LEONGATHA STREETSCAPE

BAIR STREET

Opportunity to reduce dominance of road pavements to create a more inviting character and introduce greenery/shade into streetscape.

Create opportunity for activation of shop frontages and encourage a lively street environment.

Provide safe pedestrian crossing points and a consistent quality public realm.

TOWN ENTRIES

Opportunity to improve and highlight town centre.

Create a more welcoming and pleasing impression for visitors entering Leongatha from north and south directions.

Potential to reference local identity and themes.

GOLLERS LANE

Opportunity to introduce greenery, colour and activation into laneway space.

Importance of thoroughfare and delivery access recognised.

Space could double as arts/events space.

HORTICULTURAL PARK

Opportunity to improve connectivity to underutilised park area.

Additional tree planting would improve vista from Bair Street.

Bridge crossing accentuation and improvement to pedestrian experience possible.

LARDNER PLACE PLAZA

Opportunity to reclaim vacant area to facilitate events, gatherings.

Greenery could be inserted to diminish impact of carparking.

Inclusion of seating would encourage use.

FUTURE TOWN PARK

Outside scope of this project.

Future opportunities to provide links to Bair Street and create a town park with a rail heritage focus.

CURRENT PROPOSALS

LYON STREET SHARED ZONE

Opportunity for creation of a pedestrian/vehicle shared zone.

Insertion of additional seating and greenery would encourage street activation.

Street could be temporarily closed for events and gatherings.

BAIR STREET

GOLLERS LANE

LARDNER PLACE

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT REPORT

DRAFT MASTER PLAN CONSULTATION MAY-JUNE 2016

July 2016

South Gippsland Shire Council
Engagement Summary

This report outlines the findings of the second round of consultation which sought feedback on the Draft Leongatha Streetscape Master Plan.

Council received approximately 80 submissions mostly from people who live in, work in and / or visit Bair Street. There were also several people who own land or businesses in Bair St or other parts of Leongatha. Other interests were also represented including transport business and South Gippsland ratepayers.

Approximately 90 people attended public meetings where the Draft Master Plan was presented and community questions answered.

Public responses were generally positive with a number of suggestions for changes. Revitalisation Option B was clearly the preferred design for Bair Street between McCartin Street and Church Street. In response to public comment, the following key changes have been made to the Option B plan:

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A detailed summary of public comments and Council’s responses is provided at Appendix A. A copy of the final master plan is provided at Appendix B.
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Engaging the Community

The Leongatha Streetscape Master Plan will guide road and footpath improvements, new landscaping, street furniture and other upgrades to revitalise the town.

Upgrades to Bair Street and the surrounding areas, central to Leongatha, will be made in accordance with this plan. These upgrades will affect land owners and business owners in the study area. They will also affect the Leongatha community, broader region and visitors to the area.

It is important to engage the community because the project will influence their enjoyment of the area. Engaging the community will also help ensure the success of the future upgrades.

The community was engaged at key stages of the project: at the start to gather community ideas and mid-way to gauge community response to detailed proposals.

For the second round of consultation, Council sought to:

- Inform the public about the Draft Leongatha Streetscape Master Plan.
- Inform the community about how the Draft Master Plan responds to community comment from the first round of consultation.
- Ask the public for feedback on the Draft Master Plan.

Our promise to the public during this project is to keep them informed, listen to and acknowledge their concerns, aspirations and provide feedback on how public input influenced decisions.

How We Told People

| Letters sent to owners of commercially zoned land in Leongatha (total of 170 letters) |
| Letters hand delivered to commercial premises in Bair Street, McCartin Street and surrounding areas on 17-18 May 2016 |
| Commercial land owners and businesses meeting 6-8pm 24 May 2016 |
| Community meeting 5-7pm 31 May 2016 |
| Draft Master Plan on display at 37 Bair St (vacant shop), front counter, as double page spread in local paper (24 May 2016) and at public meetings |
| Web page on Council’s website |
| Facebook updates on Council’s facebook page |
| Media releases announcing the Draft Master Plan and launching the consultation |
| Postcards delivered by letter box drop, handed out during enquiries and available at Council offices, Leongatha library and various shops |
| Community bulletins mailed out with letters and emails, handed out during enquiries and available at Council offices, Leongatha library and various shops |
| Community engagement report for first round of consultation available online, by email, at front counter and at public meetings |
ONLINE SURVEY

Tell us your feedback via the online survey: surveymonkey.com/r/Re-ImaginingBairSt

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What We Told People

The Draft Master Plan was made available for comment following the 27 April 2016 Council meeting. These plans were updated and illustrations prepared for the launch of the consultation period. The consultation period was open from 24 May 2016 to Friday 10 June.

