



City of Casey

LIVEABLE CITY OUTCOME STRATEGY

2025-29



Artwork: *Dhelkunya Journey* by local Boonwurrung, Dja Dja Wurrung artist.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The City of Casey proudly acknowledges the traditional owners, Casey's Aboriginal communities and their rich culture and pays respect to their Elders past, present and future.

We acknowledge Aboriginal people as Australia's first peoples and as the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we work and live.

COMMITMENT TO RECONCILIATION

The City of Casey is committed to reconciliation, guided by Casey's *Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP)* and the Casey Aboriginal Gathering Place.

These initiatives support cultural connection, strengthen community capacity, and work towards better outcomes for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

DIVERSITY STATEMENT

The City of Casey is home to a remarkable diversity of cultures, languages, faiths, identities, landscapes, and stories. From our first Australians to our most recent arrivals and every wave between, the City of Casey welcomes and represents all community members and their respective ambitions to live healthy, rewarding, and happy lives.

These intersecting and overlapping community stories form Casey's collective identity and contribute to its evolving, rich history.

We recognise this diversity as our strength and we aim to share, nurture, and celebrate it.

OVERVIEW OF THE OUTCOME STRATEGY

The *Liveable City Outcome Strategy 2025-29* outlines our approach to holistically plan, build, manage and influence an accessible, high-quality built environment for a growing Casey community.

Why it matters

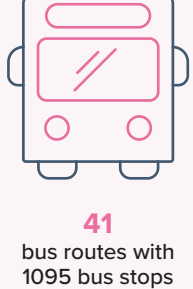
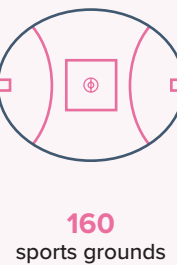
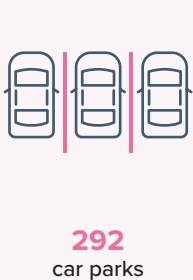
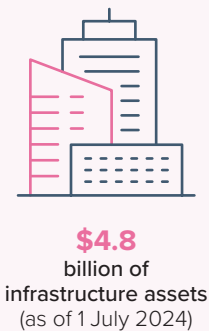
A well-planned, connected, and high-quality built environment is essential to supporting the health, wellbeing, and daily lives of Casey’s growing community. As the population increases, so too does the demand for accessible infrastructure, reliable transport options, and public spaces that are safe, inclusive, and adaptable. By improving connectivity across road, public transport, walking and cycling networks, and ensuring infrastructure is fit for purpose and sustainable, we create a city that works better for everyone.

Proactively planning for growth and advocating for investment ensures that services, facilities, and infrastructure are delivered where and when they are needed most. City-shaping projects aligned to Casey’s scale and diversity help build vibrant, resilient places that reflect and support the needs of our community, both now and into the future.

Our priorities

- 1. Improved connectivity:** Plan, deliver and advocate for transport improvements to roads, public transport, pedestrian and cycling networks that improve access, connectivity, safety and city movement outcomes for our community.
- 2. Appropriate infrastructure:** Plan and deliver infrastructure that is sustainable, fit for purpose, supports shared use and promotes safety and amenity.
- 3. Respond to growth:** Plan and deliver urban planning that ensures our community has access to services and facilities across the city aligned to need and place.
- 4. Effective advocacy:** Advocate for investment that supports and responds to our growing city’s needs – including transport mobility and access to jobs and services.
- 5. City shaping infrastructure:** Plan and invest in city shaping projects complementing our city’s scale and diversity.

CITY OF CASEY’S INFRASTRUCTURE SNAPSHOT



FOUNDATIONS OF THE OUTCOME STRATEGY

Community engagement

The City of Casey is committed to ensuring the diverse voices in our community are reflected in Council decisions. The *Shape Your City 2024* engagement program is one way that we brought this commitment to life.

