



GLENELG SHIRE COUNCIL CONSULTATION REPORT

For the development of the Council and Wellbeing Plan
2025-2029

PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of engagement outcomes and how they were embedded into the development of the Council and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2029.

PURPOSE OF ENGAGEMENT

The purpose of the consultation was to inform, consult, and involve the Glenelg Shire community and key stakeholders in shaping the Council and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2029. The consultation aimed to gather a wide range of perspectives on community strengths, aspirations, challenges, and priorities, with a strong focus on health and wellbeing, the environment, the economy, and local governance. This inclusive process was designed to ensure that the next Council and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2029 reflects community values, needs, and future vision.

CONSULTATION SCOPE

Key elements explored through the consultation were:

- What the community loves the most and considers to be the strengths of the Glenelg community.
- The biggest issues and concerns and priorities to focus on.
- The community's vision for Glenelg in 20 years' time.
- The big ideas community members have for Glenelg Shire.
- What needs to change or be improved to achieve the community's vision, deliver big ideas and address health and wellbeing needs.
- What should be Council's priorities for the next 4 years.

STAKEHOLDERS

General Community	Residents of all ages and backgrounds, from across Glenelg's towns and rural communities.
Children and Young People	Kindergarten, Primary and Secondary schools (ages 4 to 18) via youth programs, and activity sheets.
Business Owners and Local Traders	Through in-person outreach and sessions.
Community Vision 2040 Reference Group	Original members of the Reference Group for the development of the 2040 Community Plan and Vision.
Community Focus Group Participants	Invitation to participate following Gender Impact Assessment of Engagement and Communications Plan.
Health Partner Organisations	Health and wellbeing services, Non-Government Organisations and community networks.
Internal Stakeholders	Councillors and Council staff from all departments.

EVALUATION AND REPORTING

Quantitative Data	Participation levels across all methods were recorded.
Qualitative Insights	Thematic analysis of open responses, workshop feedback, and focus group outcomes.
Equity Check	Demographic data was analysed to ensure diverse representation and highlight any engagement gaps.
Integration	Insights will directly inform the development of the Council and Wellbeing Plan.
Feedback to Participants	A summary of engagement outcomes and how they were used will be made available to the community.

INFORMING AND INVOLVING OUR COMMUNITY

Engagement promotion and awareness

In alignment with IAP2 principles of engagement, particularly the commitment to keeping the community informed and providing opportunities for meaningful involvement, Council undertook a comprehensive and proactive communications campaign to raise awareness and encourage participation in the Council Plan consultation and engagement program from January to March 2025.

Our approach was designed to ensure that community members were aware of the engagement opportunities, understood how to participate, and could access information in ways that suited their preferences. The following methods were used to reach as many people as possible across the Shire:

Direct Mail

To ensure all households and businesses had access to the information, almost 11,000 flyers were delivered directly to street addresses, businesses, roadside mailboxes, and PO boxes. The flyers outlined the purpose of the Council Plan, detailed upcoming engagement sessions, and explained other ways the community could be involved.

Online Presence

Information about the Council Plan and how to participate was made available on Council's main website and through our dedicated engagement platform, *Your Say Glenelg*.

Local Access Points

Postcard surveys and collection boxes were distributed to key locations throughout the Shire, such as local stores, post offices, libraries, and Council customer service centres making participation easy and accessible in everyday community spaces. Postcards were also provided at community conversations and drop-in sessions.

Social Media and Digital Channels

Council's social media platforms (Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram) were used to share regular updates and reminders. Messaging was also amplified through local community Facebook pages to broaden our digital reach.

Community Newsletter

Updates were featured in Council's monthly *Community Newsletter* for January, February, and March. With 500 printed copies distributed and around 1250 via email, this channel helped keep residents informed throughout the engagement period.

Posters and Flyers in the Community

Promotional materials were displayed in high-traffic community locations such as bakeries, cafes, libraries, visitor information centres, post offices, and notice boards. These posters provided dates and locations for engagement events and included links to the online survey.

Local Media and Radio

Council shared information through local newspapers using a mix of paid advertisements and media releases. A four-week radio advertising campaign further extended our outreach, helping to ensure the message reached listeners across the region.

Direct Engagement with Groups

Electronic direct mail (EDMs) were sent to community groups and organisations, helping to inform local networks and encourage broader participation.

