

As part of our largest-ever community engagement project, *Shape your City*, we held online forums for our community to discuss their views. Forums were based on topics such as transport and the environment and we asked participants to share what they valued and wanted to see in their neighbourhoods. Here is what they told us:

Five online forums were held from 29 September – 17 October 2020 with 138 people having their say on local issues.

Across the online forums:





## Most popular themes

The most popular themes and issues raised by residents:

- Improved Council transparency and governance
- Better transport infrastructure investment in roads and rail to meet growth and reduce congestion and improvements to public transport availability and connectedness.
- Community Safety is a high priority, from roads and pathways to improved crime management.
- Local job creation and diversity of employment opportunities provided across our City.

- Planning, design and investment in Council infrastructure to ensure that it meets growth projections and enables connected communities through open spaces and interconnected walkways and cycle paths.
- Open Spaces should be tidy and wellmaintained, Casey should lead the way when it comes to environmentallysensitive solutions.
- A caring and welcoming community that celebrates diversity.

- Enabling an engaged community in setting the future of Casey and having more opportunities like the online forums to have a voice.
- Provision of appropriate facilities and services, particularly public amenities, aged and mental health care.
- Action on ideas arising from engagement with the Community and communicating these effectively.

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## What residents most value

Feedback on what residents most value and want to see in future planning for their local areas:

- Open, green spaces from Wilson Botanic Park, Cranbourne Botanical Gardens and Lysterfield Lake to the variety of parks, playgrounds, bushland and nature reserves, green open space is a key characteristic of Casey that's much loved and should be protected.
- Diversity the people who make up our community from many cultures is something to be recognised and celebrated.
- Facilities close to home libraries, sporting facilities, Bunjil Place, local shopping centres, education and medical facilities, you value the breadth and proximity of facilities and services across our City.
- Accessibility to everything you need close proximity to all the freeway entrances, to the beach or the mountains or simply the facilities and services you need and use most.

## What happens next...

These key insights and findings will be reviewed along with the city-wide Shape your City surveys that have had more than 3,800 responses! The results of this review will be reported to residents and will help shape Council's strategic direction and planning for future infrastructure and services.

Feedback will also be used in the next phase of the Shape your City program. To find out how we're keeping the conversation going or the latest program updates visit www.conversations.casey.vic.gov.au

Thank you to our community for sharing ideas and contributing to the City of Casey's biggest community engagement project – Shape your City.



