

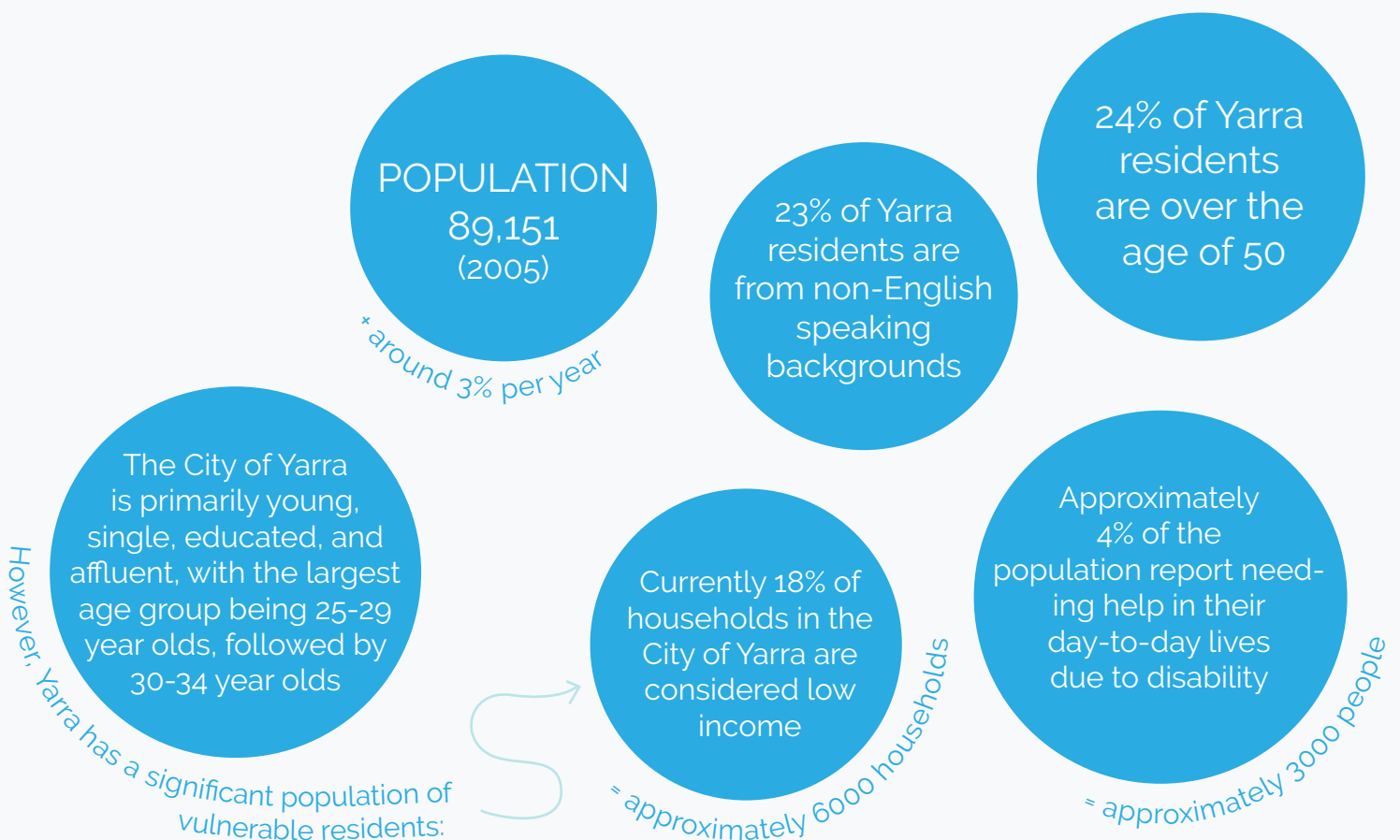
Organisational Background and Outline of Governance

The Yarra Energy Foundation (YEF) is an independent, for-purpose organisation with a huge ambition – to achieve a zero carbon future in the City of Yarra.

