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Shire of Kojonup Liveability and Wellbeing Plan 2026 - 2031

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Acknowledgement of Country

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY The people of Kojonup acknowledge and pay respect to the Noongar people, of the Kaneang tribe, as the Traditional Owners and inhabitants of Kojonup.

Thousands of years ago, the Kaneang people drank from, and met at, the local freshwater spring and hunted game with the traditional Noongar “kodj”, or stone axe.

Today we celebrate the Noongar people for their respect and knowledge of Country and the sharing of stories of life on these lands.

Shire President's Message

It is my pleasure to present the Shire of Kojonup Liveability and Wellbeing Plan 2026–2031.

Kojonup is a strong, welcoming and resilient community with a proud rural heritage, active volunteers, vibrant community groups and a strong sense of connection. These qualities contribute significantly to the health, wellbeing and liveability of our Shire and help make Kojonup a great place to live, work and raise a family.

This Plan has been developed to meet the requirements of the *Public Health Act 2016* and, importantly, reflects the priorities and aspirations of our community. Through consultation with residents, community organisations and stakeholders, we have gained valuable insight into both the strengths of our community and the challenges that impact health and wellbeing.

The feedback confirmed that residents value community connection, safety, recreation opportunities and access to quality services. It also highlighted ongoing challenges, including access to healthcare, mental wellbeing, chronic disease risk factors, road safety and social isolation.

In response, this Plan focuses on three priorities: **Healthy People and Healthy Lifestyles**, **Connected People and Places**, and **Safe, Healthy Places and Spaces**. Together, these priorities provide a practical framework for improving the quality of life of our residents and ensuring health and wellbeing considerations are embedded into local decision-making.

While local government has an important leadership role, creating a healthy and liveable community is a shared responsibility. Achieving the outcomes of this Plan will require strong partnerships between Council, residents, community groups, businesses, service providers and government agencies.

On behalf of Council, I thank everyone who contributed to the development of this Plan. Your input has helped shape a community-driven vision for the future. I encourage all members of our community to support and participate in the initiatives outlined in this Plan as we work together to build a healthier, more connected and more resilient Kojonup.

Cr Roger Bilney

Shire President

Executive Summary

The Shire of Kojonup's Liveability and Wellbeing Plan 2026–2031 sets out how the Shire will help create a healthier, safer and more connected community over the next five years. The Plan has been developed to meet the requirements of the *Public Health Act 2016* and is based on local health information, community feedback and State public health priorities.

Health and wellbeing are influenced by many factors, including the places where people live, work and socialise, the services available to them, and the opportunities they have to stay active and connected. While not all of these factors are controlled by local government, the Shire plays an important role in creating environments that support healthy lifestyles and community wellbeing.

Community feedback and health data show that Kojonup is a strong and resilient community with high levels of volunteering, community participation and local pride. However, several health challenges continue to affect the community, including:

- Physical inactivity.
- Overweight and obesity.
- Smoking and vaping.
- Alcohol and other drug-related harm.
- Mental health and social isolation.
- Road safety and injury prevention.
- Access to health and support services; and
- Environmental health risks and emergency preparedness.

To address these issues, the Plan focuses on three key themes:

Healthy People and Healthy Lifestyles

Supporting people to make healthy choices by encouraging physical activity, healthy eating and positive lifestyle behaviours. This includes promoting health education, supporting healthy environments and reducing the harm caused by smoking, vaping and alcohol misuse.

Connected and Engaged Community

Strengthening social connections, inclusion and community participation. The Shire will work with local organisations and community groups to support mental wellbeing, reduce social isolation and create opportunities for people to connect and belong.

Safe, Healthy Places and Spaces

Creating and maintaining environments that are safe, healthy and resilient. This includes protecting environmental health, reducing safety risks, supporting road safety initiatives and ensuring community spaces promote health and wellbeing.

The Plan recognises that improving health and wellbeing is a shared responsibility. The Shire will work with residents, community organisations, government agencies and service providers to deliver actions and advocate for improved services where needed. Progress will be monitored through regular reporting and annual reviews to ensure the Plan remains relevant and continues to meet the needs of the community.

