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Foundation

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Certifying Centre for Safe Community Programs

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### Safe Community Latrobe City No.15



**Name of the community:** Latrobe City  
**Country:** Australia

**Number of inhabitants:** The 2006 census data stated 67,977.  
The current estimated population is 76,144.

**Programme started year:** Designated in February 1996.

**International Safe Communities membership:**

**Designation year:** 1996  
**Re-designation year:** 2006, 2011

**Full re-designation application available:**

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## **The programme covers the following safety promotion activities:**

### **Latrobe Social Planning for Wellbeing Committee**

The Latrobe City Social Planning for Wellbeing Committee (formerly the Latrobe City Integrated Community Planning and Wellbeing Committee) is the key cross-sectional group responsible for safety promotion across the Latrobe Local Government Area. Its beginnings date back to June 2004 as a response to a Community Forum identification of the need to work together and increase coordination and information sharing amongst community support services.

Workshops in October 2005 (Get It Together) and June 2006 further developed the concept which saw the development of a collaborative planning approach between agencies that would be a sustainable approach to community wellbeing and safety across the Latrobe City municipality. A Memorandum of Understanding was established in May 2008 and the Integrated Community Planning and Wellbeing Committee formed. This Committee has met quarterly to receive reports, disseminate information, share data, identify needs and strategic issues, work collaboratively, reduce inequalities and injustices and ensure community wellbeing and safety across the Latrobe City municipality is addressed.

Membership of the Latrobe City Social Planning for Wellbeing Committee has the following organisation representatives:

- Vic Roads
- Latrobe Community Health Service
- Victoria Police
- Relationships Australia
- Kilmany Uniting Care
- Anglicare
- Central and West Gippsland Division of General Practice
- Department of Planning and Community Development (DCPD)
- Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD)
- Department of Health
- Latrobe City Council
- Centrelink
- Central and West Gippsland Primary Care Partnership (a partnership of 22 health and community organisations).

Support for the Latrobe City Social Planning for Wellbeing Committee continues to be strong as it oversees the implementation of the Latrobe Wellbeing and Safety Action Plan 2010 – 2013 which was completed in November 2009. Ongoing executive officer support is provided to the Latrobe City Social Planning for Wellbeing Committee, which meets bi-monthly, in recognition of its key role in community safety.

Following a review of its role in late 2010 and consideration of how it could be more effective, the Social Planning for Wellbeing Committee decided to focus on critical issues and themes within the community and agency sectors. This provides the opportunity for the Committee to examine key issues in more depth, including

community safety, which is a large component of the work of Latrobe City and many of its partner organisations.

## Central Business District (CBD) Community Safety Committees

Community CBD Safety Committees remain active, in Traralgon and Morwell with a group currently being established to consider ways to create greater harmony and integration between the Monash University Gippsland Campus and the Churchill community. The Traralgon CBD Safety Committee meets on a monthly basis, while the Morwell Committee has decided to meet less frequently and take on more of a monitoring role due to many of the key issues being addressed through a number of different means. The Police and Community Consultative Committee in Moe was disbanded by Victoria Police and responsibility given to the Police Community and Neighbourhood Watch program officer who participates in the Latrobe City Social Planning for Wellbeing Committee.



### Traralgon Central Business District Safety Committee

The Traralgon Central Business District (CBD) established in 2007, has been working with stakeholders for a number of years to address community, police and business concerns regarding anti-social behaviour, assaults, property damage and criminal activity mostly linked to the area being a popular late night entertainment precinct.

As a result of this collaborative arrangement to address these issues, strong partnerships have been developed between members of the Traralgon CBD Safety Committee, the Traralgon & District Liquor Accord, Victoria Police, the Traralgon Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Taxi companies, Latrobe Valley Bus Lines, V-Line and late night venue owners and operators.

The committee was formed to provide a consultative forum for all stakeholders to effectively address any issues of safety, security, health and wellbeing of the Traralgon Central Business District.

The newsletters have been developed to inform the community members and local businesses about the activities and initiatives of the committee.

This is the first newsletter for 2011.

### CCTV Surveillance for Traralgon Taxi Ranks

As mentioned in the previous Traralgon CBD Safety Committee Community Newsletter winter 2010 edition, Latrobe City Council secured funding from the Victorian Taxi Directorate to install Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) security cameras at the Seymour Street & Franklin Street Taxi Ranks in Traralgon.

This is one of the key strategies being implemented as part of an Action Plan aimed at increasing safety within the Traralgon Central Business District.

