

Trentham Structure Plan Engagement Report

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Executive summary

Future Hepburn

Future Hepburn is a large strategic planning project. It will develop structure plans for the townships of Creswick, Clunes, Daylesford and Hepburn Springs, Glenlyon and Trentham. These plans will describe the desired outlook for the future of each township. They will outline how to protect the character of the townships and ensure appropriate growth into the future.

Purpose of the engagement

The voices of the community are integral to the planning process. Communities have lived experience, understand the changing environment and have opinions on the future of their townships. Community engagement provides local knowledge that is key to the planning process.

The engagement approach

The engagement process for the Trentham Structure Plan provides two opportunities for community members to have their say. Specifically:

- Phase One – Initial community engagement (this phase)
- Phase Two – Deeper community engagement.

This report provides an overview of the engagement process and the results of phase one of this process.

Participation

A total of 96 responses were analysed for this report including:

- 27 people who attended a Community Conversation engagement session
- 69 responses to the Trentham Structure Plan online survey.

Results

Across the engagement activities there were key elements of strong agreement principally that community members:

- Value the rural character, heritage, connection to the environment, community and lifestyle.
- Would like to see better environmental sustainability, better protection and enhancement of heritage and better transport connections.
- Believe Trentham can make better use of its natural environment and the trails around the town.
- Are cautious about growth and feel that the development of the town needs to be managed to ensure it does not change the fabric of the town

Some community members raised concerns that a lack of growth was not sustainable.

Engagement process

Purpose of the engagement

The Trentham Structure Plan is a significant project. It will guide how Trentham looks and feels over the coming decades. The direction the plan takes will have an impact on the current and future Trentham community. The lived experience and views of community members provide a critical knowledge base for the development of the plan. In addition, it provides an opportunity for planners to meet community members and discuss how a structure plan is developed. This helps to improve community understanding of the planning process and might lead to deeper engagement in the future.

The 2020 Local Government Act (The Act) outlines how communities must be engaged in decisions that affect them. The purpose of this engagement is not only to meet the requirements of The Act but move beyond that, to engage in dialogue with local communities to make informed decisions about the future of Trentham.

The engagement approach

The engagement process for the Trentham Structure Plan has been designed to give community members a range of opportunities to comment throughout the development of the plan. The initial stages of the engagement focused on broad ideas. A series of 'Conversation Starters' were developed on a range of subjects. Community members could then talk to planners at a 'Community Conversation'. In addition, an online survey led respondents through a series of questions related to planning and their experience of living in and around Trentham. The information collected during this proves will be used in developing the Draft Trentham Structure Plan.

Phase two of the engagement will involve a deeper deliberative process where community members will meet and discuss the outcomes of phase one of the community engagement process.

The results of both phases will be used in the development of the Draft Trentham Structure Plan. Once the structure plan is developed there will be further opportunities for community members to make comment.

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This report

This report provides a detailed account of the results of phase one of the engagement process. A summary report, outlining the themes of the engagement outcomes is also available.

Results in detail

Online Survey

Background

A specific Trentham Structure Plan online survey was live between 17 May 2023 and 2 July 2023. The questions asked related to key elements of a structure plan. This provided detailed community sentiment on a range of issues that will be addressed by the structure plan.

Participation

The survey received 69 responses which represents 4.9% of the population of Trentham. Most respondents (72%) live in Trentham. Most responses came from people aged 20 – 79 years with the largest percentage of responses coming from people aged between 60 - 79 years (79%). A total of 40 women and 25 men completed the survey. Full demographic details of survey respondents can be found in appendix one.

Results – survey

The results of the survey are presented below. Questions relating to individual places are not included in this summary report but can be found in the addendum of results.

Quantitative results have been broadly themed. Where a response mentions multiple themes, it is included with the first theme mentioned. Questions with limited answers have not been themed.

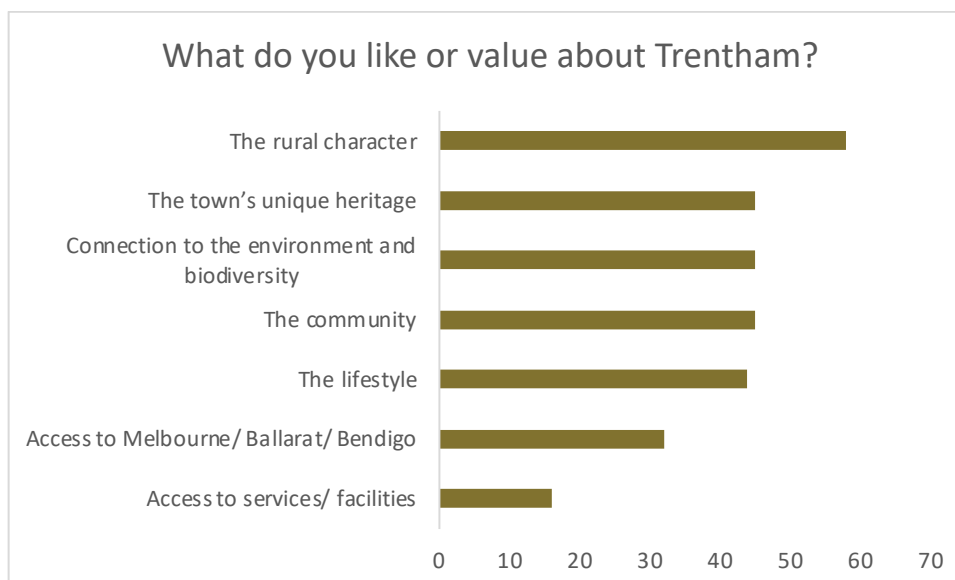
Full survey results

A full transcript of all survey responses is available as appendix one. Answers to questions that are specific in nature are provided in this appendix.

General results

1. What do you like or value about Trentham?

Respondents could choose as many statements as they liked and provide comments if they wished. The most cited comment was 'The rural character' which was cited by 58 respondents.

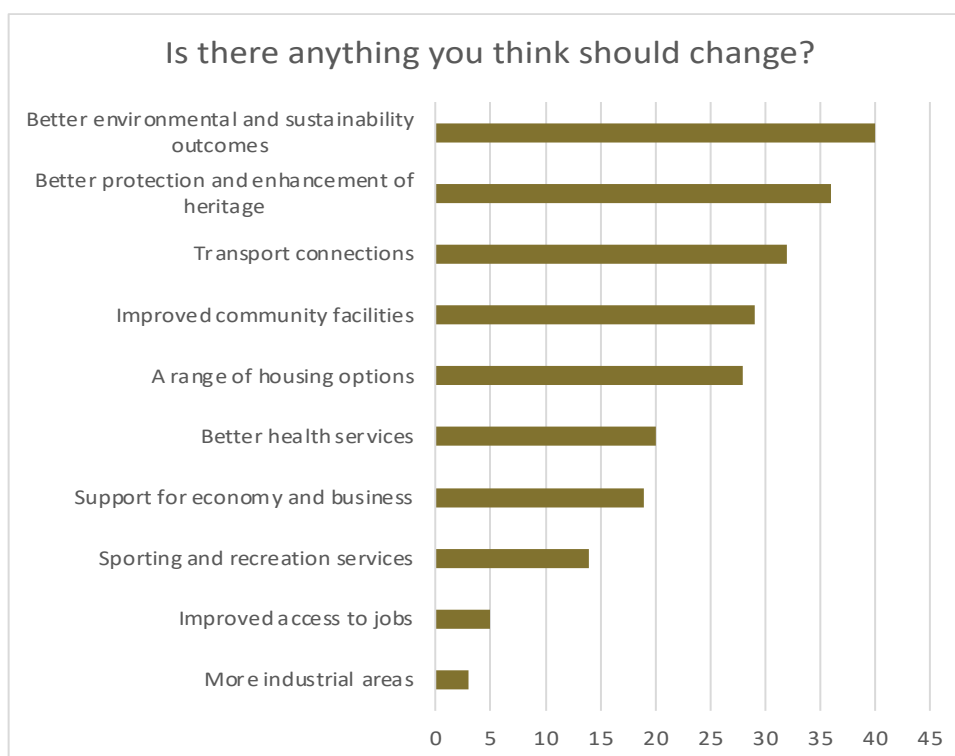


Other comments

Other comments reiterated the value placed on the small, quiet town, the access to services, farming and the environment.

2. Is there anything you think should change?

Respondents could choose as many statements as they liked and provide comments if they wished. The most cited comment was 'better environmental and sustainability outcomes' which was cited by 40 respondents.



Other comments

Other comments related to concerns over the impact of Airbnb and its impact on housing affordability. The need for more services, better control over housing development and protection for farm zones and control over the 'Europeanisation' of the landscape.

3. Is there anything that should not change?

Respondents were invited to answer this question in their own words. Their answers have been themed.

Character (13 responses)

The most cited responses referred to the 'character' of Trentham. This includes the streetscapes, connections to the environment and farming, buildings and the general 'rural' feel of the township.

Size and development (5 responses)

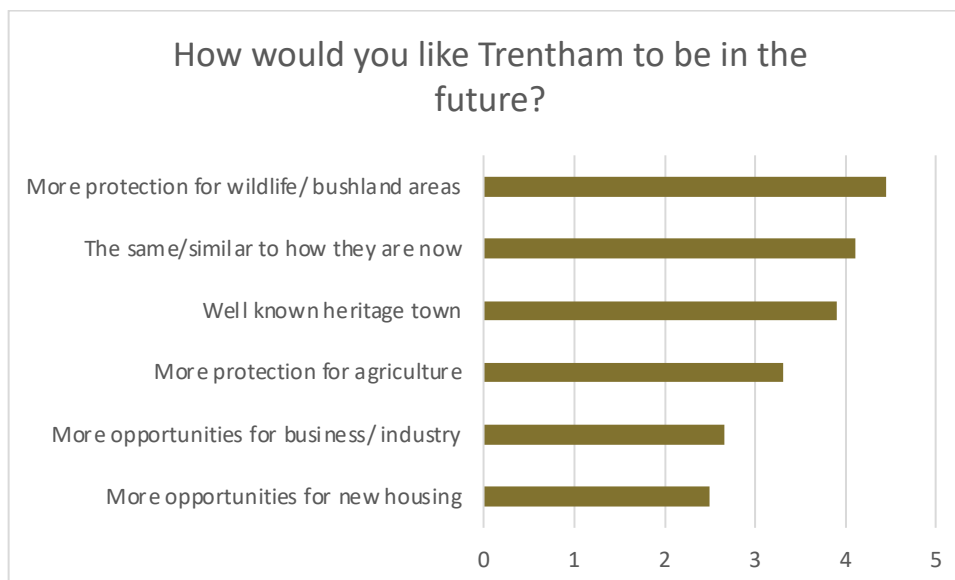
Several comments related to the size of the town and maintaining the current boundaries. There were also comments relating to managing development and subdivisions.

Other

Other comments related to maintaining the environment and heritage of the town.

4. How would you like Trentham to be in the future?

Respondents were asked to rate the importance of six statements. The statement that received the highest score was 'more protection for wildlife and bushland areas'.



5. Do you have any concerns about the future of Trentham?

Respondents were invited to answer this question in their own words. Their answers have been themed.

Growth (31 responses)

Most comments related to growth and development. This included the amount of growth and the type of growth. Concerns that Trentham would become 'suburban' or that block sizes were too small to maintain the character of the township were common. The lack of perceived control over this growth and developer led growth was also a concern. Providing sufficient infrastructure and services for new development as well as the potential negative impact on the environment was also mentioned.

No growth (3 comments)

A few comments related for the need for some growth to allow the town to develop and increase housing supply.

Other

Other comments related to a fear that the large chain shops would be allowed into the town and the impact of too many tourists.

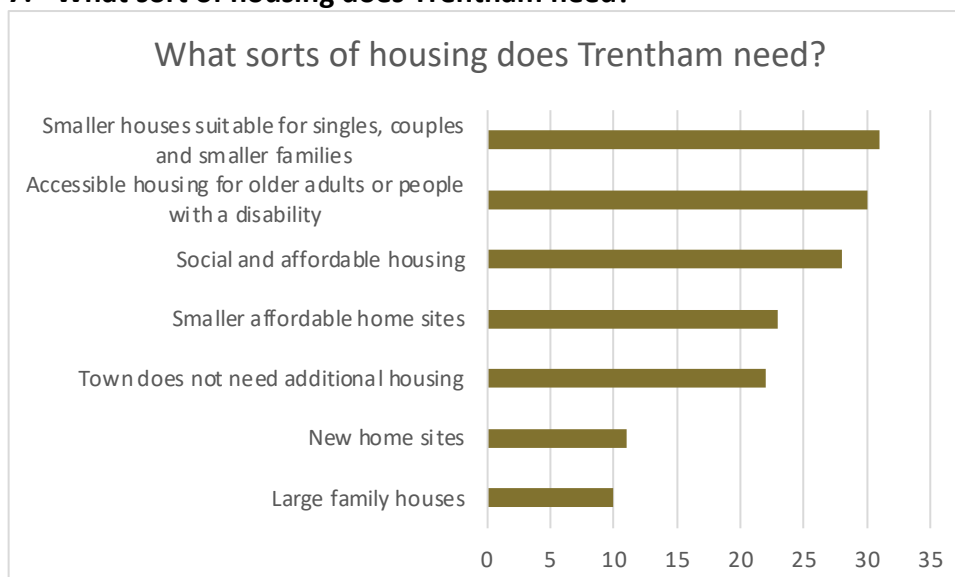
6. Other comments

Respondents were invited provide any additional comments about Trentham and the Trentham Structure Plan. The comments were varied with no clear themes however a number of concerns were raised:

- Small blocks changing the character of the township
- Lack of services and infrastructure
- Lack of affordable housing
- A need to develop tourist opportunities
- A need to manage the impact of tourists on the township
- A need to maintain the rural feel of the township.

Housing

7. What sort of housing does Trentham need?



8. Reflecting on your last response, how could this be improved?

Growth and subdivisions (12 comments)

There is significant resistance to growth and subdivisions from a proportion of respondents. The size of blocks is a concern for some people as are larger developments. Some respondents favour no additional housing and no subdivision to maintain the large block size.

A variety of housing options (11 comments)

Several respondents commented on the need for a range of housing options to accommodate community members at various stages of their lives. Houses suitable for older adults, single people and single parents was mentioned.

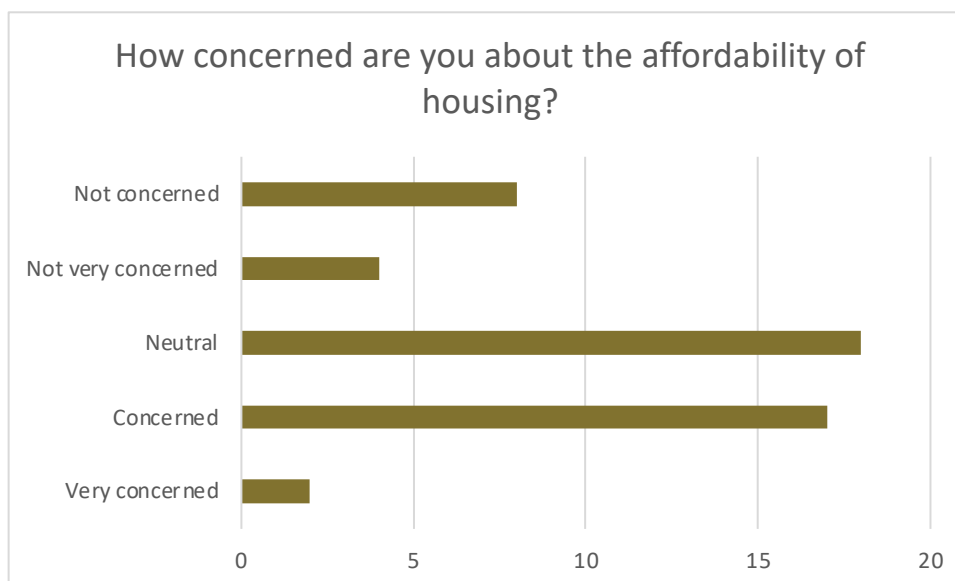
Good development (4 comments)

Some respondents indicate development that was in keeping with the townships character was preferred to large estates. Mixing a range of sizes of dwellings that are suitable for residents and sustainable was supported. Some respondents commented on the need for a housing strategy for the township.

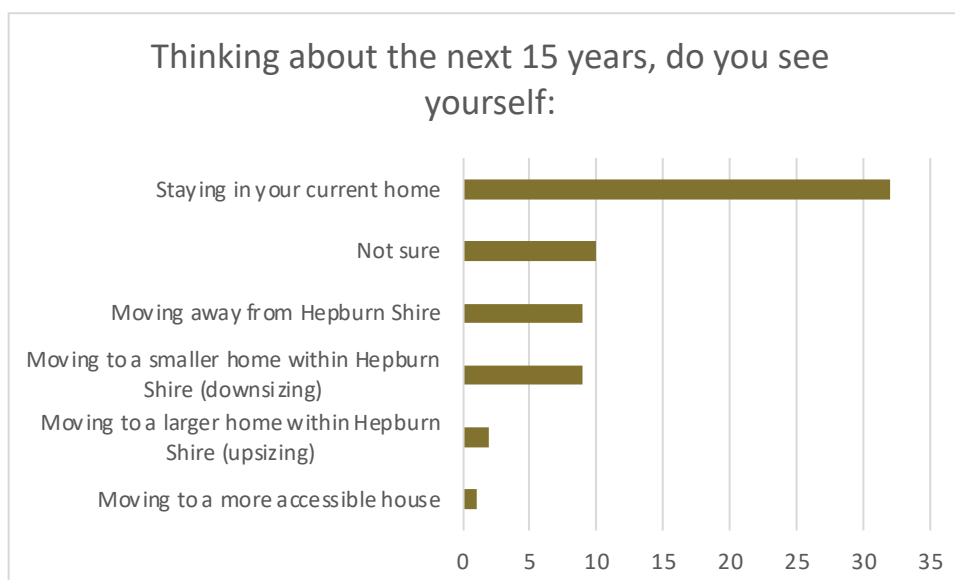
Short term accommodation (3 comments)

The impact of short term rentals and weekenders was a concern for some respondents.