Through this Plan, the Shire of Kojonup aims to build a healthy, liveable and connected community where everyone has the opportunity to thrive, feel included and enjoy a good quality of life.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the Plan

The Shire of Kojonup (the Shire) has developed this Liveability and Wellbeing Plan (LWP) to meet its responsibilities under the *Public Health Act 2016*. The Plan helps the Shire identify local health and wellbeing priorities and plan actions that will improve the quality of life for people living in Kojonup.

The LWP is a five-year plan that guides how the Shire will work with the community, local organisations and other agencies to create a healthier, safer and more liveable community. It also helps ensure that available resources are used where they can have the greatest benefit.

1.2 What is Liveability and Wellbeing

Liveability is about creating a community where people can enjoy a good quality of life. A liveable community is safe, welcoming and inclusive. It provides opportunities for people to stay healthy, feel connected and participate in community life.

Wellbeing is influenced by many factors, including where people live, work and spend their time. Access to housing, transport, parks, community facilities, health services and social activities all contribute to wellbeing.

In Kojonup, improving liveability and wellbeing means working together to create a community where people of all ages can thrive, feel connected and access the services and opportunities they need.

1.2 Legislative Context

1.2.1 Public Health Act 2016

The *Public Health Act 2016* requires all local governments in Western Australia to prepare a public health plan. The Act recognises that public health is about more than preventing disease. It also includes protecting, maintaining and improving the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities.

This Plan helps the Shire meet these requirements by identifying local health issues and outlining actions that support a healthy and liveable community. It also encourages a coordinated approach across Shire services, community groups and partner organisations.

Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework

The Liveability and Wellbeing Plan sits within the Shire's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework and supports the vision and priorities outlined in the Strategic Community Plan.

The Plan aligns with the Shire's strategic direction and focuses on three key themes:

- Healthy People and Healthy Lifestyles.
- Connected and Engaged People and Places.
- Safe, Healthy Places and Spaces.

These themes reflect both community feedback and available health evidence and form the foundation of the actions in this Plan.

1.3 Shire of Kojonup's Role in Public Health

Local government plays an important role in supporting the health and wellbeing of its community. Through its services, facilities, planning and partnerships, the Shire can help create environments that make healthy choices easier and improve quality of life.

The Shire contributes to public health by:

- Protecting the community from environmental health risks such as food safety issues, noise, waste and asbestos.
- Monitoring environmental conditions that may affect health.
- Supporting planning and development that creates healthy, safe and attractive places.
- Providing safe public infrastructure such as roads, footpaths and community facilities.
- Delivering Ranger Services that support community safety.
- Supporting community events, recreation opportunities and volunteering.
- Preparing for and responding to emergencies and disasters.

The Shire's Role in Delivering This LWP

Improving health and wellbeing is a shared responsibility. The Shire cannot achieve this alone and will work closely with residents, community organisations, government agencies and service providers.

The Shire will contribute by:

- Advocating for better services, infrastructure and funding for the community.
- Delivering programs, services and facilities that support health and wellbeing.
- Supporting community groups and local initiatives.
- Facilitating partnerships and collaboration to address local challenges.

By listening to the community and working with partners, the Shire aims to build a healthier, more connected and more resilient Kojonup for current and future generations. The Plan will be coordinated by the Shire's Environmental Health Officer

2 How the Plan Was Developed

The Shire developed this Liveability and Wellbeing Plan using local information, health data and feedback from the community. This approach helps ensure the Plan reflects the needs, priorities and aspirations of Kojonup residents and focuses on actions that can make a real difference.

2.1 Evidence-Based Foundations

The Shire reviewed a range of information to understand the health and wellbeing needs of the community and identify areas where action is needed. This included local health data, demographic information, government strategies and community planning documents.

Key documents considered during the development of the Plan included:

- WA State Public Health Plan.
- Shire of Kojonup Strategic Community Plan 2023–2033.
- Relevant local, regional and State strategies and policies.
- Available health, population and wellbeing data.

Using this information helped ensure that the Plan is based on evidence and aligns with broader health and community priorities.

