

PUBLIC HEALTH AND WELLBEING POLICY

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POLICY OBJECTIVES

To enhance the health, wellbeing and quality of life for the City of Melville community.

POLICY SCOPE

This Policy applies to Elected Members of Council, to all employees and to all consultants engaged by the City and influences all strategies, plans and activities developed or conducted by the City.

DEFINITIONS / ABBREVIATIONS USED IN POLICY

Nil.

POLICY STATEMENT

The City of Melville recognises that its legislative role in promoting public health and wellbeing is through urban planning, social and physical infrastructure, health protection initiatives, community programs and the creation of safe and healthy environments which promote and support community connectedness and help prevent a range of chronic diseases which positively influence the identified health and wellbeing needs of the community.

This Policy describes the City of Melville's commitment, vision and contribution for the current and future health and wellbeing of the community. It supports consultation with internal and external stakeholders and describes the processes and considerations necessary to develop and implement a Public Health and Wellbeing Plan.

The National Public Health Partnership in Australia 1998 described public health as *".....an organised response by society to protect and promote public health and to prevent illness, injury and disability. The starting point for identifying public health issues, problems and priorities, and for designing and implementing interventions, is the population as a whole, or population sub-groups"*.

This Policy has been developed and aligned with the Department of Health South Metropolitan Area, Health Service *guide to local public health plans* to ensure the alignment of local Public Health and Wellbeing Policy with national and state policies.



Relevant activities include:

- public health planning;
- health protection;
- health promotion;
- partnerships in health promotion; and
- best practice in public health.

The City of Melville aims to enhance the health, wellbeing and quality of life for the community through:

- Assessing, reviewing and responding to current and future public health and wellbeing needs, issues and emerging trends, based on best practice, sustainability and evidence based decision making processes.
- Determining key health priorities, gaps in health protection and goals to be reached to achieve health gains.
- Facilitating an integrated intersectoral approach to public health and wellbeing across the City.
- Developing collaborative partnerships with internal and external key stakeholders.
- Integrating public health and wellbeing into existing planning processes.
- Facilitating the vision for a healthy and sustainable community through greater community participation and development on health issues.
- Aligning with and providing strategic links and relationships with local, state and national strategic plans and policies that impact on health and wellbeing.

References that may be applicable to this Policy

Legislative Requirements:

Procedure, Process Maps, Work Instructions:

Other Plans, Frameworks, Documents Applicable to Policy:

Delegated Authority No:

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