

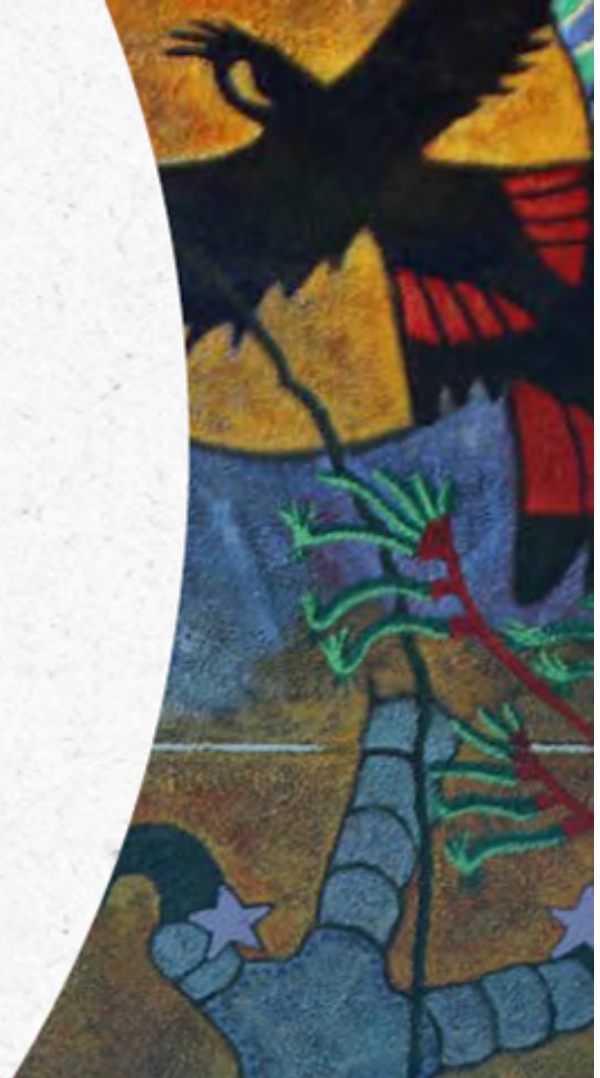


District
Leadership
Groups

Wheatbelt

Living Well in the Wheatbelt

Towards 2035 and Beyond





Cultural Acknowledgement

I wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which we meet today, the Nyaki Nyaki Boodjar, and pay my respects to Elders past and present.



Wheatbelt District Leadership Group

Develop and deliver innovative, sustainable, culturally informed place-based solutions to priority issues and challenges in the region.

Our Vision

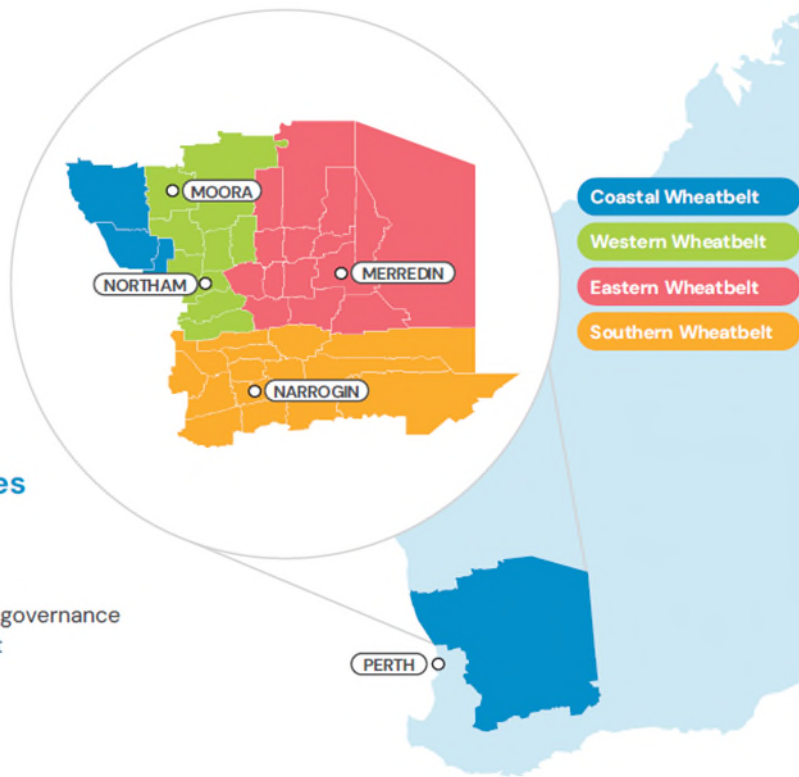
Individuals and families in the Wheatbelt region are empowered to thrive and participate in their communities, education, work and life.

