

Project Bulletin

Introduction

We are developing a plan to address the needs of families and children aged 8-12 years in Mount Alexander Shire. This plan will provide a future vision and strategic direction on how to best develop and coordinate services, programs and activities for the middle years.

Background

The plan will reflect the feedback we received from children 8-12 years, their families and local middle years service providers through conversations, surveys and forums. We are still in the process of gaining more information on what we can all do together, to better support our children and families, but this is what we have heard so far:

Middle Years Survey results – Fast Facts



Priority areas from the first Middle Years Forum

- **Happy & Safe Kids** – kids and families have positive mental health, good self-care, are safe online and ready to transition to high school.
- **Active & Adventurous Kids** – kids have access to age appropriate child friendly spaces for all seasons, opportunities for free play, connecting with the environment and being physically active.
- **Connected Kids & Families** – families know what's going on, can access useful and coordinated services, affordable activities and flexible employment.

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How we are developing the Plan

When we started developing the Plan
July 2019



When the Middle Years Survey was open
28 October to 22 November 2019



When the first
Middle Years Forum was held
4 December 2019



When the second
Middle Years Forum will be held
26 February, 5.30pm to 8.30pm



When we are developing the draft Plan
March to May 2020



When the draft Plan will be
open for public comment
June 2020



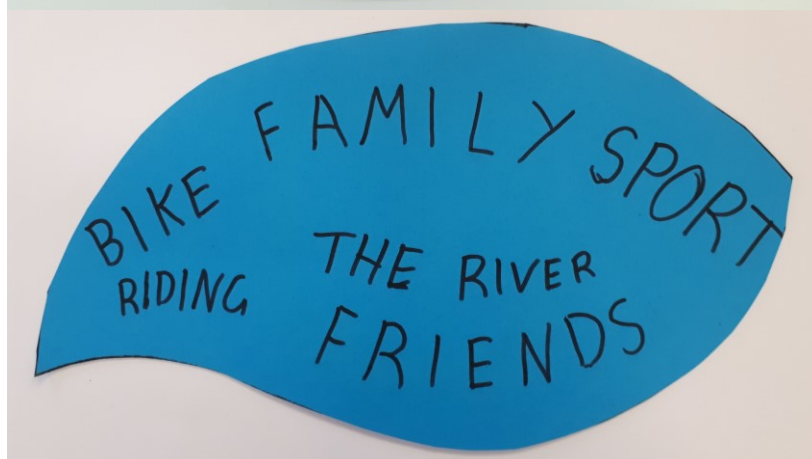
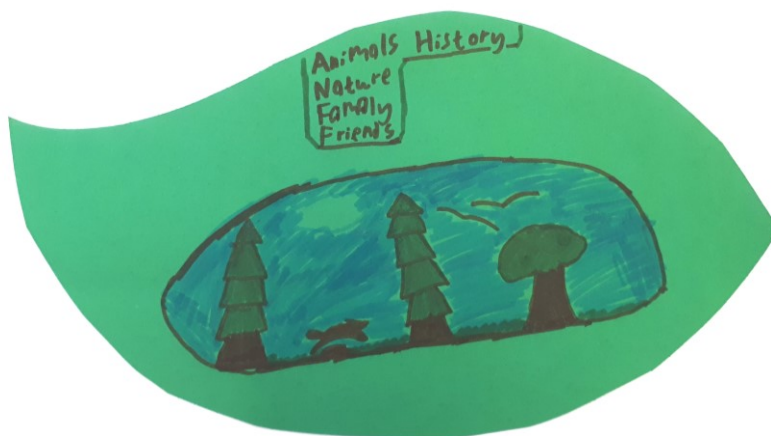
When the final Plan will be launched and
the collaborative mural exhibited
October 2020

What our children think....

We asked children, "What makes you happy?"

They could write or draw their response.

We have collected over 300 leaves which will be exhibited in a collaborative mural to coincide with the launch of the Plan in October 2020.



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Examples of children's survey responses...



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