

Additional Information

We have an opportunity for a reset. I won't promise easy fixes. I can promise to listen, and to look for pragmatic, forward looking solutions that put the long-term interests of the community first.

Face our challenges. The City has challenges. We need to start by facing them.

Start with the basics. Respect and the ability to have robust but constructive discussions. It does not matter where an idea comes from, and the long-term interests of the community come first.

Open and straightforward representation. The community needs enough information to have difficult conversations, make informed choices and keep local government accountable.

Attract and retain good people. Dysfunction and high turnover are expensive and exhausting. Council needs to ensure that the CEO and the culture supports retaining and attracting great people.

Leafy and liveable. Leafy suburbs and urban greening are for people and the environment. Prioritise connectivity, green links, bushland and biodiversity. Look for opportunities to work with others to deliver the best results.

Strong, connected communities. Engaged, connected communities are strongest. Support anything that helps people of all ages (and across ages) connect. Community groups, volunteers, local businesses, sporting clubs, the arts, events, shared spaces of all kinds, trails and bike paths, dog parks, play areas, bush care, gardening - diverse groups doing diverse things. These things don't have to be fancy or expensive - just valued, prioritised and considered.

Deliverable long-term planning. To be deliverable, planning needs to be long term and budgeted. Some plans (eg Western Suburbs Greening Plan) are out of date. Others (eg Allen Park Master Plan) have been overtaken by events. Consider, update, be clear on when and if they can be delivered. Look for opportunities to reduce or share costs, and for additional and alternative funding.

Building for the future needs local input to ensure balanced outcomes.