

Statement of Commitment for a Safe and Inclusive Brimbank

Vision statement

Our aspiration is for a safe and welcoming community where everyone belongs and can live a life free from harm.

This will be supported by working together to create stronger communities through social inclusion, preventing gender-based violence and designing and maintaining our council owned public spaces for everyone to use and enjoy safely.

Role of Council

Community safety is a shared responsibility across all levels of government, police, service providers, business, and the community.

Council plays an important leadership role that is dependent on partnerships and collaboration. This occurs through the following key roles.



Principles

The following principles guide our approach to community safety.

Inclusion – everyone is welcome, valued and their diverse needs and experiences are recognised. Social factors such as housing, education, employment and social connection influence safety and wellbeing and we aim to create an environment that supports everyone to thrive.

Preventing harm – we focus on preventing harm before it occurs, and minimising risks when it does, and addressing underlying social and environmental factors that affect safety and health outcomes.

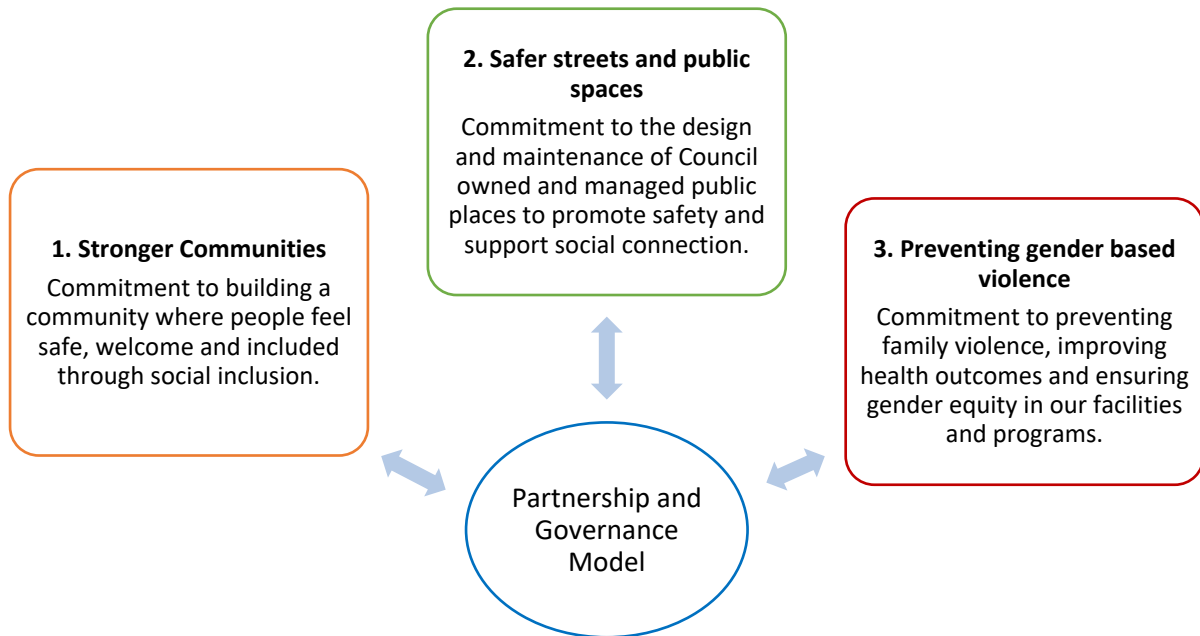
Collaboration – we work with government, police, community service organisations and community members to promote safe, healthy, and connected communities.

Place-based approach – we work with partners to identify and address emerging safety issues through interventions that support safe and welcoming public spaces for everyone.

Strategic priorities

Our focus is aligned with both the health and wellbeing priorities and the strategic priorities in *We Are Brimbank: Integrated Community Vision 2050, Council Plan and Health and Wellbeing Plan 2025-2029*.

Three strategic priorities are listed below.



Under each of the strategic priorities are key commitments. These will be delivered through our Partnership and Governance Model below. We engage with key stakeholders through forums including the Safety and Wellbeing Partnership that is co-convened by Council and Victoria Police. We also convene collaborative working groups, such as the Hotspots Working Group, and participate in local and regional partnerships such as Preventing Violence Together.



Implementation

Council will develop actions to address the strategic priorities as identified in the We are Brimbank Annual Action Plan.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Council will collaborate with partner organisations to monitor progress using indicators such as improved perceptions of safety, increased social connection and improved wellbeing. Success will be measured against the actions under the three strategic priorities: stronger communities, safer streets, and public spaces, and preventing gender-based violence.

Progress will be tracked with key stakeholders including Victoria Police, community organisations and service providers using data from program delivery, surveys, and feedback. Regular progress and annual reports will be presented to Council.

The Statement's impact and effectiveness will be reviewed every four years, aligned with future Council Plans, and evaluation findings will guide future planning for a safe and welcoming community.

History of amendment

Rev	Review date	Reason for amendment	Next review date
1	17/02/2026	Statement replaces the previous Safe and Inclusive Brimbank Strategy 2020-2024	17/02/2030
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