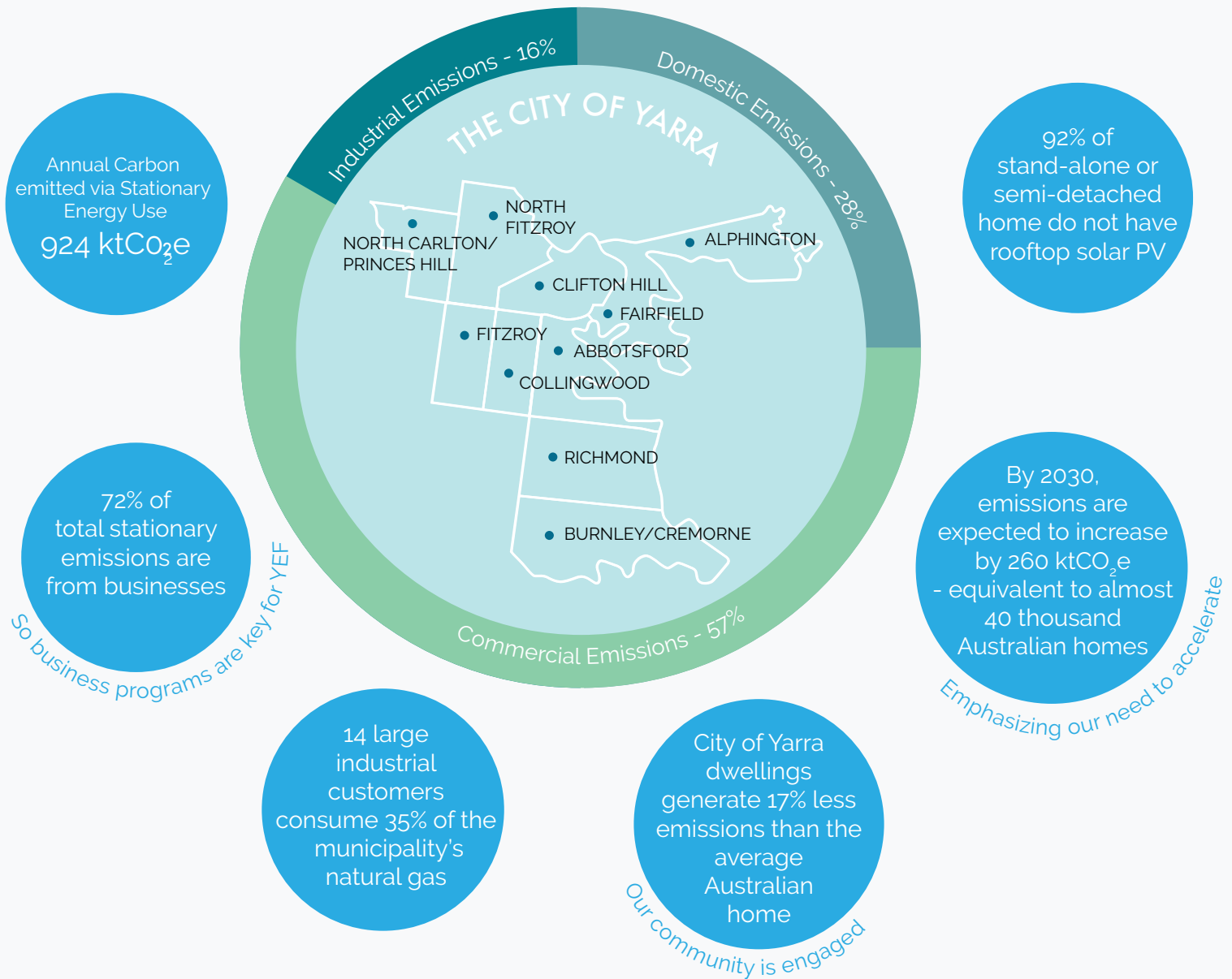
We exist to engage and inspire people who live and do business in our neighbourhood to take practical steps towards this goal.

Established by Yarra City Council in 2010, we continue to receive significant support from the Council, and we are rapidly expanding the range of support we receive from project partners and supporters. YEF is governed by an independent Board of highly skilled and experienced professionals.

The City of Yarra:



Emissions Profile:



YEF's main programs lie in the residential and commercial space, helping both people and businesses reduce their emissions through rooftop solar installations, LED lighting retrofits and energy efficiency measures.

Moving forward, YEF is developing broader strategies to reduce stationary emissions with the City of Yarra that target all stages of the energy supply chain, as well as assisting vulnerable residents in our community to access ways to reduce their energy costs and emissions.

YEF Governance arrangements

The Board consists of a Chairman and no less than six non-executive directors and one executive director (CEO).

The Board is responsible for building on and implementing the high level strategies outlined in the business plan.

Board representation is made up of a combination of stakeholders and industry representatives with a mix of qualities, which may or may not be found in the one director:

- networks and influence with stakeholders and target segments
- business planning and management
- management and operations expertise
- technical and product knowledge
- commercial/entrepreneurial experience and skills
- environmental experience and commitment
- research and advocacy
- the ability to access government funding programs
- community building

The Board Chair

The Board Chair has the following skills:

- Board facilitation and leadership
- Chair experience
- Ability to guide the strategic outcomes with the CEO
- High profile personal and professional profile

The board chair is a hands on role with up to 10 hours per week or as required.

Board composition

The Board of Directors provide oversight and are ultimately accountable for the operations of the entity and accountability for the funding.

Desired skill sets for Directors include:

- Corporate governance, Government/ advocacy/ policy
- Philanthropic Fundraising, Financing/ Capital Raising, Impact Investment/ Social Enterprise Development
- Communications/ social media/ community capacity building
- Innovation/ Entrepreneurial
- Legal/ Accounting / Business management
- Environmental sustainability/ climate change
- Local industry development
- The director roles are hands on and require further hours than attending board meetings.

Board Members are appointed through the application of a predefined, and weighted, scoring criteria that considers and assigns value to:

- experience
- expertise
- qualifications
- local and wider networks and connections

For further information please refer to our website at yef.org.au