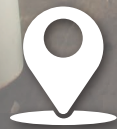




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OUR PLACE

Most residents rate Warrnambool highly as a place to live. Surveys consistently show residents are satisfied with the appearance of the City's public spaces and their access to infrastructure. Liveability is high.

Residents report high levels of satisfaction with recreational facilities and open spaces, however satisfaction regarding footpaths, roads and streets has dropped.

How are we faring?

What is going well in Warrnambool now? (strengths)

- 25 plus years of residential land supply
- Our population is growing – population forecasts show Warrnambool will have more than 46,000 residents by 2036 (30% larger than today)
- Demand for housing is increasing - Warrnambool will need an additional 5000 dwellings by 2031 (an increase of 34% from 2011)
- The last decade has seen a network of activity centres grow across the City to serve current and future needs of the local communities and the broader catchment
- 73% houses are within 400m of a playground
- High level of open space amenity and accessibility, with over 200 areas of public open space
- Resident's Satisfaction with the Appearance of Public Areas is high – 78% which is similar to Victoria (76%)
- Most residents (95%) rate Warrnambool as a pleasant environment, with nice streets, well planned, open spaces (compared to Victoria 83%)
- Access to quality arts and cultural facilities

What needs improvement? (challenges)

- Providing for smaller household sizes – approximately 3,000 new houses will be required for 2 or less people by 2031
- Houses are getting bigger – nearly half of all new houses are 4 bedroom, mostly in the City's growth areas.
- Shortage of housing in established areas – over three-quarters of the remaining residential land is located within growth areas
- Housing affordability and diversity – given the region's ageing population and expected smaller household sizes, need to make sure future residents have choice in housing options and access to services in their local area
- Access to open space is not equitable. Some areas have less access to open space, shared pathways and access to our waterways than others
- Healthier transport – improving environments which support walking, cycling and public transport within and between our neighbourhoods, and outlying towns such as Woodford/Bushfield and Allansford.

Council's Goals

- To create a sustainable City that allows people to walk or cycle to access their everyday needs and contributes to opportunities for social interaction, community building and overall health and wellbeing
- That development in Warrnambool supports the consolidation of the City's footprint, and contributes to economic, social and environmental sustainability
- To develop an open space network that protects natural and cultural environments and contributes positively to biodiversity and water quality.
- To provide a diverse, well-connected network of parks that residents can access close to home.
- To locate new housing close to existing and/or planned transport corridors, activity centres and open space.
- To provide choice in housing types and locations
- To provide opportunities for access to affordable housing.



ECONOMY



ENVIRONMENT



PEOPLE



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