ThinkTank Session 3 – Questions & Answers

We captured your parking lot questions from Session 3 and have pulled together these responses.

1. **Have safe and accessible public toilets, and more seating around areas/walking spaces etc. Especially for older people and people who have disabilities or can't walk for too long.**

   In terms of transport planning, our work to support an increase in walking is guided by the Banyule Walking Strategy 2018-2028. The Strategy has three key objectives:

   - Objective 1 – Create a comprehensive walking network
   - Objective 2 – Make it safer, easier and more comfortable to walk throughout Banyule
   - Objective 3 – Support a walking culture

   The work draws on both the International Charter for Walking principles and the Heart Foundation's Healthy Active by Design principles (including the Module on Healthy Active Ageing) and includes the provision of sheltered, safe resting points, signage and lighting.

   In practice our work in relation to the provision of seating and other amenities like drinking fountains is delivered by the Transport Planning/Transport Engineering and Parks/Open Space teams and allows for the physical requirements of locations (road v open space v community facilities) alongside local community needs.

   Public toilet provision is managed by our Asset Management Team and is guided by the Public Toilet Plan 2023 and includes an action plan to deliver new and upgraded toilet facilities

2. **Accessibility: What does the definition include? Financial accessibility? Physical disability? What else?**

   A definition section has been included in the revision of the Vision theme descriptions. Accessibility has been further defined on page 12 of the Session 4 Outcomes Summary Report.

3. **Cultural: Reaching/connecting with Elders during community consultation process to ensure their views are heard.**

   We have a First Nations team within Council who work with our RAP committee and the community at our Barrbunin Beek Aboriginal Gathering space. We work actively with this team to ensure we engage with their networks including Elders during Community Consultation processes. To ensure they have the opportunity to be involved and share their voices.

4. **Can Council do something regarding the increase in vape/smoke stores, especially near schools?**

   Council is unable to prevent the sale of tobacco products in our commercial areas as they are allowed by State Government. The sale of vapes from any non-pharmacy store is currently illegal in Victoria and is enforced by State Government