

Council and Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2029

Theme overview

Theme 6








Planning our future city



Strategic objective










Our neighbourhoods, housing and infrastructure meet the needs of our changing community through effective planning, delivery and advocacy.

Strategies

Strategy	Health & wellbeing priorities
Strategy 6.1 There is improved access to a diverse range of housing options through effective planning, advocacy, and identifying opportunities for social and affordable housing supply.	
Strategy 6.2 High quality, integrated community services and facilities are available through the planning, design and maintenance of multifunctional places that promote connection and utilisation.	  
Strategy 6.3 Our evolving neighbourhoods are liveable and sustainable through planning and design that responds to population growth and our community's changing needs.	 
Strategy 6.4 Our community's expectations and aspirations for housing development and land use are considered through planning, advocacy, partnerships and decision-making.	

Our 2025-2026 priorities

2025-2026 performance measure target ranges

Performance measure	Health & wellbeing priorities	Target range 2025-2026
Community satisfaction with planning for population growth.	 	6.0-6.5
Number of one and two bedroom dwellings approved in planning permits.	  	50-60
Extent of housing development that is consistent with housing strategy expectations.	 	66%-76% alignment
Percentage and proportion housing defined as affordable for very low and low income earners sales.		3.2%-3.5%
Percentage and proportion housing defined as affordable for very low and low income earners rentals.		44%-47%
Percentage of Asset Renewal Program completed.		85%-95%

Our 2025-2026 priorities

2025-2026 actions

2025-2026 action	Health & wellbeing priorities	Leading Council service
Deliver the year three actions of the Social and Affordable Housing Strategy 2023-2027.		Social Research, Policy & Planning
Commence preparation of the Knox Housing Strategy review following release of the new Plan for Victoria and State housing targets to ensure that Knox is well placed to respond to legislative change and market demands.		Strategic Land Use Planning
Prepare the Bayswater Renewal Strategy Planning Scheme Amendment for implementation into the Knox Planning Scheme.		Strategic Land Use Planning
Advocate and provide support for eligible community members over 55 to access safe and affordable housing.		Seniors
Assess building condition audit data and create renewal programs to align with building hierarchy and the long-term financial plan.		Property & Facilities
Review the Public Toilet Policy and develop the next iteration of the Policy and Implementation Plan.		Property & Facilities
New or upgraded Council facilities are designed to be Disability Discrimination Act compliant.	  	Capital Works Planning