

Consultation Report - Draft Heritage Strategy

November 2023



“It’s great that the Council is taking such a considered approach to identifying, understanding and celebrating the diverse history of our area “ - survey participant

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Introduction

This report summarises the findings from community engagement activities for the draft Heritage Strategy 2023-2033, conducted from 21 August to 31 October 2023.

An online and paper survey were used to gather feedback on the draft Strategy. A mixture of tick box and long form questions were asked about key elements of the Strategy, including the vision and the proposed actions grouped under four heritage themes - knowing, protecting, supporting and promoting and celebrating.

The survey found that there was clear support for the draft strategy with:

- **79%** supporting the draft vision statement
- **84%** supportive or very supportive of the proposed actions for *knowing* our heritage
- **77%** supportive or very supportive of the proposed actions for *protecting* our heritage
- **84%** supportive or very supportive of the proposed actions for *supporting* our heritage
- **86%** supportive or very supportive of the proposed actions for *promoting & celebrating* our heritage

Under each theme respondents were further encouraged to answer the question '*Is there anything missing or that you want Council to consider?*' This provided valuable feedback and suggestions which will be carefully considered and prioritised by Council for inclusion in the final Strategy. Feedback was also received via emails and advisory committee meetings. A summary of all feedback is included in this report.

Key Insights

Key findings highlighted for consideration of the final Heritage Strategy include:

- Support for the draft vision statement. Respondents liked that it is inclusive, respectful, clear, concise and covers a diverse range of heritage.
- Wide support for increased promotion and celebration of heritage, such as involvement with heritage week, heritage walks, signage, information, articles in the Banner, etc.
- Disappointment with the limited number of places assessed (20) in the 2020 Heritage Study and concern that potential heritage places that could not be accommodated may be lost. There was support for the action to engage qualified heritage consultants to undertake further assessments.
- Respondents supported the action to work with First Nations groups to develop a comprehensive Self-Determination Strategy that includes First Nations cultural heritage.
- An expanded role for the heritage advisor to include a public education/staff education role and the development of a centralised resource page on Council's website were considered important, particularly to support owners of heritage properties.
- Support for a dedicated heritage officer at Council to coordinate and deliver on the actions in the Strategy.
- Support for Council to lead by example in best practice management of its heritage places.
- Suggestions to partner with local groups and the local community to tap into local knowledge and expertise.

Project Overview

The draft [Heritage Strategy 2023-2033](#) has been developed to guide Banyule's heritage work for the next 10 years. The Strategy outlines key achievements, identifies challenges and opportunities, and recommends key actions. It is based on four key themes:

Knowing - identification, assessment and documentation of heritage places.

Protecting - policy development, statutory protection, appropriate management.

Supporting - assistance, advice and incentives to help conserve heritage places.

Promoting and celebrating - measures to raise awareness and appreciation of the heritage of the area.

The project timeline for the strategy is outlined below.



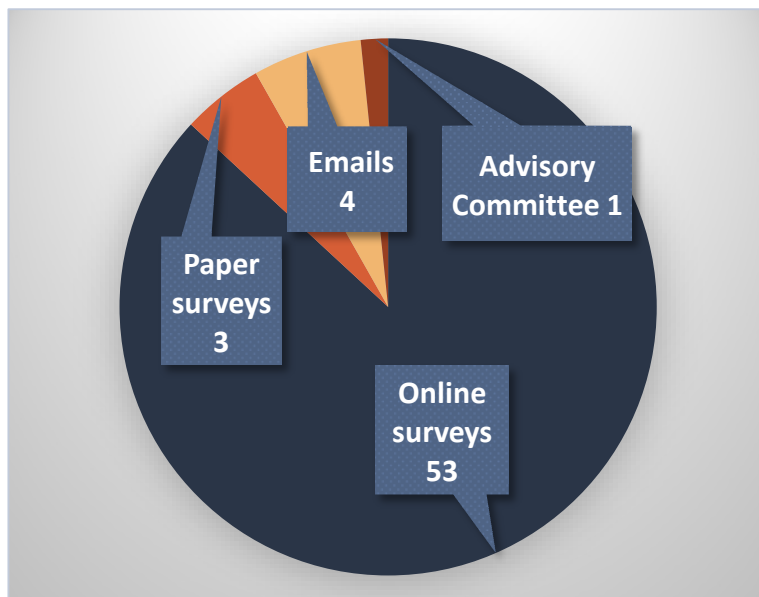
Consultation

Consultation Methods

Shaping Banyule webpage, including an online survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none">21 August to 31 October 2023, the page received 782 visits by 582 people
Community Information Sessions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Online – 7.30pm, 12 September 2023 – one community member attendedIn person – 7.30pm, 14 September 2023, Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub – approx. ten community members attended
Presentation at the Heidelberg Historical Society AGM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">10 October 2023, approx. 35 people attended
Advisory Committee Briefings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Arts & Culture Advisory Committee, 3 August 2023Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee, 13 September

Response

A total of 61 responses were received during consultation. This included 53 online surveys, 3 paper surveys, 4 detailed email responses and verbal feedback from Council's Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee.



