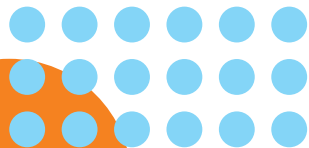
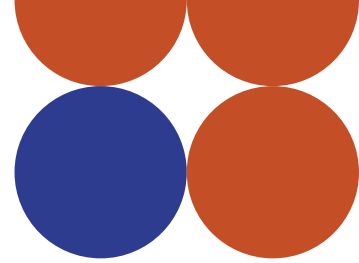


Community Wellbeing Strategy

Connected Communities
Action Plan 2023 - 2026



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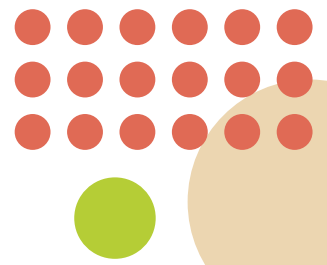
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Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the Jinibara, Kabi Kabi and Turrbal Peoples as the Traditional Custodians of the land, seas, skies and waterways of the Moreton Bay Region, and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging. We recognise that the Moreton Bay Region has always been a place of cultural, spiritual, social and economic significance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

We are committed to working in partnership with Traditional Custodians and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to shape a shared future that celebrates Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures, and contributions as an irreplaceable foundation of our region’s collective identity.



About the Action Plan

This three-year Action Plan supports the Connected Communities outcome in the Community Wellbeing Strategy 2042. It is one of four outcomes that work together to achieve Our Vibrant Communities goal.

The actions in this plan are intended to drive meaningful impact and change, and promote inclusion across our communities.

Our inclusion focus

Our communities have been explicit about wanting to all residents to be able to access and enjoy our region's many benefits, and pursue their own wellbeing to the greatest extent possible.

We know that social and physical barriers can limit or prevent some community members fully engaging in our communities. In recognition of this we have committed to being more inclusive and growing participation amongst all people, particularly those from under-engaged and/or under-represented groups in our communities, including:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples
- CALD peoples
- People with disability
- People who identify as LGBTQIA+
- Women and girls
- Young people
- Older people.



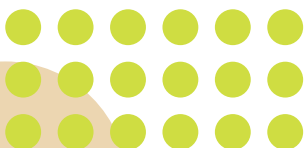
Our approach aims to improve inclusion in the following ways:

- Increase participation
- Increase visible representation
- Build cultural capability and address bias
- Provide inclusive and accessible information
- Address affordability of facilities and services
- Support community connection through social, and digital and physical infrastructure
- Enhance safety and improve perceptions of safety in public places
- Deliver welcoming and accessible places, spaces and services.

Monitoring our success

Our progress towards the Community Wellbeing Strategy's achievements will be monitored and reported through Council's Annual Report. This will include progress against our measures of success and targets. These reports will be shared with our communities to ensure transparency and accountability.

We will review our progress at the end of the three-year implementation period, and release a new Action Plan to ensure the strategy's successful progression.



Connected Communities

Communities that are respectful, inclusive and engaged, that value diversity and sustain connections to people and places.

Our region is diverse - from the distinct character of our suburbs and villages to our natural landscapes and our cultural backgrounds and identities. Together, our communities embrace what our region has to offer and want to make it a better place for all.

Underpinning our community engagement was the idea that connection to people and places builds the resilience and confidence of all people. We can collectively improve our own wellbeing and that of future generations by building our connection to each other through events, technology, activities, or to places with special cultural significance.

Our communities told us that neighbourhoods designed for physical and social connection were important, highlighting the critical need for safe and convenient active and public transport infrastructure, green spaces and playgrounds.

This strategy focuses on supporting social connection and creating public places where everyone feels welcome, while our Growth Management and Integrated Transport Strategies prioritise neighbourhood design and infrastructure networks to create complete and connected communities.

Strategic priorities

This Action Plan supports the following strategic priorities identified by the Community Wellbeing Strategy:

1. Increase community understanding and recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, histories, knowledge, and connections to Country.
2. Build the capacity of local leaders and service organisations to connect with residents and respond to their needs.
3. Provide accessible facilities and public spaces that enhance participation in community life.
4. Recognise and foster diversity in our communities to enhance their sense of belonging and connections between people and places.
5. Respond to the needs of different communities through local initiatives that enhance inclusion and equity.
6. Provide opportunities for residents to engage in lifelong learning opportunities in the ongoing pursuit of knowledge and life skills.

Strategic priority 1

Increase community understanding and recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures, histories, knowledge, and connections to Country.	
ACTIONS	COUNCIL ROLE
1. Develop and implement an engagement framework to work with Traditional Custodians on identified Council projects.	Deliver
2. Investigate opportunities to incorporate representations of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures in identified Council facilities.	Deliver
3. Work with community organisations to build their cultural understanding and engagement capability with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.	Facilitate

Strategic priority 2

Build the capacity of local leaders and community organisations to connect with residents and respond to their needs.	
ACTIONS	COUNCIL ROLE
1. Develop and implement a capacity building program that assists health, sport and recreation providers to make their services more inclusive and affordable for historically under-represented groups.	Deliver
2. Support local sporting organisations to access disability inclusion training through Disability Sports Australia.	Facilitate
3. Undertake a review of the Community Grants Program to align priorities with Council's Community Wellbeing Strategy and respond to social trends and challenges.	Deliver



Strategic priority 3

Provide accessible facilities and public spaces that enhance participation in community life.	
ACTIONS	COUNCIL ROLE
1. Identify locations for potential Changing Places amenities for people with high support needs in Council owned facilities across the region.	Deliver
2. Provide a centralised community hall booking platform to community members for all Council halls, to improve accessibility and levels of service.	Deliver
3. Support community hall managers to develop and implement Hall Activation Plans.	Partner
4. Explore opportunities to work with local schools, TAFEs and universities to use available facilities, including sporting infrastructure, for community purposes.	Partner



Strategic priority 4

Recognise and foster diversity in our communities to enhance their sense of belonging and connections between people and places.	
ACTIONS	COUNCIL ROLE
<p>1. Support communities to develop and lead initiatives that enhance social inclusion and connection, with an initial investigation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcoming Cities Network membership • Expanded Neighbour Day initiatives. 	Partner
<p>2. Support the creation and expansion of community-led cultural festivals and inclusive events.</p>	Partner
<p>3. Develop a Cemeteries Plan that considers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith and cultural variances • Future cemetery locations and management arrangements • The identification and registration of grave sites that have identified local heritage significance • The importance of cemeteries in cultural and community practices. 	Deliver



Strategic priority 5

Respond to the needs of different communities through local initiatives that enhance inclusion and equity.	
ACTIONS	COUNCIL ROLE
1. Improve access to grants and the management of grant-funded projects through tailored education, training and support initiatives.	Deliver
2. Complete a social needs and infrastructure assessment to identify initiatives that can deliver positive social outcomes for the future Waraba (Caboolture West) community.	Partner
3. Review the Bribie Island Young People's Project Pilot to understand outcomes, benefits, and challenges.	Deliver

Strategic priority 6

Provide opportunities for residents to engage in lifelong learning opportunities in the ongoing pursuit of knowledge and life skills.	
ACTIONS	COUNCIL ROLE
1. Provide targeted support through the Connected Communities program to CALD communities and people with disability to participate as community leaders.	Facilitate
2. Enhance programming across galleries, museums, and libraries that engages children in education and literacy.	Deliver

