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Melton City 2036

Phase 2 Consultation Report

March 2017

Melton City Council

FINAL DRAFT

Melton City Council Policy Statement:

Melton City Council recognises that community engagement and participation processes are a vital part of local democracy. Effective engagement is good business practice and is critical to good governance. For this reason, Council is committed to meaningful engagement with our community.

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March 2017

Melton City Council acknowledges that the land it now occupies has a history that began with the Indigenous occupants, the Kulin Nation.

Council pays its respects to the Kulin Nation people and their Elders and descendants past and present.

Executive summary

At the beginning of 2016, Melton City Council decided it was timely to develop a long-term community vision. By doing so, it would embark on an extensive community engagement process to better understand what the community values, hear what they would like the future to be as well as identify priorities for the next four years strategic plans.

The engagement process was designed by Council to facilitate the development of a shared 20 year community vision and ensure that input is sought for the development of the Council and Wellbeing Plan 2017-21¹ and the Municipal Strategic Statement.

The first two phases of the engagement process are now completed. So far, over 2,200 people have participated in the process.

Phase 2 was completed in February 2017 and is the subject of this report. The second phase of the engagement process was designed to explore the community's input provided in phase 1, provide the community the opportunity to contribute further to the development of the shared 20 year vision and identify priorities for the next four years. Key stakeholder agencies across the western region were also invited to share their insight and contribute to the identification of priorities related to health and wellbeing. This was specifically designed to support the integration of the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan into the Council Plan.

Four themes emerged from the first phase of the engagement:

- A socially connected and safe community
- Services, facilities and transport
- Business, employment and training
- Environment and sustainability

These four themes were further explored in the first part of phase 2.

More than 120 people shared their hopes for Melton City 2036 at the Djerriwarrh Festival on 5 November 2016. Many of the comments included the hope that Melton City will be a safe place where people feel connected. That it will be a place with parks and green spaces. People would like to see better and more reliable public transport and many hope to see a hospital in Melton City. There was a strong wish to see more local employment and encouragement was provided to invest in the local economy with support for businesses. Some shared a hope that nature would be enhanced and flora and fauna protected and others encouraged the use of natural energy sources.

Thirty three people participated in one of three community workshops held in Melton and Caroline Springs during October and November. The community conversations facilitated at these workshops resulted in description of clear aspirations for Melton City in 2036.

Fifty five people participated in one of the two community forums held in Caroline Springs and Melton. Based on analysis of the input at the Djerriwarrh Festival, the community conversations that took place in the workshops as well as priorities that emerged from the regional stakeholder agency survey, six focus areas were drafted. The six focus areas were

¹ The Council and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021 is the Council Plan incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan.

further explored during the community forums and the formulated objectives and strategies will feed into the development of the Council and Wellbeing Plan as well as other strategic documents.

Fourteen surveys were returned from a range of key stakeholder agencies from across the western region. Priorities that emerged included prevention of violence against women, minimising social inequalities, addressing poor mental health, chronic disease management and prevention, racism and discrimination, accessing services and managing growth. These priorities informed the development of the six focus areas explored at the community forums.

WHERE TO FROM HERE?

The third phase of the community engagement will be completed in March 2017. Phase three gives the community an opportunity to provide feedback on the final draft of the community vision.

The fourth and final phase of the engagement process is scheduled to commence in April 2017, with public exhibition of the draft Council and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021.

1 Introduction

1.1 Background

Our City is growing fast and with growth comes change. While change provides new and exciting opportunities it also presents challenges.

At the beginning of 2016, Melton City Council decided it was timely to develop a long-term community vision. By doing so, it embarked on an extensive community engagement process to better understand what the community values, hear what they would like the future to be as well as identifying priorities for the next four years. This is the first time a community vision has been developed for the municipality.

The community vision is designed to drive the next four year Council and Wellbeing Plan 2017-21² and the Municipal Strategic Statement as well as to provide guidance to planning and delivery of programs, infrastructure, and services.

1.2 Engagement process

The engagement process has been designed by Council to facilitate the development of a shared 20 year community vision and ensure that input is sought for the development of the Council and Wellbeing Plan 2017-21 and the Municipal Strategic Statement.

In order to make it easy and relevant for people who live, work, study or visit the municipality to participate, the engagement process incorporates online as well as face-to-face interactions where information from one engagement opportunity feeds into the next. The process is outlined in the table on the next page.

² The Council and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021 is the Council Plan incorporating the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan.