Our Mission

To achieve better outcomes for all Wheatbelt communities by collaboratively leading and delivering culturally informed, innovative, and sustainable place-based solutions to priority issues and challenges.

Our Principles

- Equity
- Inclusion
- Access
- Cultural safety & governance
- Collective impact





Living Well in the Wheatbelt Strategy

A collaborative effort to deliver sustainable, culturally informed solutions that improve outcomes across all life stages in our region.



Collectively tackle the factors impacting health and wellbeing



Healthier communities and individuals



Reduce inequities in services access and outcomes



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**Boodjar Maladjiny-ak
moorditj nyinyiny -
2035 wer moonboorli koorliny**

A long-term strategy of the Wheatbelt District Leadership Group to improve outcomes for the Wheatbelt community.



Methodology

The strategy was developed through a consultative process, bringing together diverse voices from across the Wheatbelt region.

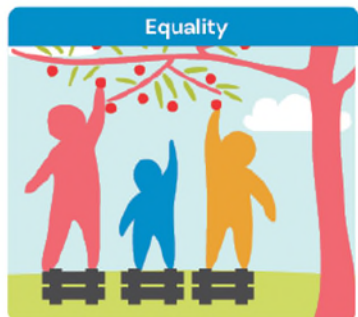
A 2023–24 Community Needs Assessment, based on Wheatbelt data and community feedback, shaped this strategy's focus areas and priority actions to address service gaps and wellbeing challenges.





Health and Wellbeing Determinants

Health and wellbeing determinants are socio-economic and cultural factors that influence a person's wellbeing over time.





Focus Areas

Kwoba Moolyakiny

Starting Well

Families are strong, and children are healthy, safe and ready for school.



Kwoba Maladjiny

Growing Well

Children and young people thrive in education and training.



Kwoba Nyininy wer Yakany

Living and Working Well

Adults have good health, wellbeing and can access work and local services.



Kwoba Koorakoriny

Ageing Well

Senior citizens and Elders live and age in-place in supportive, connected communities.





Wheatbelt DLG Strategic Objectives

Starting Well

Families are strong, and children are healthy, safe and ready for school.



Increase socio-economic protective factors and reduce risk factors to positively impact the wellbeing of children.



Promote behaviours which positively impact the physical and mental health, language skills and development of young children.



Increase access to child development services, early years programs, and young children's services.



Improve our built and natural environments to be healthy-and active-by-design for children.

Growing Well

Children and young people thrive in education and training.

Increase socio-economic protective factors and reduce risk factors relating to school or training avoidance.

Promote behaviours which positively impact the physical and mental health, language skills and development of school aged children and young people.

Increase access to services for children and young people.

Improve our built and natural environments to be healthy-and active-by-design for children and young people.

Living and Working Well

Adults have good health, wellbeing and can access work and local services.

Promote and establish a 'wellbeing economy' in the region for the mutual benefit of community health and community wealth.

Promote positive behaviours which improve social, emotional, mental and physical health and wellbeing.

Increase access to services for adults.

Improve our built and natural environments to be healthy-and active-by-design for adults.

Ageing Well

Senior citizens and Elders live and age in-place in supportive, connected communities.