2.2 Community and Stakeholder Engagement

Community input played an important role in shaping this Plan. The Shire sought feedback from local residents, community organisations, service providers and other stakeholders to better understand what is important to the community.

A total of 71 community members and stakeholders contributed through:

- Community surveys.
- Community events.
- Meetings.
- Workshops.

Participants were asked about their views on health, wellbeing, liveability, community strengths and areas where improvement is needed

2.3 Turning Feedback into Priorities

The Shire reviewed the community feedback alongside available health and demographic data to identify common themes and key issues affecting the community.

This process helped the Shire:

- Identify local health and wellbeing priorities.
- Better understand community needs and service gaps.
- Ensure the Plan reflects community expectations.
- Focus on actions that are practical and achievable.

The information gathered was then used to develop the priority areas and actions included in this Plan.

2.4 Endorsement and Implementation Planning

The priorities and actions in this Plan are informed by both community feedback and evidence. They have been carefully assessed to ensure they are realistic, achievable and aligned with the Shire's role and available resources.

This Plan provides a clear framework for action over the next five years. It will guide the Shire, community organisations and partner agencies in working together to improve the health, wellbeing and liveability of Kojonup.

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3 Community Profile and Health Evidence

3.1 Population and Demographics

The Shire of Kojonup is a rural community with an estimated population of around 1,965 people. The community has a balanced mix of males and females and a median age of 46 years, which is older than the State average.

Agriculture remains a major part of the local economy and identity. Farming, agricultural businesses and related industries make an important contribution to employment, community life and local prosperity.

Kojonup is a community with strong social connections. Sporting clubs, volunteer organisations, community groups, schools and local events all play an important role in bringing people together and supporting community wellbeing. These activities help strengthen social connections, reduce isolation and contribute to a strong sense of community pride.

The Shire also benefits from a diverse population. Around one quarter of residents were born overseas, and Aboriginal people make up an important part of the Kojonup community and cultural identity.

While many residents enjoy a high quality of life, some challenges exist. Distance from larger regional centres can make it harder for people to access specialist health services, support services and public transport. These challenges can particularly affect older residents, young people and those living on farms or more remote properties.

The Shire's parks, trails, sporting facilities, community buildings and public spaces provide valuable opportunities for physical activity, recreation and social connection. Maintaining and improving these assets helps support the health and wellbeing of the community.

Our community			
Population		Education Standard	
	1965 (estimated 2025)		
Male	49.8 %	Bachelor's degree	12.7 %
Female	50.2 %	Diploma	9.3 %
Persons, 15-24 years	8.3 %	Certificate IV	3.9 %
Persons, 25-44 years	24.0 %	Certificate III	13.9 %
Median Age	46.2 years	Industry & Employment	
Family Composition		Grain-Sheep or Grain- Beef Cattle Farming	6.7
Couples without children	47.3 %	Sheep Farming (Specialised)	5.8
Couples with children	42.0 %	Shearing Services	5.3 %
One parent family	12.7 %	Local Government Administration	5.1 %
Cultural Diversity		Road Freight Transport	4.0 %
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander	6.8 %	Volunteering rate (people who volunteered through an organisation in the past 12 months)	28.2 %
Non-Indigenous	86.3 %	Disability & Care	
Indigenous status not stated	16.8 %	Estimated disability prevalence	21.4 %
Persons born overseas	24.7%	Provided unpaid care (past 2 weeks)	11.3 %
SEIFA Locality Index			
Kojonup	923	Orchid Valley, Lumeah, Jingalup, Ryansbrook, Boscobel	1098

*The socio-economic indexes for Areas (SEIFA) summarise a range of socio-economic indicators including employment, income, housing and education. Higher SEIFA scores indicate lower levels of relative disadvantage, lower SEIFA scores indicate higher levels of relative disadvantage

3.2 Health and Wellbeing Snapshot – Key Insights

Health data highlights several strengths within the community, including healthy food consumption, strong community participation and active lifestyles. However, the data also identifies a number of preventable health risk factors that occur at rates higher than the Western Australian average. These areas have informed the priorities and actions within this Plan.

