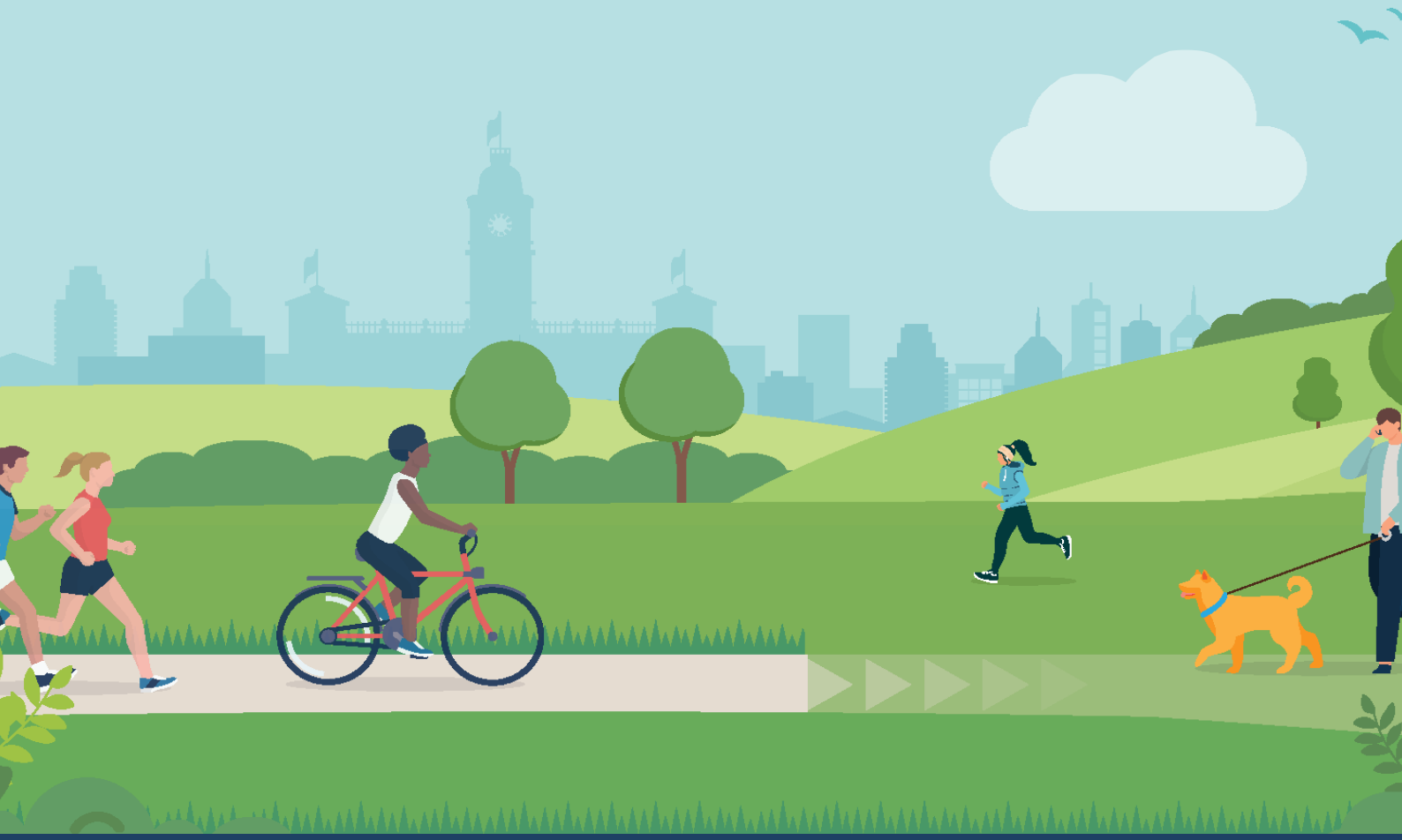
Footpath Construction Strategy
What We Heard



The Ballarat Footpath Construction Strategy prioritises future footpath network improvements across the municipality. Access to key destinations such as schools, shops, meeting places and playgrounds are considered by the Strategy. Improving connections, community health, economic activity and safety are key outcomes of the Strategy.