Increase socio-economic protective factors for seniors relating to cost of living, community transport, loneliness and community safety.

Promote positive behaviours that improve the mental and physical health and wellbeing of seniors.

Increase access to early intervention and treatment, and engagement with health services, aged care and healthy ageing services.

Improve our built and natural environments to be healthy-and active-by-design for seniors.



PRIORITY ACTIONS 2025 - 2027

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Priority Actions 2025-2027

1

Develop Child and Family Hubs

Establish 'one stop' hubs where parents and their young children can access various services.

2

Expand Early Childhood Programs

Establish playgroups, strengthen Wheatbelt Early Years Networks and advocate for more childcare places.

3

Strengthen Parenting and Child Health Services

Secure funding for a Parenting Support Program and increased paediatric services.

4

Enhance Community Resources

Establish foodbanks initially in larger towns and improve parks and playgrounds.

1

Support School Programs and Events

Deliver Back-to-School events, promote movement skills programs, and provide education on vaping, drug use and mental health.

2

Develop Alternative Education Pathways

Create models for alternative education and training for at-risk Year 7-9 students.

3

Deliver Cultural Wellbeing Initiatives

Provide on-country cultural immersion programs for Aboriginal youth.

4

Support At-Risk Children, Youth and Families

Develop culturally safe support services and systems for families and children, promote cross agency collaboration, the 16 days in WA FDV campaign and Community Wellbeing Plans.

1

Support At-Risk Adults

Expand Ranger programs, develop apprenticeships and traineeships for youth and map emergency relief services.

2

Promote Community Connection

Increase opportunities for social connectedness, cultural celebrations, and volunteering.

3

Enhance Health and Housing Services

Advocate for better access to GPs, allied health, maternity, surgical, mental health and detox services and secure funding for family and domestic violence perpetrator housing.

4

Address Emerging Issues

Provide education on vaping and smoking for pregnant women and implement wellbeing activities for the human services workforce.

1

Develop Community Transport Solutions

Create a transport options paper and advocate for a WA regional community transport strategy.

2

Supportive Communities for Seniors

Plan for aged-friendly communities, senior accommodation options and increase awareness of Elder abuse.

3

Promote Social Connectedness

Deliver activities that enhance social and intergenerational connections among community members.

4

Increase the Aboriginal Workforce

Enable opportunities for local Aboriginal people to join the Aged Care support workforce.


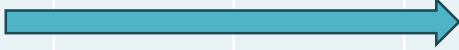
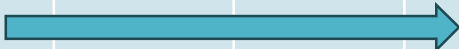
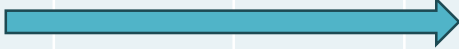


Making this happen



Other uses

- **Inform Local Government Public Health Plans** – due June 2026
- **Ballardong AC Indigenous Land Use Agreement** – incorporate into the Strategic Planning for ILUA
- **Human service agencies** own strategic and/or action planning
- **Inform business cases** for new or expanded services
- **Align Wheatbelt service developments** with LWWS e.g. with WAPHA – Developing innovative GP and Primary Care access models
- Inform interagency local **Community Wellbeing Plans** led by Holyoake and LGAs.

	PHP: Promote	PHP: Prevent	PHP: Protect	PHP: Enable
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Alignment
between Public
Health Plans &
Living Well in
the Wheatbelt
Strategy

Next Steps

1. PAWG Action Plans – align with priority actions 2025 – 2027
2. Report up to DLG on progress/ barriers bi-monthly
3. DLG developing Report Card / Dashboard



How will we track our progress?

We will track our progress, achievements and success indicators through a monitoring dashboard and yearly report card.

The key success indicators will be derived from:

- National Closing the Gap - four reform areas and 19 targets as related to the Wheatbelt
- Evidence of collective impact, partnerships, and collaborative approaches
- Securing additional investment in the region
- Measuring What Matters – Australia's First Wellbeing Framework (only if measures are collectable)
- Key agency performance indicators





Any questions?

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