



Shire of
Wongan-Ballidu

Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2026–2031



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land within the Shire, the Ballardong and Yued people of the Noongar nation, and pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging. The Shire recognises the integral role these community members play in our culture, diversity, history and future.



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MESSAGE FROM THE SHIRE PRESIDENT AND CEO



Cr Stuart Boekeman
Shire President

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu is pleased to present the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu Public Health Plan 2026 – 2031.

We know that rural and remote communities across Australia are facing increasing challenges, from access to services to changing population needs. The Shire recognises that supporting the health and wellbeing of our community is central to meeting these challenges, and that action is needed now.

This Plan represents a proactive and community-led approach to ensure Wongan-Ballidu remains a healthy, connected and resilient place to live.

Through regular review, Council will ensure the Plan remains responsive to emerging health challenges and changing community needs.



Sam Dolzadelli
Chief Executive Officer

Developing this Plan provided the Shire with a much greater understanding of local health and wellbeing challenges faced in our community. Through this, it has afforded the Shire a good opportunity to put in place priorities through the Plan, which will allow us to focus on what matters most in this space.

The Shire consulted with the community, including local health professionals, in the development of this Plan to ensure we captured all perspectives on such an important part of our daily lives. We are grateful to everyone who took the time to share their experiences, concerns and ideas.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 OVERVIEW

Wellbeing starts close to home, in our neighbourhoods, our environment and the way we support one another.

Good health underpins the strength and vitality of a community. It extends beyond the treatment of illness and injury to include the social, environmental and economic conditions that enable people to lead full, active and connected lives. The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu is committed to fostering an environment where the wellbeing of residents is supported at every stage of life.

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2026–2031 provides a five-year framework to guide coordinated action toward improving health outcomes across the district. The Plan sets out how the Shire will work collaboratively with government agencies, service providers, community groups and residents to address the key factors that influence health and wellbeing, including housing, employment, education, access to services, environmental quality, community safety and social connection.

Prepared in accordance with the *Public Health Act 2016 (WA)* and aligned with the *State Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025–2030*, the Plan meets legislative requirements while reflecting local priorities and aspirations. It places a strong emphasis on preventive approaches, early intervention, and health promotion through integrated planning, service delivery and partnerships.

The Plan has been informed by local health data, community engagement, and relevant health profiles, ensuring it responds to the specific needs and characteristics of the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu community. To remain effective and responsive, the Plan will be reviewed on a regular basis, allowing actions and priorities to adapt to emerging health issues and changing circumstances.

At its core, this Plan seeks to support a Shire of Wongan-Ballidu where people feel connected, supported and empowered to live healthy lives. Through inclusive communities, accessible services and a shared commitment to wellbeing, the Shire is working towards a healthier and more resilient future for all.



1.2 WHAT IS A PUBLIC HEALTH PLAN

A Public Health Plan is a strategic framework that sets out how the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu will work to protect, promote and support the health and wellbeing of its community. The Plan recognises that good health is shaped by more than medical care alone and takes a broad view of the social, environmental and economic factors that influence how people live, work and connect.

The Plan considers the conditions that contribute to healthy lives, including access to safe and appropriate housing, clean and well-maintained public spaces, healthy food options, opportunities for physical activity, positive mental wellbeing, and strong social connections. These factors are particularly important in a rural context, where distance, service access and an ageing population can influence community health outcomes.

Guided by the *Public Health Act 2016 (WA)*, the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu Public Health and Wellbeing Plan aims to:

Support and improve the overall health and wellbeing of residents.

Prevent illness and reduce avoidable injury and disability.

Promote healthy, safe and sustainable environments.

Strengthen collaboration between local government, community organisations, service providers and other levels of government.

Public health outcomes are influenced by a wide range of sectors beyond the health system alone. For this reason, this Plan integrates actions across areas such as land use planning, infrastructure, environmental management, community development and service delivery.

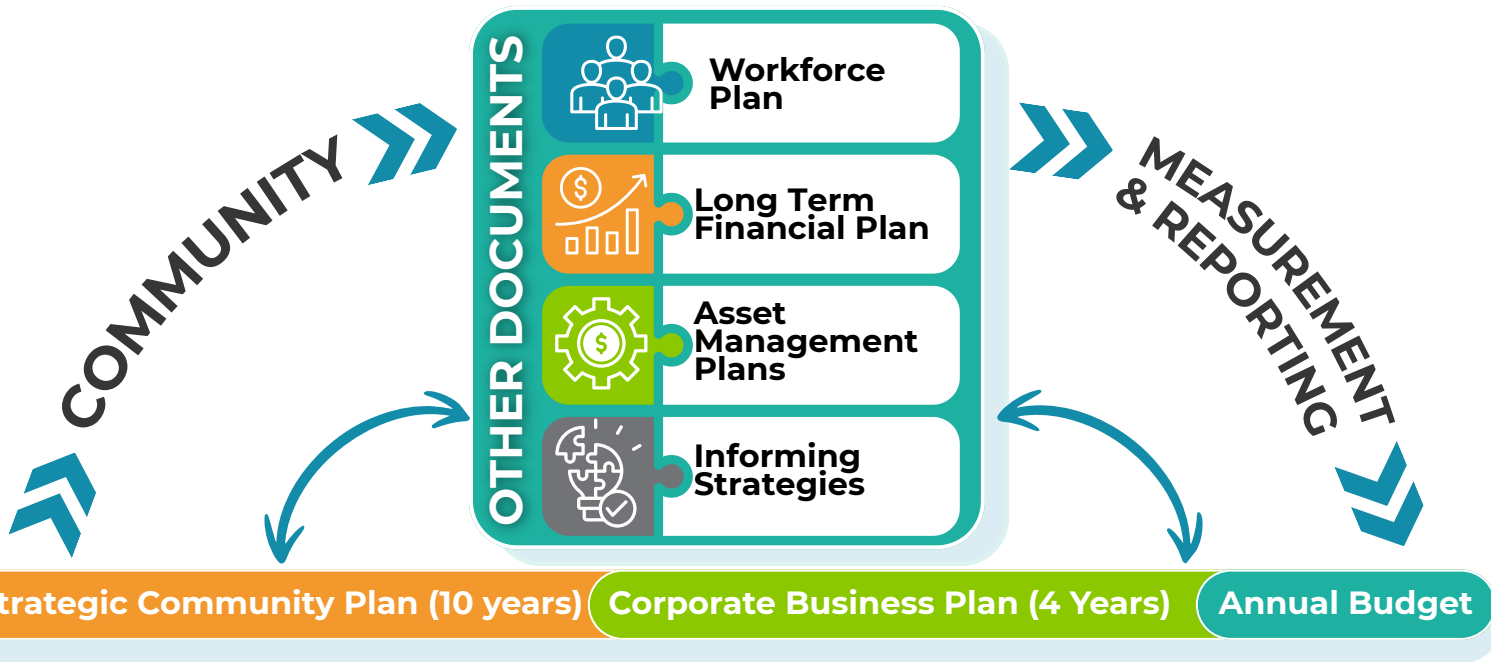
Ultimately, the Public Health and Wellbeing Plan provides a clear and practical roadmap to support a healthier, more inclusive and resilient Shire of Wongan-Ballidu, helping to improve quality of life for residents now and into the future.

