Shape Your Monash Community Panel

Panel Recommendations

September 2024

Message from the Panel

Listen, adapt, observe and change

We want to thank the council for the opportunity to contribute to shaping the liveability of Monash City in the next 10 years.

Our community panel recommendations focus on a number of themes outlined in the following sections.

These closely align with the community vision and reflect our aspirations for a liveable, sustainable and inclusive Monash by 2040.

The Community Panel acknowledges the Traditional Owners of this land, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung and Bunurong People, and recognises their continuing connection to the land and waterways. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend this to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

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1	Our vision is for Monash to be the most liveable city in Victoria. Thinking about Monash in 2034, what does Council need to prioritise to work towards this?

One possible recommendation for Council is..... **A short statement (20 words max.)**	*Develop and enforce regulations that promote high standard building quality which ensures longevity, streetscape and green space.*
Why this is important:	• Ensure sustainable development (ie: buildings) that will last over generations, minimising the need to knock down and re-build over time • Enforcing green spaces within higher density development (by the developers), which will minimise council's financial obligations to provide and maintain more green space. • To create a clean, safe, aesthetic, eye-catching city which help attract higher quality, longer-term occupants • Regulations to ensure appropriate number of parking spaces within developments to reduce congested streets • To ensure that local amenities meet the needs of any future urban development. This will also help increase economic development and job opportunities. • A safer, greener city will encourage active participation which in turn will improve mental health and overall health and wellbeing

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One possible recommendation for Council is..... **A short statement (20 words max.)**	*Increase, Improve, Maintain and protect green spaces to ensure they are inclusive, equitable, multi functional and used to maximum effect*
Why this is important:	• Increasing number, variety and diversity of planting and trees helps with long term maintainability and aesthetics • Promotes community inclusiveness • Encourages more usage of the green spaces and participation from the community • Protects the existing tree canopy

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One possible recommendation for Council is..... **A short statement (20 words max.)**	*Repurpose existing facilities, where practical, into affordable multi-use facilities, spread through the municipality.* *Collaborate & partner with businesses and community groups to share privately-owned facilities.*
Why this is important:	● Efficient and multi use of using existing facilities. ● Inclusivity to a wide range of community usage. ● Increase council revenue and smarter ways to benefit the community. ● Promote arts and culture in our municipality which is currently lacking.

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One possible recommendation for Council is..... **A short statement (20 words max.)**	*Target community engagement, using a variety of contemporary and traditional methods, to ensure consistent messaging and encourage participation and information sharing.*
Why this is important:	• To proactively capture diverse voices to shape decision-making and reflect the needs of a diverse community • We want a larger volume of participation of the community • Clear and transparent messaging will help gain the trust of the community • Strengthen the relationship between council and community ensuring council is responsive to evolving community needs • To ensure the message translates through to all members of the community • So that community can understand the services council offers, council's role and the community's role.

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One possible recommendation for Council is..... **A short statement (20 words max.)**	*To consider sustainability criteria at the forefront of every decision*
Why this is important:	• To make the city more liveable • To mitigate climate change • To meet the community expectations • This includes the sustainability of the city's finances, workforce & technology, as well as environmental.

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One possible recommendation for Council is..... **A short statement (20 words max.)**	*Review and prepare council's assets and operations for future opportunities, challenges and needs.*
Why this is important:	• Increase efficiency and productivity • Adapt to the constantly changing technological landscape • Attract employment within Monash • Ensure liveability

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One possible recommendation for Council is..... **A short statement (20 words max.)**	*Promote and invest in programs that address the diverse health and wellbeing needs of the community to ensure maximum participation*
Why this is important:	● Builds community resilience through increased participation leading to better wellbeing ● Specific issues can be addressed through targeted programs ● Community knows where and how to access support and information ● Specialised programs can be designed for the needs of the specific groups

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One possible recommendation for Council is..... **A short statement (20 words max.)**	*Implement clear rules, guidelines, and regulations, to govern and manage existing and future flora and fauna while balancing safety and infrastructure considerations*
Why this is important:	• Manage maintenance costs effectively • Mitigate Climate Change • Increase urban tree canopy and green spaces • Promote health and well-being of the community

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One possible recommendation for Council is..... **A short statement (20 words max.)**	*Develop targeted plans on how to integrate and support new migrants in Monash, ensuring they assimilate within the local community.*
Why this is important:	● To ensure a mutually respectful community ● To help Monash flourish as a culturally diverse community ● To promote a liveable, safe city ● Lack of integration and support may lead to increased community issues (ie: family and domestic violence, mental health and self-harm issues, increased crime) ● Having induction processes for new residents will help promote a clear understanding of expectations, local laws and regulations

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One possible recommendation for Council is..... **A short statement (20 words max.)**	*Collaborate with community, other councils and local businesses to pool resources, optimise efficiency and create synergy.*
Why this is important:	● Open up new revenue streams ● Improves efficiency and transparency ● Creates a more connected community

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One possible recommendation for Council is..... **A short statement (20 words max.)**	*Promote and provide the public with sustainable transport/ travel options allowing efficiency to the public, community and residences.*
Why this is important:	● Community transport options especially for seniors, disabled, low income groups. ● Reduce congestion of single use vehicles. ● Safe walking & bike paths for ease of access.

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One possible recommendation for Council is..... **A short statement (20 words max.)**	*Adopt cost efficient and sustainable waste reduction and management practices and deliver community education to increase adoption of these practices*
Why this is important:	• Waste Management cost can be reduced, currently the highest cost contributor for council spend • Increases sustainable practises among the community • Increases community awareness of new and efficient waste reduction methods

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One possible recommendation for Council is..... **A short statement (20 words max.)**	*Generate additional revenue sources in innovative and creative ways and consider community feedback on this topic.*
Why this is important:	• Monash is growing and needs revenue to support liveability city • Helps community feels heard and considered • Provides increased opportunity for future CAPEX (Capital Expenditure) and OPEX (Operational Expenditure)