Key Health Indicators

Nutrition

Indicator	Kojonup	WA
Children eating recommended serves of fruit	70.9%	75.4%
Children eating fast food more than twice weekly	5.0%	6.2%
Adults eating recommended fruit serves	37.0%	33.4%
Adults eating recommended vegetable serves	6.6%	4.7%

Physical Activity

Indicator	Kojonup	WA
Children (0-15) years of age not meeting activity guidelines	65.2	62.8
Adults (15 years and above) not meeting activity guidelines	43.4	39.1

Overweight and Obesity

Indicator	Kojonup	WA
Children overweight	16.0%	15.0%
Children obese	12.3%	10.2%
Adult Obesity	46.6%	37.4%

Smoking and Tobacco Harm

Indicator	Kojonup	WA
Adult Smoking	23.4%	13.5%
Tobacco Hospitalisations (ASR)	441.3	366.8
Tobacco Deaths (ASR)	58.5	48.7
Smoking During Pregnancy	9.6%	7.6%

Alcohol and Drug Harm

Indicator	Kojonup	WA
Short-term risk drinking	16.7	11.9
Long term risk drinking	33.1	29.1
Alcohol Hospitalisations (ASR)	809.0	665.4
Alcohol Deaths (ASR)(	39.6	26.0
Drug Hospitalisations (ASR)	234.7	181.8

Injury and Safety

Indicator	Kojonup	WA
Transport Injury Hospitalisations (ASR)	499.5	236.9
Transport Deaths (ASR)	30.7	7.2
Mechanical Force Injury Hospitalisations (ASR)	795.2	N/A

Mental Health

Indicator	Kojonup	WA
Death Due to Self-Harm (ASR)	16.3	13.5

3.3 Kojonup Speaks

Community feedback played an important role in developing this Plan. Through surveys, workshops, meetings and community events, residents shared what they value about Kojonup, the challenges they face and their ideas for improving health and wellbeing. A total of 71 community members and stakeholders contributed to the consultation process.

The feedback highlighted a strong and resilient community with a clear desire to maintain and improve the quality of life enjoyed by residents.

What We Value About Kojonup

Community members identified many strengths that contribute to living well in Kojonup, including:

- A strong sense of community.
- Friendly and welcoming people.
- High levels of volunteering and community participation.
- Strong sporting and recreation opportunities.
- Local events that bring people together.
- The district's agricultural identity and community pride.

Many respondents highlighted the important role that sporting clubs, community groups, cultural activities and local events play in helping people stay connected and reducing social isolation.

What Helps People Live Well?

Residents identified several factors as being important to living a healthy and happy life in Kojonup:

- A safe and secure community.
- Access to quality health services.
- Mental health support.
- Opportunities for social connection.
- Emergency preparedness and community resilience.
- Protection from environmental health risks such as mosquitoes and poor air quality.

Challenges Identified by the Community

Community members also identified several issues that affect health and wellbeing.

Access to Services

While residents valued the quality of local health services, many reported difficulties accessing specialist and allied health services. Common barriers included:

- Long travel distances.
- Limited public transport options.
- Workforce shortages.
- The cost and time associated with travelling for appointments.

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Mental health was consistently identified as an important issue. Respondents highlighted concerns about:

- Social isolation.
- Access to support services.
- Rural stress and seasonal pressures.
- The wellbeing of young people and families.
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Safety

Road safety was another key concern. Residents noted risks associated with:

- Long-distance travel.
- Agricultural machinery on roads.
- Road conditions.
- Driver behaviour.

Health Issues of Concern

Respondents identified the following as the most significant health issues affecting the community:

- Poor mental health, including stress, anxiety and depression.
- Illicit drug use.
- Chronic diseases such as diabetes and heart disease.
- Communicable diseases such as influenza.

Barriers to Healthy Living

Community members identified several barriers that make it harder to maintain a healthy lifestyle:

- Lack of time.
- Cost of healthy food.
- Cost of participating in activities.
- Work and family commitments.

Community Expectations

Residents indicated that local government has an important role to play in supporting health and wellbeing. Key expectations included:

- Supporting youth-focused programs and activities.
- Advocating for improved health and support services.
- Providing information and education on health and wellbeing issues.
- Supporting opportunities for physical activity and social connection.

