

City of Whittlesea

DRAFT COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN 2026 – 2027



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A place for all



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Acknowledgement

We recognise the rich Aboriginal heritage of this country and acknowledge the Wurundjeri Willum Clan and Taungurung People as the Traditional Owners of lands within the City of Whittlesea.

The lands along the Birrarung River and its tributaries – the Merri, Edgars and Darebin Creeks and the Plenty River were home to the Wurundjeri Willum and Taungurung Peoples. This Country offered more than just sustenance; it provided fresh water, food, shelter and a thriving environment rich with fish and birdlife.

For countless generations, Country offered places of living and gathering. Cultural ceremonies, trade and important business were conducted at sacred sites – places that continue to hold deep cultural and spiritual significance today. More than seventy of these sites remain in the City of Whittlesea, along with many scarred trees, standing as living testaments to an enduring connection to Country.

In acknowledging this heritage, we honour the knowledge, resilience and custodianship of the Traditional Owners, whose care for this land stretches back tens of thousands of years and continues today.

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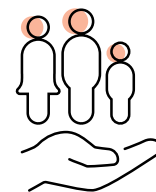
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About this plan

The Community Action Plan 2026-27 (CAP) sets out the actions Council will focus on delivering in the second year of the Community Plan 2025-29. The Community Action Plan 2026-27 is the second annual supplement to the Community Plan 2025-29. It articulates the community and internal facing outcomes that set our strategic direction and these actions are prioritised for delivery in the financial year 2026-27. The Action Plan plays a pivotal role in working towards the vision and strategic direction embedded in Whittlesea 2040 and the Community Plan 2025-29. Progress on this Community Action Plan will be reported on and shared with the community.



Council's role



Deliverer/provider/partner:

Council directly delivers services and infrastructure, either on its own, or in partnership with other levels of government, the community or private organisations.



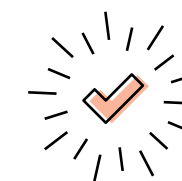
Regulator/statutory authority/monitor:

Council enforces laws, policies and regulations that maintain public safety, health and wellbeing.



Funder/enabler:

Council provides financial and/or in-kind support to organisations that are better positioned to manage or deliver specific services or infrastructure.



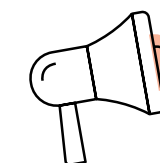
Facilitator:

Council facilitates partnerships, connects stakeholders and ensures that local needs are heard and addressed.



Planner:

Council develops and implements plans that ensure sustainable, well-organised and quality growth and change in the community. This includes land use, housing, transport, town centres, business precincts and community facilities.



Advocate:

Council represents the interests of the community to other levels of government or other stakeholders. This could involve making the case and negotiating funding, policy changes or programs that benefit the local community.

Connected Community

KEY DIRECTION 1

A socially cohesive community

Actions		
Outcome: All members of our community feel that they belong, are valued and respected		
Strategic priority 1:	Deliver and facilitate expansion of programs and services that keep older residents independent, connected and supported close to home.	HP
Action 1:	Identify opportunities to enhance client feedback to support the continuous improvement of Council's Ageing Well services.	
Strategic priority 17:	Deliver Council's Fair Access Policy to ensure women and girls can equally use local sports facilities and feel supported to get involved in sport and recreation.	HP DAP
Action 2:	Complete the Fair Access Club Development Program and commence a program to enhance sports facilities to support inclusive access.	
Strategic priority 44:	Support service providers to expand initiatives that promote inclusion and participation of people with disabilities in community life, employment and education.	DAP
Action 3:	Partner with service providers, local employers and community organisations to strengthen and expand the Employment Readiness Program, increasing pathways to work and volunteering for young people with disability.	
Outcome: Our community strengthens connections between diverse cultures		
Strategic priority 4:	Deliver and facilitate culturally safe services and programs for First Peoples children and their families, suited to local needs.	HP DAP
Action 4:	Support Family and Children service providers through Council's Best Start Program to further develop initiatives and strategies that improve access and participation for First Peoples.	
Outcome: Our community shares stories and learns from one another		
Strategic priority 46:	Deliver a revitalisation program for the Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre (PRACC) to enhance its role as a hub for performing arts and creative industries.	HP DAP
Action 5:	Conduct initial planning to enable a long-term plan to rejuvenate the operations, services and creative offering at the Plenty Ranges Arts and Convention Centre which will transform it into a thriving creative hub.	
Outcome: Our community values and respects First Peoples and celebrates their rich, diverse cultures		
Strategic priority 39:	Partner with First Peoples communities to co-design and deliver programs and activities at the Aboriginal Gathering Place and throughout the municipality that support social, physical, cultural, emotional and wellbeing needs.	HP DAP
Action 6:	Partner with First Peoples organisations to support local programs that encourage social connection and self-determination.	



