## **AGENDA**

SCHEDULED COUNCIL MEETING
WARRNAMBOOL CITY COUNCIL
5:45 PM - MONDAY 25 OCTOBER 2021



**VENUE: Lighthouse Theatre Studio** 

Timor Street
Warrnambool

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#### 1. OPENING PRAYER & ORIGINAL CUSTODIANS STATEMENT

Almighty God
Grant to this Council
Wisdom, understanding and Sincerity of purpose
For the Good Governance of this City
Amen.

#### **ORIGINAL CUSTODIANS STATEMENT**

I wish to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we stand and pay my respects to their Elders past and present.

#### 2. APOLOGIES

## 3. DECLARATION BY COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS OF ANY CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA

Section 130 of the Local Government Act 2020 (Vic) (the Act) provides that a relevant person must disclose a conflict of interest in respect of a matter and exclude themselves from the decision making process in relation to that matter including any discussion or vote on the matter at any Council meeting or delegated committee meeting and any action in relation to that matter.

Section 126(2) of the Act sets out that a relevant person (Councillor, member of a delegated Committee or member of Council staff) has a conflict of interest if the relevant person has a **general conflict of interest** within the meaning of section 127 of the Act or a **material conflict of interest** within the meaning of section 128 of the Act.

A relevant person has a **general conflict of interest** in a matter if an impartial, fair minded person would consider that the person's private interests could result in that person acting in a manner that is contrary to their public duty.

A relevant person has a **material conflict of interest** in a matter if an affected person would gain a benefit or suffer a loss depending on the outcome of the matter.

A Councillor who has declared a conflict of interest, must leave the meeting and remain outside the room while the matter is being considered, or any vote is taken. Councillors are also encouraged to declare circumstances where there may be a perceived conflict of interest.

#### 4. REPORTS

#### **4.1. TERM OF OFFICE OF MAYOR**

#### **PURPOSE:**

To determine the Term of Office of the Mayor of Warrnambool City Council.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Section 26(3) of the *Local Government Act 2020* requires Council to determine the length of the Mayoral term prior to the election of the Mayor. The term decided will apply to the Deputy Mayor, if one is also elected. The term of office of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor may be a 1 year term or a 2 year term.

Under the Act, where the Mayor is elected for a 1 year term, the next election of the Mayor must be held on a day to be determined by Council that is as close to the end of the 1 year term as is reasonably practicable.

Where the Mayor is elected for a 2 year term, the next election of the Mayor must be held on a day to be determined by Council that is as close to the end of the 2 year term as is reasonably practicable.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council determines that the Term of Office of the Mayor for Warrnambool City Council be a period of \_\_\_\_\_ year(s).

#### 4.2. PROCEDURE FOR ELECTION OF MAYOR

#### **PURPOSE:**

This report is to give information regarding the procedure for Election of the Mayor.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1. The election of the Mayor will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the *Act* and the Governance Rules of Warrnambool City Council.
- 2. The Chief Executive Officer must open the Annual (Statutory) Meeting at which the Mayor is to be elected.
- 3. Before nominations for the office of Mayor are invited by the Chief Executive Officer, the Council must resolve if the term of the Mayor is to be for one (1) year or two (2) years.
- 4. Any nominations for the office of Mayor must be made verbally by Councillors present at the Annual (Statutory) Meeting.
- 5. A nomination for Mayor does not require a seconder.
- 6. If there is only one nomination, the Councillor nominated is deemed to be elected.
- 7. If there is more than one nomination:
  - (a) each of the candidates shall be invited to speak for no more than three (3) minutes to their nomination in alphabetical order of their surnames and, where two or more such candidates' surnames are identical, the order will be determined by the alphabetical order of the candidates' first names;
  - (b) after each of the candidates has been given an opportunity to speak, a vote must be taken to elect one of the candidates nominated, where:
    - (i) a candidate receiving an Absolute Majority of the votes is declared elected;
    - (ii) if no candidate receives an Absolute Majority of the votes, the candidate with the fewest number of votes is declared to be a defeated candidate (and, where more than one of them has the same fewest number of votes, the candidate to be eliminated is to be determined by lot);
    - (iii) a further vote will then be taken for the remaining candidates;
    - (iv) where one of the remaining candidates receives an Absolute Majority of the votes, he or she shall be declared elected;
    - (v) where none of the remaining candidates receives an Absolute Majority of the votes, the procedure described in rule 5(7)(b)(ii) is repeated;
    - (vi) this process shall continue until one of the candidates has received an Absolute Majority of the votes, or the final two candidates have an equal number of votes;
    - (vii) where one of the candidates has received an Absolute Majority of the votes, that candidate is declared elected; and
    - (viii) where the remaining candidates have an equal number of votes and one of them needing to be declared elected, the defeated candidate shall be determined by lot.
- (8) The following provisions apply to the conduct of the lot:
  - (a) each candidate will draw one (1) lot;
  - (b) the order of drawing lots will be determined by the alphabetical order of the surnames of the candidates who received an equal number of votes and, where two or more such candidates' surnames are identical, the order will be determined by the alphabetical order of the candidates' first names;

- (c) as many identical pieces of paper as there are candidates who received an equal number of votes must be placed in a receptacle. The word "Defeated" shall be Written on one (1) of the pieces of paper, and the candidate who draws the paper with the word "Defeated" Written on it must be declared the defeated candidate;
- (d) if only one candidate remains, that candidate is deemed to be elected; and
- (e) if more than one candidate remains, a further vote must be taken on the remaining candidates and the above process repeated if necessary, in which case that candidate will be declared duly elected.
- (9) The Chief Executive Officer will declare the result of the election and the successful candidate.

RECOMMENDATION
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That this report be received.

#### 4.3. NOMINATIONS TO BE CALLED FOR THE POSITION OF MAYOR

The Chief Executive Officer to call for nominations for the position of Mayor.

If more than one candidate is nominated, before a vote is conducted, each of the candidates shall be invited to speak to their nomination in alphabetical order for no more than three (3) minutes.

#### 4.4. ELECTION OF MAYOR

The Chief Executive Officer advises that the Mayoral nominations will be placed before the Council in alphabetical order.

The Chief Executive Officer will declare the result of the election of Mayor and successful candidate.

#### 4.5. PRESENTATION TO INCOMING MAYOR

1. Presentation of Mayoral Pendant and Gavel to the Mayor by the Chief Executive Officer

The Mayoral Pendant is a Badge of the Office of Mayor, and is a token of the Mayor's authority in the Civic life of the community. May it remind you, and all who wear it, of the solemn duties, obligations and responsibilities of the Office of Mayor.

- 2. The Mayor will now take the Chair of the Meeting.
- 3. Congratulations and support from Councillors and Chief Executive Officer.
- 4. Mayor's response.

#### **4.6. ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR**

#### **PURPOSE:**

This report provides advice on the process for the election of Deputy Mayor of Warrnambool City Council.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act) states Council may establish an office of Deputy Mayor. Council's Governance Rules outlines the process for the election of a Deputy Mayor.

