



Draft Council Plan 2021-31

Engagement summary report
June 2021



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Executive summary

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to present us with unprecedented challenges in developing Budget 2021/22. Our priority remains keeping our community safe and well, and supporting our community through the pandemic and as we recover from its impacts.

To deliver a balanced Budget 2021/22 that responds to the challenges we face, including the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and other risks, and provides critical services and infrastructure for our community, a small number of temporary and permanent service level changes were proposed for Budget 2021/22.

Our operating environment

The Council Plan 2021-31, which incorporates our Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan and annual Budget 2021/22, aims to deliver a City that everyone can be proud of and that people love to live in. We can only do this by working together with our community so that we have the best opportunity to achieve the goals set out in our Council Plan 2021-31 and to deliver our community's vision for our City.

The Plan has been shaped by social, economic policy and environmental challenges, which must be addressed if we are to achieve the vision our community has for Port Phillip. It outlines how we will respond to these challenges over the next 10 years as we work towards achieving our community's vision for the City of Port Phillip. Many of the long-term challenges identified in previous council plans remain critical and have helped inform the development of the draft Council Plan 2021-31.

Engagement approach

The *Local Government Act 2020*, which replaces the *Local Government Act 1989*, requires all Victorian councils to develop a Council Plan and Community Vision with its community in accordance with its deliberative engagement practices, as outlined in its Community Engagement Policy. The Community Vision must describe the community's aspirations for the City's future.

Developing the Council Plan 2021-31 includes three rounds of engagement, from deliberating with members of our community to inform a draft Community Vision and draft Council Plan 2021-31, to consulting on the draft Vision and a suite of proposed service changes, to the opportunity to speak to submissions prior to adoption of a final Council Plan in June 2021.

In February 2021, a deliberative engagement program was undertaken over two sessions with members of our community to build the foundations for the Community Vision, and test and validate the draft strategic directions that will guide the Council Plan.

An engagement findings report was produced following this first round of engagement and included as an attachment to a Council Report presented at the 21 April 2021 Ordinary Meeting of Council.

From 23 April to 23 May 2021, we sought community feedback on a draft Council Plan. Consultation was promoted to our community via Council's website and *Have Your Say*, as well as through social media and various stakeholder databases and community newsletters.

Feedback on a draft Community Vision as well as a number of proposed service level changes was sought through a survey and neighbourhood-based pop-up conversations. This report presents the findings from the surveys and neighbourhood pop-up sessions. Three hundred and seventy-six surveys were completed at the time of writing this report, including five hard copy surveys.

We also invited our community to make submissions, although this is no longer a statutory requirement under the *Local Government Act 2020*. Responses to submissions are reported separately to this engagement report.

Feedback from this consultation, including all submissions received, will be presented to Council at a Special Council Meeting on 8 June 2021. Any community member who wishes to speak to their submission at this meeting can register to do so via Council's website.

Engagement findings

Draft Community Vision

Over one third of survey responses (136; 36.17%) felt some level of comfort with the draft Community Vision, while a little under half (171; 45.48%) felt some level of discomfort. Of the 307 comments received explaining respondents' reasons for their indicated level of comfort, approximately one-third related to the draft Vision statement itself. A number of comments noted the draft Vision was satisfactory as a set of aspirations, but commented on the challenges Council faced to deliver it. Greater commitment to action on climate change and diversity / inclusion were noted as areas to strengthen in the draft Vision.

Of those who indicated they were not comfortable, the majority indicated they were unhappy with the service changes proposed, which that they felt were not in the spirit of the Vision, and suggested savings could be delivered in other ways, such as through better financial management around spending and identifying organisational savings and efficiencies. Several comments suggested Council's focus should be on local issues and key areas of Council responsibility rather than areas they believed to be state or federal responsibilities. Some concern around Council's ability to deliver the Vision without increasing rates was also noted.

Proposed service changes

There were mixed responses to the proposed service changes. Survey respondents generally disagreed with proposed changes relating to community-facing programs and activities.

- Just over half the respondents disagreed with proposed changes to Sport Phillip and Community programs (197; 52.40%) and ceasing free access to Rippon Lea Estate Gardens (196; 52.12%).
- Half the respondents (188; 50%) disagreed with proposed changes to Arts programs, while 166 (44.15%) disagreed with a reduction of Quality Subsidy for community-managed child care.
- One hundred and fifty-eight respondents (42.02%) disagreed with the proposed budget reduction for bike riding programs.
- Half the respondents (188; 50%) agreed with the proposal to cease the funding deed for Neighbourhood Ngargees, and 183 (48.67%) agreed with the proposed change to a booking system for community transport service.
- Over third of respondents (147; 39.1%) agreed with the proposal to remove the South Melbourne Town Hall Counter Service
- The proposed one-year trial of the Design Awards being delivered online received the highest level of agreement (252; 61.71%)

A number of comments unfavourably compared the level of savings these changes would deliver against some of the proposed increases in spending, citing questionable value for money and benefit to the broader community.

There was general disagreement with the proposed increased spending for summer management (136; 36.17%) and pressure cleaning of main streets (179; 47.6%). While a number of comments suggested cleaning streets was a core responsibility for local government, a number of respondents felt this budget would be better spent on community initiatives, particularly during this time.

One hundred and sixty-three respondents (43.35%) agreed with the proposed hold on rental increase and 174 (46.28%) agreed with continued rental reduction for the Palais Theatre.



Image: Port Melbourne neighbourhood pop-up session, Bay Street

Introduction

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to present us with unprecedented challenges in planning for our City and its people. Our priority remains keeping our community safe and well, and supporting our community through the pandemic and as we recover from its impacts.

The *Local Government Act 2020*, which replaces the *Local Government Act 1989*, requires all Victorian councils to develop a Council Plan and Community Vision with its community in accordance with its deliberative engagement practices, as outlined in its Community Engagement Policy. The Community Vision must describe the community's aspirations for the City's future.

The Council Plan 2021-31, which incorporates our Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan and annual Budget 2021/22, aims to deliver a City that everyone can be proud of and that people love to live in. We can only do this by working together with our community so that we have the best opportunity to achieve the goals set out in our Council Plan 2021-31 and to deliver our community's vision for our City.

The Plan sets out our vision for the City over the next 10 years and how we aim to achieve this. It outlines how we will respond to social, economic, policy and environmental challenges over the next 10 years as we work towards achieving our community's vision for the City of Port Phillip.

Many of the long-term challenges identified in previous council plans remain critical and have helped inform the development of the draft Council Plan 2021-31.

To deliver a Plan and a balanced Budget 2021/22 that responds to the challenges we face now and into the future, including the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and other risks, and continues to provide critical services and infrastructure for our community, a small number of temporary and permanent service level changes were proposed and form a key part of the engagement approach.

Purpose of this report

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of feedback received through community engagement on the draft Council Plan 2021-31. It details the various engagement levels and techniques used as part of this engagement program, and provides a summary analysis of the findings.

Purpose of this engagement

The purpose of this engagement program was to build on the first phase of engagement in February 2021, and consult with our community on a draft Council Plan 2021-31 (incorporating the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan and draft Budget 2021/22) through a number of online and face-to-face feedback channels.

Communications

We communicated with our community about our current financial context and the challenges we face, including the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on the draft Budget 2021/22.

Engagement activities were promoted mainly via Council's website and Have Your Say site. A project page was published on Have Your Say with information about the process, an outline of proposed service changes, FAQs and copies of the draft Plan and other resources for downloading.

Information about the consultation process and opportunities to be involved were promoted via Council's social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn), local community Facebook pages and through various Council and community e-newsletters. Information about upcoming neighbourhood conversation pop-ups were included in social media posts, to encourage people to have face-to-face conversations with officers. These posts also introduced the main pillars of the draft Council Plan to the community.

To promote the consultation to a wider audience, three advertisements were posted throughout the consultation period on Facebook and Instagram, targeting the Port Phillip area.

Posters advertising a series of neighbourhood-based pop-up sessions were also distributed and displayed at Council-managed facilities, and in shop fronts at local activity centres where possible. Signage on site was also displayed a few days in advance of a pop-up to further promote these neighbourhood-based sessions.

Printed copies of the draft Council Plan and the survey were available at Council's library branches and ASSIST counters, and provided on request.

A summary analysis of the social media campaign is provided as Appendix A to this report.

Limitations

Limitations to the community engagement process include:

- Inclement weather resulted in two neighbourhood pop-up sessions being rescheduled, with limited opportunity to promote them beforehand.
- Contributions to this engagement program do not constitute a representative snapshot of our community as people have self-selected to participate.
- Informed feedback is dependent on people having read the draft documents.
- Consultative engagement provides only a high-level snapshot of community sentiment and does not reflect any deeper deliberation of issues and challenges.

Engagement approach

This section details the community engagement approach in developing and consulting on the draft Council Plan 201-31.

It outlines the three stages of engagement, from deliberating with members of our community to inform a draft Community Vision and draft Council Plan 2021-31, to consulting on the draft Vision and a suite of proposed service changes, to the hearing of submissions and adoption of a final Council Plan in June 2021.

The diagram below provides an overview of the engagement approach.

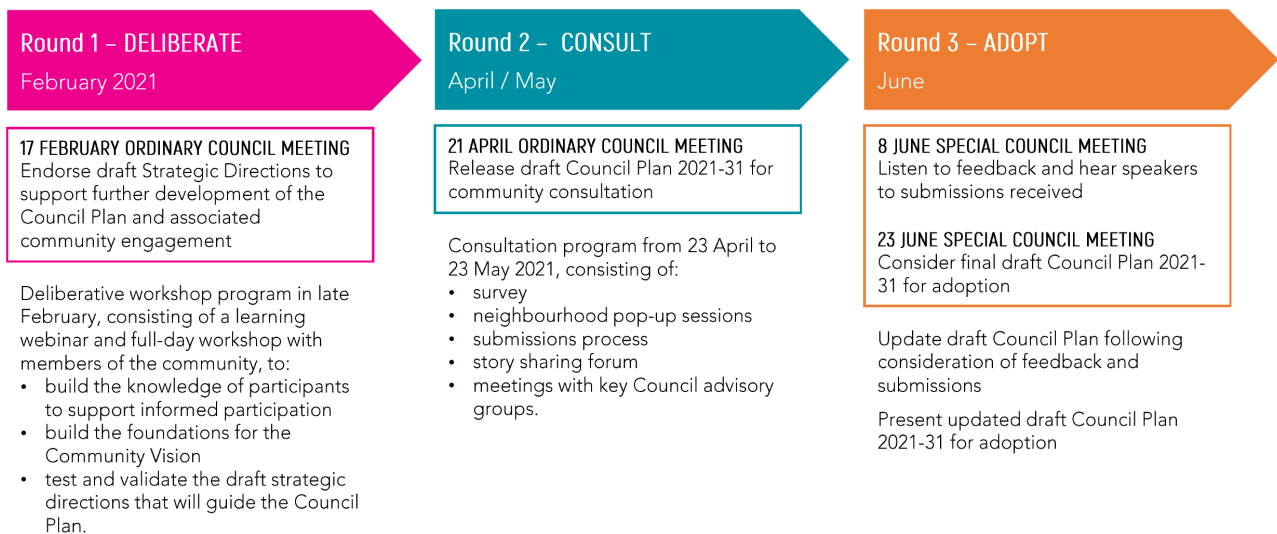


Image: Engagement approval overview

Who we engaged

A number of demographic questions were included in the survey.

The following provides a brief snapshot of who we engaged through the survey. Detailed demographic data is provided as Appendix B to this report.

- Over one third of survey respondents (133; 35.37%) were aged between 35 to 49 years, with the median respondent age being 51 years.
- Over half the survey respondents were female (215 respondents; 57.18%).
- Most survey respondents identified themselves as Port Phillip residents (310; 82.71%), with 160 of these respondents (42.55%) also identifying as ratepayers.
- Over one third of survey respondents (141; 37.50%) were couples with children.

Stage 1: Developing the draft Council Plan 2021-31

A deliberative engagement program was undertaken with members of our community in February 2021 to:

- build the foundations for the Community Vision
- test and validate the draft strategic directions that will guide the Council Plan.

Engagement activities included:

- a workshop with Councillors to explore their aspirations for Port Phillip's future
- recruiting a diverse and more representative assembly of residents, business owners and ratepayers from across the City to explore the vision and draft strategic directions over two sessions.

An engagement findings report was produced following this round of engagement and included as an attachment to a Council Report presented at the 21 April 2021 Ordinary Meeting of Council. You can view this report on Council's website at <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/council-meetings/2021-meetings-and-agendas>

Stage 2: Consulting on the draft Council Plan 2021-31

The draft Council Plan 2021-31, which integrates the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan and Budget 2021/22, was released for community feedback from 23 April to 23 May 2021.

Community members were invited to feedback through a number of channels, including a survey, submission form, neighbourhood pop-up session or online storytelling forum.

Survey

Community feedback was sought via a survey hosted online at Have Your Say. Hardcopy surveys were also available at the neighbourhood pop-up sessions and on request.

The survey asked the community for feedback on the draft Community Vision, as well as a suite of 13 proposed service changes.

Three hundred seventy-six completed survey were received at the time of writing this report, including five hardcopy surveys. Respondents' demographic data is provided as Appendix B to this report.

A copy of the survey is provided as Appendix C to this report.

Submissions

While no longer a legislative requirement under the *Local Government Act 2020*, a submissions process was also included as part of the engagement program. This process closely mirrored the formal submissions process outlined in section 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

Hearing of submissions and presentation of all engagement feedback captured through this report is scheduled for the 8 June Special Council Meeting. More information about Council meetings is available on Council's website at <https://www.portphillip.vic.gov.au/about-the-council/council-meetings>

Neighbourhood-based pop-up sessions

Throughout May and as part of Council's quarterly Neighbourhood Conversations program, officers held pop-up consultation sessions across seven neighbourhoods to engage with local community members about the draft Council Plan (and other topics out for consultation at that time) and encourage them to provide feedback on the draft Community Vision and draft Plan. In total, 353 people engaged with officers and 100 post-it contributions were received over seven sessions.

Community storytelling online forum

Community members were invited to share with others their stories and images of what their lived experience of the draft Vision looked like. A handful of lived experiences written by participants who attended the February workshops were posted to this forum to 'kickstart' this community storytelling activity.

Twenty-seven community contributions were shared on this forum.



An inclusive and creative Port Phillip

Posted by City of Voices | 14 days ago

We're the City of Voices inclusive theatre group, a program of SouthPort Community Centre. Our mission is to give all people, regardless of age, ability or socio-economic status, the opportunity to engage in the creative arts. Established in...

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More music every week not just festivals

Posted by Vivienne | 14 days ago

If live music is to thrive in Port Phillip, it needs to happen every week, not just in festivals. During St Kilda Blues Festival there were bands in restaurants

Image: community contributions to Have Your Say storytelling forum

Engagement findings

Survey

This section provides a summary of the survey findings for Stage 2 – Consultation on the draft Council Plan 2021-31.

Draft Community Vision

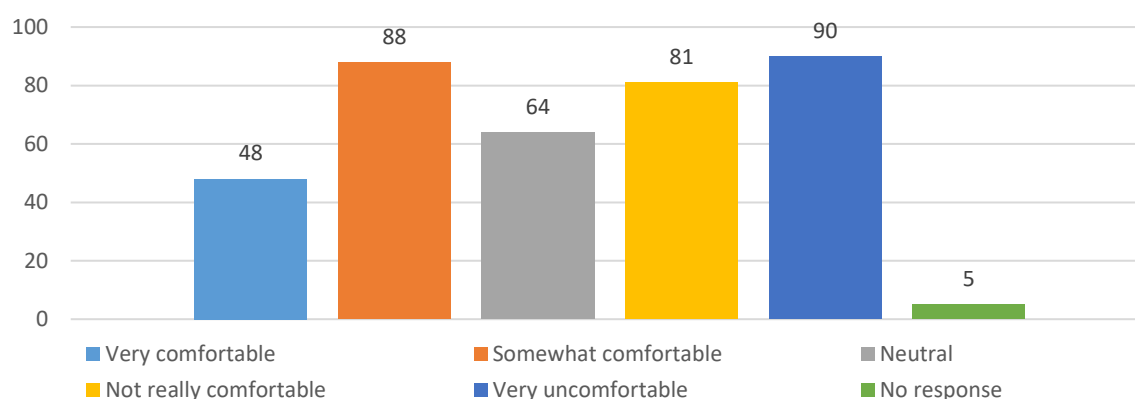
Survey respondents were asked to rate their level of comfort with the draft Community Vision.

Q1 Please indicate your level of comfort with the draft Community Vision.

Very comfortable	Somewhat comfortable	Neutral	Not really comfortable	Very uncomfortable	No response
48	88	64	81	90	5

One hundred and thirty-six of the 376 respondents (36.17%) indicated they were Very comfortable / Somewhat comfortable with this draft Vision. One hundred and seventy-one (45.48%) indicated they were Not really comfortable / Very uncomfortable, and 69 respondents (18.35%) indicated Neutral / No response to this question.

Please indicate your level of comfort with the draft Community Vision.



Q2. Please explain your answer

Respondents were asked to explain their answer choice for the above question. Sixty-four respondents declined to provide an explanation.

