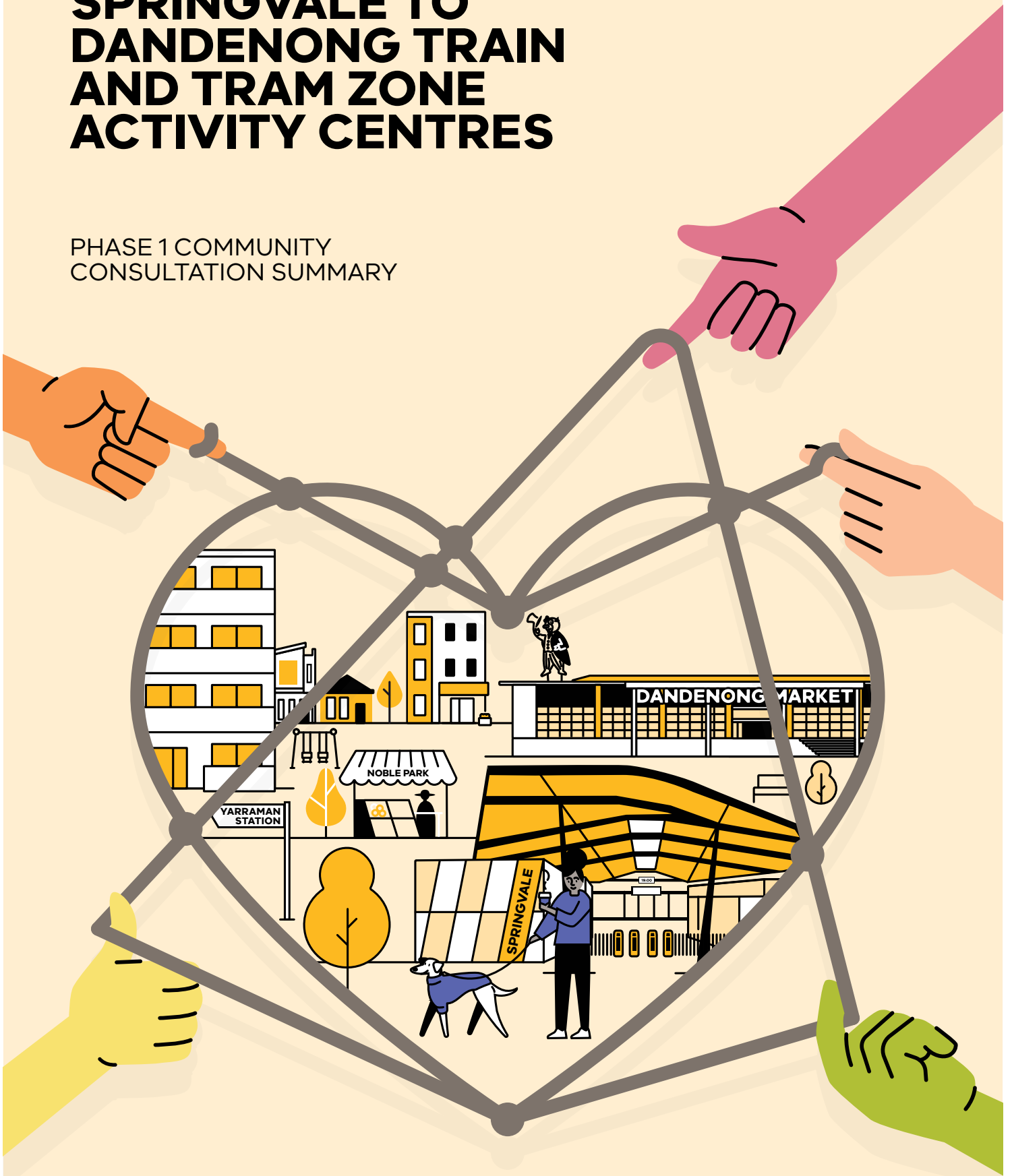


SPRINGVALE TO DANDENONG TRAIN AND TRAM ZONE ACTIVITY CENTRES

PHASE 1 COMMUNITY
CONSULTATION SUMMARY



TRAIN AND TRAM ZONE ACTIVITY CENTRES PROGRAM

We want to provide all Victorians with the choice of a well-designed home, in a place where they can thrive. That's why we're planning for more homes in and around 60 train and tram zone activity centres across Melbourne, creating capacity for more than 300,000 new homes to be built around train and tram lines, jobs and services by 2051.

