

LEOPOLD PROACTIVE SAFETY PILOT



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

The City of Greater Geelong asked the community to have their say on how safe they felt along the Leopold section of the Bellarine Rail Trail.

The project was funded by the Victoria Government's Community Crime Prevention Program through the Department of Justice and Community Safety and included the installation of safety infrastructure at Gateway Sanctuary and numerous bus stops in Leopold.

Concerns shared with us about public use along the rail trail included the speed of cyclists on the trail, lack of awareness from users of shared use paths and concerns for lighting.



593 page visits



Feedback consisted of both online engagement and in person conversations



182

Number of people to leave feedback



51.57% of respondents use the trail to walk animals



60.38%

The most common use of the trail was for exercising socially with family/friends



Social Media **448** hits – which equalled 75.55% of overall views



73.2% of respondents rated the trail positively.



43.41% of

respondents stated they had safety concerns using the trail during daylight hours When asked if concern changed level of usage,

59.66%

stated no change



56.59% said they do not have concerns using the trail in daylight



Key safety concerns from community related to the **speed of bike users** and **lighting**



Most common section of rail trail used was sections **between Kensington and Bawtree Roads**

SAFETY INFRASTRUCTURE INSTALLATION THROUGH FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY.

As a result, the following has been installed across the Leopold section of rail trail, Gateway Sanctuary and selected bus shelters in the Leopold area as part of the Victoria Government's Community Crime Prevention Program through the Department of Justice and Community Safety.

Safety infrastructure additions include:

- 4 lights with CCTV on the rail trail and at Gateway Sanctuary
- 2 lights with people counters on the rail trail
- 4 lights with people counters at bus shelters
- 1 light with a CCTV at a bus shelter
- 2 bus shelters received improved lighting

Internal City departments have also installed signage on numerous sections of the Bellarine Rail Trail that will assist with education on etiquette for dual use paths.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who took part in this engagement, your feedback is valued and has helped us make some important upgrades to the Leopold section of the Bellarine Rail Trail.