The City of Ballarat gathered community insights about the use of footpaths in Ballarat to inform its first Footpath Construction Strategy, to better understanding the needs of the community.

This document provides an overview of the responses we received.

What's next?

The draft Footpath Construction Strategy will be a robust evidence-based framework for prioritising future footpath improvements. The aim is to maximise the community benefit from each investment Council makes in Ballarat's footpath network.

Following public exhibition, the Strategy will be revised based on community feedback and presented to Council for adoption in July/August 2024.

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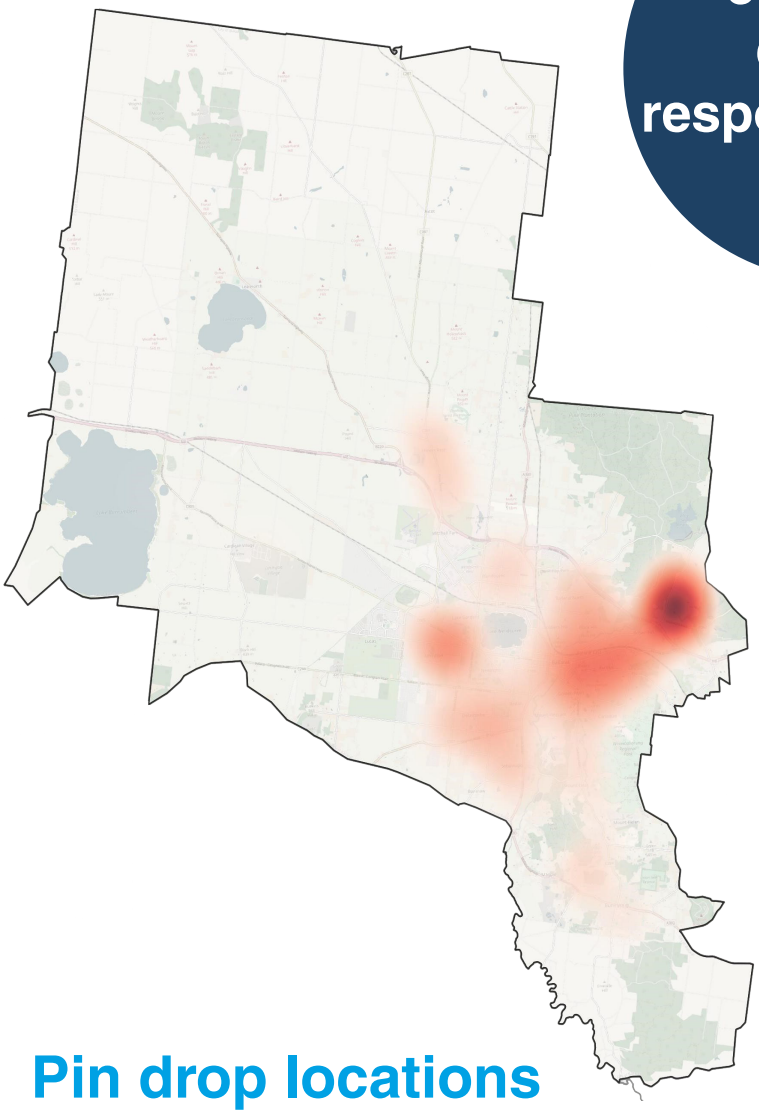
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465 Ballarat residents shared their thoughts on the footpath network