By planning for more housing in activity centres, we're supporting more Victorians to live closer to jobs, services, public transport and green, open space.

STAGE 2 CONSULTATION

In October and November 2025, we connected with local communities, Councils, landowners and industry stakeholders across 23 train and tram zone activity centres. This was the first phase of community consultation for these centres. We wanted to understand what matters most to you about the places you live, work or are otherwise connected to.

We asked:

- What do you love about these places?
- What makes them unique?
- What should be protected or improved?

Your feedback has helped shape draft maps for your train and tram zone activity centre, which will guide new housing development around **Springvale, Noble Park, Yarraman and Dandenong stations** – while preserving the things that make each of these places special.

This consultation report reflects the feedback from local communities.

HOW WE REACHED OUT TO COMMUNITIES

Newsletters

mailed to households and businesses approximately 100 to 200m from the edge of each activity centre



Social media

geo-targeted posts and videos to encourage participation in the consultation (online sessions, drop ins and online survey)



Advertising

posters at stations and digital screens at various retail stores in activity centres



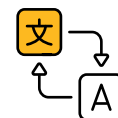
Community representatives

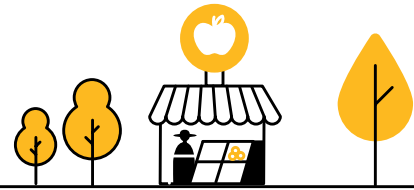
information and consultation materials shared with councils, local leaders and interest groups and multicultural community groups



Multicultural materials

translated survey, Engage Victoria content and postcards in-language





HOW WE RECEIVED FEEDBACK

To ensure we had broad participation, we gathered community feedback through a range of digital and face-to-face events, as well as providing translated materials.

Options to participate included:

Engage Victoria online survey

The survey was on our Engage Victoria page, along with information to help people better understand the program. The survey sought community feedback on what you love and value most about your local area. The survey was available in English and in the top three languages in each centre.

Online QA sessions

We held online webinars to provide people with an opportunity to hear directly from planners, gain more knowledge about the program and ask questions. These sessions were also recorded and published on our Engage Victoria webpages.

Community drop-ins

For those who wanted to have in-person discussions, we held two drop-in sessions per train and tram zone activity centre group, where participants could view and take home useful materials and had an opportunity for one-on-one conversations with a planner.

Walk-by events

Walk-by events were held in busy local areas with program representatives out on the street sharing information about the program and encouraging people to provide feedback either by conversation, attending a drop-in session held nearby, or by completing the survey online.



102,328

Engage Victoria
page views



45,046

Engage Victoria
unique visitors



3,200+ pieces
of feedback:

- **427** questions asked at online sessions
- **742** comments from drop ins and walk by sessions
- **2,505** survey responses
- **7** in-language survey responses

8 online sessions held

574 online session registrations

309 online session participants

14 community drop-in sessions held

363 community drop-in participants

14 walk by events

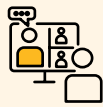
527 walk by participants

SPRINGVALE TO DANDENONG ENGAGEMENT INSIGHTS

Online session

6 participants

Monday 17 November
6:30pm – 7:30pm



Walk-by events

70 interactions

Tuesday 18 November 2025
Dandenong Square

Saturday 22 November 2025
Springvale Woolworths



Drop-in sessions

3 participants

Tuesday 28 November 2025
St James Anglican Church Hall Dandenong

Saturday 22 November 2025
Springvale Reserve Hall Dandenong



KEY THEMES

Local character

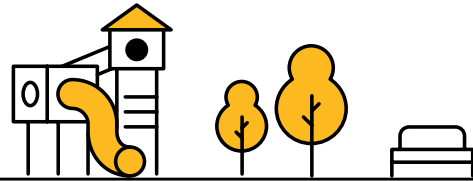
- Strong attachment to places with unique heritage features, including rock formations, older community buildings and established neighbourhood streetscapes.
- Calls for redevelopment to respect and enhance the area's historic and cultural identity, with expectations that the quality and design of new developments reflect the neighbourhood character.

Building considerations

- The need to maintain liveability while increasing homes in the area, with impacts such as noise, air pollution and safety raised.
- Support for additional housing, particularly around station precincts, with an emphasis on the need to balance growth with maintaining things that make the area a nice place to live.
- Positive views about recent development and calls for more good quality housing options.
- Calls for development that integrates traditional and modern design.