Through this wide-reaching and inclusive strategy, Council worked to ensure all community members had opportunities to learn about, engage with, and contribute to the development of the new Council Plan. This effort reflects our commitment to building trust, listening actively, and ensuring all voices across the Glenelg Shire have the chance to be heard.



ENGAGEMENT METHODS

The engagement strategy for the Council Plan development was designed in line with IAP2 principles of meaningful community engagement ensuring that the process was inclusive, transparent, and responsive. Each engagement method was selected to reflect where the community was best placed to contribute.

Every stage of the engagement process was grounded in the IAP2 core values:

- Inclusive and equitable participation was achieved by offering multiple formats (online, in-person, print, and child/youth-friendly) to suit diverse community needs.
- Transparency and clarity were maintained by clearly communicating how to participate, what feedback was being sought, and how input would be used.
- Trust and relationship-building were fostered through direct contact between residents and decision-makers, and by actively listening to feedback — even when it fell outside pre-set questions.
- Responsiveness was demonstrated by adapting methods to different audiences, such as creating targeted tools for children and designing the focus group based on a Gender Impact Assessment.

Community Survey

The community survey, open from 17 February to 16 March 2025, enabled residents to express their views on what matters most to them, identify barriers to wellbeing, and shape Council's future direction. Available both online through *Your Say Glenelg* and in hard copy from Council's customer service locations ensuring participation was accessible to all. It was designed to consult with the community — gathering broad input to inform Council's planning by asking for feedback on community strengths, visions for the future, big ideas, challenges, and key priorities across health, wellbeing, environment, and the economy. The inclusion of demographic data allowed Council to assess the representativeness of the responses.

Postcard Survey

A quick, colourful and accessible version of the broader survey, the postcard survey was designed to reach a wide demographic, including those less likely to engage online. Distributed throughout the Shire at local businesses, libraries, post offices, and Council sites, and handed out during face-to-face events, this tool collected succinct yet meaningful feedback.

By providing a simpler engagement format, this method expanded participation and ensured a broader base of community voices was consulted.

Community Conversations and Drop-in Sessions

Six community conversations and seven drop-in sessions were held across the Shire from 19 February to 14 March 2025. These interactive forums enabled deeper dialogue between community members, Councillors, and staff.

Community conversations encouraged deliberation and shared learning, while drop-in sessions provided quieter, one-on-one opportunities to contribute or receive support with completing surveys. Additionally, Councillors actively engaged with residents and local business owners, distributing surveys, and listening to spontaneous feedback, reinforcing a community-first approach.

Schools and Youth Engagement

Engaging children and young people through tailored activity sheets and facilitated sessions recognised the importance of involving younger voices in shaping the future. Materials were designed to be age-appropriate, and participation was enabled both individually and in classroom settings across all schools and Council run early years education centres.

Council's Youth Development Team led targeted sessions with 62 young people from local secondary schools and Live4Life Glenelg, discussing aspirations, community strengths, and youth-specific needs — ensuring their input directly shaped the Council Plan.

Community Vision 2040 Reference Group

Members of the 2040 Community Vision Reference Group were invited to participate in both a workshop and an online survey. These sessions explored the relevance and future direction of the 2040 Vision and related themes, acknowledging their insight while seeking shared understanding around future priorities.

Community Focus Group

This purpose-built focus group was a key component of the Council's commitment to collaborative and equitable planning. Designed in response to the Gender Impact Assessment, the group brought together a diverse cross-section of residents — representing different demographics and lived experiences — to co-develop ideas and consider structural barriers to inclusion. This method ensured that equity considerations shaped the design and outcomes of engagement.

Health and Wellbeing Partner Engagement

More than 40 health and wellbeing organisations participated in a series of workshops to explore specific challenges and opportunities facing the Glenelg community. These partners, including Council's own Health and Wellbeing Working Group, collaborated to discuss local data, share expertise, and collectively identify strategies to develop shared solutions on complex and cross-sectoral health priorities.

Councillor and Council Staff Workshops

Three staff workshops and multiple deliberative sessions with Councillors were held to support strategic alignment and collective thinking. Staff explored operational challenges and opportunities, considered the implications of community feedback, and identified big ideas from their perspective.

By collaborating internally, Council ensured that the development of the Council Plan was not only community-led but also operationally informed and implementable.

Refer to Appendix 1. to see the connection of the Engagement Methods undertaken in relation to the IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation.

