

## Policy 1.01 Community Wellbeing

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Scope

This policy prescribes the processes implemented by [Bega Valley Shire Council](#) to facilitate the building of strong and responsive connections within the Bega Valley Shire community that assist people to meet their aspirations for their community, with particular focus on the inclusion of marginalised and disadvantaged groups.

~~The scope of this~~ This policy demonstrates direct commitment to the following strategic guiding principles:

- ~~Equitable and inclusive~~ | ~~C~~commitment to building connections with stakeholders and building trust and respect-
- ~~Responsible~~ | ~~A~~always trying to serve the needs of the entire community
- ~~Transparent~~ | ~~N~~urturing a trusting and supportive partnership with the community
- ~~Accountable~~ | ~~C~~ommitted to risk management and compliance

### 1.1.1 Purpose

To provide guidance to Councillors, managers and staff in the development, implementation, monitoring and review of effective and efficient processes [and programs](#) that improve the wellbeing of the community.

## 1.2 Definitions

Nil

# 2 Legislation

*Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992*

*Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Act 1986*

*Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*

*NSW Anti-Discrimination Act ~~1997~~1977*

~~NSW Disability Services Act 2006~~

*Public Health Act 2010*

*NSW Local Government Act 1993*

*NSW Disability Inclusion Act 2014*

[Closing the Gap targets and outcomes: www.closingthegap.gov.au/national-agreement/targets](http://www.closingthegap.gov.au/national-agreement/targets)

# 3 Implementation

## 3.1 Policy Statement

Bega Valley Shire Council will ~~address support~~ community wellbeing by:

- supporting processes that improve the wellbeing and quality of life for the community ~~that by~~ responding [ings](#) to their needs and aspirations

- creating and managing an environment which supports the health of the local community and strengthens the capacity of the community and individuals to achieve better health and wellbeing
- supporting the development of a connected community through ~~place based and~~ community development activities
- supporting and advocating for the needs of the local Aboriginal community, in line with the endorsed Memorandum of Understanding with the Bega, Eden and Merrimans Local Aboriginal Land Councils and the national Closing the Gap targets
- planning, regulating, supporting and advocating for a mix of public and private sector services and facilities that encourage access to quality health, housing, recreation, education, employment and transport
- developing, planning and advocating for all community members to achieve equal access to services and facilities within the shire
- involving and protecting the interests of vulnerable, disadvantaged and culturally diverse community members, including older people and people with disability
- ensuring gaps are identified and considered through a solutions-focused lens, and included in the planning and implementation of future projects, ~~and~~ programs and activities
- empowering groups and individuals to have a greater say in matters relating to their health and wellbeing through consultation, engagement, the provision of information, ~~and~~ offering choices where possible.

## 4 Supporting documents

### 4.1.1 BVSC procedures that relate to this policy

Nil

### 4.1.2 BVSC ~~p~~Policies that ~~r~~Relate to this ~~p~~Policy

Policy No.:	Policy Name
1.02	Inclusive Communities
1.04	Volunteering
1.06	Cultural Diversity
2.01	Community learning, <del>libraries</del> and education
4.06	Cemeteries and memorials
4.09	Families and children
<u>6.16</u>	<u>Community Engagement</u>

## 5 Responsibilities

### 5.1 Elected Council

Responsible for ensuring appropriate strategies, resourcing and policies are in place to support community wellbeing, as well as advocacy to all levels of government as required.

Responsible for the support, advocacy and delivery of services and facilities to achieve improved health and well-being of the community.

### 5.2 Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Leadership Executive Group (LEG)

Responsible for the management Oversight of services, facilities, programs, and activities and advocacy to develop, maintain and support and advocate to achieve community wellbeing and to ensure equal access to the whole of for the whole community.

### 5.3 Strategic Leadership Group

Responsible for the implementation and management of services, facilities and activities to develop, maintain, support and advocate for community wellbeing and to ensure equal access for the whole community.

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