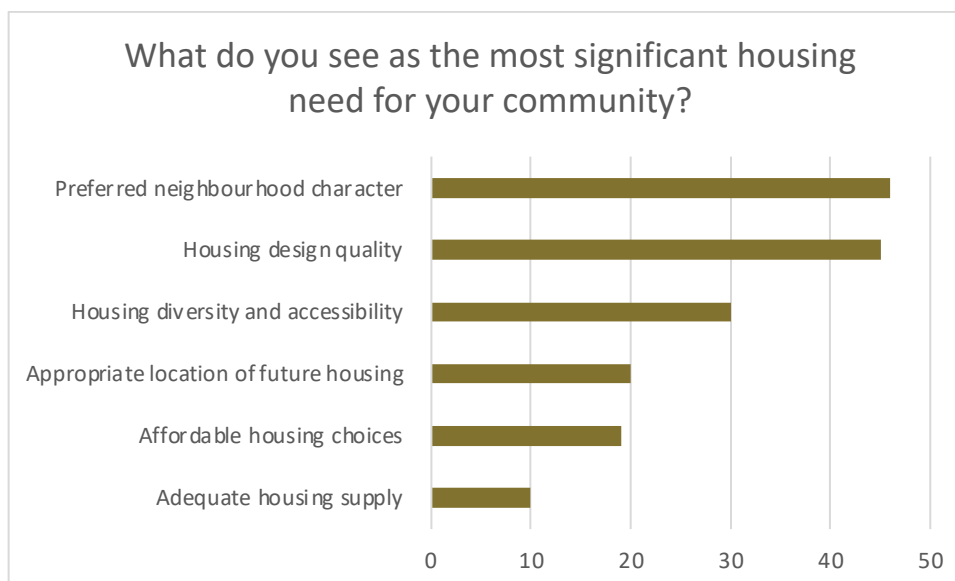
9. How concerned are you about the affordability of housing in Trentham



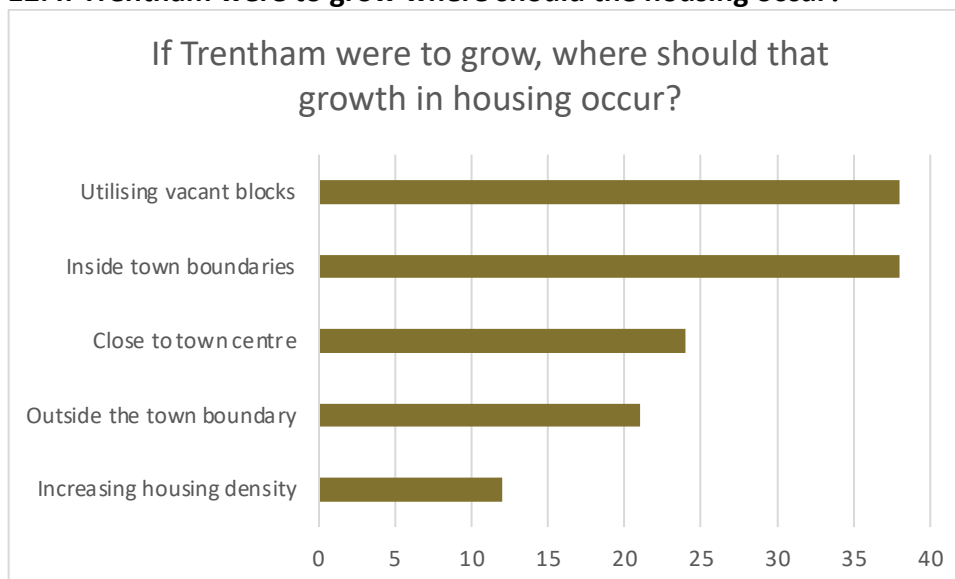
10. Thinking about the next 15 years do you see yourself



11. What do you see as the most significant housing needs for your community?

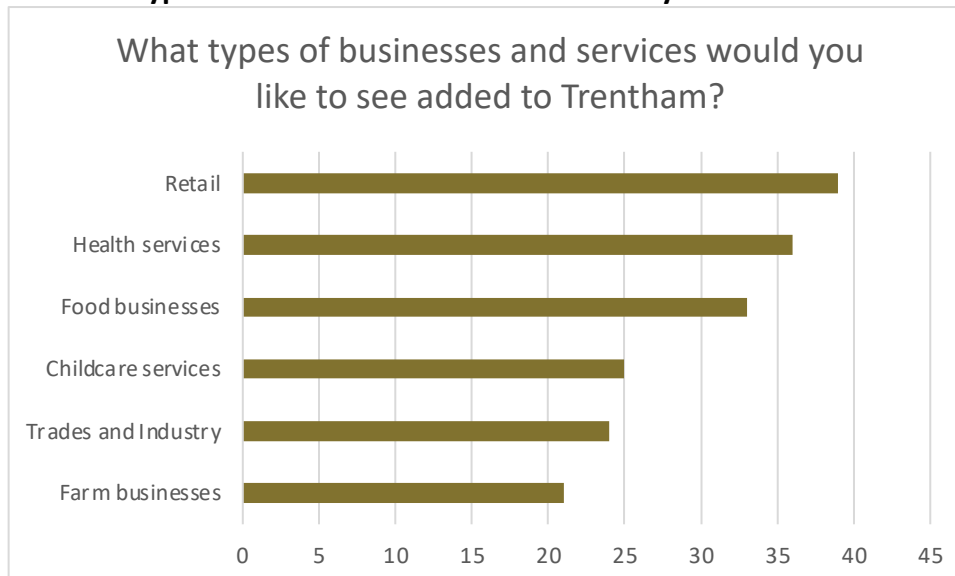


12. If Trentham were to grow where should the housing occur?



Business

14. What types of businesses and services would you like to see added to Trentham

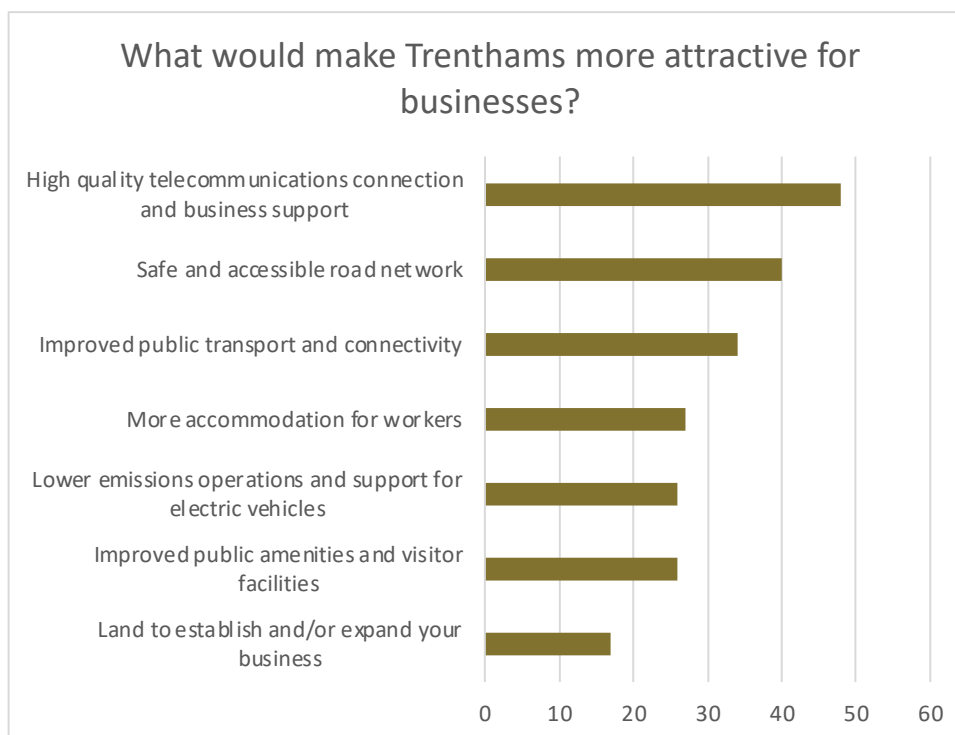


Other

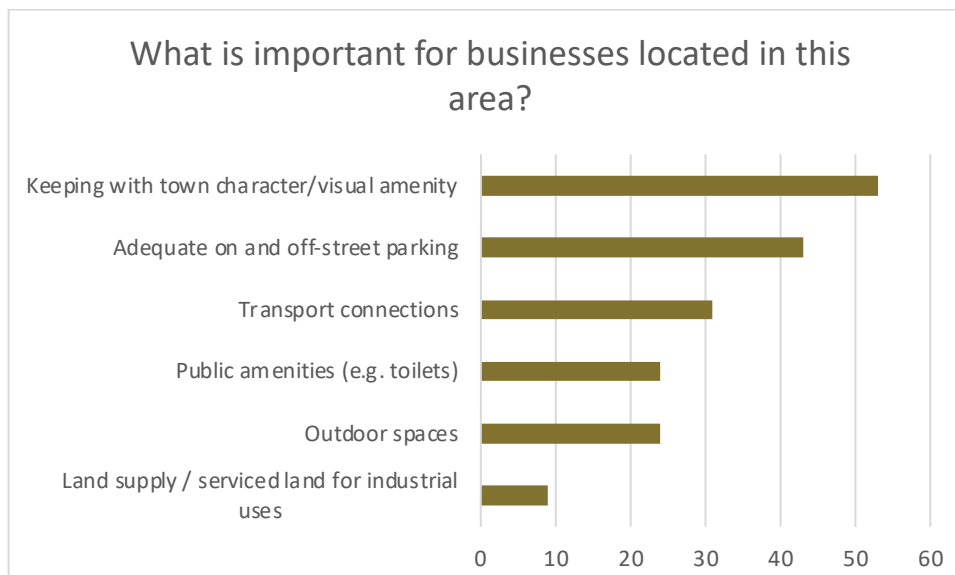
Other business and services that were mentioned included:

- Another supermarket
- Butchers
- Fruit shop
- A high school
- Laundromats
- Agritourism
- A hardware store
- News agency.

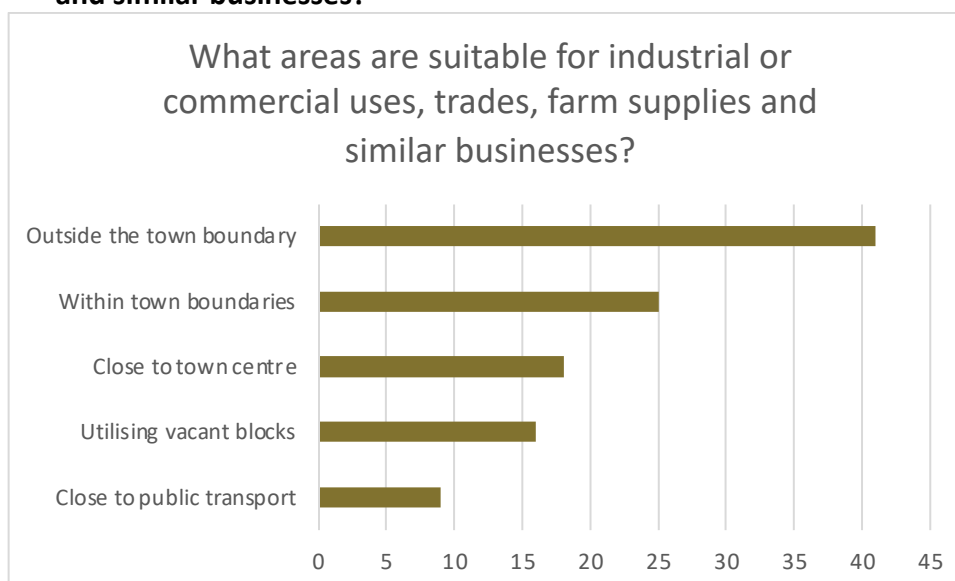
15. What would make Trentham more attractive for business?



16. What is important for businesses located in Trentham?

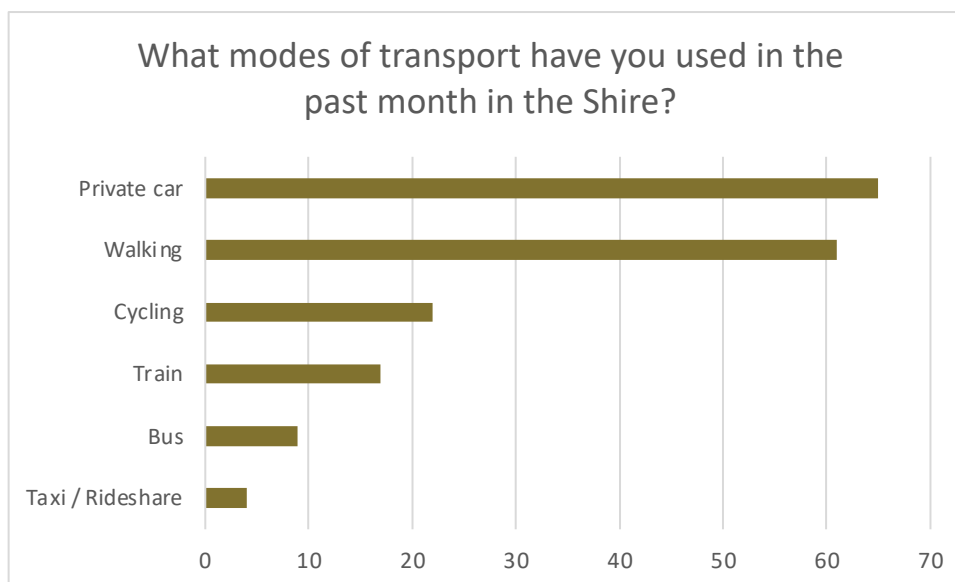


17. What areas are suitable for industrial or commercial uses, trades, farm supplies and similar businesses?



Transport

18. What modes of transport have you used in the past month in the shire?



19. Tell us where or how walking facilities could be improved

Comments related to general maintenance, surfaces and breaks/ gaps in paths.

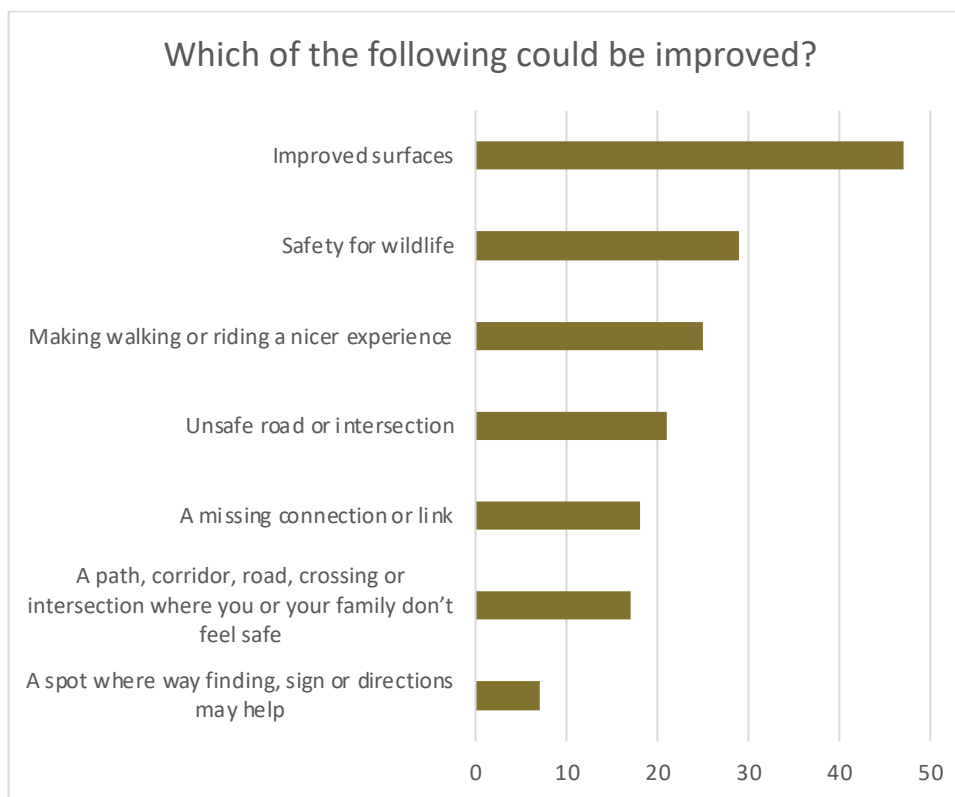
20. Tell us where or how cycling facilities could be improved

Comments related to completing the rail trail and improving cycling safety.

