Vision theme descriptions

Information pack

Banyule
City Council

Welcome

Dear ThinkTank-ers!

To prepare you for **ThinkTank Session 4** on **Saturday 7 December**, we've pulled together this pack.

Inside the pack you'll find two versions of the Community Vision Theme descriptions.

1. The **long descriptions** – these are the versions you worked on during ThinkTank Session 1 and incorporate your feedback in **bold**.
2. The **proposed short descriptions** – following on from feedback you provided during the online vote, we've done some work to shorten the descriptions to make them more accessible.

The request

Before Session 4 on Saturday 7 December, we're asking you to:

STEP 1: Review the long and short descriptions for each theme.

STEP 2: Consider whether the short descriptions adequately summarise the words and intention of the long descriptions.

STEP 3: Come prepared to Session 4 to vote on your support for the revised theme descriptions.

Any questions?

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Theme 1 – Our Inclusive and Connected Banyule

Long description (following ThinkTank Session 1)

Nutshell statement: *'A safe, healthy, vibrant and connected community where everyone loves to live, work and stay; diversity and inclusion are valued and encouraged.'*

'**By** 2041, Banyule maintains its **identity** as a diverse, inclusive, **respectful** and vibrant community, and people from all backgrounds, genders, **sexualities**, **cultures, beliefs,** ages and **abilities** call Banyule home.

- **We celebrate, respect and learn from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, knowledge and peoples and commit to supporting self-determination.**
- Our community spaces **and services** are welcoming and accessible **across the municipality by people of all backgrounds and lived experience**. **There are no barriers to inclusion or participation.**
- We maintain our love and passion for the outdoors, open space and greenery.
- We are fit and healthy and have access to safe and nutritious food.
- People participate in sport and recreation
- People lead active lifestyles and have good mental and emotional **health and** wellbeing.
- Together we celebrate the amazing cultures that make up who we are and contribute to our shared identity.
- Inclusiveness and diversity are reflected in services, programs, festivals and events.
- **We create spaces and ways for everyone to participate and be represented.**
- Our rich arts and cultural history are protected, promoted and cultivated and more opportunities are available for people to come together and enjoy.
- We encourage community connection **through education, work and volunteering** and look after our vulnerable community members by making Banyule a safe place for everyone **physically and psychologically**.
- We know our neighbours, greet our new friends with open arms and **support each other through challenges**.
- **People of all ages play an active and important role in community decision-making and civic life.**
- We embrace our multiculturalism and engage with and understand the needs of diverse communities.
- Acceptance of our differences underpins our sense of community and belonging.'

Proposed short description

Nutshell statement: 'A safe, active, vibrant and connected community where diversity and inclusion are valued and encouraged.'

By 2041, Banyule remains a diverse, inclusive, and vibrant community, where everyone feels at home.

- We honour and learn from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures and support self-determination.
- Community spaces and services are welcoming and accessible to all, with no barriers to inclusion or participation.
- Banyule is safe and people enjoy nutritious food, lead active lifestyles and experience good mental and emotional health and wellbeing.
- Our festivals and events are inclusive and reflect our diversity.
- We protect and celebrate our arts and cultural history, offering opportunities for people to connect, participate and be represented.
- Volunteering, education and work encourage and build community connection.
- Acceptance of people's differences underpins our sense of belonging.
- People of all ages and backgrounds actively participate in decision-making and civic life.

Theme 2 – Our Sustainable Environment

Long description (following ThinkTank Session 1)

Nutshell statement: *'A progressive and innovative leader in protecting, enhancing and increasing the health and diversity of our natural environment, where we all commit to playing an active role in achieving environmental sustainability, waste and carbon emissions reduction.'*

*'**By** 2041, Banyule is a leader in environmental sustainability and recognised as one of the most sustainable communities.*

- *We form partnerships **with the community, education and private sectors** and continue to invest in innovative solutions to tackle climate change.*
- ***Population growth is aligned with sustainability goals and maintaining open space. People across Banyule have equal access to the natural environment.***
- *We are an empowered community that takes action and **is adaptive and resilient to the effects** of climate change.*
- ***We cater for a variety of transport options, contributing to a more sustainable environment.***
- *We are a carbon neutral community, and on the way to carbon negative. We are a **circular economy** and **continually achieve** zero waste.*
- *We are a well-informed community on waste, food security, water conservation and climate actions. **Council continues to lead in sustainability and environmental education.***
- ***Local Aboriginal culture, knowledge and Caring for Country principles are key to a sustainable environment.***
- *We all play an active role in promoting, protecting **and strengthening** local biodiversity, indigenous plants, flora, fauna and wildlife habitat.*
- ***There is no more species extinction, and we manage pests and pets to strengthen biodiversity.***
- ***Underutilised spaces are used to increase vegetation and wildlife corridors.***
- *We act sustainably and reduce waste, **have fully developed recycling systems** and make good use of our food and garden organics.*
- *Urban farming, **home-grown food and sharing practices are the norm**.*
- *Our trees, tree canopy and **native vegetation** are well maintained, enhance liveability and beautify our streets, **open spaces and neighbourhoods.***
- ***Our urban forest continues to enhance liveability through efforts from Council, residents and business.***
- *We have abundant natural open spaces that improve health and wellbeing.*
- *Environmentally sustainable design **and green infrastructure** are central in planning and development.*
- *Use of renewable energy in our homes, businesses and facilities **is** normal.'*

Proposed short description

Nutshell statement: 'A progressive and innovative leader in protecting, enhancing and increasing the health and diversity of our natural environment, where we all commit to playing an active role in achieving environmental sustainability and reducing waste and carbon emissions.'

