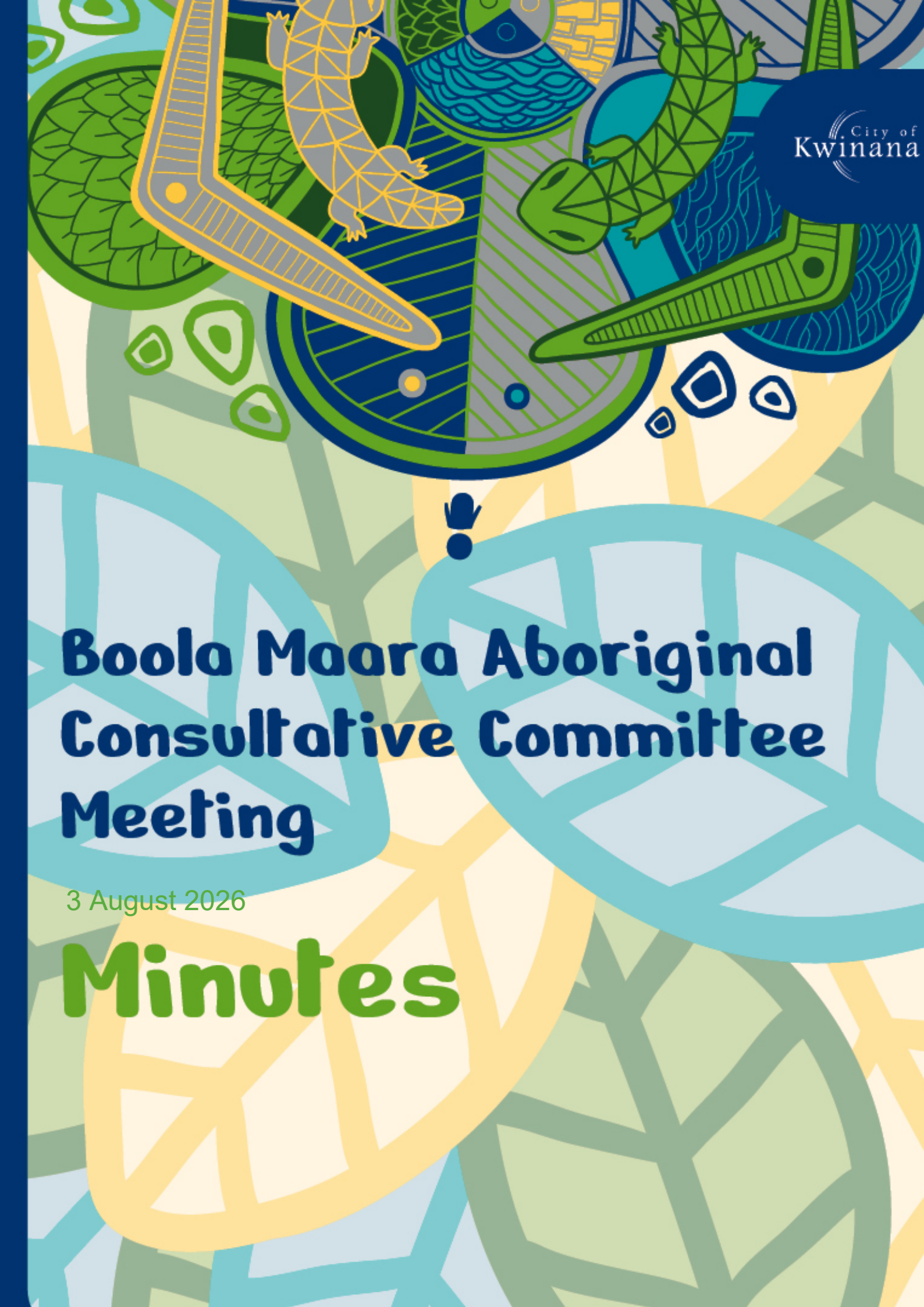




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Boola Maara Aboriginal Consultative Committee Meeting

3 August 2026

Minutes

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1 OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chair, Paul Garlett, declared the meeting open at 10:07am and welcomed all in attendance.

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Presiding Member read the Acknowledgement of Country:

“It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all here and before commencing the proceedings, I would like to acknowledge that we come together tonight on the traditional land of the Nyoongar people and we pay our respects to their Elders past and present.”



