

Healthy Communities Plan 2021-25



A Public Health and Wellbeing Plan for
Bass Coast and South Gippsland

Good health and wellbeing are important for everyone.



Acknowledgement to Country

Bass Coast Shire Council pay respect to the Bunurong, we acknowledge them as Traditional Owners of the lands and waters where we work and live, we acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island communities in their diversity. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and the emerging, for they hold the memories, the Traditions, the culture and Lore. A better understanding and respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritage and can lead to reconciliation. This is essential to the maturity of Australia as a nation and fundamental to the development of an Australian identity.

Thank you

We would like to thank our health and wellbeing partners and the community for their input to the development of this plan. We look forward to working together to improve our community's health and wellbeing.

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Executive Summary

The Healthy Communities Plan 2021-25 (the Plan) has been developed in partnership with the community and local organisations. The Plan priorities have been developed with consideration of local health and wellbeing data, the Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2019 – 2023 and extensive community consultation. The strategic directions of this plan will lay the framework for the development of an annual action plan; listing partners, detailed activities and initiatives and timelines for delivery.

Four priorities have been identified within the plan: creating healthy lifestyles, improving mental wellbeing, supporting affordable housing, and improving equity.

There are many factors influencing our health and wellbeing: the conditions in which we are born and live in, the food we eat, our age, social status, gender or culture; whether we are employed, have access to transport and healthcare facilities, our level of stress and whether we feel part of the community.

A healthy and well community is one where a sense of belonging and ability to cope with adversity exists. It is where economic and social opportunities are available and there is a healthy environment where we can be protected from the impacts of climate change.

This plan addresses the broader influences on health and aims to reduce social inequalities including access to healthcare and to empower individuals and communities to make positive decisions about their health.

The Healthy Communities Plan has been developed in line with responsibilities under the *Public Health Act 2008*, the *Local Government Act 2020*, the Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2019-2023 and the *Climate Change Act 2017*.

This Plan aligns with the Council Plan 2021-25 pillar of “Healthy Community” and is supported by other Council strategies and plans including the Social and Affordable Housing Strategy, the Climate Change Action Plan 2020-30 and the Disability Action Plan 2021-25.

Integrated Planning

Bass Coast Shire Council, South Gippsland Shire Council, South Coast Primary and Community Partnership, Bass Coast Health, Gippsland Southern Health Service and South Gippsland Hospital are working in partnership to develop the Healthy Communities Plan

2021-25. Each of our organisations commits to working together to improve the health and wellbeing of the communities of South Gippsland and Bass Coast, also known as the South Coast. Together we have reviewed health data, listened to our community and established shared priorities and actions.

Council's Responsibility in Health and Wellbeing Planning

The *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* describes Council's functions to protect, improve and promote public health and wellbeing by:

- Creating an environment which supports the health of local community members and strengthens the capacity of the community and individuals to achieve better health.
- Initiating, supporting, and managing public health planning processes at the local government level.
- Developing and implementing public health policies and programs.

The *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* directs each Victorian Local Council to prepare a four-year health and wellbeing plan within 12 months of Council elections.



Health Promotion Agencies and Health and Wellbeing Planning

Bass Coast Health, Gippsland Southern Health Service, South Gippsland Hospital and South Coast Primary and Community Partnership also have obligations under the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* to develop plans focused on improving health and wellbeing. These organisations have already partnered to combine their efforts which allows for clearer policy direction, better alignment of prevention work and a greater equity of resources across the sub-region.

Healthy Communities Plan 2021-2025

Combining Municipal Public Health & Wellbeing Planning and Prevention Planning in the South Coast



DOCUMENTS & ACTIVITIES				
DATA	COMMUNITY	PARTNERS	HEALTHY COMMUNITIES PLAN	ANNUAL ACTION PLANS
Combined examination of local data	Common community consultation and inclusion of local initiatives	Combined stakeholder consultation throughout the process	Shared principles, health priorities, goals and strategies	Combined annual review, reporting & action plan development
Our Story Animated Film 	Community Consultation Agreed Common Questions for Consultation with Community: Q1. What would make the biggest difference to our communities health and wellbeing? Q2. What are our communities biggest health & wellbeing issues?	Stakeholder Conversations Draft Plan development workshop	Healthy Communities Plan Bass Coast 2021-2025 (4 years) 	Annual Action Plans Bass Coast
Our Story Community Profile 	Draft Plan submissions Annual Action Plan development workshop	Draft Plan submissions Annual Action Plan development workshop	Healthy Communities Plan South Gippsland (1 year) 	Annual Action Plans South Gippsland
			Healthy Communities Plan South Gippsland (3 years) 	

Summary of Priorities

Priority One: Creating Healthy Lifestyles

Focusing on healthy eating and active living, reducing smoking, alcohol and drug-related harm and increasing immunisation rates.

Priority Two: Improving Mental Wellbeing

Focusing on supporting mental wellbeing and building a resilient, connected community.

Priority Three: Supporting Affordable Housing

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Priority Four: Improving Equity

Focusing on improving access and inclusion and creating safe and respectful communities.



Introduction

The Healthy Communities Plan 2021-25 provides the strategic direction for a range of organisations and community groups in South Gippsland and the Bass Coast Shire to support the health and wellbeing of our communities.

Bass Coast Shire Council, South Gippsland Shire Council, South Coast Primary and Community Partnership, and the local health services (Bass Coast Health, Gippsland Southern Health Service and South Gippsland Health Service) take lead roles in developing the plan, however the delivery of strategies and actions are in partnership with many organisations and the community. Partnerships are vital to creating environments that support healthy communities. Successful partnerships can take many forms and may include community members, community organisations, government and industry organisations. The plan seeks to include priorities and strategies that allow a partnership approach to improving the health and wellbeing for the people of South Coast.

