

Community engagement summary on a page

Developing our new Council Plan



We have been engaging with communities across the Rural City of Wangaratta to help develop our new Council Plan and Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan (MPHWP).

Between November 2024 - March 2025, we engaged with more than 2,000 people from across our region including community groups, local businesses, organisations, Council staff and service providers.

Engagement activities included deliberative community workshops, surveys, pop-up events, staff engagement and workshops with key advisory groups.

We have collected more than 3,200 items of feedback across the engagement period.



Your top 10 priorities for the future

From your feedback, we have identified the top ten priorities that were most important to you. When developing our new Council Plan and updating our Community Vision we will take these priorities into account, considering Council's role, responsibility and available resources.

The top 10 priorities are summarised below.

1.	Wangaratta, a place for everyone
2.	Community health and wellbeing
3.	Places and spaces for community connection and culture
4.	Transport, roads and infrastructure
5.	Care for nature and the environment

6.	Cost of living and affordability
7.	Community safety
8.	Violence and harm from drug and alcohol usage
9.	Local economy and employment
10.	Communication, accountability and transparency

How we engaged

During the engagement period, more than 2,000 people participated across a range of engagement activities undertaken between November 2024 to March 2025.



529

Surveys completed



118

Community participants across
3 x deliberative workshops



1,162

Sticky notes
collected



340+

Quick poll votes across
8 x community pop-ups



116

Children's worksheets
completed



600+

Targeted engagements
completed



50+

Council staff engaged
across workshops



10

Conversation kits
completed



Across all of these activities, we collected
over **3,200+** ideas from our community.