

# Deliberative panel report: Community Vision

City of Darebin: Design Your Darebin

Final Report 21 June 2021

## Introduction

This report presents the Community Vision developed by the Design Your Darebin Deliberative Panel, a group representing the diverse demographics of the Darebin community. The Community Vision consists of an overarching Vision Statement, supported by key priorities that reflected the Panel's view of the aspirations and needs of the Darebin community (as highlighted in the Phase 1 Vision Engagement findings) and what makes the City unique.

There were four sessions held to develop and finalise the Community Vision and underlying priorities with the Design your Darebin 2041 Deliberative Panel. In addition to this, there was a Reset session held on Sunday 2 May 2021 to re-group the Panel post outcomes from the 8 April 2021 Council Meeting and subsequent, out of session meeting on Saturday 24 April 2021 between Panel members and Councillors. Agendas for the four Community Vision Deliberative Panel meetings, and Reset meeting, are provided in Appendix 1.

## Panel Outputs:

On conclusion of the first three Design your Darebin Deliberative Panel sessions there was a Community Vision established, however, as this was finessed by a smaller editorial working group of panel members, there were a number of contentions and issues to be resolved. Given Council timelines to provide a Work-in -Progress (WIP) Community Vision, a series of online surveys were conducted to work through key points of issue with the Deliberative Panel and finalise a draft (WIP) Community Vision which could be presented to Councillors in early April for feedback. The draft, WIP Vision and Priorities as developed by the Panel are detailed below.

## Community Vision

Darebin is equitable, vibrant, green and connected. We respect First Nations peoples, our diverse communities and places. We are committed to a sustainable, climate safe future.

## Priorities

### **Darebin - a city that is known for:**

#### **Vibrant, Respectful and Connected**

- being respecting and recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities' values, living culture and practices
- connecting, valuing and including our diverse communities
- its artistic community; not just venues and locations, but the people

#### **Equitable**

- being a place that has safe and secure housing for all
- providing for all aspects of health and wellbeing through all stages of life
- being a 20-minute city; where we can safely access amenities and services close to our homes

#### **Green and Sustainable**

- its commitment to a safe climate future for all
- its clean access to the outdoors, protection of wildlife, land and water
- preserving amenity and where business and development align with preserving natural assets and strengthening community
- having a diverse and healthy food system that is connected and inter-generational

The full day in person session on Sunday 23 May was used to refine the WIP Community Vision and Priorities, with the expectation the Panel would consider recommendations from the following groups in their refinement and finalisation of the Community Vision and Priorities:

- A variety of multicultural groups
- Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee (DAAC)
- Young Citizen Jury
- Councillor recommendations ( 8 April Council Meeting)

These recommendations were sent to the Panel prior to the meeting for them to review. A copy of these recommendations can be found in Appendix 2. Representatives of the Young Citizen's Jury presented their recommendations and rationale to the Panel members in attendance at the Sunday 23 May meeting.

**The final Community Vision and underpinning priorities as follows were supported by 19 of the 21 panel members in attendance.**

## Community Vision

Darebin is an equitable, vibrant and connected community.

Darebin respects and supports First Nations peoples, values country, our diverse communities and places.

Darebin commits to mitigating the climate emergency, creating prosperity for current and future generations.

Vibrant, respectful and connected

- Celebrating all diverse communities and uplifting different voices in places of power.

- Connection to, and preservation of, local history acknowledging past harm and trauma.
- Vibrant and dynamic spaces, amenities and events.
- Recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander values, living culture and connection to country.
- One Darebin, no suburb left behind.

## Prosperous, liveable and flourishing

- Encouraging and incentivising business investment and growth in the sustainability sector.
- Creating equitable and diverse opportunities for employment and volunteering.
- Being a 20-minute city with access to amenities and services close to our homes.
- Sustaining community ownership of services and maintaining the health and wellbeing of all, across all life stages.
- Making Darebin a Victorian centre for creative industry and the arts.
- Ensuring development and the built environment are designed for liveability and sustainability.

## Climate, green and sustainable

- Taking urgent action on the climate emergency, leading and educating communities and businesses.
- Making decisions that are community driven, transparent, socially and equitably just and equitable.
- Providing and promoting safe and sustainable transport.
- Regenerating, enhancing and protecting ecosystems and biodiversity.
- Integrating ecological solutions in the built environment, promoting sustainable development and retrofitting practices, which protect natural assets and strive for zero carbon emissions.

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## APPENDIX 1: Community Vision Deliberative Panel Session Agendas

### 1.1 Vision Session #1 Sunday 28 February 2021

Time	Item	Approach
9.30	Set-up	Sign in. Checking technology.
9.45		People checking Zoom – getting some tips
10.00	Acknowledgment of Country & Welcome from the Mayor	Acknowledgment of Country Welcome
10.10	Context	Council's commitment to process New LG Act Introducing facilitators Introducing other Darebin Council Officers
10.20	Introductions	Where are you from? How long have you been living in Darebin?

