



Safer Yarra Plan Implementation Plan Year One – 2011

Implementation Plan Year 1 (2011) - Overview

Aim

This Implementation Plan:

- highlights the key activities that will be undertaken in the first year of the Safer Yarra Plan
- coordinates and focuses activities across Yarra City Council, government agencies and local services
- provides a framework to assess the progress towards addressing the five Priority Areas set out in the Safer Yarra Plan and ultimately improving safety in the municipality.

Many other activities are also planned or will be developed during 2011 and in subsequent years. The intention is not to document everything here, as many activities are complex projects undertaken over many years and involving multiple organisations. Much of this activity will instead be highlighted in the annual progress report on community safety.

Layout

Under each of the five Priority Areas is a table setting out the key activities (4 or 5 main activities) to be undertaken during 2011 that endeavour to address that community safety priority. The simple format notes who will lead, as well as partner in, the action; describes the activity to be undertaken; identifies if this is continuing work or a new initiative; states the expected outcome from undertaking this action; and, categorises the action into types of work.

'Other Actions' worth noting are listed in a second table and include those:

- requiring further development
- to commence or largely be undertaken in future years
- that are unfunded and may need advocacy or funding applications to progress

Priority Area 1 – Minimise the negative impact of alcohol

The negative impacts of alcohol are reduced whilst Yarra’s vibrant entertainment precincts are maintained

Table 1.1: Key Actions

	Lead (partners)	Activity in 2011	Origin	Expected Outcome	Activity type
1	Statutory Planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> referrals to Community Amenity 	Assess planning applications (liquor licenses) for any likely negative impact on the local community	Ongoing	Prevent the cumulative negative impact of liquor licenses concentrated in particular communities	Service delivery
2	Building & Regulatory Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Victoria Police Liquor Licensing Forum 	Work with licensed venues to improve patron behaviour	Ongoing	Encourage venues to responsibly manage patron behaviour and reduce the negative impacts on local residents and businesses	Coordination & collaboration
3	Community Planning & Advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council officers 	Implement the <i>Alcohol Management Plan</i> including regular meetings of staff across Council	Ongoing	Improve the coordination of Council services, planning and enforcement in reducing the negative impacts of alcohol	Coordination & collaboration
4	Building & Regulatory Services Community Planning & Advocacy Yarra Drug & Health Forum	Assess the value of Council participation in programs that raise awareness of the potential harms of alcohol such as “Plan Your Night, Get Home Right” or “FebFast”	New	Reduce high-risk alcohol consumption which will reduce injuries and deaths as well as improve amenity around entertainment precincts	Information
5	Community Planning & Advocacy	Further evaluation of Local Law 8 during the summer months being funded, to be brought to Council in August 2011	New	Better understanding of the effectiveness of LL8 in reducing amenity issues	Build Evidence Base

Table 1.2: Other Actions

Lead (partners)	Activity	Activity type
Inner Melbourne Action Plan Councils	Continue work on IMAP strategy 6.3 "Managing Conflict in Activity Centres", including advocacy for adequate State regulation and supervision of licensed venues	Advocacy
Australian Research Council Linkages project	Continue Council's participation in the project "Understanding and reducing alcohol-related harm among young adults in urban settings"	Build Evidence Base
Yarra City Council	Provide quality and accurate information about Council and its partners' work to address alcohol related harms, including: <ul data-bbox="524 580 1621 756" style="list-style-type: none">• improve signage and awareness of Local Law 8• promote the Neighbourhood Justice Centre grants program for projects to reduce harms from alcohol• utilise local networks and forums to communicate issues and programs including YDHF and LSC	Information

Priority Area 2 – Support a harm minimisation approach to illicit drugs

Through a harm minimisation approach, work in partnership with key stakeholders to reduce the harm from drug use to both the community and to drug users

Table 2.1: Key Actions

	Lead (partners)	Activity in 2011	Origin	Expected Outcome	Activity type
1	Community Planning & Advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engineering Operations • Recreation & Open Space 	Conduct a service review of Council's Needle & Syringe Management Contract	New	Implement greater coordination of different service providers and minimise the amount of discarded syringes	Service delivery
2	Local Safety Committee, incl. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria Police • Office of Housing • Yarra City Council • Local agencies 	Support the Taking Action Together Project including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • appoint a temporary officer to coordinate the five projects • LSC to oversee and support the five projects 	New	Identify new approaches to reduce the impact of illicit drug use in North Richmond	Coordination & collaboration
3	Yarra Drug & Health Forum	YDHF to continue to bring to agencies together to better understand local issues and advocate for policy changes and service improvements	Ongoing	Improve coordination of agencies to better match drug services in Yarra to local needs	Coordination & collaboration
4	Community Planning & Advocacy	Target information to residents, local community groups, services and businesses on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • options for dealing with difficult behaviour • services that can support people experiencing homelessness, addictions or mental illness • collection of discarded syringes 	New	Greater community confidence in how to respond to difficult and confronting behaviour and the range of options available	Information
5	Community Planning & Advocacy	Council will continue to financially support the YDHF and participate in forums	Ongoing	Ensure local services and programs, evidence-based and supported by local communities	Coordination & collaboration