The strategic directions of this plan will lay the foundations for the development of detailed implementation plans and service plans for health and community services, businesses and the community.

Together we will take a collective impact approach to improving the health and wellbeing of the South Coast communities.

Many local health, community and Council services have contributed their experience, knowledge and expertise to the development of this plan. Our partners in health and wellbeing have pledged commitment to activities and projects which contribute to shared outcomes outlined in this plan and to creating an environment where the health and wellbeing of our community can flourish.

Preparing the Healthy Communities Plan 2021-25 – Our Story

[Our Story – The Community Health and Wellbeing Profile for South Coast](#) is a snapshot of the health and wellbeing of our community. Alongside community feedback, it has been used to shape our combined priorities and actions.

Our Story was prepared to assist in the consultation, development and monitoring of local health and wellbeing priorities and actions. Data for South Gippsland, Bass Coast and Victoria has been included. Where local government area data is unavailable, combined or regional data has been used. The document has been designed to be live, with updates occurring as new data becomes available.

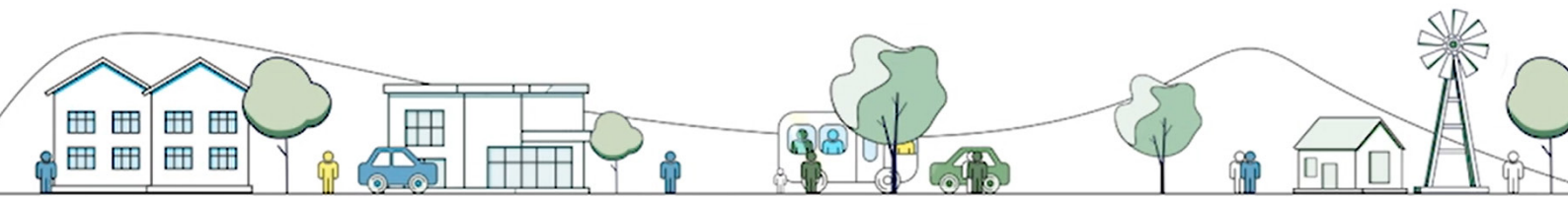
To accompany the document, we created a [five-minute animation](#) of the key health and wellbeing data. Our Story – The Community Health and Wellbeing Profile for South Coast and the five-minute animation are available on Council's website.

Relationship to Community Vision and Council Plan

The Healthy Communities Plan outlines the priority areas that support the implementation of the “Healthy Community” pillar of the Community Vision 2021-41 and the Council Plan 2021-25. The aspiration statement for this pillar is: “In Bass Coast, we have access to services and facilities that encourage wellbeing. We are caring and connected and welcome people of all ages and abilities, celebrating their diversity and uniqueness”.

The Healthy Communities Plan in turn is supported by the Social and Affordable Housing Strategy, the Climate Change Action Plan 2020-30 and the Disability Action Plan 2021-25.

This relationship ensures that the work undertaken by Council staff and our partner agencies aligns with the direction set by our Councillors and community in the Council Plan and Community Vision.



Consultations

The community and organisations working in health and wellbeing helped in the development of this plan through conversations, surveys and workshops.

Results of community workshops, interviews and surveys have been collated and together with the data in Our Story – The Community Health and Wellbeing Profile for South Coast have been used to develop the following priorities.

Priorities

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Focusing on improving access and inclusion and creating safe and respectful communities.

Linking Local Planning to State Plans

Table One illustrates how the priorities and focus areas for the South Coast are informed by State plans and priorities.

Priority	Area of Focus	State Health and Wellbeing Priorities and Plans
Creating Healthy Lifestyles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase healthy eating • Support locally grown, fresh, affordable food and reduction of food waste • Increase active living • Support community access to the natural and built environment for recreation and active transport • Reduce smoking • Reduce harmful alcohol and drug use • Reduce gambling harm • Increase immunisation rates • Increase active transport 	<p>Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing healthy eating • Increasing active living • Reducing tobacco-related harm • Reducing harmful alcohol and drug use <p>Plans</p> <p>Victoria Health and Wellbeing Plan 2019 - 2023</p>
Improving Mental Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote good mental health and wellbeing • Community members valued and connected • Decrease incidence of suicide • Support community to be resilient and respond from climate emergencies • Support conversations and awareness of climate change with the community 	<p>Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving mental wellbeing <p>Plans</p> <p>Victoria's 10-Year Mental Health Plan</p>
Supporting Affordable Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in affordable housing • Decrease homelessness • Advocate for crisis accommodation 	<p>State Plans</p> <p>10-Year Social and Affordable Housing Strategy</p> <p>Victoria's Big Housing Build</p>
Improving Equity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase connection to culture and communities • Increase availability of local health and social services • Increase access to social support • Increase social systems to support communities in response to climate impacts • Increase visibility of diversity in our communities • Build strong relationships and create meaningful opportunities for our diverse communities • Coordinated support for people with disabilities • Deliver a whole of community approach to family violence • Increase commitment to gender diversity in workplaces and organisations • Reduce risk of family violence in climate emergencies 	<p>Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preventing all forms of violence <p>Plans</p> <p>Ending Family Violence: Victoria's 10-Year Action Plan for Change</p>



Tackling Climate Change

Supporting sustainable living and climate adaptation

The effects of climate change on health are being felt today and have a significant risk to human health.