KEY DIRECTION 2

A healthy and safe community

Actions		
Outcome: Our community is healthy, well and physically active		
Strategic priority 19:	Deliver and operate the Regional Sports Precinct in Mernda consisting of an indoor stadium with multi-purpose courts, lit outdoor netball courts, a netball pavilion, car parking, pathways, lighting, landscaping and wetlands.	HP DAP
Action 7:	Continue construction of Stage 2 of the Regional Sports Precinct including the indoor stadium and outdoor netball courts.	
Strategic priority 20:	Deliver the new Wollert Sports Reserve consisting of playing fields with lighting, multi-purpose sporting spaces, playground, car parking and a community pavilion.	HP DAP
Action 8:	Complete detailed design of a new sports reserve in Wollert (Alkira Recreation Reserve).	
Strategic priority 21:	Deliver the Huskisson Reserve multi-purpose facility in Lalor consisting of a new multi-purpose community pavilion, redevelopment of the existing tennis courts into new courts with lighting, car parking, pathways and landscaping.	HP DAP
Action 9:	Complete construction of the Huskisson Recreation Reserve sports facilities redevelopment.	
Strategic priority 22:	Deliver the new Edgars Creek Recreation Reserve in Wollert consisting of a new multi-purpose community pavilion, an additional oval, outdoor sport courts, open space and a recreation area and car parking.	HP DAP
Action 10:	Commence construction of a sports oval and car park at Edgars Creek Recreation Reserve in Wollert.	
Strategic priority 23:	Deliver the new Ashley Park Recreation Reserve in Doreen consisting of playing fields with lighting, a new multi-purpose community pavilion, playground and car parking.	HP DAP
Action 11:	Complete detailed design of Ashley Park Recreation Reserve in Doreen.	
Strategic priority 42:	Facilitate local services to improve access to fresh, healthy, affordable and culturally appropriate food; respond to food insecurity and promote healthy eating.	HP DAP
Action 12:	Partner and promote good practice in the delivery of healthy and affordable food systems for local communities.	
Outcome: Our community can live independently and safely		
Strategic priority 2:	Deliver the commencement of Home Care Packages to help older residents stay in their own homes, live independently and enjoy a high quality of life as their needs change.	HP
Action 13:	Develop and deliver a strategic transition plan to align Council's Ageing Well services with the Commonwealth Home Support Program.	

KEY DIRECTION 2

A healthy and safe community

Actions

Outcome: Our children and young people are supported to thrive

Strategic priority 3: Partner with the Victorian Government and stakeholders to implement the Best Start, Best Life Reform, including free kindergarten for 3- and 4-year-old children and extending kindergarten hours. HP DAP

Action 14: Complete the construction of the Stables Kindergarten redevelopment and expansion.

Action 15: Develop a Kindergarten plan that outlines Council's actions in the rollout of the Victorian Government Kindergarten Reform.

Strategic priority 5: Advocate for funding from other levels of government to establish a dedicated youth hub and create additional youth-friendly spaces where young people can thrive. HP DAP

Action 16: Advocate for funding to develop more youth-friendly spaces for young people that provide access to services, programs and support.

Strategic priority 50: Deliver the West Wollert Community Centre providing kindergarten/early years rooms, maternal child health consulting rooms, a community hall, lounge and library space, meeting rooms and a community garden. HP DAP

Action 17: Complete the construction of the West Wollert Community Centre and commence operations of the new community facility including a library.

Outcome: Our community experiences financial wellbeing

Strategic priority 40: Facilitate increased awareness and advocate about the risks of gambling harm in the City of Whittlesea. HP DAP

Action 18: Support City of Whittlesea staff to understand the impacts of gambling harm as well as the supports available to the local community.