Publicity for the project also included an overview of project, details of the process and ways to keep updated and be involved.

People were asked to provide their feedback via online survey. Paper surveys were also available and submissions were also accepted via email or mail. Late submissions were accepted.
What We Asked

The following questions were asked on the online and hard copy survey to prompt and direct community response:

- Which option do you prefer for Bair Street between McCartin and Church Streets?
- Why have you chosen this particular option?
- What do you think about the proposal for other parts of Bair Street?
- What do you think about the proposal for Gollers Lane?
- What do you think about the proposal for Lyon Street?
- What do you think about the proposal for Lardner Place?
- What do you think about the proposal for Horticultural Park?
- Do you have any other comments?

These questions were illustrated with relevant parts of the plan.

The Response We Got

There was more engagement from commercial land owners and the business community than during the first round of consultation which was demonstrated by the turn out at the meeting on 24 May 2016.

Approximately 80 responses were received providing feedback on the Draft Master Plan. Many of the people who attended the meetings made a submission. As shown in the table overleaf, respondents most commonly visit Bair St, work in Leongatha and live in Leongatha. The remaining respondents were generally from other localities in South Gippsland.

Two groups made submissions: the Leongatha Chamber of Commerce and South Gippsland Shire’s Access and Inclusion Committee.
**Chamber ticks Bair Street revamp**

**By Lucy Johnson**

People vote on Bair Street

In tonight’s vote, the decision was made to revamp Bair Street. The Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Peter Whitton said that the decision was made after listening to the concerns of the community and businesses.

**New look Leongatha**

**Business groups and the community are being urged to contribute to a modern vision for Leongatha’s Bair Street**

Leongatha Gippsland Shire Council is holding two meetings in relation to its Reimagining Bair Street Project.

The first meeting is tonight, May 24 from 6pm-7pm in Meeting Room One (Leongatha council chamber).

**Crunch time for Bair Street**

**By Tony Gills**

The loss of parking spaces in Bair Street, Leongatha appears to be the main sticking point of the Leongatha Chamber of Commerce and Industry’s blueprint for the former shopping strip. The Bair Street community is divided on the matter, with some fearing for job losses in local businesses and others welcoming the change.

**Chamber calls for Bair Street action**

**By Tayla Kershaw**

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Peter Whitton has called for action to revamp the former shopping strip of Bair Street.

**Bold Bair Street plans fine tuned**

An AMETISCU project to revitalize the former street line in Leongatha was put out for public consultation on Wednesday.

**CBD likely to lose parking**

**By Brad Lester**

Should a new look Bair Street appeal to motorists or pedestrians? That is the question facing South Gippsland Shire Council as it looks to redevelop the area.

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if one crossing point was axed.

One trader, Sandra Fleming from Hair Bairs, told of her frustration at business owners continually parking in front of their shops, a concern also held by Leongatha Chamber of Commerce and Industry president Peter Whitton.

Council’s planning manager Paul Stormton indicated once Bair Street was finished, council would ensure by-laws ramped up its enforcement of offenders parking too long in the street and they would be given an infringe-
ment notice.

Mr Stormton alleviated other concerns about parking, where he informed council would look at leasing further areas on railway land at the rear of Bair Street, which could add 50 spaces to the Council.

Council would also establish a connection

**Huge interest!** South Gippsland Shire Council was delighted when some 50 business representatives turned out for the Re-Imagining of Bair Street presentation last Tuesday, May 24.
The Response We Got (cont.)

