

Yan Yean is a local Aboriginal name for ‘young man’ (derived from yan yan) in Woiwurrung the local language of the Wurundjeri people.

Yan Yean Road divides Doreen into two local government areas:

- The western part is mainly comprised of residential housing and is located within the City of Whittlesea
- The eastern part, including Yarrambat and Nutfield, is more rural and located within the Shire of Nillumbik.

Approximately 97 per cent of people living in the suburb of Doreen reside in the City of Whittlesea and three per cent reside in the Shire of Nillumbik.

European settlement started in 1844, the area originally named ‘Hazel Glen’ was changed to Doreen in 1895. The Post Office opened on 8 December 1870.

## Planning and development

Doreen, a rapidly developing residential area located 26 kilometres north-east of Melbourne’s city centre, as of 2015 is one of the fastest growing areas in Australia.

Council’s Mernda Strategy Plan 2004 (amended 2008) provides the planning and design framework for development of the Mernda and Doreen growth area over the next 15 to 20 years.

### More information

All planning and development plans can be viewed at Council’s website.





## Population

By 2036 it is estimated that the population of Doreen (within the City of Whittlesea) will increase by about 6,900 from 19,900 (in 2015) to an estimated 26,800 with an increase in the median age over the same period from 29 years to 35 years.

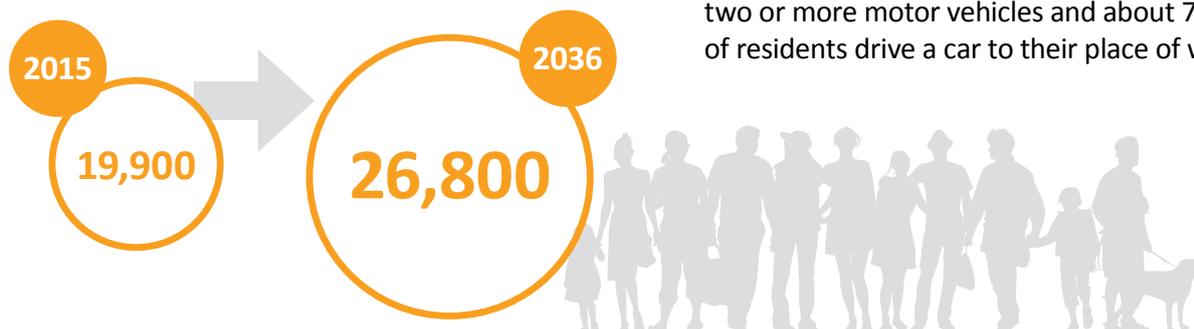
While in 2015 about 25 per cent of the population is aged between 35 to 49, by 2036 there will be a significant increase in the proportion of residents aged over 50.

### Births

In 2015, there will be an estimated 471 births (nine per week on average) and by 2036 this is expected to decrease to 441 births per year (eight births per week on average).

### Diversity

In 2015 around one in 10 residents speak a language other than English at home with the most common languages spoken being Italian, Greek, Macedonian and Arabic.



## Families and households

By 2036 the number of dwellings will increase from about 6,900 to 9,850. For Doreen, the most recent figures show 51 per cent of households are couples with children, nine per cent are one parent households and 11 per cent are one person households.

### Employment

In 2015 the most common occupations are technician and trades workers (18 per cent) and professionals (20 per cent). More residents work in the construction industry compared with any other industry and a higher proportion compared with Greater Melbourne (25 per cent vs 8 per cent).

### Education

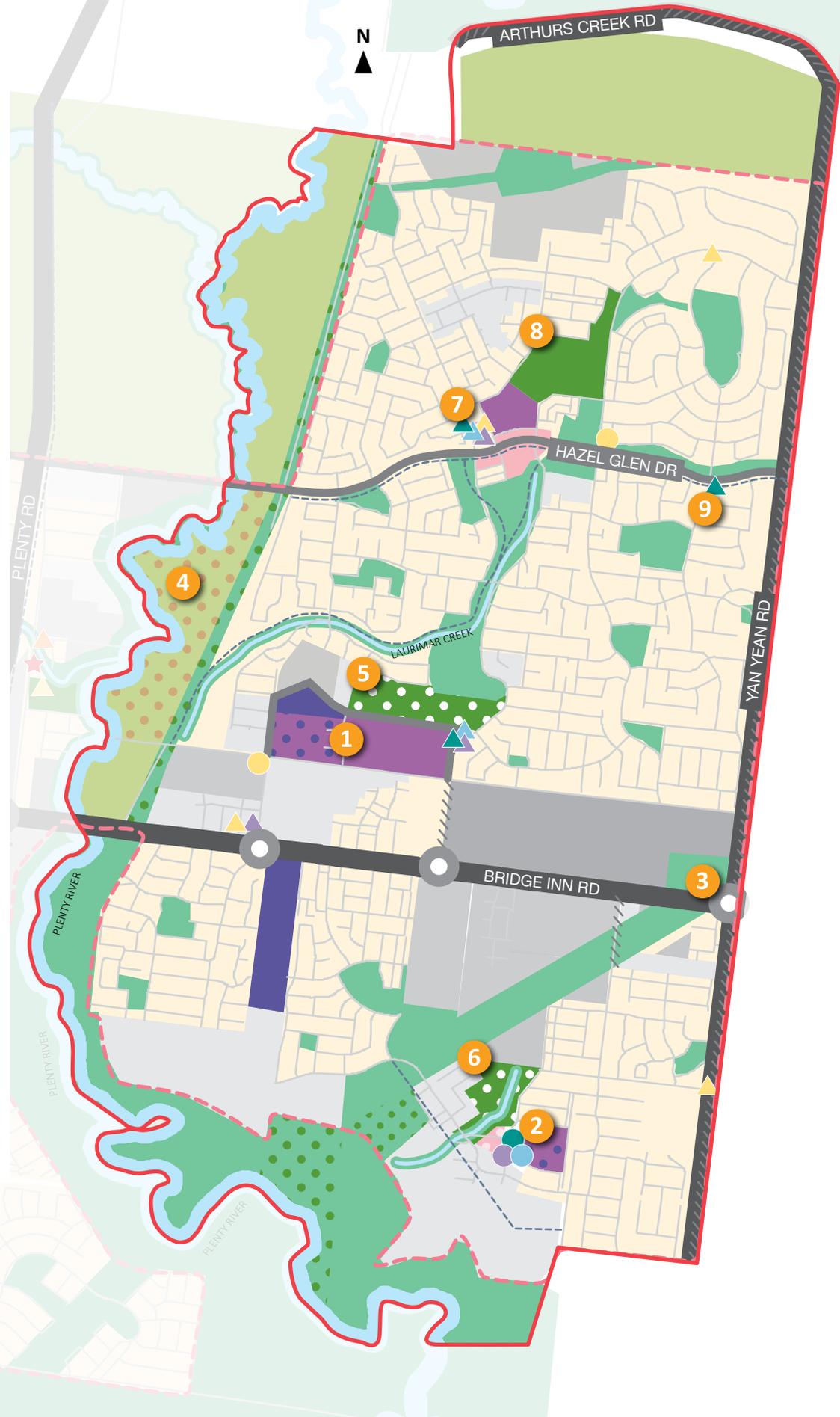
In 2015 three per cent of residents are attending preschool and 12 per cent are attending primary school.