Opportunities for the Future

The community identified several opportunities to improve health and wellbeing in Kojonup, including:

- Improving access to healthy and affordable food.
- Supporting walking groups, social sport and recreation opportunities.
- Enhancing parks, trails and public spaces.

- Improving access to health and support services.
- Strengthening community connection and inclusion.

What We Heard

The consultation confirmed that Kojonup is a connected and resilient community that values its people, lifestyle and sense of belonging. Community feedback, together with the health evidence presented in this Plan, helped identify three key priorities for action:

- Healthy People and Community.
- Connected People and Places.
- Safe, Healthy Places and Spaces.

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4 Liveability and Wellbeing Priorities – Overview

The community health data and feedback collected during the development of this Plan identified several factors that influence the health and wellbeing of Kojonup residents. These include physical health, mental wellbeing, social connection, community safety and the environment in which people live, work and play.

In response, the Shire has identified three priority areas that will guide action over the next five years. These priorities reflect community needs, local health evidence and the role local government can play in supporting healthier communities.

Our key theme areas are:

Theme 1: Healthy People and Healthy Lifestyles

Making healthy choices easier for everyone.

Preventing illness and supporting healthy lifestyles helps people live longer, healthier lives. The Shire will support activities, programs and environments that encourage healthy behaviours and reduce preventable health risks.

This theme focuses on:

- Physical activity and active living.
- Healthy eating.
- Preventing chronic disease.
- Reducing smoking, vaping and tobacco use.
- Reducing alcohol and other drug-related harm.
- Health education and awareness.

Theme 2: Connected People and Places

Supporting a connected, inclusive and resilient community.

Strong social connections help people feel supported, included and valued. They are important for mental health, wellbeing and community resilience. The Shire will support opportunities for people to connect, participate and engage in community life.

This theme focuses on:

- Mental health and wellbeing.
- Social inclusion and participation.
- Reducing loneliness and social isolation.
- Supporting volunteers and community groups.
- Strengthening community partnerships and networks

Theme 3: Safe, Healthy Places and Spaces

Creating environments that support health, safety and wellbeing.

The places where people live, work and spend their time have a direct impact on health and quality of life. The Shire will work to protect the community from environmental and public health risks, improve safety and support healthy, accessible and sustainable places.

This theme focuses on:

- Environmental health and public safety.
- Road safety and injury prevention.
- Emergency preparedness and community resilience.
- Safe and accessible public spaces.
- Planning and infrastructure that supports healthy living

Key – Action Type			
BAU	Business as Usual	OP	Operating Project
CP	Council Plan	DAIP	Disability and Inclusion Plan

4.1 Priority 1: Healthy People and Healthy Lifestyles

Objective	Action	Role	Priority	Resources
To support active lifestyles and healthy behaviours that prevent chronic disease and improve overall health and wellbeing.	1.1 Physical Activity			
	1.1.1 Promote and maintain the Shire's shared path and trail network through promotional activities encouraging regular community use, updating signage and maps.	Deliver	Medium	BAU
	1.1.2 Support opportunities for low cost and/or free physical activity and other recreational options in public spaces and indoor facilities.	Support	Low	OP
	1.1.3 Promote existing Shire facilities, parks, public open spaces to increase awareness of free and low-cost opportunities for physical activity.	Support	Low	OP
	1.1.4 Identify opportunities for infrastructure improvements that enhance walkability, cycling safety	Deliver	Med	BAU

	and accessibility e.g. Shade, lighting, footpath improvements			
	1.1.5 Support initiatives that increase participation in physical activity by children, young people, older adults and other priority population groups.	Support	Medium	OP
	1.2 Support Healthy Eating			
	1.2.1 Promote local, state and federal health promotion/ campaigns to increase community awareness of health risks and opportunities to adopt healthy eating strategies.	Support	Medium	OP
	1.2.2 Provide guidance on healthy food and drink options into event funding guidelines	Deliver	Medium	BAU
	Support initiatives that improve access to affordable and healthy food.	Support	Medium	OP
	Promote healthy food environments within Shire managed facilities, events and funding programs	Support	Medium	BAU
	Provide statutory services which assist with the delivery of the development of local produce markets, community gardens, edible verges	Support	Medium	BAU
	1.3 Reduce Harm from Smoking, Vaping, Alcohol and Drugs			
	Maintain and expand smoke-free and vape-free public spaces and community events.	Deliver & Support	Medium	BAU
	Partner with health services to promote local cessation and support services.	Support	Medium	OP
	Promote responsible alcohol management practices at community events.	Support	Medium	BAU
		Deliver	Medium	BAU