Open and green space

- Participants want to ensure mature trees are protected, in particular the river red gums.
- Requests to improve protection of trees and green spaces as part of future planning.
- Community want to ensure open spaces and public parks are maintained, to support community wellbeing and local amenity for current and future residents
- High value placed on pocket parks recently delivered by Council, and interest in prioritising more green spaces as these areas grow.
- Emphasis on revitalising green spaces and retail precincts to safeguard liveability amid rising density and population growth.



Local infrastructure

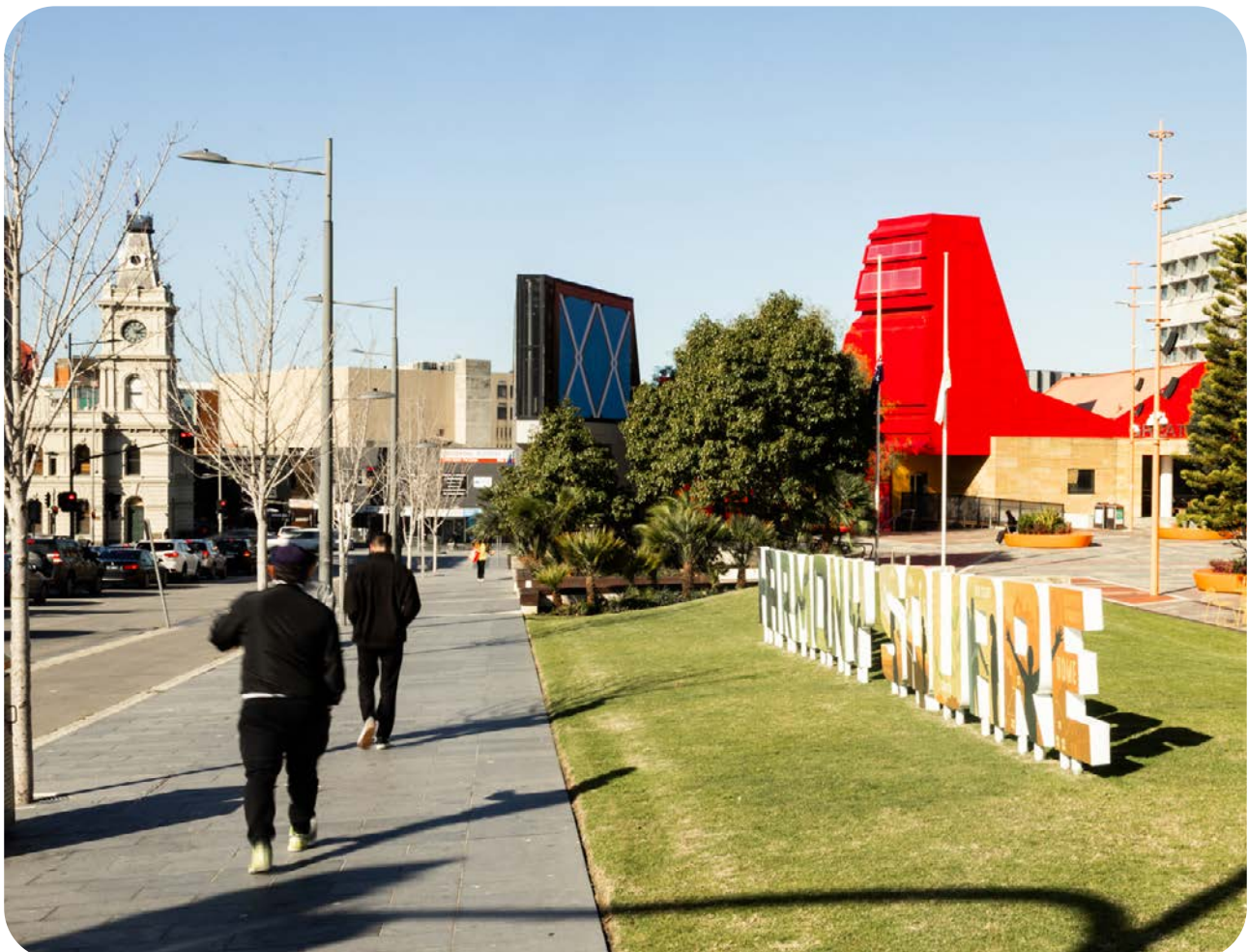
- The need for more improved roads, parks and community facilities to accommodate population growth.
- Shared interest in developer contributions to infrastructure improvements.
- Upgrading shade, landscaping and community facilities to create a more comfortable and liveable neighbourhood was highlighted.