## Travelling in and out

Almost eight in every 10 dwellings have access to two or more motor vehicles and about 73 per cent of residents drive a car to their place of work.

- Suburb boundary
- Place boundary
- Major roads
- Roads
- Proposed roads
- Shared pathway (walking / bike)
- Rivers / creeks / waterways
- Urban growth boundary
- 2017-2020\*
- 2020-2025\*
- 2025+\*
- Private school
- Government school
- Proposed private school
- Open spaces
- Proposed open spaces
- Sports pavillions / ovals / pitches
- Proposed sports pavillions / ovals / pitches
- Non-urban land
- Residential
- Town centre / retail
- Proposed town centre
- Mushroom exchange
- Existing childcare
- Proposed childcare
- Existing kindergarten
- Proposed kindergarten
- Existing CAS (Community Activity Space)
- Proposed CAS
- Existing places of worship
- Existing MCH (Maternal and Child Health)
- Proposed MCH
- Future signalised intersections

\*These timeframes estimate relate to lot release, they do not relate to housing construction. Lot release is when titles are officially released after a Statement of Compliance is issued for any stage of an estate. Generally, houses are constructed anytime between six to 18 months after a stage is 'released.' Housing construction is dependent on market demand.



## 1 Doreen Community Education Precinct

Includes:

- Hazel Glen Primary School
- Hazel Glen Secondary College, state government funded, expected completion date 2018
- St Paul the Apostle Catholic Primary School (operational)
- Proposed St Paul the Apostle Secondary College, expected completion date 2021/2022
- Hazel Glen Child and Family Centre: early childhood, maternal and child health, family services and 200 kindergarten places.

## 2 Proposed Painted Hills Recreation Reserve

Planned at the intersection of Painted Hills Road and Eminence Boulevard with two soccer grounds and a multi-purpose community pavilion.

## 3 Doreen Recreation Reserve

A master plan has been developed for the Doreen Recreation Reserve.

## 4 Costas Mushroom Exchange

Largest mushroom farm in the Southern Hemisphere.

## 5 Proposed Ashley Park Community Centre

Funded by the state government, the kindergarten is expected to open by 2018 with the opportunity for additional community facilities in the future for maternal and child health, multi-purpose community rooms and a child care centre. A state government primary school is also expected to be developed next door.

## 6 Proposed Ashley Park Active Recreational Reserve

Includes kindergarten, maternal and child health services and four multiple-purpose rooms for hire.

## 8 Laurimar Recreation Reserve

Includes two Australian Football League/ cricket ovals and a pavilion.

## 9 Laurimar Community Centre

Includes multi-purpose rooms for hire.

# Advocacy priorities

## Yan Yean Road duplication: Plenty Road, Yarrambat to Doreen

With the state government committing \$95 million to duplicate nearly four kilometres of Yan Yean Road between Diamond Creek Road and Kurra Road, Yarrambat, Council will continue to lobby for further duplication from Kurra Road to Bridge Inn Road, Doreen.

## Municipality-wide

### Police Station

The state labor government has committed \$15 million to build a police station in the Mernda/Doreen area.

### Rail Extension

The state government has committed funding to extend the South Morang train line to Mernda and is expected to be running in 2019. The eight kilometre train extension will be free of level crossings and have new stations at Mernda and one between Mernda and South Morang.

### E6 construction from Metropolitan Ring Road to Bridge Inn Road

Council is seeking state and federal government funding to construct the 11 kilometre E6 road to alleviate congestion on Plenty Road and High Street/Epping Road. The new E6 could be capable of carrying more than 60,000 cars per day.

### Duplication of Plenty Road

Council is advocating for the state government to duplicate Plenty Road from Riverdale Boulevard to Bridge Inn Road and install traffic lights at Plenty Road and Bridge Inn Road, Mernda.

### Bus services for the municipality

Council is seeking state government funding to improve bus services across the municipality, particularly between newly developed areas to employment centres.

### Northern Hospital expansion

There is a critical need to expand the Northern Hospital to adequately service the growing population in the City of Whittlesea and Melbourne's north. Council is advocating for additional beds and Royal Children's Hospital paediatric services.