

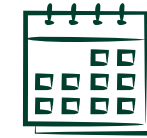


# Williamstown Local Port Area Plan

Community Engagement Summary  
December 2023



# Engagement overview



31 August - 30 September 2023



4,579

Page views



55

Survey submissions



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Pop up @ Williamstown  
Craft Market

100 + people dropped by



47

Written submissions via  
Engage Vic



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Meetings with key  
community stakeholders

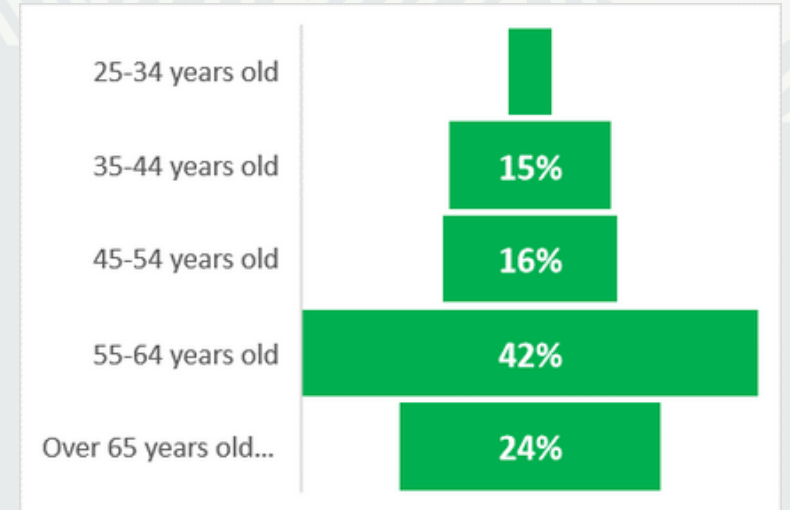
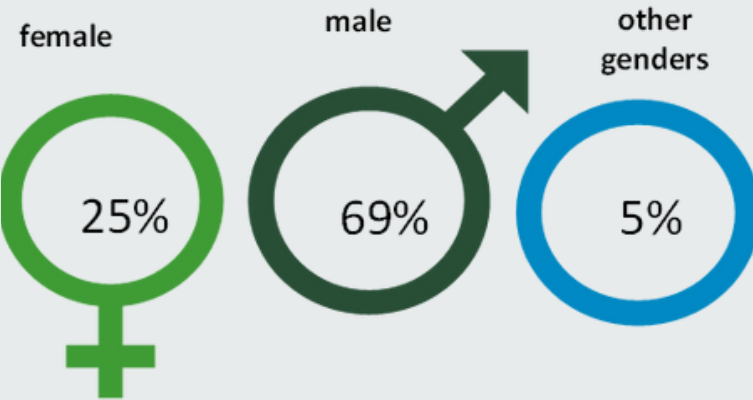


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Direct emails to PV



# Summary of survey participants



The majority were male.

The top 3 activities when visiting the harbour are walking or sightseeing, using the facilities and non-powered boating such as sailing.

Many were aged above 55 years, with low representation of young adults and no children.

# Summary of key findings

- Williamstown Local Port Area, located in Melbourne's west, is a crucial working port that caters to both recreational and commercial users.
- Striking a balance between fit for purpose change and maintaining the maritime character and vibrancy of the area is important to the community.
- Addressing wave surge caused by increased traffic is vital for enhancing the safety and functionality of the harbour, and there is significant desire to see more measures implemented.
- The community highly values the importance of improving the marine environment and enhancing water quality and want to see this considered further.
- More opportunities to enhance the service offer by providing improved recreational berthing and fishing opportunities, and connectivity along the foreshore is desired.
- Accommodating visits by Tall Ships and other historic vessels has been well-received.
- People are excited about regaining access to Workshops Pier and Boyd Street Pier and the overall revitalisation of the area.

# How community feedback influenced Plan

## You said

Overall (69%), you support the draft plan saying that it will provide a 'good' to 'very good' improvement.

The piers are an important feature and you want appropriate investment to sustain access and use.

You want appropriate measures to protect the marinas and moorings, and improve waterway user safety.

You want to build environmental resilience.

You want the proposed dredging area to include Ferguson Street Pier to improve access for recreational berthing, while also ensuring any dredging works minimise impacts on the environment.

You want better connectivity along the foreshore.

## Our response

The final plan will serve as a guide for future critical investment, implementation priorities, and day-to-day management decisions.

Repairs are being made to Workshops Pier to restore access. The plan confirms a future for Workshops, Boyd Street, Gem and Ferguson Street Piers beyond their current economic life.

We are continuing to work with key stakeholders to progress the recommendations of the 'Wave Wash and Surge Study 2022', including the proposed modification and expansion to the 5-knot zone.

We will support community to investigate the use of artificial reefs at two locations within the Williamstown Maritime Precinct to reduce wave impact on the shoreline, provide a habitat for marine organisms, and improve water quality.

Dredging to Ferguson Street Pier has been included. Any future dredging works will be managed under an Environmental Management and Monitoring Plan to mitigate risks. Recreational berthing is currently provided for at Ferguson Street Pier, and this will continue to be the case into the future.

While outside the scope of this project, improving foreshore connectivity aligned to the Williamstown Foreshore Strategic Plan remains a focus. Most of the foreshore in the local port area is managed by the tenants. Parks Victoria will continue working with the tenants to achieve improved connectivity





## Further information

View the final plan and learn more about the next steps at the Project Page.

[parks.vic.gov.au/projects](https://parks.vic.gov.au/projects)



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