Time	Item	Approach
		What would you be doing if you weren't here today?
10.35	Remits and purpose of this session – about scene setting, context, understanding Council's and community's challenges and opportunities	<p>What your task is?</p> <p>Show overview of the questions to be answered by the panel over coming weeks</p> <p>Invite any top-of-mind questions</p> <p>Principles for writing useful Vision statements</p> <p>Includes 5-10 mins Q &amp; A</p>
10.45	Megatrends/demographic shifts impacting Australia, Victoria, Melbourne, Darebin	<p>Looking to present to the panel the mega-trends/ demographic economic shifts, COVID impacts and Health &amp; Wellbeing profile that they need to be mindful of/ consider through the deliberative process.</p> <p>Allows 2-3 mins Q&amp;A</p>
11.05	Broader Community Engagement for Design Darebin 2041 (Vision)	<p><b>Community pop-up &amp; drop-in sessions.</b> <i>What did you do and where? What were the questions? Who did you hear (major themes identified)?</i></p> <p><b>Broader Engagement Findings.</b> <i>(Channels used, participants, key themes identified)</i></p>
11.20	Q & A	
11.30pm	Lunch break	
1.30	Welcome back	<p>Check -in with Panel</p> <p>Max to share Menti results for Vision? And what make Darebin unique.</p>



Time	Item	Approach
		Group discussion- what have you found interesting so far
1.45	Imagining Darebin 2041	<p>Setting the scene for the activity and sharing some of the Council staff inputs/thinking.</p> <p>Individual activity:</p> <p>A day in the life in Darebin, 2041.</p> <p><i>Imagine if it is now 2041 in Darebin. What does this mean? What might we be doing? Describe what it is like (in the present tense) - What's so unique about Darebin 2041?</i></p>
2.05	Synthesising imaginings	<p>Break up into themed groups</p> <p>Can you reach agreement on what a day in the life might look like in 2041 for the theme you are working on?</p> <p>Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe &amp; Clean spaces, accessible services</li> <li>• Diverse, connected and inclusive</li> <li>• Getting around (transport)</li> <li>• Greener, sustainable &amp; Eco-friendly</li> </ul> <p>Then reporting back to wider group.</p>
2.30	Identifying key messages/components for the Vision	<p>Small groups according to themes.</p> <p>How would you describe the main aspirations for the future of Darebin?</p> <p>Which themes do you believe need to be included in the Vision, are we missing anything?</p>

Time	Item	Approach
		What questions require more focus over the coming weeks?
2.45	Rapid report back	What have people noticed? Similar? Different
2.55	Orientation to workspace	Also, what happens next? – Potential structure of visions to be located in collaborative workspace
3.00	Thanks, and close	

## 1.2 Vision Session #2

Thursday 4 March 2021

Online 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Time	Item	Approach
6.00pm	Set-up	Consulting team join to test technology and run through agenda
6.15pm	Check-in with Council	Council officers join and we discuss approach and outcomes for the session.
6.15pm	Panel members join	Members start to join - assistance provided as needed
6.30pm	Acknowledgment of Country & welcome	Acknowledgment of Country Welcome
6.35pm	Re-cap on last session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What we did and achieved</li> <li>• Understand it can be a bit overwhelming <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ New people, new process, lots of information</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Great input - excellent start to the process</li> </ul>

Time	Item	Approach
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Supporting and interacting with each other</li> <li>● Summary of feedback from members and how it will be address <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Vision</li> <li>■ Month - work through and prepare for the deliberation on Council Plan directions</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Youth engagement</li> </ul> </li> <li>● What has happened since then? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Updated the online workspace</li> <li>○ What do we do with the information?</li> <li>○ Provided support to members</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6.40pm	Check-in with panel	Is there anything anyone wants to ask or share?
6.45pm	Sharing and discussing input from last week	<p>Input from last week reviewed and synthesised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Summary of feedback shared</li> <li>● Spreadsheet with all input themed - shared</li> <li>● What are your key takeout's? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Priority areas</li> <li>○ Gaps</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6.55pm	What will the Vision look like	<p>Aim to get agreement on the framework for the Vision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review of the Principles</li> <li>● Vision structure - this is the proposed structure we're working with</li> <li>● <i>Critical or key words for the vision</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>Three words you'd use to describe Darebin 2041 you want to see.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Starting point is the output</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● <b>Activity #1 - Sample Visions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Separate into groups - each group is provided with a sample vision and asked <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ What do they like?</li> <li>■ What don't they like?</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ What are a must haves for the Darebin Vision (Menti)?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Time	Item	Approach
7.10pm	Drafting the statement	<p>Group work: (Don's individual slide themes will help here and words from Community)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are your must sees?</li> <li>• What would it look like included?</li> <li>• Sketch it out - doesn't need to be perfect (Google slides) Google slides to have principles.</li> </ul> <p>Group reflections &amp; Discussion on the four visions, check against the principles. Thoughts/feedback. Suggested changes. Are we comfortable with these, do we prefer one or two?</p> <p>Menti polling on four vision statements. Can we land on one or two?</p>
7.50pm	Supporting the Vision statement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outputs from broad engagement</li> <li>• Areas of focus in Youth Strategy</li> <li>• Five groups from last week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Additional activities coming up</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
8.20pm	Re-cap and next steps	<p>Run through what we achieved tonight</p> <p>Reflect on key take-outs</p> <p>Clarity on next steps - online activities</p>

### 1.3 Vision Session #3

Thursday 11 March, 2021

Online 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Timing	Item	Approach
6.15	Log in and check tech	
6.30	Acknowledgment of Country	