1.3 INTEGRATED PLANNING AND REPORTING FRAMEWORK

The Public Health and Wellbeing Plan is a key informing document within the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu's Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework. It provides a strategic lens through which public health considerations are embedded across the Shire's planning, decision-making and service delivery functions.

The Plan supports and aligns with the Shire's core strategic documents, including:

- Strategic Community Plan 2026-2036
- Corporate Business Plan 2025-2029



1.4 HOW WE DEVELOPED THIS STRATEGY

The Public Health and Wellbeing Plan was developed through a collaborative process involving community consultation, health data analysis, and internal strategy alignment.



1.5 MONITORING AND REPORTING

The Public Health and Wellbeing Plan is designed as a living and adaptable document. Progress toward identified actions and targets will be monitored on an ongoing basis and reported annually through the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu's Annual Report, ensuring transparency and accountability to the community.

The Plan will be subject to annual minor reviews to track implementation, assess performance and respond to emerging issues. A comprehensive major review will be undertaken every five years, in line with legislative requirements and evolving community needs.

To support continuous improvement, the Shire will draw on a range of information sources, including community surveys, local health profile data and relevant public health indicators, to measure progress and refine priorities over time. This approach ensures the Plan remains responsive, evidence-based and aligned with the health and wellbeing aspirations of the Wongan-Ballidu community.

2. OUR COMMUNITY

2.1 A SNAPSHOT OF OUR COMMUNITY

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu is a rural local government area located in the central Wheatbelt of Western Australia, approximately 180 kilometres north-east of Perth. Centred on the town of Wongan Hills, the Shire covers a broad geographic area characterised by agricultural landscapes, natural bushland and close-knit communities.

Established in the early twentieth century, the Shire has a strong agricultural heritage and a long-standing sense of community identity. Residents value the Shire's open spaces, rural lifestyle and strong local networks, which play an important role in supporting health, wellbeing and social connection.

The Shire provides a range of community infrastructure and public spaces, including sporting facilities, recreation areas, community halls and shared open spaces that support active living and community participation. These assets, together with the surrounding natural environment, contribute to the physical and mental wellbeing of residents and help foster a connected and resilient rural community.

As a small and dispersed population, the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu faces unique challenges relating to access to services, ageing demographics and distance from major centres. This context makes local planning for health and wellbeing especially important, ensuring that community facilities, services and environments continue to support safe, healthy and inclusive living for residents now and into the future.





Population 1, 297
(ABS, 2021) of which
5.9% are Aboriginal or
Torres Strait Islander



1 Hospital
1 Medical Facility



184km to Perth



1 Airfield



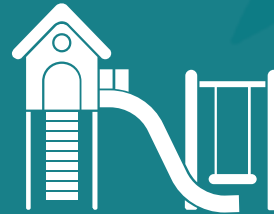
1 Primary School
(Cadoux)
1 District High School
(Wongan Hills)



1 Community Garden



5 Churches



6 Playgrounds



3 Parks



3 Golf Courses



76 Community Groups



7 Community Facilities

2.2 POPULATION SNAPSHOT

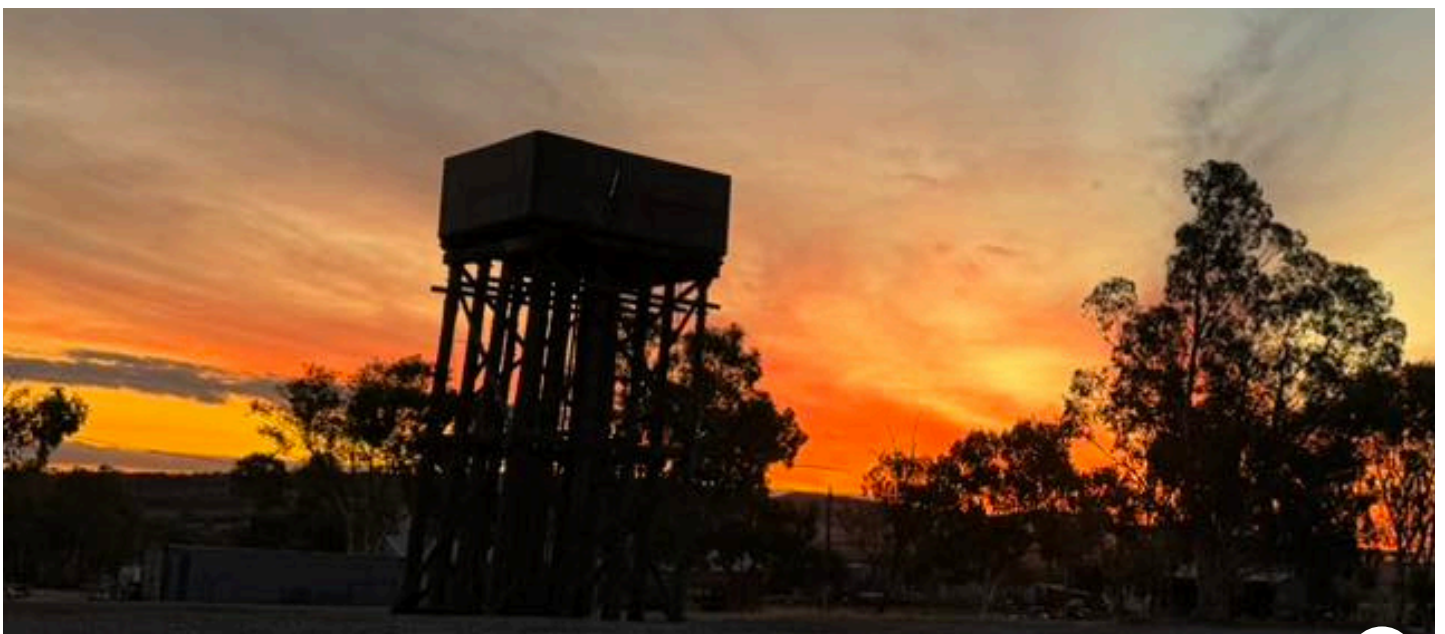
Data from the 2021 ABS Census highlights the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu as a small rural community with a strong sense of stability and local identity, shaped by agricultural livelihoods and long-term residency. Compared to metropolitan areas, the Shire has a more modest socioeconomic profile, with income levels and housing values reflecting its regional context. Home ownership is common, contributing to community continuity and a strong attachment to place.

