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## **CR HEENAN INVITES COMMUNITY TO VIEW MT EVELYN INTERSECTION PLANS**

Yarra Ranges' mayor and Billanook Ward councillor Tim Heenan has invited residents and traders to have their say on plans to overcome traffic and pedestrian concerns at the intersection of Wray Crescent and York Road in Mt Evelyn.

Cr Heenan will host the next information session at the Mt Evelyn RSL on October 13 from 6 to 8pm providing community members with details of the proposed \$860,000 improvements to deal with traffic and safety issues at the busy intersection.

Cr Heenan said information would also be available on proposed improvements to the Wray Crescent bus stop, which will see the stop relocated closer to the town centre improving access for bus users while catering for larger buses servicing the Mt Evelyn area.

"I hope to see as many people as possible join us on the day to talk about the plans and make their views known," Cr Heenan said.

"We have a wonderful opportunity to come up with a fully integrated solution to traffic, accessibility and safety issues in Mt Evelyn."

Cr Heenan said shoppers, motorists, local businesses, bus travellers and Warburton Rail Trail users would all benefit from the proposed works.

"This project is an outstanding example of what can be achieved when all levels of government work together to develop a holistic solution that caters for a range of needs."

Cr Heenan said the plans included the construction of a fully signalised intersection, road widening to include four lanes along York Road to the Hereford Road roundabout, right hand turning lanes to access shops on both sides of York Road, service road improvements and a safe crossing point for pedestrians and rail trail users.

Priority access will be given to the CFA with the ability to remotely activate the traffic signals in the event of an emergency.

Buses will also be given priority in dropping off and picking up passengers on Wray Crescent with the construction of a special bus sensor loop in the road surface. The sensor will trigger purpose built traffic and pedestrian signals allowing buses to stop for passengers without the need to construct an indented bus stop.

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