Following a CCTV Feasibility Study it was identified that CCTV is a valuable tool to deter crime and other anti social behaviour when combined with other strategies.

CCTV can be an effective tool for deterring crimes and for gathering police evidence, ability for early detection of a possible incident which may enable intervention that will eliminate the eventuation of the crime being committed.

Further it can improve the actual and perceived levels of safety within Traralgon, an effective alternative to eyewitness accounts and improves the ability of the local police to respond to issues as soon as they are alerted to an incident as they can see what is going on before arriving to the site.

The Traralgon Central Business District Safety Committee has representation from Latrobe City Council, Victoria Police, Traralgon Chamber of Commerce, Traralgon & District Liquor Accord, Latrobe Valley Bus Lines, Latrobe Valley Taxi Services and community members.

## Neighbourhood Focus

The Neighbourhood Alliance Network remains a key responsibility of Latrobe City Council in partnership with resident groups and other agencies, and monitors Police Neighbourhood Watch data and area specific reports to identify trends or developing issues. A positive development for community safety is that the local paper is now focusing on the area and publishing its findings prominently, with specific reporting and discussion amongst the Neighbourhood Alliance Network.

## Community Safety

Latrobe City Council's Wellbeing and Safety Plan will be updated in 2011 as part of the first of two annual Community Safety Forums. It was originally developed from the experiences, research, collaborations, long term community interaction and specific focus consultations by the Wellbeing and Safety Partnership with a membership of Latrobe City Council, Central West Gippsland Primary Care Partnership, Latrobe Community Health Service, VicRoads and Victoria Police. These organisations play a key role in informing the Strategic Objectives and Actions and ensuring they are focussed on factors that impact significantly on life in Latrobe; road trauma, anti-social behaviour, substance abuse and mental health and wellbeing.

The Partnership acknowledges that these actions and plans are the result of strong co-operation and a partnership that makes positive and direct change possible. Community groups such as Latrobe RoadSafe, Neighbourhood Alliance and Neighbourhood Watch add tangible and significant value to this partnership. The specific areas of the Wellbeing and Safety Plan were chosen through a series of consultations, meetings and forums (including the 2008 and 2009 Safety Summit and the 2010 safe Street Summit) and to work collaboratively on significant causes of actual harm and safety perceptions in Latrobe.

Latrobe City continues to be an active member of the Gippsland Road Safety Network and the Road Safe Committee, contributing to the development of strategic plans and a framework for facilitating and supporting local action.

### Community Safety and Wellbeing Forums



2010



2011

### Community Safety Framework

The concept of community safety promotion is one which utilises community wide efforts that are taken to improve the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities. This is an inclusive concept which encompasses a broad range of issues (security, personal safety and injury prevention). It also recognises that the responsibility for safety and wellbeing is shared between Government, agencies, communities and individuals. The concept also shifts the focus from a negative framework (crime and prevention) to a positive framework (safety and promotion).

The full spectrum of specialised responsibilities for community safety includes:

- Safety in specific locations – farms, homes, roads, workplaces, schools and public places
- Safety in specific endeavours – sports and recreation, policing and emergency services
- Safety for specific populations – children, adolescents, seniors, culturally diverse communities, emerging communities, women and people with a disability
- Safety in specific contexts – emergency situations, disaster and recovery
- Safety from specific behaviours – crime and anti-social behaviours, violent assault, family violence and drug and alcohol abuse

“Taking Responsibility” and attitudinal and behavioural change programs are important approaches that are at the forefront of Latrobe City’s work in community safety. Among the many organisations working collaboratively with Council to support this approach are:

## **Organisations**

Victoria Police, VicRoads, Latrobe City, Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS), Central West Gippsland Primary Care Partnership, Departments of Planning and Community Development (DPCD), Department of Human Services (DHS), Department of Health, Department of Justice, Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD), Department of Regional Development Victoria.

## **Local Agencies**

GippSport, (Gippsland Regional Sports Assembly) Anglicare (community support agency), Berry Street (community service organisation), Quantum Support Services (community support organisation), Aboriginal Family Restoration (Indigenous family support service) Woolartbe Werna/Wannik Nalu (Indigenous community support programs) Youth Substance Abuse Service (YSAS for young people affected by Alcohol & Drug issues) Headspace (National Youth Mental Health Foundation) MIND Australia (mental health services) Latrobe Regional Hospital (regional public health provider) Monash University (Gippsland campus, tertiary education provider, Churchill) School Focussed Youth Service (coordinated prevention and intervention for school aged youth) LCHS Men’s Behaviour Change - local and regional family violence intervention (formally: SHED ‘self help ending domestics’) Wannik Gonyah at MIND Australia (residential support for ‘at risk’ young people).