Timing	Item	Approach
	Welcome back	
6.35	Taking on board feedback	
6.45	Where we left off with the Vision and progress since then	Max Brad – panel member’s suggested structure.
7.00	Refining the Vision	Small groups
7.20	Reporting back	
7.30	Determining process for finessing/finalising	
7.40	<p>Considering how Council and community might work toward achieving the Vision.</p> <p>Given the Vision generated, what do you believe are the key priority strategies, within the control of Council and the community, to progress over the next five years? (I’m saying five as by the time strategies are implemented, they invariably take much longer – hence the ten-year horizon)</p> <p>This is not about coming up with the answers as to how to deliver, or timing, or even how to resource. That will be the focus of future sessions.</p>	<p>Need to provide an example of a priority area.</p> <p>For example:</p> <p><b>Public Space</b></p> <p>Darebin needs to review how public space is utilised given population growth/ demographic trends, ensuring equitable access, cultural diversity and how space is currently allocated/used.</p> <p>How might this help resolve thorny issues such as the contested space of council owned golf courses?</p> <p>Another example:</p> <p><b>Getting around:</b></p> <p>Developing a strategy for reducing reliance on private MVs; toward more sustainable transport and the 20 min neighbourhood – people working more from home or locally.</p> <p>Other possibilities</p> <p><b>Addressing disadvantage</b></p>

Timing	Item	Approach
		<p><b>Environmental sustainability and respecting country</b></p> <p>Another way to ask the questions in the next sessions could be ‘What objectives and targets should council set for priority areas?’. Also, how do you believe Council should fund these initiatives? What might Council spend less on to pay for new initiatives?</p> <p><i>Small group exercise</i></p>
8.15	Determining priority strategies for further deliberation	Menti polling to rank in order of importance or level of support, or both.
8.25	Next steps and feedback	

## 1.4 Darebin Deliberative Panel Reset Session Agenda

Sunday 2 May, 2021

#### Meeting objectives

- Allowing panel to connect more in person
- Understanding of developments leading to this point
- Explanation of decision to expand the process
- Determining how we proceed from here – group agreement
- Determine how many would be interested in continuing on to work on Council Plan issues/dilemmas

Time	Item
10.00am	Acknowledgement of County  Welcome and expectations  Purpose
10.10am	Recent developments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council decision 8/4</li> <li>• Out of session meeting 24/4</li> <li>• Council meeting outcomes 26/4</li> <li>• Project team plan to expand the process</li> </ul>
10.30am	Response to developments and each panel member provided with opportunity to speak/say more about themselves
11.10am	Comments by facilitators and Council Officers
11.30	Expectations going forward and establishing group agreement
12.00	Confirming group agreement
12.15	Indication of who may be willing to continue to work on Council Plan additional sessions
12.25	Next steps and close

## 1.5 Vision Session #4

Sunday 23 May, 2021

Time	Item	Approach
9.30	Set-up	Sign in. Checking technology.
9.45	Check- in of panel members, refreshments on arrival	People checking-in & COVID safe re-enforcement
10.00	Acknowledgment of Country & Welcome	Acknowledgment of Country Welcome from facilitators and Council staff
10.10	Group Expectations & Tasks for the day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalise the Vision</li> <li>• Finalise priorities/themes</li> <li>• Confirmation of attendance at Council Plan deliberations</li> </ul>
10.20	Current output; areas of agreement and contention	
10.30	Providing context: Recommendations from Young Citizens Jury Q&A with Panel.	Presentation from Emily, Rosie and Marco on Jury discussions and recommendations for the WIP version of the Vision.
10.50	Other recommendations and feedback: Councillors, DAAC (Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee) and Multi-cultural groups	
11.00	<i>Morning Tea break</i>	
11.15	Finalising the Vision	World Café style: groups to distill recommendations and provide revised vision statements and considerations.



Time	Item	Approach
12.00	Polling to understand level of support	
12.10	Agreement on post -lunch process to finalise priorities	
12.20 pm	<i>Lunch break</i>	
1.00	Check-in & status report	Check -in with Panel, how are we tracking, any issues?
1.05	Youth Forum Presentation – key issues, insights and considerations  Q&A with Panel members	Lumina & Thomas to present
1.20	Review of priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alignment with confirmed Vision statement</li> <li>• Settling on priority names</li> </ul>	World café style – refinement of vision priorities
1.40	Drafting priorities and points below	
2.15	Finalising priorities and refining for consistency	
2.45	<i>Afternoon Tea break</i>	
3.00	Further refinement of priorities Polling to confirm support	Working as a broader group.  Menti or in person poll
3.20	Next steps: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Celebration/handover</li> <li>• Attendance at Council Plan sessions</li> </ul>	Discuss next steps with the Vision and understand interest in Council, Municipal Health & Wellbeing and Financial Plan sessions. Attendance or interest in handover and rationale of Vision to Councilors.
3.45	Check out, thanks and close	

## APPENDIX 2: Community Vision Deliberative Panel Recommendation Reports

## 1. Multi-cultural groups recommendations report

# Results Report for Community Vision engagement

## Background

At its meeting on 26 April, Council made the decision to enhance representation in the membership of the Deliberative Panel by introducing ten additional members whose first language is a language other than English or equivalent input from multicultural and inclusive community groups and to increase representation from the Kingsbury, Bundoora and MacLeod area.

The direction that was taken was the equivalent input from multicultural and inclusive community groups and to increase representation from the Kingsbury, Bundoora and MacLeod area. This report presents the results from the engagement sessions that were conducted with Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) community members and then engagement conducted in the geographic areas as required.

## Participation Analysis

The following information provides details of the participants of the engagement conducted, including a demographic breakdown where participants provided this information.

A couple of additional engagement sessions were planned such as a bi-lingual facilitated session in Spanish but there were no attendees who showed up. Another session was planned with a Punjabi community group but unfortunately the group member that was planning the session caught the flu and the session was not held.