4.2 Priority Area Two: Connected People and Places

Objective	Action	Role	Priority	Resources
To ensure our communities are encouraged, supported and given opportunities to connect and engage	2.1 Strengthen community mental wellbeing by embedding evidence-based mental health promotion initiatives across Shire strategies, programs and services			
	2.1.1 Participate in Community Service Provider networks to strengthen partnerships and coordinated service delivery aligned with Shire priorities	Support	High	BAU
	2.1.2 Partner with organisations (e.g. Act Belong Commit, Men's Health) to promote positive mental health messaging through Shire programs, events and communications	Deliver	Medium	OP
	2.2 To promote and increase visibility of local services and programs that support positive mental health and wellbeing.			
	2.2.1 Develop and maintain an annual communications schedule aligned with local, state and national health promotion campaigns (e.g. R U OK? Day)	Deliver	High	OP
	2.2.2 Maintain and regularly update the Community Services Directory to ensure it is accessible, current and promotes local services	Deliver	Medium	BAU
	2.2.3 Promote local mental health services, support services and crisis contacts through Shire communication channels and facilities	Deliver	High	BAU
	2.2.4 Engage priority population groups (e.g. seniors, youth, Aboriginal community) in planning and development of programs and services	Deliver	High	OP
	2.3 Support place-based initiatives that strengthen neighbourhood connection and reduce social isolation among vulnerable populations			
	2.3.1 Deliver events, programs and grants that connect children, young people and families with their community	Deliver	Low	OP
	2.3.2 Support opportunities that enhance participation and quality of	Deliver	Low	BAU

Objective	Action	Role	Priority	Resources
	life for people with disability and their carers			
	2.3.3 Support inclusive programs and events that foster belonging, particularly for individuals experiencing isolation or loneliness	Support	Low	BAU
	2.3.4 Build capacity of community groups to deliver local initiatives that enhance connection and wellbeing	Deliver & Support	Low	OP
	2.3.5 Support community-led projects through funding programs that improve inclusion, connection and neighbourhood safety (e.g. Neighbourhood Watch)	Support	Low	BAU
	2.3.6 Support delivery of trauma-informed approaches within community services and programs	Support	Medium	OP
	2.3.7 Facilitate access to professional development for Shire staff and community stakeholders in inclusion, communication and referral pathways	Support	Low	BAU
	2.3.8 Develop an internal toolkit identifying local referral contacts and pathways, to support front line staff when engaging with vulnerable community members.	Deliver	Medium	OP
	2.3.9. Develop welcoming kit	Deliver	Medium	OP
	2.3.10 Providing opportunities for resources and initiatives for building community capacity, further education, and community upskilling	Support	Low	OP
	2.3.11 Encouraging, supporting, and celebrating volunteering in the community	Deliver & Support	Low	OP

4.3 Priority Area 3: Safe, Healthy Places and Spaces

Objective	Action	Role	Priority	Action Type
To create safe, healthy and resilient environments that protect community	3.1 Strengthen partnerships with key agencies to deliver programs that improve environmental health, injury prevention and community resilience.			
	3.1.1 Implement targeted programs (e.g. Home Safety Review, Stay On Your Feet) for	Support	High	OP

health and wellbeing.

