



Engagement Report

Draft City of Belmont Public Health Plan 2026 -2031



Overview

This report provides a summary of the community engagement undertaken to inform the development of the City of Belmont Public Health Plan 2026 - 2031.

The community engagement process commenced in 2025 through various community surveys and stakeholder feedback. The Plan was also informed by the City's Strategic Community Plan and aligns with many of the City's other strategies, plans and related documents.

Purpose

The purpose of the community engagement was to inform of the development of the draft City of Belmont Public Health Plan 2026 - 2031.

Stage 1 contributed to the development of the Plan through a review of the engagements results in the 2025 City of Belmont MARKYT® scorecards:

- 2025 MARKYT® Community Perceptions Scorecard
- 2025 MARKYT® Business Perceptions Scorecard
- 2025 MARKYT® Wellbeing Scorecard

Stage 2 Open community consultation on the draft Public Health Plan 2026 - 2031, allowing feedback on the proposed plan, prior to final adoption.

Methodology

A webpage was provided on the City's online community engagement platform *Belmont Connect* to garner feedback on the draft plan.

Belmont Connect/Open Community Survey

Monday, 19 August 2026

Share your thoughts on City's draft Public Health Plan

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Public Health Plan
Our draft Public Health Plan outlines what we are doing to support public health in our community.

What's the purpose of the Public Health Plan?
We've created our draft Public Health Plan to support meaningful improvements in health, wellbeing, and living standards for all residents, workers and visitors in the City of Belmont.
The draft Plan was shaped by our community's unique needs, expectations and feedback, which showed a clear desire for us to support them in their own health journey. It also aligns closely with the State Public Health Plan for Western Australia 2023-2030.

Open for public comment
The draft Public Health Plan is open for public comment until Sunday 23 August 2026.

You can provide comment:
• Using the form on this page
• By writing to belmontconnect@cityofbelmont.wa.gov.au
• Or post to Locked Mail 376, Cloverdale WA 6105.

Public health themes and actions
Our vision, themes, and goals reflect how we can support public health. This includes working with State and Federal governments, not-for-profit organisations, businesses and our community to achieve the best possible outcomes.
More details on each theme, including our actions and desired outcomes, are in the draft Public Health Plan.

Promote	Prevent
 To foster strong, connected communities and healthier environments.	 To reduce the burden of chronic disease, communicable disease and injury.
Protect	Enable
 To protect against public and environmental health risks, effectively manage emergencies, reduce impacts of disaster, and lessen the health impacts of climate change.	 To bolster public health systems and activities, and encourage partnerships to support health and wellbeing.

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Document Library
Draft Public Health Plan 2026-2031

Project milestones
Draft Plan open for public comment
Review submissions
Council consideration of Public Health Plan
Plan implemented

Share your thoughts
Share your thoughts on our draft Public Health Plan by completing this form, which can be submitted multiple times, or in writing to belmontconnect@cityofbelmont.wa.gov.au or Locked Mail 376, Cloverdale 6105.

First Name required
Last Name required
Email required
What is your address?
e.g. 211 Wright Street
In which suburb do you live? required

Next

In August 2026 we asked the community to review the draft plan by completing a short online survey, hard copy form, or provide feedback in writing.

Contributions were open to residents 15 years and older. Those under 15 years required their parents/caregivers to complete the survey on their behalf.

Results

Full scorecard Reports are available at [Community, Wellbeing and Business Scorecards | Belmont Connect](#)

The MARKYT® sourced data provided by the community across the three scorecards helps the City understand what we are doing well, where we can improve and what matters most to the community.

While all three scorecards give valuable insight, the Wellbeing scorecard (Health, Environment & Recreation) in particular provides health, wellbeing and amenity related feedback that can be cross referenced with data sourced from external organisations.

Responses were received from 1,454 and 833 respondents to the Community Perceptions and Wellbeing Perceptions Scorecards, respectively.

