





# **Banyule Urban Food Strategy Action Plan**

## Theme 1: An inclusive, connected food community

Action	Time-frame	Council role	Department	Partners	Indicators for monitoring progress	Data sources
<b>Objective 1: Strengthen dignified access to good food across the community</b>						
1.1 Strengthen the existing food relief network through the review of a Terms of Reference and Work Plan with Council offering secretariat support. 	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Support	Community Resilience and Health	Food relief agencies	Ability of the food relief sector to respond to demand  Increased community engagement with Food Relief Network	Meeting attendance at Food Relief Network meetings  Annual survey of community food sector (incl. baseline)
1.2 Establish and provide secretariat support for an Urban Food Working Group with cross-section of external stakeholders to oversee the Strategy's implementation and evaluation. An Expression of Interest to be advertised for working group members following Council endorsement of the Strategy. 	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Facilitate	Community Resilience and Health	External stakeholders (e.g. representatives from community gardens, urban farms, Neighbourhood houses, food relief agencies)	Number of Banyule Urban Food Working Group meetings held  Diversity of representation on Banyule Urban Food Working Group	Meeting attendance and minutes of Urban Food Working Group
1.3 Work with Environmental Health Officers in supporting food businesses to direct surplus food to emergency food relief agencies (during food inspection visits).	Year 1	Lead	Community Resilience and Health	Food businesses  Food relief agencies	Information sheet developed for distribution by EHOs  Number of local businesses contributing to food relief activities	Reports by EHO team





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1.4 Provide education and support to local food businesses on food safety guidelines for distributing surplus food and a list of local emergency food relief agencies for directing surplus food.	Year 1 Year 2	Lead	Community Resilience and Health	Local food businesses	Food safety guidelines and list of food relief agencies for food relief developed	Annual survey of community food sector (incl. baseline)
1.5 Map food sustainability, food accessibility and food security service gaps and issues across Banyule.	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Support	Community Resilience and Health	Food Relief Network  Urban Food Working Group	Mapping of service gaps and issues complete	Service gaps and issues map
1.6 Prioritise food relief and community food projects in the new Banyule Community Fund and existing community grants. Continue to support community gardens, urban farms and composting through the Environment grants program. 	Year 1 Year 2	Lead	Community Connections  Sustainability and Environment	Community food organisations  Food relief agencies	Increased number of Council-supported community food initiatives or events	Number and total value of grants allocated to community food initiatives  Grant acquittal reports
<b>Objective 2: Celebrate and connect the community through food</b>						
2.1 Promote community food events and initiatives that encourage social connection, enhance food system sustainability and improve food security and access. 	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Facilitate	Community Resilience and Health  Sustainability and Environment  Communications	External stakeholders (e.g. community gardens, urban farms, Neighbourhood houses, food relief agencies)  Local Food Connect	Number of events/initiatives promoted  Increased community participation in food events or initiatives  Increased sense of belonging	Register of events/initiatives  Household Survey question measuring community participation in community food initiatives  Household survey






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						measuring opportunities to connect with others and participation in community groups
2.2 Develop and implement an awareness-raising campaign of urban farms, community gardens, and Neighbourhood houses in Banyule. 	Year 1	Lead	Community Resilience and Health	Communications Sustainability and Environment  Urban Food Working Group	Increased awareness of urban farms and community gardens and Neighbourhood houses  Increased participation at urban farms, community gardens and Neighbourhood houses	Household Survey question measuring participation in community food initiatives  Reports from Neighbourhood houses and other partners
2.3 Pilot cooking program for older adults to promote healthy eating, food accessibility and food sustainability. 	Year 1	Lead	Community Connections	Neighbourhood houses and other community organisations	Number of community cooking events and/or participants	Register of cooking programs and participant feedback
2.4 Pilot a community cooking program at Greenhills Neighbourhood House, with key learnings used to expand to other Neighbourhood houses.	Year 1	Support	Community Partnerships	Greenhills Neighbourhood House		
2.5 Facilitate partnerships with Neighbourhood Houses, community gardens and other food organisations to build community capabilities to run cooking workshops.	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Facilitate	Community Resilience and Health	Neighbourhood houses  Urban Food Working Group		