Feedback on the draft Strategy included responses from:

- Heidelberg Historical Society
- National Trust
- Council heritage advisor
- Former heritage advisor to City of Heidelberg
- Owners of heritage properties in Banyule
- Local residents and interested persons
- Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee

Consultation Promotion

Articles in the **Banyule Banner** (Council's monthly newsletter mailed to all Banyule households)

- Full page feature in September 2023 edition
- Reminder in October 2023 edition

Emails direct to:

- Greensborough, Heidelberg and Eltham Historical Societies
- University of Third Age (U3A) Ivanhoe
- National Trust
- Heritage Victoria
- Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation

Articles in the following **e-newsletters**:

- Banyule Arts & Culture e-news – 1 September 2023
- Banyule Greenwrap – 8 September 2023
- National Trust of Australia (Victoria), Your Advocacy News, 19 October 2023

250 **postcards** distributed to:

- Greensborough Historical Society
- Heidelberg Historical Society
- Watsonia Library
- Ivanhoe Library
- Banyule Council Services Centres at Ivanhoe and Greensborough

Banyule Facebook Posts

- 1 September 2023, reached 440 people with 9 engagements, then boosted & reached 9,486 people
- 25 October 2023, reached 525 people with 6 engagements

Banyule Youth Services Facebook & Instagram posts, 26 October 2023.

(These posts occurred in response to the low number of surveys from people aged 25-34 and none from those under 24 years of age. The posts helped to boost the numbers in these age groups.)



Banyule Advisory Committees

Arts & Culture Advisory Committee

A presentation on the draft Heritage Strategy was provided to members of the Arts & Culture Advisory Committee on the 3 August 2023. The briefing provided an overview of the new strategy and actions relevant to arts and culture. Members were invited provide feedback via Shaping Banyule.

Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee

A presentation on the draft Heritage Strategy was provided to members of the Reconciliation Action Plan Advisory Committee on the 13 September 2023. The briefing provided an overview of the new strategy and how Aboriginal cultural heritage is considered. In addition to an invitation to provide feedback via Shaping Banyule, members discussed the draft strategy and made the following observations/suggestions:

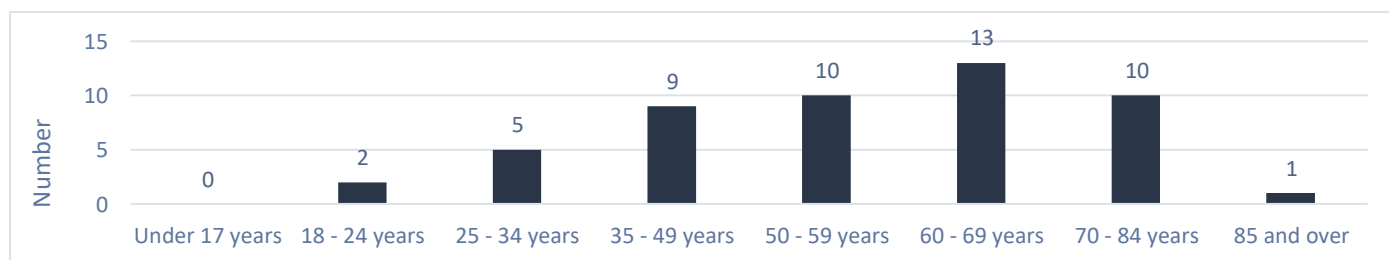
- Suggest the use 'First Nations' consistently throughout report
- Noted that 'knowing' is a form of truth telling
- Street names can be challenge – particularly if they are based on people involved in past massacres
- For the action regarding Self Determination action, consider appropriate terminology, work with relevant Council staff on this

Survey Participation

The following demographic data relates to the survey participants (online and paper). It does not include those who responded by email.

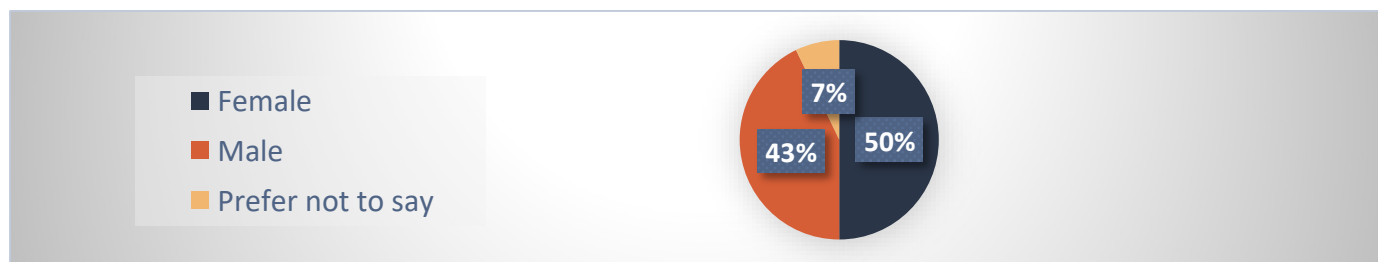
Age

There was a good spread of age groups represented over the age of 35 and a higher-than-expected number of survey participants between the ages of 18-34 years.