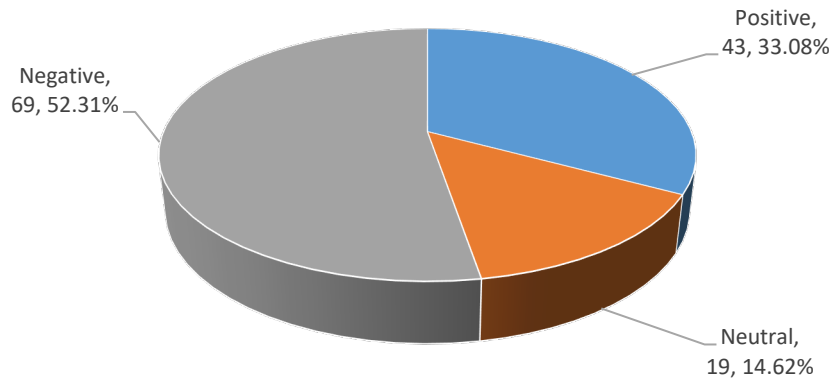
Comments relevant to or referencing the draft Community Vision

Of the 307 comments provided by respondents, 136 comments were relevant to or referenced the draft Community Vision¹. Of these, 42 (30.88%) were considered to indicate positive

¹ In some instances, responses referenced both the draft Vision and elements of the draft Council Plan / Budget 2021/22 or also provided general feedback, and have therefore been included in data for multiple categories.

sentiment, 72 (52.94%) were considered to indicate negative sentiment and 22 (16.18%) were considered to indicate neutral sentiment.

Indicative sentiment of comments relevant to / referencing draft Vision



Generally comments with positive sentiment indicated a level of comfort with the high level aspirational statements in the draft Community Vision, with some respondents commenting that this seemed to be a fairly typical Vision statement. There were some additional comments around the need for the vision to focus on local issues and community needs, as well as some concern around Council’s ability to deliver the Vision. Acknowledgment of our traditional owners and our past while planning for the future was also mentioned as a positive element of the draft Vision. Key themes that appealed to these respondents included diversity, inclusion, environment and sustainability, and culture.

“The Vision and the effort and thinking that have gone into it are basically what I would have liked for my City, and very impressive as a whole.”

“It is a multi-faceted vision covering the many areas where Council can make a positive contribution to a better future.”

“The focus on recognising the past, planning for the future and ensuring those in the present are able to enjoy their lives in a true community that cares for each other.”

Of the comments that indicated negative or neutral sentiment, a number of recurring themes emerged:

Delivering the Vision

A number of comments indicated a level of scepticism around Council’s ability to deliver this Vision. Some felt that the proposed service changes were in conflict with a number of statements in the draft Vision, in particular around arts, culture and creativity.

Financial responsibility and value for money to ratepayers

Several comments suggested Council needs to be more efficient in its spending instead of looking at increasing rates to pay for services.

“The vision does not include ensuring the municipality has a diverse community and council will address the needs of a diverse community. It refers to a ‘diverse local economy’ but nothing about facilitating the continuation of a diverse population.”

“I like the vision but have concerns that it isn’t being followed.”

“I think some of the family aspects of our community are missing and the statement is quite vague in terms of actual actions.”

Core services

Several comments suggested Council needs to focus on core services and local issues that are relevant to residents / ratepayers and considered clearly within Council's remit.

"Council needs to focus on core issues. The world has changed and money is tight."

"Given the impact of the pandemic, Council needs to do 2 things: focus on delivering core services well and providing local support to community members in need."

"Nothing about prime functions of roads, rubbish and rates."

Climate change and environmental sustainability

A number of comments indicated concern that addressing the climate emergency and adapting to climate change were not articulated strongly enough in the draft Vision.

"Very little about climate change and how the council will address this significant issue."

"I am concerned that more needs to be done to deal with the impact of climate change."

More generally, some comments indicated the draft Vision was too generic and open to interpretation, while others suggested it community priorities and issues such as community safety, diversity and families were underrepresented. Moreover, a few comments suggested some the language in the draft Vision was trite and unclear, and the order of supporting paragraphs needed to be reviewed.

The remaining 182 comments related to or referenced the draft Council Plan, including comments about the proposed budget cuts, or provided general feedback. Analysis of these comments has been incorporated into the next section of this report.

A full list of verbatim responses to this question is provided as Appendix D to this report.

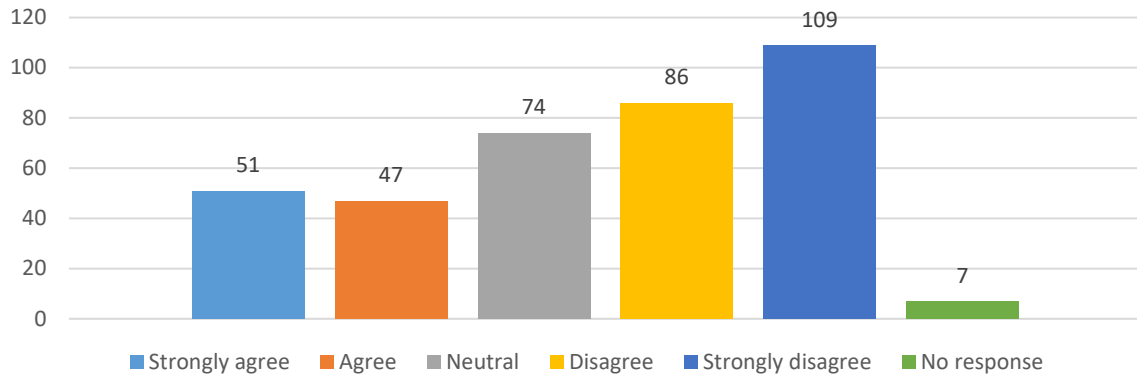
Proposed service changes

Q3. To what extent do you agree / disagree with... Reduce Sport Phillip and Community programs - expected saving is \$107,000.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No response
51	47	74	86	109	7

Ninety-eight respondents (26.06%) indicated they were Very comfortable / Somewhat comfortable with this proposed change, while 195 (52.12%) indicated they were Not really comfortable / Very uncomfortable. Eighty-one respondents (21.54%) indicated a Neutral / No response to this question.

Reduce Sport Phillip & Community programs - expected saving is \$107,000.

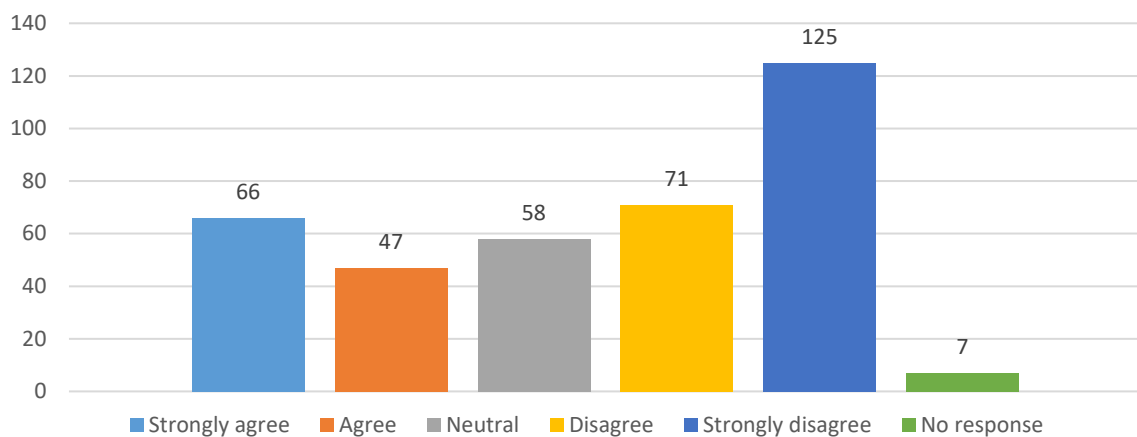


Q4. To what extent do you agree / disagree with... Cease free access to Rippon Lea Estate Gardens - expected saving is \$50,000.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No response
66	47	58	71	125	7

One hundred and thirteen respondents (30.05%) indicated they were Very comfortable / Somewhat comfortable with this proposed change. One hundred and ninety-six (52.12%) indicated they were Very uncomfortable / Not really comfortable and sixty five respondents (17.29%) indicated Neutral / No response to this question.

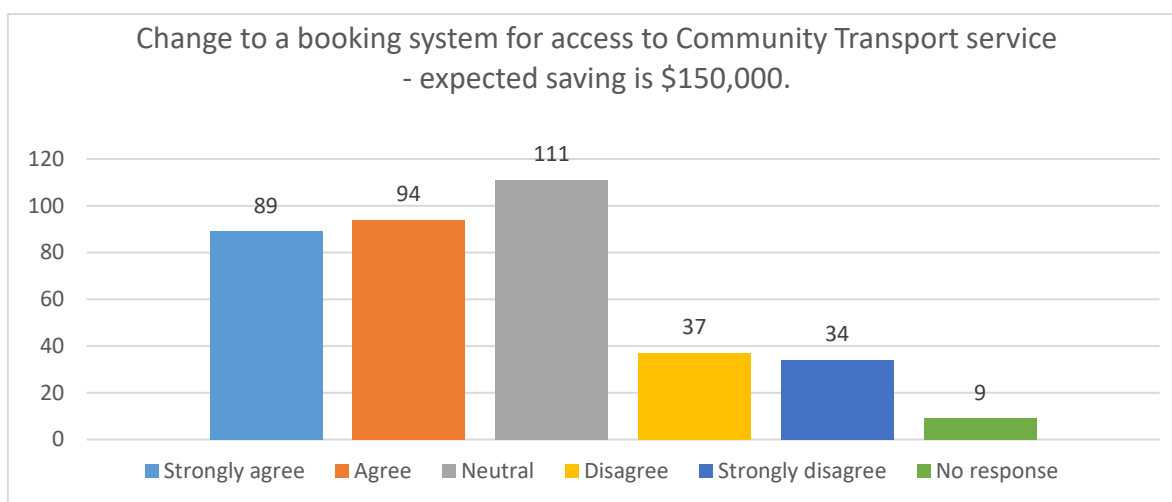
Cease free access to Rippon Lea Estate Gardens - expected saving is \$50,000.



Q5. To what extent do you agree / disagree with... Change to a booking system for access to Community Transport service - expected saving is \$150,000.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No response
89	94	111	37	34	9

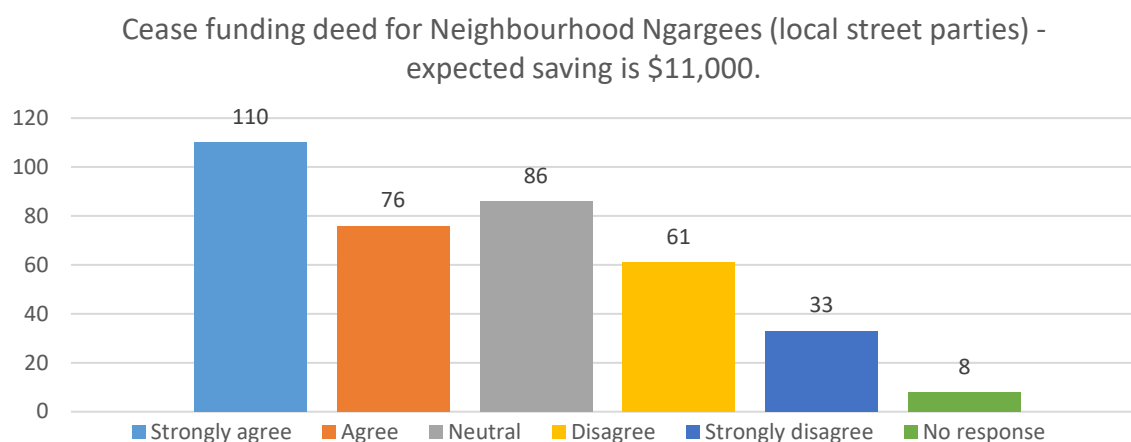
One hundred and eighty-three respondents (48.67%) indicated they were Very comfortable / Somewhat comfortable with this proposed change. Seventy-one respondents (18.88%) indicated they were Very uncomfortable / Not really comfortable and 120 respondents (31.91%) indicated Neutral / No response to this question.



Q6. To what extent do you agree / disagree with... Cease funding deed for Neighbourhood Ngargees (local street parties) - expected saving is \$11,000.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No response
110	76	86	61	33	8

One hundred and eighty-six respondents (49.47%) indicated they were Very comfortable / Somewhat comfortable with this proposed change. Ninety-four respondents (25.00%) indicated they were Very uncomfortable / Not really comfortable and 94 respondents (25.00%) indicated Neutral / No response to this question.

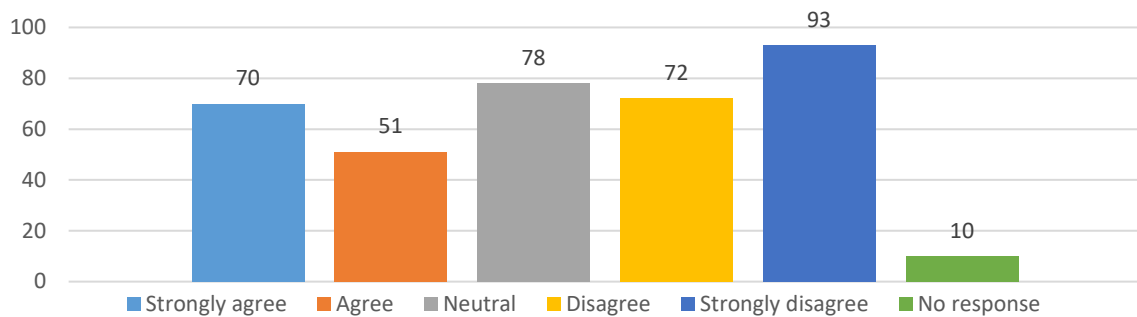


Q7. To what extent do you agree / disagree with... Reduce Quality Subsidy for Community Managed Child Care from 5% to 4% - expected saving is \$141,000.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No response
70	51	78	72	93	10

One hundred and twenty-one respondents (32.18%) indicated they were Very comfortable / Somewhat comfortable with this proposed change, while 165 respondents (43.88%) indicated they were Very uncomfortable / Not really comfortable and 88 respondents (23.40%) indicated Neutral / No response to this question.

Reduce Quality Subsidy for Community Managed Child Care from 5% to 4% - expected saving is \$141,000.

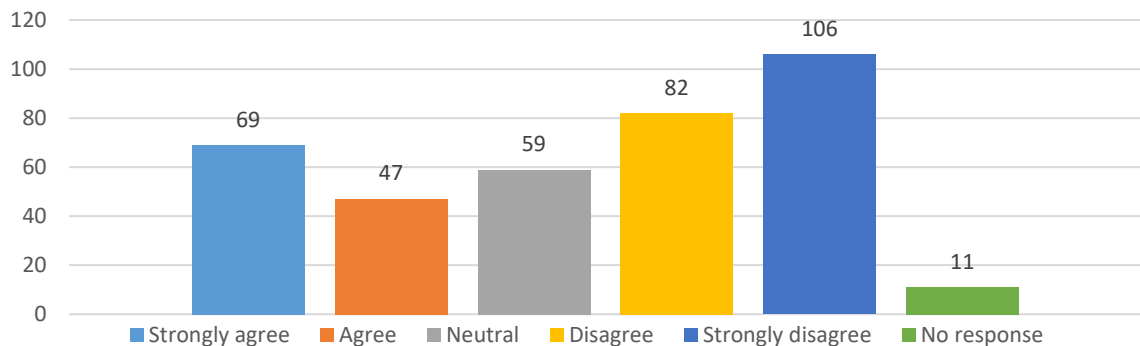


Q8. To what extent do you agree / disagree with... Changes to Arts programs - expected saving is \$65,000.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No response
69	47	59	82	106	11

One hundred and sixteen of the 376 respondents (30.85%) indicated they were Very comfortable / Somewhat comfortable with this proposed change, while 188 (50.00%) indicated they were Very uncomfortable / Not really comfortable. Seventy respondents (18.62%) indicated Neutral / No response to this question.

Changes to Arts programs - expected saving is \$56,000.

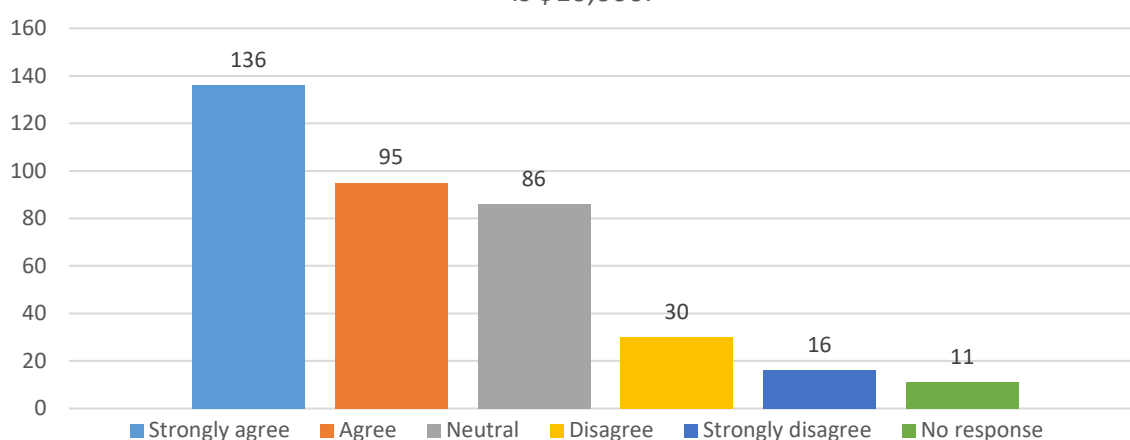


Q9. To what extent do you agree / disagree with... Design Awards to be held online only (one-year trial) - expected saving is \$10,000.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No response
136	95	86	30	16	11

Two hundred and thirty-one of the 376 respondents (61.44%) indicated they were Very comfortable / Somewhat comfortable with this proposed change. Forty-six respondents (12.24%) indicated they were Very uncomfortable / Not really comfortable, and 97 respondents (25.80%) indicated Neutral / No response to this question.

Design Awards to be held online only (one-year trial) - expected saving is \$10,000.