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2.6 Support a collaborative project between BANSIC and Ivanhoe Grammar to develop a cookbook with recipes using food received through the Food Relief Network.	Year 1	Support	Community Partnerships	Community Resilience and Health  BANSIC  Ivanhoe Grammar	Cookbook developed	Council and BANSIC newsletters
2.7 Investigate opportunity for Banyule EcoFest to incorporate celebration of local foods and food sustainability. 	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Lead	Arts & Culture	Local Food Connect  Food businesses  Banyule urban farms (e.g., Farm Raiser and Veggie Empire)	Festival events focused on local and sustainable food systems	Festival program and list of stallholders and/or participating food businesses or organisations
<b>Objective 3: Strengthen connections and participation across the community food sector</b>						
3.1 Upskill and support community food organisations and initiatives in attracting and managing volunteers utilising the local volunteer hub. 	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Support	Community Resilience and Health	Diamond Valley Community Support  Volunteer Hub	Levels of volunteer participation and satisfaction	Feedback from community organisations regarding volunteer participation and retention  Household Survey measuring volunteering activity
3.2 Develop a community resource outlining potential sources of philanthropic and other grants for community food projects. 	Year 1	Support	Community Resilience and Health	Urban Food Working Group  Food Relief Network	Community resource developed  Number of organisations using the developed resource	Downloads of resource from website



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<b>Objective 4: Prioritise First Nations foodways and connection to Country</b>						
4.1 Undertake consultation and a feasibility study as part of the Self-Determination Strategy with Barrbunin Beek Community Committee of Management about interest in establishing an Indigenous community garden at the Gathering Place. 	Year 2	Facilitate	First Nations Lead	Barrbunin Beek Community Committee of Management	Consultations held and feasibility study undertaken	Feasibility study and consultation report
4.2 Consult with Wurundjeri Narrap Team, Wurundjeri Elders and First Nations residents in Banyule to explore opportunities for embedding Indigenous foodways into Banyule environment. 	Year 1	Lead	First Nations Lead Bushland Management	Sustainability and Environment RAP Committee	Consultations held	Meeting minutes
4.3 Investigate endorsement of the VACCHO consensus statement on food policy actions to improve food environments and nutrition outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Victoria with support from RAP Committee. 	Year 1	Advocacy	First Nations Lead	RAP Committee Barrbunin Beek Community Committee of Management	VACCHO Consensus Statement endorsed	Council minutes
4.4 Celebrate Indigenous foods and food knowledge through community events and festivals, prioritising participation of Aboriginal-owned businesses and Elders. 	Year 2	Lead	Arts and Culture First Nations Lead	RAP Committee Arts and Culture Committee	Aboriginal-owned businesses participating in events / festivals	Festival/event programs




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## Theme 2: A thriving local food economy

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<b>Objective 5: Support greater access to shorter supply chains and Victorian produce</b>						
5.1 Source a partnership opportunity with North Link to advocate for a marketing campaign to support local food businesses.	Year 2	Facilitate	Economic Development	North Link	Increase in Banyule residents shopping locally	Household Survey question assessing food accessibility  Local sales in Banyule local food economy (ABS data)
5.2 Investigate opportunities for streamlining approvals to establish farmers markets and/or other outlets selling local produce within the municipality.	Year 2	Lead	Economic Development  Development Planning	Local businesses  Urban Food Working Group	Investigation report  New guidance on approvals issued  Increase in new farmers markets and/or food businesses selling local produce	Number of new approvals for markets or businesses selling local food  Local sales in Banyule local food economy (ABS data)
5.3 Leverage the Social Enterprise Strategy and Action Plan, Inclusive Local Jobs Strategy and Economic Development Plan to expand support for and connect food businesses, including urban farms looking to grow or source locally.	Year 3 Year 4	Lead	Local Jobs and Inclusive Enterprise  Economic Development	Local businesses  Urban Food Working Group  Banyule Social Enterprise Network	Increased number of food-based social enterprise in municipality  Increased collaboration between social enterprise and community food businesses	Number of food-based social enterprises supported by Inclusive Jobs Fund and/or social enterprise partnership program  Local jobs newsletter