Table 2.2: Other Actions

Lead (partners)	Activity	Activity type
Yarra City Council	Improve local amenity through urban design improvements and responsive cleaning service	Service delivery
Yarra City Council	Monitor hotspots according to syringe management contract data, police data and resident concerns about syringe litter and adjust service delivery accordingly	Service delivery
Victoria Police Local Safety Committee	Police continue operations focussing on drug activity with a community policing approach and coordinate with Council and local services	Coordination & collaboration

Priority Area 3 – Reduce violence against women & children

Minimise the incidence of violence against women and children (VAWC) through strong partnerships and advocacy

Table 3.1: Key Actions

	Lead (partners)	Activity in 2011	Origin	Expected Outcome	Activity type
1	Community Planning & Advocacy	Establish a Yarra Committee for Women that will mentor local women leaders and host a series of forums	New	Celebration of the role and strengths of women in Yarra will improve Women's Health & Wellbeing	Coordination & collaboration
2	Community Planning & Advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family and Children's Services • Aged and Disability Services 	Monitor Council service data to better understand the impacts of violence against women and children in Yarra	New	Identify how Council can better support clients	Build Evidence Base
3	Yarra Family Violence Network	Council will continue to participate in this Network	Ongoing	Greater service coordination and understanding of local issues and service needs	Coordination & collaboration

Table 3.2: Other Actions

Lead (partners)	Activity	Activity type
Community Planning and Advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yarra Family Violence Network	Investigate what role men’s behaviour change programs may play in achieving this priority and assess potential to prioritise projects for the 2012 Community Grants program	Coordination & collaboration
Wellington Centre, <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Victoria Police• Yarra Council• Neighbourhood Justice Centre• VACRO	Continue to support the Women’s Mentoring Project which aims to link provide mentors to support women in early stages of contact with the criminal justice system. These mentors will support participants during the difficult process of navigating criminal justice system and the range of issues that can arise as a result of facing a difficult time.	Coordination & collaboration

Priority Area 4 – Improve inclusion and community participation

All members of the community have equal access to services regardless of background or circumstance and have increased levels of community participation

Table 4.1: Key Actions

	Lead (partners)	Activity in 2011	Origin	Expected Outcome	Activity type
1	Community Planning & Advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural & Library Services • Recreation & Open Space 	Community Grants Program provides support to local groups and organisations to support inclusion and participation	Ongoing	Support community groups and networks that promote social inclusion and community participation	Service delivery
2	Cultural & Library Services	Support community participation through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • diverse learning resources in languages other than English • events such as Chinese reading month and promoting Aboriginal culture in Reconciliation Week • GLBIT resources 	Ongoing	Increased community participation through Yarra's Libraries	Service delivery
3	Community Planning & Advocacy	Implement the UNESCO 10 Point Plan to eliminate racism	Ongoing	Reduce discrimination through promoting the diversity and richness of the Yarra community	Information
4	Community Planning & Advocacy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building & Regulatory Services • Victoria Police • Office of Housing 	Improve information to, and confidence of, public housing tenants to report crime, dangerous dogs and noise complaints	Ongoing	Public Housing residents feel more able to participate in their community and report reduced fear	Information

Table 4.2: Other Actions

Lead (partners)	Activity	Activity type
Yarra Settlement Forum Community Planning & Advocacy	Support events to bring Office of Housing estates and non Office of Housing residents together to promote connections and sense of belonging to one community	Coordination & collaboration
Community Planning & Advocacy	Support the Council's Multicultural Policy by taking a lead in all networks to strengthen commitment for cultural, linguistic and religious diversity	Coordination & collaboration
Communications Community Planning & Advocacy	Accessible information is available including through Yarra's libraries, leisure and recreation centres, community festivals and events, as well as Yarra's nine Neighbourhood Houses	Information

Priority Area 5 – Improve the safety of travelling in and through Yarra

Sustainable transport options of walking, cycling and public transport are safe and accessible and sharing of roads and paths is improved

Table 5.1: Key Actions

	Lead (partners)	Activity in 2011	Origin	Expected Outcome	Activity type
1	Sustainability & Strategic Asset Management	Maintain and improve footpaths, walking paths, and shared paths	Ongoing	Ensure paths are of appropriate condition for different users	Service delivery
2	Strategic Transport	Increase the number of on-road bicycle paths and improve connectivity	Ongoing	Improve safety of increased numbers of cyclists	Service delivery
3	Strategic Transport	Advocate to Vic Roads for an increase in the number of 40kmph zones in Yarra	Ongoing	Traffic slowed down, improving safety on roads and paths	Advocacy
4	Recreation & Open Space <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building & Regulatory Services • Communications 	Improvements to shared pathways, particularly along the Yarra River, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • signage about user etiquette such as walking on the left-hand side, dogs on leash • install emergency markers along bicycle and walking trails to assist emergency service response to accidents 	New	Improve safety of the different users of shared paths	Service delivery

Table 5.2: Other Actions

Lead (partners)	Activity	Activity type
Strategic Transport	Implement the Local Area Traffic Management (LATMS) program	Service delivery
Strategic Transport Victoria Police Bicycle Victoria	Encourage safe cycling practices in partnership with key groups	Information