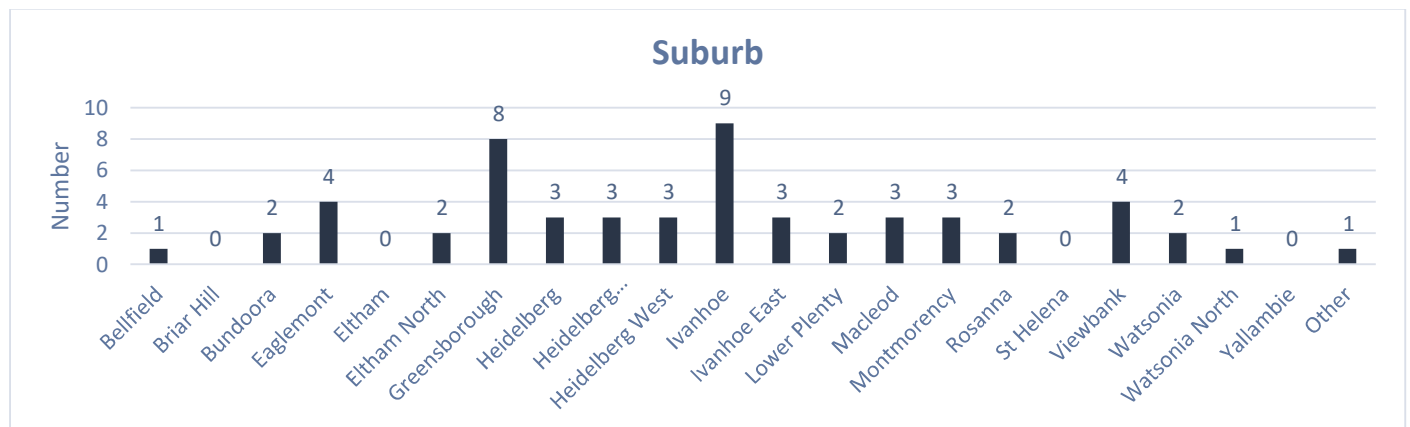
Gender

There was an even balance in the gender of survey participants with 50% female, 43% male and 7% prefer not to say. No-one identified as gender neutral, non-binary or self-identified.



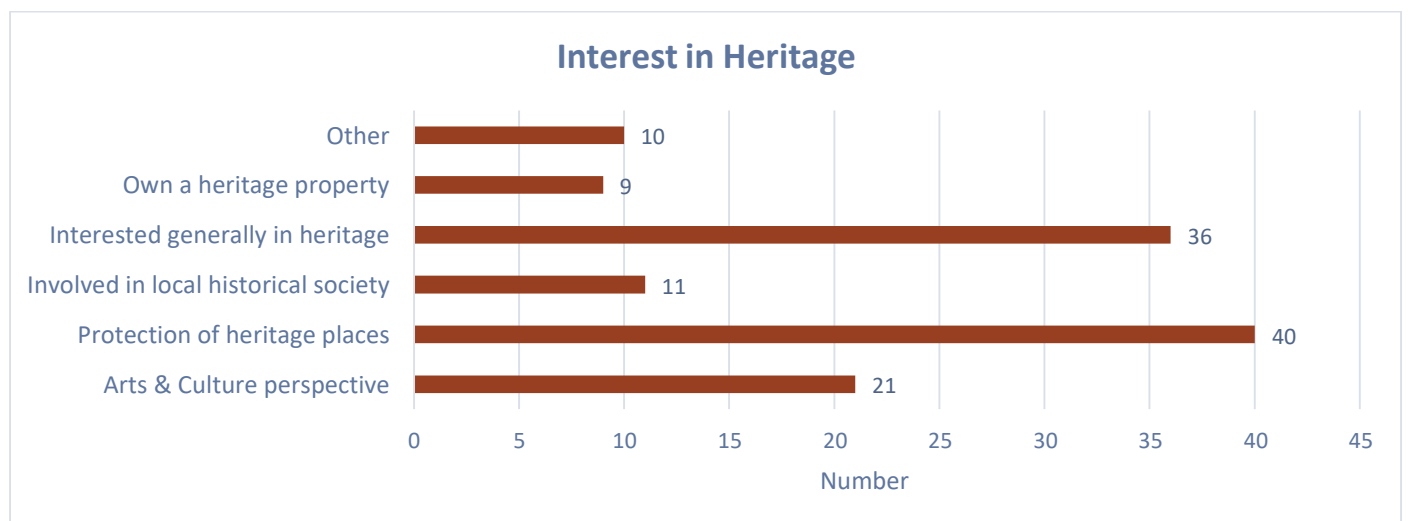
Suburb

There was a reasonable spread of participants from across all Banyule's suburbs, with Ivanhoe and Greensborough having the highest number of participants.



Interest in Heritage

Participants were asked to indicate their interest in heritage and were able to select more than one category. The protection of heritage places (40 responses) and general interest in heritage (36 responses) both rated highly. Interest in heritage from an arts and culture perspective was the next highest with 21 responses. Of note is that 9 of the 56 survey participants own a heritage property.



Findings

This section provides the results of the quantitative data gathered by the surveys (represented in graphs) and summarises the comments made in surveys *and* emails. Comments have been edited for conciseness.

Qn 1: Do you support this vision statement?

Skipped 0 – Answered 56 (100%)

Draft Vision Statement

'The City of Banyule values and celebrates its natural, Aboriginal, cultural and built heritage, and works to recognise, protect and promote its diverse heritage for the benefit of current and future generations.'

There was clear support for the vision statement, with 79% of respondents in support.



Those who responded **'Yes'** were prompted to comment **'What do you like about it?'**

Comments (28) included:

- That the Statement is inclusive
- That the Statement is respectful, clear and concise, covers a diverse range of heritage, includes natural heritage and includes First Nations heritage
- A suggestion to use 'First Nations' instead of 'Aboriginal'.