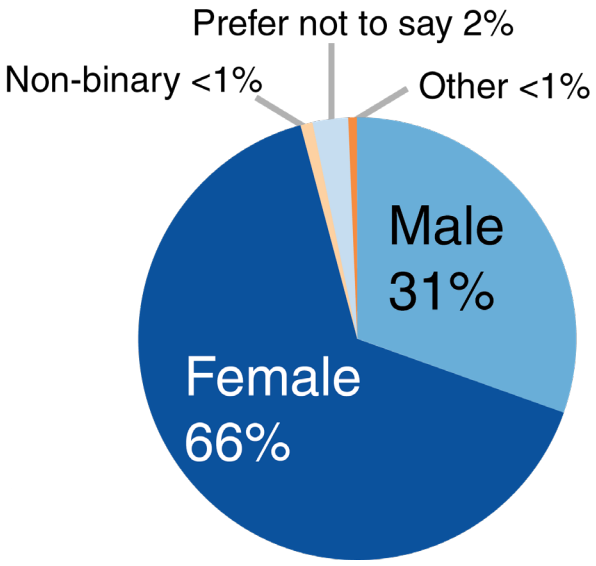
57% had caring responsibilities

46% had a physical impairment or mental health condition

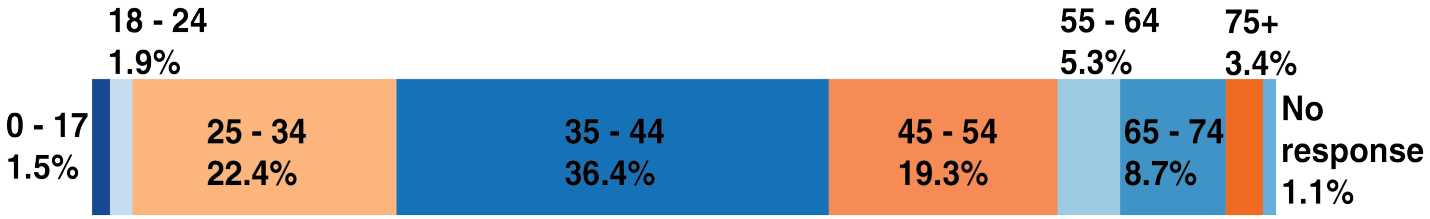


Pin drop locations

Gender



Age groups



Top 5 ways we move

- Walking
- Bicycle (manual)
- Scooter (manual)
- Running
- Pushing a pram

Why we use footpaths



Exercise



Leisure, Nature



Transport

Parents and carers of children often use footpaths for games and play

Those under 24 very often use footpaths to access public transport

Top features we value in footpaths

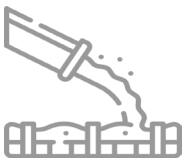
The Footpath Construction Strategy is about gaps



Although connectivity is a key issue, there are other issues which affect the network