3 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES, LEAVE(S) OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)

Present:

Committee Member, Paul Garlett - Chair
Committee Member, Lisa Garlett
Committee Member, Marianne Headland Mackay
Committee Member, Marie Walley

Mr W Jack - Chief Executive Officer
Ms F Grieves - Director City Life
Mrs A King - Aboriginal Culture and Strategy Lead
Ms A Abblitt - Council Governance and Administration Officer

Members of the Public - 8

Apologies:

Committee Member, Deputy Mayor Barry Winmar
Committee Member, Councillor Ivy Penny
Committee Member, Cindy Ballard

Leave(s) of Absence (previously approved):

Nil

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

4.1 MINUTES OF THE BOOLA MAARA ABORIGINAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6 JULY 2026

COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved: CM L Garlett

Seconded: CM M Headland Mackay

That the Minutes of the Boola Maara Aboriginal Consultative Committee Meeting held on 6 July 2026 be confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

CARRIED
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5 PUBLIC FORUM

Nil

6 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil



7 PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS TO THE COMMITTEE

7.1 REVIEW OF CITY OF KWINANA'S PUBLIC HEALTH PLAN

Presenter: Donna Howatson – Coordinator Community Development

SUMMARY

The City's Public Health Plan 2019–2023 was developed to support the health and wellbeing of the Kwinana community and provide a strategic direction for improving local public health outcomes.

In 2023 a review of the Plan commenced. However, following the announcement that all local government authorities would be required to prepare a Public Health Plan aligned with the State Public Health Plan, due for release on 4 June 2025, the review was paused. This ensured that the City's updated Plan could align with the State's strategic direction and legislative requirements.

The State Public Health Plan identifies four key themes to guide public health planning across Western Australia:

- **Promote** – Foster strong, connected communities and healthier environments.
- **Prevent** – Reduce the burden of chronic disease, communicable disease and injury through prevention and early intervention.
- **Protect** – Safeguard the community from public and environmental health risks, effectively manage emergencies, reduce the impacts of disasters and lessen the health impacts of climate change.
- **Enable** – Strengthen public health systems and workforce capability and leverage partnerships to support positive health and wellbeing outcomes.

The State Plan also identifies Aboriginal health and wellbeing, and equity and inclusion, as overarching principles that should be embedded throughout public health planning.

The document has been reframed as the Community Health and Wellbeing Plan to better reflect the broader role that community connection, inclusion, prevention and wellbeing play in creating a healthy community.

A desktop review of relevant strategies and data, engagement with City staff and local service providers, and consultation with the community has identified the health and wellbeing priorities to Kwinana residents and the follow six priority areas for a healthy and active Kwinana:

1. Promoting mental wellbeing
2. Encouraging healthy eating
3. Promote an active community
4. Reduce alcohol consumption
5. Reduce smoking or vaping harm
6. Injury prevention

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Boola Maara Aboriginal Consultative Committee note and make comment on the current review and community engagement for the City's Community Health and Wellbeing Plan.



STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Outcome: Quality of Life / Ngalang moorditj wirrin (Our strong spirit)
Objective: Improved health and wellbeing
Action in CBP: Review and implement the Public Health Plan

How does this proposal achieve the outcomes and strategic objectives?

The Community Health and Wellbeing Plan will act as the City's guiding document in providing strategic direction for improving local community health and wellbeing outcomes.

SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK

Sustainability Guiding Principle

2 - Community Wellbeing

Sustainability Priority Area

3 - Liveability

4 - Engagement and Social Inclusion

How does this proposal achieve the guiding principle and priority area?

Ensuring the City has a coordinated approach to improving health outcomes, strengthening community connection and supporting a safe, healthy and inclusive place to live. The review process incorporates community, stakeholder and internal engagement to ensure the Plan reflects local needs and supports equitable access to opportunities that enhance wellbeing and social inclusion.

COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved: CM M Walley

Seconded: CM M Headland Mackay

That the Boola Maara Aboriginal Consultative Committee note and make comment on the current review and community engagement for the City's Community Health and Wellbeing Plan.

CARRIED
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Boola Maara Aboriginal Consultative Committee Comments:

Committee commented that there are currently many instances of mental health issues in community and that apart from hospitalisation there is no respite for grandparents caring for and living with children or grandchildren with mental health issues. Local Government is limited in what areas they can work in, advocacy is something the City can look at to include in the plan. Targeting mental health is also a priority concern for the District Leadership Group, and important to the Community Health and Wellbeing Plan.

