



Shire of
Koorda

Drive in, stay awhile

Public Health Plan

2026 - 2031

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INTRODUCTION

The Shire of Koorda Public Health Plan 2026-2031 provides a clear and achievable road map for improving the health, wellbeing and quality of life for our community. Developed with input from local residents, this Plan builds on Koorda's strong community spirit and identifies practical actions to create a healthier, safer and more connected future.

Through investment in community wellbeing, active lifestyles, local services, environmental sustainability and strong partnerships, this Plan will help address key health challenges while supporting the qualities that make Koorda a unique place to live, work and raise a family.

I thank everyone who contributed to its development and look forward to seeing the positive outcomes that it delivers for our community.

Cr Jannah Stratford

Shire President June 2026

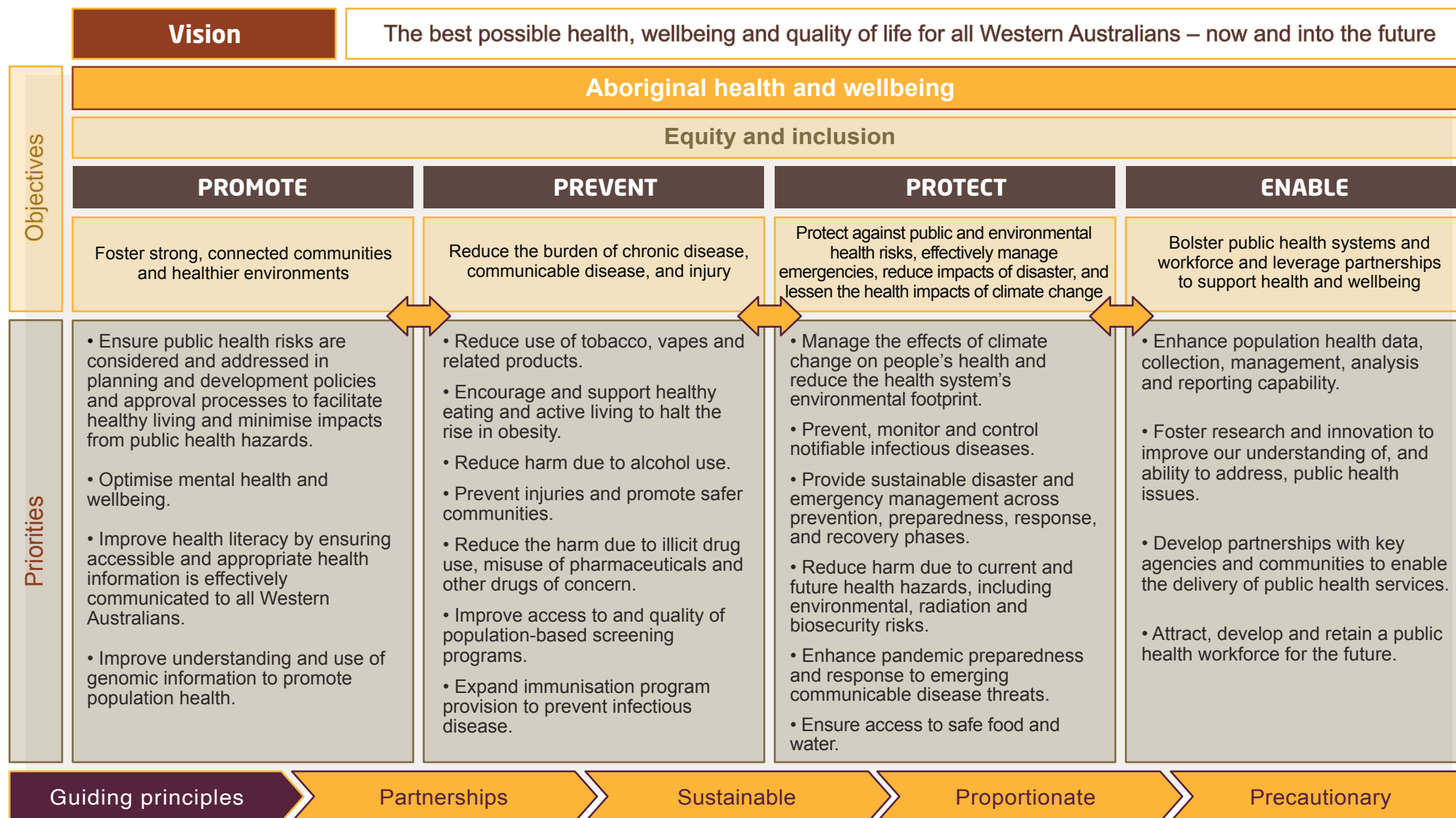
As presented in the following, the Koorda Public Health Plan is the culmination of a three-stage process which began with defining the underlying health status of the community, drawing from empirical information from various agencies, from which a survey was developed to capture local perceptions and priorities.

