

# CONVERSATION KIT

Get involved in planning for Victor Harbor's bright future by hosting a conversation with your family, friends or a group you are involved with

*Your Council  
Your say*

## The City of Victor Harbor is seeking feedback on its draft Community Plan 2030 and draft 2020/21 Annual Business Plan and Budget.

Both are key documents within the council's strategic planning framework. The draft Community Plan 2030 is the guiding strategic document outlining the community's aspirations for Victor Harbor's future and the strategies that need to be in place to achieve them. The draft 2020/21 Annual Business Plan outlines how the council intends to allocate its budget, and the services and projects that will be undertaken in the coming financial year to achieve the aspirations within the Community Plan.

This conversation kit has been prepared to help you host a conversation about Victor Harbor's future with your family, friends, sporting club or any other group you might want to get together with. Hosting is very easy. It's a great chance to talk to people you know and get a sense of what they find important. It is also a great opportunity to harness the wisdom of the people around you to work through some of the challenges in our future, and share ideas.

The best part about hosting your own conversation is that you can set a time to meet that is convenient for your group.

### PREPARING TO HOST A CONVERSATION

There are a few simple steps to take to prepare for your conversation.

- Choose a time and comfortable location.
- Invite people to come along. Even if they can't make it, they will be aware of the opportunity to get involved, and may share their thoughts with you at another time or provide council with their feedback individually.
- Make sure you have some paper and pens with you, as well as a copy of the draft Community Plan 2030 and/or draft 2020/21 Annual Business Plan and Budget, as well as this Conversation Kit.
- Nominate a note taker. This will help record the conversation and provide Council with a summary of the discussion. The notes don't need to be a word-for-word account of the discussion but should highlight the key issues and points raised.



### HOW TO HOST YOUR CONVERSATION

#### 1. Have the questions ready

To help guide the conversation, we have prepared a set of questions that will help us understand our community's priorities for Victor Harbor's future in terms of our strategic vision (set out in the Community Plan) and budget allocation for 2020/21 (Annual Business Plan). The questions are provided on the following pages.

#### 2. Ask the first question out loud

Feel free to chat about your thoughts and ideas openly (easier in a small group) or have a go at answering individually first and then sharing (easier with a bigger group).

#### 3. Write it down

Once you have thought about the question and discussed it, write down a summary of the key discussion points.

#### 4. Register your feedback

Once you have finished, and your notes have been collated, return them to Council. Details on how to do this are provided on the last page.

### IT'S TIME TO HAVE YOUR SAY!

We have prepared questions for both the draft Community Plan 2030 and draft 2020/21 Annual Business Plan and Budget. Feel free to talk about one or both of these plans at your conversation.

# DRAFT COMMUNITY PLAN 2030

## ABOUT THE COMMUNITY PLAN

The Community Plan 2030 will help shape Victor Harbor's future over the next 10 years and play an important role in guiding Council's decision making.

The draft plan centres around six aspirations that express a vision for Victor Harbor now and into the future. It also identifies a number of strategies (long term) and priorities (medium term) that will help Council work towards achieving the aspirations.

## DISCUSSION POINTS

Do you think the draft Community Plan 2030 is written in a way that is easy to understand?

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree

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Do you think the plan describes a desirable future for Victor Harbor?

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree

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Do you think the priorities outlined throughout the plan will help achieve the aspirations?

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree

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Is the plan a document you will refer to in the future?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

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How do you rate the draft Community Plan 2030 overall?

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Very poor

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# DRAFT 2020/21 ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET

## ABOUT THE ANNUAL BUSINESS PLAN AND BUDGET

The draft plan describes how Council will allocate its budget and what services, programs and projects it intends to undertake in 2020/21. It aims to support the community by not increasing council rates, continuing the delivery of services, investing in infrastructure as a catalyst for future economic stimulus, and implementing a number of relief measures. In a snapshot it is proposing:

- **Capital budget:** \$14.3 million (our biggest yet!) offset by \$2.88 million grant funding
- **Operating budget:** expenditure of \$29.4 million resulting in a deficit of \$888,900
- **Rates:** no rate rise

## DISCUSSION POINTS

**Council Rates.** Do you think the fixed charge and differential rates should be maintained at 2019/20 levels, even if it results in a deficit budget?

- ☐ Strongly agree      ☐ Agree  
☐ Neither agree nor disagree  
☐ Disagree      ☐ Strongly disagree

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**Service Levels.** Do you think service levels should be maintained at 2019/20 levels, even if it results in a deficit budget?

- ☐ Strongly agree      ☐ Agree  
☐ Neither agree nor disagree  
☐ Disagree      ☐ Strongly disagree

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**Grant Funding.** Do you support the Council's approach to bringing forward major projects to capitalise on funding opportunities and reduce the burden on ratepayers?

- ☐ Strongly agree      ☐ Agree  
☐ Neither agree nor disagree  
☐ Disagree      ☐ Strongly disagree

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Would you add or remove anything from the draft 2020/21 Annual Business Plan and Budget?

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How do you rate the draft Community Plan 2030 overall?

- ☐ Excellent      ☐ Good  
☐ Fair      ☐ Poor      ☐ Very poor

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# ABOUT YOUR GROUP

YOUR COUNCIL  
YOUR SAY

## ABOUT YOUR GROUP

How many people joined in your conversation?

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What best describes your group?

- ☐ Local residents ☐ Businesses
- ☐ Community group / organisation (please specify below):

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☐ Other (please specify below):

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### Group facilitator / Contact

Name:

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Address:

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Telephone:

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Email:

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## HOW TO RETURN THE FEEDBACK GATHERED AT YOUR CONVERSATION

Thank you for taking the time to host a conversation and sharing your feedback with the City of Victor Harbor.

There are a number of ways you can return the notes from your conversation:

- **Email:** scan your notes and email to [localgov@victor.sa.gov.au](mailto:localgov@victor.sa.gov.au) with the subject 'Conversation Notes - Community Plan/2020-21 Budget'
- **Post:** send attention to the Chief Executive Officer (Community Plan/2020-21 Budget), PO Box 11, Victor Harbor SA 5211
- **In person:** deliver to the City of Victor Harbor Civic Centre at 1 Bay Road, Victor Harbor

**Please ensure your feedback is returned by 5pm on Monday, 13 July 2020.**

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

All of the feedback council is provided during this consultation period will be collated and provided to council for review and consideration, before the draft plans are adopted.

Your feedback may also be used to inform other council planning and projects.