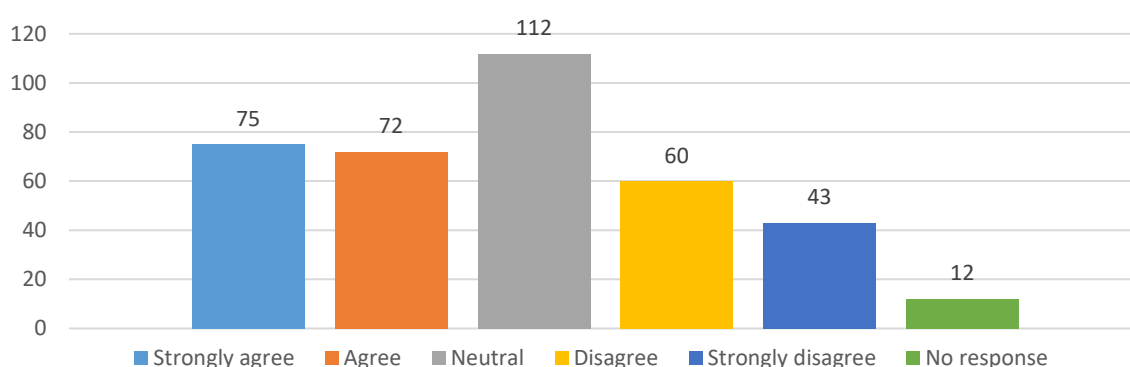


Q10. To what extent do you agree / disagree with... Removal of Counter Service at South Melbourne Town Hall (to be reviewed post building works) - expected saving is \$50,000.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No response
75	72	112	60	43	12

One hundred and forty-seven of the 376 respondents (39.10%) indicated they were Very comfortable / Somewhat comfortable with this proposed change. One hundred and three respondents (27.40%) indicated they were Very uncomfortable / Not really comfortable and 124 respondents (32.98%) indicated Neutral / No response to this question.

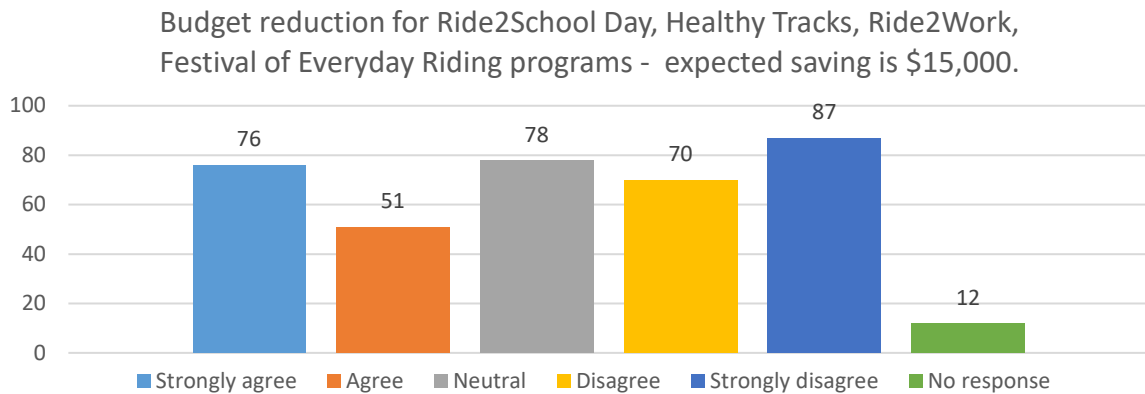
Removal of Counter Service at South Melbourne Town Hall (to be reviewed post building works) - expected saving is \$50,000.



Q11. To what extent do you agree / disagree with... Budget reduction for Ride2School Day, Healthy Tracks, Ride2Work, Festival of Everyday Riding programs - expected saving is \$15,000.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No response
76	51	78	70	87	12

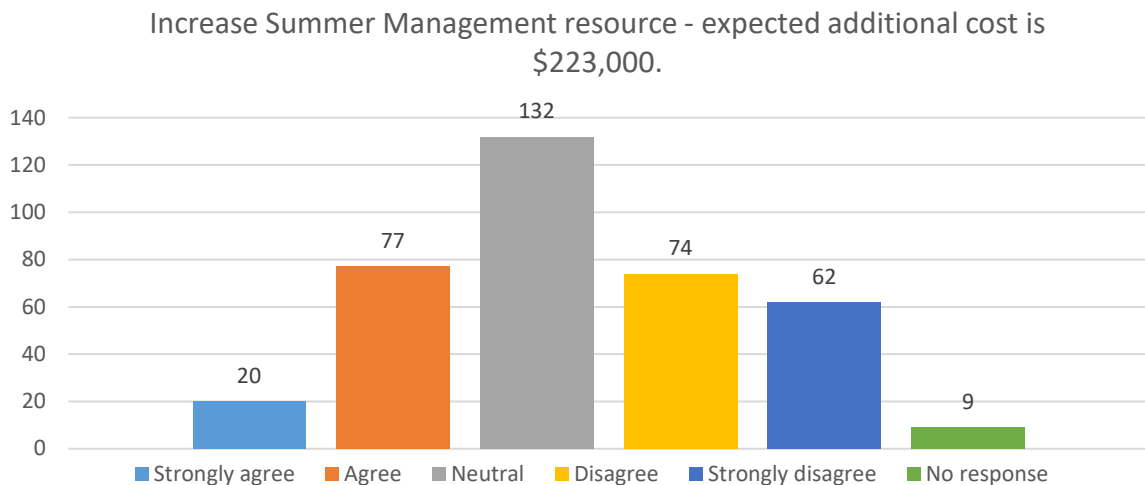
One hundred and twenty-seven of the 376 respondents (33.77%) indicated they were Very comfortable / Somewhat comfortable with this proposed change, while 157 respondents (41.76%) indicated they were Very uncomfortable / Not really comfortable and 90 respondents (23.93%) indicated Neutral / No response to this question.



Q12. To what extent do you agree / disagree with... Increase Summer Management resource - expected additional cost is \$223,000.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No response
20	77	134	74	62	9

Ninety-seven of the 376 respondents (25.80%) indicated they were Very comfortable / Somewhat comfortable with this proposed change, while 136 respondents (36.17%) indicated they were Very uncomfortable / Not really comfortable. One hundred and forty-three respondents (38.03%) indicated Neutral / No response to this question.

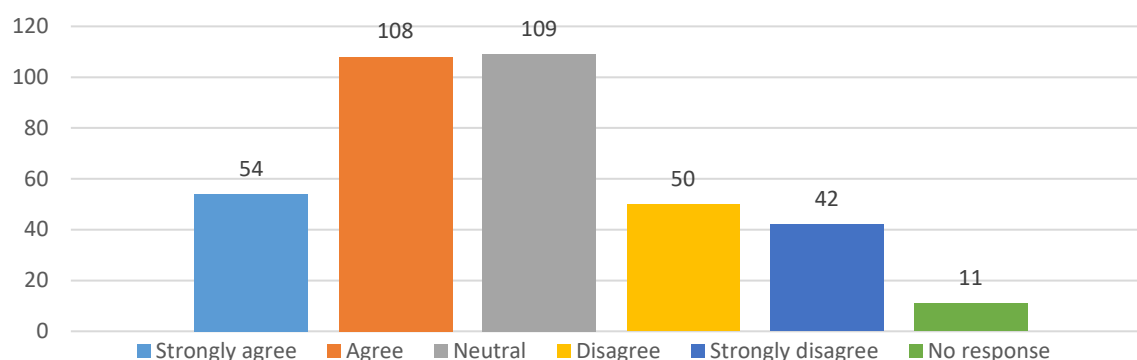


Q13. To what extent do you agree / disagree with... Place on hold scheduled rental increase for commercial properties owned / managed by Council - expected additional cost is \$52,000.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No response
55	108	110	50	42	11

One hundred and sixty-three of the 376 respondents (43.35%) indicated they were Very comfortable / Somewhat comfortable with this proposed change. Ninety-two respondents (24.47%) indicated they were Very uncomfortable / Not really comfortable and 121 respondents (32.19%) indicated Neutral / No response to this question.

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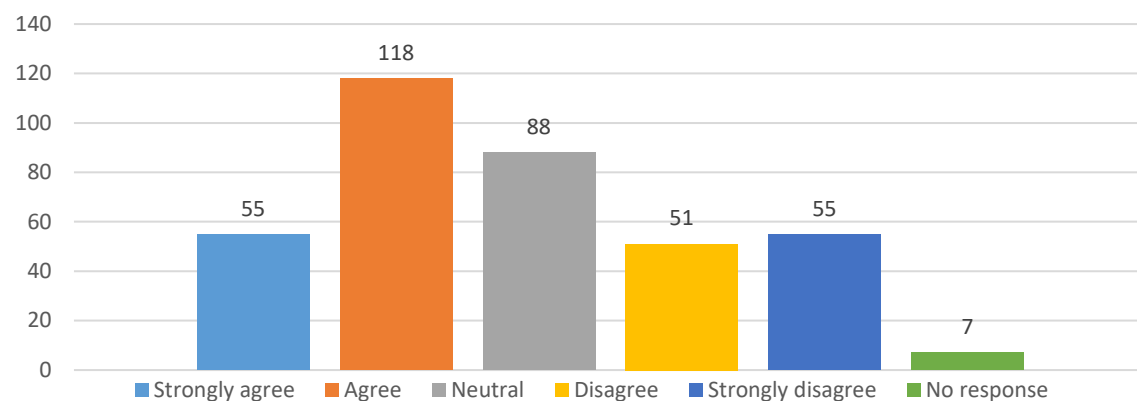


Q14. To what extent do you agree / disagree with... Continued rental reduction for Palais Theatre due to COVID restrictions impact on operations - expected additional cost is \$296,000.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No response
55	119	89	51	55	7

One hundred and seventy-four of the 376 respondents (46.28%) indicated they were Very comfortable / Somewhat comfortable with this proposed change, while 106 respondents (28.19%) indicated they were Very uncomfortable / Not really comfortable and 96 respondents (25.53%) indicated Neutral / No response to this question.

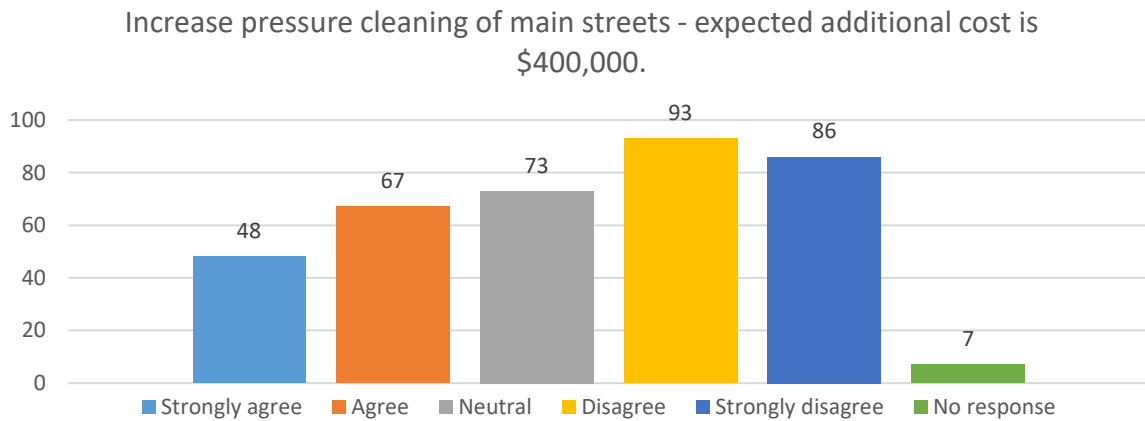
Continued rental reduction for Palais Theatre due to COVID restrictions impact on operations - expected additional cost is \$296,000.



Q15. To what extent do you agree / disagree with... Increase pressure cleaning of main streets - expected additional cost is \$400,000.

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	No response
48	69	73	93	86	7

One hundred and seventeen of the 376 respondents (31.12%) indicated they were Very comfortable / Somewhat comfortable with this proposed change, while 179 respondents (47.60%) indicated they were Very uncomfortable / Not really comfortable. Eighty respondents (21.27%) indicated Neutral / No response to this question.



Q16. Please briefly share any additional comments about the draft Council Plan and draft Budget here.

A number of recurring themes emerged through responses to this question. These have been summarised below. Comments from Question 2 that did not relate to / reference the draft Community Vision have been included in this section.

Responses to this question have been sorted and are presented below according to proposed service change and strategic direction they relate to. A summary of general feedback received is also presented below.

A full list of verbatim responses to this question is provided as Appendix E to this report.

Proposed service changes

Reduce Sport Phillip & Community programs - expected saving is \$107,000

Twelve respondents specifically referred to this proposed change. Most comments referenced sport and community programs in the broader context of opposing proposed changes to community-facing services and programs. The main reasons for opposing this change included the programs’ focus on inclusion – particularly for older people or people with disability – and their contribution to building community connections. A few comments queried the impact / benefit of this cost saving compared to more significant proposed cost increase associated with pressure cleaning

One respondent commented they would be comfortable with an increase in rates to continue funding these programs, while another suggested the savings should be reinvested into open space and recreation.

“Why cut funding to programs which improve community health, like the sports access programs...”

	<p><i>"I don't believe we should be reducing relatively low-cost community support initiatives like sports... in favour of spending much more on something like street cleaning."</i></p>
<p>Cease free access to Rippon Lea Estate Gardens - expected saving is \$50,000</p>	<p>Seventeen respondents referred specifically to this proposed change. A number of comments referred to the lack of, and need for, more open space in Ripponlea, and the health and wellbeing benefits that access to open space bring to local residents / families. Some comments referred to the savings impact of this and other proposed changes to community programs compared to the larger cost impact of an increased pressure cleaning service.</p> <p><i>"Less well off residents won't have access to open green space... this is an equity issue."</i></p> <p><i>"Living in ripponlea, my life does not stop at Hotham St."</i></p>
<p>Change to a booking system for access to Community Transport service - expected saving is \$150,000</p>	<p>Three respondents referred specifically to this proposed change. Comments indicated concern those who need this service as an alternative to public transport would be disadvantaged and may not have had the opportunity to provide their feedback through the consultation.</p> <p><i>"This will be devastating to vulnerable people... that use the service but cannot and do not provide the feedback to surveys like this."</i></p> <p><i>"If you have an online booking service for transport then what happens to those who can't use or access technology?"</i></p>
<p>Cease funding deed for Neighbourhood Ngargees - expected saving is \$11,000</p>	<p>Only one respondent referred specifically to this proposed change, suggesting neighbourhood ngargees provided a morale boost to the local area.</p> <p><i>"Street parties are a massive morale booster for the area – would be a real shame not to place more importance on these."</i></p>
<p>Reduce Quality Subsidy for Community Managed Child Care from 5 per cent to 4 per cent - expected saving is \$141,000</p>	<p>Nineteen respondents referred specifically to this proposed change. Overall, comments were clearly opposed, with some strong sentiment regarding Council's perceived lack of support for child care through this proposed change. Comments referred to the impact that a reduction in the Quality Subsidy would have on child care quality and affordability, especially for families who may be struggling or for women returning to the workforce. Some comments suggested this was more important than rental reduction for the Palais and increased pressure cleaning, which would increase costs to Council, and one comment indicated concern that this proposed change was indicative of a more longer term reduction in support for child care.</p> <p>Two respondents supported this proposed change, with one comment suggesting Council should not need to budget for quality child care.</p> <p><i>"... the reduction in support for our childcare centres would disproportionately affect women returning to work."</i></p> <p><i>"Changing the levy on child care affects the most vulnerable of the community."</i></p>

"Not impressed by the need to budget for a quality subsidy for a community-managed child care - quality should be a given."

Changes to Arts Programs - expected saving is \$56,000

Twenty-six respondents referred specifically to this proposed change. All comments indicated no support, apart from one comment that suggested it depends on which programs are being proposed for change, and also suggested discontinuing the St Kilda Festival would have a greater savings impact. Some comments stated this proposed change is not in line with our Vision and values, and suggested this would compromise Port Phillip's reputation as an experience destination. Others suggested supporting the arts (and other community-facing services and initiatives) is more important to the community than increased pressure cleaning in particular, and outlined the vital role that arts (including inclusive arts programs) play in contributing to social and economic recovery, and the health and wellbeing of our community.

A few comments suggested support should be focused on local or small-to-medium arts organisations rather than larger arts organisations during the COVID-19 recovery period. One respondent suggested we should consider borrowing to enable increased support for the arts.

"I am surprised the City of Port Phillip isn't considering making the arts part of its recovery plan."

"How can we rebuild our local economy and social connectedness by cutting services, funding and funding opportunities for the arts?"

"Creative arts is an essential element of any healthy community and should be fully supported."

One-year trial for Design Awards to be held online only - expected saving is \$10,000

No respondents provided any comments specific to this proposed change.

Remove Counter Service at South Melbourne Town Hall - to be reviewed post building works - expected saving is \$50,000

Only one respondent referred specifically on this proposed change, quearing what alternative options would be available to local residents in place of this service.

"So where do people go if they live at that end of the municipality?"

Reduce budget for Ride2School Day, Healthy Tracks, Ride2Work, Festival of Everyday Riding programs - expected saving is \$15,000

Four respondents referred specifically to this proposed change. Comments referred to these and other community-facing programs as more important than (for example) spending money on increased street cleaning.

"The plan takes away from access and support for... children's bike riding but you want to clean the streets?"

"Shocked to see proposed increase of street cleaning at \$400K and proposed cuts to... bike riding programs."

