

# Council Plan 2021 - 2025



## Easy English



## About this book

This book is about our Council Plan.



It is written in a way that is easy to read.



You can ask someone to help you read this book.



Some words are in **blue**. You can find the meaning of these words at the end of the book.

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# About our Council Plan



Our Council Plan guides us on how to

- manage our services in Nillumbik
- and
- work towards the goals in the **Community Vision**.



The Plan is for 4 years.



We wrote the Plan after talking to the people of Nillumbik.

The people of Nillumbik told us what they want us to keep working on.

| PLAN |       |
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| 3    | _____ |
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In the Plan we look at 4 things about Nillumbik.

The 4 things we look at in the Plan are



- **community** and **connection**



- **place** and **space**



- **sustainability** and **resilience**



- **responsibility** and **accountability**.

We explain more about these things next.

## Community and connection



We plan to make it easier for people to be part of the Nillumbik community.



We will do this by making it easier for people to

- be included in activities and services
- get the services they need
- take part in programs
- go to events.



This will also help to improve the health and wellbeing of people in Nillumbik.



We think about important things in life that make it easier for people to be part of the community.



We think about **equity and inclusion**. Equity and inclusion means everyone

- has the same chances
- is treated the same as everybody else
- has the same chance to be included.



We think about how being part of the community

- can improve everyone's health and wellbeing
- changes at different times of our lives.



For example when we are younger or older.

# Place and space

We plan to make sure the new places and spaces in Nillumbik



- are based on what already works and is good
- are easier for people to
  - get around
  - make friends and do things with other people
- do not affect our bushland or green spaces.



We will keep thinking about important things in life that can affect these things.



For example we think about

- what people like about Nillumbik
- the bushland and open spaces that we already have
- and
- how people move around.

# Sustainability and resilience



We plan to make sure that we can

- give people in Nillumbik what they need now and
- protect their future.



We think about important things in life that can affect these things.



For example we think about what Council can do to

- help stop **climate change**
- change the way we work to be more **sustainable**. This means we will use less and make less waste.



- support people in Nillumbik to be **resilient**.

Resilient means to cope better when bad things happen.



## Responsibility and accountability



We do our best for people in Nillumbik by

- being good leaders
- working hard to meet people's needs and goals
- and
- working with the community



We think about

- the best way that Council can work
- how we can **manage risks**. Managing risks means we try new things but we prepare in case things go wrong.
- and
- how we can provide the best services and programs.







## When we will tell you how the Plan is going

We will say how the work on the Council Plan is going regularly. We will say this

- at Council meetings. We have these meetings every month.
- in the Annual Report. The Annual Report is about the work we have done over the last year.



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## What the blue words mean

|                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| <b>accountability</b>   | To be willing to explain what we do and why we do it.   |
| <b>climate change</b>   | The change in weather caused by humans using too much fuel such as coal or gas.   |
| <b>community</b>        | The people<br>and<br>places around where you live.  |
| <b>connection</b>       | Being able to do things with other people.  |
| <b>Community Vision</b> | A document that says how the people in Nillumbik would like life to be in the future.   |
| <b>resilience</b>       | Being able to cope well when bad or difficult things happen.  |
| <b>responsibility</b>   | If you have responsibility for a job or a person, you must make sure the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• job is done</li> <li>• person is looked after.</li> </ul>               |
| <b>sustainability</b>   | When you try to reduce things that cause damage to the planet, such as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• using less fuel like coal or gas</li> <li>• making less waste.</li> </ul> |

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