Housing choice

- Calls for more housing supply to provide more affordable options for low-income households including homeowners, buyers and renters.

Transport, traffic and parking

- Views that both bus and train services are well-used in the area. There was emphasis on the importance of easy access to public transport options.
- Concerns expressed about traffic congestion, particularly around key routes such as Foster and Stud Roads and Cheltenham Road.
- Observations about existing on-street parking constraints in higher-density areas and near schools and station precincts, including Leonard Avenue, Noble Park.
- Community would like to see upgrades to accessibility, especially for wheelchairs at Yarraman Station.



ONLINE SURVEY



23 Survey Responses

10 Dandenong

7 Noble Park

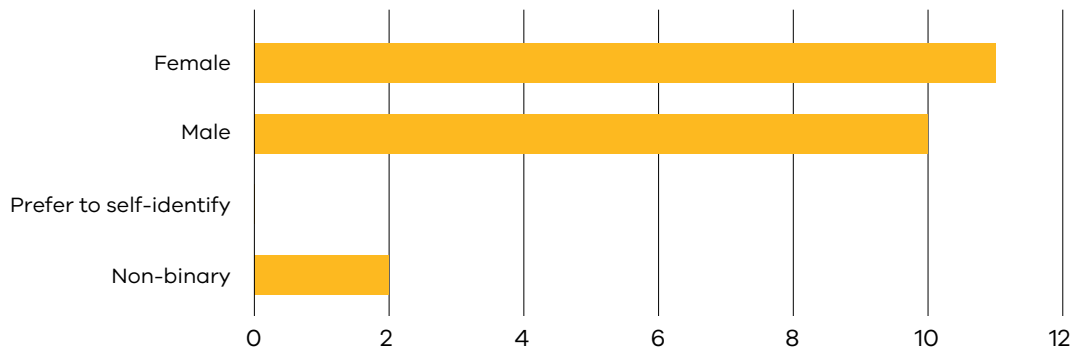
6 Springvale

0 Yarraman

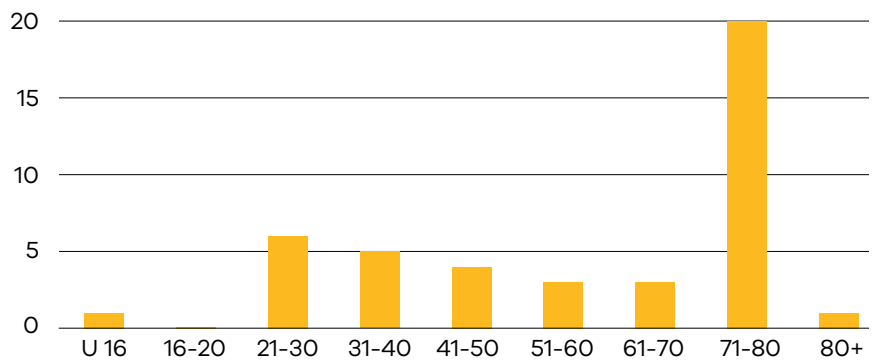
744 website views for this group of centres

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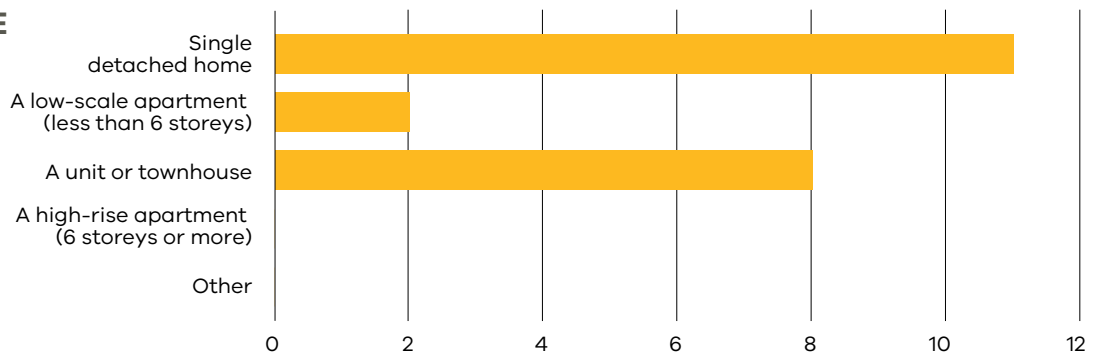
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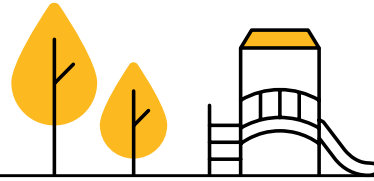


AGE



HOME TYPE





WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT WHEN IT COMES TO SUPPORTING MORE HOMES

1. Protecting parks and open space
2. Space between and around buildings
3. Improvements to support local travel
4. Different types of higher density homes
5. Building considerations, such as overshadowing, wind protection and sun access to the street
6. Protecting built heritage.