<p>Increase Summer Management resource - expected additional cost is \$223,000</p>	<p>Five respondents referred specifically to this proposed change. Comments indicated respondents were unclear about what 'summer management' was. Others commented that the proposed increased spend on this was too much / not value for money and its focus was more on visitors than locals.</p> <p><i>"I don't understand the implications of things you are asking about... what does 'summer management' mean?"</i></p> <p><i>"Most big increases are about people outside CoPP, like summer management..."</i></p>
<p>Place on hold scheduled rental increase for commercial properties owned/managed by Council - expected additional cost is \$52,000</p>	<p>Seven respondents referred specifically to this proposed change. Comments included concern around Council facilities being used by commercial businesses rather than community / not-for-profit organisations, and higher rates being set to address the cost impact of this change. One comment suggested any rental increase should be in line with local industry.</p> <p><i>"Rent reductions for businesses over public services is not looking after the people of Port Phillip."</i></p> <p><i>"Many businesses are struggling and are in dire need... economic recovery should be prioritised or consequences to the liveability of the City are significant."</i></p>
<p>Continued rental reduction for Palais Theatre due to COVID restrictions impact on operations - expected additional cost is \$296,000</p>	<p>Nine respondents referred specifically to this proposed change. One comment conditionally supported this proposed change, noting the impact of easing restrictions. Another comment suggested that as an international company continually making profit, the Palais should be offering Council more support. Another comment suggested that this implementing this proposed change would only benefit a minority and would be over more important things such as childcare.</p> <p><i>"Continued rental reduction for Palais - though restrictions are easing."</i></p> <p><i>"If Palais realises a rent reduction then so should all Council lessees."</i></p> <p><i>"... the Palais... should be offering the Council more support."</i></p>
<p>Increase pressure cleaning of main streets - expected additional cost is \$400,000</p>	<p>Eighteen respondents referred specifically to this proposed change. Most comments did not support this, feeling the proposed increased spending was unjustifiable did not represent value for money when compared to proposed savings related to lower-costs community initiatives. Some</p> <p>One respondent supported this proposed change, suggesting it was an important contribution to flood management.</p> <p><i>"I don't believe we should be reducing relatively low-cost community support initiatives like sports... in favour of spending much more on something like street cleaning."</i></p> <p><i>"... pressure cleaning roads is so expensive and it's not clear how this furthers any aspect of the future vision."</i></p>

Strategic directions

Inclusive

Respondents' comments stated the need to support inclusive community services and programs, and expressed concern about loss of services that would disadvantage people with disability, older people and our CALD community members.

"... services directly supporting disadvantaged people should be maintained (at least)."

"It is important to continue initiatives that increase social and cultural activities and inclusion."

"The city is in a deep housing crisis and yet the budget does not recognise this..."

Sustainable

Respondents' comments referenced the need for a greater and longer term commitment towards responding to the climate emergency, including greater investment in actions and resourcing. Better waste management and the introduction of green bins and other waste and recycling initiatives was also a common theme. A few comments referred to Council's responsibilities and capability (as opposed to other levels of government) in relation to environmental management.

"Where are the FOGO bins for all? Climate change council, yet most backward in the basics."

"Drop environmental contamination studies of Council managed park assets and leave it to State Government where necessary levels of expertise and resources exist."

Vibrant

Respondents' comments were mainly around the role arts plays in delivering our vision for the City, and its important contribution to economic and social recovery.

A few respondents suggested the removal of parklets, arguing the benefit they delivered to local residents.

"What is the council doing to drive visitation and recovery? No one will want to come and visit if everything is closed."

"Economic recovery should be prioritised or consequences to the liveability of the City are significant."

Liveable

Some respondents' comments indicated the contribution of arts and community initiatives to a liveable city over clean streets. Other comments suggested Council needs to stick to the basics, including street cleaning.

Road safety and community safety were also raised as important aspects of liveability, with one comment supporting greater bike infrastructure was needed to promote road safety and encourage active transport, and two comments referencing community safety as a key priority for the community.

"I don't see anything about Safety. It's the number one priority the community is asking to be addressed."

"Public space, the Arts and Community are what make Port Phillip the place I want to live."

Respondents' comments indicated a mix of those in support of an increase in rates and those opposing any increase. Emerging themes include financial management, ongoing support for community programs and services, and climate change / environmental sustainability.

Financial management: Several comments related to this theme were consistently in favour of a rate freeze or decrease. Organisational savings and efficiencies have been suggested as an alternative to savings through the proposed service changes, particularly through a review of Council's administration and staffing costs. Some comments indicated support for a rate increase of 1.5 per cent to maintain or increase delivery of services that are considered essential and support the community.

"I strongly support a rate freeze and request that Council become more efficient in delivering services to our community."

Whilst I am a ratepayer, I support a mild rate increase to maintain existing services during this recovery window.

A number of comments indicated Council did not spend its budget prudently, spending on non-essential items rather than on core services that they consider Council's key areas of responsibility. Some comments mentioned the need for greater focus on value for money to ratepayers and residents.

Well-governed

"Don't spend our rate money on non-essential items at this time."

"The increased services should be able to be achieved within current budget resources by reprioritising and seeking efficiencies."

Ongoing support for community programs and services: several comments reiterated the need to provide ongoing support for programs that benefit the community, including programs proposed for change during this consultation, particularly during a time of recovery from the impact of COVID-19 on residents and businesses.

"This is not the time to cut community services and arts funding, in particular. These areas, if anything, need increased support."

Climate change / environmental sustainability: comments related to this theme were primarily around the need long term planning to respond to climate change, with a focus on what actions are within Council's scope / responsibility.

"The key element which I feel is lacking is a long term commitment to address the climate emergency."

"I can't see any increases in funding for our parks, gardens, conservation services, foreshore areas or waste management."

"Stick to local council issues... City of Port Phillip declare a Climate emergency but we cannot get our waste correct."

General comments

Respondents' comments were mainly around specific suggestions for inclusion in the draft Council Plan. These included suggestions for / against proceeding with the Inkerman Street bike corridor, EcoCentre program funding and additional waste services such as Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) services. Additionally, some suggestions were made around traffic and parking management, greening of neighbourhoods and road safety.

Some comments indicated the proposed changes were just a 'snapshot' of proposed cuts to the budget, while other comments suggested consultation on minor budget cuts was invalid and insignificant against an operating budget of approximately \$218 million.

Neighbourhood pop-up sessions

Seven neighbourhood-based pop-up sessions were held throughout May, seeking feedback on a range of topics, including the draft Council Plan 2021-31.

Participants were asked to indicate their level of comfort with the draft Community Vision and provide other feedback / comments relevant to the draft Council Plan. In total, 353 people engaged with Council officers and 100 post-it contributions were received across the seven sessions.

The following table provides an overview of the sessions, including feedback topics recorded through the post-it activity at each session.

Pop-up session	Community interactions	Post-it Contributions	Feedback topics raised
St Kilda / West St Kilda Veg Out Farmers' Market Saturday 1 May, 9 am to 12 noon	75	22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for EcoCentre • Amenity • Compliance • Local activity centre vacancy rates • Supporting vulnerable community members (affordable housing) • Programs supporting active communities • Dog park
Port Melbourne Bay Street (outside Coles entrance) Sunday 2 May, 10 am to 1 pm	25	15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking and traffic management • Environmental sustainability • Waste management / recycling • Open space • Supporting vulnerable community members • Public transport (Fishermans Bend)
Albert Park / Middle Park Armstrong Street (corner Canterbury Place) Saturday 8 May, 10 am to 1 pm	48	28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organisational structure • Housing and homelessness • Focus on delivery of core services • Road safety / speed limits and traffic management • Waste management • Dog park • Open space • Amenity and compliance
St Kilda Road Albert Road (next to Black Kettle Café) Sunday 9 May, 10 am to 1 pm	64	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bicycle infrastructure • Amenity (street bins)

Elwood / Ripponlea Ormond Road (corner Docker Street) Sunday 16 May, 10 am to 1 pm	25	16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste management / recycling • Amenity (street bins) • Support for Ripponlea Gardens free access • Support for EcoCentre • Investment in Elwood Village and foreshore • Accessibility and inclusion • Dog park
Balaclava / St Kilda East Carlisle Street (opposite Balaclava Train Station) Friday 21 May, 11 am to 2 pm	28	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road safety / bike rider behaviour • Communications • Asset renewal • Local activity centre vacancy rates • Amenity
South Melbourne Market Street (outside South Melbourne Central entrance) Saturday 22 May, 10 am to 1 pm	61	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal management • Environmental sustainability and climate change • Anti-social behaviour • Road safety • Open space • Communications

Next steps

Fedback received through this consultation and submissions to the draft Council Plan 2021-31 will be presented to Council at the 8 June 2021 Special Council Meeting. Anyone who wishes to speak to their submission can do so by registering for this meeting via the Council Meetings page on Council's website.

Following the hearing of submissions and feedback, an updated draft Council Plan 2021-31 will be presented for Council's consideration for adoption at the 23 June 2021 Special Council Meeting.



Image: St Kilda / St Kilda West neighbourhood pop-up session, Veg Out Farmers' Market

Appendices

Appendix A: Social media campaign summary analysis

Week 1: 29 April to 4 May



Target audience

All ages, geotargeting Port Phillip area

Reach

The number of people who saw your advertisement at least once.

10,724

Impressions

The number of times your advertisement is shown on screen (may include multiple views by same people).

17,731

Frequency

The average number of times that each person saw your advertisement.

1.65

Results

The number of times that your advertisement achieved an outcome, based on the objective and settings you selected.

329 link clicks

Week 2: 10 to 15 May



Target audience

All ages, geotargeting Port Phillip area

Reach

34,184

Impressions

46,853

Frequency

1.37

Results

99 link clicks

Final days: 21 to 23 May



Target audience	Ages: 24-65+, geotargetting CoPP
Reach	24,256
Impressions	43,696
Frequency	1.80
Results	24,256 people reached)

Facebook

Post date	Reach	Shares	Likes / reactions	Engagements	Topic of post
23-Apr-21	1,811	5	4	157	Introducing consultation
29-Apr-21	807	1	6	14	Second intro post - have your say
01-May-21	876	0	3	37	First pop-ups this weekend
05-May-21	1,053	3	8	111	Sustainable pillars + second weekend of pop-ups
08-May-21	1,159	0	6	75	Liveable pillar + third weekend of pop-ups
12-May-21	1,483	0	3	77	Vibrant pillar + next pop-ups (updated with cancellation due to weather)
14-May-21	1,038	1	5	55	Inclusive pillar
18-May-21	651	0	1	8	Final days to have your say
20-May-21	1,202	1	6	26	Final weekend to have your say in-person or online

Instagram

Post date	Reach	Impressions	Likes
23-Apr-21	738	772	13
29-Apr-21	714	736	15
01-May-21	870	917	22
05-May-21	785	815	26
08-May-21	903	944	27
18-May-21	488	523	10
20-May-21	686	705	18

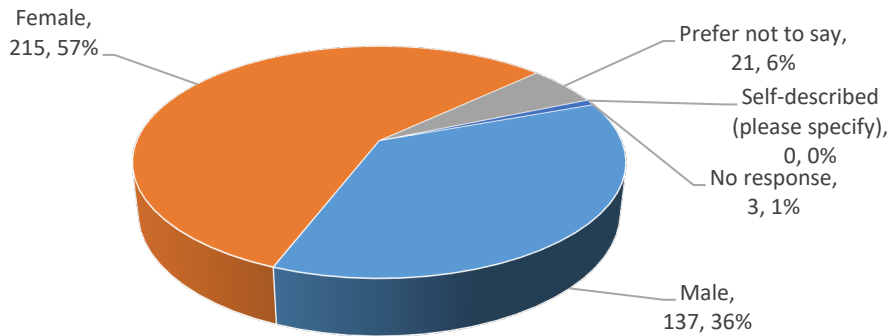
LinkedIn

Post date	Impressions <i>Views when the update is at least 50% on screen or when the update it is clicked, whichever comes first</i>	Clicks <i>Clicks on the update</i>
23-Apr-21	1,005	53
29-Apr-21	927	32
11-May-21	831	25
14-May-21	1,131	19
21-May-21	483	13

Appendix B: Demographic snapshot of respondents

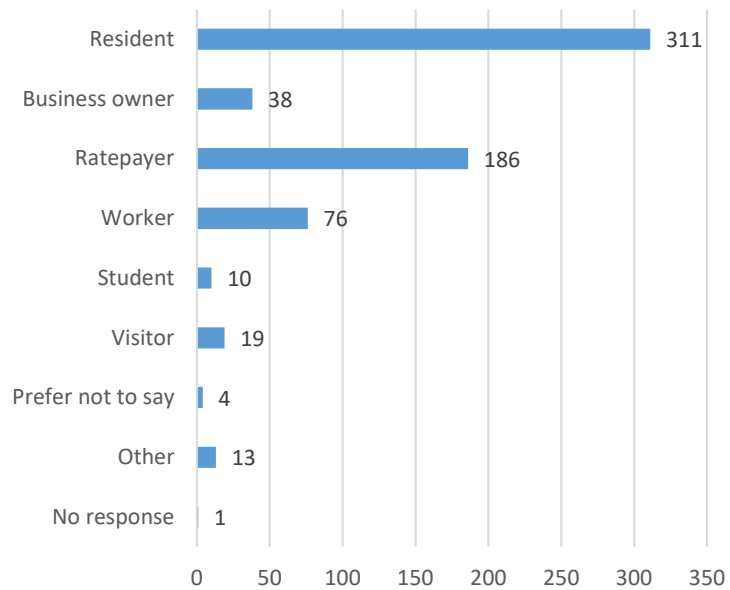
What is your gender?

Male	Female	Prefer not to say	Self-described (please specify)	No response
137	215	21	0	3



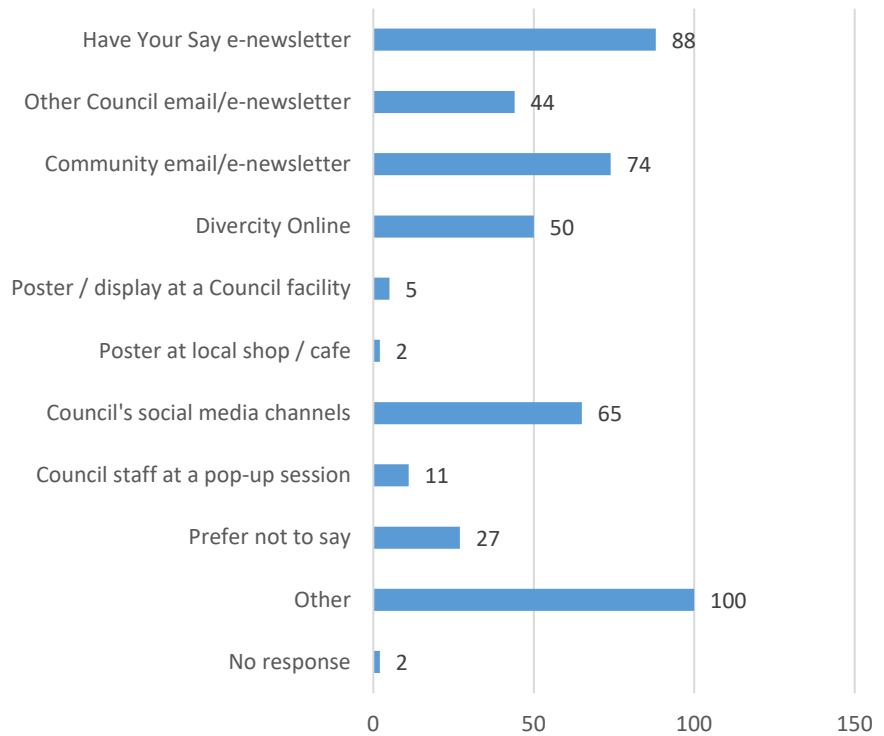
Which of the following describes your connection to the City of Port Phillip? Select all that apply.

Resident	311
Business owner	38
Ratepayer	186
Worker	76
Student	10
Visitor	19
Prefer not to say	4
Other	13
No response	1



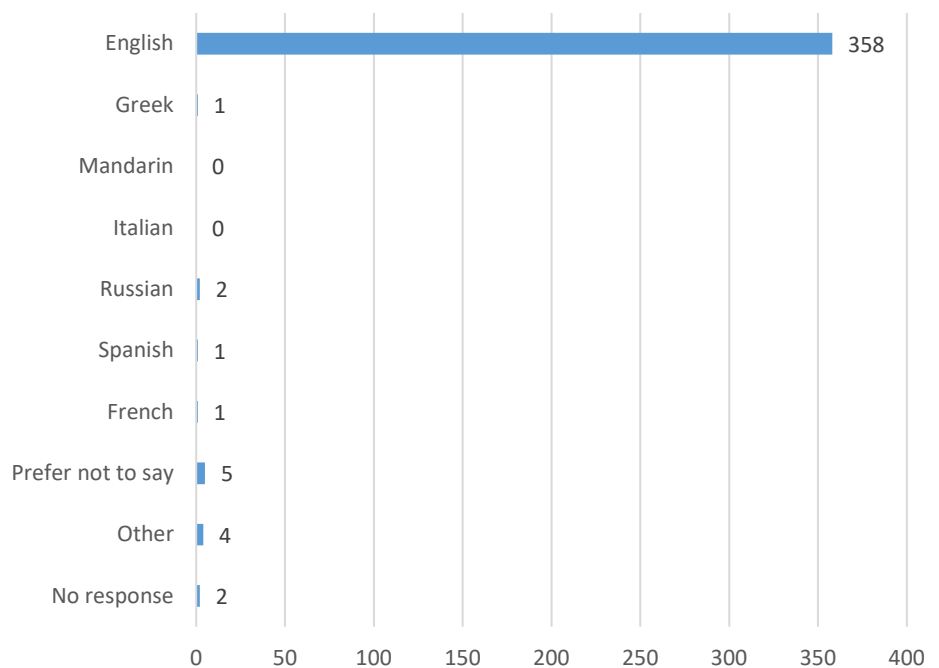
Which of the following describes your connection to the City of Port Phillip? Select all that apply.