Under the Act, the Deputy Mayor must perform the role of Mayor and may exercise any powers of the Mayor if the Mayor is unable to attend a meeting (or part thereof), or if the Mayor is incapable of performing the duties of the office of Mayor for any reason (including illness), or if the office of Mayor is vacant. The Deputy Mayor does not hold any other additional powers or functions.

The process for the election of a Deputy Mayor is the same process for the election of Mayor.

Should Council determine to appoint a Deputy Mayor, the Mayor will conduct the election.

#### 4.7. CEREMONIAL MOTIONS

#### **PURPOSE:**

This report lists various ceremonial motions to be considered at the Council's Annual Meeting on 23 November 2020.

#### a) MOTION OF LOYALTY

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Warrnambool City Council declare its loyalty and allegiance to Australia, the State of Victoria and the citizens of Warrnambool.

#### b) MOTION TO PREVIOUS MAYOR & COUNCILLORS

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Warrnambool City Council places on record its appreciation to past Mayors and Councillors who have served on the Warrnambool City Council.

#### c) MOTION TO PARLIAMENTARIANS

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Warrnambool City Council places on record its appreciation to the Federal and State Members of Parliament who represent the Warrnambool area and who have willingly contributed to the governance and well being of the City and its services through their roles as Members of Parliament.

## d) MOTION TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND VOLUNTEERS

#### RECOMMENDATION

That Warrnambool City Council places on record its appreciation to the Citizens of this City and district who have willingly contributed to the governance and well being of the City and its services through their service as community members of advisory committees and as volunteers, assisting in many Council and community activities.

## e) MOTION TO RECOGNISE THE SISTER CITY RELATINSHIP WITH MIURA, JAPAN & CHANGCHUN, CHINA

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Warrnambool City Council places on record its commitment to international peace and understanding by its participation in the Sister City Relationship with Miura, Japan and Changchun, China.

## f) MOTION OF RECOGNITION OF WORKING RELATIONSHIPS WITH COUNCILS OF THE GREAT SOUTH COAST REGION

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Warrnambool City Council places on record its desire to work for the well being of the region through co-operation with councils of the Great South Coast region.

#### g) MOTION OF RECOGNITION ROLE OF EASTERN MAAR

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Warrnambool City Council places on record it's recognition of Eastern Maars role as the peak body involved in treaty negotiations with the Victorian Government and that Council commits to working with eastern Maar to this end..

#### 4.8. WARRNAMBOOL MUNICIPAL PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING PLAN 2021-25

**DIRECTORATE: Community Development** 

#### **PURPOSE:**

This report provides information on the Healthy Warrnambool Plan 2021-25, which is Warrnambool's Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, and the method in which actions will be implemented through a partnership model.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In line with priorities laid down by the Victorian Health and Wellbeing Plan 2019-23 and guided by the Warrnambool 2040 plan and the Warrnambool City Council Plan 2021-25, the Healthy Warrnambool Plan 2021-25 outlines the five priority health areas for promotion of preventative health behaviours. Improved physical health, improved social and emotional wellbeing, prevention of family violence, reduced harm from alcohol and other drugs and increased resilience and safety from impacts of climate change are the five priority areas. Using a co-design model, actions and initiatives in each of the five priority areas will be guided by five Communities of Practice, one for each area, with participation and collaboration of internal and external partners, stakeholders and the community.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council endorse the Healthy Warrnambool Plan 2021-25 for submission to the Victorian State Government and for implementation in collaboration with partners.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Victoria's Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 recognises the key role of Councils in improving the health and wellbeing of people in their municipality. Section 26 of the Act requires each Council to prepare a Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing plan every four years, within 12 months of a Council general election.

The Healthy Warrnambool Plan 2021-25 outlines Warrnambool's key health priorities and initiatives that will be implemented over the period 2021-2025, in line with the Victorian Health and Wellbeing Plan 2019-2023. The Plan has been developed in consultation with over 70 internal and external stakeholders, representing 23 organisations, through a series of five workshops.

Warrnambool – A Healthy City 2017-2021 was reviewed in July 2020 and a set of legislative and data recommendations were made, which have been included in this new plan.

#### **ISSUES**

The draft of the Healthy Warrnambool Plan 2021-25 is attached with this report – refer **Attachment 1**.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The Healthy Warrnambool 2021-25 Plan will be implemented through use of allocated budget. For the financial year 2021-22, \$75,000 has been allocated which will be equally distributed across the five Communities of Practice.

#### LEGISLATION / POLICY / COUNCIL PLAN CONTEXT

#### 1 A healthy community

- 1.1 Be a welcoming and inclusive city: Warrnambool will be a city that is more welcoming to all and which fosters diversity.
- 1.2 Engage with the Aboriginal community: Council will pursue improved partnerships and meaningful engagement with Aboriginal people to grow opportunities and better outcomes for Aboriginal people.
- 1.3 Health and wellbeing: Council will take action to improve health, wellbeing and safety outcomes for Warrnambool's community.
- 1.4 An accessible city: Council will improve physical and social accessibility to community services, facilities, places and precincts.
- 1.5 Recreation, arts, culture and heritage: Council will support opportunities to participate in a wide range of recreational, arts and cultural programs that promote activity, wellbeing, diversity heritage and which increase community connectedness.

Community learning pathways: Council will support and encourage lifelong learning that helps build community resilience and preparedness for change.

#### 2 A Sustainable environment

- 2.3 Environmental impact and a changing climate: Council will encourage innovation and initiatives that minimise Warrnambool's environmental impact.
- 2.5 Waste minimisation: Council will pursue programs to minimise waste throughout the community, industry and promote the benefits of reduction, re-use and recycling of materials.
- 2.6 Awareness and celebration: Council will foster community awareness and recognition of the benefits of positive outcomes for Warrnambool's environment

#### 4 A connected, inclusive place

- 4.1 Effective planning: Council will ensure its planning acknowledges the unique character and attributes of local places and that that supports social connection, equitable access, appropriate housing and sustainable population growth.
- 4.2 A connected community: Council will enhance Warrnambool's connectivity through the delivery of, or advocacy for, improvement to roads, public transport, footpaths, trails and digital infrastructure.
- 4.3 Stronger neighbourhoods: Council will foster neighbourhood connections and capacity building including the development of inclusive recreational and cultural opportunities.

#### **5 An effective Council**

- 5.1 Leadership and governance: Council will be a high-functioning team committed to respectful relationships, collaboration, and ongoing engagement. It will provide strong, effective leadership, sound governance and informed decision-making
- 5.2 Engaged and informed community: Council will ensure ongoing community engagement to identify changing needs and priorities when developing and delivering services and programs.
- 5.3 Customer-focused services: Council will continue to develop a program of Council services that are delivered to the community's satisfaction.
- 5.7 Effective advocacy: Council will pursue effective advocacy by providing compelling materials for desired support and funding for community priorities through establishing strong relationships with other levels of government, strategic partners and key stakeholders
- 5.8 Regional role and relationships: Council will acknowledge Warrnambool's capability as the regional centre of southwest Victoria through appropriate leadership, advocacy and partnerships that enable greater opportunity for the region

#### **TIMING**

The Plan will come into effect upon Council endorsement and will be for the period 2021-2025.

