Banyule Futures Your Voice Our Future

Banyule City Council

ThinkTank Session 3

Consolidation of Thoughts

Mayor’s welcome

Cr Elizabeth Nealy

Acknowledgements

Banyule City Council is proud to acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as traditional custodians of the land and we pay respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Elders, past, present and emerging, who have resided in the area and have been an integral part of the region's history.

Diversity statement

Our community is made up of diverse cultures, beliefs, abilities, bodies, sexualities, ages and genders. We are committed to access, equity, participation and rights for everyone; principles which empower, foster harmony and increase the wellbeing of an inclusive community.

Who is in the room?



Community ThinkTank

A representation of the diversity of the Banyule community



Council team

Here to share critical information and provide ongoing content support.



The Capire Team

Independent facilitators

Housekeeping



Please turn your mobile phone on silent



Please no personal photography or filming



We have set times for morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. Please help yourself to tea and coffee at any time.



Take note of emergency exits and toilet location



We have arranged for your carparking so no need to move your car during breaks

Housekeeping



Covid-safe & general health practices

- If you are feeling unwell, please go home
- Use the hand sanitiser provided
- If you are more comfortable wearing a mask, please do so



What can you share?

Feel free to talk to family and friends about the process in general but to respect the process we ask that you don’t share any aspect of the Panel’s work on social media, with the media or members of Council.

Support and resources

- Central Contact – Karol Anfuso and project staff
- Central information point – **Shaping.Banyule.vic.gov.au/ThinkTank-members**
- Regular updates
- Participant Packs, Findings Reports, other key documents
- Support in between sessions and during sessions

ThinkTank Journey



- Introduction
- Community Vision (review & refine)

- Information on key Council documents
- Exploring ideas

- Consolidation of ideas

- Recommendations
- Preparation
- Presentation

The promise

Council will look to you for advice and innovation to come up with solutions to challenges Council and people in Banyule are facing. Your advice will be incorporated into final decisions to the maximum extent possible.

ThinkTank remit

The Banyule Community ThinkTank will identify clear priorities and principles for Council over the next four years. Members will be provided with up-to-date information to support their informed conversations with other ThinkTank members, before making recommendations to Councillors based on what members agree should be Council's priorities for inclusion in its Council Plan and Public Health and Wellbeing Plan and other strategic documents.

Principles to work together

- **Listening -** We will actively listen while others are speaking, ensuring everyone gets an opportunity to share their views.
- **Speaking and communicating -** We will accept all ways people would like to communicate, verbally and in written form, and consider the way we speak to ensure everyone feels safe and comfortable.
- **Respect** - We will respect everyone in the room and acknowledge the way we all play a part in shaping Banyule, particularly our elders who have a wealth of experience to share.
- **Acceptance and inclusion** - We will actively include everyone in the room in acknowledgement that the diversity of our experiences and communities will mean that issues may impact us differently.
- **Curiosity** - We will maintain a curious mindset to enable learning and unlearning to challenge our assumptions, even when this is hard or uncomfortable.
- **Focus** - We will remain focused on our objectives to find the best outcomes for all of Banyule.
- **Decision making -** We will make decisions by voting with a majority.

Agenda

Time	Item
9:30am	Welcome
	Energiser
	Outcomes from Session 2 and online discussions
	Morning tea
	Refining priorities and principles (part 1)
12:20pm	**Lunch**
	Priority voting: Level of comfort
	Refining priorities and principles (part 2)
	Priority voting: Level of support
	Afternoon tea break
	Community Vision status and proposed next steps
	Overview and volunteers for Session 4 presentation
	Wrap up and next steps
4:00pm	**Finish**

Energiser

Government match-up Bingo

Government match-up Bingo instructions

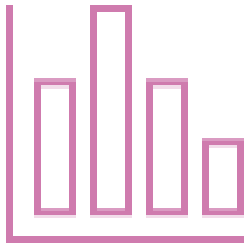
- Your table will receive:
  - A3 game board
  - Service cards
- Match the service with the tier of government.
- When you are finished put your hand up and shout bingo!
- The first table to get them all correct wins a prize!

Priorities and principles – where are we at?

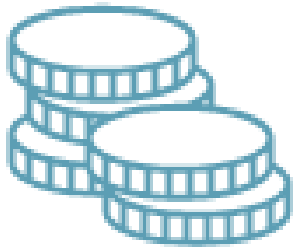
What’s happened so far



Online forums - topics



Priorities and performance



Budget and finances



Assets and facilities



Health and Wellbeing Plan

Online forums – your comments





Online forums – asset rating question

How should Council prioritise budget for assets and facilities into the future?

1. Prioritise funding for existing assets, less on new
2. Prioritise funding for new assets, less on existing
3. Prioritise funding for existing assets + invest in new assets when there is a proven community need.

You were asked to rate each option out of 5

Online forums – asset rating question

How should Council prioritise budget for assets and facilities into the future?

