



# Warragul Parking Study



## Frequently Asked Questions

Baw Baw Shire Council is undertaking a thorough review of car parking in Warragul. The purpose of this study is not to determine if more car parks are needed, but how solutions can be made that are both practical and financially viable. Council will work closely with the community across all stages of the study to understand sentiments and desired outcomes. An initial community consultation period will be held from 27 February to 30 April 2020.

### When can we expect additional parking?

The findings of the 2018 Parking Studies suggests that Council needs to consider provision for additional parking in the Warragul CBD within the next six years. Initial investigations suggest that a multideck carpark incorporating retail space could cost around \$25 million. Council expects that upon completion of this community engagement there will be a clear solution (that is accepted by the community) on how this additional parking will be funded. This will allow Council to program the construction of the additional parking as soon as practicable.

### Where will the parking be situated? How many spaces will that provide?

The initial investigations suggest that the most suitable place for additional parking is No. 4 Barkley Street. It is within a five minute walk to the main CBD area and can provide 409 additional car spaces as well as floor space for shops. Other locations have also been considered as part of the DARMs Multideck Feasibility Study, but No. 4 Barkley Street was their recommended site.

### What about the Old Bonlac Site?

We understand the strategic importance of this site, however this site is privately owned. In order for the site to be developed, a planning application would need to be submitted by the landowner for assessment by Council. There is no current planning permit or planning

application lodged with Council for the development of this site.

### Why is there permit parking in the CBD?

Permit parking has been in Warragul for many years and was reviewed as part of the parking study. The 2018 Parking Study recommended that Council remove the permit parking in the CBD area to increase parking space utilisation and allow more parking spaces for shoppers. Changes to permit parking arrangements will be considered as part of the community engagement process.

### What about parking time restrictions in the main CBD? Can they be reduced/extended?

To improve turnover and availability of parking spaces in the main CBD area, the study suggests a reduction to the time limits of some of the parking spaces along Smith Street, Queen Street and Albert Street.

### Where can I access the parking study reports and associated documents?

All the documents regarding the Warragul Parking Study can be accessed via Council's website at [www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/WarragulParkingStudy](http://www.bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/WarragulParkingStudy)

### How do I provide feedback on the reports?

A survey has been developed to seek community views, it is available online on Council's website and in hard copy at Council's Customer service Centres in Warragul and Drouin. Completed surveys can be

returned to either Customer Service Centre or submitted through Council's website. All survey responses and feedback will be provided for review by an evaluation panel, recruited from the community. The panel will review the feedback and provide recommendations to Council for consideration.

### How do I become part of the recruited panel that will be undertaking the evaluation and deliberation of the community feedback provided?

There will be a random selection process to recruit the members of the panel. It will be an open process and provide a representation of the broader community. It is expected that 20-30 people will be recruited.

### How long is the engagement process going to take?

The initial survey is open until Thursday 30 April 2020, however the full community engagement process is expected to run until August. It will involve engagement with the community and key stakeholders, community workshops, panel recruitment and deliberations and Council briefings and meeting updates.

### When will we know about the final decision?

Council will review the recommendation from the panel and make a final decision at a Council meeting in September. This decision will be immediately communicated back to the community.