Table 1: Engagement process phases

Phase	Objectives	Outcomes
Phase 1 Sharing ideas April – September 2016 (Complete)	Identify the community's values and aspirations Identify aspects of the community to be improved and aspects to be protected	To use the outcome of the engagement process to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - formulate themes for the community vision - provide input to be explored in phase 2 of the engagement
Phase 2 Creating the community vision and identifying priorities September 2016 – February 2017 (Complete)	Explore the community's input provided in phase 1. Identify issues and opportunities. Provide the community the opportunity to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - develop a shared 20 year vision - identify priorities for the next four years Provide regional health and wellbeing partners with the opportunity to identify challenges and priorities within Melton City and the western region more broadly.	To use the outcome of the engagement process to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - finalise the community vision - provide input to the development of the Council Plan 2017-21 and the Municipal Strategic Statement
Phase 3 Public comments on the draft community vision February – March 2017	Provide opportunity for the community to provide feedback on the final draft of the community vision Validation of the draft vision	To use the outcomes of the engagement process to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - finalise the community vision
Phase 4 Public exhibition of key strategic documents April – June 2017	Provide opportunities for the community to comment on the draft Council Plan.	To use the outcomes of the engagement process to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - finalise the Council Plan 2017-21 - finalise the Municipal Strategic Statement

PHASE 1: SHARING IDEAS

A separate consultation report for Phase 1 was finalised in November 2016 and can be found on Melton City Council's website: [Phase 1 consultation report](#)

PHASE 2: CREATING THE COMMUNITY VISION AND IDENTIFYING PRIORITIES

Phase 2 of the engagement process aimed at exploring the input provided by the community in the first phase of the engagement. Four key themes emerged from the first phase:

- A socially connected and safe community
- Services, facilities and transport
- Business, employment and training
- Environment and sustainability

These four key themes were further explored during phase 2 of the engagement process.

While more than 2,000 people provided input in the first phase of the engagement process, phase 2 had a strong emphasis on face-to-face conversations with the aim to facilitate a collective reflection and exploration of the input from phase 1 and start exploring priorities and strategies for the next four years. More than 215 community members and 14 key stakeholder agencies from across the western region contributed to the process.

Face-to-face activities included:

2,3 and 8 November	Small group workshops held, two in Melton and one in Caroline Springs
5 November	Pop-up at Djerriwarrh Festival
26 November	Community Forum held in Caroline Springs
3 December	Community Forum held in Melton

The online engagement forum hosted by OurSay was also reactivated during phase 2. The community was invited to share their ideas for what Council's priorities for the coming four years should be.

Consultation with key stakeholder agencies also took place during phase 2. A regional survey was undertaken in November and December. The purpose of this survey was to provide information as to the current health and wellbeing opportunities and challenges with the western region. The regional approach aimed to streamline the initial engagement process with western region partners, as many work across multiply local government areas. Agencies were also invited to attend the community forums.

1.3 Purpose of this report

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of the inputs provided by the community and key agency stakeholders in the second phase of the engagement process. The report outlines key findings from the main activities that took place.

The small group conversations (also referred to as community workshops) and the community forums were facilitated by external consultant group Capire, in order to ensure an impartial facilitation as well as an impartial representation of the conversations and input from the participants in the reporting. Detailed reports have been developed by Capire and can be found on [Council's website](#).

2 Engagement approach

The second phase of the engagement process sought to explore and understand the four key themes that emerged from the first phase of the community engagement. The four themes were:

- A socially connected and safe community
- Services, facilities and transport
- Business, employment and training
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COMMUNICATION:

Techniques used to inform the community about the project and invite them to the engagement sessions included:

- **invitation to the face-to-face engagement sessions** were designed and sent out to all Council's contacts including Council's advisory committees, e-panel members, various community and sports groups, day care providers, and various email lists and newsletters
- **media release** distributed to local media on 17 November 2016 to inform about the process and invite the community to participate in the community forums
- **newspaper advertisements** to inform about the project and invite the community to the community forums
- **Melton City Council website** had information about the project, posted the invitations for the face-to-face sessions and provided a link to the online engagement platform
- **Facebook** was used to promote the community workshops and forums.

Please refer to Appendix A for the invitations, media release, newspaper advertisements and Facebook post.

3 What did we hear?

This chapter summarises feedback gathered during the phase 2 and explains how input from one session fed into the design of the next.

The feedback is presented under the heading of the four main activities facilitated during the second phase of the engagement: the pop-up at 2016 Djerriwarrh Festival, small group conversations, the community forums and consultation with the key stakeholder agencies.

