

Policy 1.01 Community Wellbeing

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1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 Scope

This policy prescribes the processes implemented by 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.

1.1.2 Purpose

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

1.2 Definitions

Nil

1.3 Legislation

- *Commonwealth Disability Discrimination Act 1992*
- *Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Act 1986*
- *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*
- *NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1997*
- *NSW Disability Services Act 2006*
- *Public Health Act 2010*
- *NSW Local Government Act 1993*
- *NSW Disability Inclusion Act 2014*

1.4 Implementation

1.4.1 Policy Statement

Bega Valley Shire Council will address community wellbeing by:

- supporting processes that improve the wellbeing and quality of life for the community that responds 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
- 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 solution-focused lens, and included in the planning and implementation of future projects/programs/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.

1.5 Supporting documents

1.5.1 BVSC procedures that relate to this policy

Procedure No.:	Procedure Name	External or Internal Procedure
	There are no procedures under this Policy	

1.5.2 BVSC Policies that Relate to this Policy

Policy No.:	Policy Name
1.02	Inclusive Communities
1.04	Volunteering
1.06	Cultural Diversity
2.01	Community learning, libraries and education
4.06	Cemeteries and memorials
4.09	Families and children

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