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*Knox Vision: Our City, Our Future 2013-17* articulates the community and Knox City Council vision for the desired future of Knox under five aspirations. The *Knox City Plan (incorporating the Council Plan) 2013-17* sets out objectives to achieve these aspirations:

- Healthy, connected communities.
- Prosperous, advancing economy.
- Vibrant and sustainable built and natural environments.
- Culturally rich and active communities.
- Democratic and engaged communities.

The *Integrated City Strategy and Implementation Plan 2015-17* sets out strategic direction for how Knox City Council will deliver the Knox Vision and Knox City Plan with 15 integrated strategies:

- Encourage local living by providing a positive local amenity that makes it attractive to live and work in Knox.
- Improve lifelong learning opportunities in Knox by raising community awareness of and increasing access to learning options for all ages.
- Appropriately plan and provide guidance for land use and development by responding to changing family/living structures and other drivers of change.
- Enhance and protect biodiversity and the green leafy image by proactively managing local waterways, wildlife and significant vegetation communities, landscape character and streetscapes.
- Improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of people in Knox and mitigate lifestyle risks through the provision of high-quality services, support, infrastructure, partnerships, advocacy and regulation.
- Ensure the municipality is responsive to people at all stages of life by developing policies, plans, services and infrastructure that recognise the range of needs that arise across the lifespan.
- Support community resilience to external influences through efficient use of local energy, water and waste resources and planning for adaptation in response to a changing climate.
- Enable people in Knox to participate in community life by providing highquality infrastructure and public space and access to services and facilities.
- Enable improved transport choices supported by integrated and sustainable transport systems and infrastructure.
- Improve business reach and growth into national and global markets and boost local employment by supporting the development of local businesses with a particular focus on advanced manufacturing, health, ageing and business services sectors.
- Support business and employment growth by promoting the need for improved infrastructure and technology requirements within the municipality and enhancing strategic employment places for business.
- Improve safety in Knox by working together to address community safety problems, family violence and child and elder abuse.
- Enhance community connectedness and leadership by enabling and empowering individuals and supporting community groups to operate in an increasingly regulated environment.
- Enable people to celebrate and feel proud of Knox's diverse culture and local identity by participation in artistic expression and protecting and enhancing the cultural heritage and strengths of Knox.
- Ensure Knox City Council is contemporary, effective and well governed through the pursuit of excellence in Council practices, projects and service delivery.

The built environment, community health and wellbeing, economic development and environmental sustainability are fundamentally interconnected and need to be considered in an integrated manner. The above integrated strategies therefore inform the objectives and strategies of Knox's Municipal Strategic Statement.

## 21.02-1 Strategic Framework Plan

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The Strategic Framework Plan sets out the general pattern for land use development and major strategic directions for the municipality. Key strategic directions for Knox include:

- Creating a network of activity centres, with preferred roles in accommodating commercial, industrial, housing and civic functions.
- Identifying Strategic Investigation Sites as opportunities to accommodate a range of future residential, commercial and employment uses.
- Facilitating a scaled approach to housing growth in line with the *Knox Housing Strategy 2015* with Bush Suburban, Knox Neighbourhood, Local Living and Activity Areas each playing a different role.
- Facilitating employment growth in the State significant Wantirna Health Precinct, regionally-significant employment precincts; the Scoresby-Rowville Employment Precinct and the Bayswater Industrial Precinct and supporting commercial and industrial areas as a major source of local employment.
- Protecting major environmental and landscape features, including the Dandenong Foothills, Dandenong Creek Valley Parklands and Sites of Biological Significance.
- Improving transport connections and links between the train, bus, bicycle and walking networks, and recognising opportunities for an extension of the train line to Rowville and tram line to Knox Central Activity Centre.

## References

*Integrated City Strategy and Implementation Plan 2015-17*, Knox City Council, 2015 (or as amended)

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City of Maroondah City of Whitehorse City of Monash City of Greater Dandenong **LEGEND** STRATEGIC INVESTIGATION SITES - RESIDENTIAL MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY HIERARCHY OF ACTIVITY CENTRES H**②**H RAIL CORRIDOR / TRAIN STATION ACTIVITY CENTRE MART BUS ROUTE NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTIVITY CENTRE - ARTERIAL ROAD ACTIVITY CENTRE BOUNDARY

Figure 1: Strategic Framework Plan