#### **COMMUNITY IMPACT / CONSULTATION**

An initial Community Consultation was held with over 70 participants attending 5 workshops. A follow up consultation was conducted with 97 participants attending 5 workshops. Additional Community feedback was gathered from Councils YoursayWarrnambool website.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Healthy Warrnambool- HW P 2021-25- Final [4.8.1 - 35 pages]



# Warrnambool's Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan

October 2021

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#### Message from the Mayor

Warrnambool City Council acknowledges that traditional custodians of the land and pays respect to Elders past, present and emerging.

Warrnambool prides itself as one of the most liveable regional cities in Australia. The combination of coastal landscape, country lifestyle and a thriving economy with steady growth has enabled the residents and visitors of Warrnambool to enjoy what it has to offer. Maintaining this will only be possible if all residents have equal opportunity to live healthy, rewarding and socially connected lives.

The Healthy Warrnambool 2021-25 Plan demonstrates Council's commitment to work in partnership with the community and local service providers to promote and implement measures that can assist in adoption of preventative health practices. This will greatly lessen the burden on curative services while assisting all levels of government to focus on catering to the bespoke needs of regional and rural areas.

Building on the Warrnambool 2040 Plan and the Council Plan 2021-25, the Healthy Warrnambool Plan has been developed in consultation with key health agencies, health promotion organisations and the community to outline the priorities for Warrnambool as dictated by evidence and local needs.

Council plays a vital role in bringing together the health promotion organisations and community so that we can collectively address the barriers and issues that impact on our health and wellbeing. Council will be implementing this Plan through five Communities of Practice who will focus on each of the five thematic areas that are priority for the coming four years. Council will also provide resources to enable activities and initiatives to be implemented in order to reach the goals and vision that has been established by the Warrnambool 2040 Plan.

I acknowledge the efforts of all the stakeholders who have participated in the development of this plan and for the support provided by South West Primary Care Partnership. I am excited to be leading Council as we continue to implement programs that will assist in achieving better health outcomes for the community.

Vicki Jellie

Mayor

#### I. Introduction

Australians overall are among the healthiest people living in the world.<sup>1</sup> However, over the past fifty years, the burden of disease has risen and increased pressure on the health system. As evidenced with the onset of COVID-19 and the devastating effects of climate change, newer threats and challenges are emerging.

Preventative Health is a key pillar of Australia's Long Term National Health Plan and the National Preventative Health Strategy outlines that health is not just the presence or absence of disease or injury – more holistically, it is a state of wellbeing.

The impact of poor health is experienced unevenly in Australian communities, with many contributing factors sitting outside the health system. Generally, people in lower socioeconomic groups are at greater risk of poor health, have higher rates of illness, disability and death, and live shorter lives that people from higher socioeconomic groups. <sup>2</sup> Such impacts are disproportionately amplified across regional and rural settings, in comparison to urban areas.

The National Health Strategy outlines the following areas as focus:

- · Providing the best start to life;
- Adding health to life;
- Addressing inequity in health; and
- Funding is rebalanced towards prevention.

Across the three tiers of government in Australia, local governments are the closest to the community and are uniquely positioned to respond to health and wellbeing priorities of the community.

Victoria's Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008 recognises the key role of Councils in improving the health and wellbeing of people in their municipality. Section 26 of the Act requires each Council to prepare a Municipal public health and wellbeing plan every four years, within 12 months of a Council general election.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2020. Australia's health 2020: in brief. Australia's health series no. 17 Cat. no. AUS 232. Canberra: AIHW

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2019. Australian Burden of Disease Study: impact and causes of illness and death in Australia 2015. Australian Burden of Disease series no. 19. Cat. no. BOD 22. Canberra: AlHW.

Healthy Warrnambool Plan 2021-25 outlines Warrnambool's key health priorities and initiatives that will be implemented over the period 2021-2025, in line with the Victorian Health and Wellbeing Plan 2019-2023.

#### II. Victorian Health and Wellbeing Plan 2019-23

As legislated by Victoria's *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*, the Victorian Health and Wellbeing Plan (The Plan) sets the direction and provides a framework for coordinated action, ensuring all Victorians of all ages are afforded the opportunity for optimal health and wellbeing throughout their lives. This Plan outlines the need for collective action across the system and the roles at different levels:

- at the state level: Victorian government departments; peak bodies; professional organisations; specialist agencies
- at the local level: local government; regional and metropolitan partnerships; social
  and aged care services; early childhood services and schools; women's health
  services; workplaces
- at the service level: hospitals; community health and primary care organisations;
   Aboriginal community-controlled health organisations; human services provider agencies; community organisations.

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2019 data indicates that over a third of the total burden of disease experienced by Australians could potentially be prevented by tackling modifiable risk factors. Through a coordinated and collaborative approach across all parts of the public health and wellbeing system, the Victorian Health and Wellbeing Plan lays out that, we must:

- drive action towards the factors that contribute most strongly to the burden of disease and health inequalities
- · ensure all parts of the sector work together towards clear outcomes
- take into consideration the wider determinants of health, both social and economic, in how we design and deliver public health and wellbeing interventions.

The Victorian Health and Wellbeing Plan recognises that the wider determinants of health must be considered when designing and delivering public health and wellbeing interventions.



Source: Adapted from Dalghren and Whitehead 1991

Figure 1: Wider determinants of Health and Wellbeing

The Victorian Health and Wellbeing Plan describes that although Victorians enjoy a high quality of life, health status varies markedly between population groups and areas of Victoria because of existing inequalities that impact on preventable conditions and risk factors.

It recognises that those who live with greater social and economic disadvantages are more likely to experience health inequalities as well as other groups that may not be afforded the same opportunities to lead a healthy life. Some of the identified groups include Aboriginal and Torres Strat Islander people, people with disabilities, refugees and people seeking asylum, people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, people with a serious mental health issue, children in and out of home care, LGBTIQ people, recent migrants from diverse communities, and people living in rural, regional or remote locations.

The Victorian Health and Wellbeing Plan outlines the following priority and focus areas for the 2019-2023 period:

- Tackling climate change and its impact on health (focus area)
- · Reducing injury
- Preventing all forms of violence
- Increasing healthy eating (focus area)
- Decreasing the risk of drug-resistant infections in the community
- Increasing active living (focus area)

- Improving mental wellbeing
- Improving sexual and reproductive health
- Reducing tobacco related harm (focus area)
- Reducing harmful alcohol and drug use

#### III. Warrnambool Community and Health and Wellbeing Trends

#### Community Profile<sup>3</sup>

With a population of over 35,000 people, Warrnambool is the largest city in south-west Victoria. 84% of its population was born in Australia and 8 percent, overseas. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population is 1.7%. As a single post-code municipality, Warrnambool covers 120 square kilometres, and contains the localities of Allansford, Dennington, Merrivale, South-East Hopkins, Warrnambool Central, Warrnambool North, Woodford and Bushfield. 5.5% of the city's population require support and assistance with core activities.

Warrnambool has many outstanding and unique features, and a population that is growing at a steady rate of around 1.2%. As a vibrant regional centre, the city provides retail, professional, educational, social and health services to a catchment of approximately 100,000 people.