SUMMARY OF KEY FINDINGS

The consultation and engagement program identified clear messages and themes that were considered in developing the Council and Wellbeing Plan.

The strengths and what the community loves about Glenelg

Sense of community and belonging

Our community told us they felt that people are welcoming, and are our most valuable resource, going above and beyond to help each other out, especially in times of need or when emergency events occur. The people in Glenelg work together and volunteer in their communities and are friendly and kind. Community members feel connected and supported. For children and young people, feeling safe, free from racism and sexism and living close to and spending time with friends and family is key to feeling they belong in their local community.

Natural environment

Our community loves the beautiful natural areas and landscape and opportunity to connect to nature. Natural features the community loves are the beaches, the coastline, the views, the bush, the forest, the harbour, the ocean, the river, beautiful walks. The community said it's a healthy environment for children to grow up in.

Rural lifestyle, character and peace

The community in Glenelg said they love the quietness, the easy-going lifestyle and slower pace. Many said they loved being a part of a small community, living in a less populated area and the beauty of our town. One young person shared, "it makes me happy to live in a quieter area."

Community places

Our community loves our shared community spaces such as our parks and playgrounds, recreation and sporting facilities, swimming pools, community halls, the Portland Foreshore, libraries across the shire, beaches.

The diversity of things to do

The community we spoke said having so much variety of things to do was our strength, they listed things like:

Horse riding, netball, football, basketball, fishing, bike riding, swimming, little athletics, walking / bush walking (e.g. Great South Walk), camping, skating and BMX, they loved being able to play at the local playground, spending time at Youth HQ in Casterton, being part of community events and festivals.

People said the diversity of activities for older community members, arts and cultural programs is something they love about our community.

They also said our strengths were industries and businesses and the jobs they provide, the lower cost of living, strategic assets such as the Port of Portland, industrial development opportunities Shire wide including renewable energy and storage, and the partnerships and collaboration that occur between organisations and across communities.

Challenges for Glenelg

A lack of access to essential services and support

This included things such as health services (GP, dental, allied health, mental health, specialists, early intervention), public transport services, education options (especially tertiary), childcare and early education, crisis support services (family violence, homelessness), aged care facilities and in home services, programs and activities for young people. Our community said that services are not available locally or have very limited availability with long waiting times.

The characteristics of the population

People said they felt that population is declining in rural communities, young people are moving away to pursue education and employment opportunities, and the community is aging rapidly, particularly in some rural townships. This is reducing the workforce available, meaning more people are on low and fixed incomes. They felt that more people were living alone and at risk of experiencing social isolation and loneliness and that some parts of the community experience intergenerational poverty.

Infrastructure limitations

The things mentioned during the engagement included poor condition of roads, limited housing and housing diversity, aging community facilities, and lack of mobile phone and internet services. The community felt that having quality, well maintained facilities could help to attract more residents to live in our community and help our community to stay healthy and well.

Health and Wellbeing issues

The community listed some of the things they felt contributed to health and wellbeing including stress and anxiety amongst young people, mental ill health, loneliness, addiction, high obesity rates, food insecurity, homelessness, high rates of family violence, stigma, a lack of support services. Community said that cultural norms and the community's lack of knowledge about these health and wellbeing issues, are key challenges for the Glenelg community.

Growing and changing our economy

Our community said there is a need to better promote Glenelg, for greater economic diversity and attracting and retaining a skilled workforce. They also acknowledged that some of the key factors impacting this are the distance from metropolitan areas or other regional centers, and the lack of access to housing and childcare.

The community also said that balancing growth with maintaining the strengths and character of the area are a challenge as well as limited and declining funding for essential services and community infrastructure.

The community's vision for Glenelg.

I want to live in a community...

- Where there is a strong sense of community connection and community spirit with high levels of volunteering, where diversity, equity and inclusion are thriving, where I feel safe, and where everyone in the community is supported.
- Growth occurs sustainably to maintain the character of the area and small population.
- Where everyone has good wellbeing, people are physically active and can access healthy foods.
- Our community has increased knowledge of gender equity, and family violence and harm from alcohol, drugs, tobacco and vaping is reduced.
- Which has access to improved community, recreation and sporting facilities.
- Where essential services and facilities are accessible in our local community e.g. health services, childcare, public transport, tertiary education, airport, and housing.
- Where families are thriving, and support for and recognition of young people and older people is strong.
- Which is economically prosperous, where the visitor economy and industries are growing with strong support from government, there are diverse employment opportunities, and we have access to speedy, reliable and cost-effective technology and communication.
- Where the natural environment is highly valued, maintained and cared for and we are committed to sustainability and responding to the impacts of our changing climate.
- Where transport connections are strengthened.