Those who responded **'No'** were prompted to comment with the question **'What changes do you suggest?'**

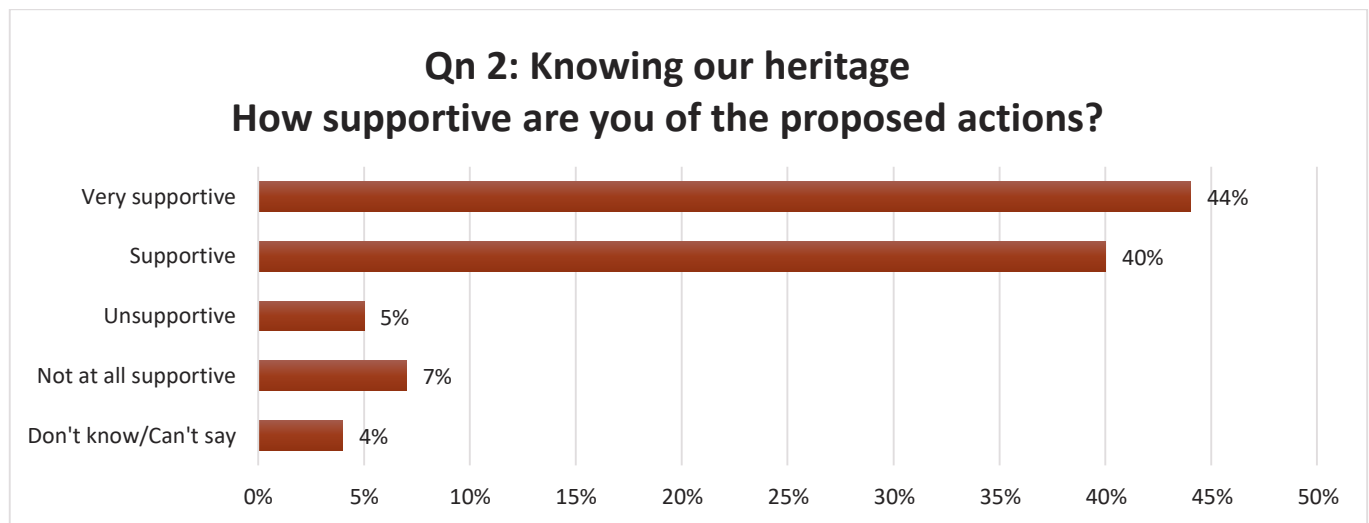
Comments (12) included:

- Suggest remove natural heritage
- Suggested rewording some sentences
- Heritage is important, but should be kept in balance with the allocation of resources

Qn 2: Knowing our heritage

Skipped 1 – Answered 55 (99%)

There were five actions proposed under the theme of 'Knowing our heritage'. Most respondents were very supportive (44%) or supportive (40%) of the proposed actions.



Comment Summary

Proposed Action	Comments include:
6.1.1 Ensure all of the places included in the Banyule Heritage Overlay (HO) are entered in the State Government's heritage database - HERMES ORION.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Support, this is an obvious action
6.1.2 Engage qualified heritage consultants to assess high and medium priority individual places (approx. 67) and potential precincts (8) recommended for further assessment that could not be accommodated in the Banyule Heritage Study 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Suggestion to prioritise assessments and the need to actively seek out additional places as wellThe number of assessments in the 2020 Heritage Study was disappointing, encourage an increase in the number of assessments.Strongly support the appointment of qualified heritage consultants to assess the places and precincts that were not accommodated in the 2020 Heritage Study before they are lost.A number of comments suggest employing staff rather than expensive consultants and the need for a dedicated heritage officerSuggest an e-book and printed version of assessments
6.1.3 Undertake a heritage study of the middle/northern section of Banyule supported by thematic environmental history of mid-late 20th century development in Banyule.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Include printed copies of studies and display in Ivanhoe LibraryInclude mid 1970's Bundoora & geography eg. Coopers Hill
6.1.4 Strengthen the nomination process so heritage places can be considered in a timely,	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Needs more staff to quicken process, need to include paper copy option

consistent and efficient way. This includes a revised online nomination form and standardised process.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to ensure heritage nominations are not used to prevent development
6.1.5 Prepare and maintain a register of Council-owned heritage assets that are mapped and easily accessible.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggest provide hard copy of register at Ivanhoe Library • Suggest the development of an interactive map on Council website clearly showing all heritage listed properties.

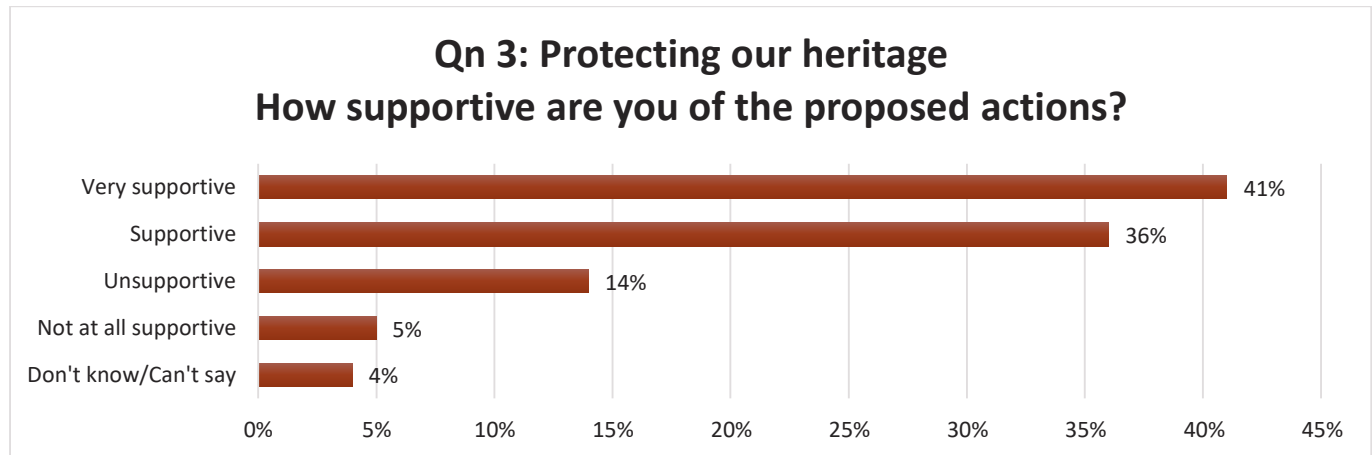
General comments:

