage is inadequate.

Public toilets lack maintenance and signs.

PRIORITIES

ACCOMMODATION FOR THE ELDERLY:

Construction of the Anglesea Hostel needs to be hastened.

Accommodation for the elderly needs to be considered a priority.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS:

Pedestrian crossings are needed, especially on the highway and Great Ocean Road.

ROADS, FOOTPATHS & SEATS:

Roads need to be improved for general safety, and traffic controls need to be reviewed (roundabout in Anglesea).

Seats need to be installed along pathways.

Paths need to be installed and maintained.

BUSINESS

Workshop Results

64 Responses Shire wide (9 – Airey's Inlet) (7 – Anglesea) (2 – Deans Marsh) (14 – Lorne) (1 – Moriac) (23 – Torquay) (7 – Winchelsea) (1 – Not stated)

WHAT'S GOOD, What the Shire Does Well

TOWNSHIP

The People who live with us and support our businesses, the location of towns, local employment, the environment, the provision of goods and services locally.

TOURISM

Tourism continues to grow and support our local businesses.

ADVERTISING, INFORMATION

DISSEMINATION

Local media, the Lorne Website, local tourism groups share information, growing awareness of the Surf Coast, people utilising the visitor information centre.

WHAT'S NOT GOOD

INFRASTRUCTURE

Roads and footpaths, parking and loading zones are inadequate; signage and public facilities such as toilets and shelters are poor.

TOURISM AND BUSINESS IMPACTS

Business running costs are high, often prohibitive. Staff accommodation is expensive and the seasonal nature of

the area impacts on employment.

COUNCIL

Support is often lacking, there are too many regulations, the rates are too high.

NEED AN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

There is not enough industrial, commercial space available.

NOT ENOUGH VARIETY

Need a greater variety of businesses and shops to service the area.

PRIORITIES

INFRASTRUCTURE

Control, improve and clarify signage. Improve and widen pathways, improve roads and traffic flows and controls such as lights, crossings and roundabouts.

Improve parking facilities for both traders and customers.

CREATE MORE INDUSTRIAL,

COMMERCIAL LAND,

More rural subdivision is needed.

An Industrial estate for Torquay, expansion of available commercial zoning,

and increase availability of office space. Rural areas need more development and access to growth.

BE MORE TOURIST FRIENDLY

Encourage more diverse attractions and provide regular public transport along the coast to Geelong. Improve and simplify marketing to increase visitor awareness.

Encourage local acceptance and welcoming of tourists, provide better facilities such as public toilets, shelters.