

# Community Action Plan

**Macedon Ranges Shire Council**



**Easy English**

## Blue words



Some words in this book are **blue**.

We write what the blue words mean.

## Help with this book



You can get someone to help you

- understand this book
  
- find more information.



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## We acknowledge First Nations people



**Acknowledge** means we understand the importance of **First Nations people's**

- culture
- language
- history.



First Nations people are the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



In Macedon the First Nations people are the Dja Dja Wurrung, Taungurung and Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung peoples.



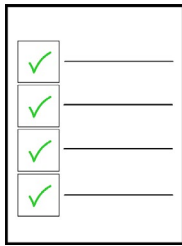
We pay respect to their **elders**.

Elders are leaders in the community.

# About this book



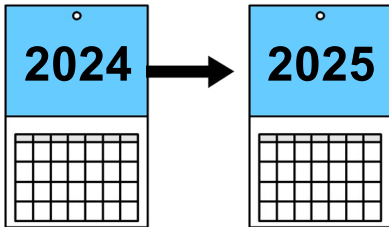
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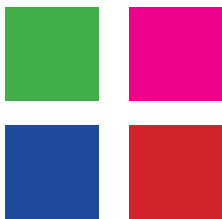
This book is about our **Community Action Plan**.

We call it **our plan**.

Our plan says what we will do to make the community better.



Our plan goes from 2024 to 2025.



Our plan has 4 main areas.

# 1. How we want to connect the community



We want Macedon Ranges to be a safe place to live.



We want to

- work with services to help people who are homeless



- help make sure there are the right kind of houses for people with disability



- work with the government to build houses that are **affordable**.



Affordable means people who do not have much money can pay for things.

We want a community that is safe and **inclusive**.



Inclusive means everyone

- is welcome
- can be a part of the community
- has support if they need it.

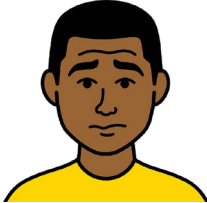




We want to support groups of people in the community who might be **vulnerable**.

Vulnerable means someone

- might need help

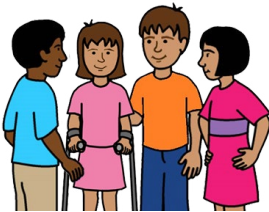


- could be hurt.



For example, we will

- work with programs to protect women and children



- support young people who might be vulnerable, like people with disability.

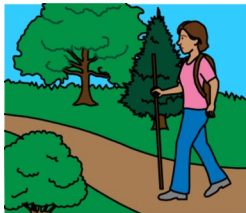


We will try to help people who have a gambling problem.

We will promote activities in the community that help older people



- be included
- be respected.



We will make transport better in the Macedon Ranges by

- building new walking trails for people to use



- building new bike paths



- trying to get more buses and other transport in the area.





We will build spaces that all people in the Macedon Ranges can use.



For example, we will

- make sure public buildings and spaces are accessible for people with disability



- have spaces that young people can use



- ask what young people think when we plan new spaces and services



- support groups to make community halls better, like Kyneton Town Hall.



We will train staff to understand First Nations culture better.

For example, childcare staff.

## 2. How we want to help people be more safe and healthy



We will work with the Victorian government to make a mental health service for young people.



We will ask schools to listen to young people when schools choose what topics to teach.



For example

- alcohol and drugs

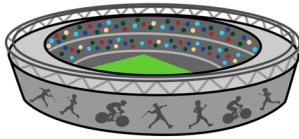


- mental health

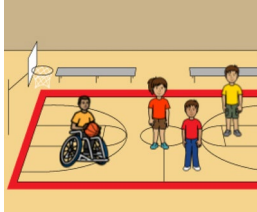


- having respectful relationships.

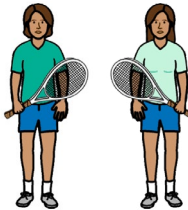
We will give people more chance to play sport by



- building new spaces, like stadiums or courts.



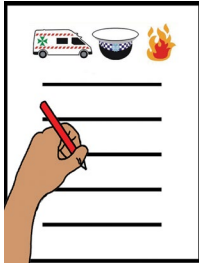
- making clubs more accessible for people with disability



- making spaces more inclusive for women and girls



- asking people of all ages and ability what they think when we plan new spaces.



We will include people with disability when we plan for if there is an **emergency**.

An emergency is when people need help quickly.



We will work with groups to teach classes for people with disability on how to

- be safe if there is an emergency



- be prepared for if there is an emergency.

We will make sure there are better public services and spaces for people with disability.



For example, public toilets and baby changing spaces.

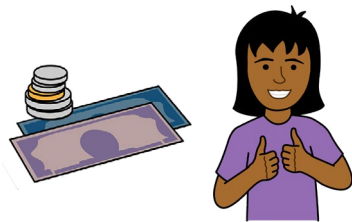


We want to make the community better for children and older people.



For example, we will make sure

- there are enough kindergartens for pre-school age children



- there is enough money to make kindergartens better



- it is easier for children to find a kindergarten that is close to where they live

- we give support to older people to be safe and **independent**.



Independent means you can do things on your own.



We will keep helping people with disability by

- making our buildings and events accessible
  - for example, new signs and better designs



- making sure we think about people with disability when we plan open spaces in nature
  - for example, parks and camp sites.

### 3. How we want to help businesses

We want to make workplaces better for people with disability by



- sharing stories about people with disability in our online newsletters and other media



- helping businesses learn about **grants**

Grants means money you get that helps your business do more.



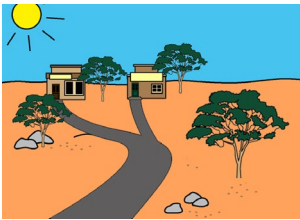
We will have events and cultural activities in the area.



We will help local artists to learn new skills and sell their work in the area.

## 4. How we want to make government services work better

We will ask the Victorian government to help people who are left out or alone in the community.

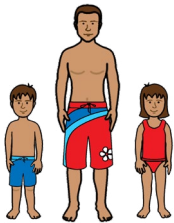


For example

- children or families who do not have much money or live far away from town



- people from different cultures and backgrounds



- young parents and families.



We will ask families what they think when we plan activities and services.



We want to make government services better for people with disability.

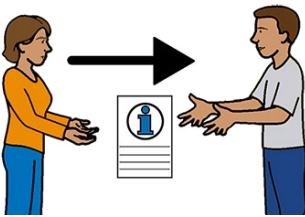


For example, we will

- make important information accessible, like this Easy English book



- make a group in the council to make sure we include people with disability in things we do

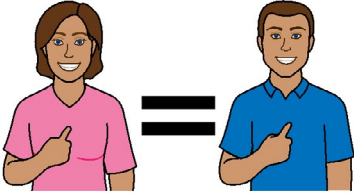


- make sure people with disability and support services can give each other information.



In the council, we will

- try to work more with other companies that are **not** part of the government



- keep using our plan for **gender equality**.

Gender equality means people of all genders are treated fairly.

## More information



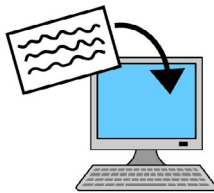
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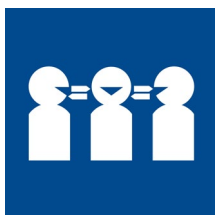


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