A coastal city, Warrnambool combines pristine beauty with a thriving economy and a wealth of opportunity. Significant natural features include the estuaries of the Merri and Hopkins rivers and the expansive Lady Bay which in winter and spring is a nursery for southern right whales. The city is a place where people want to live, work and visit. Warrnambool is striving for a future filled with innovation, education, cultural stimulation and healthy people.

With a median age of 40, a labour force participation rate of over 60% and unemployment rate of 5.3%, Warrnambool boasts of a \$4.5 billion economy which is over 25% of the Great South Coast economy. Health Care and Social Assistance is the largest employer and the Construction Industry makes the highest contribution to economic output at nearly \$600 million per annum. Of the over 15,500 employees working in Warrnambool, 12,738 live in the municipality and the rest live in neighbouring municipalities with the largest cohort belonging to Moyne Shire at 1,480. Approximately 25% of people aged 15 and over are engaged in volunteer work. Overall, 3,503 residents aged between 15-64 report to be wholly disengaged, i.e., neither engaged in employment or education, and of them, 1,784 are in the age group of 25-54 years.

Total dwellings stand at 15,188 occupied by 13,554 households, with 28% of households as lone person households and 29% renting households. Most builds at just under 12,000 are

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> All figures presented are from the Australian Bureau of Statistics and the Australian Census 2016

separate houses and 2,875 are medium density properties. A significant 1,588 private homes were unoccupied on Census night. Median weekly personal income stands at \$619 and median weekly household income is \$1,180.

Table: Warrnambool Health and Wellbeing Profile and Current Trends<sup>4</sup>

Type	Indicator	Average/	Warrnambool	Victorian
		Measure		Average
	Population	Number	35,553	6,661,700
	Median age of population	Number	41	37
	Babies and pre-schoolers (0-4 yrs)	%	5.8	6.4
	Primary schoolers (5-11 yrs)	%	8.6	8.5
	Secondary Schoolers (12-17 yrs)	%	7.7	7.5
	Tertiary education and independence (18-24 yrs)	%	9.3	9.6
	Young workforce (25-34 yrs)	%	12.1	14.2
	Parents and homebuilders (35-49 yrs)	%	18.4	21.4
	Older workers and pre-retirees (50-59 yrs)	%	13.1	12.5
	Empty nesters and retirees (60-69 yrs)	%	11.8	9.7
	Seniors (70-84 yrs)	%	10.3	8.1
	Elderly (85+ yrs)	%	2.9	2.0
	Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population	Number	556	47,788
γį	Proportion of aboriginal population	%	1.7	0.8
phic	Median age of aboriginal population	Number	21	23
gra	Residents born overseas	%	8.1	28.4
Demographics	Residents who do not speak English well		386	266,078
ă	People needing assistance with core tasks		5.5	5.1
	One parent families		10.5	10.1
	Lone person households		27.7	23.3
	Median weekly family income	\$	1,180	1,419
	Households below median weekly income	%	54.02	
	Renting households	%	29	28
	Percentage of total family type living below income	%	34	31
	threshold			
	Households with rental stress	%	31.6	-
	Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage		986	-
	(SEIFA - IRSD)			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Data from multiple sources – ABS Census 2016, VicHealth Indicator Surveys, Victorian Population Health Survey, Australian Early Development Index, data sheets from id Consulting, Populus Data Inc., South West PCP and internal data sources

Туре	Indicator	Average/	Warrnambool	Victorian
		Measure		Average
	Australian Early Development Index - Proportion of	%	8.1	10.1
	Children Vulnerable on 2 or more Domains (2018)			
	Australian Early Development Index - Proportion of	%	13.3	19.9
	Children Vulnerable on 1 or more Domains (2018)			
	Proportion of low birthweight babies <2500g (2012-2014)	%	6.2	6.3
	Maternal Child Health Assessments - Percentage of All	%	72.3	62.9
	Children Attending 3.5 year Visit (2017)	70	12.5	02.9
	Children Fully Immunised at 12 > 15 months (2021)	%	98.92	95.17
	Smoking During Pregnancy (2014/15)	%	20.2	15.0
	Breastfeeding - Children Fully Breastfed at 6 Months	%	22.5	23.0
	(2014/15)			
	Infant Mortality (2013-2017) per 100k		2.6	2.8
	Need for Assistance with Core Tasks due to Disability	%	5.0	4.3
	0- 9yrs (2016)			
Ē	Rate of parents concerned about their child's oral	%	9.3	12.6
Children	health (2018)			
ာ်	Kindergarten Participation Rate 2018	%	88.2	88.1
	People 20-24 year olds not employed or enrolled in education	%	8.9	8.2
		%	65.6	76.9
	People 20-24 years who HAVE completed Year 12 or equivalent	70	05.0	70.9
	Males 20-24 years who HAVE completed Year 12 or	%	61.3	73.1
Young People	equivalent			
	Females 20-24 years who HAVE completed Year 12	%	72.5	80.7
ng F	or equivalent			
√ou	Teenage Pregnancy Rate - All women under 19 years	% all births	4.1%	1.4%
	Teenage Pregnancy Rate - Aboriginal women under	% all births	8.0%	15.0%
	19 years	0/ 5/ /	0.007	7.00/
	Need for Assistance with Core Tasks due to Disability 10-19 years	% of total	6.6%	7.6%
	,			
	Feels Part of the Community	%	77.1	72.3
> =	Participation in Citizen Engagement in the last year	%	63.1	50.5
Community	Perceptions of safety walking alone after dark	ASR per	48.4	53.0
omm		100		
ပိ ပိ	Volunteering - (> once per month)	%	27.0	20.8
	Community Acceptance of Diverse Cultures		5.0	3.7

Type	Indicator	Average/	Warrnambool	Victorian
		Measure		Average
	People over 15 years who have completed Year 12 or	%	41.0	54.4
	equivalent			
	People aged 20-24 years who have completed Year	%	13.9	10.3
	12 or equivalent			
	Adult Population who have Completed a Bachelor or	%	15.8	24.4
	Higher Degree			
E	Adult Population who Completed a Vocational	%	21.3	16.9
Education	Qualification	0/	00.0	04.0
Edu	Couple Families (with children 0-8 years) where both	%	28.6	21.2
	parents have not completed Year 12	0/		5.0
	People aged 15-19 years NOT Attending Any	%	5.7	5.2
	Educational Institution or Employed	0/	6.4	5.0
	Males aged 15-19 years NOT Attending Any Educational Institution or Employed	%	6.4	5.9
	Females aged 15-19 years NOT Attending Any	%	5.2	4.5
	Educational Institution or Employed	70	5.2	4.5
	Educational institution of Employed			
	Labour Force Participation Rate	%	8.0	6.4
	Unemployment Rate	%	43.3	49.9
	Youth Unemployment Rate (15-24 years)	%	50.7	57.2
	People aged between 15-64 years not engaged in	%	9.85	9.3
nen	employment or education		5.55	
Employment	Proportion of Workers who feel they have an adequate	Index rate	35.7	41.7
E E	Work Life Balance			
	People Employed in Highly Skilled Occupations	%	59.8	60.5
	Males Employed in Highly Skilled Occupations	%	8.0	6.4
	Females Employed in Highly Skilled Occupations	%	43.3	49.9
	Proportion of Households with Internet Access At	%	73.5	79.6
	Home (2016)			
	Access to Transport- People who experienced	ASR per	3.6	4.2
	transport limitations in the last 12 months	100		
	Households With No Vehicle (2016)	%	5.6	7.6
	Number of Government Primary Schools per 1000	Schools	1.8	2.4
ess	children 5- 12 yrs			
Access	Average distance to Government Secondary School	KMs	2.4	4.8
	General practitioners per 1000 population (2015)	Rate	1.50	1.20
	Dental Service Sites per 1000 population (2015)	Sites	0.30	0.40
	Emergency Department Presentations per 1000	Rate per	492.6	263.0
	population (2015)	1000		
	Primary Care Emergency Department Presentations	Rate per	234.4	103.0
	(2015)	1000		

