



## Citizen Jury Case Studies - at a glance

The table below captures some examples of the ways in which juries have been used in different settings in Australia – and links to further information. On the DD Hub on the VLGA website, you will find more detail on those marked with a ‘✓’ in the Local Government Case Studies handout. You will also find a detailed account of the Yarra Ranges Council People’s Panel in a separate handout.

Many of the sponsors listed provide considerable detail about timing, background information, jury reports, expert presentations and juror feedback. Design notes on several of these juries can be found on the newDemocracy Foundation website: [www.newdemocracy.com.au/ndf-work/](http://www.newdemocracy.com.au/ndf-work/)

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<a href="#">Victorian Government: Geelong Citizens’ Jury</a>	A randomly-selected 100-member jury convened to deliberate on local governance arrangements following the dismissal of the Greater Geelong City Council in April 2016. The Jury will be asked to consider: <i>Our council was dismissed. How do we want to be democratically represented by a future council?</i>	October - November 2016	<a href="http://geelongcitizensjury.vic.gov.au/">http://geelongcitizensjury.vic.gov.au/</a>	✗
<a href="#">City of Greater Bendigo</a>	A jury of about 24 people drawn together to offer a considered view on the range and level of services to be provided across the municipality. This forms part of the engagement on the City’s new Council Plan (2017 – 2021). <i>What should Council spend our money on to shape the community’s future ?</i>	July- September 2016	<a href="https://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/your-say/Have-your-say/Citizens-Jury">https://www.bendigo.vic.gov.au/your-say/Have-your-say/Citizens-Jury</a> This site includes documents provided to the jury (such as the Jury Briefing Book) and information requested by the jury.	✗

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<u>Infrastructure Victoria</u>	Infrastructure Victoria was created in October 2015. In developing its 30-year strategy, two citizen juries (in Shepparton and Melbourne), made up of about 40 randomly selected people considered: <i>What should we do to meet Victoria's infrastructure needs?</i>	June - July 2016	<a href="http://yoursay.infrastructurevictoria.com.au/30-year-strategy/citizen-jury">http://yoursay.infrastructurevictoria.com.au/30-year-strategy/citizen-jury</a>	✘
<u>City of Melbourne: Citizens Jury</u>	A randomly selected jury of 52 people met to produce a refresh of <i>Future Melbourne 2026</i> . The jury was the third of three phases of consultation on a refresh of the <i>Future Melbourne</i> plan, beginning in February 2016.	May - June 2016	<a href="http://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/future/creating-future-melbourne-2026-plan">http://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/future/creating-future-melbourne-2026-plan</a> A comprehensive site with detailed information on engagement around the <i>Future Melbourne</i> refresh and the role of the jury, including video.	✘
<u>Yarra Ranges Council</u>	People's Panel of 12 people drawn at random from the community of Yarra Glen, met to identify infrastructure projects to be funded by proceeds from the sale of council-owned land in the town.	April - May 2016	<a href="http://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Lists/Current-consultation/Yarra-Glen-Peoples-Panel/Yarra-Glen-Peoples-Panel">http://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/Lists/Current-consultation/Yarra-Glen-Peoples-Panel/Yarra-Glen-Peoples-Panel</a>	✓ (see also separate handout)
<u>City of Yarra: Liveable Yarra People's Panel</u>	As part of the 'Liveable Yarra' project, the Council hosted a four session deliberative forum on the question of: <i>What advice would you give Council on rewriting the Planning Scheme ?</i>	In November 2015, Council resolved to receive and note the Panel's advice and supported it being used to inform the Planning Scheme rewrite.	<a href="http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/planning--building/Yarra-planning-scheme/liveable-yarra-project/">http://www.yarracity.vic.gov.au/planning--building/Yarra-planning-scheme/liveable-yarra-project/</a> This includes background information and council reports.	✓
<u>Surf Coast Shire Council: Spring Creek Precinct Structure Plan</u>	Surf Coast Shire ran a Community Panel (of 32) to consider: <i>How do we design for urban growth that is in balance with the surrounding environment ?</i>	Panel met during August 2015; Council responded to the Panel's report in November 2015.	<a href="http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/My_Property/Building_Planning/Planning/Strategic_Projects_Studies/Spring_Creek_Structure_Plan">http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/My_Property/Building_Planning/Planning/Strategic_Projects_Studies/Spring_Creek_Structure_Plan</a>	✓