- We know we will experience longer fire seasons and more high fire danger days in the future
- We know we will see extreme heat conditions more frequently in the future
- We know that we will see extreme rainfall conditions more frequently in the future and that average rainfall will continue to decline
- The impacts will be greatest for those most vulnerable. We must mitigate and manage risks and recognise opportunities

This plan identifies how we will address climate change impacts on our health across our four priority areas:

- Healthy living – active living and healthy eating
- Creating a healthy mind and supporting a resilient and connected community
- Supporting affordable housing and liveable communities; and
- Improving equity

Through these priority areas we plan to achieve:

- Resilient and safe communities that are adapting to the health impacts of climate change
- Decreased health impacts associated with climate change
- The benefits for both health and responding to climate change.

Our organisations and communities will also develop and deliver climate action plans and climate emergency plans with specific actions supporting the health of our communities and environment.

Our community recognises climate change as an important consideration for health and wellbeing of our community.

Gippsland

By the 2050s Gippsland can expect



Average max. temperatures
increase up to 2.9°C

Twice as many days >35°C



Annual rainfall to
decrease by as much
as 16mm



Longer fire seasons and
32 per cent more very high
fire danger days



What our community said

“Protection of the natural environment and wildlife and future developments approved in absolute consideration of these.”

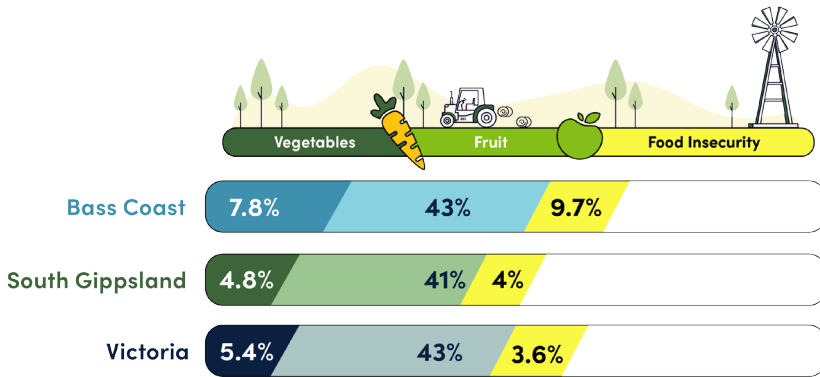
“We can increase the capacity for people to enjoy the outdoor with trails and bike paths. We can help with the climate crisis by planting trees, maintaining our environment, and supporting farmers to move into regenerative farming, and the whole Shire to renewable energy.”

“Become self-sustainable in every possible way: increasing our farm to table food options, solar and wind electricity options supply and champion our own building supplies to create local building and craft industry, just to name some.”

Priority 1: Creating Healthy Lifestyles

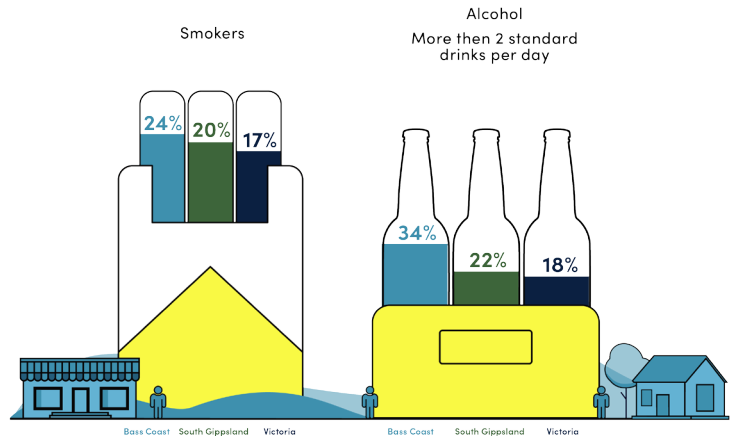
Focusing on healthy eating and active living, reducing smoking, alcohol and drug-related harm and increasing immunisation rates.

What the data says:

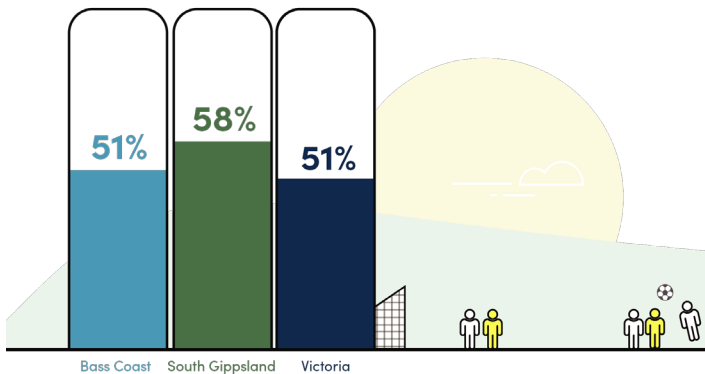


Over half the adults living in the South Coast are not eating enough fruit and vegetables and many people cannot access the food they need.

