

Our Knox 2025 - 2029

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.

Everyone who gets involved can go into the draw to win a voucher for an amazing local experience.

Submit your survey by 11.59pm on Monday 1 April 2024.

In person or by mail to:

Knox City Council
511 Burwood Highway
Wantirna South VIC 3152

Email:

OurKnox@knox.vic.gov.au

For more information or for assistance completing the survey call the Strategy and Transformation team on 9298 8000.

Community survey

Bringing the vision to life

Our Community Vision 2031: 'Knox: where we connect with our people and our environment, ensuring they are safe, supported and have every opportunity to thrive'

Imagine it is 2031: what would your life look like if we achieved this vision?

What's important to the Knox community

During the creation of the last Council Plan and across the various conversations we've had with the community since then, you have told us the following focus areas (grouped in themes) are important to the Knox community. We want to understand if these are still important to you and identify what's missing.

Opportunities and Innovation

To what extent are the following important to you?

Being known as a place to do business, growing existing businesses and attracting new investment

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

Local employment for people of all abilities

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

Lifelong learning opportunities for all people

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

Strong local business community, resilient to external pressures

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

When you think about a Knox that encourages innovation and learning, where people and businesses can thrive, is there anything missing from the above?

Neighbourhoods, housing and infrastructure

To what extent are the following important to you?

Affordable and accessible housing options

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

Development and growth that respects the character of Knox

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

A great place to live, work, connect and play

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

Accessible paths that connect well

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

Connected and frequent public transport services

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

When you think about ensuring Knox's housing and infrastructure will meet the changing needs of the community, is there anything missing from the above priorities?

Natural environment and sustainability

To what extent are the following important to you?

Protect and enhance biodiversity and waterways

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

Developments that are responsive to the natural environment

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

Build resilience and take action on climate change to improve our wellbeing

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

Creating less waste by focusing on reducing, reusing and recycling

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

Access to quality parks and green places

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

When you think about protecting and enhancing the natural environment and ensuring sustainability, is there anything missing from the above?

Connection, resilience and wellbeing

To what extent are the following important to you?

A community that respects, supports and values all people

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

As a community, be ready to respond to emergencies and threats to our wellbeing

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

Feeling safe both at home and in community spaces and places

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

Having our basic needs met in the face of rising cost of living

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

Access to services and programs that help all of us live an active and healthy lifestyle

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

Opportunities to engage in a variety of organised and casual physical activities

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

Opportunities for social connection to address mental health and loneliness

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

When you think about being in a Knox that has a healthy, strong, supportive and respectful community, is there anything missing from the above?

Civic engagement and integrity

To what extent are the following important to you?

Genuine opportunities to have a say and be heard

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

Council resources are used effectively and efficiently

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

Be led by a Council that is open, transparent and accountable

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

When you think about Knox Council as a respected leader in the community, and ensuring all voices are heard, is there anything missing from the above?

Health and Wellbeing

This section includes a list of identified priorities that relate specifically to Health and Wellbeing. These have been informed by evidence-based data and previous community feedback.

To what extent are the following important to you?

Reducing the harm from risk taking behaviour such as alcohol, drugs and gambling

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

Celebrating our diverse communities and have equal opportunities for participation

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

Having access to healthy, local, sustainable and affordable food

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

Opportunities to be physically active and involved in organised sport and informal activities, such as walking, bike riding or gardening

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

Advocacy for our vulnerable communities

- ☐ Not important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Important

When you think about the health and wellbeing priorities for the Knox community, is there anything missing from the above?

Is there anything else you would like to share?

About you

We collect this information to understand who is participating in our engagement and if some things are more or less important to different parts of our community.

Which suburb in Knox do you have the strongest connection to?
For example, where you live, work or study.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bayswater | <input type="checkbox"/> Wantirna South |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boronia | <input type="checkbox"/> Rowville |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ferntree Gully | <input type="checkbox"/> Scoresby |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Upper Ferntree Gully | <input type="checkbox"/> Lysterfield |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Knoxfield | <input type="checkbox"/> The Basin |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wantirna | |

What is your year of birth _____

How do you describe your gender?

- ☐ Man
☐ Woman
☐ Non-binary
☐ Prefer not to answer
☐ I use a different term (please specify) _____

Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?

- ☐ No
☐ Yes, Aboriginal
☐ Yes, Torres Strait Islander
☐ Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

If yes, please share with us your mob/nation _____

Do you speak a language other than English at home (including Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander language)?

- ☐ No - English only
☐ Prefer not to answer
☐ Yes - other language (please specify) _____

Do you identify as part of the LGBTQI+ community? (i.e lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans or gender diverse, intersex, queer or questioning)

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Prefer not to answer

Are you living with a disability (that is, do you need help with daily activities of self care, body movement or communication)?

- ☐ No - without disability
☐ Yes - with disability lasting 6 months or more
☐ Yes - with no need for help or supervision
☐ Yes - other reason (please specify) _____
☐ Prefer not to answer

Do you provide unpaid care or assistance to family members or others because of a disability, a long term health condition or a condition relating to ageing?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Prefer not to answer

What is your current household type?

- ☐ Couple with children
☐ One parent with children
☐ Couple without children
☐ Group household or share house
☐ One person household
☐ Prefer not to answer

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You must provide your email address or phone number to enter the draw

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Email / phone _____

- ☐ Tick if you do not want us to send project updates to this email address.

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