Meetings  
Over 60 people attended the commercial land owners and business meeting 24/5/16
Approximately 30 people attended the community meeting 31/5/16

Submissions  
Over 80 submissions and survey responses received

Enquiries  
Several enquiries by email, over the phone and face-to-face discussions

Web page  
402 page views by 266 different visitors between 27/4/16 and 15/5/16

Facebook  
286 reached for post 31/5/16 promoting the community meeting with 2 shares and 1 like

Newspaper Articles  
Articles in local papers:
- The Star ‘People Vote on Bair Street’ 7 June 2016
- The Sentinel ‘Community Votes on Bair Street Choices’ 7 June 2016
- The Star ‘Traders Talk Up Bair Street’ 31 May 2016
- The Star ‘Crunch Time for Bair Street’ 24 May 2016
• Front page The Star ‘New Look Leongatha’ 24 May 2016
• The Star ‘Chamber Ticks Bair Street Revamp’ 10 May 2016
• Sentinel Times ‘Bold Bair Street Plans Fine Tuned’ 3 May 2016
• The Star ‘CBD Likely to Lose Parking’ 3 May 2016
• The Star ‘Chamber Calls for Bair Street Action’ 16 March 2016
• Front page The Star ‘Leongatha Revamp’ 23 February 2016

| Email list | Over 80 people |
What We Heard

A summary of the responses and proposed changes to the final plans is provided on the following pages. A more detailed list of public comments and Council’s responses are available at Appendix A.

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Key Messages

The majority of responses to the Draft Master Plan proposal were positive. The most common response to the proposals was that they were good or very good.

The top concerns received about the Draft Master Plan were:

- Trees in Gollers Lane (13 submissions)
- Need public toilets at or near Horticultural Park (12 submissions)
- Changes to parking in Lyon Street (11 submissions)
- Not all the pedestrian crossings on Bair St are needed (9 submissions)

Some other concerns that influenced changes:

- Delivery access in Lardner Place (4 submissions)
- Insufficient weather protection (3 submissions)
- Queensland Brush Box is inappropriate for Bair St (verbal comment at public meeting)
“The redevelopment of Bair Street provides our community with a once in a lifetime opportunity to improve the amenity and attractiveness of our town and as such it is imperative to get it right.”

“Looks like a lot of effort to plant a few trees. Should have though outside the box to create something to draw shoppers in and use this to create vibrancy rather than hoping a few trees and seats alone will draw people in.”

“Like a lot”

“Plans look good. Well done”

“Great to see this plan. Love the overall concept.”

“I was a bit concerned about reduced car parking but moving shop keepers out of street will help”

“The ‘dying’ feeling of the town desperately needs addressing - your plans have arrived in the nick of time. Might even convince me to stay!”

“I think it is all really positive - and think it will bring a nice fresh feel”

“Fantastic idea”

“Support it”

“It’s great to finally have some planning works underway”

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“Do it!”
**Key Changes in Response**

In response to public comments, the following key changes have been made to the Option B plan (preferred design):

- Remove a proposed pedestrian crossing along Bair Street.
- Re-organise the parking to retain angle parking in Lyon Street, redevelop the accessible car parking space to bring it up to standard and ensure space is retained for planting and seating.
- Remove proposed in-ground trees from Gollers Lane and install removable planting beds on a trial basis.
- Remove proposed trees along footpath in Lardner Place.

In response to the request for toilets at or near Horticultural Park, no changes have been made to the plans. For a town of approximately 5,000 people, Council already provides public toilets at Anderson St, behind the Memorial Hall, McIndoe Park and at the skate park. One submission suggested moving the Anderson Street toilets to Horticultural Park. This was considered and not deemed worth the expense (likely to be over $100,000).

The Leongatha Railway Site Transformation project due to commence in 2016 will consider the status of the existing station platform toilets and the potential to improve connections to Bair Street and the Great Southern Rail Trail.

It is also worth noting that there are toilets available at the library, Daker Centre and Memorial Hall when these public buildings are open and along the rail trail halfway between Leongatha and Koonwarra.