The combination of the agency data and community insights, along with reference to the objectives of the State Health Strategy, formed the basis from which Council established nine key actions at the centre of the Koorda Plan. Council aligned these actions with its newly considered Strategic Community Plan to ensure the Public Health Plan both fits with and can be measured as part of the Shire's overarching objectives to enhance the quality of life for the community.

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Shire CEO June 2026

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OUR CURRENT HEALTH ROLE

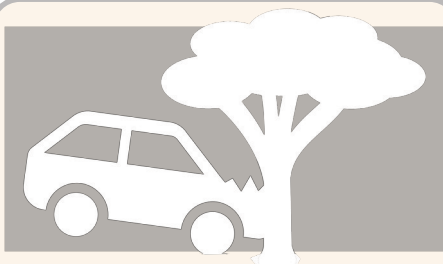
The Shire of Koorda provides a range of funding to support the health of our community:



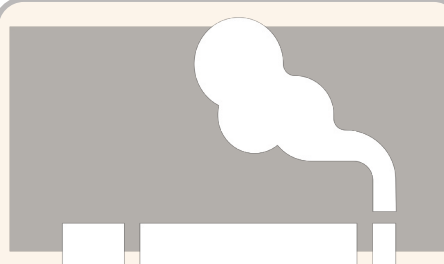
These are explained in more detail in the core business described here:

- Infrastructure and property services, including provision of local roads, footpaths, drainage, waste collection and management, and sewerage services
- Environmental Health Services to prevent and control environmental health hazards, emissions and communicable diseases (i.e., tobacco control, water and food safety, noise and air pollution and animal & mosquito control).
- Community care and welfare services.
- Cultural facilities and services, such as libraries, art galleries and places of historic importance and museums.
- Provision of recreation facilities, such as parks and sports fields, swimming pool, recreation centre and bowling club.
- Building services, planning and development control, including inspections, licensing, certification and enforcement.
- Administration of facilities, such as the cemetery, street parking, solid & liquid waste disposal sites.
- Local Government Health Law Enforcement, Ranger and Emergency Services.

SNAPSHOT OF THE HEALTH OF PEOPLE LIVING IN THE SHIRE OF KOORDA



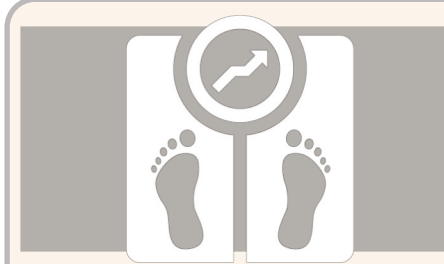
Accidental incidents for transport and self-harm higher than WA State average



Tobacco smoking attributable to levels of Lung Cancer higher than WA State average



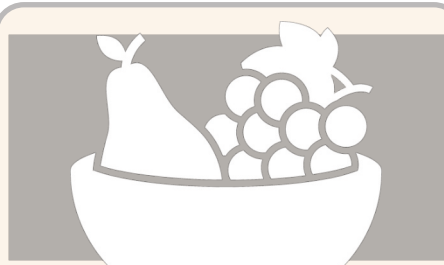
Alcohol intake, hospitalisations & death higher than WA State average



Incidence of Overweight & Obesity same as WA State average



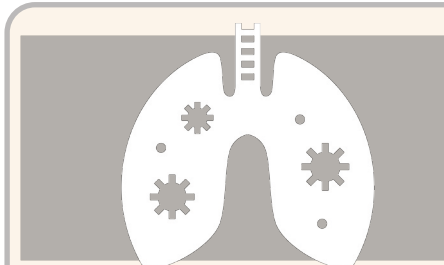
Accidental falls for male & females higher than WA State average



