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The *Nillumbik Community Vision 2040* emphasises that community and the Nillumbik Green Wedge is at the heart of the Shire. It states:

Nillumbik's places and spaces make an important contribution to health, wellbeing, culture, the environment, biodiversity and economic success. We continue to strengthen the Shire's identity through reinforcing existing natural and built form, improving accessibility and connectivity, protecting the environment, and enhancing both the Green Wedge and tree canopy in urban areas.

We acknowledge the pressures on liveability that in the future will likely challenge the way we live. We continue to strengthen Nillumbik's ability to manage and adapt to changing circumstances, to ensure the Shire and our community remain sustainable and resilient.

Nillumbik's planning related goals are to:

- Protect the Shire's green wedge across all aspects of planning.
- Enhance Nillumbik's sustainability and resilience to both climate change and bushfire.
- Facilitate enjoyable and connected places that strengthen identity and character, foster social connection and improve accessibility, wellbeing and safety for all.
- Strengthen Nillumbik's identity by protecting and enhancing its natural environment, heritage, arts and culture.
- Support economic growth that capitalises on Nillumbik's strengths, is innovative and is compatible with the natural environment.