- Where Council is an active and transparent leader, communicating clearly and positively with the community, and partners with others to drive outcomes for the community.
 - Which is positive and focused on the future.
 - Where there is a diversity of things to do e.g. community events, a range of shops, youth activities, more opportunities for recreation and sport, arts and cultural pursuits.
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BIG Ideas for Glenelg

Roads and transport

Improvements including public transport, safer roads, plane travel, tracks and trails to support walking and cycling, reducing speed limits in towns. Ideas about rail trails were raised extensively across the engagement.

Maintaining and improving access to essential services

Better distributing them across the Shire, including health, education (tertiary), childcare, retail shops, services for young people, mental health services, material aid and social services.

A healthier and more inclusive community

Including promoting inclusion for existing and new residents, access to healthy food options, services to support retirees, recognition and support for volunteers of all ages and abilities.

Improving community facilities

Ideas include consolidating and renewing facilities; improving amenities connected to beaches, parks and natural areas; new civic space including gallery, library, performing arts; waterslides and water play at playgrounds; an indoor multipurpose sports facility; a bowling green in Casterton; upgrading BMX facilities; a new aquatic centre; community hub in Nelson; upgrading the community kitchen in Casterton; all abilities play equipment; places for young people.

More things for locals and visitors to do

Ideas include music, entertainment and festivals, geothermal health facilities, nature-based activities, artisan hub, celebrating our local history, cinema, youth activities and events, walking and cycling trails, tourist trails based around food, wine, arts and culture, accommodation and the natural environment, different sporting opportunities, encouraging year-round eco-tourism.

Focus more on preserving the natural environment and waste management
Ideas include recycling green waste, addressing noxious weeds and vermin, reducing rubbish in waterways, increasing tree canopies, and being a carbon neutral organisation.

Improving the presentation of towns and communities

By upgrading streetscapes, tree planting, murals, public art, BBQ and picnic facilities, beautification of the riverside, upgraded signage, building façade improvements.

Increasing economic activity and employment

Ideas include attracting diverse investment and employment opportunities, promoting locally grown food, support for young entrepreneurs, more shops and housing to support people moving to the area, investing in the visitor economy e.g. signage, amenities, a golf course, development of Portland foreshore, maximising community benefit from big industries and renewables.

Contrasting aspirations about how to manage growth

One is based around the need for faster approvals to facilitate investment, and the second around limiting growth and maintaining the current character of the area.

Changes to Council's approach

Around rates, allocation of resources, communicating with the community, supporting community groups, simplifying housing and industry permit processes, streamlining processes and systems, focus on doing fewer things well, more engagement with First Nations groups.

What needs to change



The road and transport network needs to be improved and maintained for the local community, for visitors and industry.



The availability and accessibility of services including health, childcare, aged care facilities and home care support, digital and communications technology.



The number and condition of community, recreation and sporting facilities.



Businesses and industries need the opportunity to grow.



Being more proactive in protecting and maintaining the environment and responding to the impacts of a changing climate.



Strengthening social connections to help reduce social isolation.



Addressing the needs and interests of smaller communities.



Having less red tape.



Increasing housing availability.



Reduced family violence and addiction.



More responsive to community and service needs.



Leveraging what we have more effectively.