- Support the actions but suggest needs additional action, clarification, more staff and money to be successful
- Good job and plain speech
- Knowing is a way of sharing our history and heritage so more people can appreciate it
- Create a heritage walk, include indigenous, young people perspective, ghost signs, pre NE link vegetation (celebrating theme)
- Need maintenance for council owned heritage (protect theme)
- Need to include actions for natural heritage, include trees as heritage
- Perceives council as having heritage targets regardless of whether places are true heritage
- Concern the HO restricts property rights, considers it is unevenly applied
- Concerned loss of heritage
- Suggest further investigations of heritage parks & gardens in Banyule to ensure landscaping and plantings are identified and managed correctly including:
 - Kitchener Reserve
 - The Town Hall
 - Ivanhoe Park – both east and west ends including the croquet club.
 - Small private parks in the suburban residential subdivisions around Banyule including in East Ivanhoe – the Mc Cubbin (Hartland's)
 - Donaldsons Creek linear park
 - Chelsworth park and Wilsons reserve
- Suggest a study of aboriginal places and contact places in Banyule be undertaken with the consent of the Wurundjeri Woiwurrung cultural heritage aboriginal corporation, material was provided by the respondent to support this – 'evidence of first nations people and contact places in East Ivanhoe'
- Include the identification of LGBTIQ+ cultural significance in Banyule
- There is no comprehensive history of Banyule, this work should be undertaken by a professional historian

Qn 3: Protecting our heritage

Skipped 0 – Answered 56 (100%)

There were nine actions proposed under the theme of 'Protecting our heritage'. The majority of respondents were very supportive (41%) or supportive (36%) of these actions, and 14% were unsupportive.



Comment Summary

Proposed action	Comments include:
6.2.1 Work with Traditional Owner groups to develop a comprehensive Self-Determination Strategy in 2024-2025 that explores and addresses Aboriginal cultural heritage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support to identify traditional owner groups and what their wishes are• Supportive, and also work with other community members, state national bodies and experienced researchers• It is essential that we share cultural history and story but needs to be driven by traditional owners• Should be ongoing not short term• Whilst there was overall support for this action, a few participants did not support the acknowledgement or inclusion of First Nations cultural heritage in the strategy
6.2.2 Review statements of significance and heritage guidelines for the Ivanhoe and Eaglemont residential precincts (2005).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The guidelines need to be made stronger and more enforceable, must be mandatory, not guidelines• The existing guidelines are good just need to identify contributory and non-contributory buildings• Could be broken up into smaller sections of work, need to ensure protections are not weakened during process
6.2.3 Update the statement of significance and prepare heritage guidelines for the Elliston Estate in Rosanna.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suggestions this is a top priority and should have been done years ago• The estate is an outstanding example of a successful housing development
6.2.4 Prepare heritage guidelines for commercial heritage areas of Eaglemont, Ivanhoe, East Ivanhoe and Montmorency.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Eaglemont village is in decline, shop facades need to be preserved• Suggest a shorter time frame

6.2.5 Review existing statements of significance to understand which need updating and establish a process for updating them.	-
6.2.6 Investigate knowledge gaps and provide heritage training to ensure relevant staff understand statutory frameworks and best practice heritage management principles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support this, heritage training is important as staff are often not aware of the significance of specific areas • Some Council departments seem to ignore all the previous heritage work done thus we are being undermined from within • Respondent provided suggestions for how staff training might work
6.2.7 Establish an internal process to assist staff with heritage advice. This could include written advice from Development Planning, with input from the heritage advisor, for permit exemption requests which specifies what the preferred approach for works would be, regardless of whether a permit is required or not.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggest a dedicated staff Heritage Officer could do this and provide the training mentioned in 6.2.6 • Supports and considers should already be in place
6.2.8 Undertake a heritage audit of Council buildings with heritage significance to identify and prioritise conservation actions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This only relates to buildings, queries if there more places that would benefit from a CMP • More staff and money are needed for this • Suggest there should be a heritage audit of non-Council buildings • Suggest including public consultation component
6.2.9 Prepare Conservation Management Plans (CMP) for Sparks Reserve and Banyule Flats & Warringal Parklands.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestions this should be done as soon as possible • Support a CMP for Sparks Reserve, it is highly significant in retaining physical evidence of the very early Darebin Creek Crossing, on the earliest road route out of Melbourne, suggestion to extend to other reserves including Kitchener Reserve, Chelsworth Park, Wilsons Reserve
6.2.10 Ensure future plans for the Bell Street Mall consider and respond to the unique history of the site.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is important to engage community regarding future of Bell Street Mall, do they think its heritage worth preserving? • Bell St Mall needs to be more open to development, it's largely unused and uninviting
6.2.11 Review Banyule's heritage policy at clause 15.03-1L in the Planning Scheme to better guide development and protect our heritage places.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the strengthening of the local policy • Needs to include that new development should respect the existing heritage, the heritage area remains the dominant character in an area and new development design outcomes should not dominate an area with existing heritage area overlays or adjoining • Query if a review of planning policy for natural/environmental heritage needed

- A number of respondents suggested more information was needed on what is clause 15.03.11
- Support dependent on amended wording of clause which was not provided

