

JULY 2025

# Outcomes from community engagement

September to November 2025

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# Background

From September to November 2024, we sought the views of the wider community on Stonnington's Community Vision 2040. The vision was first developed in 2021 to capture the collective long-term aspirations of the people of Stonnington for the future of their city. The following is a summary of key outcomes from that exercise.

## Why did we do this?

Every Victorian Council is required under the Local Government Act 2020 to develop, maintain and review a Community Vision with its community.

We wanted to check that the current Community Vision still reflected the Stonnington community's long-term aspirations to guide the work of the new Council and to understand what our community's priorities were.

## What did we do?

We engaged more than 300 people online through a survey and in-person through a series of six pop-up events that were held in different community spaces around Stonnington, including parks, community hubs and libraries.

We wanted to know if people thought the Community Vision reflected what was important for Stonnington over the next 15 years and what they thought Council should focus on over the next four years to make progress towards the vision.

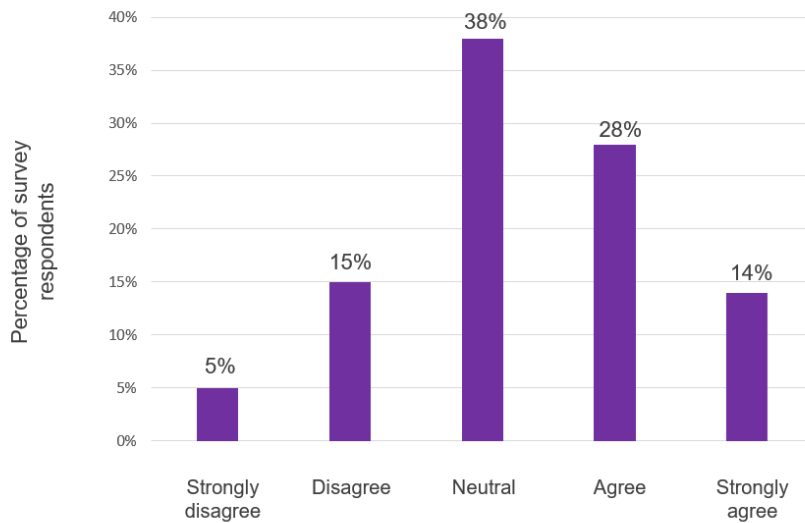
## What did we hear from our community?

### Long-term Community Vision

Of our survey respondents, 42% either agreed or strongly agreed the Community Vision reflected what they thought was important for Stonnington; 38% were neutral and 20% disagreed.



**Figure 1: Does the Community Vision statement continue to reflect what’s important for Stonnington over the next 15 years?**

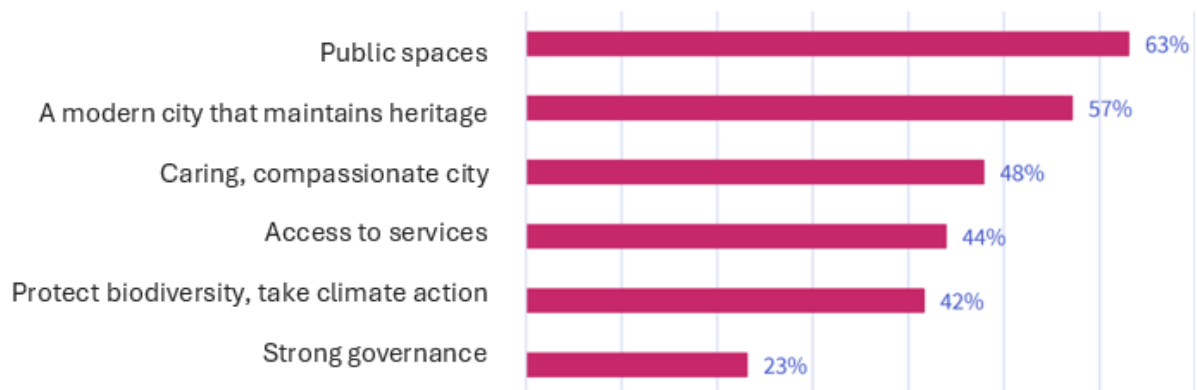


This question was asked as part of the online survey only, with 102 responses.

### Four-year focus

Participants thought that all the 6 principles contained in the Community Vision were important for Council to focus on over the next four years, with public spaces and being a modern city that maintains its heritage being especially important.

**Figure 2: Which three principles should Council focus on over the next four years?**

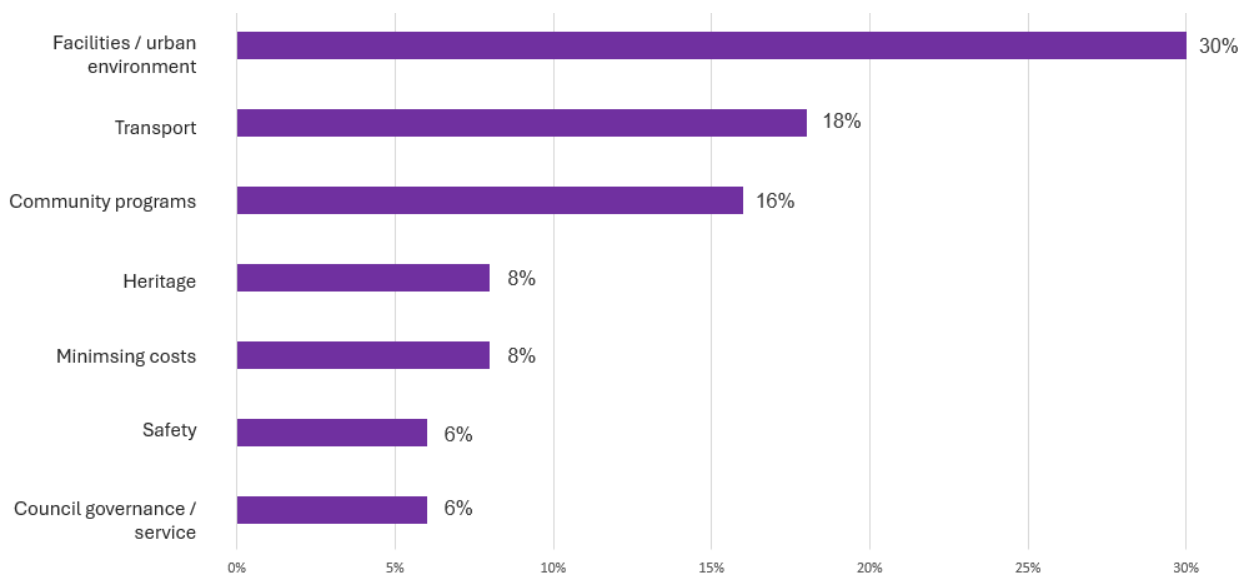


Percentage of votes from all participants online and in-person on top three principles

## Next year's focus

Participants gave a range of responses when asked to think of one idea for what Council should do next year (2025-26) to help achieve the Community Vision. Popular themes included a focus on facilities and urban environment (e.g., open space, well-maintained streets and buildings); transport (e.g., cycling and walking infrastructure, parking access); and community programs (e.g., services for a range of age groups).

**Figure 3: What's the one thing Council should do next year to achieve the Community Vision?**



Most common themes from individual participant responses

## What did we do with this feedback?

Feedback from the community was provided to the Stonnington People's Panel 2025 to inform their deliberations and in-depth review of the Stonnington Community Vision (see separate Summary of Outcomes from the People's Panel).