## **Bushfire Recovery**

Latrobe City’s work in Bushfire Recovery since February 2009 has received recognition in the Local Government Professionals annual awards as well as at the annual Institute of Public Administration awards as a finalist for its innovation as an effective integrated recovery model based upon the principles of community development. The Bushfire Recovery Community Development program worked in tandem with the Case Management program to support individuals, families, neighbourhoods and communities impacted by the fires, including the Bereaved Community. The work with the Bereaved Community has been built around establishing trust, creating an appropriate empathetic environment and working in partnership with individuals and families to recognise and respond to needs, individually and collectively.

Community connecting events along with Men’s and Women’s nights were held in communities to build understanding of trauma, what people had experienced and how it impacted on them and those around them. The focus continues to be on developing a range of local community supports to help rebuild communities. This work will continue for a two years, supported by many local agencies, service providers and volunteers.

Whilst responding to the impact of the 2009 bushfires is driving major resources and community development work, Latrobe City will respond to any emergency or disaster situation that emerges, as part of its commitment to the State arrangements. More recently this has included working with community members affected by land movement, storms and subsequent flooding of houses, and another community impacted by a significant loss of several young active community members from a

variety of causes including suffering terminal cancer, sudden debilitating illness and road trauma.

Building a high level of preparedness for future disaster events and helping build capacity within Latrobe City, other emergency agencies and organisations, as well as within communities, is ongoing. The Community Development team has developed considerable expertise in disaster planning, preparation, response and recovery, and is ensuring that this high level of experience, skill and knowledge is maintained and shared with the organisation and amongst communities, agencies and the Emergency Management sector.

### **Bike Safety and Education**

The International Power Traffic School continues to be an important facility for bike education and traffic awareness training for schools and community members throughout the Gippsland region. Children and adults alike utilise the facility in large numbers on a regular basis. The facility has also been utilised for motorised scooter and other road safety training.



The International Power Traffic School – Bike Ed Challenge

### **Older Adults and Rural Isolated**

The Linking Latrobe Transport Connections Program, Phase 3, 2010-2013 remains focused on the needs of the rural and socially isolated across the municipality and works with local communities and community groups to provide infrastructure, services and support for local and other initiatives that meet individual needs. These vary from Planned Activity Groups, to support for community inclusive events such as the Boolarra Folk Festival, the upgrading of sporting, recreational areas and public open space, the redevelopment of other infrastructure in major towns, as well the seven small communities, to advocacy for public transport services and community buses. The Latrobe City Community Grants program, Operational Grants and other Event and Gambling Impact Fund grants are evidence of the priority given to these areas. Initiatives based on broadening civic participation and participation in community life are known to impact on actual and perceived safety.

Latrobe City Small Township Liaison Officer program, as part of the role of the Community Development team, has been operating effectively for nearly nine years,

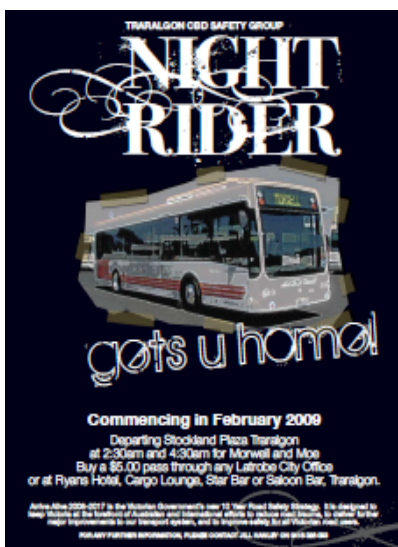
providing a conduit between Latrobe City and its small community township associations, working in collaboration with ward councillors. Through attendance at local monthly meetings, officers assist these communities to address local issues and develop a more comprehensive integrated placed based plan capturing the aspirations of community members. Among the many outcomes have been new rail and other trails, connectivity between walking paths, improvements to road safety through traffic management plans and the redesign of intersections, improved lighting and signage, monitoring and changes to school crossings, improved bus shelter infrastructure, community gardens, fencing of community playgrounds and installation of skate parks.