Condition



Surface



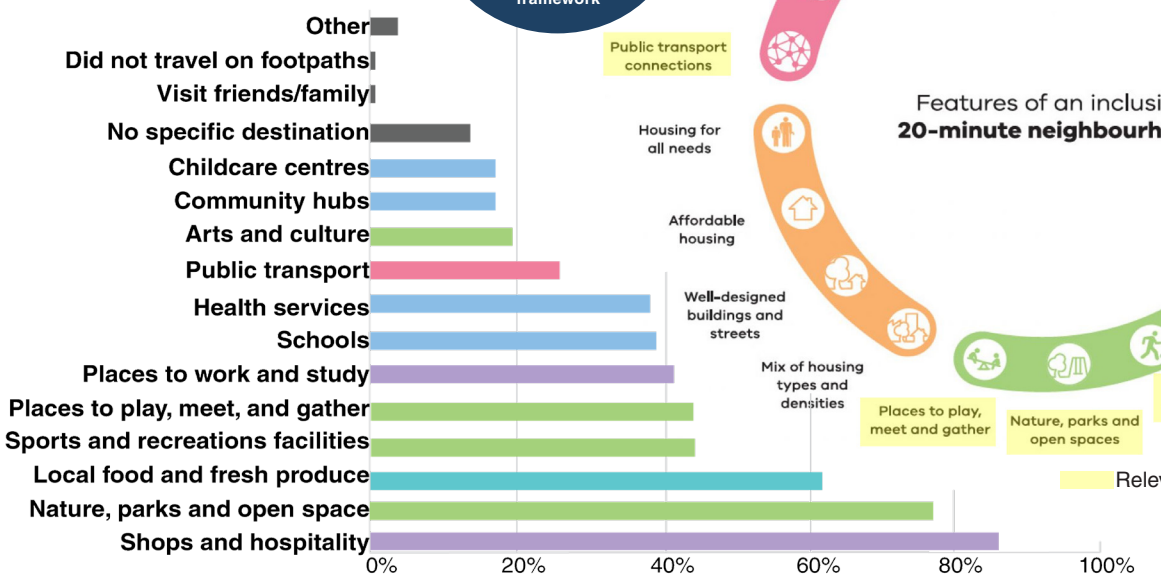
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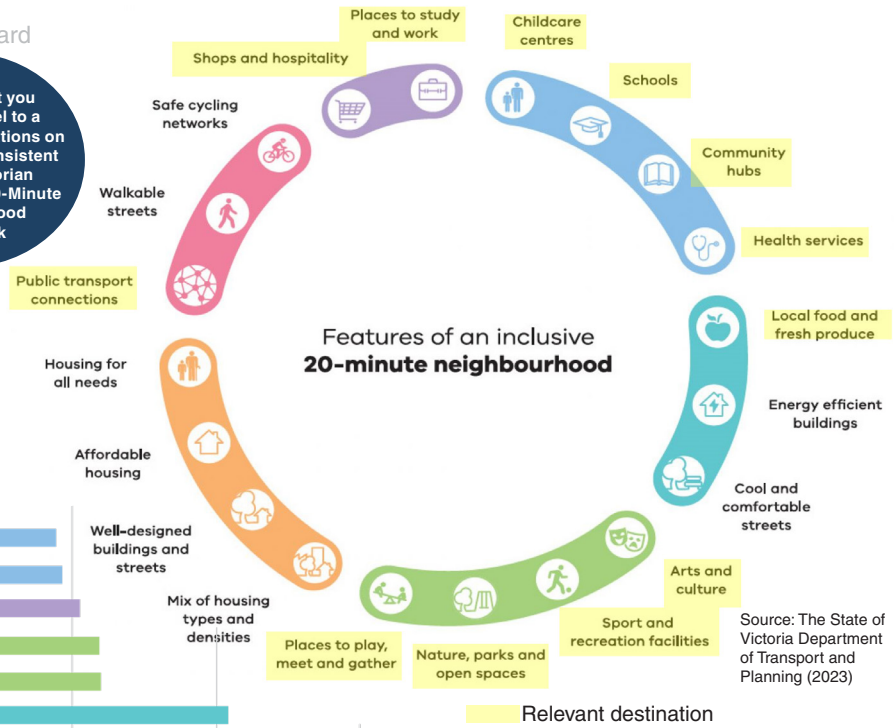


Safety

Where we go

We heard that you regularly travel to a variety of destinations on the footpath, consistent with the Victorian Government's 20-Minute Neighbourhood framework





Source: The State of Victoria Department of Transport and Planning (2023)

Other comments we heard

Streets that do not have footpaths in the immediate vicinity of aged care, and similar facilities, and that create a link to facilities, shops, and parks need to have a high priority

We have very limited access to footpaths in Warrenheip. Considering how dangerous people drive around our area, I just want to feel safe when I walk the dog and pushing my daughter in the pram.

People should have the option to choose walking wherever they go in our city - and it should be a safe option

Footpaths need to be both sides of the street, sick of crossing the road to use the footpath

It's imperative that all schools have safe footpath access if we are to keep our children fit, healthy, and to reduce our environmental impact

I feel that paving missing links between populated/residential areas and shopping centres is important

We encourage physical activity and would like all children to have the best opportunities to getting to and from school in a safe way

How we reached the community

31% survey
264 contributions

69% social map
580 contributions

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