Strategic priority 41: Advocate and facilitate the expansion of local services to support individuals experiencing homelessness and those at risk. HP DAP

Action 19: Explore ways to improve how those experiencing homelessness are connected to appropriate specialists services.

Outcome: Our community feels safe and supported

Strategic priority 43: Advocate for and facilitate improved access to mental health services and partner to raise awareness and deliver preventative programs. HP DAP

Action 20: Improve access to Council facilities and spaces to further support community organisations to deliver preventative mental health services and programs.

Outcome: Our community experiences healthy, equal and respectful relationships, and live free from abuse and family violence

Strategic priority 30: Advocate for equality and partner on initiatives that build a safe, respectful community with zero tolerance for all forms of violence, including family, gender-based, racial, faith-based and LGBTIQ+ violence. HP DAP

Action 21: Partner with leaders from diverse backgrounds to increase awareness on LGBTIQ+ violence.



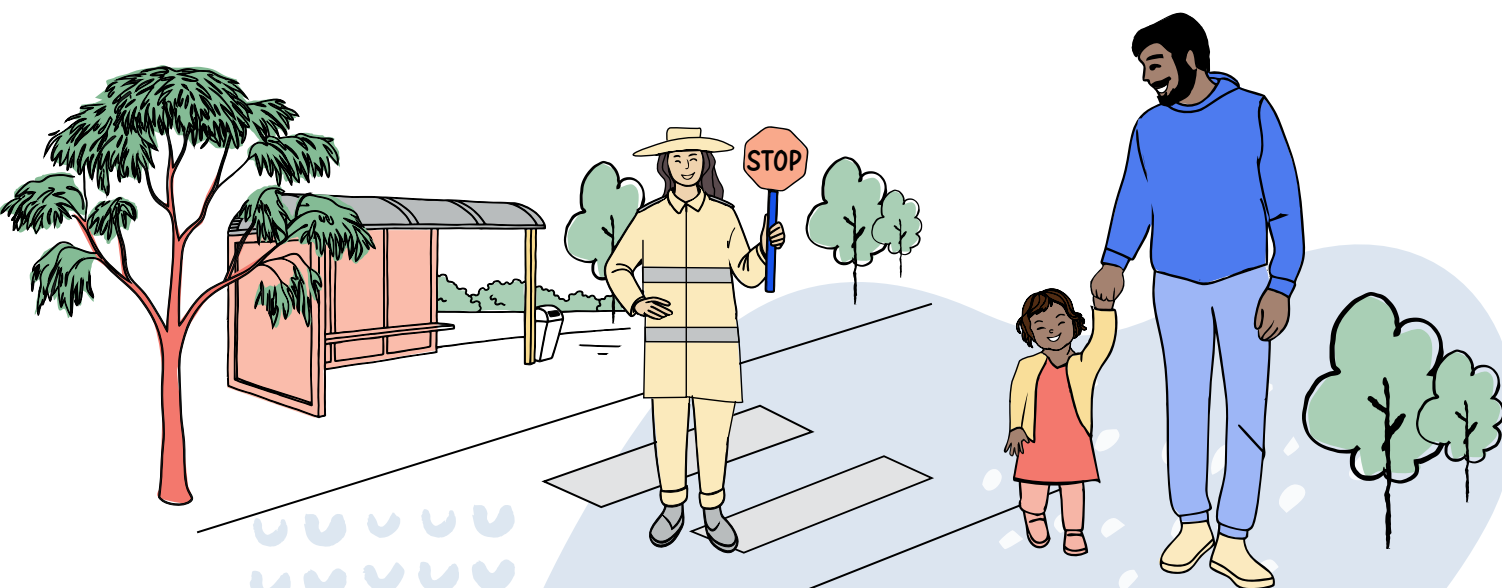
Liveable Neighbourhoods



KEY DIRECTION 1

Smart, connected transport network

Actions	
Outcome: Our community has options to easily travel where they need to go	
Strategic priority 6:	Deliver the Yan Yean Pipe Track and Edgars Creek Trail shared paths to increase recreation opportunities and sustainable transport options in line with the City of Whittlesea Walking and Cycling Plan and Northern Trails Strategy. HP DAP
Action 22:	Complete the delivery of the Yan Yean Pipe Track shared path from Child's Road to Centenary Drive in Mill Park.
Strategic priority 8:	Advocate for expanded transportation options and improvements to the transport network, including road upgrades, enhanced shared pathways and increased public transport, such as the Wollert Rail. HP DAP
