

Municipal Public Health Planning in the Glenelg Shire

Ministerial Rural Health Forum

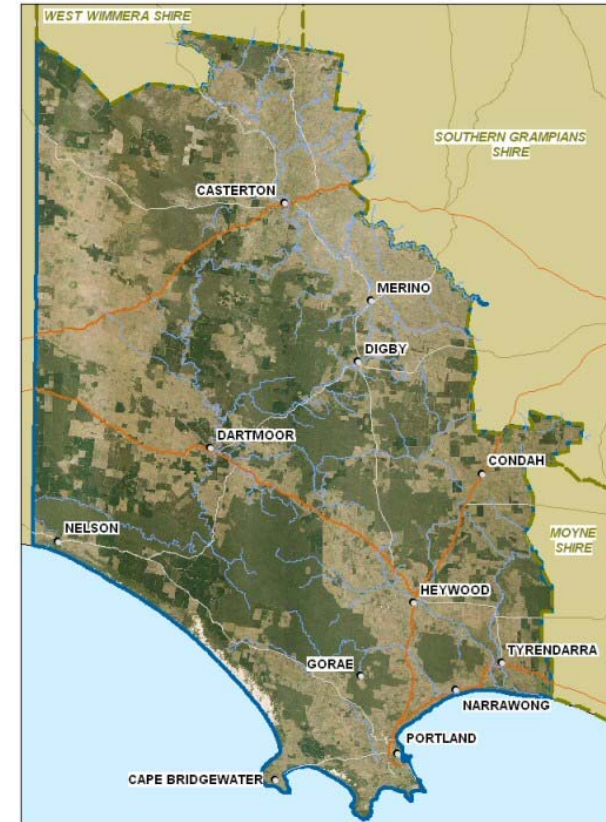
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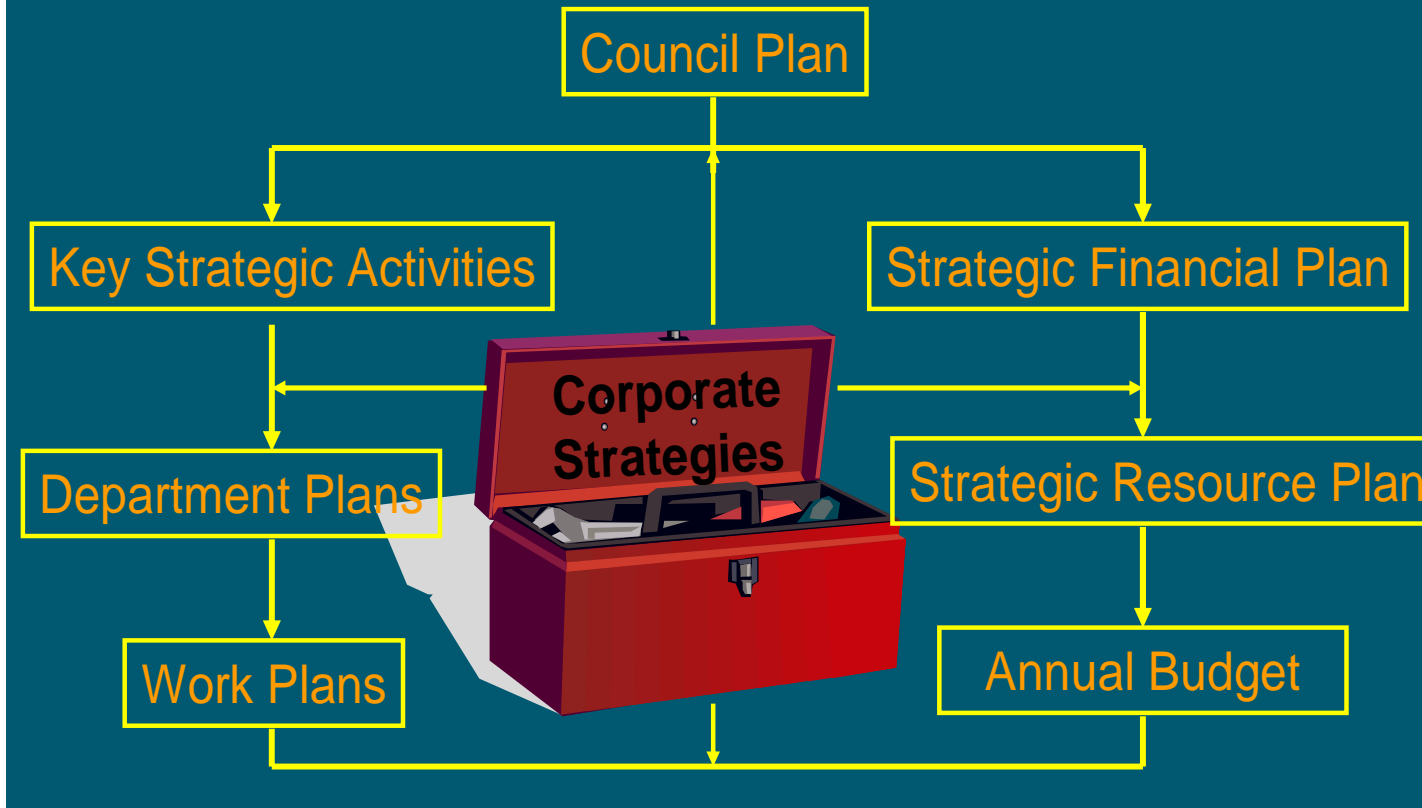


Setting the scene

- Located in far south west of Victoria
- Remote and geographically isolated
- Area of 6,212 square kilometres
- Population – 20,000
- Includes Portland, Heywood, Casterton and many small townships and communities
- Population density 3.2 per sq km
- Portland is 4.5 hours from Melbourne and 6 hours from Adelaide



Corporate Planning Framework



Key health issues

- Female life expectancy – equal lowest in state
- Male life expectancy – 6th lowest in state
- Drug & alcohol clients per 1,000 pop – third highest in state
- Registered mental health clients per 1,000 pop – fifth highest in state
- Significant socioeconomic disadvantage – most disadvantaged 18% of LGAs



Positive indicators of health and wellbeing

- Child immunisation rates
- Subjective wellbeing
- Participation in citizen engagement
- Community connection
- Volunteering rates



Objectives of MPHP Process

- Third public health plan
- Systems approach
- Evidence based
- Integrated planning with other health agencies/ tiers of gov't
- Build better relationships with agencies and stakeholders
- Long lasting partnership development
- Achievable



How did we go about it?

- Started in mid 2007 (participated in PCP project in 2006)
- Developed in two distinct parts as follows:
 - *Part One – Preparation of an Issues Paper (consultation with stakeholders / service providers, benchmarking, data collection and analysis, identify priorities)*
 - *Part Two – Preparation of an Action Plan (Issues/ themes, actions, Council role and key partners, performance indicators and priorities)*
- Process took us over 2 years to complete
- Cost of Consultancies - \$15,000 (3)



Process and Timing 2006 - 2007

- Oct – Nov 2006: - PCP Project – development of community indicators (Rosie will elaborate)
- Aug 2007: - Project Plan and TOR for PSC endorsed by Council
 - Consultant engaged to do Part One
- Sept 2007: Service Providers Workshop
 * Overview of process & Council role
 * Key themes and emerging priorities
 * Partnerships and collaboration
- Nov 2007: Issues Paper presented to Council



Process and Timing 2008

Jan 2008: PSC Workshop (Internally facilitated)
- Discussion and feedback on 'Issues Paper'

Feb 2008: PSC Workshop (Internally facilitated)
- Discussion of priorities for each determinant

Aug 2008: PSC Workshop (facilitated by Anita Thomas)
- Key concepts that are critical for MPHP
- Agreement on priorities / some strategies



Process and Timing 2008-09

- Sept –Jan: Development of MPHP (contracted writing to PCP)
- Several drafts and discussion
 - Meetings with GSC staff for feedback and discussion
 - Updated data for key indicators
- Feb 2009: Draft MPHP completed / presented to Council
- March 2009: Public exhibition period
- April 2009: Adopted by Council



Issues Paper

Summary of the research expressed in seven key sections:

- Social Profile & Community Indicators
- Mapping Supply: Analysis of Current Service Provision
- Benchmarking & Partnership Development
- Enhancing Wellbeing
- Planning for Action
- Health & Wellbeing Priorities
- MPHP Action Plan Template



Municipal Public Health Plan

Actions identified under 5 goals to ensure a liveable, productive and sustainable municipality:

Goal 1 – Healthy safe and inclusive communities

Goal 2 – Dynamic, resilient local economies

Goal 3 – Sustainable, built and natural environments

Goal 4 – Culturally rich and vibrant communities

Goal 5 – Democratic and engaged communities



Council role in delivery of MPHP

1. Lead agency role:
 - Strategic Planning
 - Service provision
 - Community planning and development
2. Support and advocacy role:
 - Partnership development
 - Advocacy



MPHP (continued)

- Approximately 40 issues and themes identified
- 1-3 actions for each issue / theme
- Relevant Council Plans linked
- Partner agency plans linked



Challenges

- Resources
- Skills
- Diversity of Steering Committee
- Council elections
- Workshops (agreement on priorities)
- Time lines



Outcomes

- Enhanced relationships
- Partnerships – Projects (e.g. Get a taste of this)
- Resources – Uniting Way
- Achievable Plan
- Plain English
- Enhanced integrated health planning across GSC
- Further research (unpacking of disadvantage statistics) and understanding



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- i) Victorian Indicators Project:
 - wellbeing indicators

www.communityindicators.net.au
- ii) Area Based Planning
- iii) Broad range networks and planning input



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Glenelg Brief:

- Liveable, productive, sustainable
- Achievable
- Sustainable
- Efficient implementation process



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Area Based Planning:

- Evidence base for priorities

Victorian Indicators:

- Framework to group issues + monitor progress
- Consistent with 'Environments for Health'



Southern Grampians and Glenelg PCP

Group 1 - Healthy, safe and inclusive communities:

Personal Health and Wellbeing

Community connectedness

Early childhood development

Personal and community safety

Lifelong learning

Group 2 - Dynamic, resilient local communities

Economic activity and employment

Work-Life Balance



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Group 3 - Sustainable build and natural environments

Access to open space

Housing affordability

Transport accessibility

Sustainable energy use

Air Quality

Water Quality/Quantity

Waste Management

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Group 4 - Culturally rich and vibrant communities

Participation in arts and cultural activities

Participation in recreational and leisure activities

Cultural diversity

Group 5 - Democratic and engaged communities

Citizen engagement

Conclusion

Glennelg Shire Council MPHP is:

- ✓ Achievable
- ✓ Enhances integrated planning
- ✓ Sustainable
- ✓ Evidence based
- ✓ Accessible – written in concise and clear language
- ✓ Articulates Council role
- ✓ Supported by stakeholders and agencies





Plan is available for download from:

www.glenelg.vic.gov.au

>Publications and documents

>>Council publications and documents

>>>Community publications and documents