Priorities for the future

	Improving the road network.
	Transport availability and connectivity including public transport, tracks, trails and footpaths.
	Maintaining and improving community facilities and spaces including the upgrade and renewal of recreation and sporting facilities including an indoor multipurpose stadium.
	An engaged and connected community including supporting volunteering, increased community engagement, looking out for all in our community, building connections between people, groups, services and businesses.
	Growing the economy including supporting local industries and businesses, attracting new industries, promoting and encouraging tourism.
	Protecting the natural environment, green waste and food waste services, and responding to the impacts of climate change.
	Increasing understanding of health and wellbeing issues and needs, and focusing on prevention initiatives and using existing levers to drive change.
	Being an inclusive community including opportunities for all ages and abilities, respecting the opinions of the elderly, supporting people in need, supporting people from all backgrounds and experiences.
	Improving access to services including healthcare, aged care, childcare, education, hospital and medical services, youth services, digital connectivity.
	Community activities and events to bring people together, celebrate our communities and attract visitors to spend time in Glenelg.
	Equity for smaller towns and communities including equal attention, and equal access to services and facilities.
	The appearance of towns and communities.
	Council being fiscally responsible, transparent, and clear about its role. Engaging more effectively with the community is a key priority.
	Housing availability, affordability and diversity.
	Young people including increasing year 12 attainment rates, providing opportunities and activities for young people, and developing a youth hub in Portland.
	Sustainable growth and development including protecting small communities, supporting residential development and attracting a new demographic.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Council sincerely thanks everyone who contributed their time, ideas, and insights throughout the consultation process. The feedback received represents the voices of our diverse communities and provides a strong foundation for future planning.

Analysis of the feedback and priorities shared through the engagement process has been used to inform the vision, strategic objectives, and actions that will guide Council's work over the next four years. You can view high level summary of the key findings in the appendices section.

By embedding what we heard from the community into the Council Plan, we are ensuring that the future direction of our Shire is shaped by local voices, supports the wellbeing of all residents, and reflects what matters most to our people and places.

APPENDIX 1.

Engagement Methods in relation to the IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation

Engagement Method	Description	IAP2 Level
Community Survey	In-depth online and hard-copy survey exploring values, challenges, vision, and priorities	Consult
Postcard Survey	Accessible and simplified feedback option available at key public locations	Consult
Community Conversations & Drop-In Sessions	Facilitated sessions allowing face-to-face discussion with staff and Councillors	Involve/Collaborate
Councillor Walkabouts in Casterton	Informal conversations and postcard distribution through street-level engagement	Involve
Schools & Youth Engagement	Age-appropriate activities for children and workshops with secondary students	Involve
Community Vision 2040 Reference Group	Targeted engagement to test alignment with the long-term vision and inform priorities	Involve
Community Focus Group (Gender Impact Assessment)	Focus group designed to embed equity and inclusion into the planning process	Collaborate
Health & Wellbeing Partners Workshops	Thematic discussions with 25 organisations on key wellbeing challenges and solutions	Collaborate
Council Staff and Councillor Workshops	Internal deliberation on strengths, opportunities, and challenges for service delivery	Collaborate

APPENDIX 2.

Outcomes from Public Exhibition of the

Draft Glenelg Shire Council and Wellbeing Plan 2025 – 2029

Exhibition Period – 23 July to 20 August 2025

Prepared 25 August 2025

Please share any specific areas where you feel community input was or wasn't reflected.			
Submission	Specifics in submission	Comment	Recommendation
Submission 1. Proposing additional streetlighting.	Request for additional streetlighting around the lagoon and along the path leading along the canal behind the gardens to improve safety for joggers.	Under the theme Thriving Towns and Communities, an (2.7) Council has identified it is working towards local community facilities and public spaces being responsive to community needs, promoting community pride, welcoming, fit for purpose and supporting our communities through all life stages.	Noted, no change recommended to the Plan. The request will be referred for consideration as part of Council's annual Action Plan.
Submission 2. Raises issues in relation to environmental management and sustainability.	Expressing concern about sustainability and consideration of the environment when Council has allowed building in the dunes between Portland and Narrawong. Concerns were identified about the impact of rising sea levels and the visual impact, citing the loss of Dutton Way dunes as a precedent.	The vision under the theme Sustainable Environment includes achieving a balance between protecting and nurturing the natural environment for future generations and supporting appropriate growth and development. The Plan also highlights under the theme Growing Economy an aspiration to increase the overall supply and diversity of housing in the Shire. Any development proposals will be considered in accordance with the Planning Scheme and reflect a balance of environmental, community and economic benefits.	Noted, no change recommended to the Plan.

Please share any specific areas where you feel community input was or wasn't reflected.