Action 23:	Advocate for public transport investment in Wollert Rail and better bus services, as well as key road upgrades including Donnybrook Rd, Findon Rd, Craigieburn East Rd, Bridge Inn Rd, Epping Rd, Dalton Rd intersection upgrades and the future OMR/E6 Freeway.
Strategic priority 27:	Deliver improved lighting of shared paths to provide the community with extended hours for exercise and recreation, enhance perceptions of safety and provide increased sustainable transport options. HP DAP
Action 24:	Deliver shared path lighting on Edgars Creek trail in Thomastown.



KEY DIRECTION 2

Well designed neighbourhoods and vibrant town centres

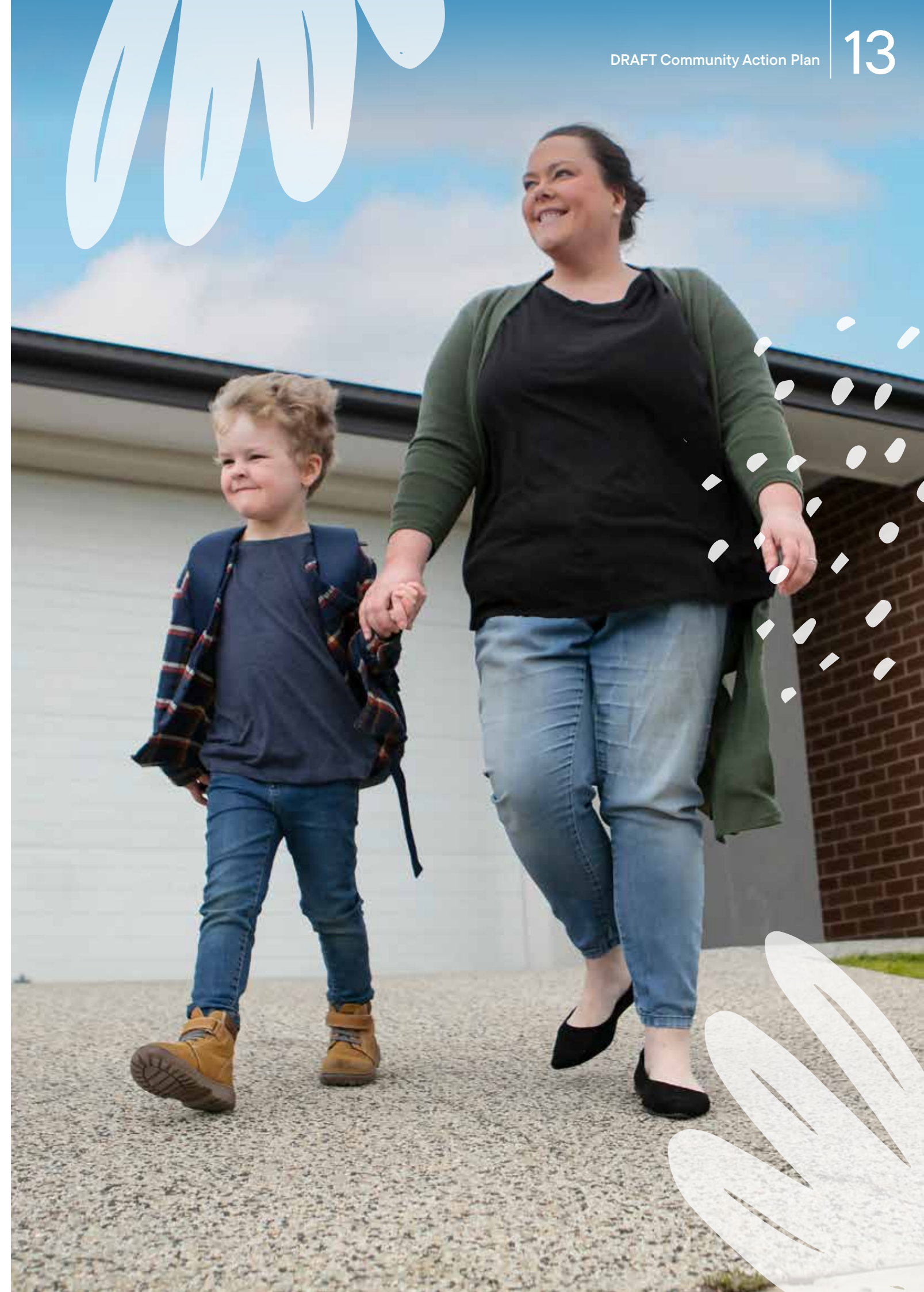
Actions	
Outcome: Our neighbourhoods are attractive and desirable places to live, work and play	
Strategic priority 28:	Deliver the Suburb Place Frameworks to enhance the municipality's distinct character, improve safety, enhance public spaces and upgrade infrastructure. HP DAP
Action 25:	Commence the development of the Bundoora Place Framework.
Strategic priority 31:	Deliver revitalised and upgraded neighbourhood streetscapes and shopping precincts to enhance accessibility and local character and support local spending. HP DAP
Action 26:	Commence the design of public space improvements to Mill Park Drive precinct including the Miller Community Centre, Mill Park shops, and Mill Park preschool.
Action 27:	Continue construction of The Boulevard shopping precinct upgrade in Thomastown.
Strategic priority 32:	Deliver a review of the Whittlesea Planning Scheme to ensure planning policies and controls achieve high quality design and sustainable development outcomes. HP DAP