The population of Wongan-Ballidu is generally older than the State average, with many residents choosing to remain in the community as they age. This pattern of ageing in place is supported by close social networks, but it also presents challenges related to access to healthcare, mobility, housing suitability and service availability. Single-person households are also a notable feature, particularly among older residents, reinforcing the importance of social connection and community support.

Housing in the Shire is predominantly low-density and detached, aligning with the rural lifestyle valued by residents. However, the census data indicates a need to plan for a greater diversity of housing options over time to support changing household structures, including older residents and smaller households.

While the overall population is characterised by resilience and strong community ties, there are residents who may experience disadvantage related to age, health, isolation, transport access or limited local services. These factors can create barriers to health and wellbeing and highlight the need for targeted, place-based initiatives that ensure equitable access to support.

With slow population growth and an increasing median age, future planning in the Shire of Wongan-Ballidu must balance maintaining services for long-term residents, with adapting to changing health and wellbeing needs. This population profile underscores the importance of flexible and forward-looking strategies that promote healthy ageing, social inclusion and quality of life for all members of the community.



2.3 DEMOGRAPHIC SNAPSHOT

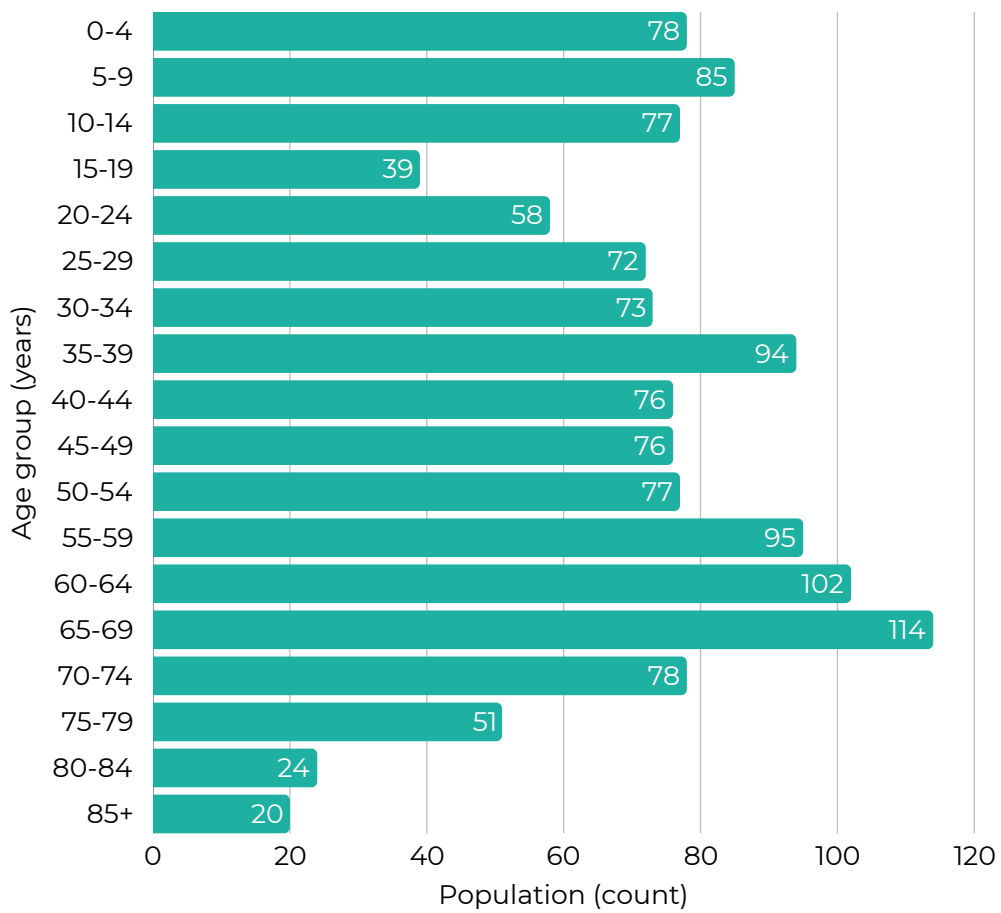


Male
53.7% of population



Female
46.3% of population

Shire of Wongan-Ballidu population by age group.



2.4 SOCIO-ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

The Shire of Wongan-Ballidu has a distinctive demographic and socio-economic profile that reflects both the strengths of a resilient rural community and the challenges common to regional areas. Understanding these characteristics is essential to identifying priorities for public health planning and ensuring that actions are targeted, equitable and responsive to local needs.

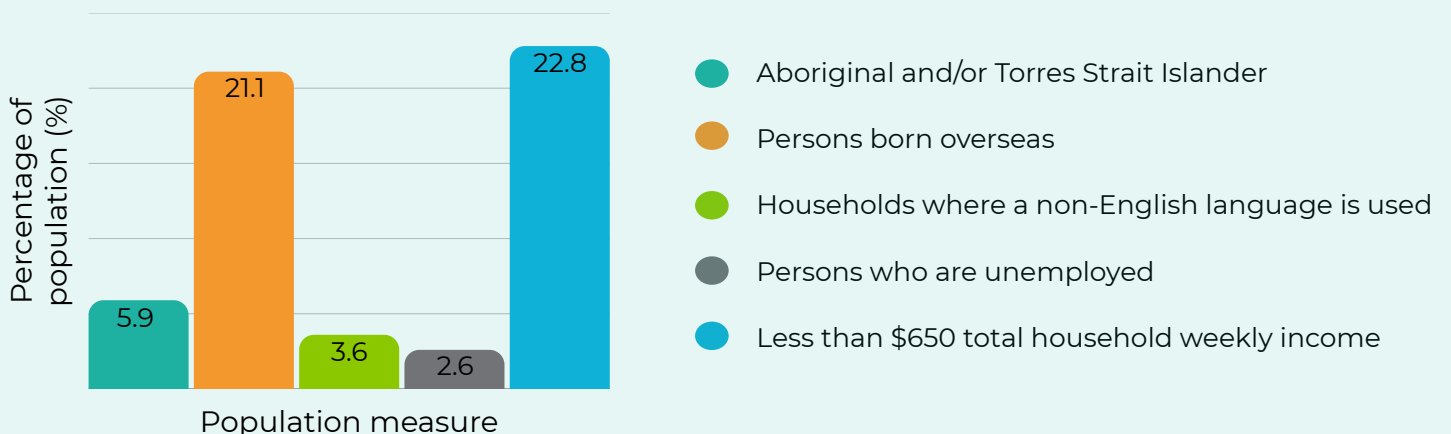
Compared with metropolitan areas, the Shire's socio-economic profile reflects its agricultural foundation and small, dispersed population. Home ownership rates are relatively high, contributing to long-term residency and community stability. Many residents have established strong social networks and a deep connection to place, which are important protective factors for health and wellbeing.

However, income levels and employment opportunities are generally more limited than in urban centres, and access to services can be constrained by distance and availability. Educational attainment and workforce participation vary across the community, influencing health literacy, economic security and access to opportunities. These factors can shape health outcomes over time, particularly for people experiencing isolation or disadvantage.

Aboriginal people make up a smaller proportion of the Shire's population compared to the State average, but it remains important that health and community services are culturally safe, inclusive and accessible to all residents. At the same time, certain groups, including older residents, single-person households, and those with limited access to transport or services, may face additional barriers to health and wellbeing. Overall, Wongan-Ballidu is a community with a strong foundation of social cohesion and resilience, yet with clear areas where targeted, place-based public health initiatives are needed. These include improving access to services, supporting healthy ageing, strengthening social connection, and ensuring that vulnerable residents are not left behind.

In summary, the Shire's socio-economic profile highlights the importance of flexible, locally tailored public health strategies. These insights will inform decision-making, service delivery and the allocation of resources, helping to build a future where all residents of Wongan-Ballidu have the opportunity to achieve and maintain good health and wellbeing.

SHIRE OF WONGAN-BALLIDU 2021 POPULATION MEASURES



2.5 HEALTH AND WELLBEING SNAPSHOT

Long-term health conditions such as cardiovascular disease, diabetes and obesity are strongly influenced by lifestyle-related factors that can be prevented or improved, including tobacco use, alcohol consumption, nutrition and levels of physical activity. Local governments have an important role in creating environments that make healthy choices easier. Through planning, placemaking, community programs and partnerships, councils can support active lifestyles, encourage healthier behaviours and contribute to reducing the long-term impact of preventable disease within their communities.

NUTRITION IN 2024

ADULTS AGED 16 YEARS AND OVER IN THE SHIRE OF WONGAN-BALLIDU



DAILY VEGETABLE INTAKE

8.1%

ate the recommended serves of daily vegetables.

This was higher than the state prevalence of 4.7%.



DAILY FRUIT INTAKE

35.3%

ate the recommended serves of daily fruit.

This was similar to the state prevalence of 33.4%.

CHILDREN AGED 2-15 YEARS IN THE SHIRE OF WONGAN-BALLIDU

DAILY VEGETABLE INTAKE



14.3% ate the recommended serves of daily vegetables.
This was higher than the state prevalence.

85.7% ate less than the recommended serves of daily vegetables.
This was lower than the state prevalence of 89.1%.

DAILY FRUIT INTAKE



72.8% ate the recommended serves of daily fruit.
This was lower than the state prevalence of 75.4%.

17.2% ate less than the recommended serves of daily fruit.
This was higher than the state prevalence.

SUGARY DRINK INTAKE



7.4% drank sugary/sweetened drinks or energy drinks more than twice per week.

This was similar to the state prevalence.

PHYSICAL INACTIVITY AND SEDENTARY BEHAVIOUR IN 2024



CHILDREN AGED 5-15 YEARS

62.4% did not complete the recommended amount of weekly physical activity.

This was similar to the state prevalence of 62.3%.

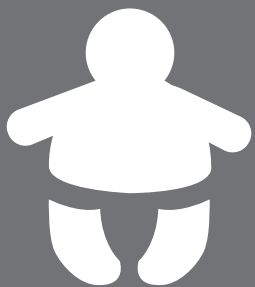


ADULTS 16 YEARS AND ABOVE

39.8% did not complete the recommended amount of weekly physical activity.

This was similar to the state prevalence of 39.1%.

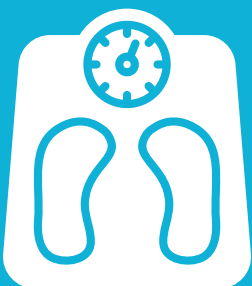
OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY IN 2024



CHILDREN AGED 5-15 YEARS

17.8% were estimated to be overweight.

This was higher than the state prevalence of 15%.



ADULTS 16 YEARS AND ABOVE

40.2% were estimated to be overweight.

This was higher than the state prevalence of 37.4%.

TOBACCO SMOKING IN 2024



ADULTS 18 YEARS AND ABOVE

17.7% smoked.

This was higher than the state prevalence of 13.5%.

4.6% vaped.

This was lower than the state prevalence of 7.9%.

ALCOHOL RELATED HARM IN 2023



ADULTS 16 YEARS AND ABOVE

38% drank alcohol at levels considered to be high risk for long-term harm.

This was higher than the state prevalence of 29.1%.



ADULTS 16 YEARS AND ABOVE

22.1%

were told by a doctor that they had a mental health condition in the past 12 months.

This was lower than the state prevalence of 25%.

