

Draft Council Plan 2021-2025

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How the Draft Council Plan 2021-2025 is structured

The draft Council Plan 2021-2025 is structured around **four themes** aligned to the draft Community Vision – Nillumbik 2040. The **four themes** are:

- **Community and connection**
- **Place and space**
- **Sustainable and resilient**
- **Responsible and accountable.**

Each theme then has its own:

- **Objective**
- **Strategies** which are dot points listed under subheadings relevant to the theme
- **Strategic indicators** which are measurements (eg Annual Council Survey, Victorian Population Health Survey, Local Government Performance Reporting Framework) that Council will be using to monitor the achievement of the strategies
- List of Council’s existing **supporting strategies, policies and plans**
- Table listing which of Council’s **aligned services** (eg libraries and community education, maternal and child health, strategic planning) relate to the theme.

Some key points for your consideration when providing feedback on the Draft Council Plan 2021-2025

Recommended feedback on overall document:

- The *Council Plan 2021-2025* needs to make an explicit link back to the *Community Vision – Nillumbik 2040* (by inclusion of the concise vision summary statement).
- All existing supporting strategies, policies and plans need to be reviewed to reflect the values and direction established in the *Community Vision – Nillumbik 2040*, the *Council Plan 2021-2025*, the *Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025* and the *Financial Plan 2021-2025*. Nillumbik is a Green Wedge conservation Shire and this needs to be evident in all Council documentation. These may include the Open Space Strategy; Access, Equity and Inclusion Policy; Biodiversity Strategy; Integrated Water Management Plan; Bushfire Mitigation Strategy; Recreation and Leisure Strategy; Integrated Transport Statement and Strategy; Advocacy Plan; Climate Action Plan.
- The *Council Plan 2021-2025* needs to include priority actions against each strategy that take significant steps towards the *Community Vision* and each theme’s objective, and that Council will implement these priority actions during the four years of the plan as per our neighbours Banyule and Yarra Ranges’ Draft Council Plans 2021-2025, rather than as part of a later *Annual Action Plan* devised by Council only (contrary to Council’s commitment to community consultation). Furthermore, the resources needed to implement these priority actions should be reflected in the financial plan which is a requirement of the Local Government Act 2020.

Proposed priority actions to be added to the *Council Plan 2021-2025* (arranged by theme, strategy subheading and strategy dot point as per the draft *Council Plan 2021-2025*):

Theme	Strategy subheading	Strategy dot point	Proposed priority action
Community and connection	Equity and inclusion	We champion equity, diversity, access and inclusion for people of all abilities, ages, cultural identities, gender identities, geographic locations, religions, sexualities, and socio-economic backgrounds	<i>Establish and resource a Wurundjeri-Woiwurrung advisory group (to strengthen relationships and advise Council on strategic cultural heritage matters).</i>
Place and space	Identity	We value and admire our Green Wedge Shire, including our rural areas and leafy urban areas, which we work hard to protect and enhance	<i>Review all Council strategies, policies and plans to ensure they reflect the Community Vision – Nillumbik 2040 and Nillumbik Shire Council as a “conservation council” for the Green Wedge Shire. These may include the Open Space Strategy; Access, Equity and Inclusion Policy; Biodiversity Strategy; Integrated Water Management Plan; Bushfire Mitigation Strategy; Recreation and Leisure Strategy; Integrated Transport Statement and Strategy; Advocacy Plan; Climate Action Plan.</i>
Place and space	Identity	We value and admire our Green Wedge Shire, including our rural areas and leafy urban areas, which we work hard to protect and enhance	<i>Advocate for the protection, enhancement and stewardship of our natural environment for the long term.</i>
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Place and space	Identity	We value and admire our Green Wedge Shire, including our rural areas and leafy urban areas, which we work hard to protect and enhance	<i>Identify new areas that should be covered by Environmental Significance Overlays and Significant Landscape Overlays to support the Community Vision – Nillumbik 2040 and Nillumbik Shire Council as a “conservation council” for the Green Wedge Shire.</i>
Place and space	Identity	We value and admire our Green Wedge Shire, including our rural areas and leafy urban areas, which we work hard to protect and enhance	<i>Protect and reinvigorate tree canopy and understory throughout the Shire.</i>
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Place and space	Neighbourhood character	We promote place making and shaping and advocate for the continuation and enhancement of local character	<i>Create a Bend of Islands Environmental Living Plan, a Research Township Plan and a North Warrandyte Township Plan in consultation with these communities and reflecting the Community Vision – Nillumbik 2040 and Nillumbik Shire Council as a “conservation council” for the Green Wedge Shire.</i>
Place and space	Open spaces	We are committed to protecting and enhancing the environmental integrity of our community’s unique surroundings, natural environment and diverse wildlife	<i>Create a Shire-wide wildlife protection plan.</i>
Sustainable and resilient	Climate action	We take decisive action on climate change	<i>Implement the Climate Action Plan consistent with IPCC recommendations recognising the interconnectedness of community health and wellbeing with environmental health and wellbeing.</i>
Sustainable and resilient	Climate action	We work with our community, Traditional Owners, partners and all levels of government to develop clear and effective initiatives to address both climate change adaptation and mitigation	<i>Ensure all Council infrastructure and operations reflect environmental best practice in line with the Community Vision – Nillumbik 2040 and Nillumbik Shire Council as a “conservation council” for the Green Wedge Shire.</i>
Sustainable and resilient	Sustainability	We develop clear and effective initiatives designed to reduce the impact of waste and materials from procurement to disposal	<i>Create a waste plan that includes technical notes to specify materials and other products to minimise environmental impact. The waste plan should apply to internal workings of Council AND community education and action.</i>
Sustainable and resilient	Sustainability	We explore innovative techniques to enhance food systems within Nillumbik and improve their resilience in response to climate change	<i>Where Council will explore innovative techniques to enhance food systems within Nillumbik, ensure these are regenerative processes which protect biodiversity.</i>
Responsible and accountable	Risk management	We continue to meet Council’s responsibilities for emergency management by working with the community and partner agencies, especially in relation to bushfire	<i>Ensure the Bushfire Mitigation Strategy prioritises the principle that managing fire in the landscape is about caring for the land and all the life forms it supports, including, but not limited to, people.</i>
Responsible and accountable	Risk management	We seek to enhance community safety, public health, amenity and the environment through improved planning and community engagement, prioritising fair and transparent approaches to managing compliance and enforcement	<i>Ensure adherence to Council strategies, policies and plans within Council and community.</i>