By 2041, Banyule is a leader in environmental sustainability and recognised as one of the most sustainable communities.

- We partner with the community, education and private sectors, investing in innovative solutions to tackle climate change.
- Population growth aligns with sustainability goals, ensuring equal access to natural spaces.
- The community is empowered, adaptive and resilient to climate change.
- Council promotes sustainable transport options and is on the way to being carbon negative, with a circular economy achieving zero waste.
- We are well-informed on waste, food security and climate actions, and Council leads environmental education.
- Aboriginal culture and Caring for Country principles guide our sustainability efforts.
- We protect biodiversity, reduce species extinction and enhance wildlife corridors and urban vegetation.
- Urban farming and home-grown food practices are common.
- Trees, green spaces and the urban forest are abundant and maintained to enhance liveability and neighbourhood character.
- Environmentally sustainable design is central to planning and development, and the use of renewable energy in our homes, businesses and facilities is normal.

Theme 3 – Our Well-Built City

Long description (following ThinkTank Session 1)

Nutshell statement: ***'A well-planned, sustainable and liveable place that caters for current and emerging communities; where our local character and environment is protected and enhanced.'***

*'**By** 2041, Banyule is a well-planned, designed **and environmentally sustainable** city that meets the current and future needs of the community.*

- *We are a green city with ample open natural space, **trees** and wildlife at our doorsteps.*
- ***Spaces are well designed with universal access in mind and planning decisions consider how changes will impact people's health and wellbeing.***
- *We are a city with affordable, **accessible** and sustainable housing **options** that meet the **diverse** needs of our community.*
- *Our City is a network of **accessible neighbourhoods** connected through a range of **sustainable** transport options and we have easy access to places to live, work and play.*
- *We **encourage and invest in active forms of transport such as walking, cycling and public transport**.*
- ***Our cycling and walking paths are well-connected and safe.***
- *We protect **and celebrate** our local character, heritage and **history and we embed First Nations culture.***
- *Development is sustainable and in balance with our preserved grasslands, forests, wetlands, waterways and wildlife.'*

Proposed short description

Nutshell statement: 'A well-planned, sustainable and liveable place that caters for current and emerging communities; where our local character and environment is protected and enhanced.'

By 2041, Banyule is a well-planned, designed and built environmentally sustainable city that meets the community's needs.

- We are a green city with abundant open space, trees and wildlife.
- Spaces are well designed for universal access, with planning decisions considering health and wellbeing.
- The city offers affordable, accessible and sustainable housing options for people's diverse needs.
- Banyule is a network of accessible neighbourhoods, connected by sustainable transport options.
- We encourage and invest in active transport like walking, cycling and public transport, and our walking and bike paths are safe and well-connected to the broader community.
- We protect our local neighbourhood character, heritage and history and embed First Nations culture into planning, thinking and design.
- Good design is seen across our city in housing and other buildings.
- Development is sustainable and balanced with preserving grasslands, forests, wetlands, waterways and wildlife.

Theme 4 – Our Valued Community Assets and Facilities

Long description (following ThinkTank Session 1)

Nutshell statement: *'Our community assets, facilities and services, are affordable, sustainable, evenly distributed, safe, accessible for everyone and designed to provide meaningful experiences and connections.'*

'In 2041, our parks, playgrounds, sports grounds ***and facilities*** *are well maintained and accessible to* ***everyone****.*

- *Our community assets and facilities are* ***equitably distributed, culturally safe****, accessible, diverse and inclusive. They are environmentally sustainable, innovative, represent local character* ***and ensure physical safety.***
- *Our built assets are fit for purpose,* ***adaptable****, well maintained and service the needs of our* ***diverse*** *community.*
- *Our multipurpose facilities* ***and libraries*** *provide places and spaces for people to connect,* ***learn****, work and build friendships.*
- *We take pride in and enjoy our well-built community hubs, aquatic facilities, and sports recreation centres that are essential to our health and wellbeing.*
- ***We have easy access to non-Council community assets and facilities.***
- *We have a safe network of bike lanes, pathways, roads and transport options that connect us locally and to the wider community.'*

Proposed short description

Nutshell statement: 'Our community assets, facilities and services, are affordable, sustainable, evenly distributed, safe, accessible for everyone and designed to provide meaningful experiences and connections.'

In 2041, our facilities, parks, playgrounds, sports grounds are well maintained and accessible to all.

- Community assets are equitably distributed, culturally safe, diverse, inclusive and environmentally sustainable, reflecting local character and ensuring physical safety.
- Built assets are adaptable, well-maintained and meet the needs of our diverse community.
- Multipurpose facilities and libraries offer spaces for connection, learning, work and friendship.
- We take pride in our well-built community hubs, aquatic and leisure facilities and sports centres, which are essential to health and wellbeing.
- We have easy access to non-Council community facilities.

