

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
Strategy 5.1 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.	  
Strategy 5.2 Safety and liveability are prioritised through the planning, delivery and enforcement of local laws and regulatory services.	
Strategy 5.3 Our community is more secure, connected and feel less isolated through planning, partnerships, advocacy and targeted support for our most vulnerable.	 
Strategy 5.4 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.	 
Strategy 5.5 Our community is resilient in the face of emergencies through planning, education, emergency response and support.	

2026-2027 actions

2026-2027 action	Health & wellbeing priorities
Partner with key stakeholders to deliver community safety programs and initiatives that improve perceptions of safety and neighbourhood connection.	 
Deliver Year 3 of the Free From Violence project that aims to promote gender equality and prevent family violence.	
Implement Year 1 actions of the Domestic Animal Management Plan 2025-2029.	
Lead and co-facilitate safety initiatives in partnership with the Local Safety Committee and Victoria Police to foster a culture of safety, wellbeing, and community connection.	 
Establish local partnerships to work collaboratively in engaging young people, focussing on strengthening protective factors and reducing risk factors associated with youth crime.	 
Continue to participate in the Eastern Metropolitan Council's Emergency Management Partnership in order to deliver a collaborative approach to regional emergency preparation and preparedness.	

2026-2027 performance measure target ranges

Performance measure	Health & wellbeing priorities	Target range 2026-2027
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.		1.5
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%

Local Government Performance Reporting Framework (LGPRF)

service performance measures

Service	Indicator	Performance Measure	Computation
Food Safety	Quality	Critical and major non-compliance outcome notifications (percentage of critical and major non-compliance outcome notifications that are followed up by Council)	[Number of critical non-compliance outcome notifications and major non-compliance outcome notifications about a food premises followed up / Number of critical non-compliance outcome notifications and major non-compliance outcome notifications about food premises] x100