Engagement Activity	Number of participants/ people engaged	Targeted group	Demographic information
Bi-lingual facilitated engagement session at the Thornbury Italian Senior Citizen's Club meeting	16 attendees and participants	CALD community members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Majority of attendees lived in Darebin</li> <li>Age group of 65 and over</li> <li>Language spoken – Italian</li> </ul>
Bi-lingual facilitated engagement session with Preston Reservoir Indo-Chinese (Vietnamese) Elderly Group	16 attendees and participants	CALD community members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All participants lived in Darebin, two worked in Darebin and 2 studies in Darebin</li> <li>Highest proportion of participants were 65-74 (46.7%), followed by 55-64 (26.7%) then 75 and over (26.7%)</li> <li>Large majority indicated their gender as 'Female' (80%) and 20% 'Male'</li> <li>Language spoken – Vietnamese</li> <li>No participants were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander</li> <li>A third of participants identified as having a disability and the rest did not</li> </ul>

Bi-lingual facilitated engagement session at Macedonian Senior Citizen's Group meeting	35 attendees but five participants	CALD community members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two participants lived in Darebin and the other three did not but had the connection of being part of the group in Darebin</li> <li>Age group of 65 and over</li> <li>All attendees were Female</li> <li>Language spoken – Macedonian</li> <li>No participants were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander</li> <li>Majority of participants identified as having a disability</li> </ul>
Bi-lingual facilitated engagement session at Kingsbury Italian Senior Citizen's Club meeting	34 attendees and 34 participants	CALD community members	<p>Note: not all participants provided demographic information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large majority of 24 respondents lived in Darebin (83.3%) and 16.7 had the connection of being part of the group in Darebin</li> <li>Age group of 65 and over for the 18 respondents</li> <li>Large majority of 20 respondents indicated their gender as 'Female' and two as 'Male'</li> <li>Language spoken – Italian</li> <li>None of the 11 respondents were not Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander</li> <li>Majority of 12 respondents (66.7%) identified as having a disability and the rest did not</li> </ul>
Bi-lingual facilitated engagement session at Chinese Senior Group Home away from home meeting	20 attendees and 8 participants	CALD community members	<p>Note: not all participants provided demographic information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All five respondents lived in Darebin</li> <li>Age group 55 and over</li> <li>Majority of participants indicated they were 'Female' (71.4%) and the rest were 'Male'</li> <li>Language spoken – Mandarin</li> <li>No participants were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander</li> <li>Three quarters of the participants did not identify as having a disability and two chose 'I prefer not to say'</li> </ul>
Bi-lingual facilitated engagement session with Your Community Health Senior Italian Group	14 attendees and 14 participants	CALD community members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All participants lived in Darebin and two had the connection of being part of the group in Darebin</li> <li>Age group 65 and over</li> <li>Majority of participants identified their gender as 'Female' and the rest as 'Male'</li> <li>Language spoken – Italian and one participant spoke Spanish</li> <li>No participants were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two participants identified as having a disability and the rest did not</li> </ul>
<p>Engagement session with Northern Region Indian Senior Association</p> <p>Note: Bi-lingual facilitator was offered but was declined</p>	12 attendees and 10 participants	CALD community members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One participant lived in Darebin but most participants (88.9%) did not live in Darebin but had the connection of being part of the group in Darebin. One participant worked in Darebin and one owned a business in Darebin</li> <li>Age group 65 and over</li> <li>Majority of the participants (70%) indicated they were 'Male' and the rest 'Female'</li> <li>Language spoken – Hindi, Punjabi and Tamil</li> <li>No participants were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander</li> <li>One participant identified as having a disability and the rest did not</li> </ul>
<p>Engagement session with the Nepalese community</p> <p>Note: Bi-lingual facilitator was offered but was declined</p>	9 attendees and 9 participants	CALD community members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Half of the participants lived in Darebin and the rest visited Darebin and used the sporting grounds</li> <li>Age group ranged from 25 to 64</li> <li>Most participants except for one person indicated they were 'Male', and one person was 'Female'</li> <li>Language spoken – Nepalese and Hindi</li> <li>No participants were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander</li> <li>No participants identified as having a disability</li> </ul>
<p>Bi-lingual facilitated engagement session at the Batman Elderly Greek Women's Group meeting</p>	24 attendees and 24 participants	CALD community members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Large majority of participants lived in Darebin (81.8%) and the rest had the connection of being part of the group in Darebin</li> <li>Age group 65 and over</li> <li>All participants were 'Female'</li> <li>Language spoken – Greek</li> <li>No participants were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander</li> <li>Four participants identified as having a disability and the rest did not</li> </ul>