Across August and September 2024, Council undertook a deliberation process to review the Community vision and inform development of the Council and Casey’s *Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2029*, including a review of the Long-Term Financial Plan, Revenue and Rating Plan and Asset Plan.

Under the *Local Government Act 2020 (the Act)*, Council is required to develop these long-term strategic plans with significant input from the community.

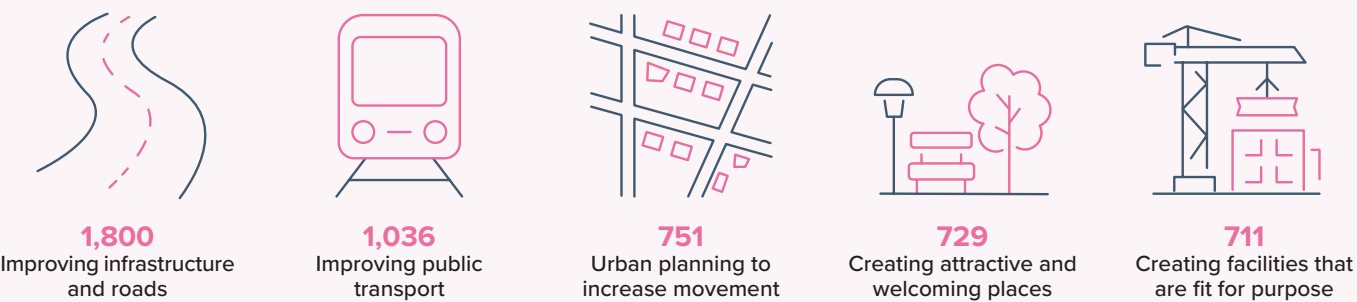
More than 4,600 members of community participated in the engagement, split across three phases -

- Phase 1 was used to understand broad community sentiment and priorities for the Plans.
- Feedback from the broader engagement supported deeper discussions in Phase 2, via deliberative engagement with the Community Panel.
- Community was then engaged to provide feedback on the draft strategic documents in Phase 3.

ENGAGEMENT FINDINGS

The following represents the key themes and number of mentions recieved based on community engagement (out of 4600 responses).

CITY OF CASEY’S ENGAGEMENT SNAPSHOT



Children were asked to draw their visions and aspirations for the future and some responses related to the Liveable City outcome.

When asked what would make our community a better place, children wanted more community activities and safety.



OUR COMMUNITY’S ASPIRATIONS

Casey residents enjoy an improved quality of life, reduced congestion and more time with loved ones due to high quality transport infrastructure and more beautiful neighbourhoods.

HEALTH FOCUS AREAS

The Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan has been integrated into the Council Plan, and the six Health Focus Areas (HFA's) below set the organisations strategic direction for health.

The HFA's are embedded across all strategic outcomes and their associated strategic priorities, reflecting the complex and interconnected ways Council's services, policies and infrastructure influence health and wellbeing.

The HFA's themselves are also ideeply interrelated - addressing one area often leads to positive outcomes in another.

Through embedding the HFA's across the strategic priorities and recognising their interconnected relationship, we aim to have a greater impact, empower our community, foster resilience and move towards optimal physical and mental wellbeing for individuals, families and communities.

Health Focus Areas	Definition
1 Healthy and Active Environments	Active transport options are available and accessible, there are ample opportunities to be active in everyday life and access to fresh and affordable food that supports healthy and thriving communities. Indicators include increased active recreation, active transportation use, and increased food security.
2 Connection and Participation	People feel connected to each other and their community, with various opportunities to participate and connect through cultural and creative avenues. Indicators include increased connection to people and place, increased trust, and increased cultural and creative participation.
3 Community Empowerment	Greater access to information, resources, and supports leads to more informed and resilient individuals, households and communities, strengthened local networks and community leadership, that together can better tackle our greatest challenges, such as the health impacts of climate change. Indicators include increased service access and uptake, increased preparedness for extreme weather events, and increased volunteering rates.
4 Tobacco, Vaping, Alcohol and Gambling Harm	Harm prevention measures through urban planning, community education, and advocacy protect communities from the negative impacts of tobacco, vaping, alcohol and gambling. Indicators include reduced rates of tobacco and vaping use (particularly among young people) and reduced alcohol use (particularly among older people).
5 Community Safety and Prevention of Violence	Communities feel safe at home and in public, are free from violence, including family violence and all forms of gender-based violence, as well as all forms of discrimination, which supports full participation in community life. Indicators include increased sense of safety, reduced rates of family violence and reduced rates of discrimination.
6 Affordable Housing and Homelessness	Access to appropriate affordable housing options, as well as services to support those experiencing homelessness leads to greater stability, health, and safety outcomes. Indicators include increased rates of social and affordable housing and reduced homelessness rates.

