

# Portarlington Facilities Study - Summary

## WHY DID WE UNDERTAKE THIS WORK?

The DRAFT Portarlington Community Infrastructure Scoping Study aims to holistically understand the facilities and services needed to meet the current and future needs of Portarlington.

This includes consideration of existing facilities in the town, to understand need for future upgrades and improvements, including the need for any future community hub.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Phase one community engagement was undertaken earlier in 2022 and resulted in:

**30** **167** **19**  
submissions surveys stakeholder meetings

Issues and Opportunities were developed and discussed with a Project Reference Group which included representatives from the following groups:

- Portarlington Neighbourhood House
- Portarlington Primary School
- Portarlington Senior Citizens
- Portarlington Community Association
- Portarlington FNC
- St Andrews Uniting Church
- Port Arts
- National Celtic Festival

## WHAT WE FOUND

Portarlington is well serviced by the existing community facilities; no significant gaps in provision were found.

The town would benefit from the addition of a library lounge, an arts / exhibition space and Maternal and Child Health Services.

Upgrades are required to the existing suite of community facilities to improve functionality and accessibility, particularly Parks Hall.

It is likely that the construction of a brand-new purpose-built community hub would create under-utilisation of the existing facilities.

There is varied community and stakeholder sentiment on whether Portarlington needs a brand-new purpose-built community hub; some would like a 'one stop shop' and others seek improvements to the existing facilities.

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The Study recognises the unique aggregation of facilities that exist within walking distance of town, the foreshore and each other.

It found that a range of physical and functional enhancements to existing facilities will provide increased community benefit.

This includes improvements to Parks Hall.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Phase two community engagement is underway; approx. 30 people attended a Community Drop-In to share their feedback.



All community members are encouraged to share their ideas; complete a short survey or provide a written submission via <https://yoursay.geelongaustralia.com.au/UCFSPStudy>

The website also provides more information on the project including a full version of the draft Study.

**Consultation closes Friday 9 December 2022.** The project team will then review all feedback received, discuss with the Project Reference Group and consider for the final report.