

Pakenham East drop-ins: Engagement debrief

Summary

The VPA in conjunction with Cardinia Shire Council hosted three drop-in sessions for the exhibition of Amendment C234 and the Pakenham East Precinct Structure Plan.

The first drop-in session was held on Tuesday 6 February between 4.30pm and 6.00pm at the Pakenham Hall. 41 people attended in total, as well as 9 VPA representatives and 2 council representatives.

The second drop-in session was included as an additional event at the request of a Cardinia Shire Council councillor. It was held at the Nar Nar Goon Soldier's Memorial Hall in Nar Nar Goon from 5.30pm – 7.30pm. 43 guests attended overall, as well as 10 VPA staff and 1 council staff member.

The third drop-in session was held again in the Pakenham Hall at the Pakenham Library on Thursday 15 February between 5.30pm and 7.00pm. We had 59 guests attend, with 6 VPA staff and 1 staff member from council.

What we heard

Ryan Road

- Concerns about the area between Deep Creek and Ryan Road – don't want this section included in the PSP.
- Raised concerns regarding the development potential for smaller lots fronting Ryan Road and servicing
- Lot size on the interface of Ryan Road
- Drainage along Ryan Road
- Upgrade of the road and when this will be delivered
- Some people didn't want the road upgraded and were concerned about having parking on the western side.
- Some concerns with likely increase in traffic.
- Impact of new roundabout at Canty Lane/Ryan Road on existing properties.

Deep Creek & native vegetation

- Conservation – local community has done a lot of work to conserve the creek, worried about how the proposed development will affect this.
- How to ensure developers don't develop inappropriately around the creek
- Supportive of the protection measures in place to protect native vegetation

Heritage

- Protection of heritage in the area
- Recognition of the history of the area
- Family heritage

Land uses

Will the change of land uses proposed allow current land uses to continue?

- Density
- Density and lot sizes – concern over what the plan will determine

Services & delivery of next steps

- When will the services be delivered
- Access to reticulated gas
- Will current residents be able to access the new services
- When will lots be available
- When will the work start

Other comments

- Questions about what the new suburb will be called
- Who set the logical inclusion boundary
- Positive response to the shared path network, especially the link from the PSP to Pakenham Station.
- Concerns with PSP adding extra traffic to existing congested road network in vicinity.
- Questions over whether a freeway interchange was considered half way along PSP boundary with Princes Freeway.

Nar Nar Goon

- Concerns about whether Nar Nar Goon was considered in the planning for Pakenham East.
- Services and infrastructure delivered in the new PSP will be competing with new services being provided to the Nar Nar Goon community.
- Traffic and the increase of traffic flow through Nar Nar Goon to get freeway access.
- Questions over whether a freeway interchange was considered half way along PSP boundary with Princes Freeway.
- Lots of curiosity about when work will begin, what people can expect to see.

New train station

- Was a new train station considered as part of the plan?
- The traffic and parking at and around the current Pakenham Station is already impossible – bringing more people will only make this worse.
- Will there be more trains running to cater for the extra people?

The process

- Criticism surrounding submission closure date – thought the events were run too close to the closure date and not enough time was given to respond.
- Some people did not want to have to sign-in at the start of the events.
- The reports were all too technical and we should have provided an executive summary – how can we expect people to be able to respond to reports like these?