EMBEDDING THE STRATEGY IN THE 2025-29 COUNCIL PLAN

The *2025-29 Council Plan* is a key strategic planning document. It outlines the strategic directions, outcomes, priorities and strategic indicators that will focus planning, investment and effort across the 4 year period.

The *2025-29 Council Plan* outlines five strategic outcomes that Council pursues. Liveable City is strategic outcome two.

Embedding the Liveable City outcome strategy within the Council Plan promotes integrated decision making – where decisions around investment and effort in one outcome strategy can be considered alongside decisions made in other outcome strategies.

Additionally, embedding the outcome strategy within the *2025-29 Council Plan* allows for the health focus areas of the Council to be aligned to priorities within the outcome.

STRATEGIC OUTCOME 2 Liveable City

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Holistically plan, build, manage and influence an accessible, high-quality built environment for a growing Casey community.

Strategic Priorities		Strategic Indicators
Priority 2.1  	Improved connectivity Plan, deliver and advocate for transport improvements to roads, public transport, pedestrian and cycling networks that improve access, connectivity, safety and city movement outcomes for our community. <i>(Health Focus Area 2 + 5)</i>	Maintain sealed local roads to meet condition standards, supporting improved access, connectivity and safety.
Priority 2.2  	Appropriate infrastructure Plan and deliver infrastructure that is sustainable, fit for purpose, supports shared use and promotes health, safety and amenity. <i>(Health Focus Area 3 + 5)</i>	Maintain a high completion rate of the annual infrastructure works program, ensuring projects support sustainability and community wellbeing.
Priority 2.3 	Respond to growth Plan and deliver urban planning that ensures our community has access to services and facilities across the city aligned to need and place. <i>(Health Focus Area 3)</i>	Maintain a balanced approach to developer contributions and expenditure, aligning with community needs and growth.
Priority 2.4 	Effective advocacy Advocate for investment that supports and responds to our growing city's needs – including transport mobility and access to jobs and services. <i>(Health Focus Area 3)</i>	Advocate for and secure infrastructure funding to address the city's evolving infrastructure needs.
Priority 2.5	City shaping infrastructure Plan and invest in city shaping projects complementing our city's scale and diversity.	Increase expenditure on large-scale infrastructure projects to drive significant city development.