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<u>VicHealth</u>	Vic Health held a Citizen's Jury (of 78) with the aim of engaging the community in a discussion and debate around potential solutions for overweight and obesity: <i>We have an obesity problem. How can we make it easier to eat better?</i>	October 2015	<a href="https://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/programs-and-projects/victorias-citizens-jury-on-obesity">https://www.vichealth.vic.gov.au/programs-and-projects/victorias-citizens-jury-on-obesity</a> This process first involved an online phase exploring evidence and questioning experts, before the jury met face-to-face.	✗
<u>Shire of Nillumbik</u>	As part of a broader community engagement plan on rate capping, the Shire convened a Community Panel to discuss rate capping and future budget priorities: <i>Are the current service levels about right, too high or too low? Are the infrastructure investment levels about right, too high or too low?</i>	Panel recommendations reported at Council meeting, October 2015	<a href="http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/News/Council-endorses-broad-consultation-on-rate-capping">http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/News/Council-endorses-broad-consultation-on-rate-capping</a>	✓
<u>Marrickville Council Infrastructure Jury (NSW)</u>	The Marrickville Infrastructure Jury (MIJ) was convened to consider the Council's infrastructure needs: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>What level of infrastructure quality do we want to pay for in Marrickville?</i></li> <li><i>What are our local priorities for investment?</i></li> </ol>	Jury met September – November, 2014. Council received the report in November 2014. The Jury was reconvened to consider the pros and cons of a proposed special rate variation to fund infrastructure renewal. A supplementary Jury report was completed in early February 2015.	<a href="http://yoursaymarrickville.com.au/marrickville-infrastructure-jury">http://yoursaymarrickville.com.au/marrickville-infrastructure-jury</a>	✓

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<u>City of Melbourne: People's Panel</u>	As one component of a comprehensive community engagement strategy, the City of Melbourne's People's Panel convened to consider the Council's first 10-year financial plan.	The Panel formally presented its recommendations to Council at a special Future Melbourne Committee in November 2014.	<a href="http://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/10yearplan">http://participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au/10yearplan</a>	<u>✓</u>
<u>City of Darebin: Citizen's Jury</u>	A citizen's jury of 31 randomly selected community members considered: <i>How should we best spend \$2 million to improve our community through the use of infrastructure funding?</i>	Council unanimously approved the Jury's recommendations in September 2014.	<a href="http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/en/Your-Council/How-council-works/Council-Initiatives">http://www.darebin.vic.gov.au/en/Your-Council/How-council-works/Council-Initiatives</a>	<u>✓</u>
<u>Government of South Australia</u>	The Government of South Australia has run two citizen juries. The first considered: <i>How can we ensure we have a vibrant and safe Adelaide nightlife?</i>	Report to Premier October 2013. The Jury's report and the government's response were tabled in Parliament in November 2013.	A report of the process, including status updates and an evaluation of the process can be found at: <a href="http://yoursay.sa.gov.au/decisions/creating-a-safe-and-vibrant-adelaide-nightlife/about">http://yoursay.sa.gov.au/decisions/creating-a-safe-and-vibrant-adelaide-nightlife/about</a>	<u>✗</u>
	A second jury considered issues around cycle safety: <i>Motorists and cyclists will always be using our roads. What things could we trial to ensure they share the roads safely?</i>	Jury presented its recommendations to the State Premier in November 2014. The South Australian Government Response to the Citizens' Jury Report was released in January 2015.	The outcomes of the jury process, including an evaluation, can be found at: <a href="http://yoursay.sa.gov.au/decisions/sharing-our-roads-safely/outcome">http://yoursay.sa.gov.au/decisions/sharing-our-roads-safely/outcome</a>	<u>✗</u>

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<u>City of Greater Geraldton (WA): #changesCGG Community project</u>	<p>The #changesCGG Community project is how the City is delivering on a commitment made following the highly successful 2029 and Beyond project, a city wide consultation and engagement program that opened up its decision making processes to the wider community.</p> <p>An excellent example of how a council has used deliberative approaches as part of a broader engagement strategy and the conditions requisite to successful deliberation.</p>	2013 +	<p><a href="http://www.cgg.wa.gov.au/your-council/having-your-say/changescgg-community.aspx">http://www.cgg.wa.gov.au/your-council/having-your-say/changescgg-community.aspx</a></p> <p>See also: Hartz-Karp (2012)</p>	✘
<u>City of Canada Bay (NSW)</u>	In 2012, the City convened a Citizens' Panel project of 36 members) to make decisions as to the desired range and quality level of Council services.	The Panel reached a broad consensus on their findings and presented their report formally to Council in November 2012	<a href="http://www.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/citizens-panel-pg.html">http://www.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/citizens-panel-pg.html</a>	✘