21. Tell us where or how public transport facilities could be improved

Comments related to the need for more regular public transport and the possibility of reinstating the train.

22. Which of the following could be improved?



23. Reflecting on the answer to your last question, tell us where the location is

Comments generally related to the poor quality of the roads in and around Trentham particularly surfaces and pot holes.

Environmental issues

24. Are there areas in your town that you think should not be improved due to biodiversity, flooding or other environmental constraint?

Respondents were invited to answer this question in their own words and the responses have been themed.

Creeks and floodplains (21 responses)

The most cited areas related to creeks and floodplains. There were comments relating to houses that have already been built on floodplains and the flooding risk this created. There was also a desire to maintain the waterways.

Areas close to State Forest (4 responses)

Building close to the state forest was not supported for the potential damage to the environment and biodiversity and due to the fire danger.

The Town Centre

There were a few comments relating for the need to preserve the town centre from development.

25. Are there particular biodiversity elements that you think should be protected?

Respondents were invited to answer this question in their own words and the responses have been themed.

Wombat state forest (6 comments)

Wombat State Park was an important area to protect including areas abutting the park.

Creeks (5 responses)

Creeks including Stoney and Trent Creeks were considered important.

Wildlife routes and refuges (4 comments)

Maintaining wildlife refuges and movement routes was important to help maintain existing wildlife.

Bushland (4 comments)

Bushland is considered important for wildlife and human wellbeing. Maintaining most or all existing bushland was considered important.

History and heritage

26. What is the most important heritage place or building in Trentham

Respondents were invited to answer this question in their own words and the responses have been themed.

Town Centre (15 responses)

The town centre including the streetscape, older buildings and shopfronts.

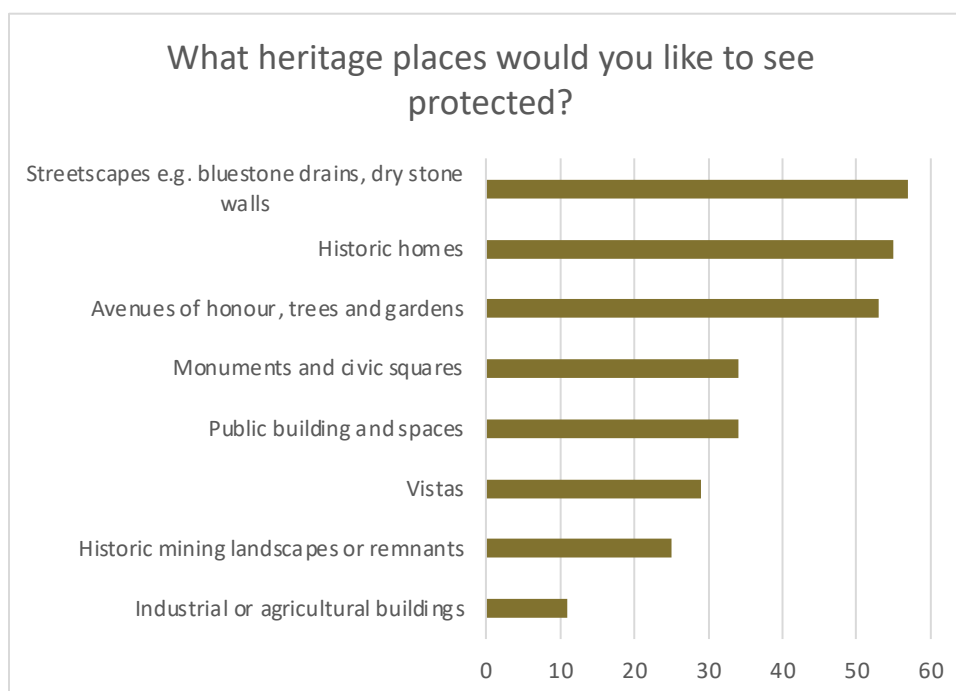
Cosmopolitan Hotel (14 comments)

The Cosmopolitan Hotel (Cosmos) was the most cited individual building.

Historic buildings (6 comments)

The railway station, police station, old bank, Dr Wisewoulds Clock and church were considered important.

27. What heritage place would you like to see protected?

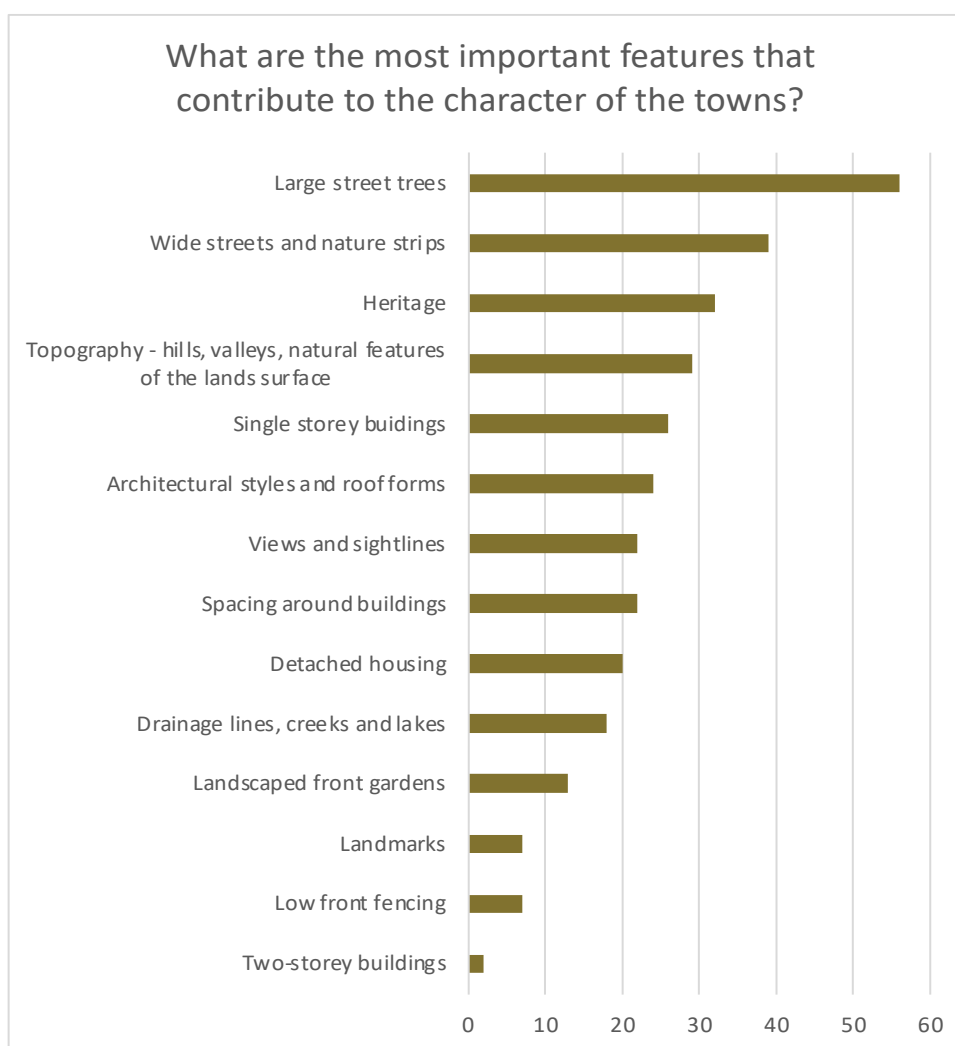


28. Do you have any stories about Trentham and what makes it special?

Stories have been provided in full in appendix one.

Neighbourhood Character

29. What are the most important features that contribute to the character of Trentham



30. What features of Trentham character would you like protected?

Respondents were invited to answer this question in their own words and the results have been themed.

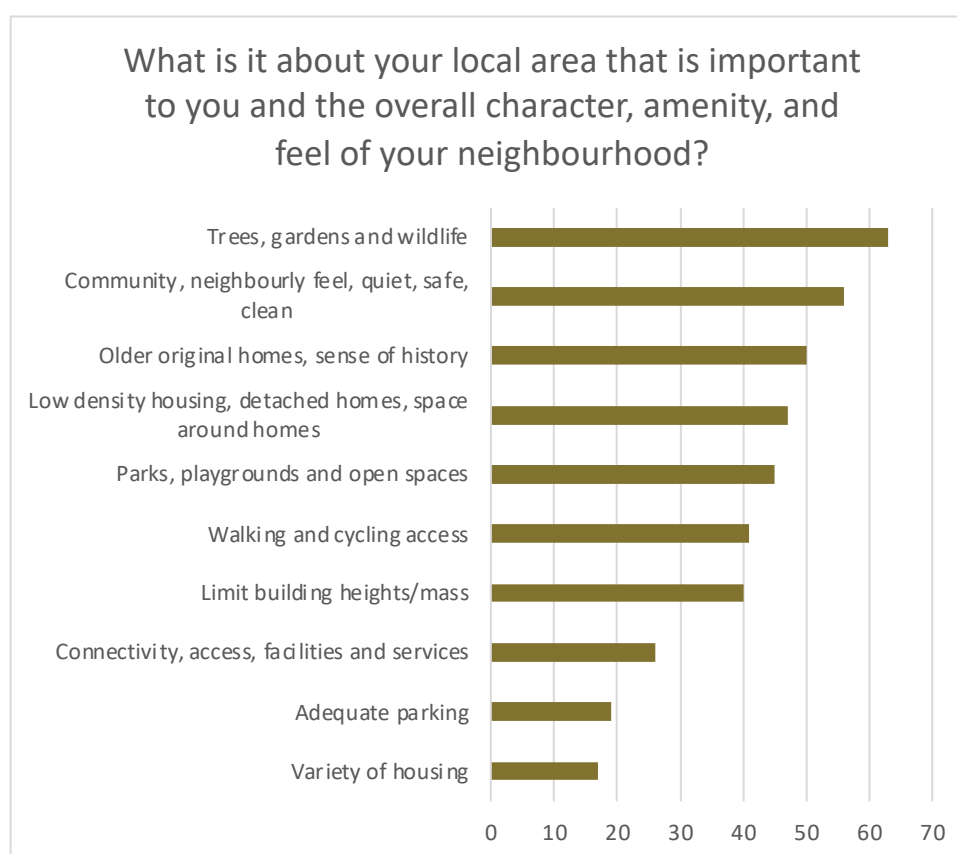
- The small town/ village feel
- Heritage sites, buildings and landmarks
- Street trees and streetscapes
- Older buildings
- Natural environment
- The space around the buildings.

31. What features of Trentham character would you like to see extended in the new developments?

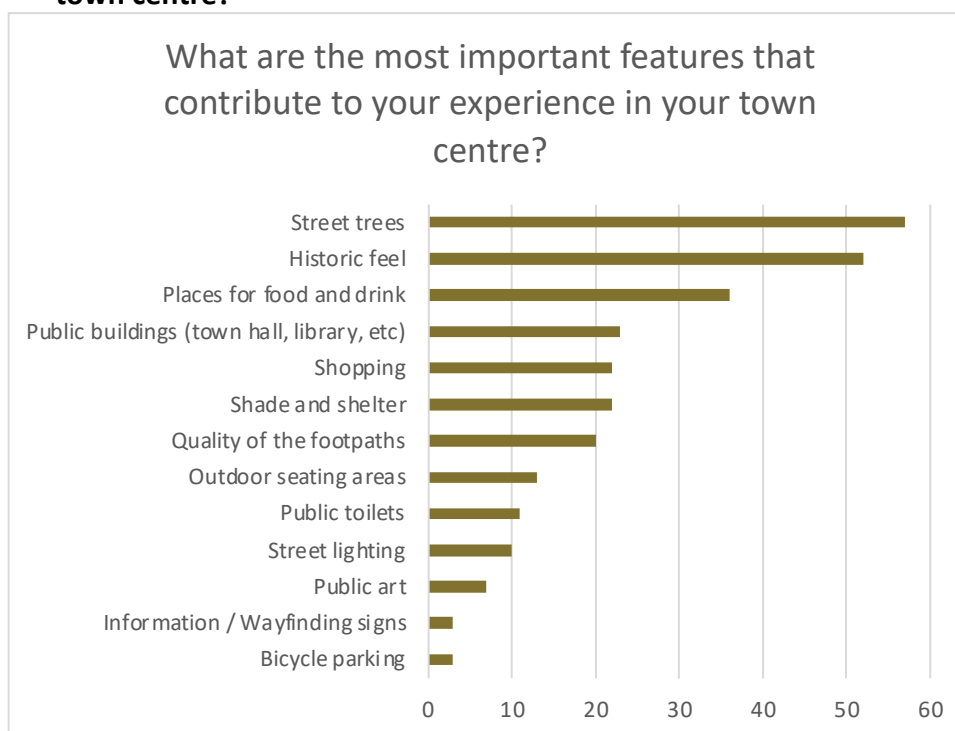
Respondents were invited to answer this question in their own words and the results have been themed.

- Larger blocks
- Street trees and vegetation
- Rural feel
- Space around the buildings
- No new development

32. What is it about your local area that is important to you and the overall character, amenity and feel of your neighbourhood?

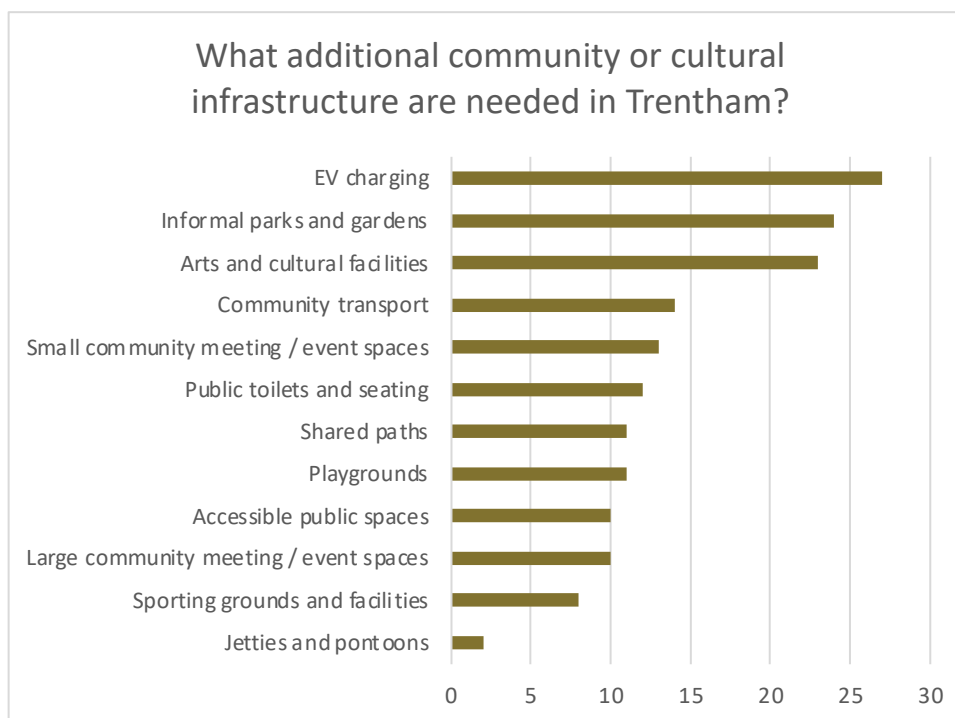


33. What are the most important features that contribute to your experience in your town centre?



Social Infrastructure

34. What additional community or cultural infrastructure are needed in Trentham?



35. Reflecting on the last question why is this infrastructure required?

Comments related to supporting community engagement and tourists. EV charging would also support transport options.

36. Are there any other community facilities and services that are lacking?

- Shops and services such as hardware, newsagent, medical, library or bookshop
- A gym and indoor pool and sports facilities
- A place for youth activities and meeting space.

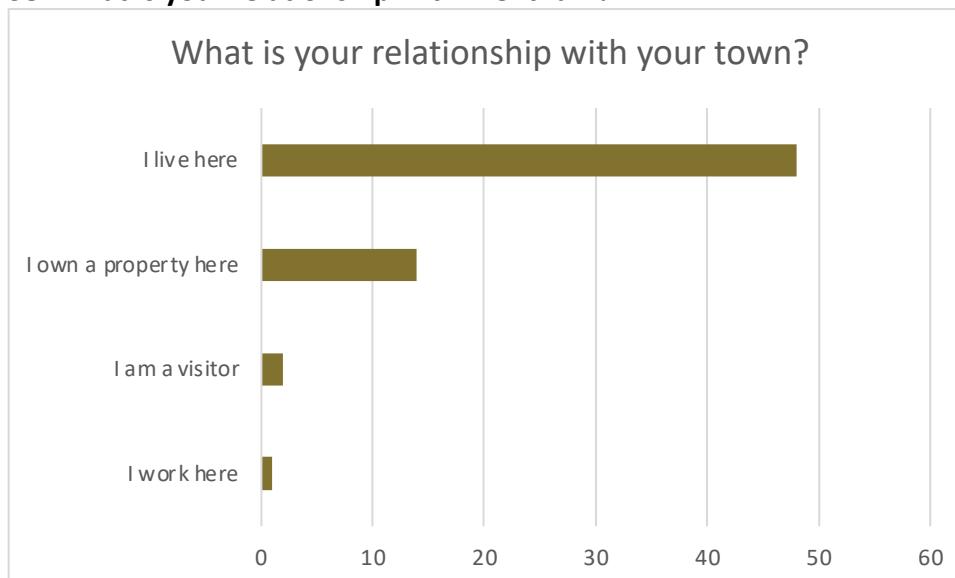
37. What are your top three priorities for community and cultural infrastructure?