Action 28:	Complete a review of the Whittlesea Planning Scheme and commence implementation to support high quality design and sustainable development outcomes.
Outcome: Our community has infrastructure that can adapt to their changing needs	
Strategic priority 7:	Deliver a Parking Policy to manage the allocation and regulation of parking, balancing the needs of all users while supporting Council's safety, efficiency and environmental sustainability goals. DAP
Action 29:	Commence background research for a parking management plan, which will provide a framework to enable a balanced approach to meeting the parking needs of our growing community.
Strategic priority 36:	Deliver feasibility assessments for key future infrastructure for our growing community. HP DAP
Action 30:	Continue to plan for the Darebin Creek Community Centre in Donnybrook, including the preparation of design plans.
Outcome: Our neighbourhoods are well-designed and enable all people to connect	
Strategic priority 25:	Deliver the staged construction of Whittlesea Park Master Plan in Whittlesea Township providing trees, play spaces, circuit paths, bridges. and car parking. HP DAP
Action 31:	Commence the construction of Laurel Street in Whittlesea including stormwater drainage, car parking and improvements to pedestrian safety.
Strategic priority 26:	Deliver the staged construction of Lalor Recreation Reserve Master Plan in Lalor, Lowalde Recreation Reserve Master Plan in Epping, Nick Ascenzo Reserve in Thomastown, Whittlesea Public Gardens in Lalor and Mernda Recreation Reserve Master Plan in Mernda. HP DAP
Action 32:	Commence construction of Nick Ascenzo Reserve including upgrading the reserve with a new play space, upgraded picnic/barbecue areas, outdoor gathering spaces, forecourt plaza, public toilets, exercise and fitness equipment, multi-purpose hard court and car park.