Our safe network of bike lanes, paths, roads and public transport connects us locally and beyond.

Theme 5 – Our Thriving Local Economy

Long description (following ThinkTank Session 1)

Nutshell statement: *'A thriving, resilient, socially responsible, integrated local economy that encourages,*
supports and advocates for a diverse range of businesses and entrepreneurship, providing local investment and employment opportunities.'

*'**By** 2041, Banyule is **the proud** home to a diverse range of **local** businesses. We are a place where everyone has access to quality education and employment.*

- *Our growth is supported through business partnerships and regional collaborations.*
- *We **mentor, foster business ideas,** nurture new start-ups and continue to support businesses **with the resources** to **grow, connect, survive and thrive**.*
- ***We promote and have strong relationships with First Nations businesses, Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations and local Aboriginal Gathering Places.***
- ***We harness untapped opportunities to grow and connect local businesses.***
- ***There is investment in local traders and shopping precincts to make them safe, social, attractive and a destination for people in and outside of Banyule.***
- ***We run events to encourage business, trading and social connection.***
- *Doing business in Banyule is easier than ever and becomes a choice for new enterprises, **encouraging people to shop locally**.*
- *There is a range of local employment opportunities available for all, and our workplaces embrace diversity and inclusion.*
- ***There is flexibility to work and run a business from home and from co-working spaces, improving work-life balance.***
- *More local jobs mean less of us need to travel outside the area for work.*
- ***Our health and wellbeing is stronger because of the social connection created by our local economy.***
- *Innovation and technological advancements are embraced, and our social enterprises are well established.*
- *Our City has plenty of education and job training opportunities for people of all ages and abilities and provides a range of career opportunities **for people at all stages of their work life**.*
- *Volunteerism is encouraged and promoted as a valuable contributor to the community and local economy.'*

Proposed short description

Nutshell statement: 'A thriving, resilient, socially responsible, local economy that encourages, supports and advocates for a diverse range of businesses and entrepreneurship, providing local investment and employment opportunities.'

By 2041, Banyule is home to a diverse range of local businesses and everyone has access to quality education and employment.

- Economic growth is supported through business partnerships and regional collaborations.
- We mentor and support start-ups and new business ideas, providing resources for businesses to grow and thrive.
- We promote and have strong relationships with First Nations businesses and Aboriginal organisations and gathering spaces.
- There is investment in local traders and shopping precincts to make them safe, attractive and a destination for shopping and socialising.
- We run events to promote business, trading and social connection, making Banyule a people and business-friendly destination.
- Local employment opportunities are diverse, inclusive and flexible, supporting work-life balance.
- Innovation and technological advancements are embraced and social enterprises are well-established.
- There are diverse education and job training opportunities for people of all abilities and life stages.

Volunteering is promoted as a valuable contributor to the community and local economy.

Theme 6 – Our Trusted and Responsive Leadership

Long description (following ThinkTank Session 1)

Nutshell statement: *'An engaged and driven community led by a responsive and innovative Council that has the trust of the community through demonstrated best practice governance, financial sustainability and advocacy on community priorities and aspirations.'*

*'**By** 2041, Council **works in partnership with community in** a trusted, transparent and accountable way.*

- ***We work with the First Nations community and recognise Aboriginal self-determination.***
- ***The community is** led by a responsive, innovative, **open** and accessible Council that **is customer focussed and** continually strives to achieve service excellence and positive outcomes for all.*
- *Barriers between Council and community are diminished **through timely, effective and relevant forms of communication,** and interacting with Council is easier than ever.*
- ***Council** advocates on matters that are important to the community.*
- *We are highly engaged and have a **genuine and active** say in decisions that affect us.*
- ***We nurture community leaders to make positive change for the communities they represent.***
- *We are kept well-informed of Council's progress, achievements **and outcomes** through regular **monitoring**, reporting and evaluation.*
- ***The community trusts Council to be a** socially, environmentally and financially sustainable **organisation**.*
- *Together we achieve Banyule's Community Vision 2041.'*

Proposed short description

Nutshell statement: 'An engaged and driven community led by a responsive and innovative Council that has the trust of the community through demonstrated best practice governance, financial sustainability and advocacy on community priorities and aspirations.'

By 2041, Council works in partnership with the community in a trusted, transparent, and accountable way.

- We work alongside the First Nations community and recognise Aboriginal self-determination.
- A responsive, innovative, customer-focused Council that delivers excellent services.
- Barriers between Council and the community are reduced through timely and effective communication, making interactions with Council easier.
- Council advocates for community priorities and actively engages the community in decision-making.
- Community leaders are nurtured to drive positive change for the communities they represent.
- Regular and transparent reporting keeps the community well-informed of Council's progress.
- Council is trusted as a socially, environmentally and financially sustainable organisation, working to achieve Banyule's Community Vision 2041.

People of all ages and backgrounds actively participate in decision-making and civic life. Theme 1 – Inclusive and Connected Banyule