3.1 Pop-up at Djerriwarrh Festival 2016

A pop-up was arranged for Djerriwarrh Festival on 5 November 2016 to get festival participants' input for how they would like Melton City to be in 2036. The input added value and details to the four main themes that emerged from the first phase of engagement:

- A socially connected and safe community
- Services, facilities and transport
- Business, employment and training
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The pop-up aimed to reach out to people that Council don't normally have contact with. Council staff used the opportunity to inform festival goers about the community vision and promote the opportunity to provide input and get involved.

In order to be mobile and attract attention, one very creative Council staff member built a trolley from recycled materials. Festival goers were asked to write their comments on a colourful card and hang them on the trolley.

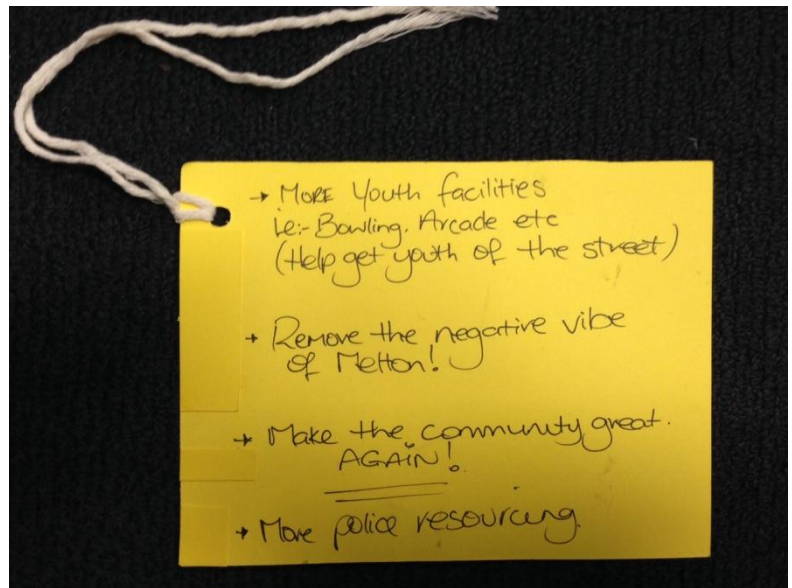
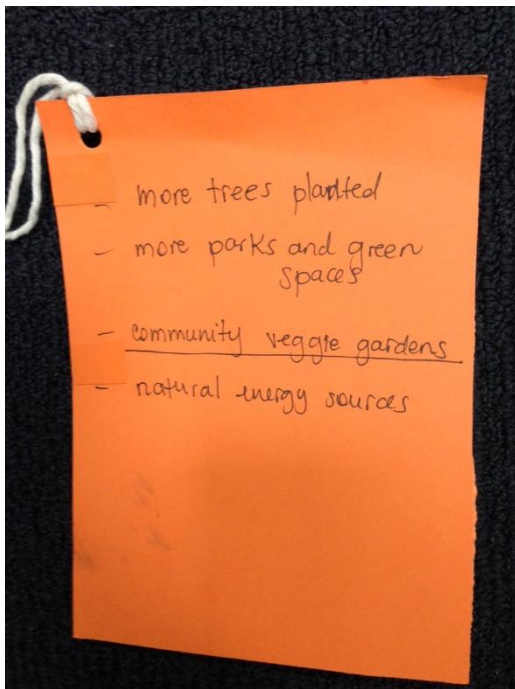
The pop-up at Djerriwarrh Festival, November 2016:



One hundred and twenty nine comment cards were written and shared. The vast majority of these cards included more than one comment. Some comments were written by

individuals, others by pairs or small groups of people. This means that significantly more than 129 people were involved in providing input.

Two examples of handwritten 'comment cards':



The input received is presented in this section under the headings of the four key themes from phase 1.

CONNECTED AND SAFE COMMUNITY:

Forty six comment cards related to the theme 'a socially connected and safe community'. Many of the comments included the hope that Melton City will be a safe place where people feel connected. Comments included: 'a place you feel safe', 'a safe, happy & connected community where people are PROUD to live!' and one participant wish to see Melton City in 2036 as 'a respectful community that values everyone regardless of gender and ethnicity'.

There was a strong request for more community events as well as activities and things to do in particular for young people expressed as 'more community events eg. Festivals etc to bring everyone together', 'more activities for young people – concerts – free activities – movies in Melton CBD' and 'more night time safe activities for teenagers'.