vulnerable and at-risk groups to strengthen household health and wellbeing			
3.1.2 Develop and promote communication resources to reach vulnerable population groups on climate change, emergency preparedness and response.	Deliver	Medium	BAU
3.1.3 Incorporate climate change adaptation and public health resilience measures into Shire planning and service delivery.	Deliver	Low	BAU
3.1.4 Support farm safety promotion and injury prevention initiatives in partnership with local agricultural organisations and government agencies	Support	Medium	OP
3.1.5 Promote education initiative/awareness-raising projects, including social media outreach regarding identified high risk health issues. Such as campaigns regarding Fite the Bite, Slip, Slop, Seek and Slap and Asbestos Awareness Week.	Deliver	Medium	BAU
3.2 Continue to fulfil the Shire's statutory responsibilities to ensure community environmental health and safety.			
3.2.1 Apply a Public Health lens checklist or assessment process to relevant new and reviewed Council policies, plans and procedures to ensure public health principles are considered	Deliver	Medium	BAU
3.2.2 Undertake regulatory food and public health inspections	Deliver	High	BAU
3.2.3 Investigate all public and environmental health service requests	Deliver	High	BAU

3.2.4 Deliver community education and awareness activities addressing identified environmental health risks.	Deliver	Low	BAU
1.3 Reduce injury and road trauma			
3.3.1 Investigate accident locations and undertake road safety audits in partnership with stakeholders; identify blackspots and develop mitigation plans	Deliver & Facilitate	High	BAU
3.3.2 Support community-led initiatives that reduce high-risk behaviours (e.g. alcohol, road safety, injury prevention)	Support	Medium	BAU
3.3.3 Promote local mental and physical health services available to residents impacted by road trauma or injury	Deliver	High	OP
3.3.4 Collaborate with local organisations, government agencies and community groups to identify local road safety issues and implement targeted initiative	Facilitate / Deliver / Support	Medium	OP
3.3.5 Partner with organisations (e.g. RoadWise) to promote driver safety awareness through Shire programs, events and communications	Support	Medium	OP

5 Implementation, Evaluation, Reporting and Review Process

5.1 Implementation

The Shire will work with community organisations, government agencies, local services and residents to deliver the actions in this Plan. Many actions build on existing programs and services, while others will be delivered through new partnerships and opportunities

The Environmental Health Officer will coordinate the implementation of the Plan and work with relevant Shire staff and partners to monitor progress.

To support implementation, the Shire will:

- Work with priority population groups to ensure programs meet community needs.
- Encourage collaboration across Shire services.
- Build partnerships with community organisations and government agencies.
- Support and promote local, state and national health initiatives.
- Seek funding opportunities to support health and wellbeing projects.
- Use existing community events and activities to promote health and wellbeing messages.

5.2 Evaluation

The Shire will regularly monitor progress to ensure the actions identified in this Plan are being delivered and continue to respond to community needs. Progress will be reviewed annually and reported to the Chief Health Officer as required under the *Public Health Act 2016*.

Because changes in population health can take many years to occur, a mix of short, medium and long-term indicators will be used.

Short-Term Progress Indicators

Short-term indicators measure implementation and activity.

Examples include:

- Progress against actions in the Plan.
- Number of programs, campaigns and initiatives delivered.
- Number of partnerships established or maintained.
- Participation in community activities and events.

Medium-Term Progress Indicators

Medium-term indicators will measure early outcomes and changes in community engagement and awareness. Indicators may include:

- Improved community perceptions of health and wellbeing.

- Increased participation rates in health and wellbeing programs and activities.
- Number and range of health promotion programs delivered.
- Number of regulatory inspections completed.
- Compliance rates with relevant public and environmental health legislation.

Long-Term Progress Indicator

Long-term indicators measure broader community health outcomes.

Examples include:

- Reduced rates of smoking and other health risk factors.
- Reduced rates of preventable injury and disease.
- Reduced preventable hospitalisations where local data is available.
- Improved health and wellbeing outcomes across the community.

5.3 Reporting and Review

The Plan will be reviewed each year to ensure it remains relevant and responsive to community needs. Annual reviews will consider:

- Progress against actions.
- Effectiveness of programs and initiatives.
- Health and population data.
- Emerging community issues.
- Available resources and funding opportunities.
- Feedback from community members and partners.

The Action Plan may be updated as required during the five-year period. At the end of the Plan, a full evaluation will be completed to help inform the next Liveability and Wellbeing Plan.

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