- Community house
- Indoor sports facilities
- Parks and open spaces
- Sports facilities
- A gym

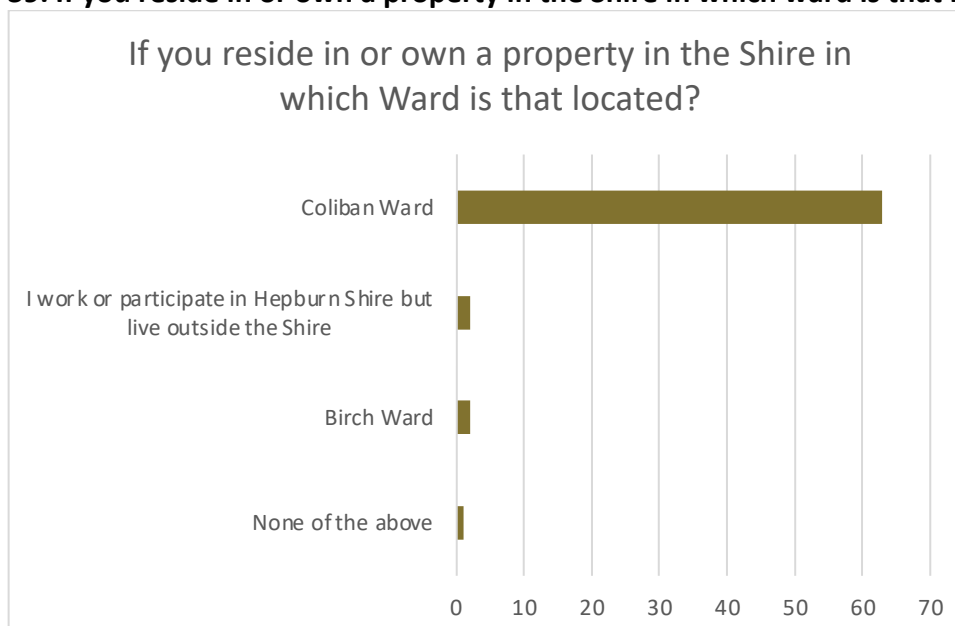
- EV charging/ renewable energy infrastructure
- Upgrades to aged care facilities
- Walking trails
- Rail trail
- Dog park
- Art gallery/hub
- Community centre
- Long day care

Demographics

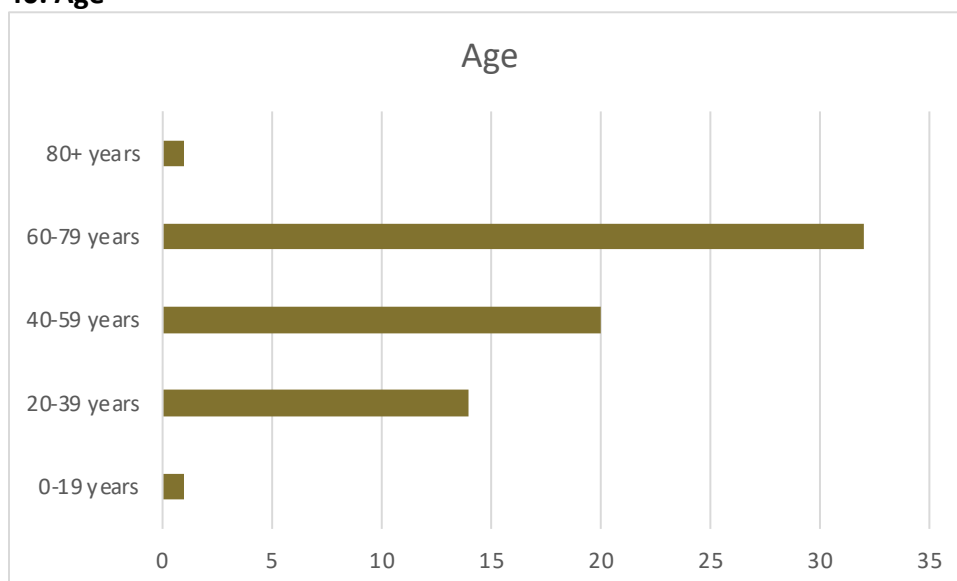
38. What is your relationship with Trentham?



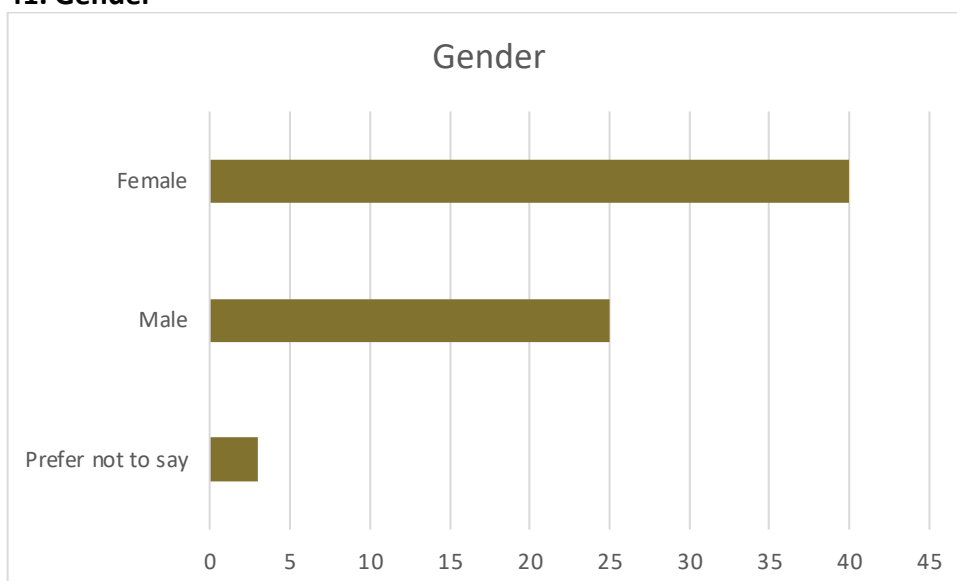
39. If you reside in or own a property in the Shire in which ward is that located?



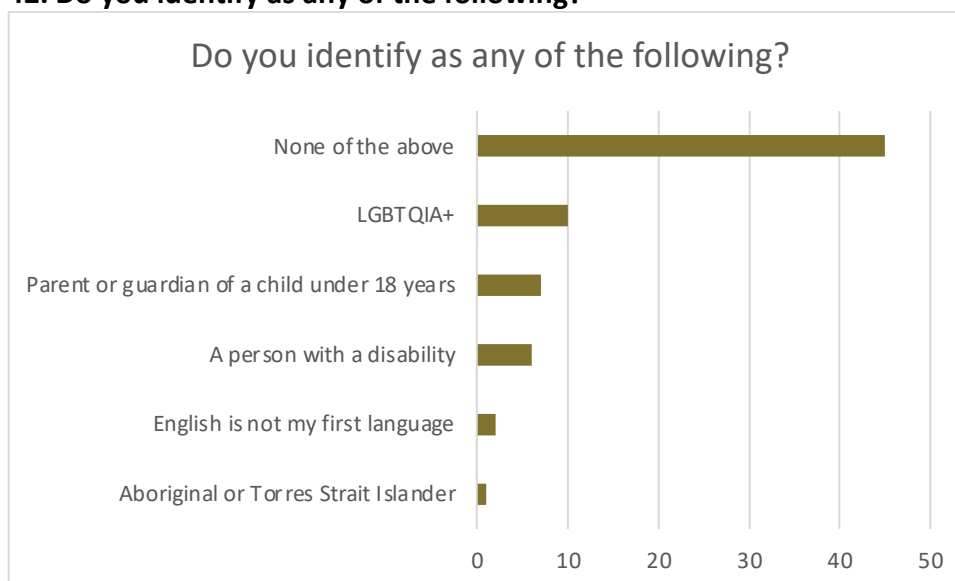
40. Age



41. Gender



42. Do you identify as any of the following?



Pop-up engagements

Background

A 'Community Conversation' was held on 31 May 2023. The purpose of this was to provide community members the opportunity to both have their say and ask questions about the structure planning process.

Participation

A total of 27 people participated in the Community Conversation. The pop-ups were attended by people aged between 20 and 80+ years with the largest percentage of responses coming from people aged 60 – 79 years. A total of 14 women and 13 men completed the activity.

Results

The comments gathered have been reviewed and themed.

What is the one thing you love about Trentham?

The most cited comments related to:

- Access to nature such as the forest, wildlife, trees and Trentham falls
- Rural small town such as the large blocks, gardens, friendly community and 'country feel'.

Other comments related to the streetscapes, services and facilities, heritage buildings, views and space.

What is the one thing you would change, remove or improve in Trentham?

There were a range of comments with no clear consensus on how Trentham should change. The most cited comments related to:

- Over development and the need to minimise subdivision
- The need to create walking and cycling trails

Other comments related to parking, the impact of tourist, available shopping options, housing the need for a youth space, play spaces and parks.

What type of businesses and services would you like added in Trentham?

The most cited business was 'trades and industry' which was noted as increasing employment opportunities. Other business that people indicated they would like to see include:

- Health services
- Childcare service
- Farm businesses
- Retail
- Food business
- Residential aged care
- News agent.

What sort of housing does the town need?

A range of housing types was mentioned. In order of most mentioned:

- Smaller houses suitable for singles, couples and smaller families
- Smaller affordable housing
- Social and affordable housing
- Accessible housing for older adults or people with a disability
- New home sites
- Large family houses
- Suitable housing for smaller blocks.

Only one person indicated that the town does not need additional housing.

Appendix one – online engagement results

The results in this appendix are provided exactly as they appear in the survey. They have not been edited and may contain typos, inaccuracies and strong opinions.

Where a large number of comments have been made, they have been broadly themed for ease of reading. Note that the theme will refer to the main point made, and the comment may include additional themes.

Not all questions allowed free text comments, these have not been included in the question numbers. The question numbers refer to the survey question number.

General questions

1. What do you like or value about Trentham

Other comments

The, mostly, healthy environment & seasons except for the smoke from wood-fired heaters.

Quiet, small, safe

The basalt soil and generally very good rainfall which facilitate growing gardens and vegetables

Intact agricultural land. Actual farms growing food rather than rampant development of lifestyle blocks. Also - the compact nature of development, this retains a village feel and means you can walk around the town without so many cars driving in from sprawling suburbs.

Understanding of indigenous history and end racist colonial 'stereotypical' townscape designs and landscapes europeanisation.

Range of small and local businesses

The beautiful surroundings and wildlife.

The way most new homes are evolving rather than revolutionising the streetscape. The health services -CHRH, Springs Medical and the pharmacy works together brilliantly.the

Dog friendly

Potential to be small rural town rather than a dormitory suburb

2. Is there anything you think should change?

Other comments

All the above need elaboration

a. Number of short stay accommodation (unregulated) b. Sun-division (inc axe-handle) of largish blocks into inappropriately dense lots.

Protection of the farm zone to ensure that any development actually supports farming and that farming activities aren't undermined by lifestylers. Neighbourhood character restrictions to prevent brick veneer and metricon-style homes. Protection of the timber, weatherboard and redbrick fabric of the town's heritage. Also clear articulation of what modern styles suit the neighbourhood character such as the new shops on the corner of Market and Victoria Streets, or new houses at Owl Rise.

Green bins

Better control over rampant, poorly designed sub division of residential properties

Complete the proposed Railtrail from Woodend to Daylesford

Stop the euopeanisation of the landscape. ie [REDACTED] Lyonville fake avenue of honour.

All power lines should be underground and the street scape of some shops in the centre of Trentham needs attention. There needs to be a walking path to the Trentham Falls. The speed limit in the shops area needs reducing to 40 kmh. A properly researched and funded streetscape needs to happen. The Shire has failed to deliver this in the past.

Ambulance station

Testrictions in Airbnbs - tax them to encourage the tent market? 22% ifhomes are unoccupied, twice the Victorian figure, a disgrace.

Affordable housing, particularly for local workers

More parking And more shops

3. Is there anything that should NOT change?

3. Anything that should NOT change:

- (i) Hopefully the character of 'the High St' and immediate surrounds (except perhaps 'undergrounding' power and re-routing heavy vehicle traffic).
- (ii) There should be no further re-zoning for residential use that takes the town closer to the forest particularly to the south and west.

Street lighting. Spud festival and tour. Pool and dog park.

The rural character

Should ensure the streetscape especially in the main street retains its quaint 'small town' and historic charm.

Should ensure that the entrance to town from both Tylden and Daylesford retains a rural feel and larger block sizes.

Exactly the points in question 1 above

- Town character
- Connection to environment
- Urban density

- Retain Trentham's rural character and small-town feel. (This has implications for planning (eg dense subdivisions) heritage protection etc.

Opportunities for growth (eg community or health facilities) must be comprehensive assessed and consulted upon widely)

- The impressive social connectivity in Trentham (implications for community cultural events/recreation facilities/places to meet.

Rural heritage and low density housing

The unique village atmosphere should be maintained at all costs. Easy parking and access.

The mix of businesses is fantastic, and every one super friendly.

It really seems to be a community that would always look after everyone.

The architecture should be left as is.

Heritage main street

Village feel - central nucleus

limit sprawl and enable densification

Small scale of Trentham. Village, rural ambience. Tree lined streets.

The overall look, character and feel of the town, particularly the main shopping strips. That is what people like and look for when they visit or move here.

Do not change the restrictions on the development of rural land. Do not want to see housing developments placed on rurally zoned land!

The rural 'village' feel.

The main street should be maintained as far as practicable both in terms of its physical appearance and its cultural aesthetic.

keep the natural environment - indigenous plants where ever possible

I would not like to see grand scale subdivisions to incorporate small residential blocks less than 1000sqm similar to other areas ie Gisborne, Wallan, Kilmore and the like. I would prefer to see larger lifestyle subdivisions of 1 acre lots to allow for town growth

The removal of heritage buildings and large trees.

We spend billions of dollars a year to travel to the other side of the world to marvel at history, heritage and culture. There needs to be a far more respectful and appreciative attitude towards Trenthams old and historic building. Use them as attractions for a historic cycling track. Pulling down the old sausage factory on beatties lane was one of the silliest things to do. It was iconic. The removal of historic trees from around Trentham needs to stop. You can't buy age and the grandeur and attraction they provide.

No more housing until infrastructure has been improved

The streetscape of the main commercial areas

National parks, heritage listings of buildings/houses and natural landscape!

village and rural character

The rural feel of the town

Commitment to protecting farmland

Retention of town streetscape

The environment, the wildlife and the generous people that live here.

The character of the town, it's appearance

The town boundaries - don't reduce agricultural land. The streetscape of High Street, which has been done well in the past 25 years. The boulevard that is Market Street, and the Quarry St Reserve.

The town settlement boundary

The town township settlement bounty should not be exceeded not expanded

Parkland space, access to Wombat state forest, country town feel

Main st building should be retained and any new structures must fit in with characteristics of the town

Respect for residents who live and work here

No

Rural character and new build in line and reflect that.

Development/ maintenance of existing walking tracks, access to station area, retaining large blocks for existing housing, maintenance on parks and garden areas

The character of the town centre

4 Do you have any concerns about the future of Trentham?

Growth

Yes some of the subdivisions should not be happening and infill of multiple houses should not be happening

"5. Concerns about the future:

(i) managing future change and growth – reviewing the Structure Plan every decade or more isn't sufficient and a real on-going partnership between Council and Community is needed to guide these changes; and

(ii) we don't have a clearly articulated vision / statement of the genius loci or the means for achieving, monitoring and maintaining these."

The generic, growing too fast. Should have a minimum house block size

"Excessive housing development is a concern as the town risks losing its uniqueness. Better street drainage.

Facilities such as gym, doctors and childcare so young families can grow and stay in the area as well as the aging. Too much focus on aging and not enough on the young families entering the town."

Yes I am concerned by the development and subdivisions taking place and that even after objecting to semi-detached units being placed in a backyard on the edge of Trentham, and the affect it will have on neighbours, wildlife and that it doesn't comply with regulations. Council still went ahead and approved it subject to some small changes, yet claimed at the town information session that they care about the Trentham survey and how the community feels.

Developers, small block sizes & battle axe blocks are dramatically changing the population & community feel. People moving to Trentham attracted to smaller blocks (often weekends) are unrealistic about rural life. They are often not here during the week & want very different

facilities than permanent residents...we need more families to retain the community feel, support established services & clubs (& a pool of casual teenage employees) & they need family-sized homes not 350m blocks. Help us

Rampant subdivision and subsequent urbanisation on small blocks. Water. Fire access on limited roads

"Yes - fragmentation of farmland.

The loss of walkability and amenity provided by having cottages and small blocks/dwellings in close to the main centre of town. It would be a real shame if we made or allowed people to live further and further out and this increased the amount of car traffic and discouraged the amenity of a village which is easy to walk around and meet people in the street.

Also - loss of neighbourhood character because of inappropriate design and building materials being used."

