

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

2026-2027 actions

2026-2027 action	Health & wellbeing priorities
Implement the priority initiatives of the Open Space Strategy 2025-2040.	  
Implement Year 3 Funded actions from the Knox Biodiversity Resilience Strategy 2024-2034 which outlines the visions and goals for sustaining biodiversity resilience, a nature positive future and connection to Country over the upcoming decade.	
Provide education to community, local businesses and staff on waste avoidance, waste reduction and resource recovery with easily accessible and engaging programs.	  
Begin a strategic review on the future operations of the Knox Transfer Station.	
Implement the Knox Climate Response Plan 2021-2031 by delivering the annual sustainability initiatives to support Council working towards its net zero emissions target.	
Finalise the Green Streets Policy and broader tree management framework.	
Progressively replace fleet vehicles with zero/low emission vehicles to reduce environmental impact, lower operating costs, and improve sustainability.	

2026-2027 performance measure target ranges

Performance measure	Health & wellbeing priorities	Target range 2026-2027
Community satisfaction with the provision and maintenance of parks and gardens.	 	Awaiting latest result to enable accurate target
Net change in Council trees (planted vs removed).		1,350-1,400
Waste diverted from landfill.		72%-74%
Council's greenhouse emissions (CO2 equivalent).		1900-2100
Electrification of Council Buildings (removal of gas and/or installation of solar and/or battery connection).		3 buildings

Local Government Performance Reporting Framework (LGPRF)

service performance measures

Service	Indicator	Performance Measure	Computation
Waste Management	Financial	Cost of kerbside waste collection service (direct cost of the kerbside waste collection services per serviced property)	[Direct cost of the kerbside waste collection services / Number of serviced properties]
Waste Management	Utilisation	Kerbside collection waste to landfill per serviced property (amount of waste collected from kerbside waste collection services that is sent to landfill per serviced property)	[Amount of waste in tonnes (t) collected from kerbside waste collection services that is sent to landfill / Number of serviced properties]