Noted that beyond 2028 we need to look at what role Local Governments have, and what we can bring into the City vs what we can actually provide. There are limits as to what we can do and points where the State Government needs to step in, but we can definitely liaise with Rockingham General Hospital, local schools, and and continue to deliver programs such as Arclight for youth intervention. We don't want a band-aid effort which is why we are targeting these spaces specifically to prevent these gaps in future.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Community Health and Wellbeing Plan Review Pr [7.1.1 - 7 pages]





Public Health Plan Review

August 2026



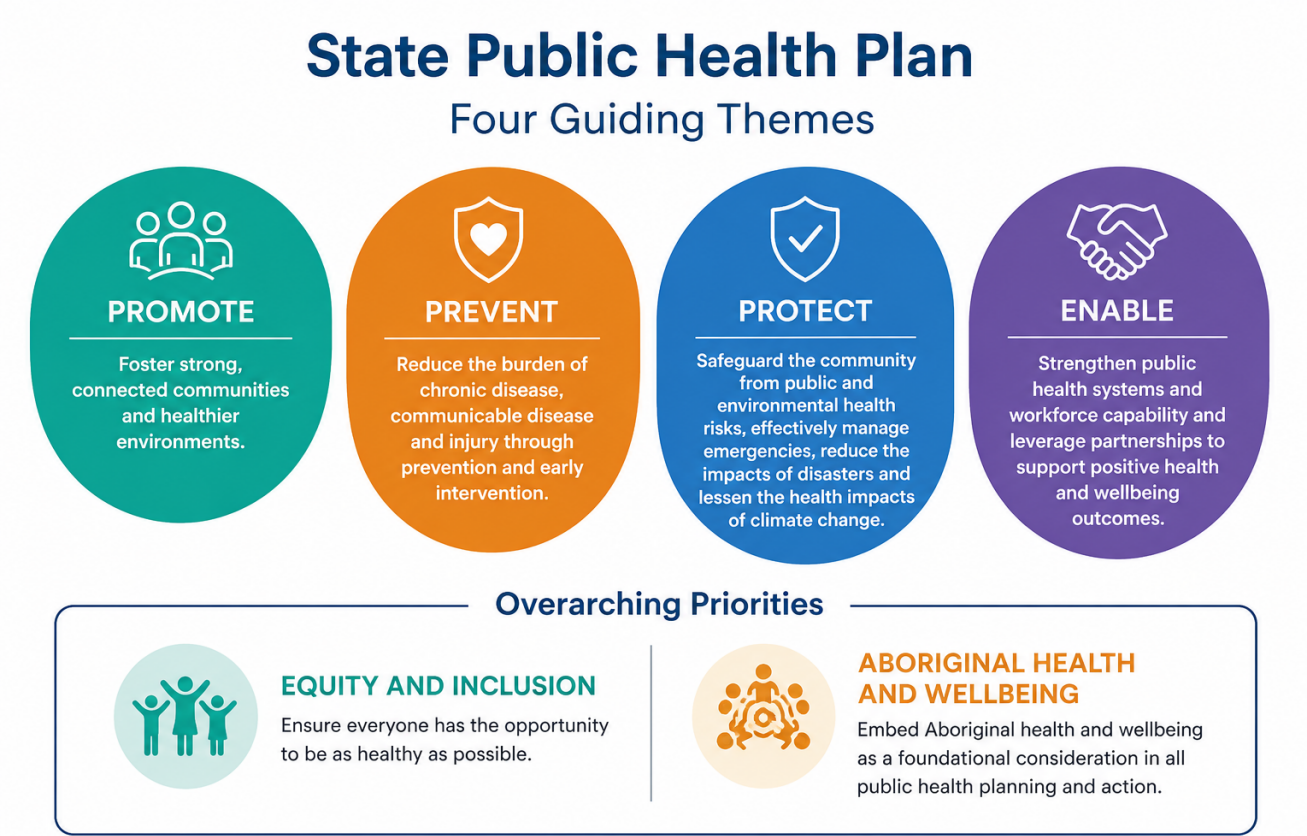


Why are we reviewing the Plan?

- The City's last Public Health Plan reached its end of term in 2023
- As part of the review it is recommended that the Plan be reframed as the Community Health and Wellbeing Plan to better reflect the broader role that community connection, inclusion, prevention and wellbeing play in creating a healthy community.
- All Local Governments are required to have a Public Health Plan which aligns with the State Public Health Plan 2025 - 2030, which was released on 4 June 2025.