Trentham can't really support much more development and population increase so I wouldn't like to see it grow any more. Movement of traffic through the town is becoming increasingly difficult and parking is a huge problem.

Inappropriate subdivisions, blocks too small for building footprint. Some inappropriate battle-axe developments

"Just to have it stay, just as it is now, and not be ruined like Gisborne, with so much traffic, it is impossible to find a park to go shopping. The school traffic is a nightmare also.

The infrastructure in Gisborne, is not coping with the explosion of new housing and people coming into the area.

When I lived there 7 years ago, it was a quiet, country town, with so much character."

Inappropriate expansion, leading to sprawl and limited healthy options for accessing all services, i.e. shops, school.

"Very concerned that what I love and value about Trentham will be forever destroyed by rampant subdivision which is poorly designed and not considered against the wider and longer term impacts on the physical, social and environmental fabric of "our little town".

A publicly stated and respected vision for Trentham into the next few decades should be the criteria against which planning, infrastructure and service delivery should be assessed. End "silo thinking", build integrated approaches!"

"I don't mind some more housing, but it must be done correctly.

We are NOT and NEVER should be like the likes of Melton or Tarneit where houses sit on top of each other."

Too many small building lots

I am concerned that the planning process for new housing is less restrictive than in past years. New buildings that do not reflect rural / environmentally low key values are being built. Houses that are more suited to inner city zones detract from the area.

Continued sub-division of land at the level currently being allowed.

I don't want it to become congested with new developments.

Yes being crowded lots of houses now on very very small blocks of land

Yes, somewhat. It appears it is becoming suburban. Axe handled blocks, small block sizes.

Yes. We chose to buy here for 2 main reasons, the "village" community feel and the historic nature of the town. Both aspects are under threat due to developers buying properties to subdivide with no care for heritage, or for the impacts on the residents. They are only interested in making money, certainly not on conserving or enhancing the fabric of the town. A heritage overlay on the town centre should be paramount and future development carefully considered.

Please don't let Property Developers in to destroy our beautiful outdoor areas.

I'm concerned that the town will become too suburbia,

Inconsiderate and poorly planned residential growth because of rushed planning decisions by transient planning staff who do not understand our town. The loss of a valued character which is low density, larger lots, and expansive gardens. We would like to see the incremental and sustainable growth of our vibrant but small village centre. We are first and foremost a small country town.

Yes, I moved from new gisborne because of urban sprawl and green field development. I would like trentham to be a thriving tourist town that keeps its character as there is no other place like it in Victoria.

It will become too suburban and or gentrified.

Yes, subdivisions are becoming ugly

Inappropriate housing on small blocks, the need for suitable small houses. The need for businesses that serve the community not just tourists

The land subdivisions are getting smaller, too many houses on small areas of land make for urban feel in this lovely rural village. Also infrastructure not keeping up. Water, sewerage and power problems increased by dense development.

Building of new homes that do not reflect rural character and design. Example smaller blocks, no covenants on buildings by design.

"There are too many smaller subdivisions.

Also, I have concerns of the Ploughman pub that is always closed and, as it takes up so much street frontage, how it mars the streetscape during community events such as ANZAC Day and Spudfest."

Other

Need for more inner town housing development to allow for affordable housing for a range of ages and household types, while still protecting food bowl agricultural & productive farming land around.

"The lack of business diversity will see the town become just known for B&B stays and not serve the residents.

With so many young families in town will we have enough things for them to do without having to travel long distances for sport and entertainment activities."

I have heard there may be a TAB and sports bar (i.e. betting facilities) coming to a venue in the main street in September. I fear this will change the character of the town, create economic problems for individuals and families and be detrimental to the wider area.

"Corporation invasion

le: Maccas/KFC/Bunnings etc"

Trentham has an extraordinary 'involvement' ethos in all sorts of cultural, sporting, community service roles. As newcomers come to Trentham (esp. if there is a considerable number of working residents), I hope this involvement ethos is not lost. Much volunteering is now performed by our over 60 cohort (unsustainable)

That it loses its charm and open spaces. And the farming gets sold off for residential.

Native bush land not being replaced when destroyed by storms. Waterways pollution!

Protection of wildlife, and land development's is starting to look like suburbia, that's definitely not good for the town or for the wildlife it will lose the uniqueness of the town.

Environmental impact from humans!

Yes, too many air bnbs, too much division of house blocks. It is very expensive to live here.

My concerns are the housing availability here there is not enough for the future generations that have lived here their whole lives and wanting to stay here to be close to parents and grandparents

My only concern is it with all future housing the current infrastructure is sewage and water is not sufficient

That it will stay the same forever

Yes I feel as tho the older generation is not allowing the town to naturally grow

Yes - sufficient water, lack of low cost housing (really only the St George units)- which is why some present objections to subdivision are just selfish. The population is aging +median gone up steadily over the decade to 58, 20+ older than Victoria), largely due to mostly well off retirees having enough funds to afford a home.

" - Lack of, and/or lack of maintenance of green spaces in residential areas.

- Too many short term accommodation residents"

I am very concerned about B and B,s that are used as large wedding venues, completely unregulated and hell to live next to. The council needs to do something urgently about these houses, essentially being used as function centres. The noise and chaos is not fair.

The current Australia post office in Trentham is amazing, it is like a community hub, the owners are so caring for community members, once the post office is sold I worry about how much of a loss this will be.

Poor planning and the lack of a planning scheme to protect the town's character is the biggest problem. Battle blocks and splitting of existing blocks continues unabated and is destroying the township. If people want tiny blocks they should stay in the suburbs of Melbourne and not come to Trentham to turn into suburbia. Another paradise lost is where Trentham is heading. I'm concerned Trentham gets far too little in return for the rates being paid.

I think the planting of deciduous trees everywhere is horrible and racist.

It's over run by tourists at weekends making parking for locals impossible, poor condition of local roads due to increased traffic flows, poor mix of shops reduces locals shopping there, lack of proper sized supermarket forces locals to shop elsewhere, traffic flow problems caused by lack of adequate parking options and no time restrictions that force parking space turnover, younger generations moving away due to lack of jobs, transport, schools

5. Other comments

Growth

"Put a stop on subdivisions in the town. It is losing its rural character.

We are paying the highest rates we have ever paid in a Shire but feel that Hepburn has the least to offer ratepayers. We don't even have a green waste service yet have to still pay to dispose of it at the tip."

Cap the future population and block number, and enforce a minimum size on subdivision. Encourage families to move here, so sporting clubs, schools and community groups continue to prosper. Encourage small businesses to town with a greater range of services and diverse agriculture. Focus on retaining a rural feel to the streetscape.

"Far too much development too quickly.

Get up to date planning regulations NOW PLEASE!"

Please explore ways of ensuring that development in the farm land actually supports productive land use rather than country estates like those found at Mt Macedon and increasingly have snuck in on Pearsons Road.

I understand that as a small rate base Shire, Hepburn is under a lot of pressure to maximise rates from residential properties and also to increase the total number of residences but we, the people who live here, must also have some power as we live with the consequences of ill-considered, developer-influenced decisions.

Block sizes that are consistent with a rural environment not suburban block sizes. Given the depletion of trees, vegetation because of development maybe the council needs to take responsibility for revegetation.

Approval of Battle axe blocks and haphazard development should be questioned.

Stop subdividing everything! Cluttered living does not provide privacy or quiet environments. People move here to have space to grow trees, vegies, have pets or livestock to farm, to be away from neighbours. Subdivision will kill the rural essence of this place

Other

I would like Wolff lane to be protected and a historic and community space. The bakery and the pocket park opposite are fantastic community spaces.

"An indoor heated pool & sports precinct. Incorporating undercover tennis, badminton, basketball ring, hand tennis, pickleball court, etc. Removal of play equipment near pool, just leaving swings. An off leash dog park near oval rather than current one which isn't working!!!

A 40km zone in the High Street like Ballan has or at least a speed hump with flashing crosswalk to improve pedestrian safety on weekends.

RV Friendly sign and designated parking with RV dump point close to High Street."

The amount of objections for building and housing is a joke. I've had discussions with locals and they are happy to move here and live there loves but don't want anyone else to be able to enjoy a new house and lifestyle

Trentham is a lovely little town, with the shops on the main street and our lovely outdoor areas. The wildlife and other animals need to be protected. The people are very generous and caring. Let's not let 'big town thinking' destroy what we have.

All we got from the last \$215,000 street scape was a few trees on nature strips and the removal of parking spaces outside the Pharmacy, replaced by an uneven footpath and a drain that's always blocked!!! A path to the Trentham Falls still hasn't eventuated. Trentham needs electric vehicle charging points, a waste point for motorhomes and caravans, some overnight powered camping sites and better footpaths. The 'skate park' was only built to half it's original size and needs expanding

We need more affordable housing for people that work here

Monitor and limit air bnbs. When people from outside of the area with no connection to the community buy properties for short stays it limits opportunities for housing for young people, renters, workers to find accommodation

Encourage a more diverse range of business that support weekend tourism.

I would hope that incoming residents do not bring city-style expectations with them but accept they've moved to the country where things may not be perfect!

development of football ground now ned to remove cypress trees at front, serious fire hazard

Footpaths are adequate. Local amenities are well kept, looked after and clean. Dog park a great addition. Spud festival is fantastic and hut tour very well done.

"Many times people don't appreciate what they have got until it has gone.

The beauty of Trentham when you are driving into it is second to none."

Honour country and traditional people. Stand against racism and remove Lyonville's Avenue of Honour that brings shame to all who know its history or rather lack of it. Melbourne based Air B and B's and developers pushing racist 'holiday art directions' by planting foreign weeds/autumn colours northern hemisphere plants in front of an indigeouns family's farm frontage. Shame Hepburn Shire.

The dog park trial is a problem Why you would fence off three quarters of a park for a trial is strange. The area is a children's playground and also has tennis courts and a pool All these facilities need room to function correctly There is now no room for kids to run around safely or have protection from the sun Dogs are left off the leash and allowed to run around the tennis courts harming the surface This is not the place for it Dogs and young children do not mix

The population is growing. Suburbs are expanding, or rather growing like bacteria on agar.

I'd like to see less parking in the main street so as to free it up for pedestrians. Drivers often don't obey the road rules and do u turns in the main street or park in no parking zones making it difficult to see where you're trying to turn into and out of the main street. It has become

particularly difficult turning into the main street from Cosmo road as cars regularly park beyond the designated parking spots making visibility difficult.

Need more opportunity for houses on 1/2 acre or an acre or two. Enough room for proper gardens, pets etc

"more tax payers/rates money put back into Trentham to encourage a greater sense of community services.

Continued street planting especially down Main Street. quick growing abies species to offer a highland cosy feeling and to have a far greater effort put into festive seasons and festivals.

Definitely need a communal gym at the sports ground and MORE UNDERCOVER OUTDOOR AREAS. !!!' We need Trentham to come alive and be celebrated through the long cold wet winter and spring."

"Secondary school students will increase in number in the next decade, despite the aging. A local school - 7-10?

Neighbourhood Centre, Life Activities, Sports ground and churches are crucial for community strength, but face challenges in funding and people.

Dependence on cars is an emissions issue - small buses running every hour to Kyneton, Woodend Daylesford? EV charging stations?

██████████ is one savvy councillor - I hope we continue a ward system for council lest we lose representation."

Promote tourism within the existing commercial centre and provide for more opportunities for small scale local businesses to establish on vacant or underused sites within the town, promote opportunities for diverse, small businesses/food trucks/unique retail/distilleries etc.

I love our town and would hate to see it become too touristy.

Building the proposed Railtrail would increase tourism, provide greater opportunities for small business/townships along the corridor and greater opportunity for exercise for residents not afforded by simply building skateboard parks.

Areas around Trentham isolated for people who are unable to drive. Better transport services especially for elderly and young people would be great, including accessible bike paths in surrounding areas for fitness and access to townships especially for isolated youth.

Further comments to be discussed

Housing

7. What sort of housing does Trentham need?

Other comments

Sustainable houses, planning restrictions on house orientation, insulation

The town needs a mix of housing styles. Smaller houses on smaller blocks retain a village feel and provide for a range of ages, stages and lifestyles.

A balance between all the above. Don't allow suburbia to take a hold.

Not sure the town needs to grow, especially at the cost of the environment

Sustainable eco friendly renewable housing

Minimum 1acre lots

8. Reflecting on your last response, how could this be improved?

Growth

We are a small town and we don't want to see green field development. I would like to see the council work on making our commercial more vibrant for tourism as people visit kid town because it is quaint and doesn't feel like urban sprawl.

No greenfield subdivision beyond the town boundaries.

Trentham is already growing too rapidly and in a hap hazard manner

Don't build anymore houses

I worry for overdevelopment and sprawling town with more subdivisions will cause Trentham to lose its charm

Stricter subdivision controls.

The minimum size of blocks in the township in any new subdivisions should be 1000 square metres.

Making sure house frontage is set back to allow green space along streets. No 2 story townhouses with the town centre. With large subdivision there should be a green area between every 5 lots to create a great wildlife corridor and healthier living without everyone living on top of each other.

Stop cutting land in matchbox sizes.

Stop subdividing the town!

Making restrictions on approvals for land smaller than 1 acre

Council should no longer approve subdivisions.

Housing divertity

Not every town needs to grow! As a Hepburn Shire "little town" without a train service, we should keep it small and contained, featuring its historic and environment characteristics. Increased housing density should be concentrated in the bigger centres in the Shire which have established (and potentially expanding) public transport and health and educational services.

We desperately need smaller affordable housing. There is not enough housing for people to work here. Too many B and B,s and empty se on houses.

Large development should have to provide affordable housing. All new houses should be accessible and built according strong environmental sustainability standards

More housing options needed for elderly who otherwise will have to leave town.

It would be good to have a cluster of houses with a shared garden area- small, eco-friendly buildings suitable for older residents something that would give owners a sense of community.

Covenants that building design that reflect rural character. They can be small cottages or large family ranch & new designed homes.

"For towns to grow and prosper, CORRECT DEVELOPMENT IS ESSENTIAL.

For Trentham, tiny house blocks as we have seen of late is not in keeping with the character of the town. Even unit developments for older/retired people should have a minimum size block. That is not too much to ask"

By allowing people to sub divide responsibly without people in up in arms and objections left right and centre

Allowing development to happen. Objections put up house and land prices as developers have to pay more money to get around it so it's a flow on effect

Make it easier for owner built, ki homes and mini homes

"Homes for older single people and single parent to rent are rare now - used to be many more when we came 25 years back.

Planning to limit too many similar size plots in an area - a variety of small (400sm), 1/4 and 1/2acre sites near one another. Can't see why sites in town over half an acre can be justified now."

Create and develop estates

Allow more land to become available for housing

" -There is a 4 unit complex next to Uniting Church in Market Street, also larger complex units next to Mary Magdalene Op Shop and Church. They seem to 'work' functionally and quite aesthetically and serve a social purpose.

-Council owned land in Victoria Street (adjacent to Railway Station) could be used to build a single level sustainable and well-designed complex of units with some shared facilities (eg BBQ area)"

Sustainable and affordable housing options

" - Smaller affordable home site but not crammed together or high density. Instead interspersed.

- Town needs more of its existing housing available for long(er) term accommodation (e.g. too many AirBnB types)"

"A local housing strategy with a substantial social licence – this is an issue of widespread community interest that goes far beyond the interests of developers and Council administering the provisions of the Structure Plan – ref also the 2022 Community Survey.

(Do you realise the order of the above options differ from that on the hard copy? - care in transcribing any hard copy responses is needed to avoid unintended rankings.)"

"Small retirement village as y

There are a good percentage of people over 60 living here and a lot of single women"

Environmentally friendly housing.

"Restrict Airbnb and investment

Increase rates for above"

More consultation with the elder people in our community.

Small block sizes does not equate to affordable housing. It just means small "luxury" homes for weekenders and they can be sold for whatever the developer wants. We need a diverse mix of housing for all ages and MUST retain larger homes for families as well as larger blocks with green space to protect the wildlife which currently moves through town...if we lose space for roos, echidnas and birds in town it will lose charm quickly.

I don't think it can be approved by council. Housing is to my mind is not the responsibility of council

Better local regulations regarding size of house to size of the block, need for consideration of neighbouring homes. Better stormwater management, particularly requirement for water tanks.

I have not been here for very long, and can not really comment

Better utilise the houses in the town as many are vacant and used solely as weekend accommodation eg. B&Bs

Less air bnb and they should be available for long term rental

10. Thinking about the next 15 years do you see yourself

Other comments

Developing a diverse set of houses on my block and leveraging these to buy and run a farm in the area - if there are any left@!

Racist neighbours who continue to publicly vilify me for not supporting 2019 Lyonville Avenue of Honour make me not want to stay.

Buying a small home in Shire (currently renting)

11. What do you see as the most significant housing needs for your community?

Other comments

Heritage is stupid and backward. Build totally 21 century buildings. Get modern and eco sensible.

No new housing

Preferred neighbourhood character which acknowledges location adjacent to the forest and responds to need to help sustain local flora and fauna.

11. If Trentham were to grow where should the housing occur?

Other comments

Encourage tiny houses and granny flats. Stop the elitist building.

12. Do you have any further comments about housing in your town?

This is important - I have further comments that don't fit the ridiculous character restrictions including as below. [There is no other obvious place in this survey for this issue, but Council must engage with the community to identify the best use of [REDACTED] originally purchased with a caveat 'for community use'.]