Type	Indicator	Average/	Warrnambool	Victorian
		Measure		Average
	HACC Clients aged 65 and over per 1000 target	Rate per	900.3	737.8
	population (2015)	1000		
	Breast Cancer Screening Rates aged 50-74 (% tested	%	82.5	79.2
	in past two years)			
	Bowel Cancer Check in those aged 50 years and	%	54.1	46.5
	above %			
	Self- Reported Health- excellent or very good	%	46.5	41.6
	Subjective Wellbeing Index (Range 1-100)	%	77.0	77.3
	People reporting high/very high psychological distress	%	12.3	
	Percentage of males 18+ who are current smokers	%	23.1	20.3
	Percentage of females 18+ who are current smokers	%	16.9	13.2
	Proportion of people at increased lifetime risk of	%	61.1	59.5
	alcohol related harm			
	Total alcohol sales	Litres/adult	14.8	9.6
	Sedentary Behaviour at Work	%	22.9	22.0
	People who do NOT meet physical activity guidelines	%	48.0	44.1
	Percentage of males overweight	%	42.1	39.3
	Percentage of females overweight	%	23.5	24.2
	Percentage of obese males	%	22.8	19.0
	Percentage of obese females	%	24.2	19.5
ω	Adults Who DON'T Meet Fruit Guidelines (2 serves	%	59.9	56.8
tatu	daily)			
th S	Adults Who DON'T Meet Vegetable Guidelines (5	%	96.3	94.6
Health Status	serves daily)			
_	Daily Soft Drink Consumption	%	12.0	10.1
	Gambling- Spend Per Adult (2020-21)	\$	456.5	292.0
	Gambling - Electronic Gaming Machines per 1000	Rate	8.4	4.9
	adults			
	People who DON'T Usually Wear Hat and Sunglasses	%	12.7	14.1
	when Outdoors			
	People reporting type 2 diabetes	%	4.5	5.5
	People reporting heart disease	%	6.1	6.7
	People reporting asthma (ever diagnosed)	%	27.4	20.0
	Prevalence of cancers	%	8.5	8.1
	Prevalence of chlamydia	per 100k	441.4	330.7
	Drug and alcohol clients	per 1000	10.5	5.0
	Registered mental health clients	per 1000	32.1	11.9
	Avoidable mortality	per 100k	124.4	106.8

#### IV. Strategic Framework

The underlying principal guiding the development and implementation of the Healthy Warrnambool Plan 2021-25, which is Warrnambool's Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, is that of addressing inequity, vulnerability and socio-economic disadvantage that exists in the community, which have adverse impacts on overall health and wellbeing.

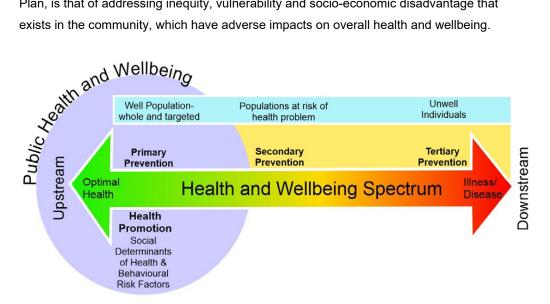


Figure 2: Health and Wellbeing Spectrum<sup>5</sup>

Within the purview of the scope and functions of local government, and recognising the wide range of platforms provided by stakeholders working in preventative health and health promotion, the development of the Healthy Warrnambool Plan 2021-25 has been guided by the Ottawa charter of health promotion, 6 embedded components of the Social Cognitive Theory and used the following strategic framework to enable sustainable – localised change:

#### 1. Advocacy for policy and systems improvement

Policy is one of the most important tools for achieving health promotion and disease prevention outcomes. Policies at federal, state and local levels determine the systems under which health promotion and disease prevention programs operate. Policy interventions drive funding streams at federal and state, which determines the ways in which systems are designed at local levels to solve problems.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Figure received through courtesy of Wimmera and South West Primary Care Partnership

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> <a href="https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/servicesandsupport/ottawa-charter-for-health-promotion">https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/servicesandsupport/ottawa-charter-for-health-promotion</a>

Improvements to systems refers to a fundamental shift in the way problems are solved. Within an organization, systems change affects organizational purpose, function, and connections by addressing organizational culture, beliefs, relationships, policies, and goals. Federal and state policies, which are designed from a population perspective, can create unforeseen inequities in systems for regional and rural communities, due to many different reasons. Primary among them is the challenge to strengthen primary and specialist health care service delivery at regional and rural levels and increase access to these services, which may limit investments in preventative health and health promotion.

Based on on-ground realities and collective evidences from stakeholders, the Healthy Warrnambool Plan 2021-25 will advocate for appropriate improvement and reform to policies and systems that enable local solutions to solve endemic local problems of Warrnambool and the surrounding areas.

#### 2. Creating an Enabling Environment

Human health is a social matter, not just an individual one.<sup>7</sup> Understanding the barriers to adopting health behaviours is central to any preventative health or health promotion program. Australia's federal preventative health strategy and the Victorian Health and Wellbeing Plan highlight the need to create enabling environments that support the development of localised systems which address the unique local barriers to behaviour change. Addressing the wider environmental change strategies involve changing the economic, social, or physical surroundings or contexts that affect health outcomes.

Environmental strategies address population health outcomes and are best used in combination with other strategies that focus on behaviour change. Socio-economic disadvantage, gender inequity, lack of access, social connections and networks, are few examples of the multiple factors/barriers which affect individual behaviour change, even when intentions to practice exist. These become challenging when the incentives and rewards related to adopting healthy behaviours are intangible and/or not easily measureable. Environmental changes which address the barriers to behaviour change assist in building self-efficacy and self-control.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Health Promotion by Social Cognitive Means – Albert Bandura 2004

#### 3. Behaviour Change

A person's health behaviour is often determined by their intention to perform the behaviour.<sup>8</sup> The quality of health enjoyed by a person is significantly determined by the lifestyle choices and habit of the individual. The core determinants that influence the adoption of healthy behaviours include knowledge of health risks and benefits of different health practices, perceived self-efficacy that one can exercise control over one's health habits, the health goals people set for themselves and the concrete plans and strategies for realizing them, and the perceived facilitators and social and structural impediments to the changes they seek.<sup>9</sup>

Lack of knowledge of appropriate preventative health behaviours; attitudinal, sociocultural and environmental factors that condone harmful practices; lack of information about appropriate services to seek timely care; and, structural barriers to accessing services, are some of the common issues in regional and rural areas that inhibit preventative health behaviours. The Healthy Warrnambool Plan 2021-25 will incorporate a three-pronged approach in its initiatives for behaviour change, namely:

- a. adopting preventative health behaviours;
- b. seeking appropriate services on time;
- addressing structural barriers through inclusion of voices of people with livedexperiences.