Engagement session with Somali Australian Council of Victoria (SACOV) representatives  Note: Bi-lingual facilitator was offered but was declined	12 attendees and 12 participants	CALD community members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Half of the participants lived in Darebin and more than a third worked in Darebin and visited Darebin. One participant owned a business in Darebin</li> <li>Age group ranged from 16-19 to 55-64</li> <li>Half of the participants indicated they were 'Male' and the other half were 'Female'</li> <li>Language spoken – Somali and Arabic</li> <li>No participants were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander</li> <li>No participants identified as having a disability</li> </ul>
Bi-lingual facilitated engagement session with Your Community Health Arabic community group	16 attendees and 16 participants	CALD community members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most of the participants lived in Darebin (81.3%) and the rest had the connection of being part of the group in Darebin</li> <li>Age group – ranged from 35-44 to 75 and over</li> <li>The majority of the participants (68.8%) indicated they were 'Female' and the rest were 'Male'</li> <li>Language spoken – Arabic</li> <li>No participants were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander</li> <li>Half of the participants identified as having a disability and the other half did not</li> </ul>
Surveys received from Kingsbury and Macleod residents	14 respondents and 8 provided personal information to provide feedback	Geographic targeted engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From the 6 respondents, 4 lived in Darebin and 2 worked in Darebin</li> <li>Age group ranged from 35-44 to 65-74</li> <li>From the 6 respondents, 4 indicated they were 'Male' and 2 were 'Female'</li> <li>5 respondents spoke English only and 1 spoke Sinhala</li> <li>No respondents were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander</li> <li>No respondents identified as having a disability</li> </ul>
Surveys from 7 sessions undertaken in Bundoora Park, Polaris shopping centre and community sessions at the Darebin North East Community Hub	50 respondents	Geographic targeted engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close to three quarters of respondents lived in Darebin (71.7%), 23.9% visited Darebin, 21.7% worked in Darebin, and 65.5 studied in Darebin</li> <li>Age group ranged from 20-24 and 75 and over</li> <li>The majority indicated they were 'Female' (58.3%), 39.6% were 'Male' and one person chose 'I prefer not to say'</li> <li>Three quarters of the respondents spoke English only. Languages spoken by the rest of the respondents included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Arabic</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Hindi</li> <li>- Mandarin</li> <li>- Aboriginal</li> <li>- Dutch</li> <li>- Italian</li> <li>- Persian, Kurdish</li> <li>- Tagalog</li> <li>- Tamil</li> </ul>
Surveys from Newlands Primary School	15 respondents and 8 provided personal information to provide feedback	Geographic targeted engagement	<p>Note: not all participants provided demographic information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From the 5 respondents, 4 lived in Darebin and one respondent worked in Darebin</li> <li>• Age group ranged from 35-44 to 45-54</li> <li>• 4 respondents indicated they were 'Female'</li> <li>• All 4 respondents spoke English only</li> <li>• One respondent was Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and the rest were not</li> <li>• One respondent identified as having a disability and the rest did not</li> </ul>

## Engagement Results

### Multicultural targeted groups

The proposed Community Vision was presented at the 11 engagement sessions that were conducted with multicultural groups. The two questions the groups were asked were as follows:

- Do you support this Community Vision?
- Are there any gaps?

Participants from all 11 sessions indicated general support for the proposed vision. The following feedback was also provided by some of the groups:

- Improvements can be made. Wellbeing of community could be highlighted more – comment from the Nepalese community
- Loved the aspects of “greenery” – comment from the Northern Region Indian Senior Association
- “it’s excellent, I have lived in Darebin for 30 years and I am happy with Darebin” – comment from the Macedonian Senior Citizen’s Group

There was a range of feedback was received from the question regarding any gaps. While some comments did not relate directly to the question that was asked, there were some key themes identified within the feedback provided such as, types of street trees that are planted in nature strips, focusing and showcasing the multicultural aspect of Darebin, having more focus and support for senior community members but also changing the perception of older community members so they can be encouraged to remain active and have a purpose in the community, and including something about being active or sports in the vision.

The following feedback were received:



- Types of street trees – this concern/feedback was raised in most of the multicultural group engagement sessions. Street trees that drop seeds and leaves is a major issue for older CALD community members
- Reference to sports and clubs was missing – to some communities such as the Nepalese community, these are vital and provides connection
- Would like to see a plan for aggressive growth and a way to attract business to Darebin
- Very strong theme around the need for there to be opportunities for older citizens to ‘give something back’ to the community through their expertise and experiences, eg, one retired participant told us that he as a CFO and would like to volunteer in opportunities where he could provide active and constructive support. The sentiment here was about feeling like an asset to the community rather than a burden (which is how they currently feel).
- Would like to include ‘climate emergency’ in the vision as well as ‘active’, ‘inclusive’ and ‘multicultural city’
- The mothers, kids, play groups, community-based focus is missing from the vision
- Would like to see ‘job opportunities’ and ‘employment’ in the vision
- More focus is needed on multicultural communities and would like to see Darebin with more active night life/ after-hours in the next 20 year
- Would like to see Council subsidise solar panels for all community members in Darebin

Other comments received:

- Interaction opportunities with other generations, not just mixing with people of the same age.
- Cultural aged care centres, more community centre for older citizens.
- Employment opportunities for seniors.
- Assistance for self-funded retirees with regard to My Aged Care."
- Connecting, valuing and including diverse communities-would like to see specific actions on that.
- More access to sporting opportunities.
- Should include subheadings and more practical things e.g. employment, education etc.
- Promotion of what is happening in Darebin via social media etc.
- School based is always test based. There should be more broad range of pathways for children
- Government housing and community housing are not very suitable and safe for residences e.g. bathrooms are small. The house is too small, didn't have a place to place Christmas tree. Lived in a one bedroom and there is no spare room to put a spare bed.
- All council activities are great in the area and feels Council has excelled in providing activities for residence in Preston
- Been in 7 years, a mother of 4, studies at Melbourne poly...parking there is small and car park usually full. Study 4 days a week, parking 4-6 dollars, this is too much. There are issues with Council parking because of limited time.
- During Covid, Council was providing transport to elderly for e.g. to go for social support, medical appointment etc. It is important for Council to provide this kind of service to newly arrived refugee because some have a lot of medical appointments.
- Wish to see more actions in the next 20 years including; multicultural community included in the Council's plan e.g. shopping, leisure, work...Want to see more active night life/ after hours

- Overcrowding of Bundoora, too many high rises
- High Rise platforms from Northcote Town Hall - Bolderwood Parade needed
- Support but interested to hear how this is achieved, how these priorities affect the rest of the community. Prioritising Traditional owners, unsure, as I work in the building industry and land rights will have a detrimental effect
- Treaty is necessary!
- Mental Health and Homeless services need to be areas of focus
- Overall really happy
- Equitable housing Comments: concerned about Food waste
- Equitable Housing - where is housing for pensioners
- Being a safe area to live
- Aboriginal perspectives and culture in schools - support for this
- More buildings, pools and bike gym, bedroom for homeless people

### **Additional engagement**

#### Newlands Primary School

An additional engagement undertaken was some surveys conducted at Newlands Primary School. The same two questions were asked, and the 5 respondents indicated support for the proposed Community Vision.

