

Vision for Knox Community Forums

Thank you to those who attended one of the Vision for Knox Community Forums in September 2020. We appreciate the time and energy given by all who participated. There were some great conversations, lots of suggestions and excellent feedback that will all contribute to the development of our new Community Plan 2021 - 2031.

Below are some of the findings from the forums.

What makes Knox great

There were lots of things people love about Knox and what makes it a great community. The main themes were as follows:

- The **environment** including parks, reserves, bushland and opens spaces.
- The sense of **connection** and the feeling that Knox is a happy, safe, friendly place to live.
- The embracing of **diversity** and sense of **belonging**.
- Good **facilities and services** including sporting clubs, playgrounds, hospitals and libraries.
- **Access** and being able to get everything you need within Knox.
- Having a **voice** and the **opportunity to have a say**.

Vision for Knox

Some of the topics of discussion around what Knox should aim for in the next 10 years included the following:

- Recognition of and working in partnership with the **traditional land owners**.
- **Embracing diversity** (including on Council).
- An **inclusive** community.
- **Respect** for different values and cultures.
- **Appropriate development**, greener and less high rise.
- **Economic support** for local businesses
- **Sustainability** and care for the **environment**.
- **Support/accessibility** for all ages, abilities, cultural groups, families, and the vulnerable

We also heard lots of great words that people would like to see in a vision statement:









Innovative	Connected	Sustainable	Vibrant
Safe	Sharing	Opportunity	Prosperous
Supportive	Hopeful	Inclusive	Resilient
Healthy	Diverse	Agile	

Feedback on our current Goals

During the forum, we asked participants about the Goals in [the current Knox Community and Council Plan 2017-2021](#).

After viewing some data about each goal, we asked if the goal was still important. Participants were asked to rate the goal from 1 to 5 – where 5 meant that the goal was still very relevant and important, through to 1 which meant it was less relevant and important.

Over the three sessions, this is how the goals were rated on average:

	Goal 1 – We value our natural and built environment	4.8
	Goal 2 – We have housing to meet our changing needs	4.1
	Goal 3 – We can move around easily	4.1
	Goal 4 – We are safe and secure	4.5
	Goal 5 – We have a strong regional economy, local employment and learning opportunities	4.7
	Goal 6 – We are happy, healthy and well	4.7
	Goal 7 – We are inclusive, feel a sense of belonging and value our identity	4.7
	Goal 8 – We have confidence in our decision making	4.2

What's next?

This is not the end of the conversation!

There will be a series of focus groups conducted in November where we will be exploring what we've heard and the data collected to date. We will then conduct another community forum to discuss what Council's response to the draft vision and goals should be.

If you're interested in attending either of these events, or would like further information on the development of the new Community and Council Plans, please email communityplan@knox.vic.gov.au and keep an eye out on our website – www.knox.vic.gov.au/communityplan.