Submission	Specifics in submission	Comment	Recommendation
Submission 3. Raises a number of issues in relation to young people, First Nations community, disability and wellbeing, family violence, transport, environment and Council and Wellbeing Plan consultation outcomes.	<p>Seeking greater recognition for young people and proposing further consultation.</p> <p>Proposing increased recognition and engagement with First Nations people.</p> <p>Seeking greater recognition for people with a disability in our community and improving accessibility given the demographic profile of the community.</p> <p>Requesting further clarity and action to address the impacts of family violence.</p> <p>Identifying transport and connectivity as being important in the Shire but indicating the Plan does not deliver new approaches or investment.</p> <p>Recognising the strong support for environmental sustainability in the Plan.</p> <p>Observing that overall the Plan has gaps in relation to the retention of young people, family violence, First Nations inclusion, and disability access and does not match action the community might expect.</p>	<p>The Plan has been prepared in response to the outcomes from community engagement. This is summarised in the Plan, and a comprehensive engagement report is available at Council's website www.glenelg.vic.gov.au. An Impact Assessment was completed to identify specific cohorts in the community who are often less involved in broad community engagement initiatives and identify ways to improve this. This approach supported the involvement of a broad cross section of the community, and Council will continue to strengthen its approach to engaging more effectively with the community.</p> <p>The needs of the cohorts and issues raised in this submission have been addressed throughout the Plan including as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The theme Thriving Towns and Communities (2.1, 2.2, 2.4) identifies that Council is working towards communities being supportive of young people, safe, inclusive, and culturally respectful, where discrimination and violence are not tolerated, and community safety is a priority. • The theme Leading and Engaging (1.4) to recognise and partner with First Nations communities. • A number of objectives and strategic directions for transport and environmental sustainability are set out in the themes Sustainable Environment and Moving Around Glenelg. <p>The submission has a strong focus on actions.</p>	<p>Noted, no change recommended to the Plan.</p> <p>The issues raised will be referred for consideration as part of Council's Annual Action Plan.</p>

Please share any specific areas where you feel community input was or wasn't reflected.

Submission	Specifics in submission	Comment	Recommendation
Submission 4. Highlighting the importance of community infrastructure.	Infrastructure.	The Plan includes a theme specifically focused on Essential Services and Facilities for our communities in response to community needs. Another theme of Moving Around Glenelg addresses the provision and management of local roads, streets, footpaths, tracks and trails, to enable community members to access facilities and services.	Noted, no change recommended to the Plan. Infrastructure improvements form part of Council's Annual Action Plan.
Submission 5. Highlighting the need to support members of the LGBTQIA+ community and promoting social inclusion.	Expressing support for the LGBTQI+ community and seeking more Council recognition and support for this community. Also, requesting more support for people with a disability.	An Impact Assessment was completed to identify specific cohorts in the community who are often less involved in broad community engagement initiatives and identify ways to improve this. This approach supported the involvement of a broad cross section of the community, and Council will continue to strengthen its approach to engaging more effectively with the community. Preparation of the Plan involved extensive engagement with Council's health and wellbeing partners many of whom advocated for and shared information about the needs of our LGBTQI+ community and people with disabilities. The theme Thriving Towns and Communities (2.1) identifies that Council is working towards communities being safe, inclusive, and culturally respectful, where discrimination and violence are not tolerated, and community safety is a priority. Council will work with its partners and communities towards achieving this outcome.	Noted, no change recommended to the Plan. The issues raised will be referred for consideration as part of Council's Annual Action Plan.

Please share any specific areas where you feel community input was or wasn't reflected.

Submission	Specifics in submission	Comment	Recommendation
Submission 6. Commending Council for including a commitment to prevention of violence in the community in the Plan.	Recognition of the inclusion of prevention of violence in the Plan and congratulating Council for this initiative.	Preparation of the Plan involved extensive engagement with Council's health and wellbeing partners and there is an excellent understanding of the importance of preventing violence in the community and a number of initiatives already in place.	Noted, no change recommended to the Plan. The prevention of violence in all its forms will be embedded in Council's Annual Action Plan.

Anything else you would like to share

Submission	Specifics in submission	Comment	Recommendation
Submission 7. Highlights the importance of provision of shade for community health and wellbeing.	Requesting inclusion of initiatives in the Plan to promote UV-protective shade to assist in preventing skin cancer and advocating for this as a public health measure. Also, noting that natural, green, shaded spaces contribute to climate change adaptation and mitigation.	This aspiration is addressed in the Plan with an objective (Sustainable development 3.4) which involves responding to a changing climate through increasing tree canopy coverage and ensuring public spaces and places support communities during extreme weather events. This will be partly addressed through continued implementation of the Open Strategy, subject to available funding.	Noted, no change. The issue raised will be referred for consideration as part of Council's Annual Action Plan.