

# Community Reference Group

YAN YEAN ROAD UPGRADE – STAGE 2



## Aimee Dima

Aimee moved to Doreen four years ago where she started a family with her husband. Aimee's first child attends local daycare and she's currently expecting her second.

Aimee is actively connected with family networks throughout the area and is passionate about sharing and gathering local knowledge. She believes meaningful consultation and brave conversations can lead to creative, community-driven solutions.

Aimee brings a young family perspective to the CRG and is committed to advocating for services and upgrades that reflect the needs and voices of the growing community.

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## Barbara Marshall

Barbara's been a resident of Doreen for more than 40 years with connections to the area going back several generations.

Barbara's ties to Green Wedge community action began with the drawing of the Plenty Corridor, the formation of Nillumbik and the conservation of the Plenty River through Green Wedge Protection Group, Friends of Nillumbik, Friends of the Plenty Gorge and several social media groups concerned with the impact of development and traffic on local fauna and flora.

Barbara is Vice President of Road and Roadside Ecology Northern Nillumbik and was a member of the Community Reference Group for the Yan Yean Road Upgrade from 2018 to 2021.

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## Bill Papanestoros

Bill's been a resident of Doreen for the past five years.

He recently retired from Victoria Police and is actively involved in the community as an affiliated member of the Doreen RSL and the Diamond Creek Men's Shed. He's also a member of the Doreen Seniors Club.

Bill is enthusiastic about enhancing safety and traffic flow in the local area and looks forward to contributing to the Community Reference Group, sharing ideas and working collaboratively to benefit the community.

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## Bronwynne McPherson

Bronwynne's lived in Doreen for eight years and has close family ties to the local community.

Bronwynne works full-time as an Executive Business Support Manager in the not-for-profit sector and brings over 30 years of experience in executive services. She also assists her partner with the administrative side of running his local business.

Bronwynne is passionate about the semi-rural lifestyle that Doreen offers and is committed to ensuring that any changes are complementary to the area. She's a strong advocate for promoting and amplifying the voices of those affected by, and reliant on, Yan Yean Road.



## Claire McMorron

Claire's been a resident of Doreen for 12 years and has regularly travelled along Yan Yean Road for more than 30.

Claire frequently utilises multiple sporting facilities at Yarrambat Park, and joined the Community Reference Group to advocate for practical and balanced decision-making.

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## Evan Woolnough

Evan and his family have lived in Doreen for 22 years.

Evan runs his own local business and is an active member of the community.

Evan was on the Laurimar town Planning Committee and the steering committee for Bendigo Bank. He was part of the team who established the Laurimar Cricket Club and was President of the club for six years.

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## Felicity Gordon

Felicity grew up in Plenty and now lives just off Yan Yean Road in Doreen.

Felicity has 20 years' experience working in secondary school education as an English and history teacher. Her two eldest children attend Doreen Primary School, where she's a member of the school council. She is also a member of the Nillumbik Historical Society.

Felicity is looking forward to the walking and cycling path improvements the project will deliver to enhance the safety of children walking to and from school.

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## Jo Jamieson

Jo's lived in Yarrambat for 26 years and loves the tranquillity of the surrounding environment and the ability to ride her much loved horse in the local area. She is looking forward to the new walking and cycling paths so she can walk, cycle and horse ride once Yan Yean Road has been upgraded.

Jo is an active member of the community and has been a member of the Yarrambat Adult Riding Club for 26 years and the club's secretary for the past 21 years. She is also the secretary for the Diamond Creek Blue Light, which involves many schools in the local area including Yarrambat Primary School. Jo's children attended Yarrambat Primary School and Plenty Valley Christian College, which will benefit from the upgrade making travelling so much safer for motorists and children.

Jo has been an emergency service worker for 38 years with road safety being a major component of her work. Jo was a member of the Community Reference Group for the Yan Yean Road Upgrade from 2018 to 2021.

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## John Huitt

John Huitt is 78 years old, retired, and a resident of Yan Yean Road, Doreen. John's property is heavily impacted by the design for the Bridge Inn, Yan Yean and Doctors Gully roads intersection.

John has lived in the Nillumbik area his entire life and worked in local earthmoving and automotive businesses, as well as maintaining local roads, including Yan Yean Road in the 1970s.

John's interest in being a member of the Community Reference Group is to see the best outcome for the community with the construction of Yan Yean Road Upgrade – Stage 2.

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## John Yeomans

John has been a local resident for 47 years and currently lives and owns and operates businesses in Doreen.

John's property is heavily impacted by the road upgrade, and the two Doreen River Red Gums are located on his property. John and his family spearheaded the Save the Doreen Red Gums campaign, and he is passionate about preserving the natural environment and improving the local area.

John was a member of the Community Reference Group for the Yan Yean Road Upgrade from 2018 to 2021.

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## Pam Kalms

Pam and her family moved to Doreen in 1960. She attended Doreen Primary School and Watsonia High School and was a member of the Doreen Tennis Club and Findon Pony Club in Mernda.

Pam lives in the project area for Stage 2 of the Yan Yean Road Upgrade and she is a member of the Doreen CFA and various community groups and equestrian committees, and is the current treasurer of the Doreen Seniors Club.

Pam is interested in issues that have an impact on the local area and passionate about ensuring accessibility for all.