We live at the edge of town near the State Forest. We chose to live up here for the amount of space we have around us and the wildlife we encounter. If you continue to subdivide and let the town sprawl, all character will be gone and it will change the beauty of this town and the reason a lot of people live here. If housing options for people of all stages of life are needed, then keep them close to the town centre where everything is more accessible.

Please stop approving houses on 350m and smaller blocks that are better suited to inner city Melbourne. We live in the forest and the reality is our town can only grow so far...land availability being the least of these issues

It's far too dense. The blocks are smaller and smaller. too many weekenders and B&B's

I'm concerned about the unregulated proliferation of short stay accommodation in the town, especially if operated by 'out-of-towners'. This severely restricts long term rental options for people. It undermines community efforts for civic beautification (ie do absentee landlords participate in grant writing, planning, working bees etc etc. to enhance and maintain our walking trails, town reserves etc? They certainly financially benefit from the fact that these places exist, attractively maintained.

Unfortunately many of the wealthy newcomers to town seem to be worried about low-income people or "those types people" living near them - this may be a barrier to effectively addressing affordable housing issues.

Would not like to see any major developments happening in town- as I said in question 7. perhaps a small cluster of that would suit older residents or retirees. Am happy for heritage building to be bought up and restored, There are a lot of very tasteful renovations that have been done in the last 4 or 5 years.

* Definitely no more carving up large blocks!!

More options similar to homes next to the library with space for gardens etc. suited to elderly

Preferred neighbourhood character encourages single storey setback in mature gardens, however many lots appear significantly larger than owners occupants have capacity to manage leading to a conclusion that policies need development and promotion for densifying housing within existing town boundaries using existing service infrastructure with low cost of infrastructure extensions.

Additional housing is essential for rural communities, but it MUST BE IN KEEPING WITH THE CURRENT CHARACTER of the town Shoeboxes squeezed onto tiny blocks IS NOT CORRECT DEVELOPMENT

Minimise approvals for B&Bs to decrease number of properties empty during the week.

No high rise structures

Please lets not make 'Heritage' a priority. This is backward thinking and mostly a racist vision of 'idyllic rural life'. Air B and B's are ruining our town in many ways, and they literally fund the creation of fake history, of 'holidays' in a fantasy of olden days... ie racist Australia. We need to change. Go modern. Go indigenous. This is the future of smart management.

No

Accommodate to have nature and green spaces more prominent. To help small businesses to allow them to trade and offer community stability.

Increasing the housing density, has already happened and at times the result has been an over crowded look for some parts of the town.

Trentham definitely needs a coherent planning scheme that provides the opportunity to upgrade and build homes but not at the expense of the heritage character and village feel. That is why visitors come here and why we live here. There should also be some minimum standards to prevent some of the awful developments/relocated homes we can see.

The shire is happy to allow battle axe blocks but motions to object to new estates. Why would you want to cut off blocks at the back of houses looking at fences all the way around

Councils all over can't manage what infrastructure and roads they have now. The argument of more houses and more rates will bring councils more money is such a failed argument. More houses will happen with the existing vacant land in the township but Shires could give up unused shire lands to help with social housing. Some Crown land should also be given up to social housing projects. Especially old railway reserves that no longer have railway lines operating unless it can be proved a train service will soon return.

I am grateful that housing over the past dozen years has developed in varied styles that mostly look like country town ones, some more 'modern' but few if any streets that look like a 'suburb'. Social and low-rent housing is crucial.

We do not wish to see increased housing growth. We are a small but sustainable community that thrives on its tourism appeal and which can be sustained with more investment in tourism and council supporting local business rather than new housing lots. If new housing is proposed it should only be infill within the town centre.

I like the housing as is in my town.

Exploitation by developers with sizes of housing insensitive to existing houses and residents, the filling up of small blocks as if inner city.

Concerned over build of standard design home's similar to new developed Melbourne new estates

Planning approval needs more discretion and connection to the heritage and feel of the town.

Business

13. What types of businesses and services would you like to see added to Trentham **Other comments**

Another super market, butcher and fruit shop

A high school, might sound silly but could work for the town

Laundromat would be handy and a newsagency

Seems about right in Trentham currently

No unsightly industrial areas

Agritourism

Hardware store, coin laundry, small concrete batching plant, garden/soil/gravel supplies

Hardware

14. What would make Trentham more attractive for business? **Other comments**

Reliable power supply

encouragement of more businesses that are not reliant on weekend trade

Railtrail

Better signage and more parking.

Keep town unique not where everyone wants to visit because it's small and quite enough so it can be enjoyable to holiday.

A better council that wasn't Daylesford and Creswick centric. The ability for some of the suggested businesses to operate from their existing residential premises

Easier to gain planning permits for new uses, easier to get liquor licenses and support for more diverse commercial uses

I do not want expanded industry in trentham town

15. What is important for businesses located in Trentham? **Other comments**

Linkages so the retail can spread out rather than all be concentrated in High Street.

Transport

16. What modes of transport have you used in the past month in the shire?

Other comments

Electric scooter

Mobility scooter

17. Tell us where and how walking facilities could be improved

Extensive comment that will not fit

Better maintenance and more of them.

Better drainage on roads. Weather shelters along domino track.

More footpaths along both sides of Cosmo Road

Better maintenance of walking tracks inside town after weather events. But don't concrete everywhere.

-Domino and Wombat trails

- More regular maintenance

- Better signage

- Continual maintenance of domino trail and re-actification of the dilapidated bridge over the Coliban river,

- Continual Maintenance of Wombat Trail, inc. restoration of signage plaques (most currently vandalised)

Build the Daylesford to Hanging Rock Rail Trail!

Forest tracks have suffered since the big storms. Would be good to have those brought up to scratch. Footy oval access paths are waterlogged in winter so not a good area to walk.

Better maintenance and weed control places like domino trail

I think they are perfect now

Analyse and improve drainage (slip hazards e.g. Cosmo Road near Cosmo), cnr Bath Victoria St, lighting, hazard prevention to encourage walking

Maintaining the condition of and expanding the extent of foot and cycle paths in and around Trentham. Existing footpaths in particular need to be kept clear of leaves and other slipping hazards and adjoining vegetation needs to be kept trimmed.

Walking trails in and around the town need better signposting and regular maintenance.

The Trent Creek reserve requires weed eradication in order to make this public space usable.

paths along roadway to Trentham falls and other attractions.

Appears appropriate for the moment

Minimal footpaths except for Cosmo Road and near the Primary School side of town, so people have no option but to walk on the roads.

Safe pathways

Dedicated path with no trip hazards

More footpaths (on at least 1 side of the street) and additional walking trails

We need more sidewalks and a reduction in speed limits.

We need more footpaths and bike tracks

More footpaths around the Township (appreciate footpaths and have been completed lately)

More council assistance in relation to lawn mowing and brush cutting in relation to the domain trail the trail between Falls Road and station Street

parts of the domino trail which is our main tourist walking attraction are still left unusable/unsafe as a result of the recent floods. creation of more accessible walking trails within the township

Sidewalks

Maintenance of existing tracks - making them user friendly 12 months year (so can walk when wet).

More footpaths as traffic often moves to fast to make walking in some areas safe. Where there is room for a footpath in town I think we should aim to introduce them. Gravel pathways are always a cheaper option. Council to take more responsibility for maintenance of current pathways - eg: Domino Trail. Toilets of the Domino Trail. Information signage.

Create footpaths where non exist within the town, especially close to the centre

Better walking paths so you can stay off of the road.

I will say it again less land development and signs dog must be on leash so the wildlife doesn't get disturbed.

More footpaths to be provided

All streets within town boundary to have sealed footpaths

Walking tracks damaged by rains and storms need repairing. Some need tracks that are board walks instead of paths that get flooded or washed away. Still waiting for a walking track to Trentham Falls.

Lack of lighting when walking on your own at night

Keep up the footpath building - but more with granatic sand rather than concrete!

More footpaths and walking tracks within the surrounding natural environment

More walking tracks and connections to fitness type activities

They are well serviced now.

'Dogs on Leads' signs

Raised wooden walkways for wet areas and areas prone to flooding such as Quarry Street and Stoney Creek Reserves.

Put in a walking/cycling track from the centre of town to the waterfall, one of our biggest assets, but can only safely be accessed by car.

Gutters and all wether footpaths

Maintained weather proof walking tracks

Footpaths

Paths! The country roads 80-100km/hr with no shoulder due to vegetation on sides road and no safe walking or cycling paths to get anywhere if you live in small towns around Trentham

More stable paths

Carefully designed rural footpaths (e.g. avoid full engineering solutions like curb and channel, keep swale drains but have asphalt paths on one side of the road for high pedestrian traffic areas)

Extended and maintenance of railway track

Lighting, paved paths, railings near main roads. In town : paved footpaths should be the norm, good guttering for water flow, pedestrian crossing in the main town, street lights in main street. Out of town/outskirts: railings to separate pedestrians from cars, paved track, clear signage for cars regarding pedestrians

I am happy with the current facilities.

21. Tell us where and how cycling facilities could be improved

As for 19

Build the Daylesford to Hanging Rock Rail Trail!

Wider shoulders which are kept clear of debris on major roads.

I would be good to have a dedicated cycle track - maybe one that does a circuit of the town along it's boundaries or a forest cycle track.

Nominate specific cycling trails for residents and tourists

Sufficient shoulder established (bike lane marking) where roads are only access.

Make the Daylesford-Trentham Rail Trail a reality.....before I die!

Develop specifications for main roads between towns to have sufficient "shoulder " on the edges of roads to allow safe cycling on these highways.

Within town boundary is OK.

Approaching town or outside town boundaries, you take your life in your hands. Appalling state of roads does not help

Build the proposed railtrail between Woodend and Daylesford. This is long overdue and the roads are not safe for cycling

A designated cycle path from the station around town with points of interest.

Safe cycling paths to town.

Shared path ways showing signage

Keep cyclist off main road

Repairs to the wombat trail more signage for that and the domain trail.

again, tracks are left unusable. There could be further development of tracks for the purposes of cycling which would attract visitors to the area and encourage local residents to be more active. Bike parking in town would be useful.

Clear bush tracks from downed trees

Not aware of any cycling facilities in town

Cycling facilities are good

No comment on that.

The road edges need significant attention so cyclists can move off the main traffic lane. Road edges are very dangerous at the moment and need significant upgrading.

More off-road cycling tracks

Off road cycling please. Lots of off road connection between towns and nature attractions please.

The main roads in 80km/h and above zones are not very safe for cyclists. The town is fine.

n/a

Extend the Domino trail through to Woodend for both cyclists and walkers

I.e rail trail . Connect to trail to waterfall as above. Have good cycling maps and public toilets at the station and along trail.

Listed bike ways, bike part

Bike paths connecting small townships, utilise large vegetation areas on sides road and old railway line

Ban cyclists...

No comment

Don't bother

I am happy with the current facilities.

21. Tell us how public transport facilities could be improved

The Sustainability Group has previously sought to encourage this without success.

Small more regular buses to stations

A more regular timetable

Don't think it is an issue. Most people use cars and those that need it seem happy with the bus.

I realise that buses can't continue without sufficient passenger use. But more services from Trentham to the Woodend/Kyneton train would be great.

I think we need the Daylesford/Trentham -Woodend P/T facility for train connectivity and I think the current timetable is adequate.

I never see any passengers on the Trentham-Kyneton bus line... is it sustainable to continue this?

More buses more often.

Direct services to airport

I would love the Trentham rail to be reinstated.

Improve public transport link timing to Ballarat (via Daylesford), to enable residents to connect to health services

A well designed, weather protected stop for the Vline bus in Trentham. (The old milk bar is no longer in business).

Coach connections to train services are adequate.

Perhaps as population ages, a connecting service to Ballarat where major hospitals and medical facilities are located should be looked in to.

Increased bus service information at the stop. Advertising improvement to encourage people not to always go for private car options.

More frequent bus connections to Woodend train station. Some form of transport connection to Melbourne Airport - e.g. from Bendigo, Woodend, other?.

Improve timetable and routes

Reinstate a working train line to woodend

We need a light rail on the old railway. More buses

More frequent and more connected

More regular services Between townships and a night bus

I have not used public transport whilst in Trentham however I have been told the bus service is very good

rail service would be amazing, albeit pipe line dreaming.

Airport connection facilities would be welcome.

N/a

Additional services to train station and maybe Daylesford for shopping eg; 2hr or so stopover or so before returning. Maybe once weekly or fortnightly.

Vline bus often does not have payment working !

Fix the pot holes!!

It's ok just the way it is.

More busses on Trentham, Woodend, Kyneton and Daylesford loop

The bus timetables for the V-Line service and the Kyneton service require consultation and a full review. The timetable could be significantly improved to better serve the community.

Open a train station in Trentham!!!!

Small buses running at least hourly to surrounding towns, matching the trains to Bendigo and Melbourne.

More frequent bus services to Daylesford and Kyneton

More frequent bus services to Kyneton, Dalesford and Woodend

With regards to buses, have more frequent services. More stops added (Little Hampton for example).

Its very well serviced

Better more visible information about current services. Better connections to airport bus

Light rail on the old railway line to connect wood end to dalesford

Currently no public transport accessible to fern hill (east Trentham) and services difficult and take extended periods. Try getting from modems to Trentham or Kyneton and then get home w public transport- not possible

Make it so you are able to get to more places like ballan Ballarat and kyenton

Don't know, don't care

More information and frequency at strategic times to Woodend or Kyneton or Daylesford

More buses hourly, more stops eg near Pearson's Rd, Gunyah Dr, Tresidder Crt, Falls Rd. It's a time wasting exercise to drive into town, park then get a bu2s to Kyneton or Woodend that drives straight past the streets outside of town (or your own street)

More regular services.

22. Which of the following could be improved?

Other comments

Speed controls

re-establish Wombat Trail connectivity and signage (Stoney Creek/Cemetery)

23. Reflection on the answer in your last question, tell us where the location is?

Road surfaces have become a major problem everywhere – reducing speed and restricting heavy vehicles to certain roads (and out of High St) are all part of the solution but there also needs to be a major shift in social mindset as part of a multi-pronged approach to this problem. Transport is a major environmental sustainability issue.

Drainage Cosmo rd and along Park st

Surfaces need to be improved across the whole town. The roads are dangerous to drive on with so many potholes and repairs not being carried out in a timely manner.

Fix the roads. Keep gravel walking paths topped up after weather events (eg. Wombat Trail).

Trentham - Woodend Road

Trentham - Daylesford Road

Currently there is on Trentham - Woodend

Kyneton link by coach

- The crossing of High street (from 'old' Post Office to Trentham Neighbourhood Centre).
- Motorists drive very fast up the hill from the Tylden direction and don't slow down afterwards.
- When the new Hub is operational that areas is busier it will be trickier to cross High street from the South drivers go quite speedily from the main part of Trentham heading towards Tylden Rd down the hill.
- In Cosmo Rd? Blackwood Rd? before Countess Rd/Transfer Station where the wombat trail crosses the road (or has this changed since the 'Big storm of June 2021??

The old railway line between Daylesford and Carlsruhe.

Also - a walking trail from the township to Trentham Falls

The intersection at Cosmo Rd and the Main Street is dangerous, especially with people pulling out from the Cosmopolitan as you approach the intersection visibility out the main street is restricted by vehicles parking too close to the intersection. Intersection at Market street and the main street also a problem, especially on weekends. Trentham/Daylesford Rd needs major works, potholes keep reappearing despite patch up jobs and are very dangerous for motorists. Very hard to see some of these holes in wet and foggy weather.

Domino trail

See earlier answers/remarks

walk to trenthams falls and town center

Generally, the state of rural roads currently is appalling with no fix on the horizon

TYLDEN TRENTAM ROAD SPEED LIMIT SIGN SHOULD BE MOVED AFTER INTERSECTION OF SPRINGHILL NURSERY TURNOFF WE HAVE SEEN MANY TRAFFIC NEAR MISSES

Off road cycling

Crossing High Street, especially on weekends.

A bike path from Gleeson Street/Rahills Road end of town into High Street would make riding into town a safer option than always walking on the roads.

Blue Mount Road closest to town is full of pot holes.

Tylenol to Trentham road is pretty bad and getting worse.

Trentham to Dayslsford intersection (golf course) Dayslsford to Tylden turn off

Falls Road. More warnings dusk to dawn animals crossing

I'm new to the area so I'm not sure of the street names but additional footpaths on the minor streets would be good. Streets that are off Cosmo road for example

Overall consideration for the township

Both Road and pathways need improvement throughout the whole town

Camp Street from Forest St to Cosmo Road is in desperate need of a pedestrian walk path on both sides of the road. This road is a through street for traffic coming from Tylden and Blackwood to avoid the main parking street and is often unsafe for me to walk with children.

Roads in/out of Trentham are not well maintained and car damage is common

Walking tracks around Trentham

Cranneys Lane Trentham is full of pot holes most of the year. The road needs to have bitumen.

High Street from the Church to Crannys Lane. This end of High Street is increasingly used by traffic seeking to avoid the school zone on Bridge Street. Speed limits are often ignored. Ducks and Kangaroos come off second best. Road sides not always suitable to walk on because of, long grass, very wet underfoot etc. Cnr of High and Bridge Road often under water, road surface damaged.