State Public Health Plan Priorities



How has the draft Plan been developed?

OUR PROCESS TO DATE

Reviewing the Community Health & Wellbeing Plan

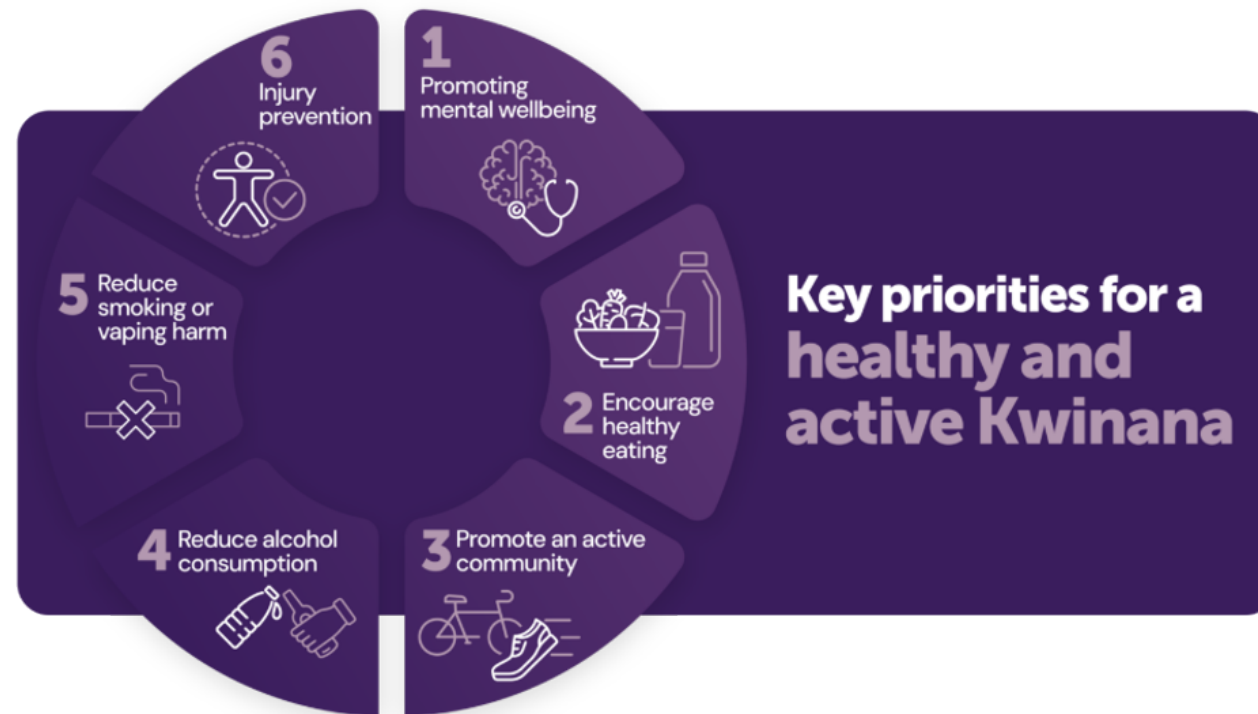


So far, the review has considered:

- Existing City Strategies and Plans
- State Public Health Plan priorities
- Community feedback
- Local health data
- Alignment to the City's Strategic Community Plan
- Feedback and data from the MARKYT Community and Wellbeing Scorecard (2023)
- Stakeholder feedback

What we heard

Community consultation identified six key priorities:



These priorities will guide future planning, partnerships and actions to improve health and wellbeing outcomes across Kwinana.

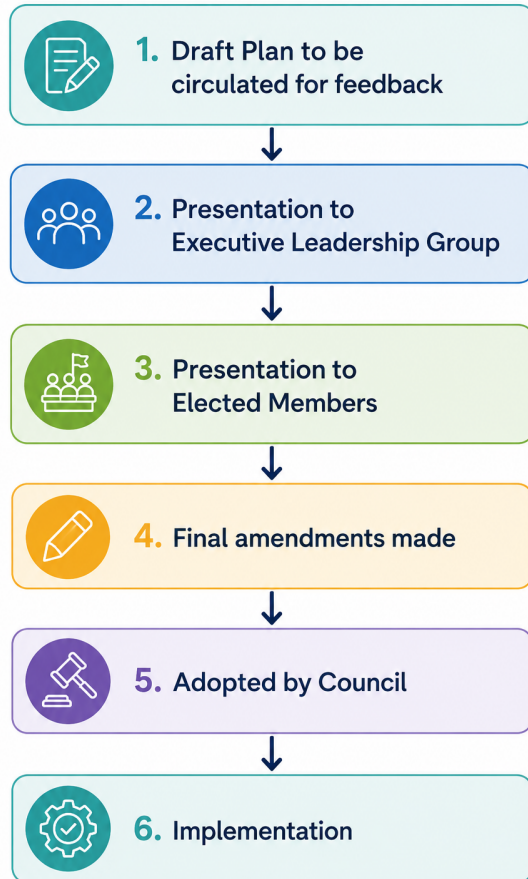
Community profile and local data

HEALTH AND WELLBEING SNAPSHOT CITY OF KWINANA			
			
INDICATOR	CITY OF KWINANA	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	COMPARISON
 Ate the recommended serves of fruit daily (aged 16 years and above)	29.1%	33.4%	↓ Lower than state prevalence
 Ate the recommended serves of vegetables daily (aged 16 years and above)	5.1%	4.7%	= Similar to state prevalence
 Ate fast food more than twice a week (aged 16 years and above)	8.7%	6.0%	↑ Higher than state prevalence
 Did not complete the recommended amount of weekly physical activity (aged 18 years and above)	46.4%	39.1%	↑ Higher than state prevalence
 Above average weight (aged 16 years or older)	36.4%	37.4%	= Similar to state prevalence
 Obese (aged 16 years and above)	43.1%	37.3%	↑ Higher than state prevalence
 Currently smoked (aged 18 years and above)	19.9%	13.5%	↑ Higher than state prevalence
 Currently vaped (aged 18 years and above)	15.5%	7.9%	↑ Higher than state prevalence
 Told by a doctor in the last 12 months that they had a mental health condition (aged 16 years and above)	29.4%	25.0%	↑ Higher than state prevalence
 Injured in the past 12 months requiring treatment from a health professional (aged 16 years or above)	21.2%	26.0%	↓ Lower than state prevalence
 Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics, National Health Survey 2022-23 (Unless otherwise stated) Percentage of residents			

Population measure	Count	Percentage (%)
Aboriginal	2,759	5.8
Persons born overseas	19,955	41.9
Persons who do not speak English at home	15,207	33.2
Persons who are unemployed	1,586	6.4
Families with annual income < \$64,999	2,838	23.9

Source: 2021 Census Population and Housing, Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Next Steps: Where to from here?



What we are seeking guidance on prior to the draft being circulated is:

- Are there any further engagement opportunities with community, including if there are local organisations or community groups we could be engaging with?
- Are there any specific actions you would recommend including in the Plan that would benefit the health and wellbeing of the Aboriginal community?



7.2 EARLY YEARS STRATEGY UPDATE

Presenter: Denver D'Cruz – Manager Communities

SUMMARY

This presentation will provide Boola Maara with an update on the City's work in the Early Years space, including since the launch of the Kwinana Early Years Strategy in February 2026 and broader initiatives supporting children and families from pregnancy to five years of age.

The update will also highlight emerging initiatives and investment into Kwinana that will support the delivery of priority actions, with a continued focus on culturally responsive approaches, early intervention, community-led solutions and stronger outcomes for all children, families and communities across Kwinana.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That the Boola Maara Aboriginal Consultative Committee note the presentation and make comment on the upcoming initiatives.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Outcome: Quality of Life / Ngalang moorditj wirrin (Our strong spirit)
Objective: Improved health and wellbeing
Action in CBP: Implement Early Years Strategy

How does this proposal achieve the outcomes and strategic objectives?

Supports the delivery of the Kwinana Early Years Strategy by providing funding and a collaborative approach to creating better opportunities for Kwinana Children.

SUSTAINABILITY FRAMEWORK

Sustainability Guiding Principle
 2 - Community Wellbeing

Sustainability Priority Area
 3 - Liveability

How does this proposal achieve the guiding principle and priority area?

The Early Years Strategy and new investment and collaboration opportunities will improve community well being and liveability in Kwinana, making it a place family will consider moving to and living in for years due to the focus on all stages of life.



COMMITTEE DECISION

Moved: CM M Headland Mackay

Seconded: CM M Walley

That the Boola Maara Aboriginal Consultative Committee note the presentation and make comment on the upcoming initiatives.

**CARRIED
4/0**

Boola Maara Aboriginal Consultative Committee Comments:

Noted that there used to be a 'Fun Bus' (City of Fremantle initiative) that would visit ovals with play equipment to each park and encourage kids to play and mums to engage. This would be great to see happen again.

Committee commented that the plan update looks deadly and that the budget is incredible to see awarded. Its bittersweet to be the first in Australia to implement this groundbreaking plan, but sad that we're in the position where it's so needed.

Confirmed that the data shows that the Aboriginal children are most vulnerable, so yes, there will 100% be focus on the Aboriginal and multicultural communities as priority.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Boolamaara PP August 2026 [7.2.1 - 14 pages]





Kwinana's Early Years Journey

Denver D'Cruz
Manager Communities



AEDC 2015-2021 Results

Vulnerability Change
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

AEDC Results	Percentage of children vulnerable on one or more domains of the AEDC	Percentage of children vulnerable on two or more domains of the AEDC
2015	22.0	11.1
2021	22.0	11.4
	0.0	0.3

Vulnerability Change
KWINANA

AEDC Results	Percentage of children vulnerable on one or more domains of the AEDC	Percentage of children vulnerable on two or more domains of the AEDC
2015	24.6	11.8
2021	31.0	17.6
	6.4	5.8

Vulnerability Change
KWINANA ABORIGINAL CHILDREN

AEDC Results	Percentage of children vulnerable on one or more domains of the AEDC	Percentage of children vulnerable on two or more domains of the AEDC
2015	32.4	15.2
2021	58.1	45.2
	25.7	30

Legend:



Understanding the AEDC

- **National measure of children's development** - first year of school.
- **Assesses five key areas:**
 1. Physical health and wellbeing
 2. Social competence
 3. Emotional maturity
 4. Cognitive skills
 5. Communication skills and general knowledge
- **Identifies strengths & areas of vulnerability** to guide investment.
- **Provides evidence to inform planning**, helping communities to target solutions.
- **Correlation with other social gaps** – youth disengagement, unemployment etc.



2023 – The Informing Stage

- EY Services / Schools / EC Centres consulted
 - Overwhelming feedback around lack of coordination
 - Previous backbone org, no longer
 - Universal request for City to be more present
- Advocacy began immediately
(Philanthropy & State Government)



2024 – Turning Information into Action

- Department of Communities & AEDC Grant (\$100k)
 - Family Support Officer
 - New services – Nature Play etc.
 - EY Strategy (Same Page)
- Early Years Officer commenced late 2024 (LTFP)
- Heavy emphasis on attracting services to support
 - The Fathering Project
 - Multicultural Services
 - Workpower, etc.



2025 – The Year of Acceleration

- Significant engagement informs Early Years Strategy
- Early Years Team have positive & measurable impact
- Rapid increase in quality partnerships
 - CAHS, CPFS (DCP), DLG, ECECs, Schools, Etc.
- Early Years Strategy endorsed
- Year of advocacy, meetings & pitches... 7 to be exact!

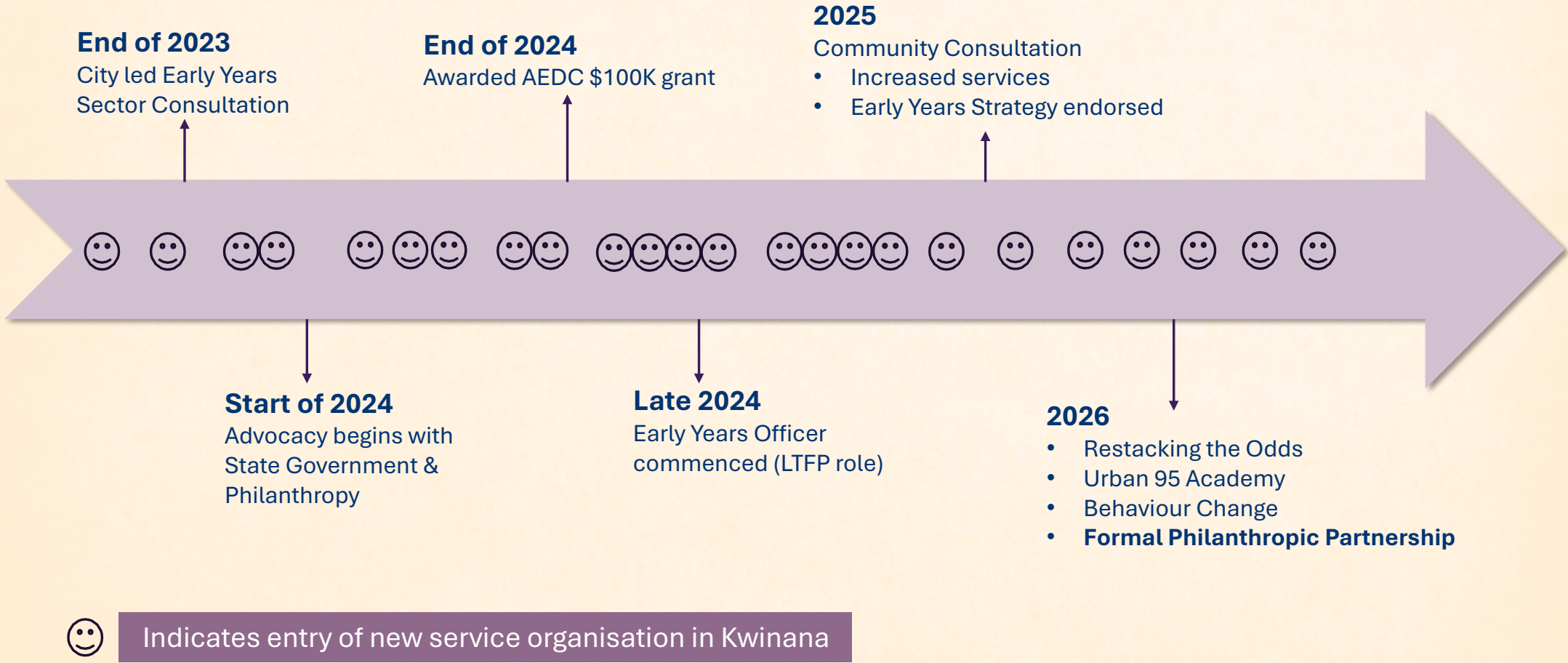


2026 – Foundation for Kwinana's Future

- External Funding for City's participation in:
 - Urban 95 Academy
 - Behaviour Change Collaborative
 - Restacking the Odds
 - Antenatal care
 - Sustained home nursing
 - Quality parenting programs
 - Quality early childhood education & care
 - Early years of school
- Kwinana signs **historic** Philanthropic Partnership (first LGA in Australia)



