

**Macedon
Ranges**
Shire Council



Community Report

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.



Contact information is at the end of this book.

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.



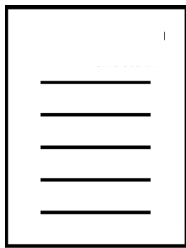
We pay respect to their **elders**.

Elders are leaders in the community.

About this book



This book is from the Macedon Ranges Shire Council.



This book is about our **Community Report**.

We call it our **report**.



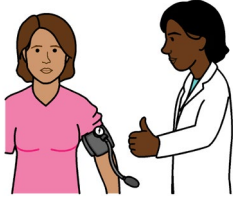
Our report is about our 4 plans to make the community better.



Our report shows us if our plans work.

1. Health and wellbeing plan

Our **health and wellbeing plan** says how we want to help everyone in Macedon Ranges



- be healthy

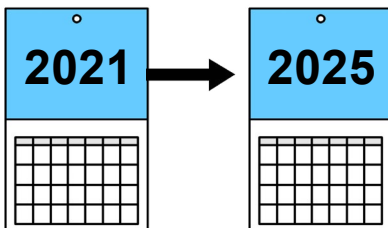


- be included



- be safe

- have better lives.

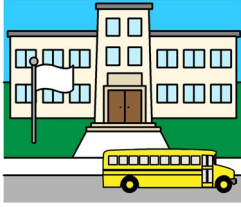


The plan goes from 2021 to 2025.



To make the plan, we listened to

- healthcare and community groups



- schools



- **experts** in council.

Experts are people who know a lot about a topic.

We also looked at

- information about people in Macedon Ranges



- government policies



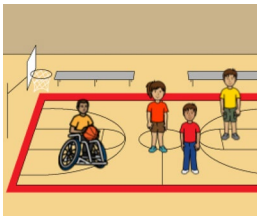
- things that are working well at the moment.

Things in the plan that are working



We have worked with other groups to build more **social houses**.

Social houses are homes the government rents to people who cannot afford other homes.



We gave money to sport clubs to improve access for people with disability.



We have supported people in the community to be active.

For example, we helped children learn to ride bicycles.



We supported services that help with mental health in young people.

2. Disability action plan

Our **disability action plan** says what we will do to make sure that people with disability



- are treated with respect

- are included in the community



- have access to things like services and jobs.

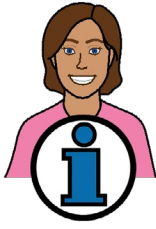
To make the plan we listened to people in the community, like



- people with disability



- carers and disability support workers.



We also looked at

- information about people in Macedon Ranges



- what the Victorian and Australian governments want to do



- information about what is working well

- other council plans.

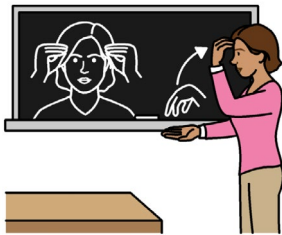
Things in the plan that are working

We have made it easier for people to tell us how we can do things better.



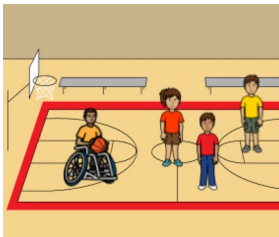
For example, we have made our website more accessible for people with disability.

We have made other parts of the community more accessible.

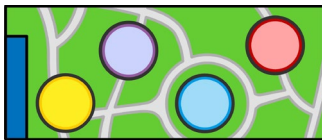


For example, we have

- put sign language services in kindergartens



- helped local sport clubs be more inclusive

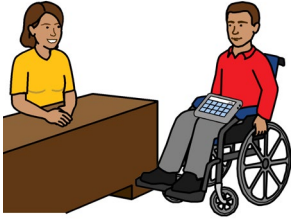


- made accessibility maps so people with disability can plan how they get around.

We supported and promoted people with disability who work by sharing

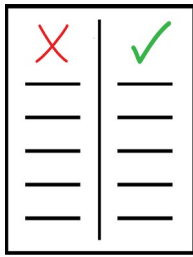


- stories and media on our website about people with disability in their jobs



- services that help people with disability get jobs.

3. Positive ageing plan



Our positive ageing plan says how we want to make the community better for older people.



We asked people in the community how we could make things better for older people.



We want to help older people by

- including them in community activities



- supporting them when they work or volunteer



- making it easier for them to get around



- giving support for older people to be safe and **independent**.

Independent means you can do things by yourself.

Things in the plan that are working



We made changes so that older people can be

- cared for better



- safer

- healthier



- more connected to the community.



For example, we

- asked the Australian government to help us get people to visit older people in aged care



- started groups where older people can meet each other



- had festivals to celebrate older people in the community.

4. Early years plan



Our **early years plan** says what we will do to help children in Macedon Ranges.



To make the plan we

- thought about what is important to children and their families



- listened to health and community groups and services

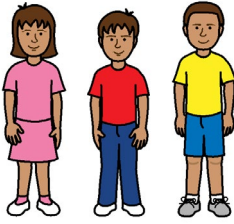


- looked at what Australian and Victorian governments want for children and families

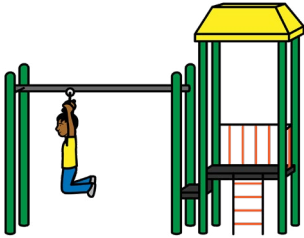


- looked at what worked well in the past and what is working well now.

Things in the plan that are working



Children are important when we are improving things in Macedon Ranges.



For example, we listened to what children want when we planned playgrounds.



We worked with the Victorian government to

- let children in **learn to swim** programs go to swimming pools for free



- give children with disability early support



- make it safer for children to cross roads



- help kindergartens have extra services
 - for example, inclusion and support officers.

What happens next



We will try to finish all the things in our plans.



We will also write one plan that talks about all the plans together so

- it is easier to understand
- we do **not** say the same things in each plan.



Our plans



You can read about each plan on our website.

Health and wellbeing plan

[mrsc.vic.gov.au/About-Council/Our-Council/Strategies-Plans/Municipal-Public-Health-and-Wellbeing-Plan-2021-2025](https://www.mrsc.vic.gov.au/About-Council/Our-Council/Strategies-Plans/Municipal-Public-Health-and-Wellbeing-Plan-2021-2025)

Disability action plan

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Positive ageing plan

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Early years plan

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