TOP 10 LOCAL AREAS WHERE PEOPLE LIKE TO SPEND TIME

1. Springvale Shops
2. Little India
3. Burden Park
4. Hemmings Memorial Park
5. Pirate Park
6. Ross Reserve
7. Dandenong Park
8. Libraries
9. Dandenong Market
10. Community Centres

WHAT YOU VALUE MOST ABOUT YOUR LOCAL AREA

- Access to public transport
- Existing trees and vegetation
- Access to open space
- Getting around the area easily
- Local shops, restaurants and entertainment.

WHAT WOULD MAKE YOUR LOCAL AREA BETTER?

- Safe, inclusive and welcoming public areas
- Community facilities such as libraries, meeting spaces and hubs
- Improved parks, gardens and playgrounds
- Better walking streets, footpaths and road crossings
- Local shops, cafes and outdoor dining.



PLACE-BASED FEEDBACK

SPRINGVALE STATION

- Suggestions to improve pedestrian safety, by reducing car traffic near the commercial centre of Springvale
- Request for more car parking near the train station.

NOBLE PARK STATION

- Perception that road and traffic flow in the area is already congested
- Requests for increased car parks in the area
- Concerns current infrastructure cannot support the number of units/townhouses being erected in place of single standing homes now.





DANDENONG STATION

- Comments suggest support for more development in the area provided it's near both transport and shopping, dining and commercial areas to encourage more commercial activity.

YARRAMAN STATION

No surveys were completed for Yarraman Station.