Not all contributions came from people living in Melton City – visitors also had input. One visitor had a strong message about cultural diversity and reputation: 'I would move to Melton if it was more culturally diverse and there was less of a drug reputation'.

INFRASTRUCTURE - SERVICES AND PHYSICAL NETWORK:

Eighty eight comment cards mentioned infrastructure with comments ranging from green spaces and public transport to a hospital, schools and police presence.

Twenty five of the 88 cards included direct reference to parks and green spaces with walking trails and play areas. One respondent wrote, 'I would like to see more green spaces and public gardens with more trees and leisure spaces' and another wrote 'green

spaces, trees & parks, walking tracks & riding paths'. Other comments included 'good walking places – keep active at 85', 'more parks with playgrounds for the younger generation to play on' and one mentioning 'play areas as developers don't plan open spaces in their housing estates as they build on smaller and smaller allotments'.

Additionally, 12 comment cards included facilities and activity centres with comments like 'quality community facilities and services for the whole family, the envy of the west' and 'more recreational facilities i.e. mini golf, bowling, ice skating'.

Twenty five comments addressed public transport either in terms of 'better transport, more trains' and 'more frequent bus services', or more broadly the transport infrastructure and transport system with comments like 'Transport system less reliant on vehicles. Bicycles, more money invested in this mode of transport.'

Eighteen out of the 88 responses included a direct request for a hospital as expressed in this comment: 'In 20 years I'd like to see a Melton hospital'. An additional four responses included health services, without referring directly to a hospital mentioning 'more emergency services', 'more ambulance services' and more 'community health for elderly'.

Schools and the need for investing in education was mentioned on 10 cards, better or expanded roads were mentioned on six cards and more police was mentioned on seven cards.

Infrastructure was also the most addressed topic in the online engagement forum with participants supporting the wish to see a sporting field at Waterford Estate in Melton South, as well as better connected and more frequent public transport. Lifelong learning was also mentioned and the need for educational facilities and institution to support this.

BUSINESSES, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING:

Twenty seven comment cards related to the theme 'Business, employment and training'. There was a strong request for more local employment with comments like 'more employment closer to home' and 'local jobs to local people' and a hope for Melton City to have 'vibrant business and employment opportunities, ample tourism and recreation and fun things to do!' and 'more industry – not heavy – [so] people don't have to leave for work'.

One comment addressed the need for 'more support for small businesses' another comment suggested 'more investment in local economy. Build on improvement to [the] town centre – investment in community feel and atmosphere, cafes/restaurants and night festivals/markets in High Street'.

More shops were also suggested with comments like 'more shops in Melton South', 'better shopping centre facilities' and that Melton City 'needs a health food shop'.

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY:

Nine comment cards included direct references to the theme 'Environment and Sustainability'. The hope that nature will be enhanced and preserved was expressed in comments like 'more clean waterways, more green trees and greenery' and 'stop destroying natural grassland/wooded areas. [We] need to preserve wildlife'. Other comments addressed resources and energy: 'Green spaces, natural play spaces. Modern builds- eco-friendly, surrounding by green spaces' and the use of 'natural energy sources'. One respondent stated '21st century, no plastic bags'.

Comments also included the aspiration to protect the natural habitat, fauna & flora and the Melton Botanic Garden was mentioned as the centre of the natural environment drive 'demonstrating the culture, heritage, history land, and plants of Melton'.

3.2 Small group conversations

Small group conversations were facilitated during three different workshops held Wednesday 2 November in Caroline Springs, Thursday 3 November in Melton and Tuesday 8 November in Melton. A total of 33 people participated in the workshops.

The workshops were facilitated by Capire Consulting Group (Capire) with the aim to provide an opportunity for community members to engage in a face-to-face conversation about the future, contribute to the analysis of the information gathered from the community in phase one and work with groups to lift the conversation from action related statements to vision statements.

This section provides a summary of the conversations. Please refer to Capire's report from the community conversations for methodology, participants' demographics, and detailed input. The report can be found on [Melton City Council's website](#)

ASPIRATIONS:

Below is a summary of the aspirations for Melton City in 2036 expressed by the community participants during the sessions.

A socially connected and safe community

... the streets are well maintained and community facilities are safe places that encourage civic participation.

... there is strong community spirit and connectedness through shared participation in localised events and activities.

... there are strong partnerships between the community and police with broader police coverage of the municipality.

Business and local employment

... a range of businesses are attracted to investing in the city by the excellent support initiatives provided.

... there are opportunities for education and local employment in emerging technology industries and trades.

... young people have a range of activities and employment opportunities in their local area.

Services, facilities and transport

... new residential developments incorporate planning for connectivity and provide public transport links.

... the public transport network is more frequent and accessible for people of all abilities.

... residents have easy access to local health facilities.

Environment and sustainability

... the community is informed and conscious of environmental issues and takes care of the environment.

... the community values environmental assets and preserves them as the city grows.

3.3 Community forums

While the pop-up at Djerriwarrh Festival and the small group conversations aimed to provide input to the community vision, the two community forums aimed at providing an opportunity for community members to engage in a face-to-face conversation about issues and opportunities of importance to the community, identify priorities for the short, medium and long term future and to define objectives and strategies for the four-year Council and Wellbeing Plan related to six focus areas.

The first community forum was held in Caroline Springs on Saturday 26 November and the second forum in Melton Saturday 3 December. Fifty five community members participated in the two community forums.

This section provides a summary of the input provided during the two community forums. Please refer to Capire's report from the Community Forums for methodology, participants' demographics and key findings. [The report can be found on Melton City Council's website](#)

OBJECTIVES:

Based on analysis of the input at the Djerriwarrh Festival, the community conversations that took place in the workshops as well as input from a regional stakeholder agency survey, six focus areas were drafted. The six focus areas were further explored during the community forums.

On the next page is a list of the most supported short-term objectives for each of the six focus areas. For a detailed list of all objectives described and discussed during the community forums, please refer to the detailed report developed by Capire.

Provision of community facilities and transport options

- To reduce dependence on cars and improve the reliability of public transport.
- To develop public transport which creates a better network within and outside the municipality.

A healthy community

- To provide more opportunities for health prevention – both mental and physical, that are easy to access and affordable.
- To create inclusive, engaging and integrated community services.

A safe and socially connected community

- To enhance the feeling of safety for all groups in the community, including young people.
- To facilitate the community and community groups to grow their potential through regular public activities such as open space markets and social events throughout the city.

Accessible and relevant services and programs

- To better communicate and promote existing Council services through a central and accessible touch point.
- To establish programs and events to welcome new migrants to celebrate our cultural diversity and build community capacity.

A thriving local economy and lifelong learning

- To have local businesses employ people and ensure they are supported by leadership and business skills programs.
- To create strong community connections by encouraging programs that link schools with the wider community including businesses.

A sustainable green environment

- To greatly reduce what goes into the tips and to re-use what we can
- To ensure developers undergo an environment risk assessment in the planning phase, in partnership with community, so parks, flora, fauna etcetera are protected

STRATEGIES:

Participants identified a number of strategies for achieving the objectives. Some of the main ideas discussed are listed below:

Provision of community facilities and transport options

Ideas included providing dedicated bike lanes, extending bus routes into growing areas and providing additional bus services to activity centres.

A healthy community

Ideas included providing exercise equipment in public areas, developing public education and awareness campaigns and promoting community sporting heroes as role models and leaders.

A safe and socially connected community

Ideas included educating youth and their parents in life skills and the value of volunteering, engaging with community CALD and Aboriginal leaders to ensure events are inclusive and develop a toolkit for community to hold their own street parties.

Accessible and relevant services and programs

Ideas included developing a targeted social media campaign to promote programs and services, distributing an accessible services directory and investigating community gardening opportunities.

A thriving local economy and lifelong learning

Ideas included developing a Melton business information day to promote business and educational opportunities, enhancing transport links to business precincts and consulting with primary industries and employees to establish buy-in.

A sustainable green environment

Ideas included setting up easily accessible recycling areas, run tidy streets competitions and advocating to the State Government to ensure developers undergo a robust Environmental Risk Assessment process.

3.4 Consultation with key stakeholder agencies

Every four years, all Victorian local governments are required to develop a Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan (MPHWP). MPHWP identify and respond to the health and wellbeing needs of the current and future communities. It is informed by an examination of health status and health determinants and community consultation. In addition, an important part of the development, implementation and monitoring is engagement with key stakeholder agencies.

Many of our partners are shared across the western region and to streamline the consultation, the western region local governments developed a regional survey. The survey aimed to identify challenges, causes, vulnerable communities and opportunities. Furthermore, the survey asked about organisations current health and wellbeing priorities to support regional alignment and planning.

The key priorities included preventing violence against women, minimising social inequalities, addressing poor mental health, chronic disease management and prevention, racism and discrimination, accessing services and managing growth. These priorities supported the development of the six focus areas that were explored during the community forums and fed into the development of health and wellbeing priorities for the Council and Wellbeing Plan.

The outcomes of this survey were shared with the western region local governments and community and women's health services.

Please refer to Appendix B for the regional survey questions.

4 Next steps

‘MELTON CITY 2036 – THE CITY WE IMAGINE’:

The draft community vision was finalised during phase 2. The third phase of the engagement commenced in February 2017 and is aimed at getting feedback on the final draft of the shared community vision ‘Melton City 2036 – The City We Imagine’.

The final community vision will be presented to Council in April 2017.

For further information and updates about the engagement process and the activities please visit www.melton.vic.gov.au/meltoncity2036

THE NEXT FOUR YEAR COUNCIL AND WELLBEING PLAN AND MUNICIPAL STRATEGIC STATEMENT:

Phase four of the engagement process aims to provide opportunities for the community to comment on the draft Council and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021. Comments from the community will be used to finalise the Council and Wellbeing Plan.

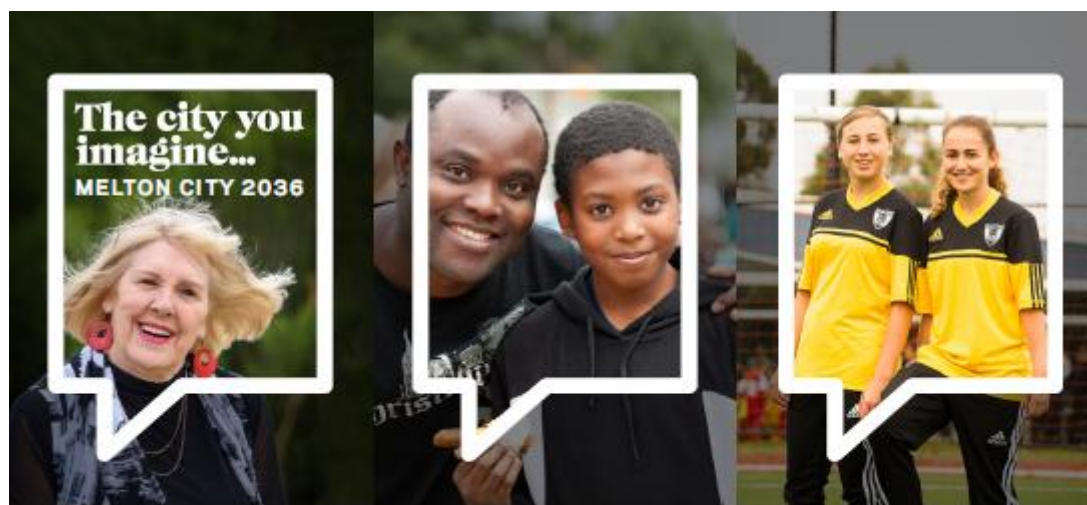
The draft Council and Wellbeing Plan 2017 – 2021 will be presented to Council at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 1 May 2017. Following this, the Local Government Act (1989) stipulates that the plan must be publically exhibited for 28 days. Any comments or submission received will be reviewed and considered within the requirement of the Local Government Act. The final Council and Wellbeing Plan will be presented for Council's consideration at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 26 June 2017.

Input from the engagement process is also feeding into the rewriting of Melton City's Municipal Strategic Statement (MSS). The purpose of the MSS is to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the planning scheme in achieving the objectives of the planning in Victoria.

The process will deliver a revised and up to date MSS that provides links to key strategic documents already adopted by Council and will ensure consistent and informed decision-making supported by policy within the Melton Planning Scheme.

A formal exhibition process for the final draft of the Municipal Strategic Statement will occur in the second half of 2017.

Appendix A: Invitations, media and Facebook



Share your ideas – help shape Melton City 2036

Our community is growing fast and we need your help to make the City of Melton an even better place now and in the future.

We are on our way to developing a long-term vision for our community.

Earlier this year we heard some great ideas from the community. Some of the main themes were:

- ▶ Building a connected and safe community
- ▶ Developing services and facilities
- ▶ Improving transport
- ▶ Growing business and employment

Now it's your chance to help us shape these into a shared community vision.

Join us at one of the following community workshops:

6.30pm – 8.30pm. Registration from 6.15pm.

- ▶ Wednesday 2 November – Caroline Springs Library, 193 Caroline Springs Boulevard
- ▶ Thursday 3 November – Melton Library and Learning Hub, 31 McKenzie Street
- ▶ Tuesday 8 November – Melton Library and Learning Hub, 31 McKenzie Street
- ▶ Wednesday 9 November – Caroline Springs Library, 193 Caroline Springs Boulevard

Food and drinks will be provided.

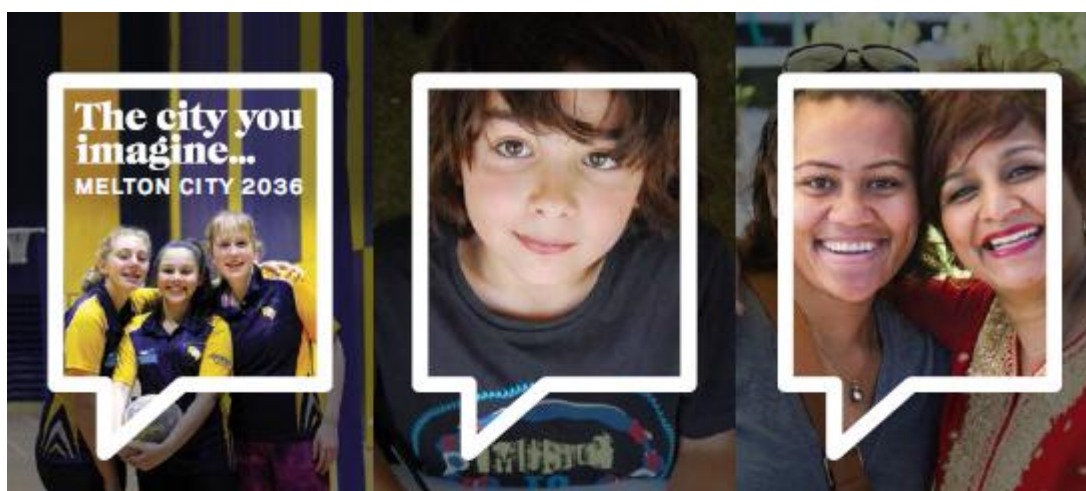
A family pass to the Werribee Open Range Zoo will be drawn at each session.

RSVP your preferred workshop to: amandah@melton.vic.gov.au by Tuesday 1 November.

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT: MELTON.VIC.GOV.AU/MELTNCITY2036

JOIN THE CONVERSATION ONLINE AT: OURSAY.ORG/CITYOFMELTON





Melton City 2036 – Let's go

What do you think Council's priorities should be over the next four years?

Council is developing its next Council and Wellbeing Plan, a strategic document that will guide policy development, service and program delivery and decision making over the next four years. It's basically a roadmap for Council's work.

Earlier this year, community members shared awesome ideas and hopes for Melton City 2036, and now this long-term vision for our community is being developed. So, it's time to talk about how we can make the community vision a reality!

How do we:

- ▶ create a more connected and safer community?
- ▶ work to grow local businesses and create employment?
- ▶ plan for the right infrastructure for our current and new communities?
- ▶ protect our natural environment?



Now, it's your chance to share your ideas and discuss recommendations for Council.

Join us at a Community Forum in Caroline Springs or Melton:

9.30am – 1.00pm. Registration from 9.00am.

- ▶ Saturday 26 November
Quest Caroline Springs
234 Caroline Springs Boulevard
RSVP by 22 November
- ▶ Saturday 3 December
Melton Community Hall
232 High Street Melton
RSVP by 28 November

Everyone who attends will go into the draw to win one of the following: \$500, \$200 and \$100 Coles Myer gift card.

- ▶ **RSVP your preferred workshop to: danap@melton.vic.gov.au. Child minding is available for children aged between 4 and 12. Bookings essential.**
- ▶ **Food and drinks provided.**

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A Proud Community Growing Together

MEDIA RELEASE



17 November 2016

Council seeks feedback on local priorities

Melton City Council is encouraging anyone who lives, works or studies in our municipality to tell us what they think Council's priorities should be over the next four years, by attending one of two community forums on 26 November in Caroline Springs, or 3 December in Melton.

The forums are being held to gain community input into the next Council and Wellbeing Plan, a strategic document that will guide policy development, service and program delivery and decision making over the next four years.

In particular, Council is seeking input around six key areas: creating a more connected and safer community; growing local businesses and creating employment; planning for the right infrastructure for our current and new communities; promoting health and wellbeing, planning and delivering services and programs and protecting our natural environment.

Mayor of the City of Melton, Cr Sophie Ramsey, said Council was looking for a broad cross section of our community to provide input into the development of the Council and Wellbeing Plan, and to follow up on the opportunities and issues raised as part of the Melton City 2036 community vision project.

"Earlier this year, community members shared awesome ideas and hopes for Melton City 2036," the Mayor said.

"Now, with the long-term vision for our community being developed, it's timely to talk further about making the vision a reality, and for residents to share their ideas and recommendations for Council priorities."

COMMUNITY FORUM DETAILS

Caroline Springs

Saturday 26 November

9.30am – 1pm (registration from 9am)

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234 Caroline Springs Boulevard

Melton

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For further information visit: melton.vic.gov.au/meltoncity2036

Join the conversation online at: oursay.org/cityofmelton/ourcouncilplan

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ENDS



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**City of Melton**

19 November 2016 · 🌐

THE FUTURE OF OUR CITY: It's time to plan for the next 4 years in the City of Melton. Join us at a Community Forum in Caroline Springs or Melton to share your ideas and go into the draw to WIN a \$500, \$200 or \$100 Coles Myer gift card. Your ideas will help us develop the next Council and Wellbeing Plan, and contribute to making the community vision (Melton 2036) a reality!

How can we:

- create a more connected and safer community?
- work to grow local businesses and create em... [See more](#)



Appendix B: Survey questions for key stakeholder agencies

1. Name of your organisation

2. Your position title

3. Catchment area(s)

- ☐ Western Regional (all)
- ☐ Wyndham
- ☐ Maribymong
- ☐ Brimbank
- ☐ Hobsons Bays
- ☐ Melton
- ☐ Moonee Valley

Other (please specify)

4. Target groups

5. Current health and wellbeing priorities for your organisation

6.

What are the top 3 current health and wellbeing challenges for the communities your organisation engages with?

CHALLENGE ONE

Challenge	<input type="text"/>
Causes or drivers of the challenge?	<input type="text"/>
Where does the challenge occur the most (e.g. - particular suburb, setting, municipality)?	<input type="text"/>
Who does the issue impact on the most (e.g. - young people, women, CALD communities)?	<input type="text"/>
What can be done to address the issue?	<input type="text"/>
Other comments	<input type="text"/>

7.

What are the top 3 current health and wellbeing challenges for the communities your organisation engages with?

CHALLENGE TWO

Challenge	<input type="text"/>
Causes or drivers of the challenge?	<input type="text"/>
Where does the challenge occur the most (e.g. - particular suburb, setting, municipality)?	<input type="text"/>
Who does the issue impact on the most (e.g. - young people, women, CALD communities)?	<input type="text"/>
What can be done to address the issue?	<input type="text"/>
Other comments	<input type="text"/>

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What are the top 3 current health and wellbeing challenges for the communities your organisation engages with?

CHALLENGE THREE

Challenge

Causes or drivers of the challenge?

Where does the challenge occur the most (e.g. - particular suburb, setting, municipality)?

Who does the issue impact on the most (e.g. - young people, women, CALD communities)?

What can be done to address the issue?

Other comments

9. Please list any other existing or emerging challenges that you would like considered in MPHWP planning

10.

What are the top 3 current health and wellbeing opportunities for the communities your organisation engages with?

OPPORTUNITY ONE

Opportunity

Origin of the opportunity?

Where does the opportunity occur the most (e.g. - particular suburb, setting, municipality)?

Who does the opportunity benefit the most (e.g. - young people, women, CALD communities)?

What can be done to build upon the opportunity?

Other comments

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Other comments

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What can be done to build upon the opportunity?

Other comments

13. Please list any other existing or emerging opportunities that you would like considered in MPHWP planning

14. Do you have any other comments or feedback to inform the MPHWP planning process?

A safe, happy & connected community where people are PROUD to live! (DJ Festival)

DJ festival – comment card

Make the City of Melton a place that people want to come live in because it is clean, energy efficient and uses environmentally conscious energy sources.

Small group conversation

Community spirit and ownership will lead to safety.

Small group conversation

Population growth needs to be underpinned by sustainable principles.

Small group conversation

Public transport needs to be more frequent, accessible and to scale.

Community forum discussion

There is a divide between Caroline Springs and Melton – we need unity.

Community forum discussion

More activities for young people - concerts - free activities - Movies in Melton CBD.

DJ Festival – comment card

Each municipality is unique and we need to tailor events that have strong local interest.

Small group conversation

Involving young people from the design to the implementation of services for them.

Small group conversation

It was a blow to lifelong learning to lose the Victoria University presence.

Community forum discussion

Vibrant business and employment opportunities, ample tourism and recreation and fun things to do!

DJ Festival – comment card