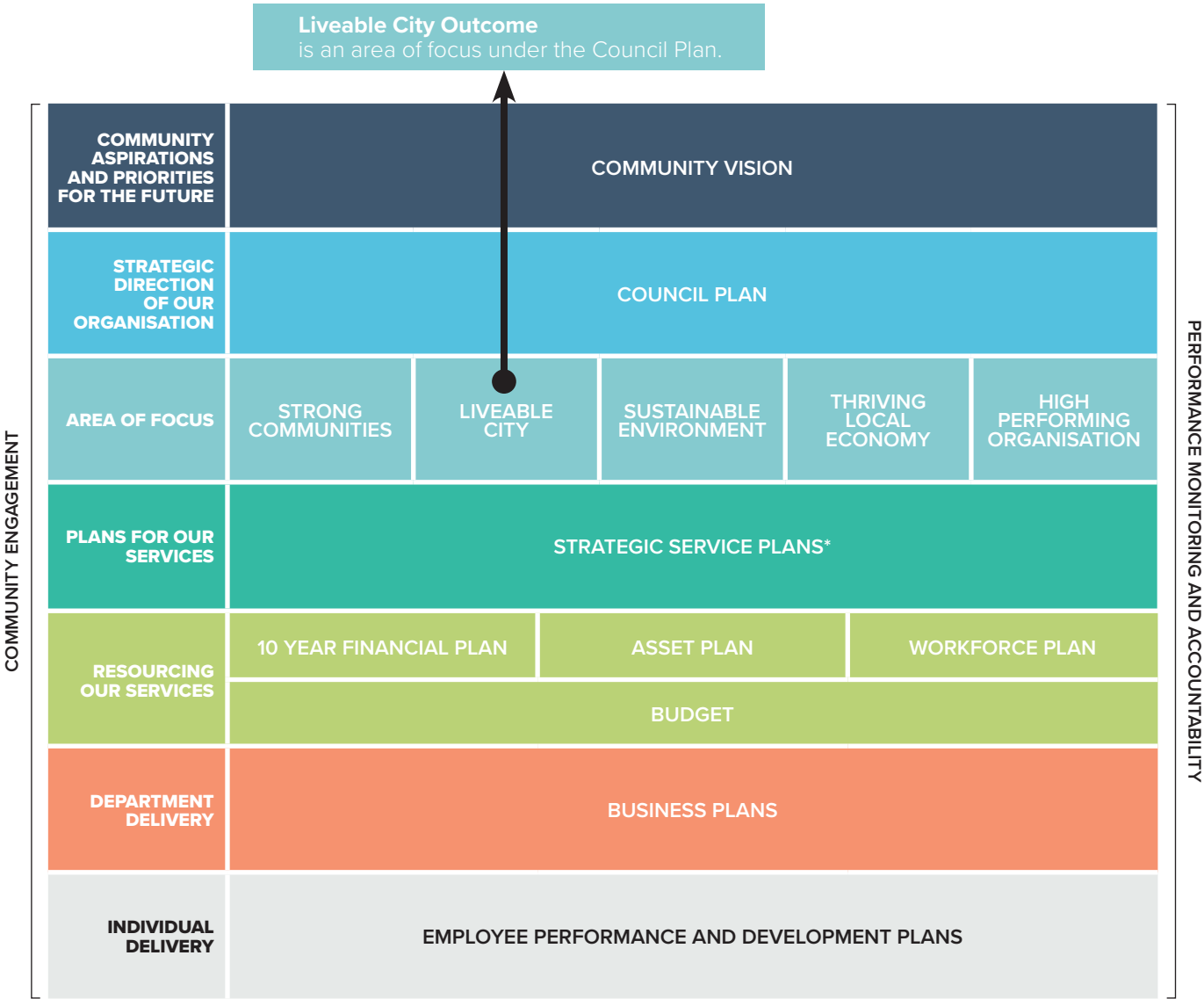
STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT AND GOVERNANCE

Integrated Strategic Planning Framework

The City of Casey’s Integrated Strategic Planning Framework guides Council in identifying community needs and aspirations over the long term (the Vision), medium term (Council Plan) and short term (Annual Budget, incorporating the Annual Action Plan and

Capital Works Program), and then how it will hold itself accountable (Annual Report and Audited Statements).

The following illustration demonstrates Council’s Integrated Strategic Planning Framework.



*In development

PERFORMANCE MONITORING AND REPORTING

Progress toward the outcome and its strategic priorities is monitored and communicated through two key publications, both available via the **City of Casey website**.

The **Quarterly Community Report** provides regular updates on progress, key activities, and emerging trends, ensuring the community stays informed throughout the year.

The Annual Report, published each October, delivers a comprehensive summary of performance, highlighting achievements, challenges, and how Council is advancing long-term outcomes for the community.



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