General comments

- Include working with other stakeholders eg. Parks Vic and Melbourne
- Support the employment of a full-time Heritage Advisor to play a pro-active role in heritage protection and to provide advice for the community and internal departments
- Much of Councils information is difficult to follow if residents are new to this area of study
- This work needs to be in conjunction with heritage experts, local groups, impacted residents and local historical societies
- There is no action re inclusion of additional places on HO
- Need to be mindful to separate genuine concerns about heritage from NIMBYism. 'Heritage' shouldn't be code for privilege and cultural homogeneity
- Need to carefully consider if heritage sites are worth preserving
- Council needs to provide support not just impose restrictions, consider impacts on heritage owners
- Need to balance heritage with allowing necessary development and property rights
- Council should be exemplary in the protection of its own precious and unique heritage:
 - particularly disappointed that Council sold the former Ivanhoe Hall (Hatch) without any acknowledgment of its heritage
 - the Heidelberg Baby Health Centre should be protected as a high priority
- Planning documents submitted to Council are long and detailed, suggest that in addition to current requirements, Council require applicants to provide a short executive summary to help the community understand the proposal

Specific areas/types of heritage mentioned for further protection include:

- Consider Hartland and McCubbin Estate Parks in East Ivanhoe, also Ivanhoe Park west of the Croquet Club
- Olympic Village is important, its connection to Banyule is unique, Olympic Villages are rare
- Consider immediate post war War Service Loan built homes
- Consider early tilt-slab construction houses
- Consider areas around Greensborough & Watsonia
- Specific consideration of old gum trees
- Include all parts of Banyule, Heidelberg West & Olympic Village are not mentioned under this theme
- Consider State Bank of Victoria housing of late 1920's
- Consider areas around Darebin Creek, Coopers Hill & surrounds
- Eaglemont scar tree

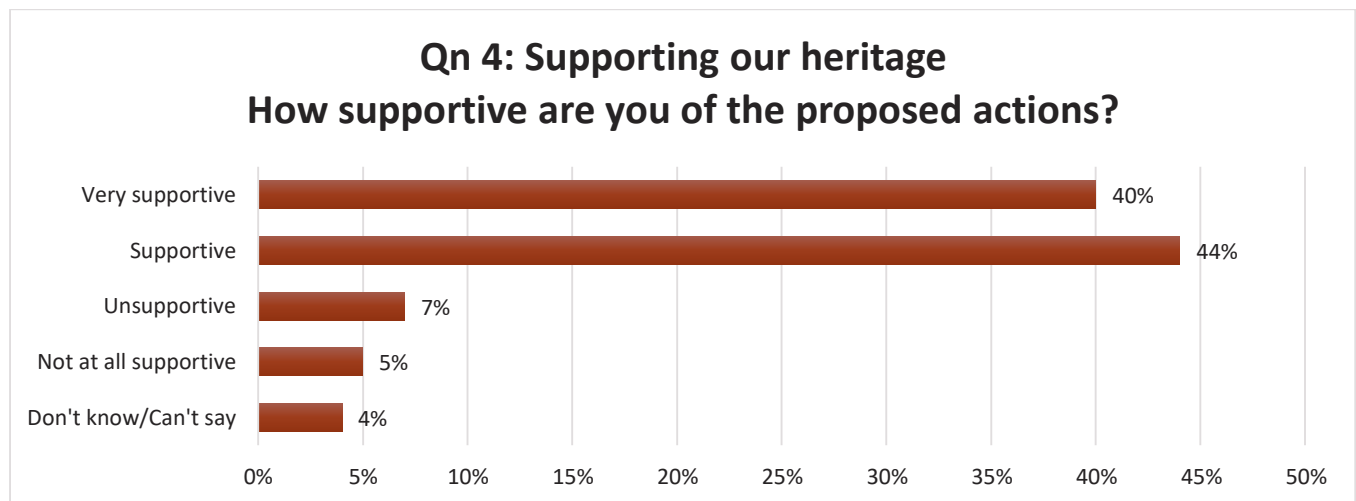
Support the development of statements of significance and heritage guidelines for:

- Elliston Estate
- East Ivanhoe Shopping Centre
- Olympic Village – including consideration of purchasing some houses in the estate as a physical example of the scale and design of the original project
- Macleod Village - including Golf Links Estate & Macleod Hall
- Bell Street Mall

Qn 4: Supporting our heritage

Skipped 1 – Answered 55 (98%)

There were four actions proposed under the theme of 'Supporting our heritage'. The majority of respondents were very supportive (40%) or supportive (44%) of these actions.



Comment Summary

Proposed Action	Comments include:
6.3.1 Investigate expanding the role of the Heritage Advisor to include a public education/staff education role, providing access to heritage conservation advice for the community and internal departments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were several supportive comments for this action with suggestions the role be in house (on staff) and full time • Supportive of bringing the Heritage Advisor into the public view • As the owner of a heritage listed property in Ivanhoe, especially support 6.3.1 and 6.3.2 which, from my experience, does not currently exist, but is essential • Role could include to educate local real estate agents about Banyule's heritage, for their advertising materials
6.3.2 Develop a centralised resource page within the Council's website which includes an online repository of publications, guidelines and other material for heritage conservation including sustainable and adaptive reuse of buildings etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This action was generally supported • Hard copies of Councils resources should also be made available at the two service centre desks & Ivanhoe Library • Suggestion for a public register/resource showing any approved plans for alterations to heritage places • Actions 6.3.1 & 6.3.2 would be highly beneficial for privately owned properties and should be fast tracked. Many people are unsure of who to contact for maintenance / advice and therefore let properties deteriorate. Banyule should encourage these residents to preserve their properties through access to good information and resources for conservation

6.3.3 Investigate the potential to reduce or waive planning permit fees for applications triggered solely by the Heritage Overlay.

- This action mixed support for this action, some were very supportive while others disagreed with the action and/or questioned the need for it
- Suggestion Council rates could be waived or reduced instead

6.3.4 Continue to support local historical societies with grant opportunities, subsidised rent (where applicable) and assistance with projects.