The following verbatim comments were provided for the question regarding any gaps in the proposed vision:

- Safety-from violence, threats, assault at home and in public. Consent and respect being the norm in intimate relationships and interpersonal interactions..
- Safety for women and non-binary folks

### Recommendations

The recommendation is for the deliberative engagement panel to consider the feedback provided by the multicultural groups and community members from the specific geographic areas, and consider including the key themes raised in the Community Vision.

- Would like more assistance for the elderly e.g. community transport to go shopping. He also said that he has lived on McGraw avenue West Preston for over 40 years and it is unsafe e.g. young people breaking car windows at night"

### **Geographic targeted engagements**

Surveys were conducted and seven engagement sessions and meetings with community members were held in the Bundoora, Kingsbury and Macleod areas of Darebin and the same two questions were asked to them regarding the proposed Community Vision.

#### Kingsbury and Macleod residents

From the 5 respondents, 4 indicated that they supported the proposed Community Vision and one was unsure.

The following verbatim comments were provided for the question regarding any gaps in the proposed vision:

- Issues, including parking are different across Darebin and a 'one size fits all' is not appropriate - each area should have services that suit their own area.
- I support the vision as far as it goes. However to me the main gap is that the vision has no spatial dimension and therefore provides no guidance as to how development in Darebin should be managed going forward. For example under 'green and sustainable' it will be important to locate new housing and jobs close to public transport wherever possible
- Yes I would like to see the council prioritise strengthening natural ecosystems with an extra focus on areas of flow above and below ground, by earmarking restoration of anthropogenic systems both private and public lands, to enhance the quality of ecosystems and their connections.

#### Bundoora engagement sessions

From the 50 participants, 48 indicated that they supported the proposed Community Vision.

The following verbatim comments were provided for the question regarding any gaps in the proposed vision:

- Supporting artists and having art and cultural activities
- Festivals / Pop-up markets / music + art, ongoing community events like the kite festival, but for adults, children and dogs/pets
- Safety and safety of children and primary school
- More basketball courts
- Student support programs, food security support for locals, local QR code for checking, and produce health events
- Support the three priorities but the third, it sometimes is prioritised at the detriments to the community's health and wellbeing. Gold course provides the enviro benefits which sometimes gets lost.
- Preston Market – housing is good - but not to the detriment of the culturally significant places like Preston market

## 2. Darebin Aboriginal Advisory group recommendations report

*Providing for all aspects of health and wellbeing through all stages of life*

While I embrace the ideal of Equity with safe and secure and hopefully affordable housing for all as well as connecting, valuing and including our diverse communities and the artistic community; not just venues and locations, but the people. There also needs to be valuing of the cultural contribution to the community that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders have with the CoD, both as individual residents, workers at organisations and visitors to the area. Unless this is actually manifested in actions such as proper time lines for consultations and input for the area we live work and play then the city itself is not a Welcoming City, and it's not looking after the health and wellbeing of our community. Without housing affordability our community will have to move again, and at some stage due to demographic changes the organisations themselves may find it logical to move where the service can be delivered in "a 20-minute city" away from Darebin.

### 3. Green and Sustainable

*its commitment to a safe climate future for all*

*its clean access to the outdoors, protection of wildlife, land and water*

*preserving amenity and where business and development align with preserving natural assets and strengthening community*

With preserving natural assets and strengthening community this absolutely needs to include the Traditional Owners, it is not only a community asset that we are discussing this is also their cultural and environmental heritage which is interconnected with traditional custodial law, practice and governance. It's great to include non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in working towards a safe climate future and access to "outdoors" but we must always remember who's land this is, and work towards better partnerships with TO's to sustain as much protection for open space, clean waterways, plant diversity of indigenous species that will sustain the wildlife, this is what caring for country is about.

This is my input into this, and I would like to say that I am hopeful that future planning for the City Of Darebin is led by the informed input of both Aboriginal residents, DACC members and key peak Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations. Otherwise we are not taking seriously the Statement of Commitment, or any other of the statements the Council develops that espouse Commitment, Equity, Respect, Recognition, Connection or Value for our way. That would be another form of lip service to tick a box, without real belief or action that backs it up it becomes an entrenched institutional racism that overlooks the importance of the work towards positive we have been striving for.

Comments:

The Vision is clear and positive, but there is a need to clarify and strengthen the connection between the Vision priority areas and how they frame and link to the objectives and actions of the Council Plan.

### 3. Young Citizen Jury Recommendations Report

## Young Citizen Jury Submission 2041 Community Vision and Priorities

### Darebin Young Citizen Jury

Darebin's Young Citizen Jury was established in 2017 as a way for young people to provide recommendations to Council, and other relevant bodies, on what Darebin young people want and need to thrive in a rapidly changing world. The Jury enables young people to contribute to Council's decision making about issues that directly affect them and have a voice about possible solutions.

(Sources: 2019 – 2021 Youth Services Strategy)

### Consultation and Feedback Process

The Darebin Young Citizen Jury met over two by two-hour meeting on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 to discuss the draft community vision and priorities. Members were asked to consider three questions as part of the feedback process to aid discussion. These included;

- How does this resonate with you?
- What's missing?
- What would you change/ include and why?