### Latrobe City Guide for Events

Latrobe City produces an Event Planner, which is continually updated, to provide a framework for organisations and community groups planning and organising events. It is a key tool to minimise risk and ensure events are safe and enjoyable for all. The manual encourages groups to take an inclusive approach when organising activities large and small to enable a broad cross section of the community to participate and comprises a range of easy to use templates and checklists. The major headings cover essential topics such as governance and insurance, traffic management, managing volunteers, food management and other public health issues such as waste disposal, managing alcohol and security, crowd management, first aid and communications.

### Local Alcohol and Other Drugs Action Plan 2009 – 2012

Latrobe City has been active in the development and supports the implementation of the Local Alcohol and Other Drugs Action Plan, which links to and complements the Latrobe City Wellbeing and Safety Plan 2009-2012. These Plans cover a wide array of actions and include awareness and education programs based on the impact of illicit drugs and binge drinking and alcohol on health and wellbeing, expansion of the Good Sports and Look After Your Mates programs, further Safer Streets activities, effective management of Liquor Accords and improving pathways to appropriate family violence support services.



Night Rider Bus Trial – Traralgon Entertainment Precinct



**Night walks through the Traralgon Entertainment Precinct**

## Transport Initiatives



Latrobe City continues to advocate for improved public transport services as well as facilitating the development of community based initiatives. Shared transport schemes, cycling, improved connectivity between various forms of public and community transport and increased services to meet changes in community needs are examples of Council's role in advocating and improving accessibility. Opportunities to input into government reviews of transport services, infrastructure and

accessibility have been taken up, as well as encouraging greater utilisation of public transport. The recent publication of improved timetables developed for linking Churchill to Morwell and Traralgon aims to result in greater use of public transport opportunities for students and provide for increased community connection between the university and major towns. It is anticipated that this will help entice students who reside outside the region to avail themselves of local educational options, as well as become more attractive to International students, many of whom like to maintain connections with larger cities. Another safer travel initiative has been the organising of local buses to transport football fans attending local grand final matches, connecting with rail services. This enabled fans to travel safely and reduce the potential incidence of drink driving.

## Walking

The need to improve the 'walkability' within and between neighbourhoods and communities has been recognised as a major area of priority to: improve health and wellbeing outcomes, provide a safe and effective alternative means of travel, improve the environment and reduce the impact of energy intensive vehicles, and to increase social connectedness. The Latrobe City footpath compliance program, as part of the

Footpath Management Plan, enhances community life. It has also encouraged greater reporting of hazards and results in improvements to areas such as transit safety from the car park to the Morwell Neighbourhood House. Latrobe City also continues to support and promote initiatives such as the Walking School Bus program within neighbourhoods.

Improved lighting on many of the City's walking and cycling paths have also attributed to increased usage of these and other recreational facilities. Latrobe City Council also worked in partnership with Vic Roads to improve safety at local and school crossings with funding and involvement of the Local Laws team. Latrobe City Council's Infrastructure team also assisted in the process to ensure local and school crossings safety was improved for children and community users, particularly the elderly and people with a disability.

### **Safer Design and Planning**

Latrobe City has a commitment to developing infrastructure that encourages people to walk and recreate, engage with others and feel safe in doing so. Staff training in the principles of Safer by Design, or Safety Through Environmental Design (STED) has continued across a variety of disciplines and teams in the organisation. These principles have been applied in the planning and construction of existing and new infrastructure, the creation and approval of new neighbourhoods and planning permits for alcohol related businesses. Input into these processes is as a matter of course sought from areas such as Community Development.

### **Provision of Asbestos Fossicking Kits**

Latrobe City has available Asbestos Fossicking Kits for use in and around the home. These have been particularly useful for people doing minor repair work and more importantly, were in high demand following the devastating 2009 bushfire across large parts of the municipality. Hundreds of kits were provided to residents following the fires, along with messages of how to assess and manage risk following the destruction of houses and other buildings on properties. These kits continue to be in demand and help educate residents on the need to take caution when dealing with asbestos materials which are prevalent in local communities.

### **Indigenous Employment Programs and Commitment to Reconciliation**

Another program that has received recognition for its positive impact on the lives of vulnerable groups is the Indigenous/Aboriginal Employment Program throughout Gippsland. Through training, mentoring and job creation, the program provides long term benefits to participants, employers and the wider community. It also provides strong messages about the value of work, financial independence and the contribution the Aboriginal community make to the local economy and society, giving meaning and a focus to many peoples lives. This program reinforces Latrobe City Council's Statement of Commitment to Reconciliation and along with the Briaikaulung Advisory Committee, gives a key marginal group within the community a voice and opportunity to contribute to the community.