KEY DIRECTION 3

Housing for diverse needs

Actions		
Outcome: Our community has the right mix and supply of housing to provide choices for all		
Strategic priority 33:	Deliver an affordable housing plan which defines Council's role and proposes future projects that deliver diverse housing opportunities for our community.	HP DAP
Action 33:	Complete design of the Downs Road residential development in Lalor, comprising at least 25 homes, including affordable housing.	
Strategic priority 34:	Deliver the Ashline Street Affordable Housing Project in Wollert, partnering with a community housing organisation to provide affordable homes and a community park.	HP DAP
Action 34:	Complete construction of Ashline Street Affordable Housing Project in Wollert, partnering with a community housing organisation to provide 27 affordable homes.	
Strategic priority 35:	Deliver the Johnsons Road residential development in Mernda, comprising at least 35 homes, including affordable housing, open spaces and pathways linking to the Plenty River.	HP DAP
Action 35:	Continue construction of the Johnsons Road residential development in Mernda, comprising 37 homes, including affordable housing and open spaces.	

HP Health Plan DAP Disability Action Plan



Strong Local Economy



KEY DIRECTION 1

Increased local employment

Actions

Outcome: Our municipality attracts investment to provide more local jobs to match population growth

Strategic priority 38: Advocate for the creation of local jobs and other community benefits as outcomes from the planning and development of the Intermodal Freight Precinct in Beveridge which on completion will be the largest intermodal precinct in Australia transforming the nation's supply chain and providing economic benefits to the region.

DAP

Action 36: Advocate for community benefits including for enhanced environmental outcomes, improvements to the road network and diverse employment opportunities as part of the planning process for the Beveridge Intermodal Precinct.

Outcome: Our economy is inclusive and accessible for all

Strategic priority 45: Deliver a campaign to attract major festivals and events to the region to increase visibility and promote social cohesion.

HP

DAP

Action 37: Promote the City of Whittlesea as a key destination for major and local events and festivals.

Strategic priority 47: Facilitate greater community use and activation of Council-owned facilities to encourage a broader range of uses, participation across all life stages and improved accessibility for everyone in the community.

HP

DAP

Action 38: Increase community use across all life stages of the recently opened Murnong Community Centre.

KEY DIRECTION 2

Successful, innovative local businesses

Actions

Outcome: Our economy has a diverse base that fosters small business development

Strategic priority 37: Develop and implement a new Strong Local Economy Strategy to support the growth of the local business community, promote investment, local employment and education opportunities, enhancing social connections and economic sustainability.

HP

DAP

Action 39: Implement Business Friendly Council initiatives making it more efficient to do business in the City of Whittlesea.

Action 40: Launch the Economic Growth Strategy and implement its first-year actions.

HP Health Plan

DAP Disability Action Plan



Sustainable Environment



KEY DIRECTION 1

Climate ready

Actions		
Outcome: Our city’s green cover is enhanced to reduce the risk of extreme heat		
Strategic priority 11:	Deliver the City Forest program, planting more than 60,000 trees and working towards a target of an additional tree per resident across the municipality, to increase canopy cover, decrease urban heat and enhance biodiversity.	HP DAP
Action 41:	Deliver the annual tree planting programs for main roads, residential streets, parks, creek corridors and conservation reserves.	



KEY DIRECTION 2

Leaders in clean, sustainable living

Actions		
Outcome: Our water resources are managed in an integrated way		
Strategic priority 12:	Deliver new stormwater harvesting at Council-owned sports fields and facilities to reduce potable water reliance, enhance water conservation and generate savings.	HP DAP
Action 42:	Commence delivery of the AF Walker Recreation Reserve stormwater harvesting scheme in Whittlesea.	
Outcome: Our city becomes a net zero emissions municipality		
Strategic priority 9:	Deliver and advocate for initiatives that help people and businesses make homes and workplaces more comfortable, energy-efficient and environmentally friendly.	HP DAP
Action 43:	Launch an ongoing household energy efficiency program to support vulnerable residents.	
Action 44:	Ensure that Council-led housing development projects deliver environmentally sustainable dwellings and neighbourhoods.	
Action 45:	Investigate initiatives and programs that support businesses to reduce emissions across the municipality.	
Strategic priority 10:	Provide additional opportunities to generate local carbon offsets on Council-owned and private land to help reduce municipal-wide carbon emissions.	HP DAP
Action 46:	Deliver a feasibility study to develop local carbon drawdown opportunities with partners including the Northern Alliance for Greenhouse Action.	
Outcome: Our city is low waste and transitions to a circular economy		
Strategic priority 13:	Deliver a targeted program to eliminate rubbish dumping, including stronger enforcement, shorter wait times for collection and community education on waste minimisation, illegal dumping and recycling.	HP DAP
Action 47:	Complete the “BehaviourWorks illegal dumping research” and review and implement the findings to reduce illegal dumping across the municipality.	
Strategic priority 14:	Deliver the food and garden waste service to all households in the municipality and trial new waste and recycling collection services for waste such as soft plastics.	HP
Action 48:	Trial an expansion of kerbside recycling services to businesses at full cost recovery.	
Strategic priority 15:	Deliver increased reuse and repurposing of materials in Council’s asset maintenance and renewal programs.	HP
Action 49:	Increase the use of recycled materials in council and developer delivered infrastructure projects.	