Respondent profile

% of respondents (weighted)

		Community	Wellbeing			Community	Wellbeing
Gender	Male	49%	49%	Diversity*	Person with disability	10%	11%
	Female	49%	49%		First Nations person	4%	3%
	I use a different term	<1%	1%		Mainly speak a language other than English	15%	15%
	Answered together	<1%	1%	Highest level of education*	Year 9 and below	-	3%
Respondent age	14-17 years	1%	1%		Certificate I & II	-	2%
	18-34 years	35%	35%		Year 10 and above	-	13%
	35-49 years	27%	27%		Certificate III & IV Level	-	9%
	50-64 years	20%	20%		Diploma Level	-	10%
	65+ years	17%	17%		Bachelor Degree Level	-	35%
Lifestage*	Younger adult (18-49), no dependents	29%	34%		Graduate Diploma / Certificate Level	-	6%
	Baby/toddler (0-4)	13%	11%		Postgraduate level	-	19%
	Primary school (5-11)	15%	15%		None of these	-	1%
	High school (12-17)	12%	10%		Unsure / prefer not to say	-	2%
	Adult dependents (18+)	11%	10%	Employment status*	Full time	-	56%
	Older adult (50+), no dependents	30%	29%		Casual / part-time	-	15%
Location	Ascot	7%	6%		Self employed	-	6%
	Ascot Waters	1%	1%		Unemployed	-	4%
	Belmont	18%	20%		Unable to work	-	2%
	Cloverdale	20%	19%		Home duties	-	5%
	Kewdale	13%	12%		Retired	-	16%
	Redcliffe	12%	12%		Student	-	4%
	Rivervale	27%	28%		Other	-	1%
	The Springs	1%	1%				
Home tenure	Other	0%	<1%				
	Homeowner	83%	86%				
	Renting / other	17%	14%				



* Excludes no response. Education and employment questions were only asked in the MARKYT® Wellbeing Scorecard

Stage 1 Community Wellbeing Scorecard Results

Public health relates to wide ranging social, cultural, economic and environmental factors and as a local government our service provision reflects the community's expectations, desires and needs.

The services the City plans to and already provides should also always consider the requirements of the overarching objectives of *Aboriginal Health & Wellbeing* and *Equity and Inclusion*.

The 2025 MARKYT® Community and Wellbeing Scorecard provided community feedback that referenced many of these of factors. These are reflected in the City's 11 desired Outcomes in Strategic Community Plan 2024 – 2034.

Selected positive and negative feedback that aligns with the City's eleven outcomes were:

1. "A safe, healthy community"

- Main contributors to crime and safety in the City is drug and alcohol abuse, economic stress and mental health issues
- Desire for improved safety, better public space lighting and reduction in anti-social and criminal behaviour
- Similar and above State levels of nutritional, physical activity/sedentary behaviour and risky lifestyle factors (alcohol, drug consumption)
- Most frequently used and highly rated facilities are local parks, playgrounds, reserves and dog exercise areas

2. "A strong sense of pride, belonging and creativity"

- Desire for a diverse program of events embracing all cultures and ages building a sense of community
- Recognition and appreciation of multiculturalism, cultural diversity and reconciliation

3. "People of all ages and abilities connected and supported"

- Respondents confirmed most interest in supporting social causes and projects around arts, culture & heritage, environment & conservation and sports & recreation
- Over half of respondents were involved in volunteering or philanthropic activities
- City services and facilities for seniors, family & children, youth, volunteers and in the access & inclusion space were all positively rated

4. "Healthy and sustainable ecosystems"

- City works around environment management & conservation and river & foreshore management were viewed positively
- Environmental health related enforcement and waste management services were considered industry average or higher, respectively

5. "Climate resilience"

- Nearly half of respondents were highly concerned about climate change
- Of greatest concern was cost of living, impacts on wildlife and hotter neighbourhoods
- Emergency management rated responses around education, prevention and recovery were positively rated

6. "Sustainable population growth with responsible urban planning"

- Access to affordable housing was a major concern
- Desire for higher density developments to consider adequate supporting infrastructure including parking, schools and shops
- Assist with homelessness, regulate short-stay accommodation and encourage longer term rentals

7. "Attractive and welcoming places"

- Desire for improved and enhanced shopping precincts
- More tree planting & retention, improved streetscapes and enhanced amenity
- City facilities such as halls and public buildings were positively rated

8. "A city that is easy to get around safely and sustainably"

- Improved pedestrian and cyclist safety, reduced congestion and better parking provision
- Desire to improve footpaths to assist pedestrians, prams, seniors and wheelchairs
- More connected, safe and clearly marked cycle path network

9. "A progressive, vibrant and thriving economy with active participation in lifelong learning"

- Highly regarded Hub and library services
- Upward trend of longer working hours (work/life imbalance)
- Local shopping area development and activation positively rated

10. "Effective leadership, governance and financial management"

- Highly rated access to online City services

11. "A happy, well informed and engaged community"

- Multiple effective methods of communication with the community were all highly rated
- The City has a reasonable understanding of community needs but is an industry leader in listening to and respecting community views

Contributions and comments actively assist in shaping actions in the draft Public Health Plan and other City Plans and Strategies.

