



# Integrated Transport

Safe, resilient and sustainable transport for people and businesses



The flood damage that has occurred to Victorian roads in recent times has highlighted the need to proactively invest in critical infrastructure – both for day-to-day use and in times of emergency.

With extreme weather events increasing in frequency and intensity, communities are seeing roads deteriorate faster, creating serious safety hazards for users – particularly unmade roads.

The Commonwealth Government's increased investments into local roads is welcome, and will contribute to **building safer roads** that are more **resilient to natural disasters**. This includes increases to Roads to Recovery, Black Spot Program, Safer Local Roads and Infrastructure Program.

Further, the Victorian Government has taken welcome steps to achieve better connectivity through activity hubs that provide for **greater uptake of more sustainable transport options** – including public transport, cycling and walking.

## Yarra Ranges: Opportunities and Challenges

Yarra Ranges' Integrated Transport Strategy (ITS), *Connected*, sets the direction for Council to work with other levels of government over the next 20 years, to deliver transport infrastructure that is **safer, healthier, well-connected, sustainable and inclusive**.

Our region covers the largest area of any metropolitan council in Victoria, and so reliance on roads is significant. Sealing our extensive network of dangerous unmade roads remains a priority.

To ease pressure on the road network, Council has also developed a range of programs through the ITS to provide more attractive options for trips to be taken by foot, bicycle and/or public transport, as well as traffic management projects to make our roads safer.

Together, these programs will provide accessible transport options, promote physical activity and make our communities safer.

Yarra Ranges Council	Victoria Government	Commonwealth Government
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated Transport Strategy</li> <li>• Liveable Climate Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Victorian Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030</li> <li>• Victorian Cycling Strategy 2018-2028</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030</li> <li>• National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy</li> <li>• Infrastructure Investment Program</li> </ul>

The following initiatives have been developed in line with the strategies of Yarra Ranges Council and the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments. They provide for greater connectivity around key townships, expanded transport options, and a more resilient and reliable road network and drainage system that supports our freight industries and community emergency preparedness.

The proposed scale of each program is designed to maximise efficiencies in cost and delivery, however, programs can be tailored to any level of funding commitment.

Initiative	Requirements (Investment and Policy)
★ <b>Road sealing and maintenance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding to seal Yarra Ranges' network of dangerous unsealed roads, which account for 40% of the Council-managed network</li> <li>Maintenance and upgrades of state-managed roads – including Monbulk Road, Warburton Highway, York Road and Canterbury Road – that support freight and emergency preparedness</li> </ul>
★ <b>Drainage and flood mapping</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of a Flood Information Framework and release of flood mapping data by state agencies and water authorities, to support effective and consistent infrastructure planning</li> <li>Investment in flood mitigation and drainage infrastructure</li> </ul>
★ <b>Lilydale Revitalisation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Duplication of the Lilydale railway line between Mooroolbark and Lilydale; construction of a new station at Cave Hill to reduce bottlenecks and provide for an increase in users with 3,000 new dwellings to be developed in the 800m catchment area.</li> <li>Lilydale Bypass, which would divert traffic from Main Street, transforming it into a safer, quieter, high-quality 'green' environment, with more transport options.</li> </ul>
<b>Footpath program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$27 million to deliver approximately 52km of priority footpath links across Yarra Ranges would improve access to key destinations such as aged care facilities, community facilities, schools, public transport, and shopping precincts.</li> </ul>
<b>Pedestrian Crossing program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$6 million to deliver key pedestrian crossing upgrade projects would support the Footpath Program and key trail networks that underpin Yarra Ranges' tourism offerings. This includes links across ngurrak barring (formerly Ridgewalk, part of Yarra Ranges' world-class Ridges and Rivers project); Warburton Rail Trail; and one key link in Healesville.</li> </ul>
<b>Traffic Management program</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$1 million to deliver priority traffic management projects across Yarra Ranges would reduce traffic speed along local streets and improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists. Includes: installation of road humps, raised pavements, raised school crossings, pedestrian infrastructure upgrades as well as parking and road upgrades.</li> </ul>

### ★ Priority initiative

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