

# Council and Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2029

## Theme overview

### Theme 5










Being a strong voice  
for safety



### Strategic objective







Our community feels safe, respected and supported in public spaces and at home through Council's delivery, advocacy and partnerships.

### Strategies

Strategy	Health & wellbeing priorities
<b>Strategy 5.1</b> Our community feels safer in public spaces and facilities through planning, maintenance, education, design and proactive program delivery for Council owned and managed spaces and via advocacy for others.	  
<b>Strategy 5.2</b> Safety and liveability are prioritised through the planning, delivery and enforcement of local laws and regulatory services.	
<b>Strategy 5.3</b> Our community is more secure, connected and feel less isolated through planning, partnerships, advocacy and targeted support for our most vulnerable.	 
<b>Strategy 5.4</b> People feel safe in their homes and in the community through the development of partnerships, planning and promotion of programs, services and education that focus on connection, safety and respect.	 
<b>Strategy 5.5</b> Our community is resilient in the face of emergencies through planning, education, emergency response and support.	


## Our 2025-2026 priorities

### 2025-2026 performance measure target ranges

Performance measure	Health & wellbeing priorities	Target range 2025-2026
Perception of community safety in public areas of Knox.	 	7.9-8.1
Perception of community safety at home.	 	8.2-8.3
Number of days taken to follow up a major or critical food notification or outbreak.		1-2
Percentage of high-risk buildings (large public buildings such as shopping centres, aged care facilities, hospitals or entertainment venues) audited annually, for compliance with safety requirements.	 	30%-35%
Animal Management Prosecutions.		95%-100%

# Our 2025-2026 priorities

## 2025-2026 actions

2025-2026 action	Health & wellbeing priorities	Leading Council service
Partner with key stakeholders to deliver community safety programs and initiatives that improve perceptions of safety and neighbourhood connection.	 	Social Research, Policy & Planning
Deliver year two of the Free From Violence project.		Social Research, Policy & Planning
Celebrate the achievements of women and progress towards gender equality through the delivery of International Women's Day event and 16 days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence in partnership with our community.		Social Research, Policy & Planning
Complete the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2025-29.		Community Laws
Develop a first draft of a Public Lighting Policy for Knox to extend usable hours and improve perceptions of safety in public spaces.		Capital Works Planning
Participate in the Eastern Metropolitan Council's Emergency Management Partnership in order to deliver a collaborative approach to regional emergency preparation and preparedness.		Emergency Management