- This action was generally supported
- It was noted that local historical societies are a valuable resource and possess a lot of knowledge that can assist Council

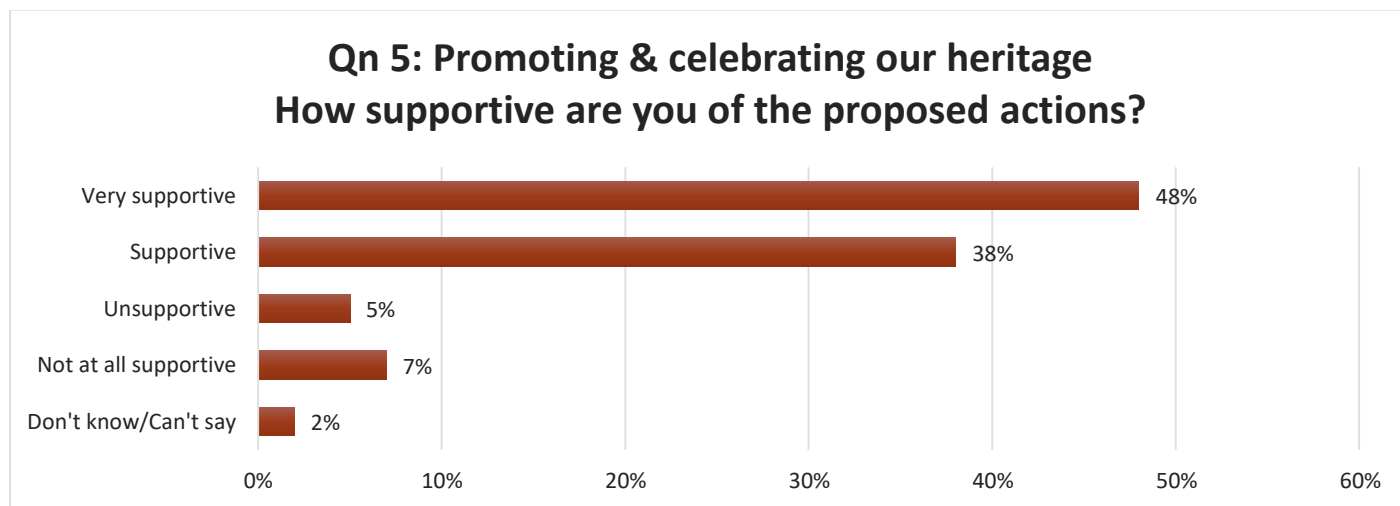
General comments

- The actions sound good
- Supportive but not worded strongly enough to suggest it would actually support heritage areas
- In order to accomplish all this the council should be employing skilled heritage advisors
- Education is very important so good to see this role being included for heritage advisor, as well as supporting local societies and fostering interest in community
- Involvement with Open House Melbourne and cultural walking tours (promoting theme)
- Highlight the gorgeous Californian Bungalow as a very important part of Melbourne & Victorian built history (promoting theme)
- Good examples of Modernist Architecture need to have heritage protection eg. Boyd, Clerehan. (protecting theme)
- Suggest include an action to explore the feasibility of establishment of a Heritage Assistance Fund - financial incentives for the care of heritage places provide a tangible and necessary demonstration that heritage is valued by Council and communities and contributes to greater support for heritage protection by property owners
- Suggest an action for Council leading by example in best practice care and management of their own heritage assets as this will in turn encourage heritage property owners to look after their own properties appropriately

Qn 5: Promoting & celebrating our heritage

Skipped 0 – Answered 56 (100%)

There were nine actions proposed under the theme of 'Promoting & celebrating our heritage'. The majority of respondents were very supportive (48%) or supportive (38%) of these actions.



Comment Summary

Proposed Action	Comments include:
6.4.1 Update the existing Banyule website heritage page to be more informative, accessible and engaging. Include heritage information resources produced by the Heritage Council of Victoria and include links to Victorian Heritage Database, Heritage Victoria, PROV, local historical societies etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make information available in printed format as well as website
6.4.2 Investigate, in conjunction with local heritage groups where relevant, the potential for increased use of heritage interpretative measures including signage, brochures, heritage markers, guides, sharing oral histories and use of technology for a more interactive, immersive experience.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strongly support the provision of signage and heritage markers• Support but concerned as to Council's commitment with this• Appreciate the provision of explanatory signs in the VC Estate and in the Olympic Village, recommend that they are enlarged• Encouraged Council to facilitate and fund a commercial building signage project, like that in Greensborough, showing the previous use of buildings in shopping centres• Consider small metal interpretive plaques at HO sites with scannable barcodes, accessing detail of their history and significance, especially for places owned by Council• Rooms named for artists should include explanations of who they were, and reproductions of that artist's work