<sup>8</sup> Theory of Reasoned Action (Fishbain and Ajzen, 1967) and Theory of Planned Behaviour (Ajzen, 1985)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Bandura A: Self-Efficacy: The Exercise of Control. New York, Freeman, 1997.

#### V. Priorities for Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-25

Guided by Warrnambool 2040<sup>10</sup>, which is the broad community vision guiding the liveability aspirations of the community, the Council Plan 2021-25, the demographic profile of the municipality, the health and wellbeing trends in Warrnambool, and in consultation with stakeholders, the following have emerged as key priority areas for the next cycle of the Healthy Warrnambool Plan 2021-25 and the scope of each thematic area:

- 1. Improved physical health combination of healthy eating and active living
- Improved social and emotional wellbeing includes mental and emotional wellbeing of a range of demographic segments
- 3. Prevention of family violence includes violence against women, children and the elderly
- 4. Reduced harm from alcohol and other drugs
- 5. Increased resilience and safety from impacts of climate change

All priority areas will be implemented through a partnership model involving a range of internal Council departments, external stakeholders, community members and service providers. A Community of Practice for each priority area will collectively guide the implementation of activities and initiatives over the next four years. Financial resources will be allocated to each priority area to enable rollout of programs. Subsequently, the Communities of Practice will seek to create synergies through sharing of resources between the stakeholders. The next section outlines the situation analysis and the outcomes and initiatives for each priority area for the years 2021-25, based on the Strategic Framework mentioned above.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> www.w2040.com.au

#### VI. Outcomes and Initiatives

This section outlines the situation analysis of each technical area as identified by stakeholders working in the municipality, and the strategy that will be to implement different initiatives to realise the outcomes for Healthy Warrnambool Plan 2021-25. Further annual action plans will be developed by each Community of Practice based on the strategic plan.

#### 1. Improved Physical Health

#### Situation analysis

Strengths/Opportunities	Challenges	Capacity building needs	
W2040 links well to other municipal and	Community and sports infrastructure is ageing with	Infrastructure planning around key	
stakeholder strategies with dedicated	significant renewal gap	priority sports, safe transport,	
Officers to support programming	Lack of adequate community hubs	access to services and linking of	
Presence of Clubs and good level of	Structured sports reliant on volunteers while	open space	
opportunities for a range of sports with	commercial operators reduce opportunity for	Increase community ownership and	
adequate infrastructure and facilities	volunteerism	set up supportive networks (e.g.,	
including neighbourhood based assets	Difficulty to cater services to a wide range of different	"Friends of" groups)	
that enable active living	sports within a small geographic catchment	Volunteer Support – Education/	
Presence of neighbourhood houses,	Aging Population	Governance/ Compliance	
some community hubs and facilities	Lack of connected infrastructure between roads,	Increased funding to support clubs	
which provide safe environments	footpaths and open space creating issues for road	and infrastructure	
Presence of early intervention programs	safety	Use of data and methodologies for	
• Large number of volunteers who support	Difficult to shift cultures around alcohol use, mental	measuring change	
programs and services	health and organised competition	Roles & Responsibilities – One Stop	
Adequate green and open space with	Lack of multi-use facilities and lack of sharing of	Portal for all information	
opportunities to activate them including	facilities		
some disused community infrastructure	Decrease in young people volunteering		
	High impact of Gambling / Online sporting		

Healthy Eating				
Strengths/Opportunities	Challenges	Capacity building needs		
Early Years programs are effective and	Generational change required around cultural	Consistent messaging and cross-		
have the ability to influence a large	consumption patterns and unhealthy food habits	sector buy in and commitment for		
section of society	Decreased fruit and vegetable consumption	cultural change to implement		
Existence of Food Share and Healthy	Healthy food supply is difficult in current climate	healthy eating programs		
Options programs	Perceptions that healthy food is expensive	Increased engagement of the		
Connection to and leadership from	Linkages of fast foods and unhealthy foods with	community through community		
community organisations/groups	sporting events and sporting excellence	gardens		
Existence of adult education programs	Food insecurity across certain segments of the			
Existence of community garden and	community and ensuring that they are able to access			
food champion models; Food Share;	food relief			
Healthy Options; Everyday Foodies				
program, etc.				
Availability of safe drinking water				
Opportunity to activate open space				

#### Strategy

Outcomes/Initiatives	Indicators/Measures
Advocacy	Increase in proportion of children walking
Adequacy and consistency of funding across the board to address the sliding scale of	and/or riding to school independently
rurality	Improved population health data from 2017
Increased investments in capacity building of the workforce to promote healthy eating	levels (healthy eating, physical activity)
and active living through collaboration and partnership	Reduction in proportion of residents who say
Investment in application of a food systems approach through community hubs and	their health is poor from 2017 levels
community gardens	Increased access to sports facilities, cultural
Integrated policy to address all aspects of physical health through generation of further	activities and programs, walking/cycling
evidence-base from regional and rural areas for targeted advocacy	infrastructure, health services from 2017 levels
Enabling environment	Increased proportion of adults using active
Build on the Victorian Achievement Program and other emerging programs implemented	transport
by the State Government, including the Vic Kids Eat Well program	Increased proportion of people with disabilities
Increased equity in utilisation of sporting facilities	engaged with sporting clubs
Increased activation of open space for physical activity including improved	Proportion of people engaged in organised and
interconnections to promote active transport	unorganised physical activity
Build interconnections between programs and services to remove barriers to health and	Reduction in obesity
wellbeing	Proportion of people consumer sugar
Engage with medical practitioners to promote social prescriptions	sweetened drinks
Increase alternative revenue streams for sporting clubs to address their reliance on	Number of people experiencing food insecurity
alcohol sales and sale of unhealthy foods	

Outcomes/Initiatives	Indicators/Measures
Create reward systems for sporting clubs that embed improved physical health systems	Number of clubs reporting increased female
and inclusive and safe culture and environments	participation and youth participation
Behaviour Change	Number of clubs reporting increased inclusion
Raise knowledge and awareness on improving physical health through positive role	(culturally diverse and migrant communities,
modelling using a range of multimedia initiatives particularly targeting behaviours related	LGBTIQ, Aboriginal and Torres Straits Islander
to healthy eating and active living, including capacity to breastfeed, prepare and	peoples, etc.)
consume healthier food and drinks, promotion of Victoria Walks initiatives, consumption	Proportion of female participation in sports and
behaviours to purchase local healthy produce and maintaining a healthy weight	active programs
Improve access to and promote programs that target healthy eating in children and	Improved policies on sports and recreation
active living for 12-25 year olds and for populations-at-risk, particularly incidental	facility use and sharing including the recreation
exercise, modified sports and unorganised, non-structural sporting events/programs	asset management plan
Research on barriers and enabling factors that can improve healthy eating and active	Difference between organised and unorganised
living	physical activity
	Increased access to activated open space –
	improved connection
	Increased consumption of fruit and vegetables
	from 2017 levels
	Increased neighbourhood food assets
	Decreased consumption of discretionary food
	and drinks
	Improved oral health of the population