High street

Most of the roads in and out of town!!

Centre of town

All the roads around trentham have pit holes

Near High St Cranneys Lane

The north east corner of Camp Street and Cosmo Road does not have kerbing and channelling. Whenever there is significant rain water runs down the road and makes it really hazardous. There should be a pit and drain that stops the water in Camp Street instead of having it run onto the east side of Cosmo Road. It always washes away lots of silt and rocks.

Quarry Street, west side. High Street west of Quarry Street, to Falls Road.

Any opportunity to improve sustainable transport around the town

Any opportunity to improve sustainable transport and off road bike tracks, to attract bike tourism.

Most roads around Trentham

crossing Falls Road at the football/cricket oval

Links to airport services

Bike lanes through town and better signage on Domino, including Dogs on Leads signs. More wildlife signs coming into and going out of town, including number to call for injured wildlife.

Railway station, station st

Trentham

Spaces to walk along existing streets is difficult in many places in town.

There are no accessible bike paths connecting small townships

Bad roads are a problem everywhere in Victoria, potholes that ruin tyres, steering and wheels need immediate attention

Trentham near McCashney oval

The stretch of road between Pearson's Rd and Falls Rd should be 60. Dangerous to get out of side streets and driveways. Resurfacing Pearsons Rd intersection and put in lighting. Add 'watch out for wildlife' signage on Cosmo Rd, Trentham - Tylden Rd, Pearson's Rd. Speed camera set up on Cosmo Rd on weekends near the cemetery and roadway from Falls Rd into Trentham. It's like a race track!

Falls Road

Environment/ biodiversity

24. Are there areas in your town that you think should not be improved due to biodiversity, flooding or other environmental constraint?

Creeks and floodplains

Obviously low level areas

No development along the creek

Anywhere near the creeks that run through Trentham

Too late. A house has already been built in a floodway in Camp Street but the vacant block next to it is in the middle of the floodway but council will probably issue a building permit one day. The farming area south of Rahills Road should remain as farm land to keep a bush fire buffer from for the township.

Less developments and more environmental protection especially Trent creek from the proposed beatties lane subdivision

Victoria street, Park St, Camp st near Bowen st, Mulcahys Rd, Blighs Rd, Cranny's Lane, Pearson's Rd, Falls Rd near Little Hampton and golf course

Yes. There is too much development and building permissions given to land that is subject to flooding, so more rigorous enforcement of setbacks from creeks and other intermittent watercourses. Better compliance checking of interference with watercourses by the construction of dams or ponds. Water courses can also be wildlife corridors, especially if tree and bush cover is enhanced. Thus particular attention should be given to preserving and enhancing the various watercourse areas of Trentham.

Yes. There are houses bueng built on flood prone areas.

"Areas known for flooding should never have been granted building permits.

ie Camp Street twin house development"

"All of the above in my area especially flood and fire

I live at 2 Rahills Rd please see my communication regarding development at 60 Cosmo Road"

Near creeks and on the edge of town near the forest.

Any area that is prone to flooding should not be developed. Any areas that are highly vegetated should also not be developed or removal of vegetation should be at a minimum. Areas to back onto the forest is high risk so should not be developed.

Corner of Bowen and Camp St which us essentially wetland but it's too late! Flooding along Trent Ck is a concern.

Areas that have flooded should be reserved

Preserve and enhance waterways - including inclusion of litter traps

Lower areas along creek lines, areas where development would threaten flora and fauna.

Being careful of the small creeks

Any areas around quarry straight reserve and along the creek should not be developed in anyway

Along creeks and trail trail, near flood plains and dense forest

Need attention to waterways that develop in winter in gutters. Eg bowen st, south rd.

On/near creeks

Other

"Massive clearing has occurred in forested blocks on the East and West of town. This will be clearly evident on up to date satellite data. This should be prevented and compliance should occur. Penalties should be enough to discourage this sort of cowboy behaviour!

Wetlands on lagoon road have also been drained. this was an incredible haven for water birds. It was a real shame that this was allowed to occur. Perhaps these landowners need better education!"

Yes, all throughout the town. This why we shouldn't be encouraging housing growth.

NO land currently zoned farming to the south or west of the town should be re-zoned for residential development due to fire risk.

Main St and surrounding four streets around!

Yes, preserve all the nature.

Areas near the State Forest and Camp Street

Areas close to the Wombat Forest

Camp street near gamble street

Yes

Nothing that springs to mind.

Areas adjacent to Mukcahys road

No comment

Duck park and town square

No

Development to wetlands to encourage native wildlife but not known flood planes

Boardwalk to improve the boggy parts of the Domino Trail.

Not sure being new to the area

Outside Town boundary south of Rahills Road, (fire risk, esp. after wind change)

" - Anywhere south of =existing town boundary

- Along Stoney and Trent creeks"

Forest- domino trails

All surrounding state forrests

25. Are there particular biodiversity elements that you think should be protected?

Support (both \$\$ + practical) for the small volunteer Public Reserves C'tee of Managment responsible for the Stoney and Trent Creek reserves. These are high value open space in the middle of town for biodiversity links, passive recreation and town character (see also 19).

Without adequate management these reserves are also potential fire corridor hazards.

The relatively small Quarry St Reserve section of Stoney Ck receives disproportionate support as a consequence of its status as the 'town park'.

Birds, mammals

Wombat forest needs protecting

We must retain creeks, green corridors and large stands of trees inside town and on edge of town.

Simply, stop endangering the biodiversity in the area. Stop clearing too much land.

- Along Stoney, Trent and other creeks to create wildlife corridors
- Pest Plant control
- Native vegetation planting
- Enhance protection of remnant vegetation the Wombat forest, along waterways and walking trails
- Increased restoration of water-ways for wildlife corridors.
- Improved monitoring of pest vegetation on private land (eg East of and adjacent to Trentham Golf course which borders the creek.

The wetlands on Lagoon Road.

Need to preserve some refuge areas for kangaroos and wallabies where they graze

The lake and parklands are beautiful and should be maintained

To protect biodiversity increase gorse and blackberry removal programs (sustainable manner, e.g. goats)

Not sure

Current parks and wetlands around the creek

Keeping unnecessary traffic out of the forests.

Making green waste free at the tip constantly.

No

Flora, fauna and wildlife considerations eg existing kangaroo routes should be left alone

No

Protecting and enhancing the landscape for biodiversity should be a high priority at all times. It is important for wildlife, agriculture, people's wellbeing and also local economy

Trent creek and the surrounding forests

All bushland should be preserved.

Yes, all native bush land in and around Trentham!

Native flora and fauna Creeks, creek beds. Natural habits

No

The areas alongside Stony Creek and Trent Creek need permanent protection weed eradication and landcare.

Indigenous gums (eg Brokkers), clumps of small plants supporting insect life - the various reserves (Stony Creek, Quarry Street Zone 2 etc).

All of our current green spaces, Forrest spaces and our lake.

All around throughout the town this is why we shouldn't encouraging more housing growth

Wombat forest

Yes, wombat and native animal habitats

The areas around Stony and Trent Creeks

Everything should be constructed and developed with this in mind

No comment

Some trees are large and pose a fire risk and risk from falling in stormy/ wet weather. Should be removed if unnecessary or ridiculously large especially along main roads or where emergency vehicles can't get in. Other than that, retain what's suited to prevent extinction of species or death from starvation

Nothing that springs to mind.

Heritage

26. What is the most important heritage place or building in Trentham

Trentham Falls

Spud huts, police station, train station and domino trail

Town Centre

Sadly it was the mechanics institute with its history and community links, which will now just be a rebuilt modern building

High Street streetscape and buildings. The oldest residential dwellings in and around town

The creek reserves, Cosmopolitan hotel, Trentham golf course, Old police station

The town's reserves (Stony Creek, Trent creek and Quarry St) and walking trails (Domino Trail and Wombat Trail) and Trentham Falls

The Red Beard bakery

No one building in particular but just the cluster of older buildings that make up the main street.

Cosmo Hotel

Parklands

The buildings as they are, the street scape, and the educational area around the original police station and lock up.

Numerous within main shopping precinct

Buildings: Cosmo Hotel, Railway Station precinct, main shopfronts. Heritage place: the legacy of the European / Exotic trees planted along the streets.

railway station and old police station heritage buildings mainstreet

The actual main streets (Both High Street & Market Streets)

The old bank

Dr Wisewould's clock.

Trentham Falls

Cosmopolitan hotel

All of shops on high street.

The old bank and all the old wooden and brick minors cottages and stables

Cosmo hotel

Hate to say it but the Cosmopolitan hotel

main retail shops

Cosmopolitan hotel

Cosmo Hotel

Cosmo hotel.

High Street retail precinct

Cosmopolitan pub

Weatherboard buildings

The main st

Town centre

The Cosmopolitan Hotel

Shops

St George's church on top of High Street

Cosmopolitan Hotel, Trentham Racecourse, Red Beards Bakery and Railway Reserve

The cosmopolitan, red beard bakery, the railway reserve, wombat trail and racetrack walk.

The railway station

Eric's cafe is a old Cobb and co place and no one knows about it

Cosmopolitan Hotel

The creeks

My own home

Old school camp

Cosmo Hotel

Main streets are. Walking tracks forest access.

Old bank building and Trentham station

The Cosmo, old police station, railway station, cemetery

All of High Street

27. What heritage place would you like to see protected?

Other comments

The Jargon Terrace in High street. The Bills Troughs, The Cosmopolitan Hotel and gardens, Red Beard Bakery, Railway Station, Trentham Golf Club course, Old Police Station.

European trees are not attractive and they are sad to see.

Shops and pubs need to be preserved. Trentham is special because of high street

Sacred Indigenous sites

Church buildings

Neighbourhood character

28. Do you have any stories about Trentham and what makes it special?

I have a lengthy comment here which I consider important

spud festival, mining history.

We have only lived in Trentham for just over a year. The people and atmosphere make it special.

Trentham is special to me because of the warmth, humbleness and community spirit of many of its inhabitants. On our first day in Trentham local elder Mary Walsh turned up at our house in rural surrounds with a bucket of local spuds and a hand written card, welcoming our family. We treasure the connection with people such as her family and others like hers, whose ancestors arrived here in the mid-1800s and built a robust hard working town from the forest, with a huge heart.

The original Trentham Hotel was really warmly welcoming. Really authentic. The 'character' of Trentham was there. the influx of wealthy weekend people might be great for some of the economy, but the real character is already rapidly being enrolled.

General sense of community

When a street scape was done many years ago, Daylesford 'stole' all our bluestones from the gutters that the council replaced with concrete gutters.

This was in the days when Trentham was looked down on by the rest of the Shire and its councillors. How things have changed now.

We supported the High Street Bakery through Covid during a change of ownership and have seen the Walsh boys turn it into a thriving business.

Trewella jack invention. Still being used in industrial places

Not yet!

It's unique and so close to Melbourne we need to severely protect it from urban sprawl

What makes it special is the people, the country life style, the gardens and so on. We are very fortunate to live in such a beautiful part of Victoria.

Historic street scape

The creation of the trial dog park in Trentham is a great example of council listening to a community need and coming up with a workable solution to enhance our town. Thank you. Hopefully this process will also listen to community in a similar way, we have genuine concerns about inappropriate and over development, also ensuring that heritage is paramount.

This town is special because of its beautiful surroundings off nature.

It's people, it's beauty of trees and gardens. I moved back here and the community is so welcoming

Not really - but the (quarterly) Recorder if the Historical Society has lots! I wish it were freely available to all residents!

N/A

It's small and green and it does not need to change for corporate benefits or urban sprawl. Our Tuen is a nature loving, dog friendly and unique friendly environment that tourist love.

The Trentham Neighborhood Centre is a very special place for people of all ages to undertake a wide range of group and individual activities. It has been a warm and inviting home to our community ukulele group that has provided a beautiful weekly social and musical activity for many people in the older age bracket, and includes lunching at a local cafe afterwards which provides meaningful connections to community

I saw a man with a dog yesterday. I have never seen them before. Amazing. Right?

Our first romantic weekend away at a Air B&B near the lake made us realise this is the place to live

No

29. What are the most important features that contribute to the character of Trentham

Other comments

Open space

Timber and redbrick buildings. Modern design that will add to the town's heritage and character in time.

The posts in High Street (most fairly recent!)

30. What features of Trentham character would you like protected?

As above (Q 29), wide tree-lined streets AND the central High St streetscape – please don't meddle with the latter as happened previously, our greatest need is for some controls on the volume and speed of (particularly heavy) traffic.

The main st and shop fronts, bakery and gardens. The lake and bridge, Train station

Streetscapes, vistas and detached housing retaining open space.

Heritage feel in main street. Minimal foot paths and softer curbs. Mixture of housing sizes. Rural feel. Connection to creeks and green spaces.

heritage sites, landmarks

The built fabric and materials palette.

Farm land.

Walkability.

Quiet streets.

The trees, the heritage, the buildings

Wide streets, tree avenues, housing setbacks

Paved gutters (brick and stone), deciduous street trees, remnant timber dwellings.

Legacy of European and deciduous street trees needs protection AND further planting undertaken so this character is there for future generations.

small town feel Large house blocks Trees and parks

The overall character of what we have now. Lets not end up like Daylesford .

Don't change for change sake.

The older buildings

Large housing lots

Village feel

The small village feel that is unique in its presentation of homes, businesses and streets capes.

High street café's restaurants and pub and the historic walking land marks in the township (horse troughs/clock/bank/train station)

Street trees and the beautiful historic homes and their gardens

The European trees. High Street, market Street.

Connection with nature and variety of building forms

Creeks waterways Green spaces trees and heritage buildings and gardens

The main township

Nature and history

Main St heritage! Trees with more natives on nature strips.

Not to let the township look too crowded

The rural character of the town

Heritage protection

Single storey housing

Houses with gardens

Maintaining the town centre character

All of the features that make us unique.

The size of the town.

The main st

Street scape

Keeping all structures single storey wherever possible should be a priority. No higher than 2 storey should also be a requirement.

Places wanting 2 storey premises should instead build a cellar to address their need for space.

The shops, trees it's history

The trees, shop posts, parks (Quarry Street, station precinct, HistSoc precinct, sportsground, pool, Walters Street, town square).

Mature street trees, permeable green spaces, Wolff lane, the railway reserve, our lakes and creeks, the quaint heritage feel of our Main Street, low density housing with large expansive gardens.

Tree line streets and community spaces such as the railway, Wolff lane and main streets character. The lake and swimming pool/tennis court. Also like the dog friendly feel to remain.

Trees and old buildings and homes

Nature, forest, trees, parklands, heritage

Main st

Trees

Space between houses, proper distances of buildings from fencelines.

Farm land, rolling hills, trees, restrict development and restrict subdivisions

The aardavark sanctuary

All

Small unique stores and updating local IGA

Maintain bluestone, the main streetscape, the churches, cemetery, walking paths, railway and station

The current building density.

31. What features of Trentham character would you like to see extended in the new developments?

Not sure where this question is going . . . but to would be good if we can retain the character of 'a town/village close to nature', open space, plenty of biodiversity, walkability and cycle-friendly – ref also the proposal for a linear park along the rail reserve running east from the station (Q 19). (I resent my text being rendered into a uniform font - the quote above is important. How can I be sure the nuance I want to communicate will be heard?)

Supporting local growers and farmers, small business.

None. There are enough now.

Rural feel of fencing and gutters. Larger block sizes with space around homes. Big trees and gardens. Solar and water tanks.

As for question 29 and 30

Large exotic street trees, single storey buildings, detached housing, more well-maintained small scale green spaces in residential areas

Timber and redbrick. Corrugated iron. Traditional building materials and palettes.

Continued planting of deciduous trees. Open space around new dwellings.

More trees in parklands and street trees

all of the above (deciduous trees, heritage style housing, weatherboard dwelling)

Street trees and footpaths and alternatives to hard curbing and guttering . Also prohibition on hard, steel fencing between houses.(See these features in Gunyah Drive, Trentham, which had high quality requirements for the subdivision done 12-15 years ago)

Street trees and landscapes. And space. Things not built on top of each other and not every second house an AIR BnB

Large trees

No new "developments"

No major housing development type places of 400sq metre blocks all crammed in together.

Mandated open space around new homes, rural streetscapes e.g. sales not gutters, low fencing to the street, requirements for plantings etc.

Information centre/train station

Swimming pool

The old wordly facades and appropriate landscaping around both residential and commercial properties

Keeping in theme with alpine highland quaint

Bush walks

Native bush land! Single story!

Houses with enough land to maintain the country life style

Vegetation, tree lined streets giving a more natural feel rather than just more concrete and bitumen

Keep the history.

None

Larger blocks of land

No battle axe blocks. No cookie cutter homes. Architecture that is sympathetic to adjoining properties and the township.

Another industrial area - Blue Mount or Mulcahys Road? And having the present one used more. Looking forward to the Community Centre being finished, which will call for a reassessment of facilities.

We don't need new development. Neighbourhood character: housing styles that are in keeping with the low density, village feel of our town.

No new development

Environmental beauty, space for kangaroos

Native trees and shrubs

The zeppelin centre should be rebuilt

Large canopy trees being required. Can be deciduous to allow more light in winter. Shade and cooling in summer.