## Latrobe City Community Gaming Support Fund

The Latrobe City Trust manages a significant number of trust funds on behalf of the community broadly aimed at community capacity building activities, enhanced service provision amongst the community sector, supporting access to key services and developmental opportunities for individuals to access areas such as education.

The Community Gaming Support Fund managed by the Latrobe City Trust working in collaboration with gaming venues, offers grants to the not-for-profit sector twice yearly to implement largely social programs and activities that ameliorate the impact of problem gambling. The funds are collected from participating gaming venues that under normal circumstances are not compelled to pay rates, with Council foregoing the rates income and adding a further 10 percent to the contributions from venues.

These funds serve an important role in reducing the negative impact of gaming and support the community sector and community groups to initiate alternative activities.

## Support for New Arrivals and Refugees

One of the specific groups focused on in the 2010 year were the New Arrivals and their local refugee community. Latrobe City has a population of well over six hundred Sudanese refugees and in association RoadSafe, Latrobe City Council and a range of other stakeholders a refugee driver education program called New Arrivals was introduced here to teach safe driving in the community. The program was previously run in Bass Coast and is consistent with Victoria's *arrive alive* road safety strategy.

## The Emergency Relief Network of Latrobe City (ERNLAC)

The Latrobe City Emergency Relief Network comprises a range of not-for-profit organisations and services that meets quarterly. Members of ERNLAC sign a



### Emergency Relief Providers & Support Services

within Latrobe City  
no. of March 2011

Memorandum of Understanding and commit to working together to support vulnerable individuals and families in need of basic food and other supports and to collect and share data related to community needs and service demands. Over the past couple of years since the group has been established, Latrobe City has been able to attract, manage and distribute a significant amount of additional funding to support emergency relief across the municipality through working with the Department of Justice. The Department contributes funds sourced through the local courts to a fund managed by the Latrobe City Trust, which member groups are able to apply for on a quarterly basis to support their activity.

ERNLAC makes a valuable contribution to reducing harm and risk, while providing advice, education and support to those that access their services. Many of the member groups rely strongly on volunteers and aim to strengthen the capacity of community members to support each other and become more self reliant.

## **Preventing Violence Against Women**

Latrobe City in partnership with two neighbouring municipalities and Gippsland Women's Health, recently formed a cluster to submit an Expression of Interest to VicHealth and the Department of Planning and Community Development to be part of a three year pilot program to develop and deliver a range of strategies aimed at reducing the incidence of violence against women in our communities.

As part of the application process a range of data was collected and analysed to inform the development of a comprehensive strategy plan that focuses on working with key agencies and community groups and the education sector to build understanding about the prevalence of family violence in local communities, to identify alternative actions and ways to change behaviours and address issues and to provide leadership within local government of examples of good practice and social policy implementation.

## **Flood Mitigation and Monitoring Systems**

Latrobe City has developed the Traralgon Flood Warning System in which the rain and stream gauges are linked by radio and telephone line directly to two computers within the Latrobe City. The total Flood Warning System provides the link between the flood information and the community. The provision of the FM 88 emergency Radio Broadcast under the ownership and control of Latrobe City, the use of faxstream and a telephone mailbox plan enables the City to provide instantaneous updates on the flood situation directly to the community which is essential in the short timeframes in Traralgon Creek.

The wide ranging composition of the pivotal Traralgon Flood Warning Group has ensured that all key players and the community have been part of the process and have been able to have input at all stages throughout the project. This has ensured the successful implementation of the total Flood Warning System through all agencies and the community. The concept of real time collection and local storage of data can be applied to other emergency situations where there are repeat occurrences of the same event.

## **Refugee Action Program - Sudanese Swim Program**

A specific population group of focus is the local refugee community within the Latrobe City municipality. With a population of over six hundred Sudanese refugees in the Latrobe Valley, Latrobe City and Latrobe Leisure have previously identified the need to assist in offering and coordinating programs that will benefit the local Sudanese community to better integrate into the Australian way of life through an increased awareness around bodies of water.