Stage 2 Engagement Outcomes

The purpose of Stage 2 was to provide opportunity for the community to make comment and provide suggestions that could influence the City's many actions across its public health related Strategies and Plans.

By close of engagement on 23 August 2026, the City's engagement platform *Belmont Connect* received feedback from seven respondents which are provided in Appendix 1, along with officer comments.

Feedback covered a wide range of topics including an enhanced Belmont Oasis and park exercise facilities, food security, community safety, public housing, community engagement and smoking/vaping.

The draft Public Health Plan is not intended to duplicate existing City strategies and plans. Rather it consolidates existing and planned public health related actions.

As such many of the comments have been referred to the relevant City Departments, for their consideration.

Next Steps

The draft Public Health Plan will be presented to Council for endorsement at the Ordinary Council Meeting on the 22 September 2026, concluding the formal engagement process.

This report will continue to be available on the City's engagement platform *Belmont Connect*, along with the endorsed Public Health Plan 2026 - 2031.

The actions associated with the Plan will be implemented over the next five years by most of the City's Departments.

The Public Health Plan and Implementation Plan actions must be reviewed annually to ensure they maintains their relevance and focus.

Appendix 1 Survey & Officer Comments

- Submitters names/contact details and inappropriate comments have been removed

Feedback	Officer comments
To support people with chronic health conditions, partner with Physiotherapy providers to provide hydrotherapy at the Belmont Oasis. The pool would need to be warmer too.	• Referred to Facilities & City Projects - Potential upgrade of Belmont Oasis • Referred to Parks, Leisure and Environment - Investigate potential for partnership
No feedback on the content, but noting that there are a number of typos in infographics and text in the draft, that hopefully can be corrected before the final version. thanks! Some sad statistics about children's health in there, would be great to somehow get more kids more active!	• Draft Plan reviewed and amended to address errors
The reduction of anti-social behaviour is a prime requirement for residents living in Belmont. The council have failed in this area. We need tangible and consistent strategies to deal with antisocial behaviour and crime. The people causing this problem need to be involved in the solution. They need to be consulted directly and be given assistance to correct their behaviour. This can be combined with better protection for citizens in their homes and in public spaces by allocating increased resources to this strategy. We are increasing the number of social homes in the city at the Springs development. This, unfortunately, will inevitably increase the potential for anti-social behaviour. We need to plan for this before people move into their new home. A community engagement officer should be appointed to each of	• Referred to Safer Communities (Community Safety) – Community safety issues • Management of Department of Housing tenants is not under the control or responsibility of the City - Advocacy issue

these new families to welcome them into the area and provide them with information on how they can be of assistance. Events could be held specifically for these new families so that they feel connected to their new community.	
Like all strategic plans it sounds good but vague. What I would like to see is: 1. Community programs to make people proud of the area/street they live in. Provide flowers/ greenery not just trees and water subsidy to encourage pride in place we live in. The neglect and dirt in front of many homes is terrible to drive through and reflects many of the issues raised in your plan. 2. Children need more interactive play areas where inter community play is actively encourage. 3. Volunteer groups to visit wives and older people in their homes who are essentially alone, many of whom are depressed, lonely and without joy or help of any kind. 4. We need to actively encourage communities to dob in a neighbour who is selling drugs or engaged in criminal activities 5. Belmont lacks any community drive to encourage people to participate or take pride in our city. While all projects are good in themselves until we can develop a plan to make all people feel welcome and seek higher goals and achievements all the plans in the world are just drops in a teacup. We need a plan to help all cultures feel like they belong and are valued and that those who have are treated the same as those who don't have. 6. Subsidies need to be allocated for environment health and wellbeing, housing and education to raise the standard of living and help make our community a place where all belong and are encouraged to contribute by elevating the place and street they live in.	1. Referred to Parks, Leisure & Environment – Verge enhancement 2. Referred to Parks, Leisure & Environment Request – Interactive play areas 3. Referred to Economic & Community Development – Volunteer services 4. Referred to Safer Communities (Community Safety) – Reporting of crime 5. Referred to Economic & Community Development – Community pride 6. General referral – Subsidies for various actions 7. Referred to Parks, Leisure & Environment - City verges 8. Referred to Economic & Community Development – Community programs for vulnerable residents 9. Referred to Economic & Community Development – Mental health assistance

