



Future Wellington Survey

Help shape the future of Wellington Shire!

Wellington Shire Council needs your help to plan for the future. We are reviewing our Community Vision, Council Plan, Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, Asset, and Financial Plans and we want to hear from you!

Win a \$50 voucher!

By completing this survey, you can help shape the future of Wellington Shire and have the chance to win one of four \$50 vouchers. Just return the completed survey to your local library or customer service centre.

Open for feedback: 1 July to 31 August 2024

Time to complete: Less than 10 minutes

Background

What is the Community Vision?

The Community Vision 2031 was first created in 2008 and has been regularly reviewed over time. It represents what our community wants Wellington Shire to look like in the future.

Why are we asking for your feedback?

We have been working towards the Community Vision 2031 along with our Council Plan 2021-2025. Now, we want to check that this vision still matches your goals and priorities.

What we will be asking?

The survey will ask:

- Non-identifiable information about you
- Your goals for Wellington's future
- Your priorities and what is important to you
- How we can help you live a healthier life

How will your feedback be used?

- The feedback you provide will help us create the following documents:
- Community Vision (Future Wellington 2050)
- Council Plan 2025-2029
- Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan (Live Well in Wellington)
- Asset Plan
- Financial Plan

Need Help?

If you need assistance with the survey ask a library or customer service staff member, alternatively email futurewellington@wellington.vic.gov.au or phone 1300 366 244.

Confidentiality

Your feedback will remain confidential. You will not be identified, as the information will be used in summary only. If you choose to provide your personal information to be contacted it will only be used for its intended purpose.

Community Vision

As part of the review of the Community Vision we want to check it still matches your vision for the future of Wellington. The current Wellington Shire Community Vision is: “Happy people, healthy environment and thriving communities”.

***Does the Community Vision still describe the future Wellington Shire that you would like to see?**

(Choose one option)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not quite
- ☐ Can't say

In a few words, please tell us what you want Wellington Shire to look like in 2050.

***What do you love most about where you live?**

***What do you feel could make Wellington Shire a better place to live?**

***What is most important to you as our community grows and changes?**

Council Plan

As part of reviewing our Council Plan, we would like to understand the areas that are most important to you. With rising costs, financial constraints, and a growing population, we are committed to responsibly managing services and infrastructure. Your feedback will help us make the tough decisions we face about prioritising our spending for the next decade and beyond, considering our unique geographical and population challenges.

***Rank the areas from 1-4, using one for the most important and four the least important.**

_____ Economy - Supporting a community that is growing, sustainable and thriving. (Think about local business, training and education options for all ages).

_____ Environment - Supporting a community that can respond to a changing climate. (Think about trees and plants, waste and recycling, climate, and sustainability).

_____ Liveability - Connecting and supporting a community that is healthy, engaged, and inclusive. (Think about services, places to meet and connect, events, sports, arts, other things to do, and looking after our health and wellbeing).

_____ Services - Fostering a community with access to the services and facilities needed. (Think about community facilities, roads and paths, parks and sporting grounds, and playgrounds).

Please tell us why you have ranked the importance in this way.

***Are there any other specific areas that you feel Council should focus on?**

(Choose one option)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, in a few words please provide your suggestion below:

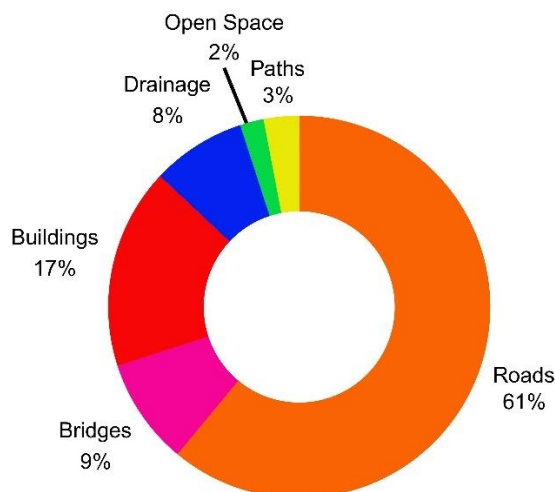
Thinking about the environment, what should the priority be? (Choose one option)

- ☐ Prioritise choosing environmentally sustainable options when feasible, even if they come at a higher cost.
- ☐ Choose the most cost-effective options even if they are less environmentally sustainable.

Managing Council Assets

The purpose of our Asset Plan is to responsibly manage Council's infrastructure assets and ensure compliance. The Asset Plan also outlines the necessary funding to maintain assets in their current condition.

The total value of current Council infrastructure assets is in excess of \$1.3 billion as at 30 June 2023. The percentage of Council infrastructure assets is represented in the chart below.



*Which type of assets should Council prioritise over the next 10 years? (Choose 2 options)

- ☐ Bridges and Major Culverts (includes floodways/channels)
- ☐ Buildings (building structure, roof, services, fit out and miscellaneous structures)
- ☐ Drainage (pits, pipes, open drains and drainage structures)
- ☐ Open Space (playgrounds and structures within parks, reserves and streetscapes)
- ☐ Paths (concrete, sealed and unsealed paths)
- ☐ Roads (urban sealed, rural sealed and unsealed roads, unsealed roads, kerb and channel and off street car parks)

*What do you think is most important when Council is deciding how to plan and invest in our assets? (Choose one option)

- ☐ Retire existing Council buildings and consolidate into new multi-purpose venues
- ☐ Allocate resources to retain and maintain existing Council buildings

Community Health and Wellbeing

Council works with other organisations and levels of government to keep the community healthy and well. Please tell us how you are feeling and how we can respond to your health priorities over the next four years.