Summary: Early Years Timeline

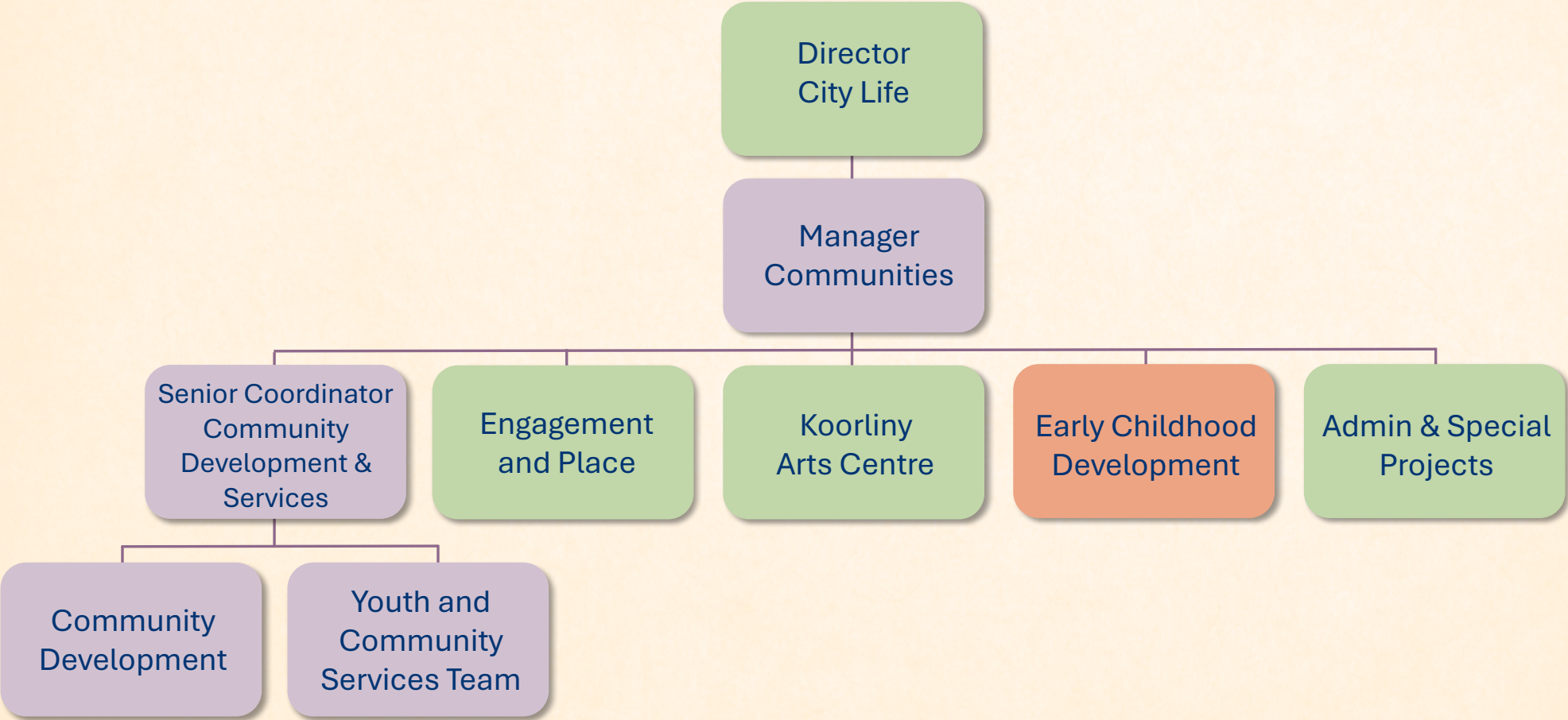


What does this actually mean?

- 10 Year Partnership Pitched
- First 3 phases funded (2.5 years)
 - 1 July 2026 – 31 Dec 2026 – Phase one
 - 2027 calendar year – Phase two
 - 2028 calendar year – Phase three
- Will re-adjust 'pitch' for rest of project (2.5 years at a time)
- ECD Team being created now
 - Partnership Director (On the market now)
 - Senior Early Childhood Officer (Directly Appointed)
 - Aboriginal Community Connector (Directly Appointed)
 - Multicultural Community Connector (Advertised shortly)
 - Monitoring & Evaluation Officer (Advertised shortly)



New Structure in Place to Support



Phase 1: 1 July – 31 December 2026

1. Recruit Team
2. Develop Evaluation & Ethics Agreement – Curtin Uni
3. Situational Analysis - clear baseline (needs, strengths & opportunities)
4. Early Years Summit – Community
5. Early Years Impact Fund launched
6. Orelia Early Years Hub Feasibility
7. Project Vehicle

\$842,790



Phase 2: 1 January – 31 December 2027

1. EY Impact Fund
2. Pathways to school fund
3. Collective governance framework developed
4. Child & Adolescent Health Hub Feasibility
5. Team and Operational budget (programs, addressing gaps)
6. Work with partner orgs – RSTO, Behaviour Change Collab etc.
7. Evaluation

\$1,592,963



Phase 3: 1 January – 31 December 2028

**Re-pitch for the
next 2.5 years!**

1. EY Impact Fund
2. Pathways to school fund
3. Orelia Early Years Hub developed
4. Community visioning and mobilisation (for re-pitch)
5. Team and Operational budget (programs, addressing gaps)
6. Work with partner orgs – RSTO, Behaviour Change Collab etc.
7. Evaluation

\$1,656,327

\$4,092,080





Thank you Questions?



8 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Member Lisa Garlett

Committee Member Lisa Garlett updated that the OneSight clinic supported by the City will return again on 7 September 2026 at Medina Hall. Last years program saw volunteers and optometrists provide free screening and prescription glasses for over 100 community members. A reminder that this is a full walk in service with no age limit, and whole families are welcome to attend.

Committee Member Marie Walley

Committee Member Marie Walley attended Gnaala Karla Booja engagement with the Cockburn Sound Management Committee on the impacts and project planning regarding Cockburn Sound, putting forward a proposal to save coastal foreshore including Kwinana Beach and Wells Park.

Clarified misinformation around the closing of Kwinana Beach by Council and confirmed that as it is such a significant place for community the intent is that it continues operating. There has been a risk assessment completed and with appropriate signage, walkways and risk mitigation on the industrial sites themselves, the beach will still be accessible to public.

9 LATE AND URGENT BUSINESS

Nil

10 CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chair, Paul Garlett, declared the meeting closed at 10:59 am.

Chairperson

Date:

