

### Round 3 Good Practice Program Regional Projects Funded 2004

Selected Applications	Project title	Stated Aims
<b>East Gippsland Shire (Gippsland)</b>	Health Impact Assessment – development of tools to support decision making at East Gippsland Shire Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase capacity to make informed decisions through development and application of HIA tools and processes</li> <li>• Ensure information on health impacts of decisions made available to decision makers</li> <li>• Use tools to identify potential intended and unintended health impacts of corporate, business, infrastructure development, public policy and community planning</li> </ul>
<b>Wellington Shire (Gippsland)</b>	Healthy Urban Environments – Policy and Practice Review, in particular physical activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the level of physical activity opportunities, in particular incidental physical activity</li> <li>• Review and amend current council policy, protocols and practices and identify opportunities to increase consideration of physical activity design on the SEPA guidelines</li> <li>• Increase physical activity promotion through infrastructure design</li> </ul>
<b>Mitchell, Mansfield and Strathbogie Shires (Hume Region)</b>	Understanding of Environments for Health Framework – particularly for councils developing new plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve understanding of Environments for Health Framework and improve planning skills</li> <li>• Build on links with other planning partners – PCP's, local policing Safety committees</li> <li>• Inform local government staff about data sources and interpretation of local area data</li> </ul>
<b>Colac Otway Shire (Barwon Southwest)</b>	Community Health, Wellbeing and Social Capital Indicators Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assist Council groups with evaluating and critically reflecting on the accomplishments of similar projects</li> <li>• Obtain information for the overall evaluation of project achievements and implementation issues that will be useful for others with similar objectives</li> </ul>
<b>Macedon Ranges (Loddon Mallee)</b>	Designing in Health and Wellbeing – guidelines for residential subdivision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produce guidelines for developers to encourage development to be safe, life enhancing, health promoting, and environmentally sustainable</li> <li>• Influence the design of the built environment to facilitate healthy lifestyles, community connections and social interaction, provide enhanced community safety, preserve rural/country landscape, conserve finite resources and improve quality of life</li> </ul>

<b>Mildura Rural City (Loddon Mallee)</b>	Developing a Healthy Community Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a healthy community framework to help sustain and enhance vibrant communities into the future</li> <li>• Provide a clear set of indicators which give a snapshot of community wellbeing</li> <li>• Identify strategies across all sectors which are driving community wellbeing</li> </ul>
<b>Southern Metro Region</b>	Creating a Platform for Physical Activity in SMR (All LGA's surveyed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use MPPHPs as a platform to identify, enhance and support integrated physical activity in local government</li> <li>• Identify the status of integrated physical activity in MPPHPs</li> <li>• Review other sources of information relevant to integrated physical activity promotion in local government</li> <li>• Identify opportunities for strengthening integrated physical activity in councils across the region</li> </ul>
<b>Whittlesea City Council (N&amp;WMR)</b>	City Of Whittlesea Walking School Bus Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aims of Council's WSB program were to increase the level of incidental physical activity of primary school children; Improve road safety around schools; and enhance community connectedness</li> <li>• Evaluation of the WSB program was undertaken to understand the difficulties of implementing the WSB program in this municipality</li> <li>• Identify ways to strengthen the program and to increase the integration and ownership of the WSB program across Council Departments and the community</li> </ul>
<b>Wyndam City Council (N&amp;WMR)</b>	Walking Wyndham - A research project on the effect of low pedestrian accessibility in areas of Wyndham on the physical activity levels of its residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigate the effect of low pedestrian accessibility in areas of Wyndham on the physical activity levels of its residents and identify other barriers to walking as a form of exercise in these areas</li> <li>• Identify two areas of Wyndham with low pedestrian accessibility (ie to shops, public transport, parks, etc) and identify one area of medium pedestrian accessibility and one of high pedestrian accessibility to use for comparative purposes</li> <li>• Determine the physical activity levels of residents living in these areas of varying pedestrian accessibility and make comparisons</li> <li>• Determine the barriers to physical activity in areas with low accessibility</li> <li>• Identify possible infrastructure</li> </ul>

		<p>changes in the areas of low accessibility that would support the uptake of physical activity by residents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify areas of Wyndham that would benefit from the implementation of a project/initiative promoting physical activity</li> </ul>
<b>Melton Shire (N&amp;WMR)</b>	Integrated Planning Model - Facilitated Playgroups Pilot Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve integrated planning processes within Council</li> <li>• Support parents to blending family, work and community life by providing a range of supported playgroups in the Shire of Melton</li> <li>• Develop pilot program of supported playgroups that addresses: locational disadvantage, project management, engagement of Council, community agencies and groups coordination of supported playgroups based on learnings from previous research and projects</li> <li>• Evaluate pilot program</li> </ul>
<b>Hobsons Bay City Council (N&amp;WMR)</b>	Putting people into the MSS: Healthy Environments Project (HEP) – integrating health and wellbeing into the MSS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To integrate the key goals, objectives and strategies of the MPHP into the Hobsons Bay MSS and Local Planning Scheme. (This project paralleled and complemented the existing timeframes and processes identified by Council's Strategic Planning area for the MSS re-write).</li> <li>• Identify and integrate the key MPHP principles in the MSS re-write process.</li> <li>• Facilitate "healthy environments" workshops with key internal and external stakeholders – including review and consideration of key internal and external strategic documents. Recommendations from these workshops to be considered as part of the development of Council's MSS.</li> <li>• Ensure that the "Environments for Health" framework principles are incorporated into Council's MSS.</li> <li>• Identify barriers and enablers regarding incorporation of healthy environments principles into MSS.</li> <li>• Identify key health and wellbeing policies to be incorporated in the MSS to support healthy environments.</li> </ul>

<b>Maribyrnong City Council (N&amp;WMR)</b>	Revising Maribyrnong City Council's Social Impact Assessment Policy and Guidelines to incorporate Health Impact Assessment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review the structure of the SIA Policy &amp; Guidelines</li> <li>• Identify any gaps in information and incorporate these gaps into the document</li> <li>• Develop criteria for Council to apply when assessing SIA reports.</li> <li>• Incorporate Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Principles into the SIA Policy.</li> </ul>
<b>Eastern Metro Region (All local governments)</b>	Solving the Puzzle of Integrated Planning – tools for integrating community wellbeing across local government (from the resource <i>'Leading the Way, Councils creating healthier communities'</i> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With councils in EMR develop tools for integrated planning from the resource <i>'Leading the Way, Councils creating healthier communities'</i>:</li> <li>• a Stakeholder Tool intended to assist people from any area of council activity to identify who else they needed to work with to ensure a more integrated approach;</li> <li>• a Working Together Tool intended to guide any partnerships that might be necessary;</li> <li>• and an Activity Register intended to make it easier to track related areas of activity across the whole of council.</li> </ul>
<b>Eastern Metro Region (All local governments)</b>	Environments for Health: The Economic Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The scope and purpose was to review models suitable to develop business/community partnerships for improved community health and wellbeing, particularly in disadvantaged communities.</li> </ul> <p>This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A review of national and international literature to identify potential models applicable to the eastern region and to outline future scenarios</li> <li>• A survey of eastern region businesses examining their interest and preparedness to partner with local government to improve community health and wellbeing, particularly in disadvantaged communities (100 businesses sample size and focus group).</li> <li>• A report that can be used by the Network to inform their future community health and wellbeing planning. This report will include future scenarios relating to the potential models applicable to the eastern region.</li> </ul>