

# Council and Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2029

## Theme overview

### Theme 3








Caring for and enhancing our environment



### Strategic objective






Our environment is greener, healthier and sustainable through Council's environmental protection and enhancement, working in collaboration with our community.

### Strategies

Strategy	Health & wellbeing priorities
<b>Strategy 3.1</b> Our environment is healthy and sustainable by considering environmental factors when planning for and making decisions.	 
<b>Strategy 3.2</b> Green spaces and waterways are protected, enhanced and enjoyed through planning, promotion and maintenance of our built and natural environment.	  
<b>Strategy 3.3</b> Minimise waste to landfill through access to a suite of waste services and education.	
<b>Strategy 3.4</b> Energy consumption and the use of renewable energy resources are positively impacted through investment in assets, education, planning and advocacy.	





## Our 2025-2026 priorities

### 2025-2026 performance measure target ranges

Performance measure	Health & wellbeing priorities	Target range 2025-2026
Community satisfaction with the provision and maintenance of parks and gardens.	 	7.8-8.0
Net change in Council trees (planted vs removed).		1,250-1,350
Waste diverted from landfill.		72-74
Council's greenhouse emissions (CO2 equivalent).		1,800-1,850
Electrification of Council Buildings (removal of gas and/or installation of solar and/or battery connection).		3-5 buildings per financial year

## Our 2025-2026 priorities

### 2025-2026 actions

2025-2026 action	Health & wellbeing priorities	Leading Council service
Finalise the first draft of the 10-year Open Space Strategy.		Open Space & Biodiversity
Deliver the year two funded actions of the Biodiversity and Resilience Strategy 2024-2034 Action Plan.		Open Space & Biodiversity
Deliver the annual Sustainability Initiatives of Council's Capital Works Program to reach net zero emissions by 2030.		Sustainability & Climate Response
Conduct the mid-term review of Council's Climate Response Plan 2021-2031.		Sustainability & Climate Response
Advocate to Federal and State Governments to reconsider the kerbside glass only service reform, in favour of an expanded Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) to enhance glass recycling and reduce cost to the Knox community.		Waste
Progressively replace fleet vehicles with zero/low emission vehicles.		Fleet, Plant & Machinery
Participate in the South East Metropolitan Advanced Waste Processes Project Oversight Group, to oversee facility construction and report back to Council.		Waste