Have Your Say e-newsletter	88
Other Council email / e-newsletter	44
Community email / e-newsletter	74
Diversity Online	50
Poster / display at a Council facility	5
Poster at local shop / café	2
Council's social media channels	65
Council staff at a pop-up session	11
Prefer not to say	27
Other	100
No response	2



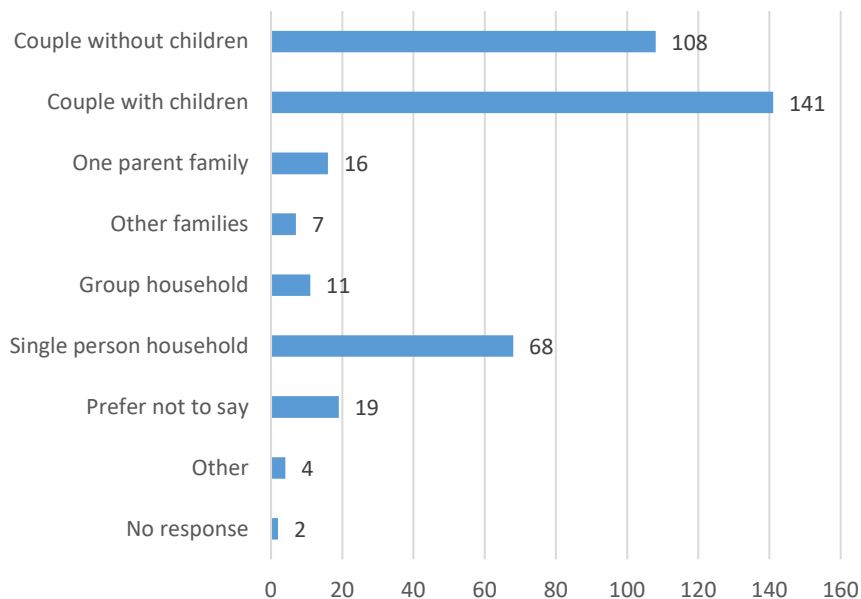
What is the main language spoken at home?

English	385
Greek	1
Mandarin	0
Italian	0
Russian	2
Spanish	1
French	1
Prefer not to say	5
Other	4
No response	2



Which of the following best describes your current household?

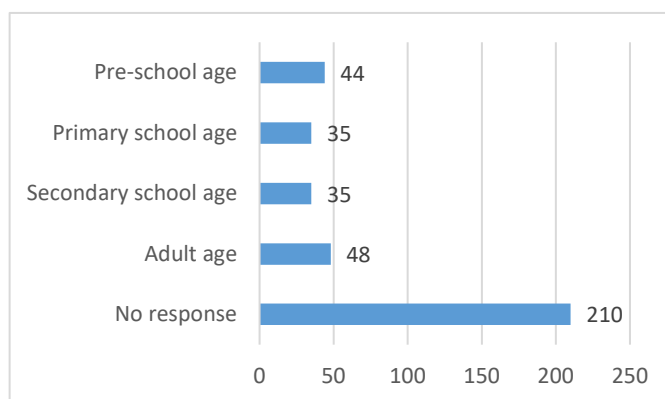
Couple without children	108
Couple with children	141
One-parent family	16
Other families	7
Group household	11
Single-person household	68
Prefer not to say	19
Other	4
No response	2



Which of the following best describes the children in your household? (select all that apply)

(Note: this question was only asked to respondents who indicated in the previous question that their household included children)

Pre-school age	44
Primary school age	35
Secondary school age	35
Adult age	48
No response	210



Appendix C: Survey



Share your feedback

Draft Council Plan 2021-31 and draft Budget 2021/22

Your feedback is important and will help shape a Council Plan and annual Budget that will guide our responses to the challenges and opportunities over the next decade, with a focus on our priorities for the next four years.

Consultation closes on Sunday 23 May 2021, and this survey should take around 10 minutes to complete.

Once you've completed it, you can return it to us in a number of ways:

- By Mail:** Post your completed survey to us **by Sunday 23 May**
(Please note that while all feedback will be shared with our Councillors, feedback received after this date may not be reflected in a formal report)
- In person:** Hand your completed survey to a Council officer at one of our neighbourhood pop-ups
OR
Hand your completed survey to staff at one of our Town Hall Customer Service counters

To find out more about the Council Plan process or to view the draft document and provide your feedback online, visit <https://haveyoursay.portphillip.vic.gov.au>

A vision for our community

Typically, a Community Vision has an overarching statement supported by a series of messages that describe the intent and detail of the future state.

We want our Community Vision to reflect our community's future aspirations for our City. It should:

- be authentic and meaningful to the community, Council and staff
- be aspirational – stretch our thinking around the possibilities
- be unique to Port Phillip.

In February 2021 we developed with members of our community, a series of key topics that they wanted to be reflected in a Community Vision. These topics were used as building blocks to identify future achievements they wanted to see for our City, and supported Councillors in finalising a draft Community Vision.



Our draft Community Vision

Proudly Port Phillip: A liveable and vibrant City that enhances the wellbeing of our community.

A decade from now...

We recognise the legacy of the traditional owners of the land, the Yaluk-ut Weelam Clan of the Boonwurrung and acknowledge the foresight of others who have come before us.

We celebrate Port Phillip as a city of many distinct places, connected by the common threads of safety, inclusion and wellbeing so everyone can live their best life. We have a well-designed and planned city where the heritage and character of the built form of our City is enhanced and protected.

We are renowned as a cultural hub, from live music to our creative industries. This creativity drives music, exhibitions and events which delight residents and encourage visitors to keep returning.

Our more diverse local economy enjoys greater protection from financial shocks and new investment and industries within our City are generating jobs and prosperity.

We have a range of accessible and active transport choices that make it easy for everyone to move around our City. Visiting lively shopping and dining destinations or accessing public transport is all possible within a 10 to 15-minute walk from our neighbourhoods.

Our health and wellbeing are enriched by having quality public spaces close to home. We can visit these spaces easily to enjoy quiet moments or more active pursuits with our friends and families.

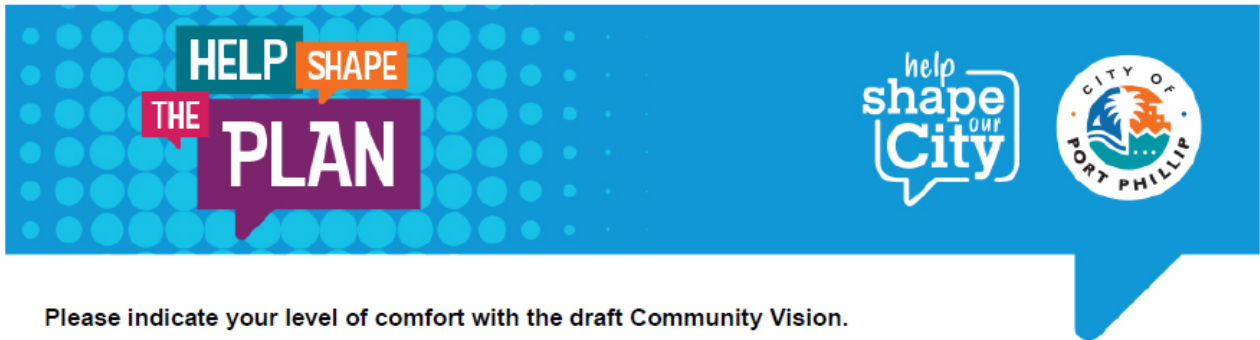
The beauty and biodiversity of our coastal, bay, park, waterway and inland environments are protected and enhanced for future generations to enjoy. We have played our part in promoting and addressing environmental sustainability, from tackling climate change, emissions and sea level rise to minimising flooding risks.

We are proud that our participation in civic life means Port Phillip has retained its unique character and heritage while being admired as a creative hub that continues to evolve and innovate. We know our voice is heard and helps deliver meaningful outcomes.

We have a local Council that strives to deliver services in the most efficient, transparent and equitable way. Our Council provides strong financial stewardship, is responsible and works hard to balance meeting community expectations and diversifying revenue streams with minimising costs for our community.

This is the minimum we hope for our community in 10 years' time – we hope to achieve much more.

This is our legacy for generations to come.



Please indicate your level of comfort with the draft Community Vision.

	Very comfortable	Somewhat comfortable	Neutral	Not really comfortable	Very uncomfortable
Level of comfort					

Can you briefly explain to us why you chose that answer?

Proposed service changes

To achieve a balanced budget 2020/21 that responds to the challenges we face while continuing to provide critical services and infrastructure, we are proposing a small number of temporary and permanent service changes:

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- Cease free access to Rippon Lea Estate Gardens - expected saving is \$50,000
- Change to a booking system for access to Community Transport service - expected saving is \$150,000
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- Continued rental reduction for Palais Theatre due to COVID restrictions impact on operations - expected additional cost is \$296,000
- Increase pressure cleaning of main streets - expected additional cost is \$400,000.



Proposed service reductions

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following proposed service reductions?

Proposed service reduction	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Reduce Sport Phillip and Community programs Expected saving is \$107,000.					
Cease free access to Rippon Lea Estate Gardens Expected saving is \$50,000.					
Change to a booking system for access to Community Transport service Expected saving is \$150,000.					
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Budget reduction for Ride2School Day, Healthy Tracks, Ride2Work, Festival of Everyday Riding programs Expected saving is \$15,000.					



Proposed service increases

To what extent do you agree or disagree with the following proposed service increases?

Proposed service increase	Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Increase Summer Management resource Expected additional cost is \$223,000.					
Place on hold scheduled rental increase for commercial properties owned / managed by Council Expected additional cost is \$52,000.					
Continued rental reduction for Palais Theatre due to COVID restrictions impact on operations Expected additional cost is \$296,000.					
Increase pressure cleaning of main streets Expected additional cost is \$400,000.					

Please briefly share any additional comments about the draft Council Plan and draft Budget here.



A bit about you

We'd like to understand who we're talking to, and appreciate you taking the time to answer the following demographic questions.

The personal information provided in this section is being collected by Council for the purpose of providing a demographic snapshot of contributions to this plan. Demographic data allows Council to assess whether it is providing all areas of the community with an opportunity to become involved and be heard. Your personal information will be used solely by Council for this primary purpose or directly related purposes. Demographic data may be published and used as part of a Council report. Your details will be used to provide you with project updates and will be kept confidential. For more information contact Council's Privacy Officer via ASSIST on 03 9209 6777.

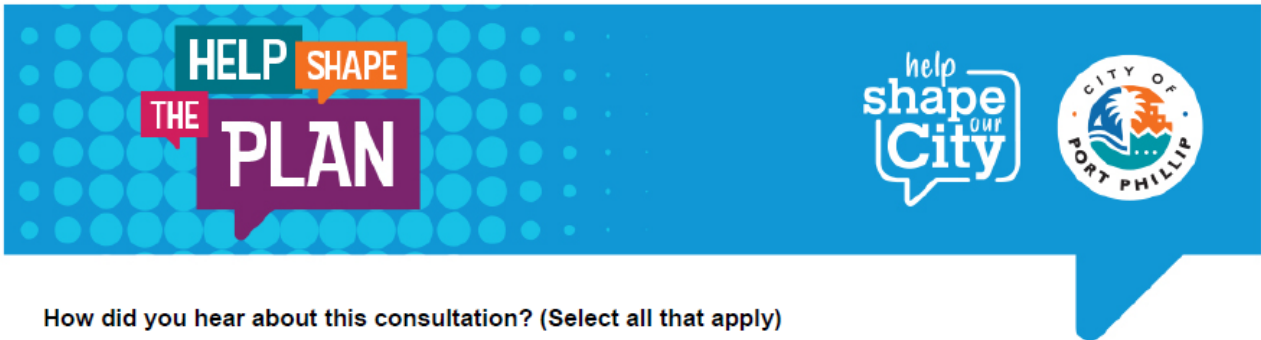
What is your gender?

- Male
 Female
 Self-described
 Prefer not to say

In what year were you born?

Which of the following describes your connection to the City of Port Phillip? (Select all that apply)

- Resident
 Business owner
 Ratepayer
 Worker
 Student
 Visitor
 Other _____
 (please specify)
 Prefer not to say



How did you hear about this consultation? (Select all that apply)

- Have Your Say e-newsletter
- Other Council email / e-newsletter
- Community email / e-newsletter
- Divercity Online
- Poster / display at a Council facility
- Poster at local shop / cafe
- Council's social media channels
- Council staff at a pop-up session
- Other _____ (please specify)
- Prefer not to say

What is the main language spoken at home?

- English
- Greek
- Mandarin
- Italian
- Russian
- Spanish
- French
- Other _____ (please specify)
- Prefer not to say

Which of the following best describes your current household?

- Couple without children
- Couple with children
- One-parent family
- Other families
- Group household
- Single-person household
- Other _____ (please specify)
- Prefer not to say

Which of the following best describes the children in your household?

- Not applicable
- Pre-school age
- Primary school age
- Secondary school age
- Adult age

Thank you for completing this survey.

Appendix D: Verbatim responses to the question, *"Please explain your answer."* (in response to their indicated level of comfort with the draft *Community Vision*).

Note: some comments have been edited to remove any inappropriate references to businesses, groups or individuals.

Good position and less maintenance
The community bus is invaluable for seniors / old / frail / disabled in our community
see responses within
Such statements can be very useful, but only if they really guide the actual outcomes and can be evaluated at the end of the period against baseline data (see: Every day evaluation on the run, by Y Wadsworth)
Given the impact of the pandemic, Council needs to do 2 things: focus on delivering core services well and providing local support to community members in need. Non-core activities need to be pared back in the short term.
There is no plan on offer for addressing climate change despite Port Phillip declaring a Climate Emergency in 2019
Cuts to important arts organisations who have been affected by Covid and some of whom are in desperate financial position. Not enough investment in climate action.
Port Melbourne Tennis Club has been asking Council to include the need to replace courts some time soon in future budget planning. The amount is small as Club does have money for this. But we can't get Council to commit. How do we get this sorted?
You are cutting funding to invaluable arts companies. Companies which have already been gutted by the affects of Coronavirus. As a council, you are a disgrace!
I am distressed by the funding cuts to support arts organisations including Theatre Works and Red Stitch.
Right spirit, not bold enough RE climate and environment. References Boon Wurrung in past tense.
There seems very little vision, the rate payers provide the money that council quandary's on minority groups and projects.
The draft document needs to be concise, specific and to the point. Transparency and efficiency measures not detailed. Financial report should have additional column indicating budget, targeted savings and actuals to measure councilors performance.
Vision lacks a declaration of equal access to public open space, including distance, size, and quality.
I want the Council to retain funding for Friends of Suai Covalima. This project is extremely important to me as it has achieved so much and there is still so much to do through the wonderful work with such a committed community
The Vision isn't supported by the budget proposed. A cultural hub doesn't cut arts funding, somewhere dedicated to health doesn't cut ride2school day funding.
The Vision and the effort and thinking that have gone into it are basically what I would have liked for my City, and very impressive as a whole.
Stick to the basics. Port Phillip provides a poor level of basic services. Get them right first.
I am deeply concerned about funding cuts to innovative arts.
I am very concerned with the massive cuts to our public arts and community programs.
Cuttin the arts programs has made me furious

I am concerned at the proposed funding cuts for arts programs, underrepresented communities and the Rippon Lea garden estates, all of which promote community connections and social, mental and physical health.
More commitment to sustainability, especially actions that can only be taken by Council
This budget is ripping funds from childcare, arts and sport activities. It will disproportionately affect children and families while giving \$300k to millionaire Live Nation via the Palais rent relief.
the vision does not include ensuring the municipality has a diverse community and council will address the needs of a diverse community. It refers to a 'diverse local economy' but nothing about facilitating the continuation of a diverse population.
I don't feel that I am fully informed to be able to make a judgement.
I dont think there is enough emphasis on fiscal responsibility and efficient responsible use of ratepayers money
It all sounds great...the challenge will be developing strategies to achieve the vision AND being able to afford it (without increasing rates as a default answer)
I would like to see funds which are ultimately our rates be funneled into local initiatives not international ones so it was disappointing to see the FoS funding being reinstated - If the council were so passionate about sustainability - Green bins !
Broadly agree w the sentiments but hold a different relative ordering of priorities. E.g. the Traditional Owners, the Boonwurrung, do not just have a 'legacy' they hv a living presence & ethos of care & respect for lands, waters & community. A good guide
Our local childcare center The Avenue has informed us that it can't secure council funding to maintain the property. This is very disapointing.
Slightly hipocritical. You are promoting COPP as cultural hub yet wish to strip arts it of money. You mention well being accept you want to take money away from childcare and many other community things to pay for high pressure cleaning?
Defunding such important arts companies is unconscionable- they provide the cultural fabric of Port Philip
The plan is not about the community, ie safer, cleaner streets. Support of rate payers. The plan appears to be specific to special interest groups and to appeal to people outside of residential and community needs
Need to focus on increasing budgets for climate emergency, arts and music industries, eco centre garden and compost programs plus increasing environmental officers.
I don't think our council vision and outcomes match eg whybis there a concrete path to top of point Ormond and not a more environmental solution
A vision for our community appears to be jargon for justifying increased rates and charges. A better vision for our community would be to improve the efficiency of whatever "the existing vision for our community" is.
I have zero confidence in the [REDACTED] council
Not happy about arts funding cuts. I also believe more should be done to improve the natural environment.
The Community Vision states COPP is renowned as a cultural hub
I'm concerned about the lack of reference to how the arts connects communities, and that some of a Melbourne's best theatre companies are being defunded under this plan. "Economy" can't be our first priority.
Having read the PECAN and PPP and CAPP submissions to Council and made my own submission as well, I request that all the shortcomings and positives identified in these documents are relevant.

