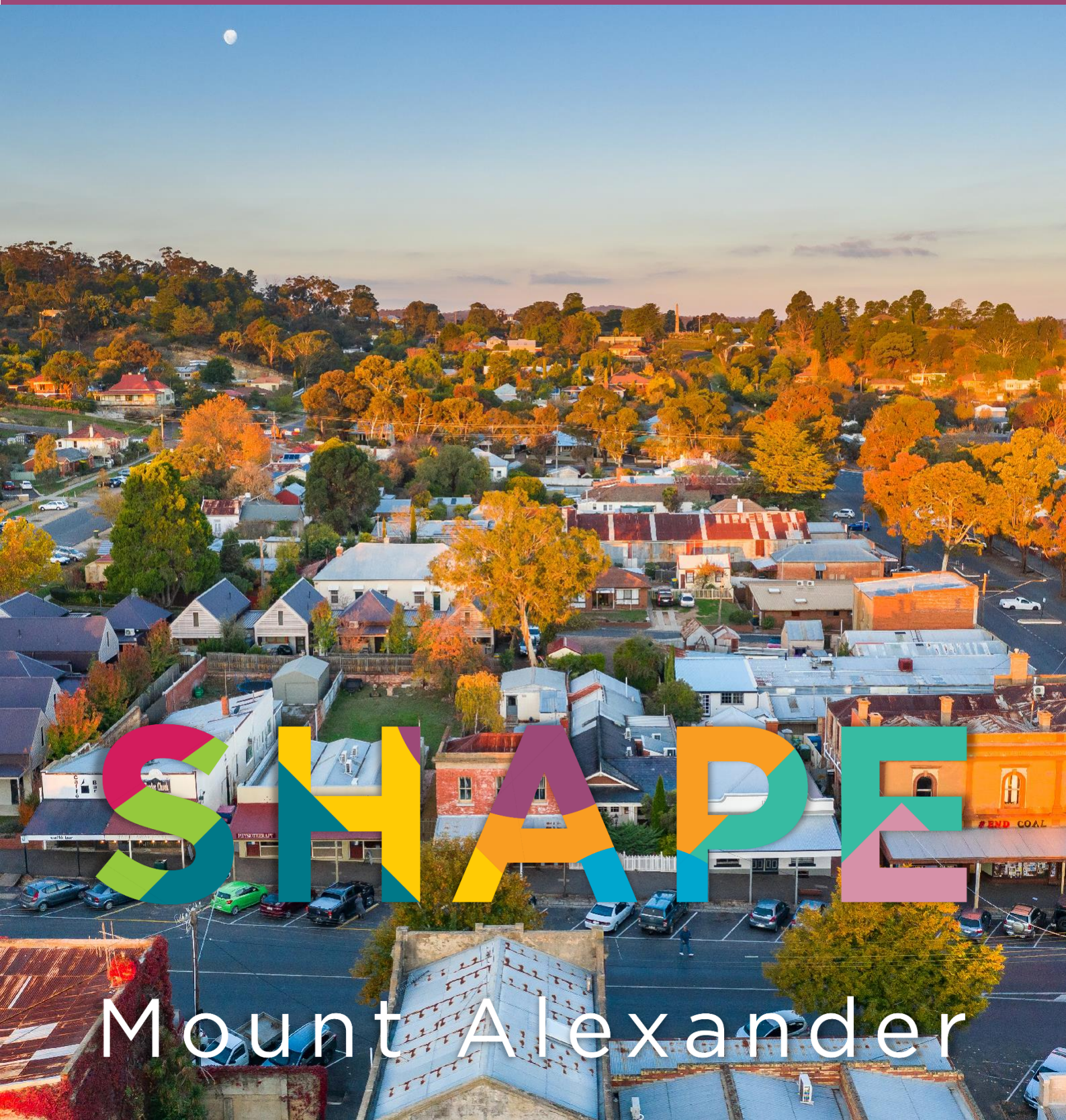
Mount Alexander Shire Council

CCTV

The use of Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) systems in the Mount Alexander Shire and associated draft CCTV in Public Places Policy



CCTV – what you said

We are committed to providing safe and welcoming spaces for our community and visitors and we believe Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) systems can help us achieve this.

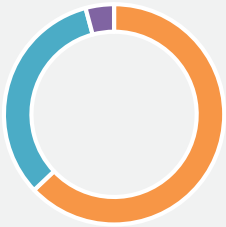
How we engaged

We launched the CCTV Policy survey through our online engagement platform, Shape, and promoted the Shape page through social media, newspaper and radio campaigns.



436 visits

High engagement levels saw over **436** visits to the Shape page, **67** online surveys completed, **3** written submissions and **13** people wanting to be kept updated



63% said yes

Of **70** total respondents, **63%** supported the proposed CCTV Policy, **33%** were opposed, and **4%** provided maybe or unsure responses

What is important to you?

- 34% of you felt that CCTV systems would deter antisocial behaviours and criminal activities in your community
- 13% of you expressed that CCTV systems within the shire would make you feel safer
- 20% of you expressed that you had concerns about privacy
- 14% of you believe that CCTV systems are ineffective against graffiti and other antisocial behaviours
- 13 % of you expressed concerns around how the data would be used, including biometric (facial recognition) technology and other uses by government organisations

CCTV - what we heard

Key themes of privacy, data security, community strengthening, graffiti and antisocial behaviour deterrence, and suitable locations emerged.

"I totally support the installation of CCTV systems…In my own area, I have seen how effective CCTV has been in stopping the graffiti on the Forest St wall of the show pavilion…"

"It is reassuring to read that Council will be responsible for storing, managing all data related to CCTV and not a private company."

"(CCTV) makes me feel safe and reduces crime. I hate the graffiti."

"Well overdue, given that most responsible businesses use CCTV anyway."

"(Council) should consider a legal graffiti wall – something with consistently positive results."

"…the level of offensiveness and frequency of graffiti should be a factor in deciding whether to use CCTV…"

"The benefits of CCTV may fade over time and introducing CCTV systems may displace crime rather than reduce it."

"I feel it's an infringement on my rights to be a no-one."

"Spend the money on more community facilities and support for our youth and strengthening our community to come together."

"CCTV in public areas of Castlemaine would infringe on our privacy and create an atmosphere of constant surveillance."

"There used to be a police presence in Castlemaine. The lack of this is reflected in the problems we are experiencing."

"Graffiti public artforms are representational of a severely marginalised social group. Cameras will not make these people feel valued…"