

Community Engagement Report



Draft 2024-25 Council Plan and Budget

Project Overview

Each year the Council is required to complete a Budget detailing how the current Council Plan's (2021-25) actions will be resourced and the raising of revenue from rates, fees and charges.

Quick Engagement Stats

Stage 1: 24 survey contributions received from 405 page views between 13 Feb and 14 Mar 2024; In addition to the online surveys we had 3 written submissions.

Stage 2: 21 contributions (online) received from 577 page views between 22 April and 20 May 2024.

Community Consultation Process

Engagement on the Council plan actions (Year 4) and the Draft budget was completed in two stages; primarily through the Engage Frankston website with paper copies available by request.

Stage 1 sought input into six outcomes of the Council Plan and the level of focus that should be placed on each.

Stage 2 presented the draft 2024-25 Council Plan and Budget for feedback and the opportunity to speak to a submission. Eight submissions were heard and reviewed at the Council Meeting on the 22nd May 2024.

Summary of outcomes

There was limited engagement during Stage 1; likely due in part to it being the final year of the Council Plan, and the community being informed about an upcoming engagement on the development of a new 4 year Council Plan and Budget. Of the 24 contributions received, we heard that:

- The highest numbers of 'more' votes were 65% of respondents requested more focus from Council on economic development, and 58% requested more focus on community safety, sport and recreation.
- The highest numbers of 'the same' votes were 66% of respondents requested the same level of service in arts and culture, and 62% requested the same in community health and community development.

- The highest numbers of ‘less’ votes were 17% requesting less focus on council strategy and performance, 13% requesting less focus on people, culture and workforce, and 12.5% requesting less focus on technology and information and customer service.

More detailed analysis of stage 1 engagement outcomes are published on <https://engage.frankston.vic.gov.au/draft-budget-2024-2025>.

There were 21 formal submissions to the draft budget. Eight community members chose to speak at the Council Meeting in support of their submissions.

The topics covered in the formal submissions included support for a Women’s Shelter, traffic calming measures around Kananook primary school, the need for a new hockey facility, a request to fund the completion of a toilet block at the Centenary Park Golf Club, questions around the use of the Waste charge and fourteen discussing the merits of funding for the Frankston Business Collective.

Recommendations and Next Steps

Stage 1 engagement was presented and used by Councillors and officers to develop year 4 actions in the Council Plan and the consequent Budgets required to operate 2024-25.

Stage 2 detailed this Plan and Budget and submissions made at the Council meeting of the 22nd May 2024 have been assessed by Councillors and officers alike, with the final Council Plan (Year 4 actions) and Budget 2024-25 adopted at the Council Meeting of the 3rd June 2024.

The final Budget (2024-28) was adopted on 3 June 2024 and the following additions were included based upon community engagement:

- priority given to include Kananook Primary school in the Active Travel initiative for 2024/25
- encourages the Social Enterprise Hub to apply for the triennial grant program 2024/25
- \$145K allocated to the renewal of the 13th hole toilet facility at Centenary Park golf course
- \$82K in grant funding to the Frankston Naval Memorial Club for site improvements
- future capped funding to the Frankston Bowling Club for a roof over their greens and
- future funding towards hockey in the region.