

Have Your Say - Community Engagement Policy

Mildura Rural City Council is encouraging residents who, live, work, study or visit our municipality to help shape our new Community Engagement Policy.

Council engages the community for a number of reasons, including to help in the development of strategies and plans, and to deliver projects.

The Community Engagement Policy will inform Council of how best to engage residents on matters that are meaningful and important to them.

Principles of the Victorian Local Government Act 2020 will underpin the objectives of Council's next Community Engagement Policy. They include:

- A community engagement process must have clearly defined objectives and scope
- Participants in community engagement must have access to objective, relevant and timely information
- Participants in community engagement must be representative of the persons and groups affected by the matter that is the subject of the community engagement
- Participants in community engagement are entitled to reasonable support to enable meaningful and informed engagement
- Participants in community engagement are informed of the ways in which the community engagement process will influence Council decision-making

What is Community Engagement?

Community Engagement is a planned process that involves two-way communication between Council and the people who will be affected by a decision.

Engagement activities vary each time, and depends on the project and stakeholders involved.

The level of involvement required by community will also vary project to project, and ranges from Consultation - where Council will seek your thoughts and opinions - through to collaboration where Council will ask you to weigh-up and make choices.

Why is your participation important?

Council's goal is to engage with the community, as we believe those affected by a decision have the right to be involved in the decision-making process.

This feedback ensures Council's engagement practice is accessible, inclusive and effective in reaching the region's diverse community. It also informs residents of the opportunities to have their say on matters that impact them.

Have your say

Visit www.mildura.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay to complete a short survey. Feedback provided will help inform the development of Council's next Community Engagement Policy.

