

***Marion 100* group has a say on council priorities**

The City of Marion hosted its third *Marion 100* community consultation event last night.

Called *Marion 100 Have Your Say On Council Priorities*, the February 23 event was held at Club Marion to seek community feedback on strategic questions regarding the Council's environmental and promotional priorities.

More than 30 people attended, including participants from the original *Marion 100 Community Summit* held in November 2021.

Also in attendance were the City of Marion's Australia Day Award winners from the past two years, including 2023 Citizen of the Year Pat Munden, Young Citizen of the Year Zane LeBlond, Sportsperson of the Year Jamie Morgan and representatives from Community Event of the Year, the Oaklands Estate Reserve parkrun, Kevin Thomson and Dorothy Boutwell.

"Marion Council initiated the *Marion 100* project in 2021 because we wanted to genuinely hear the commonsense views and preferences from a group which reflects Marion's diverse population," Mayor of Marion Kris Hanna said.

"Last night was our third *Marion 100* event in two years, attended by residents from a wide range of ages and backgrounds.

"We will continue with this 'focus group' format as well as continuing our specific consultation processes every time we design a playground or new building or project."

Last night's program covered four activities, with the City of Marion seeking feedback on:

- Tagline branding options to promote the City of Marion.
- Priorities for environmental projects flagged within the City of Marion.
- Options to overcome parking issues within the City of Marion.
- Priorities to improve visitation to community events within the City of Marion.

Participants supported the tagline “City of Marion: A Great Place to Live/Work/Play”.

They also listed weekly green waste collection, a project to bulk purchase solar batteries for the community, and the transition of the Council fleet to electric vehicles as their top three environmental project priorities.

The results of all four activities are being collated and will be presented to Council Members next month with a report to be made available on the Making Marion website.

A number of attending Council Members also took part in a Q&A session with attending community members.

The 2021 *Marion 100* concept brought together a diverse group of residents and ratepayers to discuss ways to improve how Council engaged with the community in its decision-making process.

A follow-up *Marion 100 Have Your Say On The Budget* event was held at Tonsley last year.

You can find out more about the Marion 100 Community Summit on the [Making Marion website](#).

ENDS