7. Mandatory care for housing, gardens, street scapes needs to be introduced and incentives provided to promote design and presentation. 8. Community programs need to be put in place to assist disabled, lonely sick and old who live alone and who need assistance. 9. It is accepted that happy people who feel they belong and are valued are generally more healthy. Mental health programs are desperately needed in our community and a place where adducts can seek refuge and assistance is way overdue. Involvement of every member of community in above programs is the only way they will work.	
I am grateful that City of Belmont pro-active to care, protect, improve the public health in community that one I believe through connected with people in the neighborhood. I would to ask again some outdoor exercise equipment to be planted in Epsom Park to get people in the area get out and connected in the park. I saw migrant around no really speaks English but engaging can be build up via connecting through our exercise activities in the park. Please re-consider us on East Ward	• Referred to Parks, Leisure & Environment - Request for exercise equipment at Epsom Park
Some useful strategies here. As a Senior I recently attended the Count Us In program however I had to pay for the Oasis membership and as an ongoing commitment it is expensive. The outdoor exercise areas are an alternative but alone it is boring. School attendance is related to the health of a society. When I worked for Education Dept of WA the attendance of students to our local government schools was below average. What can the City do to encourage a higher rate of attendance ?	• Referred to Parks, Leisure & Environment and Economic & Community Development – Count Us In program and Oasis membership • Referred to Economic & Community Development - School attendance • Referred to Parks, Leisure & Environment and Economic & Community Development - No Smoking / Vaping locations

I see smoking and vaping is not allowed at the Hub or shops. However, I would like to see smoking and vaping banned in the related car parks and footpaths around all of our shopping precincts. and extend this to any of our parks. Why have healthy parks and environments and someone walks by smoking? I may come up with more ideas.	
1. Elevate crime and antisocial behaviour as a major priority, reflecting its clear first-place ranking in community feedback. 2. Add a school food-security action developed with local schools and Foodbank WA. 3. Add actions supporting residents to start viable small businesses as secure employment, income, purpose and social connection are important determinants of health. Support local enterprise, self-employment and job creation as determinants of financial, social and community wellbeing by reducing barriers to starting a business, providing accessible mentoring and micro-enterprise support, facilitating affordable business spaces and increasing opportunities for local businesses to supply the City and major local employers. 4. Publish the full implementation plan and summary of public submissions before the Public Health Plan is adopted 5. Publish the MARKYT survey methodology and respondent demographics, including homeowner, tenant and ratepayer representation. I would like to know if I am represented in these figures. 6. Explain how ratepayer affordability and value for money were considered. 7. Report publicly each year on expenditure, delivery and measurable outcomes—not merely internally through the Corporate Business Plan.	1. Referred to Safer Communities (Community Safety) - Community safety issues 2. Referred to Economic & Community Development – Food security 3. Referred to Economic & Community Development – Small business support 4. Implementation Plan will be completed after publishing of plan. Public submissions included in Engagement Report provided to Council 5. MARKYT scorecards and demographic information available on City webpage 6. Draft Public Health Plan reflects current and proposed budgeted actions under most Directorate’s strategies and actions 7. Draft Public Health and Implementation Plans will be reviewed annually 8. Referred to Economic & Community Development – Community support and food security 9. Draft Public Health Plan is a high-level document with actions that reference a wide range of factors impacting on health and wellbeing 10. Referred to appropriate Departments

8. Include cost-of-living support, particularly food security, access to essential services and referrals. 9. Replace language implying that poor outcomes are simply caused by “poor lifestyle choices” with wording that properly recognises affordability, housing, transport, education, time constraints and access barriers 10. <i>Detailed attachment on ten subject matters</i>	
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