Other changes that were made to the plans are as follows:

- Propose weather protection in Lardner Place.
- Replace Queensland Brush Box (evergreen) species with Magnolia grandiflora ‘Exmouth’.
- Make pedestrian crossing across Bair Street near Horticultural Park into a raised crossing.
- Propose signs saying “Leongatha” at the entrances from Korumburra, Mirboo North, Dumbalk, Foster and Inverloch and signs saying “Bair St” and “McCartin St” in the town centre.
- Remove large trees at the entrance to the petrol station and CFA.
- Use tree pits to capture storm water and provide water quality treatment.
- Modify mural / public art opportunity locations in Gollers Lane.
- Move proposed public seating out of the way of existing outdoor seating area at McCartin’s Hotel.
- Provide greater clarity about the existing and proposed trees on the plans.
- Show loading zones.
- Show vehicle access (one way / two way) so that it is clear that no traffic direction changes are being made.
Bair St Preferred Option

**PROPOSAL - OPTION A**
- Provide planting along a widened central median.
- Widen footpath on both sides of Bair Street with picnic tables at the north eastern corner.
- Provide angle parking on the eastern side of Bair Street at the northern end.
- Retain parallel parking along the rest of Bair Street.

**PROPOSAL - OPTION B**
- Only retain central median for a short distance at northern end of Bair Street.
- Provide raised pedestrian crossings.
- Widen footpath on both sides of Bair Street with picnic tables at the north eastern corner.
- Provide alternating angle and parallel parking along the rest of Bair Street.
- Modify the taxi rank to provide additional footpath and parking space.

Revitalisation Option A Proposal for Bair St between McCartin & Church Sts in Draft Master Plan

Revitalisation Option B Proposal for Bair St between McCartin & Church Sts in Draft Master Plan
Bair St Preferred Option (cont.)

PUBLIC RESPONSE

The responses we received from the community clearly showed a preference for Option B for Bair Street between McCartin Street and Church Street.

Straw polls conducted at each of the public meetings indicated a clear preference for Option B. At the first meeting no-one voted for Option A and most people voted for Option B. At the second meeting a couple of people voted for Option A and everyone else that voted preferred Option B.

Most submissions indicated a preference for Option B as shown in the graph below. In addition to this, two submissions did not like either option and one liked both options.

Preferences related to vegetation (including median strip), parking configuration, pedestrian amenity and the appeal of the street.

Option A: “I love lots of greenery, shade and wind protection. I prefer a narrow road to cross so could cross the two directions of travel easily.”

“I believe B will be a more open landscape being easier to see the shop fronts from both sides of the street.”

Option B “…appears to create a series of interesting spaces along the street, rather than one, long, straight road.”

“I like to have no median strip. So that if the street is closed for an event, there is a large open space that can be used for a parade, stalls, pedestrian mall, etc. It [Option B] seems to have more flexibility options.”

Preferred Option according to Submissions

Out of 68 responses to question
Option B is clearly the preferred option and will form the basis of the final plan with changes in response to other comments received.

Option A: “I’ve seen similar in other towns and it works very well.”

“Parking is better [with Option B] than they have at the moment”
Bair St Both Options

**PROPOSAL - BOTH OPTIONS**

- Provide significant new tree plantings.
- Narrow the road to one lane in both directions.
- Provide additional gathering spaces at crossing points and intersections.
- Provide regular crossing points (at 100m maximum intervals) and seating.
- Improve safety by creating a T-intersection at Young Street and a large gathering space linking to the start of the Great Southern rail trail.
- Provide angle parking on the western side of Bair Street south of Church Street.

**PUBLIC RESPONSE**

The responses to this question were generally positive.

Many of the responses to this question expressed their views about Bair Street as a whole. Some specifically discussed elements outside this area: crossings between McCartin St and Church St (7 responses), Horticultural Park (4 responses) and Lyon Street (1 response).

Key comments that related specifically to this area related to entrance signage, trees at the petrol station, the crossings across Bair and Young Street and the intersections.

> “Seating opportunities is good, hopefully they are inviting and will allow people to sit and have their lunch. Currently there is no nice areas within the CBD to sit and have a lunch.”

**Submission Response to Proposal for Other Parts of Bair St**

Out of 50 responses to question
**Changes to Plan**

- Remove large trees at the entrance to the petrol station and CFA
- Make the pedestrian crossing across Bair Street into a raised crossing

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**Top Responses to Proposal for Other Parts of Bair St**

- Good / very good
- Like / love the connection to the rail trail
- Don’t need all the pedestrian crossings
- Fine
- Like / love the greenery
- Good to have more seating
- Support Bair St & Young St intersection improvement
- Concerned about trees outside petrol station

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"I cannot see why there needs to be a large sign with “Leongatha” at each end of Bair Street“

"Not sure about trees at entry to petrol station, will that obscure view?"