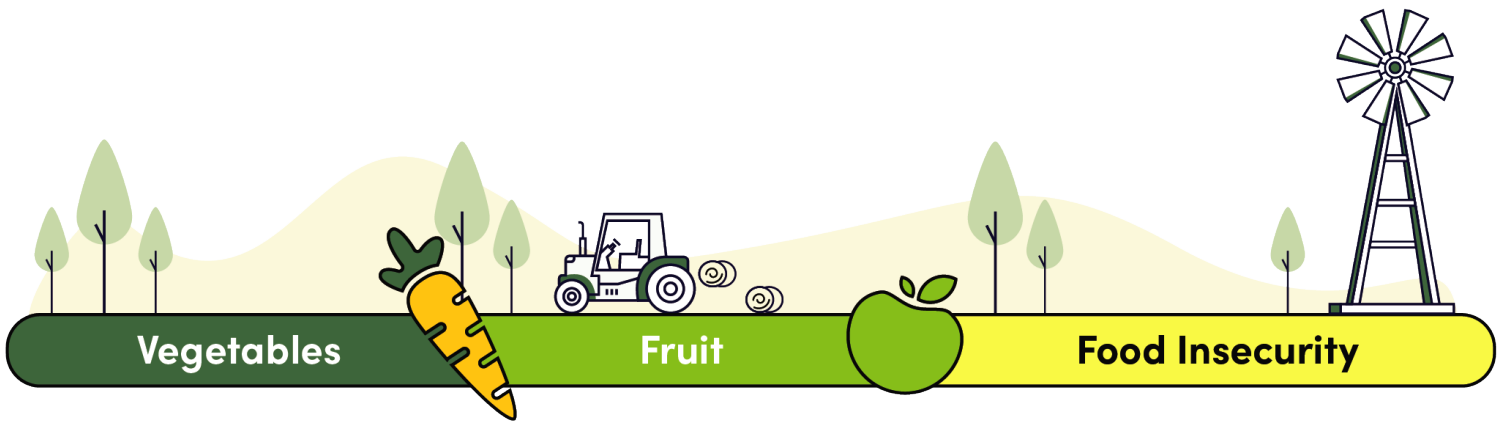
People in the South Coast have higher rates of smoking than other Victorians and many regularly drink more than two standard drinks per day.



Physical activity guidelines



Just over half of adults in the South Coast meet the physical activity guidelines.



What our community said

“Fresh clean air, community. Safety. Environment.”

“Invest in improved walking and cycling paths throughout municipality. Encourage residents where they can walk/cycle rather than drive.”

“The coastal landscape, National Parks, and Indigenous heritage. The Arts, music, theatre and rich culture it has to offer. Local produce, markets and cafes.”

Outcomes

Outcome 1.1: Our community has healthy lifestyles

Area of Focus	Measure of Success	Ref
1.1.1 Increase healthy eating	• Increased fruit and vegetable consumption	1
	• Increased consumption of water	2
	• Decreased daily consumption of sugar sweetened beverages	3
1.1.2 Support locally grown fresh, affordable food and reduction of food waste	• Increased support to local food producers.	4
	• Increased awareness and uptake of healthy and sustainable food choices and practices	
	• Increase in home gardening practices	
1.1.3 Increase active living	• Adults sitting less hours per day	5
	• Increased activity for all ages	6
1.1.4 Support community access to the natural and built environment for recreation and active transport	• Improved pedestrian and bicycle access in towns	7
	• Improved connections to natural environments	
	• Increased promotion and awareness of local natural environments for recreation	

Outcome 1.2: Our community is protected from harm to their health

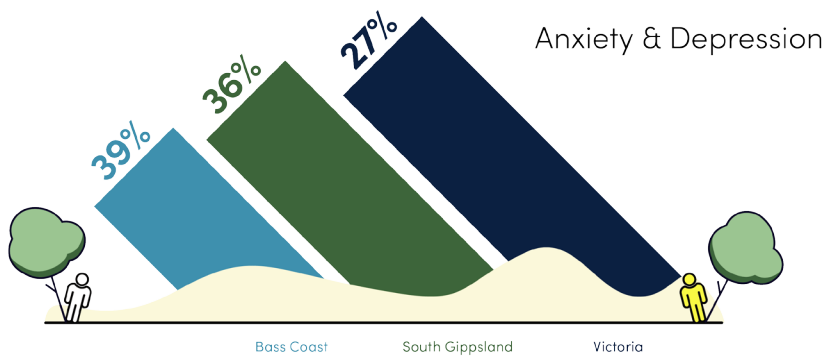
Area of Focus	Measure of Success	Ref
1.2.1 Reduce smoking	• Decreased smoking in adults, adolescents and pregnant mothers	8
		9
		10
1.2.2 Reduce harmful alcohol and drug use	• Decreased harmful alcohol use	11
	• Decreased alcohol-related injuries.	12
	• Decreased drug addiction	13
1.2.3 Reduce gambling harm	• Increase in gambling-free activities available	14
	• Strategies to limit gambling	
1.2.4 Increase immunisation rates	• Increased uptake of flu and COVID vaccinations	15
	• Programs supporting immunisation participation	16



Priority 2: Improving Mental Wellbeing

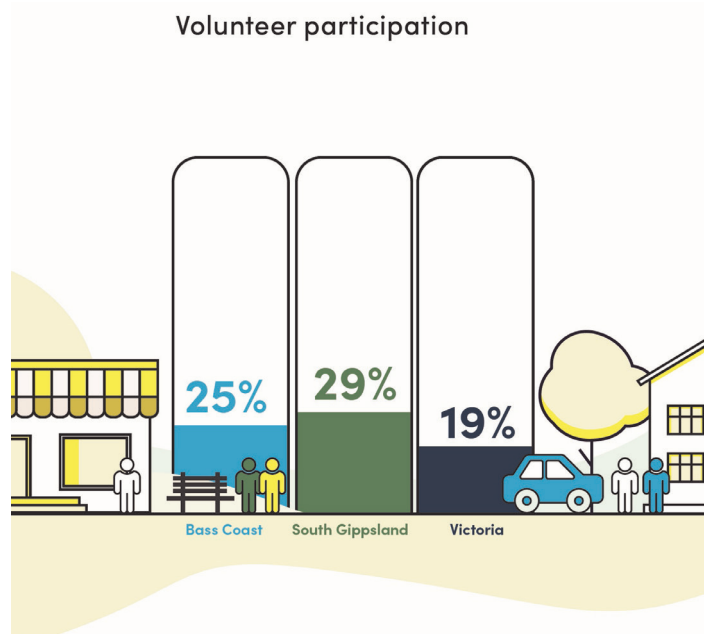
Focusing on supporting good mental wellbeing and building a resilient, connected community.