<p>Need power purchase plan, more open space/greening projects. Need scoping study of the green line proposal. Need Climate Emergency Action Plan consolidating a whole of Council response. (Too little space here! Had to keep cutting answer.)</p>
<p>The stated commitment to the arts is undermined by the proposed defunding of six key arts orgs in the municipality</p>
<p>The proposed cuts to Triennial funding to 6 Port Phillip arts organisations is a disgrace. Especially in these times after emerging from Covid lockdowns, where the arts community has been hit very hard</p>
<p>its too broad and reaching into areas that not traditional areas of concern for a council</p>
<p>I am uncomfortable that funding is being cut to Arts institutions such as Torch, Red Stitch Actors' Theatre, and Theatre Works. As an arts worker living and working in the area, these cuts will be devastating and have a great impact on my stability.</p>
<p>Currently, the vision is too general and could apply to almost anywhere. The vision should emphasise the unique combination of factors that make the city special: the intersection of the arts, the water, parks and our wide, walkable streets</p>
<p>I'm comfortable with the words and thoughts but not sure that I believe you aim to fulfil them.</p>
<p>Many people in CoPP have fought long and hard to have recognition of the climate emergency made an integral part of every aspect of Council's budget and planning. This does not seem to be the case.</p>
<p>The cuts in arts and recreational services are shortsighted and self-defeating. They will cause long term harm to the Port Phillip community that will take a very long time to undo, and destroy some vital community assets.</p>
<p>I would like free access to Ripponlea to continue please. We didn't get to use it much last year because of the lockdowns. Please keep it going for another hopefully more Normal year and then decide if it is worth it.</p>
<p>I am opposed to the proposed cuts to Arts Funding for small organisations that have provided an important cultural focus to Port Phillip, benefiting the general community and providing employment to the arts sector .</p>
<p>Defunding these 6 arts organizations is extremely damaging for the creative industry and cultural landscape of Victoria</p>
<p>Reduced funding for community activities and particularly for community organisations in this economic climate is unacceptable both for the organisations and the community members they service.</p>
<p>I enjoy what the city of Port Philip have to offer, and I come for a meal, a show or a wonder on the beach about once a week, I am bemused to hear the Council is considering pulling support from key organisations, which seem to contradict its goal.</p>
<p>I don't support the defunding of arts organisation in our council ares</p>
<p>The proposed halt of triennial funding for signyarts organisations.</p>
<p>I like the vision but do not see it reflected in the reduction in funding to arts and access all abilities funding which I find incredibly disappointing.</p>
<p>Concerned about your support for the arts community - rather than cutting triennial funding, why not open it up for all local arts organisations to apply. Red Stitch aren't even located in Port Phillip any more!</p>
<p>The cuts to triennial funding for arts organisations</p>
<p>I do not see these "motherhood statements" being followed by action</p>
<p>The vision covers key issues for me, including culture, protection of public spaces, environmental sustainability, climate change. What is missng is commitment to our children through maintenance of quality education and childcare services.</p>
<p>It is alarming that you intend to cut ties with 6 arts organisations through your triennial funding</p>

Why would you make residents pay for local gardens!
It sounds just ok...it sound like the bare minimum and nothing extraordinary. It sounds like you are not trying to push yourselves too hard in case you fail
The disappearance of funding to 6 major art companies in this council area
I strongly support the development of creative arts programs.
I disagree with the initiative to terminate triennial funding for arts organisations in COPP, and feel that this is antithetical to the stated aim of sustaining COPP's status as a cultural hub
We are living at a time of climate emergency. All organisations such as Councils need to adopt a response similar to a 'war response'. Like a war, if we don't address this as our TOP priority, huge numbers of people will die..
The reduction in sports and community funding hits at under served communities. The ending of triennial arts funding will create a dire situation and jobs will be lost in Port Philip.
Don't like the cuts to sustainable ride programs also the cuts to sport for the under represented.
More needs to be done
Not enough funds or staff for long term public interest and environmental planning
I think the proposed change to cut funding to the six triennially supported arts companies in the council area (Including Rawcus, Red Stitch, and the Aus. Tapestry Workshop) is inconsistent with the stated vision: "We are renowned as a cultural hub..."
Council does not appear to be very transparent at present, nor support the arts industries that it pupports to embrace
It says very little about the core services that the residents want and pay for. Most of what is says is feel good stuff that is irrelevant to most rate payers
Too much congestion, litter, crime
The points made by the statement are good. I would like to see the council focus on local issues and stay away from political party agenda. I would like council to focus on services for the residents.
There is not anything concrete or definitive - it is not what I would call a plan - it is more set of good and laudable objectives but with no clearly defined pathway and accountable commitment to a clearly articulated outcome.
you are removing funding for very important arts projects
Little or no effort to reduce rate burden or increase service outcomes for ratepayers
As rate payers I don't see any benefit. We don't have simply amenities like a green waste bin, free permits, you should be looking after us
Rate are already too high for the level of service you provide.
Ijust want to make sure that we keep the community programs that support those in need
Stopping triennial funding is damaging
I am extremely uncomfortable with the proposed budget cuts to the arts sector
All of the funding cuts seem to be to services that look after the elderly, the disabled or the less well off. Cutting off access to Rippon Lea is stupid. People in that area need access to nature.
The ending of triennial funding to six key arts organisations is detrimental to the arts sector for this community locally and across the industry state/nation-wide
Don't cut triennial funding to arts organisations!!
Too much focus on economic aspects (eg business) not enough on environmental (climate change, community engagement, local projects, local flora/fauna)

The community cannot afford rate rises at the moment
You cannot reduce funding for the Arts industry or increase rates
I like that you're "trying", I know reality & details will unfold & not please everyone, but I appreciate the effort
It includes "Our Council provides strong financial stewardship" which is definitely not true thus far. COmpared to neighbouring council our single dwelling property rates are absurdly high.
Too much spending
Very expensive policies we don't need just now
Rather than increasing rates and spending I would prefer to be more in line with Bayside such as reducing the large council staffing numbers per resident
Some things resonate but others do not especially in difficult times and diverse nature of residents
I am concerned about waste management, rates and and the impact of cycle lanes
Only one paragraph on delivery of services. Most of the other paragraphs should be the state government's responsibility.
Huge spending, little accountability, little actual service, rates continue to skyrocket [REDACTED].
I feel it's a bit 'wishy washy'. It could be interpreted as the Council determine at the time.
We need to cutback on rates. Council is trying to do too much without suitable restraint, As a minimum rates should be frozen for the next 5 years with savings made by cutting nice to have programs
Lack of action in delivery of efficient services
It is about the council not the the people
Very uncomfortable with proposed spending by Council
The focus of council should be on basic services first. The port Philip council is addressing areas it should not. And indooing so is spending farm more than it should.
Rate payer services should be #1
It seems a tad insincere given the development being approved
The Council is good at self promotion but fails badly on cost effective delivery
There is no consultation
Council needs to focus on core issues . The world has changed and money is tight
Too much capital expenditure-this should be postponed until people are back on their feet post COVID
The council needs to concentrate on delivering basic services
We would expect that Council challenge each ratepayer dollar spent maintaining the community assets and services and control it's cost budget. We demand that you – our paid representatives, control expenditure and maintain a freeze on rates.
I want these things but I want a rate freeze. I'd like you to cut bureaucratic costs rather than increase rates to do the plan.
Rates should NOT be in creased in this environment . Prudence should be observed . DONT waste rate mkney on frivolous non essential items .
No hard secisions in the vision. Nothing about prime functions of roads, rubbish and rates.
You are not listening to ratepayers. No cuts to unsustainable, excessive rates is mentioned. Your statement describes in glowing terms what already it's and no mention of what can be done to things which are issues of concern to residents and ratepayers.

inadequate attention to basic services, bloated bureaucracy, more interested on special interest groups, diversity & similar woke concerns
Council should concentrate on ONLY delivering core services and keeping employee wages to a minimum. If this is achieved then a rate freeze can also be achieved,
Comments regarding transparency and efficiency and wise-spending of rates are palpably incorrect.
Seems to be more waste and less value for residents
Too much spent on issues that are not important and I dont want a rate rise.
There's lots of worthwhile projects but we need to contain spending or slow it down rather than further increase rates
Stop spending money on social engineering projects and unnecessary consultants. Concentrate on efficient delivery of core services. Lower headcount in bloated council workforce, eliminating unnecessary rolls and activities. Stop attacking cars and wasting mo
Object to the massive rates we have to pay
advocating for a rate's freeze and for Council to become more efficient in delivering services to our community. A rate freeze does not mean services have to be cut. Council reduced employee headcount by 65 due to COVID
The vision set out by Progressive Port Philp accords with what I want, have been part of (over the last 60 years)and what I want to see in the future.
Encapsulates the essence of our community
Good focus on walkability, culture and sustainability
I like the principles espoused in the vision but think it is silent on the impact of Fisherman's Bend and is not as pronounced as I would like on the need for better public transport or self transport facilities (bikes, walking etc)
The cuts are too deep and will hit our most vulnerable
At a high level it expresses the appropriate aspirations. The devil will be in the detail.
Marketing exercise
Because it's at the expense of pre existing clubs and facilities and takes away the essence and traditions of the pre existing clubs. It's nothing short of disgraceful. It has no respect for all the work previously done to build these amazing facilities.
progressing with new offers to public, however its important to maintain market character with the more traditional stalls.
The statement covers most of our local area but is very generic
Very general.
It touched on many of the themes I believe our community cares about.
Council is not delivering routine maintenance for lack of funds, whilst charging full levies and now on top reducing subsidies to childcare
Lack of support for community childcare
Cuts to community childcare and community projects
An inclusive and positive vision that celebrates our environment
The funding being taken away for free access to Ripponlea Gardens impacts on both myself and my family. As a single parent who relies on a pension to support my family I will not be able to access the gardens anymore.

<p>Although the draft community vision is aspirational there have been a number of decisions in relation to budget that do not match the vision as it has been put forward.</p>
<p>I am concerned by the proposed reduction of Quality Subsidy from 5% to 4% of total educators' wages. Quality childcare is very important to me and the community. Also I would like more focus on street cleanliness and park care & compost bins to be added.</p>
<p>I've read all the proposed changes in budget from your website.</p>
<p>The City of Port Phillip is already not doing a good job of maintaining buildings such as The Avenue childcare (they pay you \$100k per year and you're not great at maintenance of the building etc) and now you want to save even more money from this sector?!</p>
<p>I disagree with many of the proposed reductions and increases in the budget.</p>
<p>i am not happy you are taking money away from community activities and childcare centres. Given the pressures on our community during the pandemic these reductions in spend is very shortsighted.</p>
<p>I see cuts to critical services such as childcare and [redacted] [support] for the palais theatre and council tenants.</p>
<p>Reduce Quality Subsidy for Community Managed Child Care from 5 per cent to 4 per cent</p>
<p>Very little about climate change and how the council will address this significant issue</p>
<p>I would like to see much more spending on childcare and bikepaths,</p>
<p>Quality Subsidy for Community Managed Child Care - I am of the opinion that by changing the funding to this part of the cumminity, you are further burdening the community with significant burdens on already increasing and rediculous fees.</p>
<p>the reduction in funding to important community services is appalling</p>
<p>I'm very disappointed with the lack of addressing the climate emergency. Firstly lack of green space in St Kilda east and surrounds, it definitely lacks trees/grass and the heat is warming. Also a lack of reducing business emissions.</p>
<p>Limited faith in any substantive Council delivery of the Vision.</p>
<p>No economic recovery strategy</p>
<p>Would like some emphasis on supporting our vulnerable citizens</p>
<p>I agree with the majority of the vision however there is little said about creating an inclusive community where council can lead at the forefront through encouraging healthy lifestyles, community participation and social inclusion.</p>
<p>It is a multi-faceted vision covering the many areas where Council can make a positive contribution to a better future.</p>
<p>removal of funding for older adults targets sports support (walking soccer) and also community transport</p>
<p>Some of the changes to funding will have quite deleterious effects on vulnerable and struggling people and families</p>
<p>The COPP is inclusive, takes action on climate change and provides excellent services.</p>
<p>Very disappointed to see free entry to Ripponlea Estate will be stopped. To only save \$50,000, it's an awful trade off as it would take away such a beautiful place from so many locals when there aren't many other nice parks around.</p>
<p>Fiscal reduction in support for our childcare centres</p>
<p>I am aware of what you are trying to achieve</p>
<p>How can you take away free access to Ripponlea estate? This seems mean and not in the spirit of the community. Street cleaning rates of \$400k can surely be negotiated to allow Ripponlea Estate free access. There must be better options!</p>

You are ceasing important community program funding
KEEP RIPPONLEA ENTRY FREE FOR PORT PHILLIP RATE Payers!!!!
Only skimmed it
Community, diversity
Leave Rippon Lea estate few to locals
I am worried about the proposal to take away free access to the Ripponlea Estate Gardens. This is a lovely amenity for residents and I strongly oppose taking it away. We need as much green space and parks for residents to enjoy.
As a local resident I enjoy nothing more to meditate in the gardens, its one of the bonuses with living so close to Ripponlea. If I have to pay each day it will be out of my budget as a pensioner.
I am concerned that more needs to be done to deal with the impact of climate change. I would also like free access to Ripponlea Estate for Port Phillip residents.
All seems pretty balanced
Funding being cut to community programs and access to amenities such as ripponlea gardens will greatly effect the reasons I value living in Port Phillip. These initiatives are vital for a sense of community belonging and fostering better mental health.
The vision is altruistic and I trust that it does not become an unfulfilled dream. I have seen many Mission Statements, many of whihc do little more than create "fuzzy and warm feeling" for the reader. Our vision statement needs also to include the meas
I vehemently object to the proposal to end the current arrangement of free access to Rippon Lea Estate Gardens for Port Phillip residents. I also strongly disagree with the proposals to reduce Sport Phillip & community programs.
Please continue providing free access to Ripponlea Estate to residents.
I do not agree to and wish to object to the proposal to cease free access to Rippon Lea Estate Gardens
I am currently happy, part with the open spaces which proved invaluable during lockdown. Ripponlea Gardens in particular is a wonderful area for families. Thank you for making it accessible to everyone.
The vision is full of generalist statements that most people would agree with.
Acknowledges appropriate values
City of Port Phillip are increasing rates. Rates need to be freezed. A lot of people in the private sector lost there jobs & don't have surplus amounts of money to pay rates.
I am specifically unhappy that you want to remove free local access to Ripponlea House Gardens. I live in Ripponlea and it has one of the lowest ratios of open space in metro Melbourne. My family and I are regular users of the Gardens at Ripponlea House.
It's meaningless, vague waffle
Want to have ripponlea garden access
I like the vision but have concerns that it isn't being followed.
It touches on most if not all areas it should
Not happy with Ripponlea gardens access plan.
I don't feel safe in Port Phillip at all now
I'm upset that funding for access to Rippon Lea estate is being taken away. This is the only open green space Ripponlea residents have apart from a very small park next to a road and train tracks.
I think it's a bit airy fairy

The goals sound great but I moved to Port Phillip 32 years ago and The changes I have seen are not in these directions.
Funding cuts on all sports ability. City of Port Phillip is saving \$190 000 putting the Diversity magazine on line.
City of port phillip is over run by drunks and drugs. Drugs are flooding the streets!!!
It is clearly not true. It says: "We have a local Council that strives to deliver services in the most efficient, transparent and equitable way. Our Council provides strong financial stewardship..."
I really don't understand what I am being asked to be 'comfortable' about.
How are you going to achieve those things - no explanation yet. The funding withdrawal for healthy living (cycling) seems a bit sad
Well worded, wise.
Needs to be more environment focus
Overall sounds good
There is no mention of a Climate Emergency Action Plan which consolidates a whole of Council response and promotes community understanding of the climate emergency.
As usual, unsupportable and extravagant spending that wastes hard earned rate payers' money This budget wages bill and spend on materials and services is outrageous, and they are indicative of the ineffective and thoroughly inefficient way the Council has
The vision is not unreasonable but the cuts to services and community activity budgets and the attendant decline in services and support are inconsistent with any real vision.
there is a plan to upgrade the Elwood foreshore to meet contemporay expectations, standards and needs. A proposed 10million. Money should also be spent on the Elwood shopping precinct, it is tired, old and needs to be upgraded to evolve into the future.
Very standard and non specific
My understanding is that you are recklessly defunding existing projects that are responding to the severity of our Human and Environmental emergencies.
can we get back to council basics ensuring these services are delivered efficiently and effectively before assuming responsibility for activity that rightly falls within the purview of other levels of government
I am surprised that in a time of low interest rates and COVID-driven need the Plan is so timid and financially conservative, adhering to the old mantra of balancing budgets. Council is missing a rare moment of historical opportunity.
Every vision has been written in present tense except addressing climate change which has been written in past tense. We all still need to act on climate change and even though council has almost achieve zero net carbon the municipality hasn't.
Have some concerns with some of the proposed cuts and the inequity
It's a bit trite
It appears that council are getting rid of a lot of the services that help make up the positive fabric of our society.
Access to green space is so low for many areas esp Balaclava
contradiction between aspirations for health and well being and cuts to sporting activities
Seems to be lots of cuts to important community services supporting vulnerable communities.
Sounds good
Para 7 should say the urban heat islands particulry in East St Kilda have been addresses throuhg greening.