Since 2008 a community '*come and try*' day has been held biannually at Latrobe Leisure Morwell to provide the opportunity for local Sudanese citizens to swim in a controlled and safe aquatic environment. In 2010 a similar event was once again a huge success with local Sudanese residents gaining experience and education in the aquatic environment with supervision and instruction from qualified staff. Residents were also given the opportunity to participate in activities that many of the younger generation involved would not normally have access to. This program has now been

expanded to include adults and to provide more regular opportunities for community members to develop greater levels of water competence. Unfortunately the drowning death of a young Sudanese community member in late 2010 has given greater impetus to this program, which is strongly supported by local community leaders.



**Latrobe Community L2P Drivers Education Program**

Latrobe City Council continues to run this program in association with Berry Street for young people between the ages of 16 – 20, who don't have the support and resources to achieve the 120 hours of driving experience required to obtain their probationary drivers license. Safer Drivers = Safer Communities. The program was developed in response to the link between young, inexperienced drivers and road trauma.

The L2P Drivers Education program was recently advised that additional funding has been secured to ensure its continuation. The program is a pathway to this cohort of drivers, through community support, education and practice, to enable them to attain their probationary licence. It aims to help reduce the risks associated with inexperienced drivers and driving, access to resources needed for licensing, and the engagement of at risk youth in the community (i.e. increased opportunities re: employment, building positive adult relationships etc).



Moe Football Club



Newborough Football Club



Yinnar Football Club

## **Latrobe City Disability Action Plan 2010-2011**

Latrobe City has an annual Disability Action Plan which contains actions to ensure people with a disability have equitable access to infrastructure and services provided by Latrobe City, in accordance with the Disability Discrimination Act 1992.

A number of actions in the 2010-2011 Disability Action Plan relate to community safety for people with a disability. Relevant actions include:

- Promoting safe and equitable access to local businesses
- Raising community awareness of the need to keep footpaths clear of broken glass
- Providing safe access from accessible parking bays to the footpath
- Promoting Universal Housing Design principles to building and planning permit applicants to increase safety in the home
- Ensuring that the needs of people with a disability are included in Municipal Recovery Plan
- Reviewing Footpath Trading Guidelines to ensure people with a disability have safe access to the CBD.

## **Latrobe City Disability Reference Committee**

The Latrobe City Disability Reference Committee (DRC) provides advice to Council on the development and implementation of the Disability Action Plan and on issues relating to the needs of people with a disability.

The DRC meetings provide a forum for issues to be raised relating to access for people with a disability to infrastructure and services. Community safety for people with a disability is a high priority for the DRC. Safety issues raised by the DRC are acted upon immediately if required or are included in the subsequent year's Disability Action Plan.

In 2010 a range of issues were raised and addressed including:

- Design of new buildings and infrastructure for access and safety,
- Accessible parking
- Footpath trading
- Identification of broken or unsafe footpaths
- Replacement of inaccessible and unsafe kerb crossings
- Identification of locations needing improved street lighting.

## **Latrobe City Rural Access Program**

The aim of the Latrobe City Rural Access Program is to support communities to develop new ways of including people with a disability in local community life. This aim is achieved by the implementation of a number of projects annually.

Projects relevant to improving community safety for people include:

- Promoting safe and equitable access to local businesses
- Advocating for safe and equitable access to public and community transport
- Providing advice to major project teams on access and safety for people with a disability

- Delivering disability awareness programs in schools to reduce the harassment of people with a disability
- Promoting Universal Housing Design principles to the community.

**CCTV Installation and Management in Identified High Risk Areas**

The installation of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) is one of a number of safety programs which have been, or has been assessed as being, a useful measure to deter crime and aid police in responding to incidents of crime, violence and anti-social behaviour. In recent years, in partnership with the local police and transport providers, systems have been installed at local key transport nodes in Morwell and Traralgon.

While it is recognised that CCTV has limitations in reducing the incidence of crime, it is known to be a deterrent, and in conjunction with a range of other safety initiatives, can lead to improved safety and accessibility for many residents and visitors to the region to social activity, enhanced school attendance, and greater participation in the activities of daily life, such as shopping and business transactions.

Funding for CCTV installation for two Traralgon Taxi Ranks has been received. In partnership with local traders, the Victorian Taxi Directorate, Victoria Police and the Traralgon Safety Committee, a Closed Circuit Television system is being installed. The Latrobe City Council also provided additional lighting in the Traralgon Entertainment Precinct to ensure patrons of late night venues would be safe in an area police crime statistics identify to be high in assaults, property damage and antisocial behaviour.



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Cargo Lounge



Stockland Plaza



Thistle Down Gallery