High Performing Organisation



KEY DIRECTION 1

Driving better community outcomes

Actions	
Outcome: Our community finds it easy to interact with Council	
Strategic priority 52:	Deliver innovative and technology-driven solutions to continually enhance customer experience and improve the effectiveness, transparency and efficiency of Council's operations. HP DAP
Action 50:	Further enhance customer service using technology such as a chatbot on Council's website and a telephone system that supports in-language communication with residents.

KEY DIRECTION 2

More informed council decisions

Actions	
Outcome: Our communities engage with us on issues and activities that affect them	
Strategic priority 53:	Facilitate the reduction, removal and prevention of barriers for marginalised and at risk groups to contribute to Council decisions. HP DAP
Action 51:	Partner with community organisations and advocacy groups to enable marginalised and at-risk groups to meaningfully participate in Council decision making processes.

KEY DIRECTION 3

More cost-effective investment and engaged workforce

Actions	
Outcome: Our community is confident that City of Whittlesea can fund community needs in the future	
Strategic priority 54:	Deliver service and innovation reviews to identify ways to improve efficiency, investing in technology like artificial intelligence to boost productivity, optimise resource use and lower costs. DAP
Action 52:	Undertake structured reviews of Council services to ensure efficiencies and continuous improvement
Action 53:	Strengthen asset data, risk-based prioritisation and renewal planning, ensuring future investment needs are integrated with long-term financial planning and the capital program.
Strategic priority 55:	Deliver the long-term financial sustainability of Council through the optimisation of resources, infrastructure and asset management. HP DAP
Action 54:	Develop a framework that guides Council to prioritise the investment in new and renewal of Council's community facilities to maximise community benefit.



Linkages to the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan and Disability Action Plan

Please refer to appendix 4 of the Community Plan for more information.

ID		Strategic Priority	Health Plan					Disability Action Plan				
			Climate change	Family violence	Social connection	Healthy eating	Active living	Homelessness	Goods	Employment	Inclusion	Discrimination
SP1	Deliver and facilitate expansion of programs and services that keep older residents independent, connected and supported close to home.				✓		✓					
SP2	Deliver the commencement of Home Care Packages to help older residents stay in their own homes, live independently and enjoy a high quality of life as their needs change.				✓		✓					
SP3	Partner with the Victorian Government and stakeholders to implement the Best Start, Best Life Reform, including free kindergarten for 3- and 4-year-old children and extending kindergarten hours.			✓	✓				✓		✓	
SP4	Deliver and facilitate culturally safe services and programs for First Peoples children and their families, suited to local needs.				✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	
SP5	Advocate for funding from other levels of government to establish a dedicated youth hub and create additional youth-friendly spaces where young people can thrive.			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SP6	Deliver the Yan Yean Pipe Track and Edgars Creek Trail shared paths to increase recreation opportunities and sustainable transport options in line with the City of Whittlesea Walking and Cycling Plan and Northern Trails Strategy.		✓		✓		✓		✓		✓	
SP7	Deliver a Parking Policy to manage the allocation and regulation of parking, balancing the needs of all users while supporting Council’s safety, efficiency and environmental sustainability goals.								✓		✓	
SP8	Advocate for expanded transportation options and improvements to the transport network, including road upgrades, enhanced shared pathways and increased public transport, such as the Wollert Rail.		✓				✓		✓		✓	
SP9	Deliver and advocate for initiatives that help people and businesses make homes and workplaces more comfortable, energy-efficient and environmentally friendly.		✓		✓		✓			✓	✓	
SP10	Provide additional opportunities to generate local carbon offsets on Council-owned and private land to help reduce municipal-wide carbon emissions.		✓		✓		✓			✓	✓	
SP11	Deliver the City Forest program, planting more than 60,000 trees and working towards a target of an additional tree per resident across the municipality, to increase canopy cover, decrease urban heat and enhance biodiversity.		✓		✓		✓				✓	
SP12	Deliver new stormwater harvesting at Council-owned sports fields and facilities to reduce potable water reliance, enhance water conservation and generate savings.		✓		✓		✓		✓			
SP13	Deliver a targeted program to eliminate rubbish dumping, including stronger enforcement, shorter wait times for collection and community education on waste minimisation, illegal dumping and recycling.		✓		✓				✓		✓	
SP14	Deliver the food and garden waste service to all households in the municipality and trial new waste and recycling collection services for waste such as soft plastics.		✓									
SP15	Deliver increased reuse and repurposing of materials in Council's asset maintenance and renewal programs.		✓									
SP16	Deliver the revitalisation of Peter Hopper Lake in Mill Park to improve water quality and habitat for flora and fauna and enhance local area.		✓				✓				✓	
SP17	Deliver Council’s Fair Access Policy to ensure women and girls can equally use local sports facilities and feel supported to get involved in sport and recreation.			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
SP18	Deliver the Granite Hills Major Community Park featuring an adventure park and playground, open-air pavilion, public barbecues, giant slides, nature and water play and public toilets with a Changing Places facility.		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓

ID		Strategic Priority	Health Plan					Disability Action Plan				
			Climate change	Family violence	Social connection	Healthy eating	Active living	Homelessness	Goods	Employment	Inclusion	Discrimination
SP19	Deliver and operate the Regional Sports Precinct in Mernda consisting of an indoor stadium with multi-purpose courts, lit outdoor netball courts, a netball pavilion, car parking, pathways, lighting, landscaping and wetlands.		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
SP20	Deliver the new Wollert Sports Reserve consisting of playing fields with lighting, multi-purpose sporting spaces, playground, car parking and a community pavilion.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
SP21	Deliver the Huskisson Reserve Multi-Purpose Facility in Lalor consisting of a new multi-purpose community pavilion, redevelopment of the existing tennis courts into new courts with lighting, car parking, pathways and landscaping.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
SP22	Deliver the new Edgars Creek Recreation Reserve in Wollert consisting of a new multi-purpose community pavilion, an additional oval, outdoor sport courts, open space and a recreation area and car parking.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
SP23	Deliver the new Ashley Park Recreation Reserve in Doreen consisting of playing fields with lighting, a new multi-purpose community pavilion, playground and car parking.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
SP24	Deliver the staged construction of VR Michael Reserve Master Plan in Lalor providing an upgraded dog off leash area, central lawn, circuit paths, toilet facilities, exercise fitness station and car parking.		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓
SP25	Deliver the staged construction of Whittlesea Park Master Plan in Whittlesea Township providing trees, play spaces, circuit paths, bridges and car parking.		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓
SP26	Deliver the staged construction of Lalor Recreation Reserve Master Plan in Lalor, Lowalde Recreation Reserve Master Plan in Epping, Nick Ascenzo Reserve in Thomastown, Whittlesea Public Gardens in Lalor and Mernda Recreation Reserve Master Plan in Mernda.		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	✓
SP27	Deliver improved lighting of shared paths to provide the community with extended hours for exercise and recreation, enhance perceptions of safety and provide increased sustainable transport options.			✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	
SP28	Deliver the Suburb Place Frameworks to enhance the municipality’s distinct character, improve safety, enhance public spaces and upgrade infrastructure.		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	
SP29	Partner with external emergency and welfare services to explore the feasibility of a Safer Neighbourhoods Expo to enhance community education and awareness of available services.			✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	
SP30	Advocate for equality and partner on initiatives that build a safe, respectful community with zero tolerance for all forms of violence, including family, gender-based, racial, faith-based and LGBTIQ+ violence.			✓	✓				✓		✓	✓
SP31	Deliver revitalised and upgraded neighbourhood streetscapes and shopping precincts to enhance accessibility and local character and support local spending.		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓		✓	
SP32	Deliver a review of the Whittlesea Planning Scheme to ensure planning policies and controls achieve high quality design and sustainable development outcomes.		✓						✓	✓	✓	✓
SP33	Deliver an affordable housing plan which defines Council’s role and proposes future projects that deliver diverse housing opportunities for our community.				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SP34	Deliver the Ashline Street Affordable Housing Project in Wollert, partnering with a community housing organisation to provide affordable homes and a community park.				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SP35	Deliver the Johnsons Road residential development in Mernda, comprising at least 35 homes, including affordable housing, open spaces and pathways linking to the Plenty River.				✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SP36	Deliver feasibility assessments for key future infrastructure for our growing community.		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓

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COUNCIL OFFICES

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Opening hours

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