THEME 8:

I'm proud to live here. How will you ensure my neighbourhood meets our diverse housing needs, is functional and well-designed?

Our ongoing work

We advocate to increase the supply of affordable housing in the City of Whittlesea, so community have access to diverse housing options.

- Advocate and seek to secure available funding from State and Federal Government to support social and affordable housing in our municipality.
- Partner with neighbouring and other local governments in Melbourne's outer areas to address housing affordability challenges through a coordinated regional approach.
- Advocate with our community, developers and Community Housing Associations to increase the delivery of affordable housing to build strong and inclusive communities.

We plan and manage neighbourhood development and change, ensuring that land use and infrastructure meet the community's current and future needs.

- Deliver new strategic land use plans, planning policy updates and place-based frameworks to enable good growth and ensure high quality development and public spaces across the City of Whittlesea.
- Monitor strategic land use plans and planning policy updates prepared by others, including the Victorian Government, to ensure they deliver the best outcomes for our community in accordance with Council's planning policies.
- Deliver the management of Council's property and land portfolio to deliver best value for our community, in line with Council's priorities.

We regulate and guide how the municipality grows by making sure new neighbourhoods and buildings are well-designed, reflect the local area, are environmentally sustainable and respect our heritage.

- Deliver planning and heritage overlays and guidance to protect cultural heritage, significant landscapes and heritage buildings.
- Deliver and monitor development against Council's Neighbourhood Design Manual and design policies in the Planning Scheme to promote high quality design and sustainable developments.
- Facilitate planning and design of transport and civil infrastructure for new developments in our growth corridor for new neighbourhoods to be safe, functional and well connected.
- Deliver and maintain public art in community spaces that enhances the local landscape and celebrates communities.
- Deliver the management of the Ziebell's museum and farmhouse to educate and engage people with the heritage of Thomastown.
- Partner and provide guidance to local heritage and historical societies.
- Deliver and maintain attractive streets with trees, footpaths, bins, lighting and seating.
- Deliver the Town Centre Revitalisation program to make our shopping strips and public spaces more vibrant, inviting, safe and accessible.
- Establish Design Review processes to support the delivery of good design and high use areas in our municipality.

Strategic Priority

SP31	Deliver revitalised and upgraded neighbourhood streetscapes and shopping precincts to enhance accessibility and local character and support local spending.	HP DAP
SP32	Deliver a review of the Whittlesea Planning Scheme to ensure planning policies and controls achieve high quality design and sustainable development outcomes.	HP DAP
SP33	Deliver an affordable housing plan which defines Council's role and proposes future projects that deliver diverse housing opportunities for our community.	HP DAP
SP34	Deliver the Ashline Street Affordable Housing Project in Wollert, partnering with a community housing organisation to provide affordable homes and a community park.	HP DAP
SP35	Deliver the Johnsons Road residential development in Mernda, comprising at least 35 homes, including affordable housing, open spaces and pathways linking to the Plenty River.	HP DAP
SP36	Deliver feasibility assessments for key future infrastructure for our growing community.	HP DAP

HP Health Plan DAP Disability Action Plan

Responsibility of others

Service or program by others	Who
Approval of Planning Scheme Amendments	Minister for Planning
Adviser to Minister for Planning	Department of Transport and Planning
Planning for Precinct Structure Plan areas and Epping Activity Centre to guide development in growth areas.	Victorian Government
Preparation of state planning policy and approval of local planning policies to guide new development.	Victorian Government
Approval of State Government infrastructure including roads, schools and health facilities.	Victorian Government
Maintenance of State Government road reserves, drainage reserves and parks.	Victorian Government, Melbourne Water, Parks Victoria
Maintenance of roads, parking areas and landscaping in private developments including shopping centres and some commercial, industrial and residential developments.	Private landowner, Body Corporate

Community quote:

"I want to be in a society that cares, and community housing is a great thing."