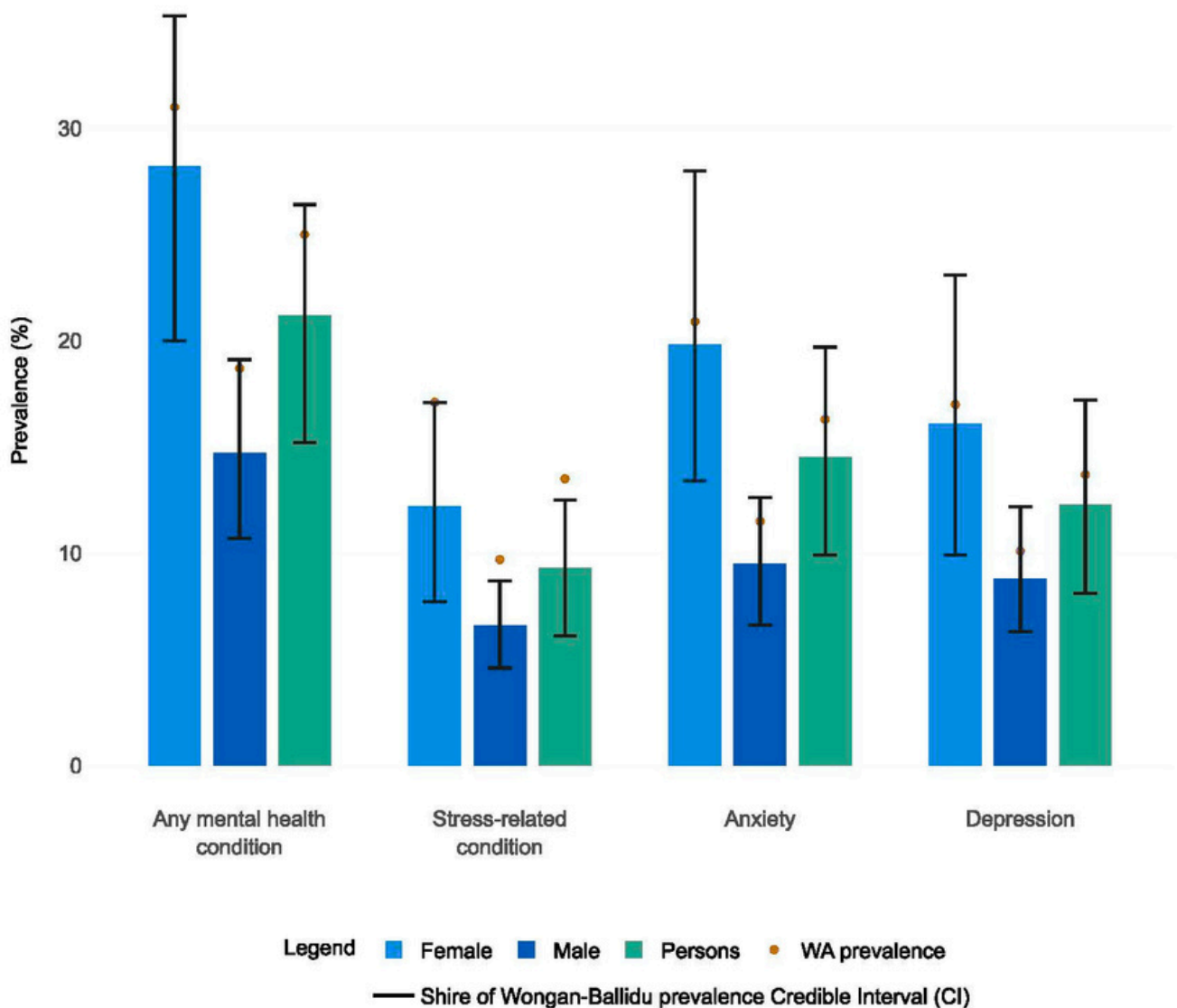


Figure 27. Prevalence (%) of mental health conditions (16 years and above) by sex, Shire of Wongan-Ballidu, 2024.

Source: WA Health and Wellbeing Surveillance System, Epidemiology Directorate, DOH WA.

Note: Prevalence estimates with RSEs between 25%–50% should be used with caution (marked with *). Estimates with RSEs above 50% are considered unreliable for general use and not published (n.p.).

3. KEY PUBLIC HEALTH THEMES

3.1 ALCOHOL

Alcohol-related hospital admissions in Wongan-Ballidu Shire indicate areas of concern, in both males and females whose rates are higher than the state average. Hospitalisation rates for males are broadly consistent with Western Australian levels; however, the estimated number of male deaths linked to alcohol consumption in 2021 was 20% above the state benchmark. These findings highlight the need for targeted local initiatives that promote low-risk drinking behaviours, early intervention, and harm-minimisation approaches tailored to the community.

3.2 ILLICIT DRUGS

Rates of drug-related harm in Wongan-Ballidu Shire highlight the need for ongoing prevention and support efforts. While drug-attributable death rates are broadly comparable to the Western Australian average, the presence of drug-related harm within the community reinforces the importance of sustained, coordinated action.

This underscores the value of continued collaboration with local service providers and state agencies to strengthen early intervention, education, and support initiatives aimed at reducing drug-related harm.

Key focus areas include:

Proactive identification and support:

Strengthen local networks with general practitioners, schools, and youth-focused services to help recognise early signs of drug-related risk and respond before issues escalate.

Improving community knowledge:

Deliver and support locally relevant information campaigns that build awareness of the impacts of illicit drug use, promote safer behaviours, and clearly outline where and how to seek assistance.

Enhancing access to services:

Work alongside mental health and alcohol and other drug (AOD) providers to improve the availability, coordination, and responsiveness of support services for residents of the Shire.

Supporting young people:

Invest in initiatives designed for young people that foster resilience, positive relationships, and practical skills for managing stress and wellbeing.

Clear pathways to help:

Raise awareness of trusted, confidential spaces and ensure residents understand how to access appropriate treatment and referral options when support is needed.

3.3 PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Local health and wellbeing surveys show that more than 40% of Wongan-Ballidu Shire residents spend a lot of time sitting, including using screens. More than half of residents also do not get the recommended 150 minutes of physical activity each week. These results show there is a need to support more active lifestyles by making it easier for people to move more, through better community planning, and access to sport and recreation activities.