# 2. Improved Social and Emotional Wellbeing

#### **Situation Analysis**

S	trengths/Opportunities	Challenges	Capacity building needs	
•	Youth participation and willingness to	Lack of adequate Youth Mental Health facilities	Peer to Peer support / Mentoring	
	change the narrative around the stigma	Lack of adequate diversity of housing and significant	programs	
	linked to mental health including Youth	housing stress in the municipality	Youth strategy / community	
	Council collaboration to enable evidence	Challenges posed and exposed by COVID-19:	connections to include youth and	
	based education	disengagement/social connection/ IT reliability/digital	diverse voices	
•	Existence of local services, schools,	inequity/family stress/family violence, loneliness, etc.	Improving capabilities to collaborate	
	safe spaces and connections to create	Mental health facilities needs to create bespoke	and partner in order to better meet	
	an enabling environment	services for different cohorts because the needs of	the need diverse needs of the	
•	Improved availability of data around	the cohorts are different	community	
	mental health	Cultural resistance to seek support and lack of social	Increased governance and	
•	Increased collaboration in the sector	acceptance	accountability	
	and willingness to engage	Long waiting lists for support / lack of services / lack	Improved support for clinicians	
•	Increased support and funding	of outreach	including attraction, retention and	
	opportunities	Lack of health literacy in the community	professional development	
•	High levels of community engagement	Existence of homophobia, racism, ageism and other		
	in arts, sports and other community	inequities in the community		
	connections	Navigating system is complex		
•	Access to green and open spaces	High impact of the harms of gambling		

Outcomes/Initiatives	Indicators/Measures
<ul> <li>Advocacy</li> <li>Increased allocation of funding to support workforce attraction and retention in regional and rural areas for mental health service provision including outreach</li> <li>Increased support from Department of Education to work in mental health, particularly with parents of students experiencing mental health and ability challenges</li> <li>Increased investment in wraparound services with a focus on housing security for different cohorts</li> <li>Increased investment in evidence based programs and initiatives to build workforce and community resilience and wellbeing</li> <li>Advocacy for priority area social and emotional health (mental health) to remain in community health programs until the Royal Commission recommendations are</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reduction in proportion of residents who say their mental health or loneliness worries them the most from 2017 levels</li> <li>Increase in proportion of people volunteering (24.8% in 2016)</li> <li>Reduction in proportion of residents who say their health is poor from 2017 levels</li> <li>Increased sharing and publication of data, trends and needs on health and wellbeing by stakeholders</li> <li>Increased social connection</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Enabling environment</li> <li>Improved coordination and collaboration to implement the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Mental Health with particular focus on the needs of regional and rural communities</li> <li>Implementation of a settings based approach to foster commitment from workplaces to adopt and promote best practice interventions such as the Victorian Achievement Program, Worksafe Health and Wellbeing Program, Live4Life, Beyond the Bell, CASEA etc.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increased people's understanding of what enables positive mental health</li> <li>Proportion of people engaged in different groups</li> <li>Increase proportion of young people aged 15-19 years engaged in full time education and/or work (77.1% in 2016)</li> </ul>

Outco	omes/Initiatives	Indicators/Measures
• In	crease in creation of age-friendly environments that addresses ageism and programs	
th	at bridges the gap between generations	
• Pi	romotion of volunteering programs	
• Eı	ngage with medical practitioners to promote social prescriptions	
Beha	viour Change	
• In	nplementation of campaigns that raise awareness about the prevalence of anxiety and	
de	epression in people (identifying the unique needs of different cohorts) and measures to	
ac	ddress them; removing stigma related to mental health through community	
cc	onversations and programs that seeks to improve mental health literacy and encourage	
ро	ower redistribution in the community to achieve social equity (focus on inclusion and	
ac	ddressing racism, ageism, homophobia, etc.)	
• R	esearch on localised issues surrounding mental health and care seeking behaviours of	
ре	eople to inform inclusive mental health literacy programs	

# 3. Prevention of Family Violence

#### Situation analysis

Strengths/Opportunities	Challenges	Capacity building needs	
Royal Commission into Family Violence	Cultural issues linked to gender inequality and family	Understanding new ways of	
has highlighted the importance of the	violence are difficult to change	working / legislation particularly	
issue and raised awareness with a	<ul> <li>Programming across rural and remote areas,</li> </ul>	during the phase of COVID	
strong policy agenda across different	particularly around awareness raising is challenging	recovery and the new Normal	
levels of government	Normalisation of violence by perpetrators and stigma	Support to sporting clubs to adopt	
Respect 2040 – a regional social	at community level towards recognising family	high level actions	
movement across the South West	violence as an issue	Support to locally implement "Safe	
Region for primary prevention of family	Interlinked challenges between the link of alcohol and	and Strong – Victoria's Gender	
violence and violence against women	drugs to violence, mental health issues, COVID-19	Equality Strategy"	
provides opportunity for local networking	impact and the negative impacts of social media with	General awareness across	
and partnerships and the formation of	family violence	organisations of the drivers of	
the South West Local Action Group		family violence and violence	
Significant media interest and demand		against women and children,	
from grassroots		particularly around gender equality	
Programs exist across a range of			
organisations (Aged Care, Schools,			
Community Sector, etc.) that recognise			
the importance and urgency of the issue			
Gender impact assessments are			
mandated for defined entities by law			

Outcomes/Initiatives	Indicators/Measures
Advocacy	Reduction in rate of crimes against the person
Increased resources to improve gender equity through primary prevention initiatives	(14.26 per 1,000 in 2018)
Advocacy for increased regional and rural services embedded within the community	Increased sharing and publication of data,
instead of outreach services	trends and needs on health and wellbeing by
Advocacy for increase in safe crisis and transitional accommodation for victims of family	stakeholders
violence including options to remain safe at home	Number of gender impact assessments
Enabling environment	reported by organisations
Improved collaboration between organisations to highlight and support community	Number of safe crisis and transitional
champions, particularly across different settings to build leverage points in community and	accommodation dedicated to victims of family
mobilise from the group up for cultural change	violence
Implement settings based and workplace based approaches that address the drivers of	Increased gender equity across different
family violence including engagement of leadership across communities and	settings (informed through a range of local
organisations to take action around addressing and changing rigid gender norms	data around gender equity and inclusion)
Implementation of gender impact assessments across different settings to remove	Number of community and organisation
structural barriers to gender equity and equality	leaders involved in primary prevention of
Behaviour Change	family violence
Increased awareness of the drivers of family violence, particularly across the range of	
family violence incidents (particular emphasis on violence against women and children,	
and, elderly abuse)	

Outcomes/Initiatives	Indicators/Measures
Support community organisations to implement projects that address the primary drivers	
of family violence that highlight intersectional issues	
Increased involvement of community leaders in programs that support social and	
attitudinal adoption of measures that address the drivers of family violence	