What the data says:



Anxiety and depression rates are high on the South Coast, with a third of adults being diagnosed in their lifetime.

In the past, many people in the South Coast volunteered. COVID-19 has reduced the number of people currently volunteering.



What our community said

“Mental health services on tap that is easily obtained without jumping endless hoops and without waiting weeks.”

“Having a dog is excellent for mental health, so start thinking differently about places to allow dogs and responsible pet owners.”

“I value the quietness, the community minded people, the natural environment, the emerging local art presence.”



Outcomes

Outcome 2.1: Our community has good mental health

Area of Focus	Measure of Success	Ref
2.1.1 Promote good mental health and wellbeing	• Reduce level of psychological distress in adults and adolescents.	17
	• Increase level of resilience in adolescents.	18
		19
2.1.2 Support community members to be valued and connected	• Increase in volunteers.	20
	• Participation in community and support groups.	21
	• Participation in sporting clubs.	
2.1.3 Decrease incidence of suicide	• Training, support and programs available and used.	22
	• Increase in knowledge of local services.	
	• Postvention protocols in place for communities.	

Outcome 2.2: Our community is resilient and our environments are liveable

Area of Focus	Measure of Success	Ref
2.2.1 Support community to be resilient and recover from extreme events	• Communities support each other in extreme events	23
	• Households have an emergency preparedness plan	
	• Increased awareness of emergency procedures in response to climate impacts	
2.2.2 Support conversations and awareness of climate change within the community	• Increased knowledge of climate change impacts, mitigation and adaptation options.	24
	• Increased awareness of emergency response procedures in climate emergencies.	

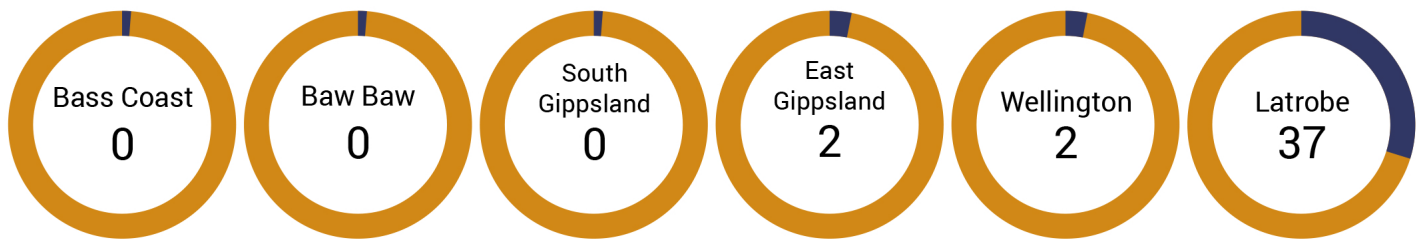
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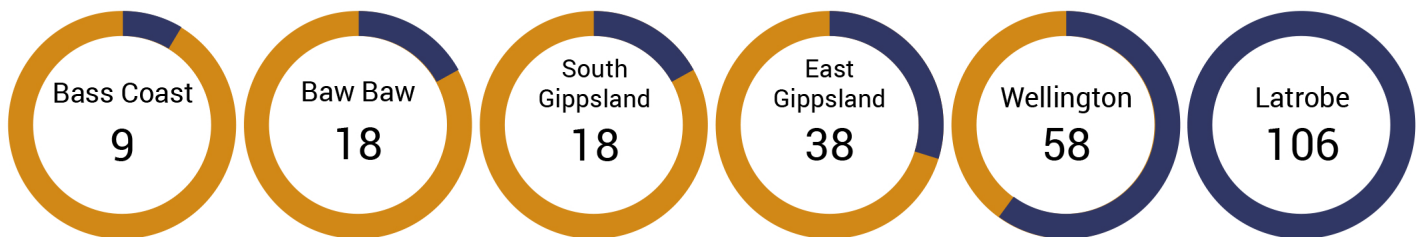
What the data says:

There are no affordable one-bedroom properties and only 17 two-bedroom properties available in South Gippsland and 19 in Bass Coast.

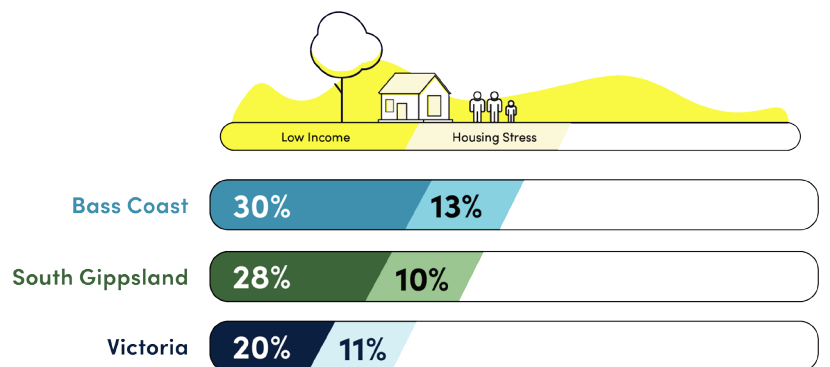
Affordable one bedroom rental properties available, based on 30 per cent of Centrelink income