HOW WE'VE USED YOUR FEEDBACK

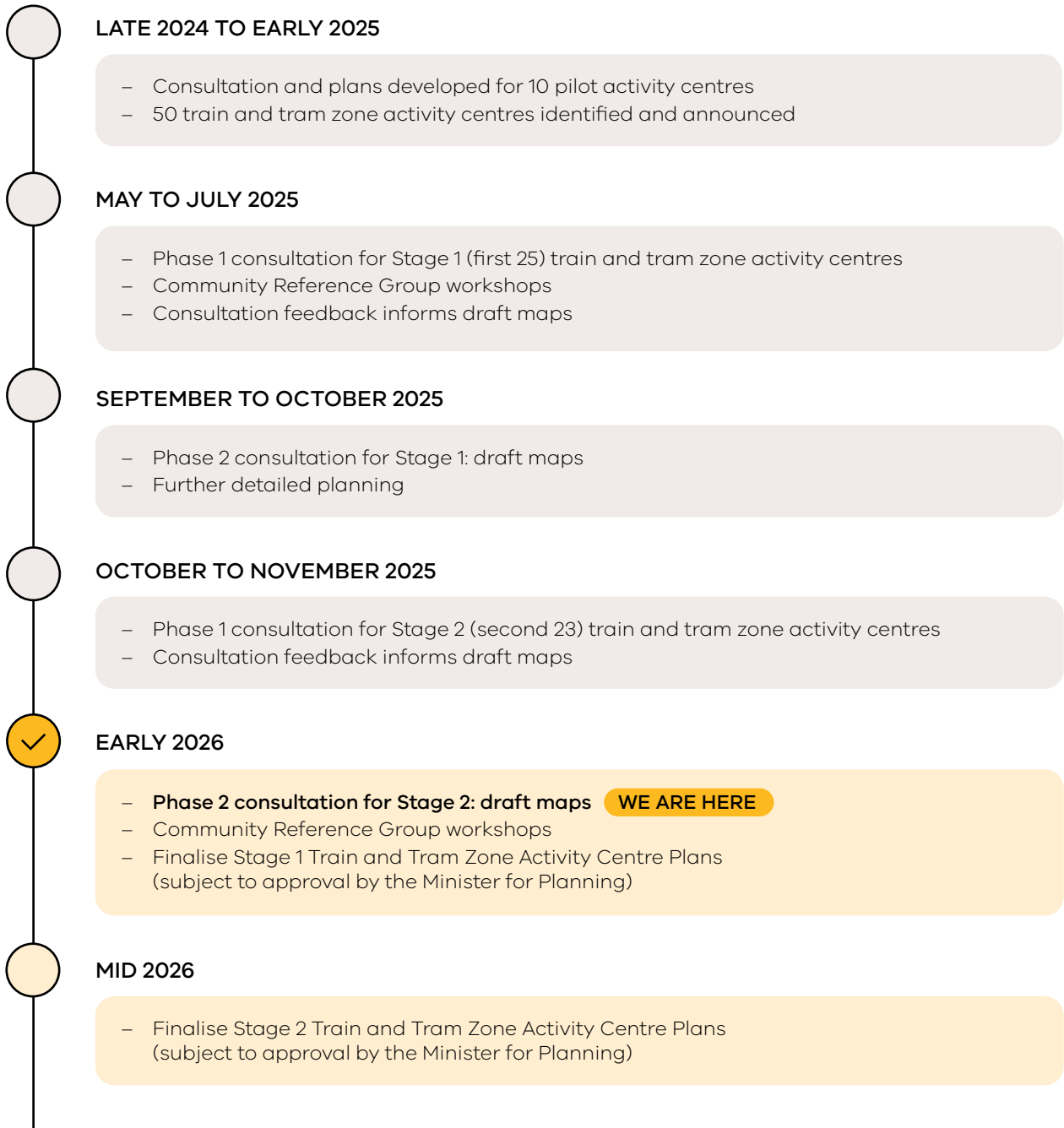


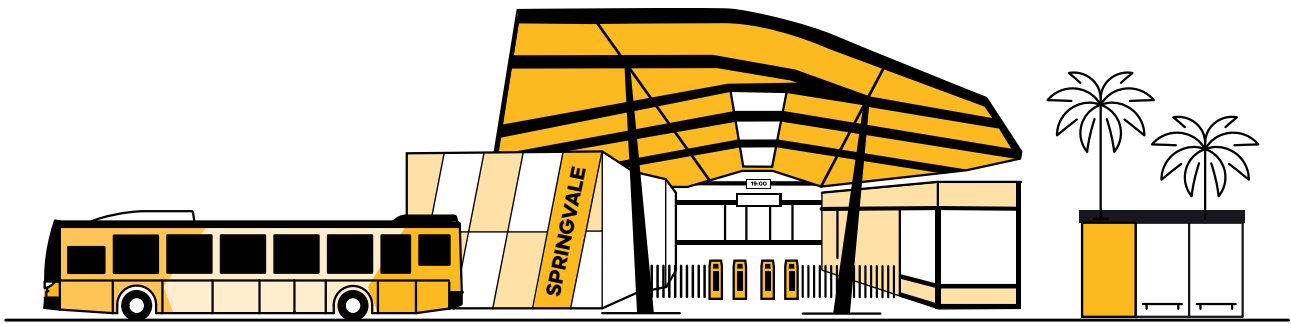
We heard clearly that community values green, open spaces and community facilities in the area. The feedback we have received has helped to inform how we have shaped our draft maps and how we've applied planning controls across different areas.

- We're proposing to protect places like **Dandenong Park, Mills Reserve, Lonsdale Street and Buckingham Avenue** from being overshadowed by potential new development, ensuring these places remain vibrant sunny places for the community to enjoy.



PROGRAM TIMELINE





WHAT'S NEXT

We've listened closely to what you have told us about your train and tram zone activity centres, the places you care about and what makes those places special. Your feedback has helped to shape our draft maps by identifying areas you want to protect and enhance. It's also helped us to:

- propose core and catchment boundaries for each train and tram zone activity centre
- identify public spaces, streets and parks that need extra care to protect from overshadowing
- highlight the streets you consider to be vibrant and people friendly that you'd like us to protect.

Now we'd like your feedback on our draft maps including:

- proposed heights
- proposed core and catchment boundaries
- important public spaces and whether we've captured all the places and streets you'd like protected
- what would make your local train and tram zone activity centre better.

While considering both the need for more housing in these well-services areas and community feedback, we've created maps showing proposed building heights, core and catchment boundaries and important public spaces.

To learn more about tram and train zone activity centres and how you can provide feedback, visit our website: engage.vic.gov.au/activity-centres

CONTACT US

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GET INVOLVED

HAVE YOUR SAY AND VIEW OUR DRAFT MAPS

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COMPLETE THE SURVEY

Join the mailing list to stay updated.

Your feedback will continue to be considered as part of the planning process.