As a result, the range of changes has been suggested (all which are documented below) along with an alternative vision statement and merged priorities. Feedback on these changes were sought via in persons and video conference meeting along with via email.

### Recommendations

The following feedback and recommendations have been group in two parts; the first looking at the Vision Statement which has included an alternative statement and feedback/ rational to what the discussion involved. While the second part has examined the Priorities, again like the Vision Statement an alternative priorities list has been generated with justification and feedback attached.



## 1. Vision Statement

**“Darebin is equitable, vibrant, green and connected. We respect First Nations peoples, our diverse communities and places. We are committed to a sustainable, climate safe future”**

*Draft vision prepared by the Deliberative Panel – April/ May 2021*

The Young Citizen Jury has proposed the following alternative Vision Statement. Feedback and justification regarding are based on the discussion and feedback from members and is captured below.

*“As the Darebin community we aim to be equitable, vibrant and connected. We are committed to mitigating and preventing the effects of the climate emergency. We will continue to be respectful and supportive of First Nations peoples, our diverse communities and places, all for the prosperity of current and future generations”*

*Alternative Vision Statement – prepared by members of the Young Citizen Jury – 14 & 18 May 2021*

### Vision Statement Feedback and Comments:

- Safety seems odd and nothing something that has stood out as a major issue – safety is more of a concern in other municipalities
- Safety could be important for some people so it’s important to keep that presence
- What does safety mean? Well-lit, teenagers that hang around
- A lot of words in the Community Vision statement. It seems okay but there’s something that is off about it
- Climate Emergency – why is that not used anymore – we were the first Council to use the term Climate Emergency and it was a stepping point
- Two ‘we’ in statement and some words are a bit weird – third person and the tense changes
- Vibrant – fun, popular, happening – what’s the goal? Doesn’t really make sense, and if you removed it, it won’t make a difference or replace it – (this was voted on and result was 50/50)
- Green could stay through sustainability could also replace it or something similar – maybe the word green should be including in the priorities but not vision statement. Members viewed green and sustainable as interchangeable.
- Vision looks like three sentences, where’s “the what” and “how to”? There seems to be the what but not the how to – even in the priorities there isn’t much of a ‘how to’.
- Like equitable rather than equal
- Second sentence feels like a statement and not a vision. Suggest ‘support’ rather than ‘respect’. Respect is not enough – recommendation to add the word “support”
- Last sentence – ‘current and future generations’ – could be re-worded – has so much potential as children and young people will need to own this vision statement for the next 20 years so it would be good to acknowledge that.
- ‘We are committed to mitigating and preventing the effects of the climate emergency for the prosperity of current and future generations’ - provides who it is benefitting – it’s not going around the issue and no tip toeing – strong language is going to get things done – (this was voted on and consensus was achieved)
- “As the Darebin community, we aim to be” – suggested start to the statement
- Move the last sentence to the second sentence to further emphasise its importance

- Replace 'Darebin is' with 'Darebin will be'
- Feel like the process was rushed so maybe that explains the vision statement not being concise (comment)
- There was a vote of proposed alternative vision statement and consensus was achieved

## 2. Priorities

Darebin - a city that known for:

### Vibrant, Respectful and Connected

- being respecting and recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities' values, living culture and practices
- connecting, valuing and including our diverse communities
- its artistic community; not just venues and locations, but the people

### Equitable

- being a place that has safe and secure housing for all
- providing for all aspects of health and wellbeing through all stages of life
- being a 20-minute city; where we can safely access amenities and services close to our homes

### Green and Sustainable

- its commitment to a safe climate future for all
- its clean access to the outdoors, protection of wildlife, land and water
- preserving amenity and where business and development align with preserving natural assets and strengthening community
- having a diverse and healthy food system that is connected and inter-generational

*Draft priorities prepared by the Deliberative Panel – April/ May 2021*

The Young Citizen Jury has proposed to merge, reword and add to the priorities developed by the deliberative panel. Feedback and justification regarding are based on the discussion and feedback from members and is captured below.

Darebin - a city that known for:

### Equitable, Respectful and Connected

1. Challenging structural inequity
2. Being respectful of and supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities' values, living culture and practices
3. Connecting, valuing and including our diverse communities
4. Being a place that has safe and secure housing for all
5. Continuously engaging and implementing youth voices and solutions
6. Ensuring everyone has access to adequate employment



i.e.



7. Providing for all aspects of health and wellbeing through all stages of life
8. Being a 20-minute city; where one can safely access amenities and services close to our homes
9. it's vibrant and artistic - people , venues and locations -

#### Sustainable and Green

1. Being committed to mitigating and preventing the effects of the climate emergency through action and advocacy that is aligned in scale and speed with the most current science and solutions available.
2. Taking action through implementing policies and solutions in a way that is community driven, transparent, socially and ecologically just and equitable.
3. Providing and promoting access to education around climate science, advocating and affecting systematic change and sustainable and ethical lifestyle choices
4. Providing for and promoting equitable, safe and sustainable transport options to all parts of Darebin
5. It's protection of wildlife, land and water
6. Its preservation of amenities, promoting sustainable development and retrofitting practices that strive for net zero emissions and benefit biodiversity whilst preventing development from impacting natural assets
7. Having a diverse, sustainable and healthy food system catered by local primary producers and community gardens
8. Easy access to green outdoor spaces for everyone within the community

Alternative Priorities – prepared by members of the Young Citizen Jury – 14 & 18 May 2021

Through discussions the three priorities proposed by the deliberative panel did connect with young people from the Darbein Young Citizen Jury, through the feedback and discussion the feedback some to focus on two key priorities. That being Equity/ Respect/ Connected and Sustainable/ Green, both priority themes are consistent with current issues that young people care about.

