COUNCIL SHOWS PLENTY OF VISION FOR YEARS AHEAD

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KINGSTON Council has been praised after launching its long-term vision for the municipality.

After a public consultation process that involved more than 5800 community members and 13,500 ideas, LivingKingston2035 and One Vision Council Plan 2013-17 have been adopted.

The reports offer a vision for how council will respond to the opportunities and challenges facing Kingston over the next four years and a strong foundation beyond.

Simon McKeon, the 2011 Australian of the Year, was the keynote speaker at the launch and he congratulated council on the plan.

“The extraordinary richness, diversity, the fullness of opinion that has come from your community of 150,000 people, as much as anything else, that allows good leadership to happen,” Mr McKeon said.

Julie Wynne, who works at St Louis de Montfort's School in Aspendale and was on the 23-member Community Vision Reference Panel that oversaw LivingKingston2035, said she was pleased the plan had a strong environmental focus.

“We have a strong emphasis on sustainability at our school and LivingKingston2035 will mean if other schools in Kingston want to share that focus, then the council will be there to support them,” Ms Wynne said.

Kingston Mayor Ron Brownless said some of the ideas within the plan included “greening our city, building multifunctional community facilities, support for volunteers and better transport connections”.

“Some of the more out-of-the-box ideas included a chocolate fountain on the Nepean Hwy and a Justin Beiber theme park,” Cr Brownless said.

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St Louis De Montfort’s Schoolteacher Julie Wynne, here with Lily, Will, Jarrod and Emily, sat on the Community Reference Panel of LivingKingston 2035.