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THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT								
Open Space								
Outdoor public spaces that support active lifestyles, eg public exercise equipment for older residents, sports fields for youth	X		X			X	X	Active outdoor space is very important to many demographic groups living in Yarra
Green open space is very important to our lives in Yarra	X		X		X	X	X	
Clean streets are very important to us	X	X	X				X	Many of the older participants mentioned that clean streets are important to their enjoyment of living in Yarra
PEOPLE AND HOUSING								
Community services and activities								
Accessible home visit services to support 'aging in place'		X					X	Older participants overwhelmingly said that 'Yarra is my home. I want to stay here as I age'. This meant providing accessible living spaces, community service support and accessible transport and shopping.
Shared community facilities and spaces are vital to wellbeing and community cohesion	X	X	X		X	X	X	Shared community spaces, such as community hubs for older residents, youth and creative groups, were considered a vital priority by most participants
We have noticed an increase in homelessness. Provide emergency housing and support to reduce this problem			X		X	X	X	Many participants noted an anecdotal increase in homelessness
Increasing street lighting is important in making us feel safe								
Community gardens are important to our wellbeing		X				X	X	



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Residential housing								
Provide housing options to support an aging population, including accessible housing design and nursing homes	X	X			X		X	
We worry that housing affordability (buying and/or renting) will reduce diversity		X	X	X	X	X	X	Nearly all participants mentioned their worry that Yarra is becoming unaffordable to many of its diverse residents, and that this threatens Yarra's identity
Development respecting existing heritage and buildings	X	X	X	X				A lot of participants agreed that they like the look of the heritage buildings, but that other considerations such as accessibility are more important
Prioritise the preservation of heritage buildings for aesthetic value	X							Although most participnts agreed that heritage buildings look nice, only one group indicated that they are interested in preserving heritage as a priority. Most of the participants preferred living spaces that are practical for their needs and have good amenity.
We like new apartment blocks because they have good living amenity		X					X	Many participants were supportive of new apartment blocks because they value good amenity in their living spaces. This attitude was especially prevelant with immigrant residents who have sought asylum in Australia
We are worried that new apartment blocks built in our neighbourhood reduce our access to the sun and the sky		X	X		X		X	Quite a few participants have experienced significant shading over their homes as a result of new developments. This impacts very negatively on their lives.
New developments must respect the neighbourhood around them			X					
We prefer public housing to be 'salt and peppered' among private housing, rather than in segregated communitiies				X	X		X	
Sustainable elements are encouraged in apartment blocks (eg, solar panels to reduce costs, grey water for gardens)						X	X	
Cultural Diversity								
Ensure that the distinctive Yarra 'creative' community is supported	X		X					
Yarra's identity is about diversity. Retaining this mix is paramount.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
BUSINESSES AND EMPLOYMENT								
Consider innovative business models that encourage diversity, eg pop-up shops for small artisan businesses, social enterprises			X	X				
Local proximity to shops and services to enable easy access for (both physically and economically) less mobile residents	X	X				X	X	
We encourage the vibrant face and restaurant industry that Yarra is known for		X						
ACCESS AND MOVEMENT								



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Our perceptions of being unsafe limit our travel around Yarra. This particularly relates to the Victoria St 'drug problem'.		X	X		X	X	X	Many residents mentioned that they feel unsafe in Yarra, particularly at night. This is particularly related to the perception of the drug use in Victoria St as well as a lack of street lighting in some areas. Some participants suggested that community activities in shared spaces reduces this perception.
Remove fences and have wayfinding signs to integrates housing estate with community						X		
Improve street accessibility for the less mobile (disability access, different modes eg cycling, walking, public transport, wheelchairs)	X	X				X	X	
Low cost and accessible parking for local residents and workers	X		X			X	X	A lack of car parking for locals and workers was noted by many participants as a negative aspect of Yarra
Improve traffic congestion	X	X	X			X		
Improved road safety eg for cyclist	X	X					X	
GENERAL PLANNING FEEDBACK								
Educating community about current and future developments and its benefits throughout planning process				X				
Better partnerships between business, council and community will make a big difference to development outcomes	X			X	X	X		
Council communication with the community about planning decisions is very important to us	X							
Clear and consistent planning guidelines that are strongly adhered to throughout the planning process				X				
Having a faster and less prescriptive planning approval system				X				
Better education about planning for Council decision-makers				X				