1. Prioritise existing assets, less on new – **3.71 / 5**
2. Prioritise new assets, less on existing – **2.50 / 5**
3. Prioritise existing + invest in new when there is a proven community need – **4.46 / 5**

Option 3 added to priorities for your discussion

Emerging priorities

Theme 1 – Inclusive and Connected Community
Social media advocacy
Support and encourage volunteering
Low and no-cost access to community facilities
Programs for men
Programs for young people
Programs for parents with children

Emerging priorities

Theme 2 – Sustainable Environment
Increase waste education
Sustainability as part of capital works tenders
Increase tree planting
Improve air quality

Emerging priorities

Theme 3 – Well-Built City
Housing for growing and diverse population
Integrate development and environment
Appropriate infrastructure
Sustainable and accessible public transport

Emerging priorities

Theme 4 – Assets and Facilities
Consider ageing population
Prioritise budget for existing assets
Invest to increase use of existing assets

Emerging priorities

Theme 5 – Local Economy
Innovate to connect people in retail spaces
Use vacant spaces for art and culture

Emerging priorities

Theme 6 – Responsive Leadership
Diversify communications methods
Inform and educate on local government
Empower community to set priorities
Alternate revenue sources
Public private partnerships
Smart investment
Emergency funds

Emerging principles

1. **Services, places and spaces accessible for everyone.**
2. **Balance doing Council core business well with meeting community expectations to do more.**
3. **Places that support community to connect, learn and grow.**
4. **Spaces that enable and celebrate cultural diversity and creativity.**
5. **Sustainable growth that strengthens and preserves valued community assets.**
6. **Accepted principles are used to prioritise an asset's renewal or replacement, including its location and level of use.**
7. **Language used is inclusive and respectful of all people.**

Morning tea 

15 minute break

Refining priorities and principles (part 1)

Instructions

- Each table will be allocated a Community Vision theme.
- Go to the theme you are most interested in.

Round 1: Add, adapt and refine (40 minutes)

Round 2 : Council's role (35 minutes)

Refined priorities will be voted on.

Round 1 instructions (40 minutes)

- In detail, **review** and **reflect** on the priorities.
- **Add**, **adapt** or **refine** the theme priorities and principles.

Prompt questions:

- Do these priorities/principles still resonate with you?
- Is there anything missing?
- Are there any that could be consolidated or refined?

Round 2 instructions (35 minutes)

Review the priorities **thinking** about what role Council may play in addressing them.

What is Council's role with each priority?

Prompt questions:

- Are the priorities within Council's control?
- What role would Council play in addressing them?
- What would success look like?

→ **Write each refined priority on a voting worksheet**

What is Council's role with each priority?



Deliver

Council delivers services, programs and projects to achieve the aims of its plans, strategies and Community Vision.



Advocate

Council advocates to other levels of government on behalf of the community to deliver better outcomes for Banyule.



Partner

Council brings together and works with other organisations, agencies and community groups to get better outcomes for Banyule.

After lunch

1. Priority voting: Level of comfort
2. Final refinement of priorities
3. Priority voting: Level of support
4. Community Vision status and proposed next steps
5. Overview and volunteers for Session 4 presentation

Lunch

30 minutes

Priority voting

Level of comfort

Priority voting: Level of comfort

What is your level of comfort with each priority?

- *Very comfortable*
- *Comfortable*
- *Neutral*
- *Uncomfortable*
- *Very uncomfortable*
- *Don't know/Can't say*

If you vote *Very uncomfortable*, *Uncomfortable*, *Neutral* or *Don't know/can't say*: **Share why you chose this response**.

Refining priorities and principles (part 2)

Instructions

Go back to the same theme you were at for refinement part 1.

Round 1: Review vote and adjust based on feedback (20 minutes)

Round 2 : Using data for Banyule in 2041, consider the priorities of Banyule in the future (25 minutes)

- Will the priorities respond to what Banyule is expected to look like in 2041?
- Are there any additional priorities you'd like to add?

→ **Write each refined priority on a voting worksheet**

Priority voting

Level of support

Priority voting: Level of support

What is your level of support with each priority?

- *Love it*
- *Can live with it*
- *Loathe it*

Afternoon tea



10 minute break

Community Vision

Status and proposed next steps

Community Vision – journey so far



Should anything be added to strengthen the theme descriptions or reflect changes since they were written in 2021?

Community Vision – where are we now?

Some feedback from the online vote…

Theme 1

- Remove words like ‘fit’ and ‘healthy’ which are not a choice for many people – ableist language.
- Theme for ‘Health and Wellbeing’ needed because of this language.

Reduce length

- To make more accessible, more readable

Community Vision – description length

Theme 1 - 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.'*

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- **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.'

Theme 1 - proposed short description

Nutshell statement: 'A vibrant, connected, active and safe 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 their best 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.
- Valuing people's differences underpins our sense of belonging.
- People of all ages and backgrounds actively participate in decision-making and civic life.

Community Vision – changes to Theme 1

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Community Vision – proposal

1. Remove ableist language from Theme 1 – aspirational words like ‘fit’ and ‘healthy’.
2. *Not* have a new theme for health and wellbeing.
3. Shorten all the descriptions.

If you agree:

- We will give you revised short descriptions to take away to review
- Come back and vote in Session 4.

Any questions?

Community Vision – discussion

Discuss at your tables

1. Views on removing ableist language from Theme 1.
2. Views on not creating a new theme for health and wellbeing.
3. Views on shortening the long descriptions to make more accessible.

Community Vision – online vote

1. Scan the QR code
   or
   Go to www.menti.com and put in code **1576 8220**

2. What is your level of support for:

   a. Revised language in Theme 1 and no new theme
   b. Shortened descriptions, noting that sentiment has not been changed.

Session 4 presentation

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Five presenters needed

- 4 volunteers: Priorities per Community Vision theme
- 1 volunteer: Principles

Next steps

- Collation of principles
- Session Four: **Next Saturday (7 December 2024)**
  - Principles and vision theme description: refinement
  - Council communication
  - Presentation preparation
  - Presentation to Banyule Councillors and Executives