3.4 SMOKING

In contrast to state trends, smoking rates in Wongan-Ballidu Shire remain higher than the Western Australian average. This highlights the ongoing need for targeted tobacco control and smoking cessation support within the community. At the same time, vaping rates in the Shire are lower than the state average, presenting a positive opportunity to focus prevention efforts on discouraging uptake, particularly among young people. Continued education, smoke-free public spaces, and access to cessation support remain important to reduce smoking-related harm over time.

3.5 NUTRITION

Overall Nutritional habits among residents require improvement.

Only 35.3% of adults reported eating the recommended serves of fruit each day

Only 8.1% residents reported meeting the daily recommended vegetable serves each day

An estimated 39.6% of residents of 16 years and above, reported being obese

13.9 of adults 16 years and above, drank sugary drinks more than twice a week

5.6% of residents aged 1-15 years, ate fast food more than twice a week



3.6 MENTAL HEALTH

To increase community awareness and reduce stigma around mental wellbeing, Wongan-Ballidu Shire supports visible and inclusive initiatives, including locally delivered health promotion campaigns. This includes maintaining partnerships with organisations such as Act Belong Commit, which encourage positive mental health, social connection, and help-seeking behaviours across the community.

Mental wellbeing continues to be a priority for the community.

9.3% reported general stress related concern

14.5% reported anxiety related concern

12.3% reported depression related concerns

3.7 INJURY PREVENTION

- 31% of residents above the age of 16 reported being injured and required treatment from a health professional.
- Hospitalisation due to accidental falls among residents of all ages occurred at a rate of 963.3 per 100,000 people, which is equivalent to approximately 0.96% of the population.
- Hospitalisations due to transport-related accidents among residents of all ages occurred at a rate of 494.2 per 100,000 people, which is equivalent to approximately 0.49% of the population.
- Hospitalisations due to accidental drowning, submersion or threats to breathing among residents of all ages occurred at a rate of 33.0 per 100,000 people, which is equivalent to approximately 0.03% of the population.

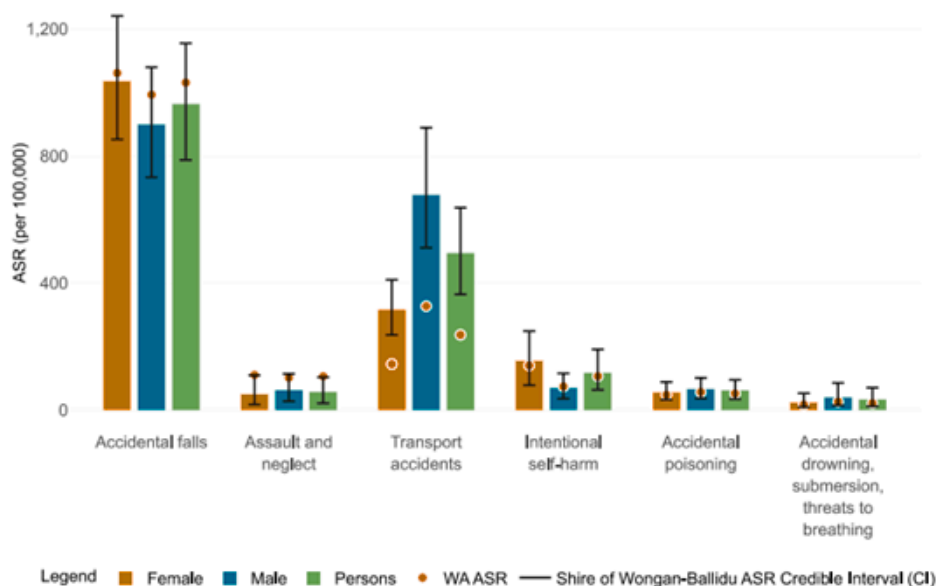


Figure 34. ASR (per 100,000) of injury-related hospitalisations (all ages) by sex, Shire of Wongan-Ballidu, 2024.