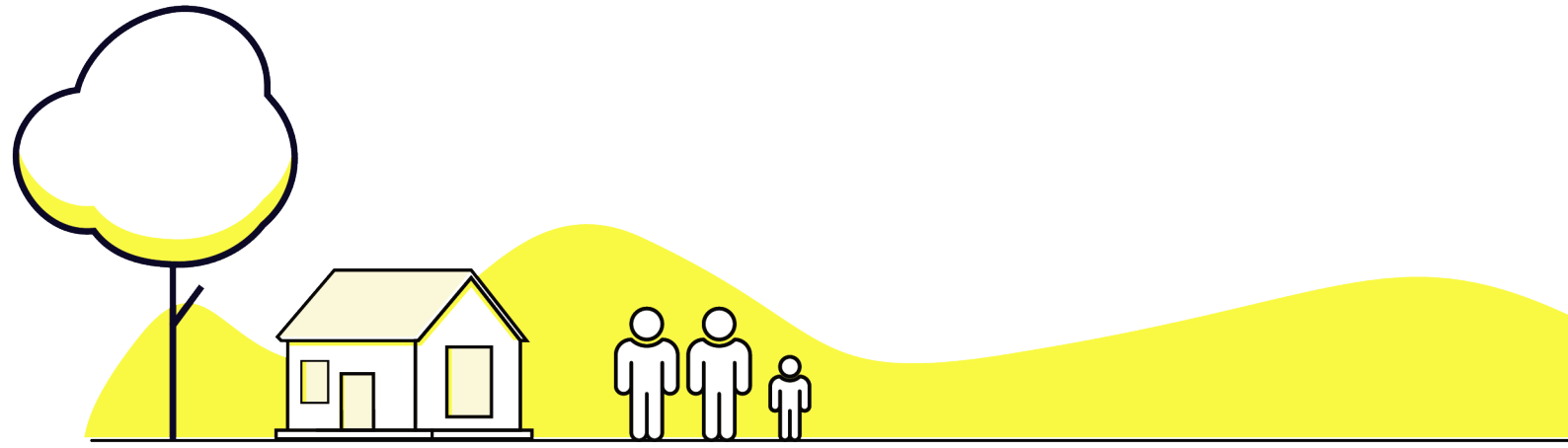
Affordable two bedroom rental properties available, based on 30 per cent of Centrelink income



Many households are living on an income of less than \$650 a week. People are paying more than 30 per cent of their income on housing which causes high levels of housing and rental stress.



South Gippsland and Bass Coast have less affordable rental properties than other areas of Gippsland.



What our community said

“Community housing availability for low socioeconomic families, currently there is a high need.”

“We shape our buildings, and thereafter they shape us” (W. Churchill) ... low rise, well designed, quality developments contribute to overall wellbeing and creating communities are suitable to a coastal / rural / regional lifestyle.”

“Affordable housing for youth returning to area, maintaining the environment and not having too much spread of housing developments. Facilities for residents, health, education and sport and leisure.”

Outcomes

Outcome 3.1: Our community has access to affordable housing

Area of Focus	Measure of Success	Ref
3.1.1 Increase in affordable housing	• Social and affordable housing strategy in place	25
	• Increase in affordable houses/ rental properties	26 27
	• Decrease in people experiencing rental and mortgage stress	
3.1.2 Decrease homelessness	• Decrease in number of people who are homeless or in unstable housing	28

Outcome 3.2: Our homes and neighbourhoods are sustainable and liveable

Area of Focus	Measure of Success	Ref
3.2.1 Increase capacity of homes to provide refuge through increased liveability of housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sustainable products and processes used in public built environments• Improved sustainable and efficient private and social housing• Large organisations adopt sustainable practices	30

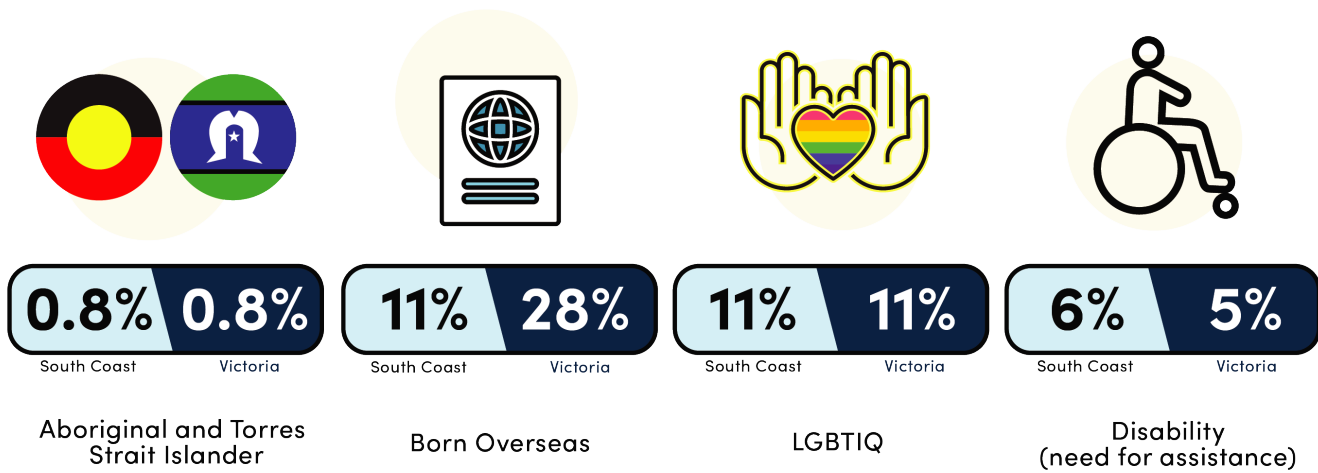


Priority 4: Improving Equity

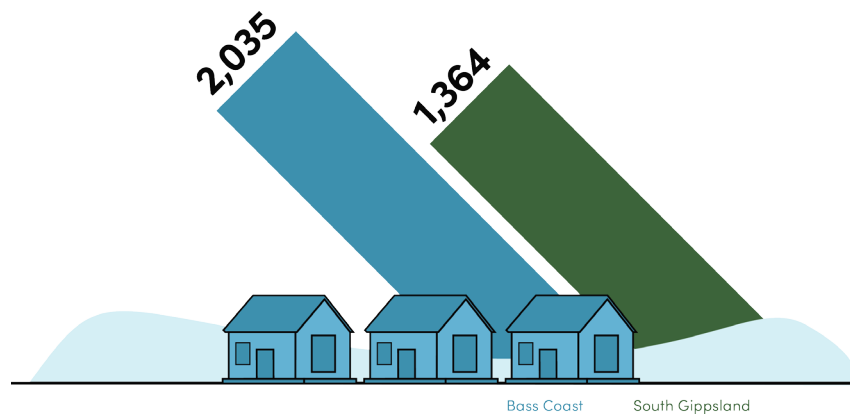
Focusing on improving access and inclusion and creating safe and respectful communities.

What the data says:

We have diverse communities.



South Coast has significantly higher rates of family violence than the rest of Victoria.



Police callouts per 100,000 population 2019/20

What our community said

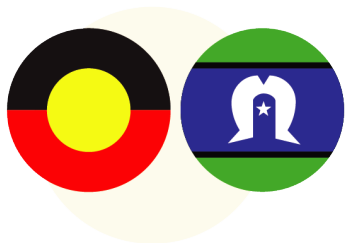
“More community events, arts festivals, neighbour, volunteer celebrations to bring people together. Better local public transport - improving the bus network between towns so all residents can be active participants in the Shire. Increased community connections ... it would be wonderful to have more spaces for children and young people to spend their time. Building community centres or hubs so people and groups can gather and connect to each other but also services.”

“Good access to health facilities and improving which is welcome.”

“Establishing deeper connections to Aboriginal elders.”

“The natural environment and easy access to beautiful places to spend time in.”

“Bass Coast generally, its lifestyle opportunities and the ability to connect with the community.”



Outcomes

Outcome 4.1: Our community is connected to culture, community and services

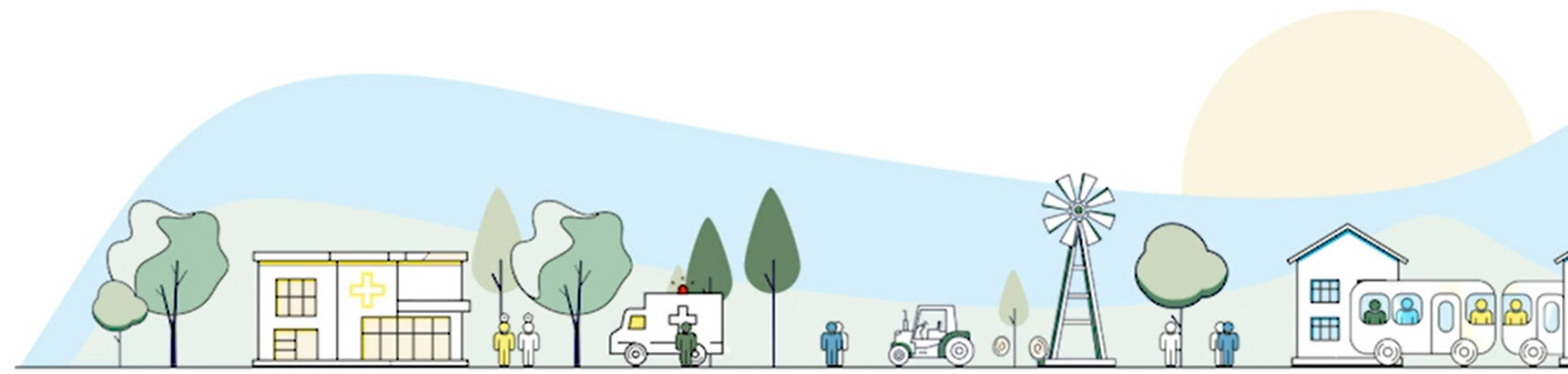
Area of Focus	Measure of Success	Ref
4.1.1 Increase connection to culture and communities	• Increase in attendance at organised groups.	31
	• Increased participation in varied cultural activities	32
4.1.2 Increase availability of local health and social services	• Increase in available health and social services.	33
4.1.3 Increase access to social support	• Increased support between community members and with support services	34
4.1.4 Increase systems supporting communities during climate emergencies	• Improved emergency management response and recovery systems.	35

Outcome 4.2: Our community is culturally safe, accessible and inclusive

Area of Focus	Measure of Success	Ref
4.2.1 Increase visibility of diversity in our communities	• Increased visibility of Aboriginal communities	36
	• Increased visibility of LGBTIQ+ community	
	• Increased visibility of CALD community	
4.2.2 Build strong relationships and create meaningful opportunities for our diverse communities	• Increase in meaningful opportunities for Aboriginal, LGBTIQ+ and CALD communities	37
	• Increased positive support and attitudes to diverse communities	
	• Increased commitment in organisations to Aboriginal, LGBTIQ+ and CALD communities	
4.2.3 Coordinated support for people with disabilities	• Disability Action Plans delivered	38
	• Disability training delivered in organisations and businesses	
	• Accessibility incorporated in all new built environments	

Outcome 4.3: Our community is respectful and free from family violence

Area of Focus	Measure of Success	Ref
4.3.1 Deliver a whole of community approach to family violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnership to prevent family violence continues. Respectful Relationships training delivered to all schools. Prevention activities delivered in partnership. 	39
4.3.2 Increase commitment to gender diversity in workplaces and organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in gender action plans in partner organisations. Gender equity audits undertaken and results acted upon. Increase in sporting clubs with gender equity plans. 	40
4.3.3 Reduce risk of family violence in climate emergencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family violence prevention resources included in community emergency response packs. Family violence bystander and response training available to emergency services and community groups. 	41



Measuring Success

How do we know we have made a difference?

Outcomes reflect the changes we wish to see as a result of working together on the identified priorities for a healthy community. Outcomes reflect long-term goals for all partners in the plan and do not relate only to Council or health service actions.

Measures of success were developed by matching outcomes with the data sources available.

Measuring outcomes relies on having appropriate benchmarks where health partners can track progress towards positive change to the health and wellbeing of the community. Data will be gained from State, Federal and local sources to help monitor progress in the areas of focus.

Some measures of success can be gained annually while others are only accessible every three or four years. The annual measures of success listed in this strategic-level plan may be supported by more detailed measures outlined in the action plan.

Our Story – The Community Health and Wellbeing Profile for South Coast will be updated regularly with the release of updated data and will assist in measuring success of the plan.

Next Steps – Action Plan

Action plans will be developed to identify specific work of the health and wellbeing partners. An annual review will take place with priorities and focus areas assessed against emerging issues for a future Healthy Communities Plan.

Measures

1.1.1 Increase healthy eating

¹ [Victorian Population Health Survey 2017](#)

² Local Measure

³ [Victorian Population Health Survey 2017](#)

1.1.2 Support locally grown fresh, affordable food and reduction of food waste

⁴ Local data for each measure

1.1.3 Increase active living

⁵ [Victorian Population Health Survey 2017](#)

⁶ [Victorian Population Health Survey 2017](#)

1.1.4 Support community access to the natural and built environment for recreation and active transport

⁷ Local data for each measure

1.2.1 Reduce smoking

⁸ [Victorian Population Health Survey 2017](#)

⁹ [About You Survey 2018](#)

¹⁰ [Australian Institutes of Health and Welfare: Australia's Mothers and Babies](#)

1.2.2 Reduce harmful alcohol and drug use

¹¹ [Victorian Population Health Survey 2017](#)

¹² [AOD Stats – Victorian Drug and Alcohol Stats \(Ambulance Attendances\)](#) and [AOD Stats – Victorian Drug and Alcohol Stats \(Hospital Admissions\)](#)

¹³ [Victorian Population Health Survey 2017](#)

1.2.3 Reduce gambling harm

¹⁴ Local data for each measure

1.2.4 Increase immunisation

¹⁵ [Australian Government Department of Health](#)

¹⁶ Local data

2.1.1 Promote good mental health and wellbeing

¹⁷ [Victorian Population Health Survey 2017](#)

¹⁸ [About You Survey 2018](#)

¹⁹ [About You Survey 2018](#)

2.1.2 Community members valued and connected

²⁰ [Vic Health Inner Gippsland Data 2015](#)

²¹ Local data

2.1.3 Decrease incidence of suicide

²² Local data for each measure

2.2.1 Support community to be resilient and recover from climate emergencies

²³ Local data for each measure

2.2.2 Support conversations and awareness of climate change within the community

²⁴ Local data

3.1.1 Increase in affordable housing

²⁵ Local data

²⁶ [Bass Coast Shire Social Atlas](#), [South Gippsland Shire Social Atlas](#) and [ABS Census of Population and Housing 2016](#)

²⁷ [Bass Coast Shire Social Atlas](#), [South Gippsland Shire Social Atlas](#) and [ABS Census of Population and Housing 2016](#)

3.1.2 Decrease homelessness

²⁸ [Bass Coast Shire Social Atlas](#), [South Gippsland Shire Social Atlas](#) and [ABS Census of Population and Housing 2016](#)

3.1.3 Advocate for crisis accommodation

²⁹ Local data for each measure

3.2.1 Support use of sustainable products and processes in built environments

³⁰ Local data for each measure

4.1.1 Increase connection to culture and communities

³¹ [Victorian Population Health Survey 2017](#)

³² [Victorian Population Health Survey 2017](#)

4.1.2 Increase availability of local health and social services

³³ Local data – South Coast service providers

³⁴ [Victorian Population Health Survey 2017](#)

4.1.3 Increase systems supporting communities during climate emergencies

³⁵ Local data for each measure

4.2.1 Increase visibility of diversity in our communities

³⁶ Local data for each measure

4.2.2 Build strong relationships and create meaningful opportunities for our diverse communities

³⁷ Local data for each measure

4.2.3 Coordinated support for people with disabilities

³⁸ Local data for each measure

4.3.1 Deliver a whole of community approach to family violence

³⁹ Local data for each measure

4.3.2 Increase commitment to gender diversity in workplaces and organisations

⁴⁰ Local data for each measure

4.3.3 Reduce risk of family violence in climate emergencies

⁴¹ Local data for each measure