More needs to be done for our environment. Why don't we have green waste bins like the city of Glen eira and Stonnington
Removal of community programmes, help for disadvantaged groups and general engagement with the local offerings eg free access to Ripponlea Gardens seems to be the opposite of what the Council says it stands for.
Needs to be bolder in it ambition and vision
It doesn't reference our contribution to ensuring waste is handled in a way that's environmentally sustainable. I think this is a key role for local government - not something to throw over the fence to state or federal.
I feel like it would be a great disappointment to lose the free entry for residents at Rippon Lea House and Gardens.
Inclusion of action on sustainability
I think our social and environmental issues should dominate over financial ones.
I think more accessible areas would be good to include. One of my neighbours cannot get onto St Kilda Beach, or easily access [REDACTED] [the local supermarket] (ramp too sharp).
With so many savings. I don't see why something as simple as fencing Clarke street dog park and children's playground is rejected. It would literally reduce risk and potentially save lives of children being hit by passing cars violating 40km/hr
Lots of arts based funding reductions, free entry to Ripponlea Gardens, so wrong. I live close by and do not benefit from many activities that are focused in st Kilda, but totally support the Palais. It's a great institution that brings many people StK
Traffic. Its a disaster leaving port phillip in a mess and in gridlock from 7.30am to 10am and 3.30pm to 7pm
The format is easy to relate to, the content is aspirational but also grounded in a way that allows for practical action.
I think some of the family aspects of our community are missing and the statement is quite vague in terms of actual actions
There is nothing specific or tangible
It is a general vision that is fine
It reflects a community vision, social inclusion and the need for environmental management
This vision demonstrates that Port Phillip is a city for us all, in all our diversity, and a city that cares about our common good, whether that is our open spaces, our cultural wellbeing, our community groups serving the needs of our community.
Council role should be more about local communities
All you are planning is cuts to services for vulnerable people and cuts to arts and community grants. Forget about preasure washing streets and give priority to people.
Ripponlea should stay free for family's like it is !!
There's a lot of words but the meaning of these can be interpreted in dramatically different ways. A base line will be required on every phrase to then be able to gage improvement.
Not comfortable with the expression 'live their best life.' It's a horrible cliché, devoid of real meaning. We need to be focused onthe idea of community, helping each other out, esp. those who are experiencing hardship
I object to COPP taking away free entry into Ripponlea gardens from residents of CoPP.

Removing Neighbourhood nagger and ripponlea access is detrimental to good communities, access to open space amping many other things.
It reads as very standard to me. I like the bit about the specific walking time - integrated spaces and accessibility.
Removing access to ripponlea is not good, cuts to arts are not good. Maybe cut consultants instead
I like the direction and tone, however the statement acknowledging the traditional owners of the land makes me uncomfortable. It feels more like a pat on the head, and praise for current admin rather than a quantifiable/actionable vision.
Housing is no longer affordable
Saving money but losing access to Ripponlea gardens is a very poor decision.
It doesn't say anything really except recognising what we have
I think the plan is directionally right, I am concerned about the effect of Fisherman's Bend development on Port Phillip and would like to see some thought given to ensuring Port Phillip benefits from the huge influx of people and is not negatively impact
I am somewhat concerned that the CofPP has decided to limit and reduce funding of the Friends of Suai program. The Australian government
More details on fixed (payroll) and variable costs needed
Aspirations are great for active transport, but it needs to be reflected in the budget.
In environmental issues especially related to revegetation of the foreshore and activities with the community for urban veggie gardens should be further emphasized.
Sport phillip
I benefit greatly from the sport Phillip program and do not feel comfortable with its budget being cut
I believe I live in a unique place with access to art music and community places and activities and I hope it will be even more in the future
I am concerned about the statement of 'minimising costs'. There is a risk that minimising costs translates to penny pinching rather than quality programs. We are an affluent community and we need investment to ensure we can meet the vision articulated
I agree with all the proposed cuts but there was no consideration in reviewing one of the biggest expenses employee costs - if this was a private organisation this would have reduced as well.
As an owner and resident you mention some key important things 1. Safety - which must be a paramount focus for this area 2. Make this destination to attend and that's the focus on culture and protecting beautiful heritage feel of the area 3 efficiency
Each paragraph made sense to me. I could relate to each paragraph as describing something I want for myself and my family, and I expect other people would want and appreciate as well. The language was appropriate to a 'vision' context.
You need to freeze the rates. We have no money, CoVid has hit hard, people don't have any money.
I still want to have access to some of the excercise that I do and new mothers stuff
I wish you kept the Sport Phillip and other community activities!!!
There are a number of programs being defunded under this proposed plan including the Port Phillip EcoCentres Gardening Group
Must increase social inclusion and provide meaningful economic/community opportunity for the vulnerable.
I felt the mention of environment and climate change needed to go before jobs/economy. Our local economies mainly thrive because of the unique environment.

It doesn't have enough about adapting to climate change, including food security, community gardens related to wellbeing
Not enough focus on preparation and adaptation of climate repercussions. The conditions will worsen even if we do every concerted action we can as the next 20-years are set up in our planetary systems from 20-years ago.
Very vague and generic. With no mention on resident safety in and around transport hubs and places of high pedestrian traffic. eg Balaclava station as an example.
It is fine
I like the free parking early in the morning close to the beach. It enhances my quality of life when I walk by the ocean. I loved the free meditation day/ yoga organised by council, I love the st Kilda festival and free concerts
Contains right elements but the detail isn't necessarily there
As a Member of the Albert Park South Melbourne Rowing Club I am disappointed that the Councils long term plan does not include strategies for the Albert Park Lake and the Playing Fields adjacent/surrounding the Lake.
cuts to Draft Plan cycling infrastructure & Ride2Work plans very disappointing
The community is begging you to do something about safety and you continue to ignore them. You state it within the first paragraphs but the rate payers who live here are terrified.
Doesn't sound like Port Phillip to me. Misses what makes us special ie creativity, culture, music, energy, fun!
Not enough exposure to or consultation with to Albert Park Clubss
Our health and wellbeing is enriched by having quality public spaces close to home. Yet CoPP provides no funding for infrastructure in Albert Park Lake Reserve.
Looks like you've covered all the stakeholder perspectives
I am very concerned about the potential outcomes from the Live Music Action Plan. I believe it has not had sufficient input from the community of St Kilda residents, & believe it is likely to have a very negative impact on Fitzroy St apartments value
Unstructured, glad bag of 'feel good' statements, lacks some identifiable targets or objectives
I feel the vision is well researched and thought through with factual evidence. It would be good to have further information on addressing anti-social behaviour and homelessness, particularly in the Carlisle St, Balaclava area. This includes drug use.
I like that it recognises the traditional owners up front, and the focus on live music and creativity
Full of cliches and weasel words. Would you buy shares in a company that published such a set of "objectives". Me neither.
<i>This comment has been removed as it has no relevance to this consultation.</i>
Seems fairly standard.
Recognises the areas past with a view to the future
I know we need to change, years ago we had everything here, our shopping centre was the best, now hairdressers and coffee shops
I feel the lack of acknowledgement to the climate disruptions and wonder if people are really informed about what to expect and adapt to
It's suitable
The focus on recognising the past, planning for the future and ensuring those in the present are able to enjoy their lives in a true community that cares for each other

How can you increase rates at a time like this? Its unconscionable
You need to recognise people use cars - it's a fact
Considers what is needed.
It builds on the areas strengths around culture, diversity and the environment
Cultural hub needs to include theatre
What does this have to with the plan?? 'Our more diverse local economy enjoys greater protection from financial shocks'
We DO NOT have transport connecting the city! We need connections from the North to the South and to major transport hubs.
Seems like goals most citizens would agree with.
I feel that the plan focuses more on entertaining people which is good economically rather than organic community arts development.
It's dangerous on the street

Appendix E: Verbatim responses to the question *"Please briefly share any additional comments about the draft Council Plan and draft Budget here."*

Note: some comments have been edited to remove any inappropriate references to businesses, groups or individuals.

Community transport - This will be devastating to vulnerable people including Greek and multicultural folk that use the service but cannot and do not provide the feedback to surveys like this
Plan includes, as presented, \$590,000 in savings and an increase of more than \$1 million. Not enough information provided for a reasoned response Not impressed by the need to budget for a quality subsidy for a community-managed child care - quality should be a given Sport Phillip - unclear as to what will be out Quality subsidy - quality should be there regardless Arts programs - depends which ones. Cancel St Kilda Festival and save a lot more! SMTH counter - so where do people go if they live at that end of the municipality? Summer Mgmt - what's the Summer Mgmt resource? Continued rental reduction for Palais - though restrictions are easing.
Why worry about 'savings' of \$911,000 on an operating budget of approx \$218 million? Consultation about these minor items gives the idea of consultation with ratepayers a false conclusion. This is not a valid way of consulting.
The guiding thought should be to deliver basic core services well and pare back "nice" not "necessary" services while ensuring those in the most need for housing, fundamental life support services do not go without.
Given the complete mismanagement of resources by this council, I'm gobsmacked that the approach to reduce costs is to reduce services. Why is there no review of council staff and salaries? How can you continue to justify lumping it on ratepayers?
Why is there a rate rise in a Covid world? I lost 70% of my business yet no business support but rate rise at highest possible rate? Where are the FOGO BINS FOR ALL? Climate change council yet most backward in the basics
The council doesn't appear to be planning very far ahead at this stage.
You need to continue to provide funding, and support, to our wonderful arts companies!
The reductions in funding seem unbalanced with the proposed increases. Eg The estimated savings for arts funding cuts is \$56k and the estimated cost for increased pressure cleaning of main streets is \$400k. Who wants streets that clean with no arts?
Please continue free access to Ripplonlea.
List of service cuts is not all of the cuts. Do not cut arts, do not cut EcoCentre gardening, do not effectively cut enviro by not increasing CoPP sustainability staff in response to the climate emergency. fund EcoCentre progs & redev. Ok with +1.5% rates
Disappointing that a rates freeze is not being considered while remuneration increases are being considered for councilors and staff at a time when everybody else is doing it tough coming out of COVID lockdowns!
Council plan and budget does not properly address the climate emergency, and does not set aside funding to address the inequitable access to public open space across the City of Port Phillip.
If cuts to programs/organisations that make Port Phillip the vibrant, diverse, socially fair, aesthetically aware City that it is are deemed essential to restore pandemic losses, these should be temporary and without severe impact.

<p>Council waste our money like it grows on trees. With a guaranteed income source with locked in yearly increases, it's no wonder. Focus on the basics. Stop doing extraneous nonsense. Just do the boring stuff that everyone needs!</p>
<p>Our streets are already pretty clean. I don't see how you can justify such massive cuts for something so unnecessary.</p>
<p>I am furious at the proposed cuts to the Arts. I will actively vote against all Council members whose myopic response is ill conceived</p>
<p>I don't believe we should be reducing relatively low-cost community support initiatives like sports, green spaces and creative programming in favour of spending much more on something like street cleaning.</p>
<p>████████████████████ No funding for █████ [the Palais] thanks at the expense of families and children</p>
<p>I support council's decision to increase rates. Council provides essential and vital services and most ratepayers can afford a small increase to ensure the continued provision of services.</p>
<p>The proposed changes are merely window dressing no substantial change to budget management are being made at all</p>
<p>1. Cease free access to Ripponlea estate. 2. Cease support to Friends of Suai - minimal benefit. 3. Please do not increase rates to cover wasteful spending. 4. Reduce staff costs/numbers. 5. Review efficiency of services to ensure cost benefit.</p>
<p>Keeping the streets free of debris and leaves is essential for flood management so support street cleaning increases but street parties are a massive morale booster for the area - would be a real shame not to place more importance on these</p>
<p>Shocked to see proposed increase of street cleaning at cost of \$400K & proposed cuts to sports access to underrep grps, access to RipponLea, cuts to Arts Programs & bike riding programs. The overriding concern w street cleaning is bizarre & perverse</p>
<p>I urge you to reconsider spending \$400,000 on external contractors to high pressure clean things. I can't see how cutting spending to childcare but increasing the spending on external contractors is of community benefit.</p>
<p>Need to assess why such measures have been recommended and whether it supports the community and residents. Take a realistic approach</p>
<p>Any funding reductions for community and arts programs fails to meet objectives of Community Vision Statement. Can increase funding of all these program by de-funding 'Increase pressure cleaning of main streets' which is only of transitory cosmetic value.</p>
<p>Surely community programs are an important part of being "a community". Community programs need to be more clearly defined as being for the participation of the community rather than items like the Palais Theatre which is a commercial enterprise.</p>
<p>How much is wasted to do wit bike paths</p>
<p>I agree with the PECAN environmental budget submission</p>
<p>Thr huge rent subsidy given to the Palais Theatre at the expense of other theatre and artistic activities in our city is appalling. The American owned management company should not get this subsidy at the expense of local companies.</p>
<p>Defunding some of the best (and most diverse) theatre companies in Melbourne would be a horrific loss to our arts scene. As a disabled theatre maker, I am very concerned about the loss of Rawcus as there are already very few opportunities for disabled art</p>
<p>As referenced in my own specific submission and in support of the PECAN, PPP and CAPP sub</p>
<p>The proposed savings will disadvantage already disadvantaged sectors</p>
<p>Please do not cut funding to arts institutions.</p>

<p>"We are renowned as a cultural hub from live music to our creative industries ... Port Phillip... [is] admired as a creative hub that continues to evolve and innovate.", and yet it is the very organisations they threaten to defund that can help deliver this</p>
<p>The key element which I feel is lacking is a long term commitment to address the climate emergency. This MUST be a long term commitment because the climate emergency will be with us for coming decades and will become even more dire.</p>
<p>I can't see any increases in funding for our parks, gardens, conservation services, foreshore areas or waste management. COVID19 has shown us how important these things are to the community. Thank you for co-funding the EcoCentre redevelopment.</p>
<p>The council is clearly pursuing the wrong priorities. The new expenses are not nearly as important as what will be cut to pay for them.</p>
<p>It is important to continue initiatives that increase social and cultural activities and inclusion, and not only focus on tourism.</p>
<p>I am surprised the City of Port Philip isn't considering making the Arts part of its recovery plan. The consequence of the pandemic are not solely financial. The community needs to be brought together to heal. Creativity is key to achieve these goals.</p>
<p>The arts are integral to people's lives and livelihoods. They are not can add on. Rawcus theatre for example, mentor a regional arts company. Without that support and mentoring, regional arts are also adversely affected. The arts assist social recovery.</p>
<p>Ripponlea offers space and respite to may locals. I think that it is mean spirited and short sighted to remove free access</p>
<p>Disappointing focus on the big projects with cost to the arts and activities which have an inclusion focus. This does not meet my expectations of CoPP values and culture.</p>
<p>The priority should be support for community activities - arts, sport, seniors & disadvantaged services. Its ridiculous to cut tiny budgets of \$50K, and then pay \$400K for more cleaning. Put that extra money into more community programs & funding instead</p>
<p>by withdrawing funding from arts organisations you are contributing to the decreased quality of life in the area and destroying (what little remains of) its reputation as a destination for quality experiences</p>
<p>The Council's vision does not promote or support the education of our children and the proposal to reduce the quality subsidy for community childcare will make childcare less affordable and reduce the quality of educators and education provided.</p>
<p>Lack of vision to not value your creative partnerships. The arts brings in work, employment to your economy. Is it really worth cutting your ties with cultural orgs?</p>
<p>Invest in separated bicycle infrastructure to encourage cycling and safety</p>
<p>Fund the Arts!</p>
<p>Creative arts is an essential element of any healthy community and should be fully supported.</p>
<p>You have a responsibility to aid the small to medium arts sector in its recovery from Covid-19 lockdowns, not the Palais theatre</p>
<p>The budget needs to prioritise all means of lowering net CO2 emissions (i.e., reduce fossil fuel use), and increase CO2 drawdown (i.e., plant/protect trees etc). The second priority is to focus on community connectedness; this is essential for health.</p>
<p>Good to see that the penalty rates for parking, speeding infringements are not proposed for increase. Would be beneficial to have employment positions on the draft as some of the salaries are unwarranted.</p>
<p>Not enough funds and staff for long term environmental planning, and need to address: declining green open space, (not sports facilities) air quality and pollution.</p>
<p>Spend less</p>

The items that are proposed for addition far outweigh the savings proposed.
I would like to see a plan that is progressive and proactive. For example, I live in a block of flats and would like to see some positive steps in terms of roof top solar. Currently there appears to be very little done in this space
The increased services should be able to be achieved within current budget resources by reprioritising and seeking efficiencies
Get real, take a wages cut that actually might make a difference
Rate are already too high for the level of service you provide.
I strongly feel that community programs shouldnt be reduced and instead cut the high pressure cleaning of
I value local arts organisations over larger corporations like cinemas. I do not care about how clean the streets are.
Obviously we are only seeing a small number of the services Council is doing. But I am very concerned that people with reduced mobility or lack of access to IT or wifi are being disadvantaged further with the cuts being proposed.
Remove the proposal to cut the triennial arts funding
Cutting funding to Arts organisations will increase unemployment, reduce access to cultural activities and basically ruin the lives of hundreds of community members!
There should be a total review of expenditure
I don't understand the implications of things you are asking about eg if you have an online booking service for transport then what happens to those who can't use or access technology? Or what does "summer management" mean?
COuncil needs to learn to manage to a given spend, and reduce services / participation in those areas which are not jey council areas - key areas are limited to roads, rubbish, rates
In times of Covid the council needs to concentrate on cost savings.
Now is the time to reduce spending and rates burden. My rates have increased x3 since 2003, CPI is x1.5! There should be no increases in rates for a number of years
Reduce financial aid to drug and homeless support services to what our neighboring councils spend and leave this area of responsibility to state government. No support to boarding houses and social housing below 3 bedrooms in size. St Kilda a ghetto
Spend less money on festivals and more on community services
I disagree with bike lanes on Inkerman due to parking and traffic flow. The roads are gridlocked as it is and to reduce traffic flow and parking significantly would make it even more frustrating as a resident of the area. Rates are extortionate
Wonder if high pressure street cleaning needed because of dogs and if so should dog registration be increased
The council must cut expenses in areas unrelated to service delivery.
I don't see cuts in council expenditure on wages and perks! I was astonished to find 639 employees on LinkedIn alone! How about you rein in your outrageous spending before slugging rate-payers yet again!
I'd like to see a reduction in budgets attributed to festivals. These should be funded by attendees and/or sponsors, not the Council. It was difficult to respond to some items as I didn't know what they meant, so I put 'neutral'.
I strongly support a rate freeze and request that Council become more efficient in delivering services to our community.