"Angle parking I believe could be dangerous”

"Being brave enough to do such a radical change is great to see”

"I think the pedestrian crossing near s1 (and the BP) should be formalised with painted markings or speed hump to slow vehicles entering town from the south. This would help make it safer for cars backing out of proposed angle parking but also help with pedestrian safety.”

"I like the idea of bringing the rail trail into town more - this will bring visitors and make a feature of this excellent resource.”
Lyon St

**PROPOSAL**

- Establish a shared zone.
- Resurface to provide a flush pavement (flat continuous surface like in Gollers Lane).
- Install in-ground planting along the street.
- Reorganise the parking to parallel parking.

**PUBLIC RESPONSE**

The most common response was relatively neutral ("ok"). Despite this, there were generally more positive responses overall. Businesses and some community members were concerned about the loss of angle parking.

"Looks good. Opportunity for intersection treatment at Gollers Lane, Hyland Place and Lardner Place."

"Would need some sort of wind break to stop tunnel effect and could nearly have a clear roof covering it."

"The flush pavement is great for allowing pedestrians to walk freely around the area"

Submission Response to Proposal for Lyon St

Out of 52 responses to question
Changes to Plan

- Re-organise the parking to retain angle parking and redevelop the accessible car parking space to bring it up to standard and ensure space is retained for planting and seating.

Top Responses to Proposal for Lyon St

- “I am satisfied with this proposal
- Like how Lyon St could be closed for community event
- Little change
- Consider providing a roof or partial roof over street
- Does not achieve any improvement
- Like wider footpath
- Little change
- Like how Lyon St could be closed for community event
- I am satisfied with this proposal

Lyon St definitely needs beautification and identification as a pedestrian use area. It would help draw people through in both directions.”

“Just don’t want to miss this opportunity to create interesting spaces that connect all streets.”

“Garden plantings in the Mall area would enhance the ambience of the area.”

“Better in current format”

It looks fine, with enough parking. Nice if it can be closed off for occasional markets.”
Gollers Ln

PROPOSAL

- Resurface the laneway (though not with road bitumen).
- Install planting that provides enough space for delivery trucks to access the lane and pedestrians to get around them.

“I drive down there regularly and its hard to see space for plantings.”

PUBLIC RESPONSE

This question received the most negative feedback though the most common responses were positive. There was concern about space for vehicle access to be retained in the laneway, specifically delivery trucks with room to manouvre a vehicle around them. This feedback was mostly from businesses concerned about the proposed vegetation in the laneway. At the same time many people liked the proposed vegetation.

“Great. Love the trees and greenery”

A handful of people suggested or supported artwork in the laneway. A few people suggested that the laneway be pedestrianised.

“I like the idea that Gollers and Lyon Street could be closed to provide a street market”

“I am nervous about the plantings on both sides as it means that if a car is trying to go around a truck that is parked, they have to weave a lot. I would prefer any plantings to be on just one side.”

Gollers Ln Proposal in Draft Master Plan
Submission Response to Proposal for Gollers Ln

Out of 54 responses to question

Top Responses to Proposal for Gollers Ln

CHANGES TO PLAN
- Remove proposed in-ground trees along the laneway.
- Install removable planting beds on a trial basis.

“Should be turned into pedestrian mall as extension of Lardner Place”

“A good idea to introduce some greenery and different pavement as there are a lot of hard surfaces there and it will help drivers realise that it gets a lot of pedestrian use.”
Hyland Pl

**PROPOSAL**

- Install tree planting in kerb outstands.

**PUBLIC RESPONSE**

The responses to this proposal were generally positive or neutral. Most supported the proposed planting because it will make the area more appealing, inviting and safer for pedestrians.

“Will make pedestrians feel safer as currently it is like crossing a hostile car territory and a bit confusing about where you have to look before crossing”

“Still make sure that loading zones are there”

Concerns were raised about loading zones, car parking, access and space required for planting.

“Sensible and keeps the greening approach”

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Hyland Pl Proposal in Draft Master Plan
Hyland Pl (cont.)