***Tell us if you agree with each statement (tick one response for each statement)**

Statement	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Sure or No Opinion
I feel like I belong in my local community	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I know what is happening in my town	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Council understands the needs of my community	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I feel comfortable to be myself in my community	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I can access Council support and services I need	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Diversity in my community makes my life better	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I feel able to contribute to Council decision-making	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I am comfortable taking part in local activities (such as social, education or recreation)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
In an emergency, I could ask for help from my neighbours	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I can easily access the internet	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
People in my community are kind to me	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The services I require are easily accessible	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Community Health and Wellbeing

Research shows that the Wellington Shire community faces some barriers to achieving health and wellbeing. Below is a list of the most common barriers in Wellington:

Health conditions

- 5.8% of adults have heart, stroke and or vascular disease (8th highest in the state out of 79 local government areas).
- 12% of people live with three or more chronic health conditions.

Nutrition

- 4% of people ate the recommended servings of vegetables per day (5).
- 49% of people met the fruit consumption guidelines (2).
- In 2020, 8.7% of people ran out of food and couldn't afford to buy more.

Alcohol

- 20% of people had more than two standard drinks of alcohol per day.

Physical activity

- 70% of people undertook low, very low or no exercise in the previous week.

Smoking and e-cigarettes

- 15% of adults smoke daily.
- 16.5% of pregnant people smoked during their pregnancy.

Gambling

- The average spending per adults on gambling each year is \$460.19.

Mental Wellbeing

- 26.54% of adults are diagnosed with anxiety or depression.
- 35.78% of adults believe life is not worthwhile.

Violence

- We have the 4th highest rate in the state (out of 79 local government areas) of recorded family violence incidents.

Community connection

- We have the 10th highest youth disengagement rate in the state (people 15-19 who are not working or studying)
- 52.1% of people thought multiculturalism made their life better.
- 57.9% of people said they could get help from their neighbours.

Sustainable living

- 5.37% of people commute by active transport (walking/cycling)
- 0.38% commute by public transport

Community Health and Wellbeing

What, if any, barriers make it hard for you to live a happy and healthy life?

What would help to overcome these barriers?

***The Victorian Population Health and Wellbeing plan has chosen 10 priorities to improve the health of Victorians. Which are your top four priorities? (Choose 4 options)**

- ☐ Improving sexual and reproductive health
- ☐ Reducing harm from tobacco and e-cigarette use
- ☐ Improving wellbeing (mental health)
- ☐ Increasing healthy eating
- ☐ Increasing active living
- ☐ Reducing harm from alcohol and drug use
- ☐ Tackling climate change and its impacts on health
- ☐ Preventing all forms of violence
- ☐ Decreasing antimicrobial resistance across human and animal health
- ☐ Reducing injury

Note: Tick your top four priorities.

Please tell us why you have chosen these four priorities?

About Your Group

This page is for those completing the survey on behalf of a community group.

Please tell us a little bit about your group so we know who we are hearing from.

***Are you completing this survey on behalf of others/a group? (Choose one option)**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, which group are you representing?

If you are representing a group, how many people are you representing?

If you are representing a group, please select all age groups which apply to the group you are representing. (Choose all that apply)

- ☐ Under 12
- ☐ 12-17
- ☐ 18-24
- ☐ 25-34
- ☐ 35-49
- ☐ 50-59
- ☐ 60-69
- ☐ 70-84
- ☐ 85+

About You

*Select your age group? (Choose one option)

- ☐ Under 12
- ☐ 12-17
- ☐ 18-24
- ☐ 25-34
- ☐ 35-49
- ☐ 50-59
- ☐ 60-69
- ☐ 70-84
- ☐ 85+

*What is your gender identity?

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Prefer to self-identify: _____

*Do you live in Wellington Shire? (Choose one option)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

Where do you live?

*What are your connections to Wellington Shire?

- ☐ Live here - renting/social housing
- ☐ Live here – homeowner
- ☐ Property owner (residential, farm, commercial)
- ☐ Business owner/operator
- ☐ Work Here
- ☐ Study Here
- ☐ Regular visitor but live outside the Shire
- ☐ Other (please specify) _____

What country were you born in?

About You

How would you describe your household or home situation? (Choose all that apply)

- ☐ Couple with children
- ☐ Couple without children
- ☐ One parent family
- ☐ Other family
- ☐ Group household
- ☐ Lone person (living alone)
- ☐ Other (please tell us) _____

***Are you an employee or Councillor of Wellington Shire Council? (Choose one option)**

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ There are members of the group which I am representing that are.

Please select any of the following that describe you. (Choose all that apply)

- ☐ An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person
- ☐ A person who identifies as LGBTQIA+
- ☐ A person with a disability or impairment
- ☐ A person with a non-English speaking background
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ Other (please tell us)

Contact information (optional)

Enter the Prize Draw

If you would like to enter the draw to win one of four \$50 vouchers, please provide your contact details.

Prize draw Conditions – Win one of four \$50 gift vouchers.

Entries close 11.59pm Saturday 31 August, 2024.

Prize winners will be randomly drawn. Employees and Councillors of Wellington Shire Council are not eligible to win. Winners will be contacted directly by Monday 16 September 2024.

Further Opportunities to Shape Future Wellington

Please provide your contact details if you would like to be involved in further discussions later in 2024 to help shape Future Wellington.

*Would you like to be contacted after completing this survey?

- ☐ Yes, I would like to go into the draw for the survey prize and only contacted if I win.
- ☐ Yes, I would like to be involved in further discussions later in 2024 to help shape Future Wellington.
- ☐ I do not want to provide contact details.

Note: Tick both yes options to go into the prize and to be contacted about opportunities to shape Future Wellington. To be eligible for the prize draw you must answer all questions marked with an *Asterix.

Name _____

Email address _____

Phone number _____



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