4. MORTALITY OVERVIEW

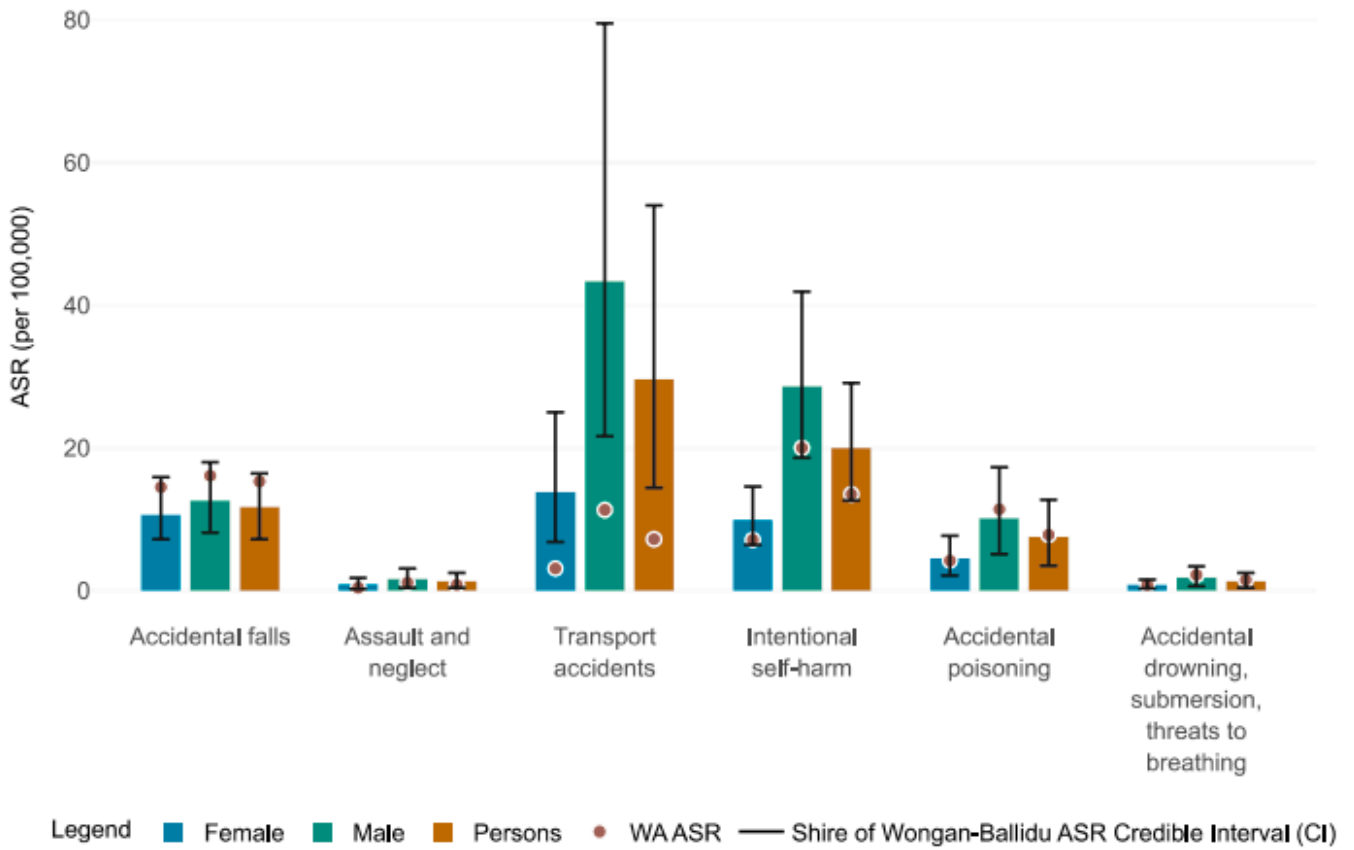


Figure 36. ASR (per 100,000) of injury-related deaths (all ages) by sex, Shire of Wongan-Ballidu, 2021.

5. IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change presents a growing risk to health and wellbeing in Wongan-Ballidu Shire. The Shire is particularly vulnerable to the impacts of increased temperatures, prolonged heatwaves, and changing rainfall patterns due to its rural location and agricultural economy. Extreme heat can increase the risk of heat stress, dehydration, and exacerbation of existing health conditions, especially among older residents and outdoor workers.

Changes in rainfall and more intense storm events may also affect water security, local food production, and infrastructure, while warmer conditions can contribute to the spread of pests, vector-borne diseases, and environmental hazards. These impacts are already being experienced to varying degrees and are expected to increase over time, reinforcing the importance of local planning, preparedness, and community resilience to climate-related health risks.



6. PUBLIC HEALTH ACTION PLAN

The Action Plan converts the key priorities outlined in the Public Health Plan into practical, organisation-wide actions. These actions are organised around the four pillars of the State Public Health Plan Promote, Prevent, Protect and Enable to maintain strong alignment with both State and Council objectives.

Aboriginal Health and Wellbeing, along with Equity and Inclusion, are embedded as cross-cutting priorities that underpin all pillars and activities. Specific actions have been identified to reinforce accountability and ensure these priorities are addressed in a clear and deliberate way.

The Action Plan builds on existing programs and services, while also highlighting opportunities to improve coordination, strengthen partnerships, and deliver targeted initiatives that enhance community health and wellbeing outcomes.

STATE OBJECTIVE 1- PROMOTE: FOSTER STRONG, CONNECTED COMMUNITIES

State Priority	Actions	Lead	Timeframe
1.1 Ensure that planning and development of natural and built environments consider and address public health risks.	Encourage the consideration of potential public health risks in land use planning and development processes, with the aim of recognising and addressing health impacts at an early stage where appropriate.	Regulatory Services	Ongoing
1.2 Optimise mental health and wellbeing.	Advocate for, and support improved access to mental health support and services, including consideration of opportunities to enhance availability and accessibility for those who need it.	Community and Customer Services	Ongoing
1.3 Improve health literacy by ensuring accessible and appropriate health information is effectively communicated.	Encourage the use of diverse communication approaches to help improve access to information across the community.	Community and Customer Services	Ongoing
	Identify opportunities to partner with other health agencies and groups to facilitate campaigns and local education sessions on various health and wellbeing topics.	Community and Customer Services	Ongoing

STATE OBJECTIVE 2- PREVENT: REDUCE THE BURDEN OF CHRONIC DISEASE, COMMUNICABLE DISEASE, AND INJURY

State Priority	Actions	Lead	Timeframe
2.1 Reduce use of tobacco, vapes, and related products.	Support education and initiatives to reduce smoking and vaping.	Community and Customer Services, Regulatory Services	Ongoing
	Promote smoke-free environments, including consideration of smoke-free public spaces and events to contribute to healthier community settings. Where applicable, ensure adequate signage is installed and maintained in these spaces.	Community and Customer Services, Regulatory Services	Ongoing
2.2 Encourage and support healthy eating and active living to halt the rise in obesity.	Encourage collaboration with schools, community groups and local clubs to support healthy lifestyle choices, including food and nutrition education.	Community and Customer Services, Regulatory Services	Ongoing
	Identify opportunities to partner with other health agencies and groups to facilitate campaigns and local education sessions on various health and wellbeing topics.	Community and Customer Services	Ongoing
	Support initiatives that improve access to affordable and nutritious food, including, but not limited to the community gardens.	Community and Customer Services, Regulatory Services	Ongoing
	Support initiatives that strengthen local food security.	Community and Customer Services, Regulatory Services	Ongoing

State Priority	Actions	Lead	Timeframe
	Facilitate events and activities at the Wongan Hills Swimming Pool to promote an active lifestyle.	Community and Customer Services, Pool Management	Ongoing
	Promotion of community recreational facilities to encourage exercise and a healthy lifestyle.	Community and Customer Services	Ongoing
	Ensure healthy food options are available at Shire coordinated community events where food is provided.	Community and Customer Services	Ongoing
2.3 Reduce harm due to alcohol use.	Encourage consideration of alcohol-free environments and options at community events and in public places.	Community and Customer Services, Regulatory Services	Ongoing
	Engage with local clubs, venues and event organisers to promote responsible consumption of alcohol and reduce alcohol-related harm.	Community and Customer Services, Regulatory Services	Ongoing
2.4 Prevent injuries and promote safer communities.	Encourage initiatives that promote safety awareness and injury prevention within the community.	Community and Customer Services, Regulatory Services	Ongoing
	Continue to deliver on footpath program to improve accessibility, safety and mobility across the Shire.	Works and Services	Ongoing
	Undertake inspections of public buildings, facilities and playgrounds to ensure compliance with safety standards.	Regulatory Services	Ongoing