**CHANGES TO PLAN**
- Show loading zones on plans.

**Submission Response to Proposal for Hyland Pl**

Out of 46 responses to question

**Top Responses to Proposal for Hyland Pl**

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Lardner Pl

**PROPOSAL**
- Create a small park space with additional seating and greenery.

**PUBLIC RESPONSE**

Most responses to the proposal for Lardner Place were positive. The key concerns about this area were from businesses concerned about delivery access being affected by trees planted along the footpath.
**CHANGES TO PLAN**

- Install a shelter for weather protection.
- Remove proposed planting along the footpath.

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**Submission Response to Proposal for Lardner Pl**

- Positive Response
- Neutral Response
- Concerned Response
- Negative Response

Out of 48 responses to question:

- Good / very good
- Concern about delivery access
- This is a good idea
- Its an improvement
- Good sunny spot for lunch
- Much more interesting / appealing
- I am satisfied with this proposal

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"Love it - will connect the rest of the commercial precinct"

"This area is in need of improvement. A Plaza would make a big difference to the beauty and hopefully this will be a functional area too."

"I don’t mind the plaza part. I know its taking out 4 car parks but i think this is a lovely idea."

"Anything to provide more wind breaks welcome."
Truck Deliveries in Lardner Place
Horticultural Park

PROPOSAL

- Provide a clearer connection between Bair Street and rail trail – drawing rail trail users into the town centre.
- Extend the park by relocating the angle parking slightly to the west.
- Provide an upgraded gathering space.
- New enlarged play area next to the steps down from Bair Street.

PUBLIC RESPONSE

Most responses to the proposal for Lardner Place were positive. There was strong support for improvements to the park and connection with the rail trail. There were also a number of requests for toilets at this end of Bair Street which would cater for shoppers, rail trail users, visitors and park users.

“A toilet is really needed! It’s the start of the rail trail and the nearest toilets are the other end of the CBD”

“More needs to be made of the park”

“Needs opening up and better lightning. Currently an area to avoid.”

Submission Response to Proposal for Horticultural Park

Out of 52 responses to question
Horticultural Park (cont.)

CHANGES TO PLAN

• Provide greater clarity around the existing and proposed trees (including outside cafe on Young St)

Top Responses to Proposal for Horticultural Park

“Fine as long as the works do not change the feel of the Park”

“Great. Needs lighting through the park.”

“Needs better playground equipment and fencing something along the McIndoe Park format”

“Bike trail should go under bridge and on to new parking area on current rail land”

“You probably don’t need as many trees as it’s a very shady park as it is and not much sunlight gets in there now.”
Other Comments

PUBLIC RESPONSE

Other comments were received regarding:
- Accessible car parking
- Parking
- Footpaths
- Entrance signage
- Intersections
- Consultation
- Funding
- Vegetation
- Pedestrian Crossings
- Railway land
- Shops
- Weather Protection

There were a number of positive responses in relation to the proposed vegetation and improvements for pedestrians (crossings and seating).

Several people, including the Leongatha Chamber of Commerce, were concerned that too many pedestrian crossings were proposed, decreasing the number of car parking spaces.

During the public meetings the proposed tree species were questioned, specifically the use of Queensland Brush Box along Bair St which drops nuts.

Some people asked why signs are being proposed at the entrance to Bair Street rather than at the entrance to Leongatha.

There were some requests for more accessible car parking spaces.

The Access and Inclusion Committee raised the issue that the proposed paving may be confusing for people with visual impairment.
Other Comments (cont.)

**CHANGES TO PLAN**

- Change Queensland Brush Box for another type of evergreen tree
- Remove a pedestrian crossing while still improving the ease of crossing Bair Street.
- Propose signs saying “Leongatha” at the entrances from Korumburra, Mirboo North, Inverloch and Foster and signs saying “Bair St” and “McCartin St” in the town centre.
- Reconsider the proposed materials for the road pavement and footpaths and their layout in Bair St.
Where to Next?

The final plan produced in response to the Draft Master Plan feedback will be presented for adoption at the August Council meeting. Following adoption, detailed design will be undertaken for construction.

The Heavy Vehicle Alternate Route is expected to be completed by the end of 2016. Council expects to undertake the detailed design for construction of Bair Street and surrounds during the 2016/2017 financial year with construction in 2017/2018 financial year. Council will be in touch with businesses to ensure that disruption is minimised during the construction.

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