# 4. Reduced Harm from Alcohol and Other Drugs

#### **Situation Analysis**

Strengths/Opportunities	Challenges	Capacity building needs	
Strong service delivery model	Lack of adequate services that cater to families	Reduction of stigma across the	
Increased State Government funding in	Only 1 detox program for region with 2 beds and lack	community	
service delivery, particularly for	of detox program for young people	Increasing detox beds and peer	
Indigenous focused programs with	Inadequate services focus on delivery of services to	support programs	
ACCO's	the indigenous community	Support to increase programs that	
Strong collaboration between services –	Lack of residential rehabilitation facility	support primary prevention in	
Warrnambool Violence Prevention	Lack of Outreach capacity for regional / rural	schools and community	
Board and the formation of the Local	locations	Cultural training of workers	
Drug Action Team (LDAT)	Social paradox of strong cultural acceptance of	Pill testing	
Existence of water testing facility to	normalising misuse of alcohol/levels of drinking while	Family centred service model	
collate data and inform services	assigning high stigma towards people who seek		
Telehealth services have been initiated	alcohol and drug use services		
	Limited prevention / awareness programs in		
	community		
	Changing trends in drug use		
	Challenges due to COVID-19 where there is		
	reluctance to come into service facilities		

Outcomes/Initiatives	Indicators/Measures
Advocacy	Reduction in crime related to alcohol
Increased advocacy for integration of mental health and AOD services to enable a	Reduction in hospital admissions from alcohol
common-client model while ensuring that the strength of AOD service is maintained. This	and other drugs related emergencies
includes advocacy for funding to have prevention action and community program support	Downward trend in incidents during high
in core business of alcohol and drug services.	alcohol events
Increased advocacy to support sporting clubs to diversify revenue streams to decrease	Decrease in waste water detection of alcohol
reliance on alcohol sales for revenue, including recognition and reward for clubs that	and other drugs
promote local services	Proportion of people at increased lifetime risk
Increased understanding of the system to focus equally on the effects of alcohol and of	of alcohol related harm
other drugs	Improved population health data from 2017
Advocacy for funding to increase in rehabilitation beds and residential services	levels on harm from alcohol and other drugs
Advocacy for free water to be made available at all community events and celebrations	Increased sharing and publication of data,
Advocacy for peer-support programs with voices of people with lived experience	trends and needs on health and wellbeing by
(including lived experiences of families and friends)	stakeholders
Enabling environment	Reduction in proportion of residents who say
Increased awareness of community and organisation leaders to support a shift in culture	their mental health or loneliness worries them
from alcohol being the main source of celebration or main source of coping mechanism	the most from 2017 levels
Increased involvement of organisational leaders on importance of reducing harm and	Level of community awareness of National
stigma towards accessing services	Health and Medical Research Council
Increased implementation of settings based programs including support to the Victorian	guidelines on alcohol consumption
Achievement Program, Good Sports program and the Local Liquor Accord	

Outcomes/Initiatives	Indicators/Measures	
Engage with medical practitioners to promote social prescriptions	Measures from the Cancer Council survey on	
Behaviour Change	alcohol harm in schools	
Reduced stigma towards uptake of programs that address addiction of alcohol and other	Reduction in volume of alcohol sales	
drugs including the inclusion voices of clients and family members		
Promote change champions including use of peer support programs		
Development and implementation of evidence informed pilot programs that increase the		
awareness of the community regarding the risks and harms related to alcohol and other		
drugs for targeted cohorts		

# 5. Increased Resilience and Safety from Impacts of Climate Change

Situation analysis

St	rengths/Opportunities	Challenges	Capacity building needs	
•	W2040 vision enables an opportunity to	Inadequate new data as issues are quickly evolving	Understanding the Climate Change	
	build on partnerships among a range of	Challenging to work together due to conflicts in	risks and influence to act	
	diverse programs in clean energy and	legislation and policies at Federal and State levels	Skills on "How to talk about Climate	
	waste reduction	High numbers of people in lower socio-economic	Change and Health"	
•	Leadership and community collaboration	groups in the community	Awareness of "non-environmental"	
	Youth involvement in climate change	Inadequate focus on prevention from climate change	Climate impacts	
	Enactment of the Climate Change Act	health impacts	Storytelling and communication to	
	2017 and the existence of some level of	Lack of adequate understanding in community that	influence change	
	local climate change data Opportunity	Climate Change is a health risk		
	for sustainable living Good access to	Gaps in access and connected public open space		
	natural environment	and green corridors along the coast and waterways		
•	Well established emergency response			
	framework that can be utilised during			
	extreme events			
•	Vast amount of green space, farming			
	space, protected coastline and			
	adequacy of water resources including			
	natural assets to support active			
	transport corridors			

•	Readiness to act – Warrnambool City	
	Council has declared Climate	
	Emergency	

Outcomes/Initiatives	Indicators/Measures
Advocacy	Reduce citywide emissions by 20%
Engage with the community and the Regional Climate Alliance to develop local advocacy	Source 20% energy from renewable
platform that highlights the localised needs of Warrnambool and the region in relation to	resources
climate change mitigation and adaptation, including articulation of the localised impacts of	25% residential properties will have solar PV
conflict/disconnect between federal and state legislations and policies	systems
Develop an advocacy paper highlighting the local impacts of climate change	Set up and operate at least 1 micro-grid
Enabling environment	Doubling of the cycling and walking to work
Build on the Victorian Achievement program through settings based programs, eg, early	population from 2017 levels
childhood services, schools, workplaces, etc.	Maintain potable water consumption at 2019
Increased investments in renewable energy programs and sustainable and active	levels
transport, including promotion of energy efficiency programs and low income energy	Reduce resource consumption per person
rebate opportunities	from 8.2 kg in 2015 to 3 kg in 2038 (measure
Improved collaboration and coordination between the emergency management and health	consumption in 2026)
promotion sectors on response and recovery related to extreme climate events and	Increase diversion from landfill to 80%
disasters	Number of additional trees and shrubs
Improved green corridors/connectivity along waterways to support active transport	planted
Capacity building of stakeholders on the interlinkages between climate change and public	Agreement across partner agencies regarding
health and communication skills development	local climate priorities and their impact on the
Behaviour Change	health and wellbeing of community members
Increased participation of community organisations working on climate change	Number of settings engaged with climate and
Improved waste management practices in the community	health action

- Implement awareness programs that increase the understanding of the community on the linkages between climate change and health, linking both adaptation and mitigation measures
- Increased utilisation of community gardens to enable climate change related conversations
- Raise awareness on methodology to improve the conservation of the natural environment to align conservation and communication efforts with climate and health adaptation
- Increase awareness of business and community on sustainable consumption behaviours
- Develop a hierarchical model of behaviours for people to adopt at individual level, household level, community level and municipal level

- Local Fresh Food Plan is developed and implemented
- Increase in ha/length of public land along waterways and coastline to support public transport
- Number of organisations implementing the Victorian Achievement Program
- Number of blue green algae events in local waterways

# 5. CLOSE OF MEETING