Why not reduce staff numbers significantly.
Instead of increased funding, focus on increased efficiencies
The options given only reflect a tiny percentage of the council's budget.
Budgeted expenses are too high
The council rates should be declining or at worst frozen for the next 3 years. Property values increase and therefore rate revenue increases and this continues to get recklessly spent - predominately on more and more staff. No fiscal responsibility!!
Proposed changes are a drop in the ocean. What is really needed is a focus on value for money for the residents.
Many of your cr ran on the platform of improving quality of childcare. How utterly tone deaf after COVID to try and reduce anything in that space.
Council has to continue to reduce staffing, and move back to essential services only.
No comment
The Bank of ratepayer is empty, time council recognised this
We would expect that Council challenge each ratepayer dollar spent maintaining the community assets and services and control it's cost budget. We demand that you – our paid representatives, control expenditure and maintain a freeze on rates.
Dont spend our rate money on non essential items at this time .
You are spending \$50,000 per day in excess of current income. STOP overspending. Listen to your ratepayers.
where is a proposal to reduce staff costs, what is the proportion of [redacted] [officers] in council admin compared with those at the coal face, actually delivering services or maintenance of physical assets.
Council has a duty to its residents to minimise rates as much as possible by delivering basic core services and keeping wages down.
As a resident of Ripponlea it is great to have access to the gardens as I live in an apartment without any garden area
Council should stick to providing basic civic amenity: street cleaning, garbage collection.
Nobody is giving me any reductions as a result of covid. Why should anyone else get one?
Major infrastructure / building projects could be slowed a little; services directly supporting disadvantaged people should be maintained (at least)
Our rates are too high, we are retired, we do not see value for money for the rates and they just keep going up
Childcare centres within the council need to keep all funding possible to maintain the quality care and facilities they offer our children.
My main concern is the cessation of funding to keep Ripponlea Gardens open for free entry. Residents in the nearby CoPP zones have little access to open, green space compared to other parts of CoPP. This cut impacts them disproportionately. Unfair.
I was saddened to see that the Business Sustainability Group has lost all funding. It was an important network for businesses looking to reduce their carbon footprint in CoPP
Whilst I am a ratepayer, I support a mild rate increase to maintain existing services during this recovery window.
I don't understand why we are increasing pressure cleaning. It's a significant cost and our streets seem very clean. If that was cut we could continue to fund most of the quality social funding.

Simply stop wasting money bin ridiculous projects. An example is the money spent on Parklets. These need to be removed ASAP and never returned again. The disruption to locals is intolerable. There should not be ones single cent or concession given to this
I am appalled that childcare spending is being decreased, particularly as it is increasingly understood to have such far reaching benefits for children and
It would be good to have more context/summary outlined with each question as to be able make a more informed decision.
Leaving childcare underfunded is going to put more pressure of working families, mum's Houng back workforce.
Port Philip Council is ripping off The Avenue Childcare Centre and Kindergarten. Port Phillip's financial mismanagement of the community centres is abject, its failure to deliver maintenance as per the levy is extraordinary and against law..
You rented the Palais to an international company that continually produces massive profits. They should be offering the Council more support
Access to the Ripponlea gardens has been wonderful. It would be sad to loose this.
I would be happy to pay increased rates to maintain access to Ripponlea estate, increase the funding to the Arts programs and the Sport and Community programs. Public space, the Arts and Community are what make Port Phillip the place I want to live.
Add compost bins to residents
The sports activities organized by the council are a win win, citizens are healthier, use less hospitals and reduce the cost of public health, it's a grest way to build a strong community, it's great for retired people who get to see their friends and do
STOP TRYING TO SAVE MONEY IN THE CHILDCARE SECTOR!!! Absolutely outrageous!!
Increasing summer management resources is a significant additional cost when other council tenants (such as childcare) also faced huge losses due to covid restrictions and have not been offered rental relief.
Rent reductions for businesses over public services is not looking after the people of port phillip
Won't be voting for the current council at the next election at this rate.
Disgraceful that looking to reduce funding for childcare
You have \$90 M in reserves according to a Councillor [REDACTED] so why are you withdrawing services.
I would like to see a much more determined effort to fine dog owners who let their dogs off leash. Done determinedly this could be an earner.
Changing the levy on child care affects the most vulnerable of the community. The community centres are jewels in the crown of port phillip council and should be supported and assisted rather than have their budgets and quality of the centres jepodised.
The proposed reductions in funding to key community services will further impact those services which were severely affected by the pandemic. The proposal to increase cleaning of roads is absurd in the context of taking money away from community childcare
I still think there is spend happening purely from an aesthetic point of view, and not neccessarily by need. Im very dissapointed by the lack of community engagement with this budget.
If Palais realises a rent reduction then so should all Council lesees. Many businesses are struggling and are in dire need equal to that of Palais. Economic recovery should be prioritised or consequences to the livability of the City are significant.
What is the council doing to drive visitation and business recovery. No one will want to come and visit if everything is closed. It will just be an empty city of drug users and expensive parking.

I fully support a 1.5% rate increase and a continuation of COPP's comprehensive community support programmes, particularly for the vulnerable members of our community. I also see it as essential to continue the greening of our suburbs through plantings
Vision statement: reference to traditional owners should be not only about the past, but ongoing cultural and custodianship role. Some vision statements are not supported by budget allocation eg biodiversity.
Objection to cut in quality subsidy for childcare because this will directly effect employment of qualified staff as well as be a further cost to parents who are often struggling
I believe services are vital for a thriving community. I am happy with my rates increasing to allow adequate services. I am a strong supporter of bicycle facilities, including Inkerman bike path - it is vital to separate bicycles from cars.
It seems pertinent to mention here that the reduction in support for our childcare centres would disproportionately affect women returning to work. Contextually, a 5-4% cut is significant and symptomatic of the council's intent to reduce support long term
There is no budget line in here for staff salary increases... I would like to know what they are given the HUGE increase in rates.
Please leave Ripponlea Estate access free
Why would you slash program funding and include an additional \$400k for pressure cleaning of streets?
GET REAL ABOUT ST KILDA & balaclava drug issues
Don't want to see sports programs and Ride2School go by the wayside so that buildings are pressure cleaned instead.
More story times at the library
Free access to Ripponlea Estate needs to stay
Rather than increased street cleaning I would like to see increased street safety. The intersection of Mitford/Barkly/Blessington is an accident waiting to happen. The No Standing area in front of 4 Mitford is often occupied, seldom booked.
Why are commercial organisations using Council facilities when important prominent non-profit organisations like the 40? year old Fishermens Bend Gymnastics Club can't find a property to rent for under 100,000K per annum! This seems completely wrong!
Why cut funding to programs which improve community health, like the Sports Access programs and the access to Ripponlea? These things are good for community wellbeing. Increased cleaning costs not value for \$ as are summer compliance costs
Stick to local council issues. Not state or federal. Fix up our waste, City of Port Phillip declare a Climate emergency but we cannot get our waste correct. We need to get this done correctly before we can get a pay on the back.
Please don't give up access to Ripponlea House Gardens - we have so little open space in Ripponlea and the House's Gardens are both beautiful and under utilised. It needs more publicity!
You're getting ripped off on street cleaning.
We pay an enormous amount in council tax compared to elsewhere. The plan takes away from access and support for sport, gardens and children's bike riding but you want to clean the streets? You have a green vision but where are our green bins?
Less well off residents in Ripponlea won't have access to open green space - this is an equity issue - all residents should have equal access
Nothing to say.
The shopping strips are disgusting, need attention!!

Council needs to better manage the resources that it has. It need to stop increasing rates to pay for more bureaucrats
Increased cleaning should include hidden locations such as car parks behind shops in Acland street. These areas have become grubby,uninviting and dangerous
Drop environmental contamination studies of Council managed park assets and leave it to State Government where necessary levels of expertise and resources exist : the CoPP does NOT have necessary expertise and qualifications to manage assessments in this
with the impact of the pandemic flowing through society, this is not the time to cut community services and arts funding, in particular. These areas, if anything, need increased support. Consider borrowing.
I'm not sure about those items I have marked as disagree - what are they and why?
How about a 5% salary reduction for all Council managers earning more than \$500,000 a year
More funding to fix homelessness!!
We need to fund the scoping study for a first stage of the Green Line proposal
There is upward of \$95M in spending that can, and should be cut from this bloated and sprawling council
The community transport cuts are not at all welcome. This is a service that caters for community members unable to use regular public transport without assistance. It provides means of access to South Melbourne Market and to the many activities.
what is summer management resource?
Please don't cut back on supporting Ride to School Day. Obesity post-COVID is a big problem. Open your eyes and look at your community. Look after our community before funding festivals etc for people from outer suburbs!
Support and encourage the Community to keep our Cities clean and healthy. Volunteers are a splendid resource that you would be wise to acknowledge.
It is impossible to discern the thinking that informs some of these proposed changes. We really need more information.
Reducing community engagement programs to fund main street cleaning which will be of no benefit to the community (safety, comfort, health) is money mismanaged with no lasting outcome for the community.
There is current budget line for Elster Creek and the Elsternwick Park, it is critical that this is retained in the plan.
Increased costs seem to be mainly about rent relief for commercial premises. Is any additional finding going into housing affordability?
In your opening statement you say CoPP are renowned as a cultural hub, from live music to our creative industries. This creativity drives our city. I'm born and raise in St Kilda and strongly believe that things you propose to take away are the things whi
focus seems to be on roads, cleaning, management of the beach and ignores investment in the Carlisle Street Precinct which is in trouble
The percentage decreases in spending per precinct seem inequitable
The Judo program supported by Sport Phillip introduced my son to a local community-focused business. This provided benefit to me, my son and the business who has developed local connections. My son is still involved in the program.
Seems to me that the council is more concerned with keeping up the aesthetics of the neighbourhood than valuing equity and social impact.
Nothing to do with dogs so no interest to me...lol

<p>The city is in a deep housing crisis and yet the budget does not recognise this nor does it take advantage of the Government's \$6 billion big housing build investment. Where is the equity in the budget for East St Kilda. where is the commitment to cycli.</p>
<p>Perhaps community fund-raising could help places like the Palais because it is a big ticket item in terms of cost. The little programmes affect a lot of people and their loss would be devastating. Overall the plan seems mean and lacking understanding.</p>
<p>I will be making a full submission and will provide detailed comments then</p>
<p>Our rates are higher than all other councils in the surrounding areas and yet you're still proposing to cut services - like access to Ripponlea Gardens - and don't provide some of the basic services like green waste recycling or parking permits</p>
<p>Very disappointed that you are proposing to cease the free entry to Rippon Lea Gardens. I am a 5 minute walk away and utilise the gardens regularly. It almost seems ridiculous that someone who lives in Ripponlea cannot go to the gardens!</p>
<p>I understand all the measures being proposed but the \$400k increase in pressure cleaning seems to be an odd activity to increase. i couldn't find anywhere that explains why this is being proposed</p>
<p>I think that decreasing a number of subsidies/sponsorships is not the way to go</p>
<p>If reducing funding into sporting events, add funding to parks and leisure</p>
<p>please focus on what the council is meant to focus on</p>
<p>I wonder why there is not discussion of composting, green waste; and why the reductions mentioned are only about community specific funding rather than perhaps streamlining of planning processes and other inhouse expenses.</p>
<p>Restrictions are no longer in place so the Palais should be able to return to operation. And why are we proposing to spend so much on pressure washing streets? Streets are outside and will never be fully clean. Nearly half a million on this seems frivolou</p>
<p>I am very keen for green waste bins for residents</p>
<p>Do not cut community programs which bring significant benefit to us with low budget. Thanks to the Council for reinstating the Friends of Suai budget. Cut major costs like unnecessary renewal of Elwood beach infrastructure, not community programs.</p>
<p>As a ratepayer, I am very supportive of the 1.5% rate increase to deal with the rising cost Council faces in delivering our services and ensuring that this revenue is invested in the whole community's wellbeing. No more cuts to services.</p>
<p>Most big increases are about people outside CoPP, like summer management and the friends in timor. While reducing budget for local programs and amenities. Ripponlea deal has been sorely needed and just when families can use it again you plan to stop it</p>
<p>Get rid of the parklets. They are reducing council income and are an eyesore and traffic hazard. Cheap treated pine construction that will warp and discolour through the winter months and leach dangerous chemicals into the drains and the bay.</p>
<p>Keep Ripponlea Gardens free !!</p>
<p>Some good intent, but pressure cleaning roads is so expensive and it's not clear how this furthers any aspect of the future vision.</p>
<p>neutral on items that I need for detail on, strongly disagree with withdrawing support for our national trust at ripponlea, access for locals support arts please.</p>
<p>Why should pressure cleaning cost so much? Can council find a cost effective solution? Why are residents of COPP Being forced to choose which services to keep & which services to cut? Why can't COPP find savings inside the organisation?</p>
<p>I would like divided recycling, more community compost, and the ability to plant on nature strips.</p>

None
Living in Ripponlea, my life does not stop at Hotham St. My family have been regular Ripponlea Estate visitors since reopening, and request that council continue to enable access to our closest green space.
I want to see more natural open spaces and green bins for compost. Sustainability doesn't seem like a high priority within port phillip
The palais rental reduction is a lot of money for a minority. The childcare rebate is vastly more important
Like the focus on basic services and the reduction on funding for no essential services
Council needs to fund Friends of Suai and undo the damage done by Australia government (both major parties)
Need to see more investment in active transport - protected bike lanes and wider footpaths. More investment too in encouraging pop up designer/art shops in the vicinity similar to gertrude st in fitzroy.
I'd like to express my gratitude to the Council for supporting the EcoCentre Redevelopment project and would like to ask your support for the continuation of the PPUFFN (Port Phillip Fresh Food Network) garden program ran by the Ecocentre.
Okay
I don't understand why is more important to improve clean streets while taking away services for the community that are very important for many citizens. Like the ecocentre where I started to have a community. No clean street can replace it.
Any financial reduction needs long term risk analysis. This period of fiscal restrictions will end and we need to ensure we do not kill programs off entirely
As I mentioned earlier the council employee costs should be reviewed as well - it is a huge component of the cost
given the amount that is spent on people costs in running the council - review should be made on efficient running of council administration vs cutting programs
CoPP intend to increase the rates by 1.5% . People have lost their jobs they don't need anymore pressure. You need to re-look at the rates and not increase them, you need to freeze the rates.
Please keep community participation activities and programs
We need to ensure our community stays healthy and connected
Many important programs and funding are being cut in this plan. Access to affordable childcare, programs that support sustainability including riding to work etc, cuts to arts programs when council had already defunded RAG Theatre program,
Port Phillip Fresh Food Network requires continuous funding. The garden is the heart of the EcoCentre, vibrant community hub, visual attraction to visitors and often the first entry point to local sustainability action. Caters for many vulnerable resident
Let's be careful not to chip away at those services that make our city unique. We are a community that has always nurtured people coming together and identifying with place. Pressuring cleaning our streets doesn't create a true community!
I'm happy to see finding for the EcoCentre. Disappointed that garden community project is cancelled and would like it to be reconsidered because it is my community support and is healthy activity, and I learn a lot about growing my own food
Replacement of plain trees with indigenous trees
I think what is important is the community. Yes St Kilda is dirty but I think looking after your homeless and drug addicts is a priority. Childcare subsidies are a must. Rent I'm not sure.
Priorities for Council Funds are determined by the overall value to Ratepayers and Residence alike.I appreciate the deliema this presents BUT it can be done with imagination and determination.

Proposed reduction in spending on cycling infrastructure is disappointing and not in line with Council's sustainability statements
I don't see anything about Safety. It's the number one priority the community is asking to be addressed
For the past 10 years there has been no funding for Albert Park Lake Reserve, for the next 10 years there is no funding. Nearly \$4 BILLION and no funding. One suggestion is for CoPP to be charged for entering the Park - Do you Strongly Agree or Disagree?
It was tricky to balance strategies that will improve community spirit with \$\$ consequences - it's as much about the individual moving about CoPP as it is hosting music events, etc.
No further comment
Deliver real productivity savings. Ditch: the Eco Centre, reduce staff budgets by 10% year-on-year, make Sth Melbourne Market pay its way, sell the Council stake in the Pride Centre...
Where is your support for the much needed upgrade of the St Kilda library- this resource needs urgent upgrade and is highly used and valued by marginal people in St Kilda ???
Rental increase should just be in line with local industry. Cleaner the better.
Find a lot more cost savings
Made me laugh with pressure street cleaning,since council amalgamated, in front.my place never been cleaned,I have to do myself,gutter always filthy
Rates, Rubbish and Roads.....stick to the basics
restricting services that support the community and foster interactions, sport or art is not the way to go.
Rates need to be reduced. Council needs to find savings without reducing services. This is your job. Do it.
I don't support increasing rates and then reducing council property rents
No additional comments.
I would like to see more efficiency in Council operations, staffing levels and staffing salaries. It has also been difficult to make ratings when I dont know what the risks and impacts are. I think community child care should be abolished.
Now is not the time to be cutting budgets. It's shortsighted. How can we rebuild our local economy & social connectedness by cutting services, funding & funding opportunities for the arts? The arts play a vital role in a healthy local economy & community.
What about the comments we supplied 12 months ago regarding the master plan for Elwood beach ?g
Council efforts needs to be more visible - clean up the streets of rubbish and stains, manage the crime bc it's increased, make indoor and outdoor dining inviting again by moving along rough sleepers
It's looking very shabby in St Kilda.. Would be happy to see more cleaning