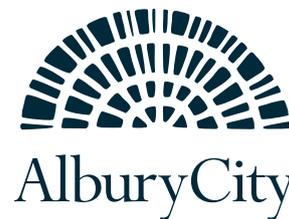


Growing Thurgoona Wirlinga



What We've Heard So Far – Survey Outcomes Report

We're reviewing the Precinct Structure Plan for Thurgoona Wirlinga to ensure the area is well-prepared for future growth. To inform the review, we produced a What We've Heard (so far) Summary Report that collated community aspirations captured through consultation activities held in recent years.

In addition to this, a survey was made available between mid December 2022 and end of April 2023 to 'check in' with the community on the most common feedback raised so far.

We received **270 survey responses!**

Who did the survey? Based on demographics, the typical survey respondent was passionate local families who are active on social media:

- **Passionate:** More than half of respondents (52%) demonstrated high engagement with the questions by sharing 353 additional insightful comments or ideas in the open-ended questions
- **Local:** 9 out of 10 respondents identified as residents of Thurgoona Wirlinga (90%)
- **Family households:** Nearly three quarters of respondents (71%) were aged under 45 years old
- **Active on social media:** Half the respondents accessed the survey via links on our Facebook posts (55%) and most respondents (70%) used their mobile to complete the survey

Key findings

From a total of 12 issues, the following 8 were ranked as being most important (based on the proportions of people who answered as either 'very' or 'somewhat' important).

	1	Address traffic congestion at peak times in key locations including around schools, shops, freeway interchanges and Borella Road/Riverina Highway intersections (94%)
	2	More community infrastructure including schools, childcare, entertainment and multipurpose meeting spaces (93%)
	3	Improve stormwater management to minimize flooding and improve water quality (91%)
	4	More retail choices including shops and dining options (87%)
	5	More parks and playgrounds (87%)
	6	Continue the family orientated community identity of Thurgoona Wirlinga (83%)
	7	More pedestrian crossings and cycle friendly shared path connections around Thurgoona and linking to Albury and Lavington (82%)
	8	Higher sustainability requirements for new residential development to support livability and wellbeing (78%)

The Top 8 ranked issues show us that overall, the survey identified the areas of highest community concern 'right', with 8 of the 12 questions being ranked by more than three quarters of respondents as being either 'very' or 'somewhat' important.

The survey question that attracted the least support was to increase the variety of housing choices including smaller housing options in locations close to shops and parks. Half (50%) of respondents stated they were neutral or unsure about this. In the open ended part of this question, many people indicated that they are not supportive of housing trends towards smaller lot sizes or encouraging more medium density housing types. As we have found in previous consultation, this shows how many Albury residents prefer to live in detached styles of housing.

How will the Review incorporate these survey findings?

The results of the survey will be added to our other consultation findings. While the existing Precinct Structure Plan does already identify locations for the future delivery of schools, shops, parks and other community infrastructure, these survey outcomes tell us our review project needs to focus on how to accelerate the delivery of this infrastructure as critical to strengthening our neighbourhoods in Thurgoona Wirlinga.

Thank you for taking the time to complete our survey- we value the information you have provided.

You can register to receive project updates, including dates of further consultation opportunities, at haveyoursay.alburycity.nsw.gov.au/growing-thurgoona-wirlinga