Respect for heritage character. Town should not have ultra modern architecture in historical precincts

Upgrading local IGA

Develop the station eg move the farmers market there, open a restaurant or cafe, host car shows

The character of the cottages and country feel.

32. What is it about your local area that is important to you and the overall character, amenity and feel of your neighbourhood?

Local native flora which links to the forest and its fauna.

33. What are the most important features that contribute to your experience in your town centre?

High Street posts and character

Better attention to stormwater drainage in High St, clearing of dead leaves of deciduous trees to make walking safer.

Culture and community facilities

35. Referring to your response in the last question, why is this infrastructure required?

(i) Sporting facilities: one oval and one netball court is totally inadequate for future growth – we need a soccer pitch and, desirably, an indoor basketball / netball court.

NB provision for the future expansion of sporting facilities will require re-zoning some of the (farming zone) land to the west of the existing Sportsground.

Also, Trentham needs a 1/3-size basketball court located somewhere in the centre of town.

(ii) Small community-run space(s) where groups can find ‘a home’, run on-going activities /services and provide a base with storage etc, in addition to the small Neighbourhood Centre and a new Council-managed Community Centre where space is booked by the hour.

A good model is the Old Church on the Hill (OCH) in Quarry Hill, Bendigo

<https://www.theoldchurch.org.au/>, which hosts a wide variety of groups and activities. An opportunity to do something similar in Trentham exists in the now defunct Uniting Church facility on the corner of Camp and Market Sts. This site is arguably the last central community-development opportunity in the central township and, incidentally, is effectively part of the

(recently re-signposted) Place of Last Resort.

The Church authorities are keen to sell this property but are allowing community use (currently mainly the Playgroup but many other groups also use it) pending completion of the Community Centre. The Playgroup advise the new Community Centre will not be suitable for their needs which include a huge amount of equipment that is left in place between sessions (otherwise presenting an almost impossible storage challenge). Many people see this site as a community asset created and maintained over time by the local congregation and community. Its sale will see an asset lost to the community and the proceeds of the sale leave Trentham.

[Disclaimer; my wife has cared for and managed this property on behalf of the congregation and community for many years and continues in this role under a great deal of uncertainty.]

We have been disappointed with the lack of the arts in Trentham. We need spaces for music and art.

I think current projects will ensure facilities are coming. I think the town square could be far more attractive and appealing than it is. I think the current 'temporary' dog park looks awful and takes over the central community green space that used to be utilised by families at the pool in summer and at Christmas...it seems this dog park was proposed by one community group and agreed to by council with no consultation by other town members/park users. If it to be made permanent perhaps they could just have one side of the park, not the whole area...or they could have a space less central to town.

Toilets in Market Street need upgrading or replacing. Need more seats around the town centre and public spaces. Need more public spaces, eg Trent creek.

- Market Street public toilet near Belle Realestate is unsatisfactory
- Uptake of EV's
- I think that we need a gym more so even than a pool. Given Trentham's cold and wet weather for 2/3rd of the year, a gym indoors, warm and provides exercise opportunity,

To encourage people to live an active lifestyle and to appreciate the natural environment.

Current toilet facilities are limited, especially considering number of people who come to the town on the weekends. Very difficult for those who no longer drive to do anything outside the immediate area.

EV charging critical for future of town and to attract tourists.

Currently limited small meeting spaces (only neighbourhood house)

No arts and cultural facilities but large artist community.

Playgrounds important for younger community, dog park has taken over playground space

Shared paths to create/ enhance Trentham as a walking and cycling town for its residents.

Informal parks and gardens: to create outside places to walk to or through and attractive public space (note earlier remarks about Trent Creek Reserve). Shire should consider removing car parking from Trentham town square but continue the use of the space for weekly pétanque sessions.

Small community event spaces: to encourage and facilitate community engagement.

Many community groups are small, so big spaces are not adequate

Off leash dog parks

Keeping the town family oriented

To keep people interacting positively and encouraging good mental and physical health despite our cool climate.

For a stronger community/sense of belonging and places to gather and celebrate for everybody anytime

Beautify the town, a space to sit and reflect, and walk around, in addition to Quarry st reserve with improved playground equipment.

Creative spaces for young people

A bigger dog park

Ran out of time

Shed pathways and playgrounds are important to any growing community

Need more sustainable options for future I.e. EV charging stations with solar

To allow everyone to enjoy the town

Well being of our community

Ease getting into town and enjoying when you get there.

The toilets are outdated

Trentham has very little public art and the lack of it is disappointing. EV charging is needed as there currently isn't any for people visiting with electric vehicles. An RV waste dumping point is needed to make the township RV friendly and to attract these tourists. Overnight powered sites for RV's would also be extremely beneficial. A walking track to Trentham Falls should be a priority too.

No EV, minimal transport now.

Arts are alive, but with little support beyond enthusiasts.

To support tourism and complement our small village

To support tourism

Don't have any or enough

There are more EV's coming into the town.

We have an aging population as well as many people with disabilities and public spaces need to cater for everyone in order to remain healthy spaces. Shared paths encourage more people to walk and cycle if they feel safe. We don't really have any public arts and cultural facilities that give us a sense of place and contemplation

Some of it is getting tired

I have an EV car

Creative spaces for children and accessible places for the elderly are a good focus for community health and well-being. These can be places where a variety of activities can occur.

Members of community can be very isolated, more connecting paths and transport reduce isolation, improve well being and community access

Who doesn't love a lavatory?

Need long day child care.

There are presently some privately owned spaces for community activities but I adequate for the towns needs. Transport is mostly by car, buses are infrequent. Extension of trainline would be really useful

Expanded building development will increase traffic to Woodend and Kyneton

It's poor to non existant. Older generations want it

EV charging is the way of the future.

36. Are there any other community facilities and services that are lacking?

Space totally inadequate for comments I want to make

Doctors, and equipt grocery store.

As above

We really need a gym

Meeting place for Trentham's youth. They meet at the pool in summer but not really nothing much sis provided to meet their needs,

Dog park urgently required, then upgrade area adjacent to swimming pool for visitors

Green garbage bins weekly

Emergency ambulance type service?

Hardware Store. Otherwise you have everything you need

Foot paths. Heated pool. Gym

Railtrail

Heated pool as many people travel for health and fitness reasons for one.

Book shop/library

More retail shops would be great, homewares, clothing, cafes and hardware

Ran out of time

Playground upgrades

Solar options

Bitumen road

community transport

Medical.

hardware store and newsagent - missed!

No

Walking tracks

No, all good

Heated pool and/or public spa

Bike and walking paths from small townships around Trentham to access Trentham and other towns

Occult library

Extended hours at hospital

Not for me!

37. What are your top three priorities for community and cultural infrastructure?

1. As above (Q35) a community house similar to the OCH model.

2. An indoor netball/basketball court.

3. A community well-being strategy, including housing and different models of aged care, to encompass planning for future community facilities (and avoid bad planning e.g. the remote location of the Mens Shed) I would welcome the opportunity to discuss my comments and ideas as submitted in this response to the on-line survey: Ian MacBean glendaandian@gmail.com

Medical clinic,

- Engagement with the arts
- Community connectedness
- Maintain the town feel

more appealing town square remove the old framed signage in town square and put up a map of Trentham with places to visit, bathrooms, walks etc...we live right in town and see many people confused about where facilities are. The train station is not central and having tourism info there is too hard.

1. Better communication from Hepburn Shire, I did not know about this survey or the meeting 31/5/23, although I am at the library very frequently. Nothing by email, although I and neighbours are on your list following the [REDACTED] application.

2. 'My' spoon drain - council drain, ongoing concern, causes flooding, and my requests for maintenance are known, but seldom met. I have been advised that a real drain pipe will come. When?!

1. Parks, gardens, public spaces, trails
2. Community meeting/event spaces
3. Sporting venues and faculties

- A gym
- Adequate EV charging
- Enhancement and continued maintenance of our walking trails, inc. signage re activation of the Wombat trail.

Centralise all sports recreation facilities at the recreation reserve - ie. bowls, tennis court, pool. The reserve can be expanded to the paddock to the West, this would free up important space at the corner of Market and Camp streets, as well as at the Stoney Creek Reserve

1. More options for housing for elderly folk
2. Further upgrades and expansion of Trentham aged care facility

High rates, green bins needed
Plant more street trees
Plant more shade trees in Frog hollow

Low density building.
Architecture to remain the same.
Larger community market, with more volunteers

The town lacks a destination focus.
A walking trail to Trentham Falls to enable healthy active loop walk to falls and permit use of town services and businesses

Get the Daylesford to Trentham Rail Trail done! This would be a highly appropriate development and tourism (and related jobs) initiative.
Consider making Trentham a “ town within an arboretum “: make a real feature and identity for Trentham with both the grand native trees as well as the deciduous exotic trees.

.Retaining what we have.
.Building on what we have.
.Supporting community networks

Dog areas
Foot paths
Art gallery

To move towards the future adding housing to continue the generational names living here to promote more businesses here so we have more people working locally

Railtrail

Livability
Safety
Sense of community

Local Art hub

Reintroduction of indigenous stories and meeting places.
Move away from racist heritage backward thinking, towards modernist architecture and multiculturalism

As per Q34

Dog park
More parking

Ran out of time

Sustainable options
More native bush
Heritage preservation

Connectivity
Education
Supporting/sharing

Wildlife, nature and medical.

Walking track from the town centre to Trentham Falls.

Public art - sculptures

EV charging

New community centre finished

Parking - new IGA site will help this. Is it time for meters in High, Cosmo and Market Streets, at least Friday-Sunday?

Greater police presence

Pocket park on Wolff lane

Community arts, music and performance space such as a small theatre

Spaces to share connections to indigenous culture

Heated swimming pool

Indigenous acknowledgment

Native habitat

Rewearable energy infrastructure

Assisted revegetation areas particularly around our creeks to foster a greater understanding and appreciation of our ecosystem, the natural character of our district.

Bike and walking paths to nearby towns

Better public transport

Maintain historic country town

Things that black. Things that aren't black. 1 2b pencil.

Long day child care

Rural character, good roads and local products bring sold

1. Maintaining the historical feeling of the town.

2. Any new developments and facilities should not be modern looking.

3. No smaller subdivisions.

Appendix two – Community Conversations transcription

What is the one thing you love about Trentham and would like to keep, protect or enhance?

Important Buildings: Cosmo, Trentham Hotel, Old Fir Tree

Residential homes bordering on Hight St

Shopping precinct & market St

Proximity to forest areas

Rural village

Nature for township

Fresh air and trees

The forest is my great love and I spend lots of time trying to keep and protect it.

I would not consider living anywhere else.

Big old trees but we need more for the future

Trees and forest walks

Rural village feel and nature of spacious streets and blocks

older houses

Trees

Views through the paddocks

Trees

Creek reserves and walking trails

Heritage Street scapes

Blocks with garden space

Rural nature

Room to move - declining though

View to Mount Macedon is important

Farmland surrounds - not estates

Keep outdoor pool!!!

Diverse demographic of ages / employment creates our wonderful community

The "Rural Feel" of our little town. In 2050, I hope it still takes you at least half an hour to walk down the High Street because of all the lovely people you meet.

The forest and green spaces
 I would not like to see the bush behind the cemetery developed
 Wildlife
 Main Street scape
 Community infrastructure
 Rural feel don't want to live in Sunbury
 Border on the Wombat Forest.
 Public access to bottom of Trentham falls
 Diverse play spaces for children & teenagers
 Playgrounds / skate parks
 Village feel & community
 Country feel - not suburban

What is the one thing you change, remove or improve in Trentham?

Inappropriate subdivisions & battle axe blocks
 Parking away from Main Street for weekender visitors
 Trentham is fast becoming (has become) a tourist town.
 Too many weekenders & BNBs
 Parking
 Subdivisions and inappropriate crowding of houses on these sites
 A linear park between Falls Road & Tylden Road in prep for rail trail to Hanging Rock
 13 places to buy coffee not one place to get a bag of cement or timber
 Suitable housing on small blocks
 Limit the rampant battle axe subdivision going on
 Parking in the Main Street is becoming very difficult - cars often do U-turns from park spots & endanger other drivers
 Is there a way we could move cars from Main Street & make the area better for pedestrians
 Please stop the subdivision into small blocks
 Spaces for teenagers to engage - youth engagement
 Stop subdivisions into tiny blocks. Quarter acre minimums unless units for affordable housing
 Stop land subdivision into smaller blocks
 Track from town to the Falls
 Shops are mostly catering for tourists

Introduce shops that sell warm affordable cloths and cater for children
Improve number of rentals so young people can afford to stay in the town they love.
Trentham needs small rentals for individuals & families
A direct walking trail to the Trentham Falls
Higher rates for BNB weekender properties
Finish the Rail Trail!
Improve size of skate park to cater for teenagers as well as young kids.
Upgraded challenging play spaces
Get the rail trail happening to bring many benefits to our people
I would like to see practical stores like hardware & vet
Access to creeks & open spaces in particular Bath St Reserve.

Business and housing

What type of business and services would you like to see added in Trentham?	Dots	Comments
Retail	3	
Trades and industry	10	increased employment opportunities
Food businesses	2	
Farm businesses	5	
Health services	6	
Childcare services	5	
Other thoughts?		More options for residential aged care News agent ***

What sorts of housing does your town need?	Dots	Comments
Smaller houses suitable for singles, couples and smaller families.	8	
Accessible housing for older adults or people with a disability.	6	
Large family houses.	3	
New home sites.	4	
Smaller affordable home sites.	7	more required
Social and affordable housing.	7	
Town does not need additional housing	1	
Other thoughts?		Suitable housing for smaller blocks

Demographics

Age

20-39 years	3
40-59 years	3
60-79 years	19
80+ years	3

Gender

Female	14
Male	13

Ward

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Appendix three – submissions

Submissions made directly to Council have been included in full in this section.

6. Other comments / suggestions:

I am concerned that this survey doesn't:

- (i) take a sufficiently high level overview: it perpetuates an incremental 'growth management' approach without long-term context, including population projections and carrying capacity;
- (ii) allow for long-form submissions and the limited opportunities for comment, e.g. none for Business & Economic Development;
- (iii) isn't based on neighbourhood character studies; and
- (iv) ask for (optional) contact information raising serious questions about its seriousness. Council's consultation policy is in my experience a farce - at most I have received a generic acknowledgement with an unconvincing assurance that all submissions have been carefully considered - no real engagement. (I include my telephone number to test this assertion [REDACTED] - ref also my separate e-mail sent to the address shown on the web-site for this Survey.)

13. Further comments about housing:

See 8 re a local housing strategy and my concern about lack of context (see 6)

I do have 'bigger vision' for how Trentham might develop with a 2050 horizon and taking account of land & water 'carrying capacity' and associated climate change constraints and the need to consider the smaller satellite settlements which are also growing rapidly - given commercial sensitivity, I intend discussing this with my Ward councillor, [REDACTED]

[There is no other obvious place in this survey for this issue, but Council must engage with the community to identify the best use of [REDACTED] originally purchased with a caveat 'for community use'.]

19. Walking could be assisted by:

- (i) ensuring pathways link between otherwise single-point-of access developments - to explain: contiguous developments in Manna Lane, off Blue Mount Rd and Mulcahys Rd could have been linked enabling people to walk/ride tens of metres to locations that are more than a kilometre distant via made roadways. (This of

course would require Council to forgo the development/subdivision levy it claims as cash to bolster its precarious financial situation - the levy as I understand it is hypothecated for the enhancement of open space which is effectively lost with every additional subdivision.) Note also that Blue Mount Rd and Mulcahys Rd are significant one-way roads, both leading into the forest, with already considerable residential development and more projected - every effort must be made to provide cross-links to increase safety.

- (n) commissioning an extension of the Domino Walking Trail east from the Station to the intersection of the Trentham-Tylden Rd and Daylesford/Falls Rds. This would require a 'drop-in' pedestrian/cycling bridge in place of the derelict Trent Ck bridge. It would serve people living along that section of the rail reserve and provide

for a linear park / biodiversity / urban forestry corridor in place of a largely untended overgrowth (and fire hazard) of blackberries and other weeds. This is a relatively low-cost development that could make a huge contribution to town character as an east-west natural link to complement the two north-south creek reserves leading to the Falls . . . as well as providing for greater pedal & pedestrian mobility.

28. Stories about Trentham and what makes it special: An interesting question and one I expect will elicit mostly positive stories - the consultants must be careful to resist the temptation of painting a bucolic,

'folksy' picture which could trivialise at o w n that has been through a great deal of change over the past 10-15 years and is growing rapidly (we don't need marketing!)

Taking another perspective, I will recount the story told to me by a mother whose family are re-locating to one of our nearby major regional centres to provide their 8 and 10 year olds more opportunities when they move into their teens: "Trentham is a great place to raise children but when they reach secondary level, unless

they're into football or netball, there's nothing other than alcohol and drugs." I have no basis to assess the accuracy of this claim but I lament the loss of any young family from our older-than-average community. That

is the basis for a couple of my main priorities - see Qs 35-37. Trentham doesn't even have a basketball 1/3- size court and ring which I've observed elsewhere as great places for youngsters to 'hang out' (such an

addition should be located somewhere centrally in town not at the Sportsground).

35. Top priorities for community or cultural infrastructure:

Trentham Structure Plan - Township Survey Comments NOT inserted into the Survey, 1 July 2023: