



Moyne Shire Council

2021-2025 Council Plan Public Submissions Report - Summary

August 2021

Summary of submissions and responses

Comments summary	Response
Submission 1	
Comments on Council behaviour towards rate payers in relation to asset licenses vs asset leases	<p>Outside of the scope of the Council Plan. The Council Plan does reference its alignment to Council’s Community Engagement Policy 2021.</p> <p>Action: No change to the Council Plan</p>
Submissions 2	
Installation of footpath along High Street, Koroit and reduction in speed limit from 60km / hour to 40-50km/hr and / or the installation of speed humps.	<p>Outside the scope of the Council Plan.</p> <p>Footpath treatments to High Street from Commercial Road to Gardens Street are included in the final draft 2021 Koroit Streetscape Plan. Traffic speed and calming measures will be further investigated including traffic counts to collect data.</p> <p>Action: No change to the Council Plan.</p>
Submission 3	
Addressing climate change and working towards zero carbon emissions	<p>The “Place” “Environment”, Economy” and MPHWP sections of the Plan present a range of objectives, initiatives and responses to address Council’s declared Climate Emergency and respond to climate change.</p> <p>Action: No change to the Council Plan</p>
Submission 4	
Commitment to achieve zero carbon emissions by 2030.	<p>The “Place” “Environment”, Economy” and MPHWP sections of the Plan present a range of objectives, initiatives and responses to address Council’s declared Climate Emergency and respond to climate change</p> <p>Action: No change to the Council Plan</p>

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Submission 5

General comments:

Mapping the Vision with the Council Plan to ensure clear and definite links and alignment

The Plan directly references and responds to the Vision and includes the priority Vision aspirations of the Panel. Reviews of the Vision and Council Plan will be undertaken to monitor and report on progress and update as appropriate.

Action: No change to the Council Plan.

Mapping Vision Aspirations and include all Vision aspirations in the Council Plan, and change of heading of “Components” of each Pillar.

The Plan references the priority aspirations of the Vision document and these will be reviewed as the Vision and Plan evolve and implemented. The Plan needs to reference a broad range of internal and external strategic priorities. Components of each pillar provides a summary of the key elements and features of each theme. They are not intended to be an exhaustive list.

Action: No change to the Council Plan.

Identify Vision aspirations against each strategic objective and complete a detailed Plan review: and

Review and reporting on the Vision and the Plan will include how Vision aspirations are being supported and achieved through the delivery of the Plan. However, the development of a supporting action plan for the Council Plan is viewed as a beneficial addition to the document and ongoing implementation and reporting.

Target projects and identify business unit responsible and timeframes

Action: Complete an Action Plan as a supplementary document to the Council Plan by end of October 2022.

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<p>Performance indicators including clarity around “outcomes” vs “outputs” and apply SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timely) measures</p>	<p>Outputs and outcomes are referenced for inclusion by the Local Government Act 2020. More detailed performance measures will be included in the proposed Action Plan as above.</p> <p>Action: Include more detailed performance measures in the proposed Action Plan.</p>
<p>Public access to Council Plans and resources and provide an index of references and link to supporting documents and information.</p>	<p>The Plan has a target project to provide an accessible online library of Council Plan documents and supporting strategies to supplement and improve content and accessibility to Council and other strategy and policy documents.</p> <p>Action: No change to the Council Plan</p>
<p><u>Specific comments - Place</u></p> <p>Strategic initiative – Town and Community Sustainability – page 18 – clarity on strategic Plans identified</p>	<p>These strategic Plans refer to key development strategies assets and infrastructure related to the Place pillar. The East Beach Foreshore Plan refers to the master plan for amenity improvements to this precinct and best align to the Place rather than Environment Pillar. However, given that summary names of strategies does not always adequately describe their purpose, as part of review and development of the online library of policy and strategy, a supporting summary statement for each document will be developed as part of this initiative.</p> <p>Action: No change to the Plan but include improvements to document accessibility and information as part of the online document library project.</p>

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<p>Outcomes – page 19 – rewording of statement</p>	<p>Proposed rewording to “Development of open spaces, roads, pathways and streetscapes have enhanced people’s mobility, accessibility, safety, and sense of connection”.</p> <p>Action: Statement reworded as above in the Plan page 19</p>
<p><u>Gaps - Place</u></p> <p>Shire settlements – some parts of the Shire appear to be neglected in terms of specific “Place” aspects”</p>	<p>Many Council Plan projects and initiatives are applicable to the over 30 settlements across the Shire. Not every community will have specific plan or strategy but communities are included or specifically referenced in a number of other Council strategies and plans.</p> <p>Action: No change to the Council Plan.</p>
<p>Housing – sources and access to listed strategies and plans</p>	<p>The Plan has a target project to provide an accessible online library of Council Plan documents and supporting strategies to supplement and improve the existing online document library.</p> <p>Action: No change to the Council Plan</p>
<p>Outputs (page 19) – lack of clarity</p>	<p>The submission recommends that more clarity on strategies listed is needed.</p> <p>Action: No change to the Council Plan but include improvements to document accessibility and information as part of the online document project.</p>

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- Use zoning/overlays for clarifying where it would be appropriate to build and operate wind farm developments.
- Create an approvals process to 'prospect suitable sites' for wind farm development sites i.e. mineral exploration licensing.
- Regulate the need to obtain and verify evidence of the developer's consultation with affected landowners and residents to assess community support for a project.
- When a wind farm has commenced construction, the impact of other permits existing in area but not implemented should be reviewed, having regard to compounding effects on residents of noise, shadow flicker and visual amenity with the ability to require modification to planning permit conditions and turbine layout.
- State Government should publish and maintain a map of all operating and proposed wind farms.
- State and Federal Government and AEMO should review current and planned transmission infrastructure to ensure optimal location for connections in an integrated manner.

Renewable Energy Advocacy Plan – a plan that reflects Council's current and emerging position in relation to renewable energy and that can be used to reflect community sentiment and presented to a wide range of government, community and industry stakeholders.

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<p>Coastal Protection and Management (page 21) – a performance indicator (output) is needed for the target project starting “Advocate for coastal protections and effective management across the Shire.....”</p>	<p>Action: Renewal Energy Advocacy Plan output page 23 changed to: “Renewable Energy Advocacy Plan completed that reflects community sentiments and Council’s current and emerging position in relation to renewable energy</p> <p>Council is one of many agencies who have a responsibility and role in coastal protection and management, and any output needs to reflect where Council can have an influence or responsibility on the outcome / output.</p> <p>Action: No change to Council Plan, but reporting on ongoing implementation of key advocacy activities, strategy and policy to be included in Council’s Annual Report.</p>
<p><u>Specific comments - People</u></p> <p>Young people – Performance indicator (output) needed for Moyne Youth Engagement Panel page</p>	<p>The Moyne Youth Engagement Panel will determine the model and approach and for future engagement by Council with young people.</p> <p>Action: Output included: Moyne Youth Engagement Panel recommendations presented to Council page 26</p>
<p><u>Gaps - People</u></p> <p>Community Transport – considered a necessity by the Panel for consideration by Council to provide greater community access to education, work, health, retail etc.</p>	<p>Options to identify models of community transport can be pursued by Council.</p> <p>Action: Inclusion of the following as a target project in the Plan: “Options for models of community-based transport to be explored by Council in partnership with other agencies” page 17.</p>

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Specific comments - Economy

Output measures – most of the output indicators in this section (p29) need more elaboration and more specific measures

Any output needs to reflect where Council can have an influence or responsibility on the outcome / output. Given the significant support and responses, Council is providing to existing business operators, setting numerical targets for business activity is felt not applicable at this time under the changing and challenging COVID environment. However, these targets and outputs will be reviewed as part on ongoing Council Plan monitoring and updates. The Economic Development Strategy 2019 contains indicator and performance measures for economic development services and outcomes.

Action: In response to the submission comments, outputs on page have been reviewed and updated – as follows

- New and diverse businesses attracted to Moyne, whilst existing operators actively supported and assisted thereby increasing the total number of businesses successfully operating in the shire.
- Increased land available for small size industries in Moyne
- Increased tourism as measured by key economic performance indicators
- Retention and growth of new and existing businesses
- Community satisfaction score meeting benchmark for large rural shire in the area of:
 - business and tourism activities

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Specific comments – Health and wellbeing

Comparison table (p 32) – the table is often confusing and misleading. For example, “Diversity” where it states, “low proportion of people who speak a language other than English” does not represent Moyne as leading in diversity against other shires. Would also be useful to have a breakdown of data by specific parts of the Shire to help target resources and support.

Page 31-32 – focus on addressing key areas of community health and wellbeing including feeling valued by society, low life satisfaction and insufficient physical activity and develop partnerships with Moyne Health to improve these community health outcomes. Reference is also made to key areas of the Moyne Shire Early Years Plan 2020-2030

Much of the health and wellbeing data is collected by external agencies and access to more detailed / community information is not available. However, the MPHWP and its data and indicators will be reviewed regularly and options to break down into sub-regions within the Shire will be investigated where data is available and statistically robust.

It is agreed that the benchmark under Diversity of language other than English is not appropriate to show as an area where Moyne Shire is leading and the table has been revised.

Action: Table of page 32 has been revised to show the benchmark measure of language as a lagging indicator of community diversity and updated to include reference to the lower than average proportion of eligible residents receiving a disability support pension.

Council has specific roles and responsibility for addressing health and community wellbeing or service provision, but does have an important role in advocacy, support, promotion and partnerships. Council’s advocacy and partnership role features strongly in the MPHWP section. The MPHWP will be reviewed and reported on annually and tracking of indicators and health outcomes across the Shire undertaken every two years as stated in the Plan (p37). The aim of Council’s services, advocacy and partnerships and the MPHWP is to improve the health and wellbeing of the community.

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	<p>The Department of Health have commended the inclusion of the MPHWP in the Council and has offered support for the delivery and implementation of the MPHWP.</p> <p>Council continues to implement, review and update its Early Years Plan and responses to the provision of early years; child and general community health wellbeing programs services are included across the Council Plan.</p> <p>Action: No change to the Council Plan.</p>
<p><u>Gaps – Health and wellbeing</u></p> <p>Childcare services – no mention of any plan to review the issue of childcare provision to address gaps and lack of places.</p>	<p>Responses to childcare service provision is presented in the Plan including p33 – a strategy for childcare services as part of the Early Years Plan review and update.</p> <p>Action: No change to the Council Plan</p>
<p>Fitness – installation of fitness stations in each Moyne township.</p>	<p>Whilst Council currently has no policy statement in relation to fitness stations, the Council Plan does contain the development of Open Space Design Guidelines that will inform the installation of fitness stations as part of future open space development and investment. Installation of fitness equipment across the Shire is implemented as part of open space and playground renewal planning and investment and as part of Council open space budget setting.</p> <p>Action: No change to the Council Plan</p>

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<p><u>MPHWP Goals</u></p> <p>Outputs – availability and access to services – a lack of outputs in relation to “support and advocate for implementation of the Terang Mortlake Health Service Campus Redevelopment” and “Support and advocate for the retention and increase in community health service provision and programs in Koroit by Moyne Health Services”</p>	<p>Council has an important role to advocate for these services but cannot directly influence the outcome. However, a report on advocacy activities and progress will be included in Council’s Annual Report.</p> <p>Action: No change to the Council Plan.</p>
<p>Page 39 – Council 2021 Workforce Plan has no measure and possibly be better listed in the Economic section</p>	<p>The 2021 Workforce Plan refers to workforce planning, attraction and management for the organisation not the Shire, and therefore sits best under its current section of Organisation Governance and Leadership Performance Indicators. The completion of the Workforce Plan by December 2021 is a requirement of the Local Government Act 2020 and its adoption is listed as an output on page 40.</p> <p>Action: Wording to output revised to – Adoption of the Moyne Shire Council 2021 Workforce Plan by end of December 2021 page 40.</p>
<p>Page 36 – Use of public land associated with community facilities should be placed in an appropriate part of the plan of elaborated on to indicate relevance</p>	<p>This section comes under the MPHWP response to the Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2019-2023 and has been copied from a previous section in the Council Plan – Place pillar page 36 – where is responds to supporting Community Centres and Hubs.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Framlingham Forest to Hopkins Falls ▪ Advocate for further promotion of safe cycling for community health, town vitality and economic growth. 	<p>Opportunities however, exist for Council to investigate development of this type of infrastructure through the Great Ocean Road Authority and Great Ocean Road Regional Tourism.</p> <p>Framlingham Forest to Hopkins Falls would again be subject to various land ownership issues.</p> <p>Open space and connecting infrastructure in and between communities is covered by the Plan on page 17.</p> <p>Action: Amendment to page 29 – “Facilitate new tourism products including cultural heritage, events, food and wine, nature-based and bicycle tourism experiences”.</p> <p>This process would include assessment of opportunities associated with mountain trail bike activities and other suggestions contained in the submission</p>

Submission 7

<p>Strongly support the strategic objective to “Protect and enhance the Shire’s ecology and biodiversity through collaboration and knowledge sharing across range of land and resource management partners”.</p> <p>Concerned there are no direct outputs associated with protecting and enhancing the Shire’s ecology and biodiversity, and more detail is needed to identify target projects and outcomes.</p>	<p>Comment noted and acknowledged</p> <p>The Council Plan contains a number of initiatives that will support the protection and enhancement of habitats, ecology and biodiversity. The Review and update of the Environmental Strategy (page 20) will provide an opportunity for Council, stakeholders and community to work through environmental</p>
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	<p>priorities, projects and partnerships across a range of environmental themes and issues.</p> <p>Action: No change to the Council Plan</p>
Submission 8	
<p>Commends Council and staff on living the statements contained in the Community Centres and Active and Connected Communities sections.</p> <p>Welcomes the development of a Moyne Shire Reconciliation Action Plan page 24.</p> <p>References to emergency management and COVID should be included in the Council Plan.</p> <p>Flooding and the impact of flooding are well covered in the Plan but the Plan should articulate the focus, investment, partnership, capability and relevant material in relation to fire and other emergencies</p>	<p>Comments noted and acknowledged</p> <p>Council is obliged to meet a range of emergency management policy and actions under the Municipal Emergency Management Plan and COVID responses will continue to form part of Council’s emergency obligations and corporate support for the community, residents and businesses.</p> <p>Action: Inclusion of the following on page 20 of the Council Plan – “Continue to implement emergency management obligations through development and implementation of the Municipal Emergency Management Plan (MEMP). COVID responses are included as an extension to this Plan and policy processes”.</p> <p>The SES leads flood emergency responses and Council supports SES in accordance with MEMP. Reporting on the MEMP to be included in Council’s Annual Report.</p> <p>Action: No change to the Council Plan</p>

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<p>Road infrastructure – is it possible to articulate the criteria for determining road rehabilitation works</p>	<p>Outside the scope of the Council Plan. However, criteria for investment in road renewal and upgrades are undertaken based on condition audits, safety considerations, hierarchy of the road network and other determinants. Understanding the responsibility of the State Government versus Moyne Shire Council also means that Council is not always the responsible authority for road maintenance. Council also refers to its Road Management Plan to inform investment in road infrastructure.</p> <p>Action: No change to the Council Plan</p>
<p>Submission 9</p>	
<p>Congratulates Council on the development of the Plan and the strong inclusion and acknowledgement of Traditional Owners across the region and celebrating our strong indigenous culture.</p> <p>Community Centres and Hubs - Development of community gardens as an important community resource to address food security, access to fresh fruit and vegetables and for social interaction and connection. Macarthur under the Macarthur Precinct Plan is a prime example as a possible location.</p> <p>Active and Connected Communities – applauds the inclusion of the development of Open Space Guidelines and development of connected and active communities through walking and cycling networks. Opportunities to include producing and accessing fruit and vegetables within the Open Space</p>	<p>Comment noted and acknowledged</p> <p>The Macarthur Precinct Plan includes plans for cultural community garden space and future more detailed scoping works can investigate opportunities for inclusion of edible plants or a community garden initiative.</p> <p>Action: No change to the Council Plan</p> <p>Development of the Open Space Guidelines can include references to the development of community garden spaces within open space areas. Council can collaborate with other agencies on understanding and addressing health food access and initiatives as part of the partnerships under the MPHWP.</p>

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<p>Guidelines and review of where there are significant gaps to healthy food access in the community.</p> <p>More reference in outputs to supporting and enhancing smaller townships across the Shire.</p>	<p>Action: No change to the Council Plan</p> <p>The development and delivery of community projects occurs under a range of Council strategy and plans, through the Community Assistance Fund, capital works, asset management, and other initiatives. Specific community projects will form part of the new Council business unit plan process (page 40) and reported in Council’s Annual Plan.</p> <p>Action: No change to the Council Plan</p>
<p>Opportunities to include food waste reduction measures under the Waste Management section.</p>	<p>Food waste is one of many waste components that is considered for ongoing waste reduction. Council’s Waste Education officer will continue to promote ‘Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle principles to support this aim.</p> <p>Action: Included a new outcome on page 23: “Reductions in waste by residents and businesses through ongoing promotion of the “Refuse, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle principles and actions”.</p>
<p>South West Health would be keen to partner with Council on promoting healthy food and social connection particularly in relation to the Budj Bim World Heritage Cultural Landscapes, Tower Hill Activation Plan and proposed new tourism products</p>	<p>Council has partnership role with the Budj Bim and Tower Hill projects, but it is not the land, or asset or project manager. Stakeholders and other agencies are encouraged to approach specific project managers in relation to projects and partnerships. Development of future tourism products will include engagement and consultation with a range of stakeholders and partners on opportunities, priorities and projects</p> <p>Action: No change to the Council Plan</p>

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MPHWP – support the importance of supporting our young people through the Moyne Youth Engagement Panel in relation to health, mental health and life satisfaction.

South West Health and Terang Mortlake Health are able to support Council with the development of a Healthy Food and Drink Supply Policy for Council owner or management public and corporate facilities.

Comments noted and acknowledged



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