Over the past two years most of the discussion and work undertaken by the Young Citizen Jury has focused on issues that directly relate to the proposed alternative priorities.

#### Young Citizen Jury - Priorities Feedback and Comments:

- Nothing about racism and discrimination – needs a point about not tolerating that, and something about challenging structural inequity – adding 4<sup>th</sup> point to the priority – new point needs to go to the top
- If vibrant is kept in the statement it needs to go last as it was a last point under priorities
- Recommendation – A city known for its artistic venues, locations and people
- Should there only be two priorities 1)Equitable, Respectful and Connected and 2)Sustainable and Green – vote was taken and there was consensus
- Climate emergency language should be used again in the priority is required

#### 4. Councillor Recommendations Report

## SUMMARY OF COUNCILLOR CHANGES

In the Darebin City Council meeting on 8 April 2021 an amendment was proposed to the draft Community Vision by Council. To help the panel visualise these changes we've marked the Councillor amendments below. Strikethroughs shows words they'd like removed and red wording indicates new wording or additions.

The Panel has been asked to review these amendments from Councillor's as a submission of recommendations, as noted in the 26 April Meeting, alongside the recommendations provided by the Young Citizen's Jury, Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee and a number of multi-cultural groups.

An excerpt of the transcript pertaining to the below amendments and changes to the remit of the Panel on 8 April 2021 and the further actions/resolutions made by Council on 26 April 2021 are also provided for your reference.

### Darebin 2041 Community Vision

Darebin is equitable, vibrant, ~~sustainable~~ ~~green~~ and ~~inclusive~~ ~~connected~~. We respect First Nations peoples, our diverse communities and places. We are committed to a ~~multicultural~~, ~~economically thriving~~, sustainable and climate safe future.

### Priorities

Darebin - a city that known for:

#### Vibrant, Respectful and ~~Inclusive~~ ~~Connected~~

- being respecting and recognising Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities' values, living culture and practices
- connecting, valuing and including our diverse ~~and~~ ~~multicultural~~ communities
- its artistic community; not just venues and locations, but the people

#### Equitable

- being a place that has safe and secure housing for all
- providing for all aspects of health and wellbeing through all stages of life
- being a 20-minute city; where we can safely access amenities and services close to our homes

#### ~~Green and Sustainable~~

- its commitment to a safe climate future for all
- its clean access to the outdoors, protection of wildlife, land and water
- preserving amenity and where business and development align with preserving natural assets and strengthening community
- having a diverse and healthy food system that is connected and inter-generational.

## Darebin City Council Meeting

Thursday 8 April 2021 – Deliberative Panel Related Extract

“That Council:

1. Notes the draft Darebin 2041 Community Vision and resolves to include the following amendments with reasons to amend the draft Community Vision:
  1. replace the word “green” from any reference in the Vision, 10 Year Financial Plan, Council Plan (Incorporating Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) and the budget 2021-22, with “sustainable”.

Reason: The word green is vague and does not clearly reflect Darebin’s responsibility to address climate change or our commitment to native vegetation or preserving open spaces. The word green also has political influence since it also refers to a political party. Therefore, using this word in the Community Vision will potentially split the community based on political views rather than empower our community to work together for the betterment of Darebin’s future.
  2. replace the work “connected” from any reference in the vision with “inclusive”.

Reason: Darebin should not only be connected but be inclusive and actively include people in the community.
  3. Reword the third sentence of the vision to state “we are committed to a multicultural, economically thriving, sustainable and climate safe future”.

Reason: Council believes that the future of Darebin should also include a commitment to multiculturalism, economic development as well as a sustainable future.
  4. Under the priority, Vibrant, Respectful and Inclusive:

Reword the second point to read “connecting, valuing and including our diverse and multicultural communities”.

Reason: Council believes that diverse and multicultural communities should be valued and actively be involved and included in decisions about Darebin.
  5. Under the priority, Sustainable:

Remove the word “green”.

Reason: As above.
  2. Endorses the Community Engagement Plan, for the next stage of community engagement that demonstrates the connection between the Vision, 10 Year Financial Plan, Council Plan (Incorporating Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan) and draft budget 2021-22, with the following changes:

1. The Engagement type for the Deliberative panel to be amended to the Collaborate level.
  2. In the table under Engagement methods, specifically the row on “Workshop or targeted events with CALD community members” and the column “More information” - to include “bilingual facilitators run workshops in different languages”. To also include under “Resources needed” the term “bilingual facilitators”.
  3. In the table under Engagement methods, specifically the row on “Telephone surveys” and the column “More Information” - to include “interpreters will contact and engage people who do not speak English in their native language”. To also include under “Resources needed the term “interpreters”.
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3. Notes that further feedback and consultation on the Darebin 2041 Community Vision that is to be undertaken with the Darebin Youth Citizen Jury, Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee and Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung Corporation before final review by the Deliberative Panel on 2 May 2021;
  4. Provides the updated Community Vision to the Deliberative Panel, Darebin Youth Citizen Jury, Darebin Aboriginal Advisory Committee and Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung Corporation in advance of further engagement on the Community Vision.
  5. Notes that Council will provide a submission on the draft Community Vision to the panel, through a report on 26 April 2021 for review and consideration by the Deliberative Panel on 2 May 2021; and

(5) Authorises the Chief Executive Officer to give notice in accordance with section 88 of the Local Government Act 2020 of Council’s intention to adopt, at a Council meeting proposed to be held at 6.00pm on Monday 28 June 2021, the Darebin 2041 Community Vision (Appendix A).