Daily fruit & vegetables consumption same as WA State average



Mental health (all indices) is better than WA State average



Incidence of Cancers - Lung, Prostate & Melanoma higher than WA State average

THE PEOPLE OF KOORDA SPEAK - RESULTS FROM THE SURVEY

AS THINGS ARE NOW

We think the four most serious health risks in our community are:

- Not enough dental & optical checks 78%
- Too much sugary or unhealthy food & drink 78%
- High blood pressure 67%
- Not enough exercise 63%

Our top three volunteering activities are:

- Public Events
- Community groups / services
- Tourism

We believe the four most serious mental & social health issues in our community are:

- Anger management 56%
- Stress 56%
- Alcoholism 56%
- Loneliness 56%

The three sport & recreation facilities we use the most are:

- Swimming Pool 78%
- Oval 63%
- Golf Club 56%

The words we used to describe what we like best about living in the Shire of Koorda:

quiet
the people
safe & trustworthy community
feeling safe
the environment
the bush
no-hassle lifestyle

CHANGE FOR THE FUTURE

Our top four programs to improve the health of our community are:

- Programs for seniors/aged people 89%
- Routine screening for health issues eg cervical cancer, prostate cancer 89%
- Community events for residents 89%
- Road Safety programs 88%

Our top four facilities or resources for good community health are:

- Safe roads 100%
- Local medical services 89%
- Aged care facilities 89%
- Parks and public open spaces 89%

Our top two initiatives which would encourage us to eat healthier food are:

- More healthy food options to takeaway 38%
- Healthy food options at sporting & community clubs & events 38%

Our top two programs or resources which would help us to be more physically active are:

- More pool opening hours 67%
- Public exercise equipment that is free to use 44%

I know where to get help when I need it (44%)

I feel like my life has a sense of purpose (67%)

There is strong community spirit in our Shire (33%)

I am proud of the community where I live (89%)

I feel the Shire cares about our welfare (38%)

I feel like I belong in my local community (44%)

I enjoy interacting with my neighbours (78%)

THE INTEGRATED STRATEGIC PLAN

Incorporating the Strategic Community Plan 2022 - 2032 & the Corporate Business Plan 2022 - 2025

Our Vision

To build a vibrant and sustainable community with shared social values, in which we can live and work in harmony with our environment.

Our Values

We will conduct business and gain reputation for:

- Being a community that is friendly, approachable, fair minded and responsive
- Being good stewards of our environment and heritage
- Having a strong sense of and identification with our community
- Acting with honesty and integrity

Our Strategic Priorities

- **Our Community**
- **Our Economy**
- **Our Environment**
- **Our Organisation**

PUBLIC HEALTH PLAN - PRIORITIES

The Shire of Koorda supports the wider health and wellbeing outcomes of the Koorda Community by supporting and strengthening public health objectives, being:

PROMOTE

Foster strong, connected communities and healthier environments.

PREVENT

Reduce the burden of chronic disease, communicable disease, and injury.

PROTECT

Protect against public and environmental health risks, effectively manage emergencies, reduce impacts of disaster, and lessen the health impacts of climate change.

ENABLE

Bolster public health systems and workforce and leverage partnerships to support health and wellbeing.

PUBLIC HEALTH PLAN - ACTIONS

PROMOTE	PREVENT	PROTECT	ENABLE
Foster strong connected communities and healthier environments	Reduce the burden of chronic disease, communicable disease and injury	Protect against public and environmental health risks, manage emergencies, reduce impacts of disaster, and lessen the health impacts of climate change	Bolster public systems and workforce and leverage partnerships to support health and well being
Maintain attractive, clean, resilient public spaces to encourage active lifestyles	Increase participation in community events and organisations across all age groups to support mental health	Deliver infrastructure and services efficiently to maximise projects to benefit community well being	Support local business and attract investment to enhance community connection
Protect biodiversity and natural resources to maintain healthy environments	Improve safety, accessibility, and recreation infrastructure to reduce risk of fall injuries	Improve sustainability practices and awareness to protect against waste and climate impacts	Strengthen partnerships and innovation to deliver community services with health benefits
Support population growth and housing to reduce incidents of loneliness	Support youth, volunteers, and community groups through healthy living initiatives	Strengthen workforce and local employment opportunities to build volunteer emergency response capacity	Build workforce capacity and skills to create sense of belonging and purpose

