

Baw Baw Shire Council invites community feedback about the

Community Uses for the Yarragon Primary School Site





Purpose

Baw Baw Shire Council wants to hear from the people of Yarragon, regarding possible community uses for the the former Yarragon Primary School site.

Background

The former Yarragon Primary School site was declared surplus in 2015 by the Department of Education and Training. The school relocated to a new larger site in Loch Street, Yarragon and the Department of Education and Training is confident that the site is large enough to accommodate growth into the future.

Baw Baw Shire Council was given First Right of Refusal to purchase the site at a reduced 'community rate.' At the time Council could not identify a specific community use for the site which satisfied the requirements of the Department of Treasury and Finance.

In 2017 the former Yarragon Primary School was referred to the Fast Track Government Land Service, to fast track the rezoning of land, to enable the best price in an open market. It was clear during this process that the community wanted the site for community purposes.

On behalf of the community, Council wrote to various State Government ministers to request time to consult the community about the potential community uses for the site.

Benefits of the project

In order for the former Yarragon Primary School to stay in community hands, a community use/s must be found.

Baw Baw Shire Council can then advocate for the retention of the site.

Engagement Timeline

The consultation period will run from Friday 1 December 2017 to Friday 5 January 2018 at 5pm.

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I provide feedback?

There are a number of ways you can provide comments:

- Completing the Comments Form at the back of this hand out.
- Visit <u>www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au</u>
- Complete the online survey at <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/</u> <u>YarragonSchool</u>
- Email <u>bawbaw@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au</u>
- Visit a Council's Customer Service Centres,

How do I know my feedback has been received?

All forms, submissions or correspondence will be acknowledged either by email or letter so that you know your comments have been received.



Frequently Asked Questions

Is Council buying the former Yarragon Primary School Site?

At this time, Baw Baw Shire Council does not have a budget allocation to buy the former primary school site. There is no current position on whether Council should purchase the site. Council will consider the option of purchase or leaving the site remain with the State Government at a formal Council meeting in February 2018.

Submissions

Online

Visit <u>Council's Website</u> for information about the project or to provide your comments online. Or, you can complete the online survey at <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YarragonSchool</u>. Alternatively comments can be emailed to <u>bawbaw@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au</u>.

Written Submissions

All written submissions must be received by **5.00pm** on **Friday 5 January 2018** and should be addressed to: Former Yarragon School Site

Baw Baw Shire Council PO Box 304, Warragul, VIC 3820

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Feedback Form

Please submit your ideas, questions and feedback by **5.00pm** on **Friday 5 January 2018**.

Your Details

Name:_____

Address:_____

Email:_____

Please tell us more about you (optional)

Gender:

Year of birth:

What social media do you engage

in? (Tick all that apply)

- Facebook
- Instagram
- Twitter
- □ Linkedin
- Other / I don't use social media

Privacy Statement: The personal information collected above will be solely used for the purpose of providing feedback. You can gain access to your own personal information by contacting Baw Baw Shire Council's Privacy and Freedom Information Officer on 5624 2411.

Please tell us how you participate in Baw Baw life?

(Tick all that apply)

- Resident
- Business owner
- Worker
- Student
- □ Leisure/recreation
- □ Shopper/visitor
- Other

Would you like to be kept informed about progress and outcomes of the old Yarragon Primary School Site?

Yes No

Would you support Council's investment in retaining the old Yarragon Primary School Site in the future?

Yes		No	
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What type of community initiatives and facilities would you like to see on the former Yarragon Primary School site? (number your top three)

- New CFA Fire Station
- A Community Centre for meetings, socialising, education or senior's groups
- □ An Art studio and Exhibition Space for local Arts and Artists
- Youth Centre
- □ Community Skatepark
- Historical Centre
- Outdoor Gym/Parkour area
- Sustainability Hub
- Public BBQ
- Public Toilets
- Community Gardens
- □ Performing Arts Space
- □ Kid's Adventure Playground
- Municipal Pool
- Public Open Space
- □ Nature reserve or bushland
- □ Short stay RV/caravan rest area
- □ RV/Caravan dumping point
- □ Other (please state)



What type of benefits would your preferred options provide the community?

Please share with us any other comments you have on the former Yarragon Primary School Site?



Engagement Survey

(Optional)

To ensure 'Have Your Say Baw Baw Engagement' works for our community we seek responses to the following questions and value your input.

1. How important was it for you to have your say today? And overall, how satisfied were you? (1 least to 7 most). Please circle your response.

Importance: 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Satisfaction: 1	2	3	4	5	6	7

- 2. To what level do you want to be engaged? (please tick)
 - □ Being Informed
 - Being Asked and listened to
 - □ Being Involved
 - □ Being a partner
 - □ Being the decider
- 3. Did this involvement today, meet that level? Y/N
- 4. What ideas do you have for engagement in the future?
- 5. Did you want to be involved in future sessions to explore engagement? Y/N

If so please provide your details:

Name:

Email:

Phone: