

Have your say page content

Image:

Photos of 18 people, heads and shoulders only, variety of ages, men and women, there is a woman with a hard hat on, a child playing, a SES worker, a sports person and others.

Heading: Our Knox 2025 – 2029

Sub heading: Shape our priorities for the next four years.

Text

We are seeking community feedback to help us develop our next Council Plan. The plan will build on our Community Vision and have a strong focus on the health and wellbeing of our community.

The plan is our promise to the Knox community. It sets out what we will do to respond to changing needs and will be shaped by our aspirations, needs, values and priorities, and inform long term financial planning.

How to have your say

There are two ways you can get involved in shaping our priorities for the next four years.

- Share your feedback on what is most important to you online, in person or in writing
- Join the Our Knox Community Panel to dive deeper over a number of sessions and develop draft recommendations for the next Council Plan

Consultation and expressions of interest close 11.59pm on Monday 1 April 2024.

Everyone who gets involved can go into the draw to win a voucher for an amazing local experience and panel participants will be compensated \$300.

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1. Share your feedback
2. Our Knox Community Panel – Join the community panel
3. More information - Find out more about the Council Plan, Community Vision and Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan

Timeline

- Community engagement and panel expression of interest
Friday 1 March – Monday 1 April 2024
Active
- Community Panel sessions
April – May 2024
- Draft Council Plan developed
May – December 2024
- Final community panel session with Councillor engagement
February 2025
- Council Plan adopted
June 2025

Contact us

Have questions or want to learn more about the Our Knox engagement. Contact us:
Strategy and Business Intelligence Team
Ph: 03 9298 8000
Email: ourknox@knox.vic.gov.au

Engagement Level

For this project we will be engaging our community at the level of **Collaborate** on the [International Association of Public Participation \(IAP2\) Spectrum](#).

This means we will look to the community for advice and innovation in formulating solutions and incorporate your advice and recommendations into the decisions as much as possible.

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Share your feedback

Shape our priorities for the next four years to help us develop our next Council Plan.

Share what life looks like if we achieve our community vision and what a happy and healthy Knox looks like for you.

You've told us what's important to you through various consultations in recent years. Let us know if these are still what's important to you and if anything is missing.

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Share your feedback to win

Everyone who participates can enter the draw to win a voucher for an amazing local experience, including Boronia Cinema, Knox Environmental Society Nursery, Stamford Park Restaurant, Knox Leisureworks, Knox Community Arts Centre. Conditions apply, see the information page for details.

Online

Complete the survey below or email your feedback to ourknox@knox.vic.gov.au

In person

Knox Festival

10am to 9pm Saturday 2 March

Come see us at the Knox engagement marquee which is near the rotunda.

Wally Tew Reserve

1010 Burwood Highway, Ferntree Gully

Knox Library

11am to 2pm Saturday 16 March

Level 3, Knox Westfield (above Rebel Sport)

425 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South

Knox Leisureworks

8am to 11am Saturday 23 March

35 Tormore Road, Boronia

Cultural Diversity Week

12pm to 4pm Saturday 23 March

Carrington Park Leisure Centre

20 O'Connor Road, Knoxfield

In writing

Download and complete the [print version of the survey](#) or call us on 9298 8000 and we can mail a copy to you.

You can also send us your feedback in writing.

Post to:

Knox City Council

511 Burwood Highway

Wantirna South VIC 3152

Children

We want to hear from all ages, kids can write or draw **What they love about Knox** and share by emailing or mailing in their contribution.

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Our Knox Community Panel

Are you passionate about the future of our community? Put your hand up to help shape our priorities for the next four years.

We are seeking expressions of interest from people who wish to be part of a randomly selected community panel of approximately 45 people. The panel will work collaboratively with Council to develop draft recommendations for the next Council and Health and Wellbeing Plan.

You don't need any prior knowledge to take part. All you need is an open mind, want to work with others and consider the information provided.

Who do we want to hear from?

We welcome expressions of interest from anyone who lives, works or owns a business in Knox. You don't need any prior knowledge to take part.

Those that work for Council or live with someone that works for Council are not able to participate in the Community Panel.

What does the community panel involve?

To be selected, you'll need to be able to attend all four-panel sessions:

- Wednesday 17th April 2024, 6:00pm to 8:30pm
- Saturday 20th April 2024, 11:00am to 3:00pm
- Saturday 4th May 2024, 11:00am to 3:00pm
- The fourth session will be held in early 2025 with the new Councillors, date to be confirmed.

The sessions held at Knox Civic Centre, 511 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South.

All sessions will be in person, and we will provide meals and refreshments.

To cover any costs associated with attending and to recognise your time commitment, you'll receive a total of \$300 in Coles vouchers for participating.

[Express your interest](#) in joining the deliberative panel or call 03 0921 0602

Let's work together to make this the best Council Plan yet.

How will the panel be selected?

Panel members will be selected via a random selection process by our independent consultants, Capire Consulting Group. The selection process will seek to form a panel that reflects the diversity of the Knox community.

The selection will anonymously consider things like age, gender, language, where you live and household structure to select a group of people that reflect the diversity of the Knox community.

You will be notified in the week commencing the 8th of April.

Where can I get more information?

Visit the panel page at <https://forms.office.com/r/BSBmGGXPmg>

To talk to someone about the panel before registering your interest, call 03 9021 0602 or email info@capire.com.au

Submit your interest in joining the panel

<https://forms.office.com/r/BSBmGGXPmg>

More information

What is the Council Plan?

The Council Plan is our roadmap for how we are working towards achieving the Community Vision. It sets our strategic directions for the next four years, guiding where we put our focus and effort. It also informs the review of our 10-year financial plan.

This Council Plan incorporates Knox's Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan. This ensures the priorities for supporting, protecting and improving the health and wellbeing of

our community are at the forefront of everything we do and are integrated across all council services and initiatives.

What is a community panel?

A community panel is a group of randomly selected people that generally represents the demographic makeup of a community. Panel members will learn about and discuss topics important to the community. The Panel will work with Council to develop draft recommendations for the next Council Plan.

Here is a quick video about a Community Panel we ran in 2023, while it was a different conversation you can get an idea of the experience from past participants.

Who can apply?

You can apply if you're aged 18 and over and your usual residence or place of business is in the City of Knox. A maximum of one person from one address can be selected to participate.

You can't apply if you are currently, or have been:

- an elected representative from any level of government or an employee/family member of an elected representative
- a Knox City Council employee (current or within the past 5 years) or family member of an employee
- a Knox City Council councillor (current) or family member of a councillor

What will it involve?

If selected, you will meet with people from all walks of life in your community at four sessions. You'll hear from speakers on topics and discuss issues in small groups. Facilitators will make sure everyone has their say. You don't need any prior knowledge – we'll provide all the information you need.

You will need to be available to attend all the following four sessions:

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Will I be paid?

To cover any costs associated with attending and to recognise your time commitment, you'll receive a total of \$300 in Coles vouchers.

You will need to attend all sessions to receive payment. As there is a long gap to the fourth session, you will receive \$200 after the first three sessions and the final \$100 after the fourth session.

How will you ensure the sessions are accessible?

Our venues have full disability access. If you need it, we'll provide technology support, translated materials, language and Auslan interpreters and hearing loops. We may be able to assist with transport and childcare needs – please let us know about your situation when we contact you.

If you attend all four sessions, you will receive \$300 to cover any costs associated with your attendance and to recognise your time commitment. Meals and refreshments are also provided.

After I register my interest, what happens next?

Once registration has closed, approximately 45 people will be randomly selected to participate. This selection will be representative of the wider community.

If you're selected, our independent consultants Capire will contact you by phone and email in the week of 8th April to let you know, and confirm your attendance. We'll also discuss any requirements or assistance you may need and explain what happens next.

What will happen after the community panel sessions?

In early 2025 the deliberative panel will have the opportunity to share their recommendations with councillors. A report on the outcome of the community panel will also be presented to the councillors for their consideration.

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More information

Below we provide a brief summary of the key documents and terms used for this project.

You can also read more about our current strategies on Council's website [[Policies, strategies and plans | Knox](#)]

Council Plan 2025 – 2029, incorporating the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan

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Currently we are asking the community to validate what we have heard is important to them and if there are any priorities missing. The Community Panel will consider this feedback when making recommendations to Council.

Community Vision 2021 – 2031

Knox: where we connect with our people and our environment, ensuring they are safe, supported and have every opportunity to thrive.

Our Community Vision describes our long-term hopes and aspirations for Knox. It helps to plan for the needs of our community now and into the future. It's based on the idea that by creating a picture of the future that we all agree to, we can all make a shared commitment to work together to get there.

Currently we are asking the community to reflect what this Vision means for them. The Community Panel will consider this feedback when making recommendations to Council.

The Community Plan 2021 - 2031

The Community Plan was developed with our community and stakeholders. It includes a Community Vision and describes what we all need to focus on over the next 10 years to get there.

For the first time Council is consolidating it's Community Plan into the revised Council Plan 2025-29. This will ensure that our strategic direction demonstrates progress towards our community's ten-year aspirations. It provides a simpler strategic framework with a strong focus on our community's health and wellbeing.