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Day #3 summary

Moreland City Council: Community Panel

9am - 4pm Saturday 8 May, Coburg Concert Hall

Overview of the day

On the third and final day, the session was focussed on bringing together all of the work done to date, in doing so to **refine** the draft Community Vision and recommendations for the Council Plan into the panel report and handover to Council. The agenda for the day was as follows::

- Overview of report and group plan of action
- 3 x working sessions
- 3 x review sessions
- Finish our report (2:45pm)
- Celebrate!!
- Handover to Council

The panel was given options for where they would like to focus their time, starting with finalising the Vision.

Overview of report and group plan of action

The day started with a discussion of the draft report structure and how to proceed. A few jobs were highlighted as important to the completion of the report:

- Decide on the tense (now or 10 years)
- Do we want to rework the vision based on feedback?
- Review themes titles (consistent approach), how they sit together, statements
- Developing the strategic council directions need to align with themes
- Write an introduction and conclusion

It was decided that the tense should be present tense, e.g In 2031, Moreland is...

The panel was then asked what changes should be made to the Vision statement. An alternative Vision was developed by the group (see report) and was very strongly affirmed, with some minor suggestions for improvement.

Themes

The session then moved to the 6 themes that were settled upon during the previous sessions. Participants were given the opportunity to review and discuss a theme to refine the title and 2-3 sentences that describe what Moreland would look like in 10 years if this theme was addressed.

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Participants were then given the option to work on another theme or themes and refine further based on the previous group's work.

It was decided that the overlap between themes 2 and 3 was great enough to merge them into a single theme.

Strategic directions

With the option of working on the theme(s) that were of most interest, the panel focused on the strategic directions to identify what the Moreland community, Council and business community need to do next to make this happen.

They also helped highlight the immediate actions that need to be taken over the next four years to reach each theme's future state and help achieve the overall vision.

Handover to the Mayor and Councillors

An important part of the deliberative process is to take the time to reflect and celebrate all the hard work that the panel had put in over three Saturdays to develop the Community Vision. After refining their work throughout the day the panel had the opportunity to present their work to the Mayor, Councillors and CEO.

After hearing from the Panel and thanking them for their efforts, the Mayor and Councillors stayed to have afternoon tea with the group.