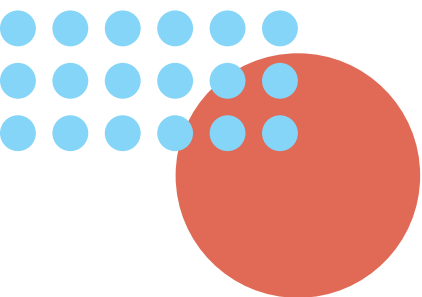




Community Wellbeing Strategy

Safe and Resilient Communities
Action Plan 2023 - 2026



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2018 NAIDOC Week celebrations.

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 Safe and Resilient 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 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
- Build cultural capability and address bias
- Provide inclusive and accessible information
- Address affordability of facilities and services
- Support community connection through social, 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.



Safe and Resilient Communities

Our communities are safe and resilient so that in times of adversity our people and places are supported.

Our communities highlighted that feeling safe and secure in homes and neighbourhoods is fundamental to wellbeing. This includes:

- Physical safety in public areas such as streets, train stations and parks
- Personal safety in their homes
- Feeling safe and prepared for natural disasters.

Our communities have also been clear that their ability to adapt and thrive in times of change and adversity is important to their wellbeing and sense of security.

Perspectives and priorities about safety and resilience vary considerably depending on a person's lived experience. Safety and resilience for some people may be intertwined with concerns about security of housing, education, or employment options - while for others it may relate to physical accessibility and feelings of safety when using active transport routes.

We also know that a strong sense of identity, culture, and representation can improve a person's sense of safety. There is a need to ensure our residents' sense of belonging and connection to people and places across the region.

Strategic priorities

This Action Plan identifies key actions that will support the following strategic priorities identified by the Community Wellbeing Strategy:

- Build the capacity of residents, community organisations and businesses so they can be resilient to challenges, natural hazards, and change.
- Deliver initiatives that assist our communities to feel safe and respected in their homes and public spaces.
- Work with government, community services, and the private sector to support people experiencing housing insecurity and homelessness.
- Strengthen the ability of communities to find and access the public information they need to connect with services and participate in community activities.

Strategic priority 1

Build the capacity of residents, community organisations and businesses so they can be resilient to challenges, natural hazards, and change.	
ACTIONS	COUNCIL ROLE
1. Develop and deliver a Local Disaster Resilience Plan.	Partner
2. Undertake community education activities to improve community knowledge of their risks and preparedness and resilience in the face of natural hazards and change.	Deliver
3. Develop education and communication supports for Council lessees to prepare for, and respond to, natural hazards.	Partner
4. Update vulnerability mapping and undertake a disaster preparedness community survey.	Deliver
5. Update emergency management training for volunteers to be better informed about family and domestic violence situations they may witness during and following emergencies.	Deliver
6. Collaborate with businesses and community organisations to strengthen local food security initiatives.	Partner

Strategic priority 2

Deliver initiatives that assist our communities to feel safe and respected in their homes and public spaces.	
ACTIONS	COUNCIL ROLE
1. Investigate Council's potential roles in promoting gender equity to inform responses to domestic and family violence and abuse in the region.	Deliver
2. Implement the Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) to promote equity and enhance cultural safety for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in our communities.	Deliver
3. Undertake a Perceptions of Safety survey to inform how Council public spaces are designed and managed.	Deliver
4. Review and improve Council's processes for communicating with and supporting people experiencing homelessness in times of emergency or natural hazard events.	Deliver



Strategic priority 3

Work with government, community services and the private sector to support people experiencing housing insecurity and homelessness.	
ACTIONS	COUNCIL ROLE
1. Develop a Housing and Homelessness Action Plan to guide Council's response to homelessness and housing insecurity.	Deliver
2. Support initiatives that build the capacity of the community services sector to support people who are sleeping rough, and those at risk of homelessness.	Partner
3. Investigate partnerships to broker additional supply of crisis, temporary and long-term social and affordable housing.	Partner
4. Review and improve Council's processes for communicating with and supporting people experiencing homelessness in times of emergency or natural hazard events.	Deliver

Strategic priority 4

Strengthen the ability of communities to find and access the public information they need to connect with services and participate in community activities.	
ACTIONS	COUNCIL ROLE
1. Enhance design, accessibility, and distribution of information relating to community programs and services.	Deliver
2. Develop the Understanding Your Local Laws Community Education Plan to help communities understand how Council supports positive standards for safety and amenity in the region.	Educate