6.4.3 Consider a heritage category as part of any future Urban Design Awards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make mandatory as well as a good design award • Do not support, Council and the public mostly disagree on what is considered a good planning outcomes
6.4.4 Investigate opportunities for celebrating heritage in Banyule, particularly participation in State Government, National Trust and Open House heritage celebrations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were a couple of suggestions to bring back the long-gone popular heritage week. It was noted the Heidelberg Historical Society does all this work, not Council • Banyule used to have a heritage walk • Promote Heidelberg Historical Society heritage tours • Consider an action to support National Trust in determining how Waller House can be best managed and enjoyed by the community • Supportive and suggest include partnerships with local groups as well
6.4.5 Continue to include, when appropriate, cultural heritage interpretation as an important element in Council projects such as arts and cultural events/projects, public realm improvements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install more interpretative heritage signs and replace those missing.
6.4.6 Prepare and publish positive heritage stories through appropriate communication channels and local media.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficult with no local paper • Consider an insert in the Banner or a separate publication
6.4.7 Investigate options and funding opportunities to enable Council to showcase its records/collections/objects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use the hubs and libraries - there is a history room at the Ivanhoe Hub that is not well known or advertised • Suggest no need to investigate, just do it
6.4.8 Prepare a whole-of-site Interpretation Strategy for Olympic Village in acknowledgment that the story of the XVIth Olympiad Games and the Olympic Village is of immense public interest and a positive/differentiating narrative for Heidelberg West.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A focus on the Olympic Village area is important. It represents a foundational time in Banyule and also the first home to many migrants and refugees. The Olympic connection to Banyule is unique • While an interpretation strategy is a great idea, consider the broader Olympic Village area (beyond the extent of HO184) and possible additional HO controls to protect any significant remaining elements • An Olympic games museum would be good in Heidelberg West rather than empty shops • Does not agree with the importance placed on the story of Olympic Games and Olympic Village • The wording insinuates that there is nothing positive in West Heidelberg
6.4.9 Continue to promote natural, cultural, Aboriginal and built heritage in art exhibitions held at Ivanhoe Library & Cultural Hub.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported

General comments

- There should be much more promotion and celebration of our history and heritage, consider including more detailed inserts in the Banner, or issue separate publications, consider making one of the annual calendars a heritage special. Heritage Week, Historical tours etc.

- More celebrating of natural heritage, need to value and improve creek corridors
- Use consistent terminology for Aboriginal, or First Nations, or Traditional Owners
- Increased promotion and community information is crucial
- limited inclusion of actions relating to the promotion of natural/indigenous heritage - actions are very much related to built heritage/collections/arts/projects etc
- Suitable signs and information for Rosanna Parklands, including relationship to Elliston Estate.
- Stories around the housing establishment of Bundoora and the surrounding areas.
- Assist the people of Eaglemont to maintain and update our murals at the Eaglemont shopping precinct.
- Important to note that seemingly 'minor' works can, over time, erode what was once 'a well-preserved area' (protecting) Council should include fences, window replacement and rendering to require formal approval for all homes in a heritage areas (protecting theme)
- Council should ensure that owners of homes within an HO area are aware of the significance of their home, why it has a HO, and how best to maintain it and their responsibilities (protecting/supporting)
- Use Council heritage assets as a tool to promote and celebrate heritage in Banyule
- Consider an action to explore and identify opportunities to partner with other organisations in Banyule that own or manage heritage places
- Applaud the State Government proposal to include more names of notable women and urge that where changes are made, signs explain the decision
- Heritage material could be incorporated in the local history resource room at Ivanhoe Library, and in special exhibitions in the Council's art galleries.
- Tap into local knowledge and expertise as there are a number of residents who know a lot about the area. Self-guided walking (and driving) tours could be developed. In the past Council has run tours about local trees, tours of the art deco council building in Ivanhoe, and the Heidelberg Historical Society has held various tours.

Qn 6: Do you have any other feedback on the draft Heritage Strategy

The comments have been grouped into the three categories - previously mentioned, suggestions and thanks/positive.

Previously mentioned:

- Information and guidance to help owners of heritage properties is needed
- Upsetting to see 1920's Californian Bungalows being demolished in Eaglemont
- Would also like to see consideration of the mid-20th century development of northern areas of Banyule
- Planners need a better understanding of the local area and what's important when approving plans
- Heritage studies should be displayed for residents to see
- Guidelines need to be enforceable
- Ensure residents are asked to nominate potential heritage sites, locals know their areas well
- Make use of knowledgeable local residents

Suggestions:

- Planning applications for heritage buildings should include notice to historical societies
- Suggests desktop analysis of development within Banyule to assist in identifying heritage
- 67 medium/high places & 8 precincts identified but not on HO - need protecting in the interim if subject to planning applications
- Nominations take a long time to act on and buildings can be altered in the meantime
- Need to ensure current records are kept safe after many were lost in the amalgamations in the 1990's
- It's important to remember and celebrate our history.
- More support for Heidelberg Art that's of global significance
- Local historical society would welcome a closer relationship with Banyule Council archives
- Review of the action plan should be more frequent than 5 years. Should be at least bi-annual, particularly as some of the actions are short-term.
- Various improvements suggested to the wording and composition of the historical context and introduction sections and other minor corrections.
- Suggestion to provide more explanation around what a Registered Aboriginal Party is, provide examples for the EPBC Act in Banyule and add the total number of places and precincts on HO to achievements.
- The historical context should be slightly expanded to mention the 1956 Olympic Village and art movements other than just the Heidelberg School, including Alphington in 1930s, and Eaglemont and Glenard Drive in the 1950s, including Annear, and the Griffins, and modernist houses including Robin Boyd in the 1960s.
- Add the Burra Charter: the Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance, 2013 and the associated series of Practice Notes as reference documents.
- Highlighted the need to protect character not just specific buildings & sites

Thanks/positive:

- Congratulations on the preparation of a clearly set out and excellent document.
- Seems like the heritage strategy is on track, thank you
- Value Council's endeavours to preserve and protect the character and amenity of such areas in Banyule
- Great to have a framework
- Good to see focus on middle and northern sections of Banyule and the inclusion of indigenous and natural heritage

- Appreciate the signage in Victoria Cross Estate
- Sounds good - recognition, celebration, maintenance of heritage is essential
- Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the survey

“The strategy deserves appropriate commitment in the form of increased resourcing and staffing, support a dedicated Heritage Officer to deliver the actions identified in the strategy” – local resident