

Community Indicators Victoria: A Tool for Council Planning

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Overview of *Community Indicators Victoria*

- What are community wellbeing indicators?
- Background to *Community Indicators Victoria*: Victorian Community Indicators Project
- *Community Indicators Victoria*: current role and work plan
- Resources and next steps

Local community wellbeing indicators...

- Spotlight issues and trends important to local communities
- Focus on a small number of headline wellbeing measures - not all local data
- Measure community trends and outcomes - not local government performance
- Include social, economic, environmental, cultural and governance trends and outcomes

Local community wellbeing indicators are important as...

- **A democratic tool**, for engaging citizens and communities in informed discussions about shared goals and priorities
- **A policy tool**, guiding evidence based planning and action to address the issues identified as important by communities
- **A reporting tool**, tracking and communicating progress towards agreed goals and outcomes

Victorian Community Indicators Project: 2005-2006

- **Aim:** Sustainable statewide system of local community wellbeing indicators

- **Team:** John Wiseman, Warwick Heine, Anne Langworthy, Neil McLean, Joanne Pyke, Hayden Raysmith, Mike Salvaris

- **Reference group:** VicHealth, MAV, VLGA, Local Govt, DPC, DVC, DHS, DSE, DOI, VCOSS, ABS

- **Recommendations informed by:**
 - International and Australian learning about development and use of community indicators
 - Statewide consultations with local governments and State government agencies

Community Indicators Victoria (CIV)

■ Goal:

To support the development and use of local community wellbeing indicators as a tool for informed, engaged and integrated community planning and policy making.

■ Governance

- **Host:** McCaughey Centre: VicHealth Centre for the Promotion of Mental Health and Community Wellbeing, University of Melbourne
- **Collaborating partners:** VicHealth, ABS, VLGA, MAV, Victorian Government, community organisations, Swinburne, RMIT University

Community Indicators Victoria: framework domains

- Healthy, safe and inclusive communities
- Dynamic, resilient economies
- Sustainable built and natural environment
- Culturally rich and vibrant communities
- Democratic and engaged communities

Criteria for choosing local community indicators

- Measure what is valued
- Conceptually sound
- Make sense and is useful to citizens and policy makers
- Relevant and measurable at local level

Example of initial indicators

Healthy, Safe & Inclusive Communities

Self Reported Health

Life Expectancy

Fruit Consumption#

Obesity#

Risky Alcohol Consumption#

Mental Illness#

Social Support

Parental Participation In Schools

Child Health Assessments

Breastfeeding

Crime

Road Safety

Home Internet Access

Library Usage

School Retention Rates

Access To Services*

*Indicator or measure requires further development.

#VPHS regional measures

Subjective Wellbeing

Adequate Exercise#

Vegetable Consumption#

Smoking Status#

Illicit Drug Use*

Feeling Part Of Community

Volunteering

Early Childhood Development

Immunisation

Perceptions Of Safety

Family Violence

Workplace Safety*

Literacy And Numeracy*

Destinations Of School Leavers

Apprenticeships And Vocational Training

Enrolment

Data Sources

- Australian Bureau of Statistics
- State and local government administrative data
- Existing surveys: eg. DVC Community Strengthening Survey; Victorian Population Health Survey
- Community Indicators Victoria Survey 2007

CIV Survey 2007

- **Purpose:** to fill data gaps needed to report on indicators
- **Method:** CATI (telephone) household survey
- **Sample:** 24,000 adults, 300 per LGA
- **Questions:**
 - Data not currently available at LGA level
 - Long term basis for collecting data currently collected through other surveys.
 - Data not currently collected
 - Demographics: Age, gender, employment, household type, parental status
- **Initial survey:** January 2007

Community Wellbeing Reports

- CIV website live 16 July 2007
 - Automated wellbeing reports for each LGA
 - Capacity for users to create own reports
 - Regularly updated data
 - Links to good practice case studies and research

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Sample Report

Details, Observations, Discussion

Indicators

The selected items will be shown as rows in the main table of the report. Selecting a Domain or Policy Area will include all of the items inside it.
How to select items: on PC shift-click to select (or deselect) a group of items and ctrl-click to select (or deselect) individual items, on Mac use shift-click and command-click.
Selecting more items will result in longer loading times...

Indicators

- Domain: Healthy Safe and Inclusive Communities
 - Policy Area: Personal Health and Wellbeing
 - Life Expectancy
 - Policy Area: Community Connectedness
 - Policy Area: Early Childhood
 - Child Health Assessments
 - Policy Area: Personal and Community Safety
 - Perceptions of Safety
 - Crime
 - Policy Area: Lifelong Learning
 - Policy Area: Service Availability
- Domain: Dynamic, resilient local economies
 - Policy Area: Economic Activity
 - Policy Area: Employment
 - Policy Area: Income and Wealth
 - Policy Area: Skills
 - Policy Area: Work-Life Balance
- Domain: Sustainable, Built and Natural Environments
 - Policy Area: Open Space
 - Policy Area: Housing
 - Housing Affordability
 - Policy Area: Transport Accessibility
 - Policy Area: Sustainable Energy Use
 - Policy Area: Air Quality
 - Policy Area: Water
 - Policy Area: Biodiversity
 - Policy Area: Waste Management
- Domain: Culturally rich and vibrant communities
 - Policy Area: Arts and Cultural Activities
 - Policy Area: Leisure and recreation
 - Policy Area: Cultural Diversity
- Domain: Democratic and engaged communities
 - Policy Area: Citizen engagement

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Domain: Corporate and community communication
 Policy Area: Arts and Cultural Activities
 Policy Area: Leisure and recreation
 Policy Area: Cultural Diversity
 Domain: Democratic and engaged communities
 Policy Area: Citizen engagement

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State	Regions	Local Government Areas
Victoria	Barwon South West	Ararat RC
Rural Victoria	Eastern Metro	Bairat C
Urban Victoria	Gippsland	Ranvyle C
	Grampians	Bass Coast S
	Hume	Baw Baw S
	Loddon Mallee	Bayside C
	North & West Metro	Benalla RC
	Southern Metro	Boroondara C
		Rimbak C
		Buloke S
		Campaspe S
		Cardinia S
		Casey C
		Central Goldfields S
		Colac-Otway S
		Corangamite S
		Darebin C
		East Gippsland S
		Frankston C
		Gannawarra S
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	STATE	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	NT	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	NT	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	NT	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	
Life expectancy at birth Total: 2000-04 Rate: Years extra rows...	81.5	79.1	77.6	77.1	77.6	77.2	79.4	76.5	76.9	77	78.1	78.6	78.1																								
Life expectancy at birth Total: 1999-2003 Rate: Years extra rows...	81.5	79.1	77.6	77.1	77.6	77.2	79.4	76.5	76.9	77	78.1	78.6	78.1																								
Perceptions of Safety at home during the day Rate: per person	81.5	79.1	77.6	77.1	77.6	77.2	79.4	76.5	76.9	77	78.1	78.6	78.1																								

April – July 2007

- Website development, populate indicators with data etc.
- Workshops to support Councils to identify what steps need to be taken to make the best use of the data: challenges, strategies, and supports needed.
- Earlier data release to Councils.
- Official website and data launch July 16 2007.

July 2007– July 2008

- Additional data added to local reports
- Development of policy and research partnerships
- Development of capacity building tools
- Ongoing development of the framework e.g. cultural indicators

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