State Priority	Actions	Lead	Timeframe
	Continue to maintain CCTV where already established in public places and where appropriate investigate the extension of this network based on risk.	Corporate Services, Regulatory Services	Ongoing
	Continue to promote road safety and deliver on road maintenance, renewal and upgrade programs and advocate to MRWA for speed and other regulatory signage improvements in areas of concern.	Community and Customer Services, Works and Services	Ongoing
	Facilitate Swim and Survive and other swimming lessons to increase safety in and around water.	Office of the CEO, Pool Management	Ongoing
2.5. Reduce harm due to illicit drug use, misuse of pharmaceuticals, and other drugs of concern.	Support education and behaviour change initiatives to reduce illicit drug use.	Community and Customer Services, Regulatory Services	Ongoing
	Encourage approaches that enhance awareness of and access to support services for individuals affected by illicit drug use.	Community and Customer Services	Ongoing

STATE PRIORITY 3- PROTECT: PROTECT AGAINST PUBLIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RISKS, EFFECTIVELY MANAGE EMERGENCIES, REDUCE IMPACTS OF DISASTER, AND LESSEN THE HEALTH IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE.

State Priority	Actions	Lead	Timeframe
3.1 Manage the effects of climate change on people's health and reduce the health system's environmental footprint.	Encourage approaches that take into account potential health impacts associated with climate-related risks.	Executive Management	Ongoing
	Investigate becoming a Waterwise Council.	Works and Services	27/28
	Develop a Water Management Plan.	Works and Services	27/28
	Ensure sun safety is promoted for outdoor activities and events.	Community and Customer Services	Ongoing
3.2 Prevent, monitor, and control notifiable infectious diseases.	Support approaches that promote hygiene and prevention to help minimise the spread of disease and illness in the community.	Executive Management	Ongoing
3.3 Provide sustainable disaster and emergency management across prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery phases.	Form partnerships that contribute to strengthening community readiness and responses to emergencies.	Office of the CEO	Ongoing
	Implement the Bushfire Risk Management Plan.	Corporate Services, BRMC	Ongoing

State Priority	Actions	Lead	Timeframe
	Review the Shire's Local Emergency Management Arrangements and Local Recovery Plan, and update as required.	Office of the CEO, Corporate Services, CESM	28/29
	Deliver education to the community on disaster risks	Office of the CEO, CESM	Ongoing
3.4 Enhance pandemic preparedness and response to emerging communicable disease threats.	Promote coordination with health authorities to support timely and effective responses to pandemics and emerging disease threats within the community.	Office of the CEO	Ongoing
3.5. Ensure access to safe food and water.	Promote compliance with environmental and food safety requirements to ensure that food handling and wastewater systems are managed in a way that protects community health.	Regulatory Services	Ongoing
	Ensure that recycled water source systems used for public spaces are managed in a way that protects community health.	Works and Services	Ongoing

STATE OBJECTIVE 4- ENABLE: BOLSTER PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEMS AND WORKFORCE AND LEVERAGE PARTNERSHIPS TO SUPPORT HEALTH AND WELLBEING

State Priority	Actions	Lead	Timeframe
4.1 Enhance population health data, collection, management, analysis, and reporting capability.	Recognise the role of data and information systems in supporting effective decision-making and planning.	Executive Management	Ongoing
	Use population health data, community feedback and key stakeholder consultation to monitor emerging health issues.	Executive Management	Ongoing
4.2 Foster research and innovation to improve our understanding of, and ability to address, public health issues.	Recognise the value of local research and partnerships in building understanding of environmental and climate influences on health.	Executive Management	Ongoing
4.3 Develop partnerships with key agencies and communities to enable the delivery of public health services.	Encourage collaboration with relevant stakeholders to help identify service gaps and improve access to local health services, and where possible, bridge the gap with community services and volunteers.	Office of the CEO, Community and Customer Services	Ongoing
4.4 Attract, develop, and retain a public health workforce for the future.	Encourage approaches that support essential workers to live within the community, including consideration of housing availability and affordability.	Office of the CEO	Ongoing
	Advocate with the relevant State Government departments and agencies for full utilisation of State-owned housing.	Office of the CEO	Ongoing

OVERARCHING OBJECTIVE: ABORIGINAL HEALTH & WELLBEING - IMPROVE THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OF ABORIGINAL PEOPLE IN WA THROUGH CULTURALLY SECURE SERVICES AND STRONG PARTNERSHIPS.

State Priority	Actions	Lead	Timeframe
5.1 Promote cultural determinants of health by supporting Aboriginal-led initiatives and ensuring culturally secure programs across services.	Encourage collaboration with Aboriginal businesses, organisations and community groups to support culturally informed programs that contribute to community wellbeing.	Office of the CEO, Community and Customer Services	Ongoing
5.2 Strengthen the cultural determinants of health for Aboriginal people in WA.	Recognise the importance of Aboriginal leadership and participation across employment and decision-making settings.	Executive Management	Ongoing
	Advocate, promote and facilitate initiatives that strengthen cultural awareness and foster meaningful partnerships with Aboriginal businesses, organisations and community groups.	Executive Management	Ongoing
	Host an annual NAIDOC Week Event.	Community and Customer Services	Ongoing

OVERARCHING OBJECTIVE: EQUITY & INCLUSION - IMPROVE ACCESS TO PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES AND OUTCOMES FOR ALL, REGARDLESS OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, OR GEOGRAPHIC FACTORS.

State Priority	Actions	Lead	Timeframe
6.1 Empower community groups who are at risk of greater inequities from the impact of social and environmental determinants of health to access health services.	Recognise the value of community-led approaches in addressing the needs of diverse and potentially vulnerable groups.	Community and Customer Services	Ongoing
	Promote access to disability and carer support services.	Community and Customer Services	Ongoing
	Support initiatives that strengthen connection and peer support for carers and people with disability.	Community and Customer Services	Ongoing
	Implement the Disability Access and Inclusion Plan.	Executive Management	Ongoing
	Advocate for more aged care beds at the WH Hospital and Lovegrove Lodge.	Office of the CEO	Ongoing
	Continue to support ageing in place (Staying in Place) Community and Customer Services Ongoing	Community and Customer Services	Ongoing



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