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<b>Objective 6: Support and diversify Banyule's local food economy</b>						
6.1 Leverage opportunities and partnerships emerging through the La Trobe National Employment and Innovation Cluster to foster and support new, innovative food retail and value-adding businesses	Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Facilitate	Strategic Planning and Economic Development	La Trobe University	Stronger local sales and employment in food businesses	Audit of newly registered food and agriculture businesses in Banyule  Local sales in food sector (ABS data)  FTE employed in the food sector (ABS data)
6.2 Develop and implement a campaign to promote Heidelberg Business Park as a food precinct. 	Year 1	Lead	Community Resilience and Health	Communications Economic Development Urban Food Working Group Local businesses	Campaign developed	Social media reach and engagement  Feedback from local food businesses
6.3 Review Council catering and procurement guidelines to prioritise local food businesses and embed seasonality and sustainability in tendering criteria.	Year 2	Lead	Procurement	Sustainable Procurement Working Group Urban Food Working Group	Increased number of local food business suppliers  Increased expenditure with local food business suppliers	Annual procurement expenditure data  List of Council suppliers



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				Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group		
6.4 Continue to identify opportunities for food social enterprises and promote social enterprises operating in Banyule. 	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Lead	Local Jobs and Inclusive Employment	Social enterprises	Increased community awareness and commercial engagement with food-based social enterprises	Number of food-based social enterprise operating or servicing Banyule  Social enterprise survey
6.5 Create a promotional campaign for existing social enterprise cafes. 	Year 2	Lead	Community Resilience and Health	Communications  Local Jobs and Inclusive Employment	Campaign created  Increase community awareness and commercial engagement with food-based social enterprises	Social media reach and engagement  Local jobs newsletter
6.6 Support workplace settings in Banyule to implement Healthy Eating Guidelines and source food from local businesses.	Year 1 Year 2	Facilitate	Community Impact	North Eastern Public Health Unit (NEPHU)  Banyule Community Health Service	Promotion of Healthy Eating Guidelines to local businesses	Notes from partner / staff visits / communications with local businesses




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<b>Objective 7: Encourage a vibrant, skilled and sustainable food sector</b>						
7.1 Foster collaborations and scope partnerships between local schools and pre-vocational training providers to identify future project opportunities.	Year 1	Support	Community Resilience and Health	Banyule Nillumbik Learn Local Employment Network  Urban Food Working Group  Local Teachers/ School Network	Increase in vocational / pre-vocational pathways	Audit of programs  Feedback from stakeholders
7.2 Support the partnership between Waratah Special Development School and Farm Raiser to build student skills and knowledge of food production.	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Support	Community Resilience and Health	Urban Food Working Group  Farm Raiser  Waratah Special Development School	Increased food literacy and skills development in young people  Stronger food-focused partnerships with schools  Inclusion of food sustainability and food security in curriculum	Feedback from stakeholders  School curriculum / subject plans
7.3 Partner with local schools to seek opportunities to embed food sustainability and food security into curriculum and community development opportunities.	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Facilitate	Community Resilience and Health	Local Teachers/ School Network  Urban Food Working Group		
7.4 Partner with Bundoora Secondary College to undertake a planning and feasibility study to establish an environmental sustainability program and community garden.	Year 2 Year 3	Facilitate	Community Resilience and Health	Bundoora Secondary College  Urban Food Working Group		




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## Theme 3: Planning for healthy and sustainable food systems

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<b>Objective 8: Co-design neighbourhood food retailing environments with local communities</b>						
8.1 Work with trader associations to support existing and incentivise new greengrocers, bulk food stores, culturally specific food stores and other healthy food retailers.	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Support	Economic Development	Trader associations Chamber of Commerce Urban Food Working Group Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group	Percentage of Banyule residents shopping locally Number of greengrocers and other healthy food retailers Ratio of unhealthy and healthy food outlets Average walking distance of residents to nearest healthy food outlet	Household Survey question assessing food accessibility Registered food businesses/premises Australian Urban Observatory
<b>Objective 9: Integrate food into planning processes to support access to healthy and affordable food</b>						
9.1 Highlight consideration of disabled parking in food retail environments in line with activity centre planning, liveability and universal design principles. 	Year 1	Lead	Transport Engineering City Futures	Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee	Enhanced access for disabled community members	Audit of disabled parking




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9.2 Promote active transport (walking/cycling) and community bus linkages with key food hubs and community gardens.	Year 1	Lead	Community Impact	Community Resilience and Health	Number of linkages identified and promoted	Feedback from community / stakeholders
9.3 Apply a food sustainability, food accessibility and food security lens when undertaking precinct planning, neighbourhood character and liveability assessments by including initiatives to encourage more diversified food businesses and food production opportunities in the design and planning of neighbourhoods.	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Lead	Strategic Planning  Economic Development	Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group	Percentage of new precinct plans, neighbourhood character and liveability assessments that apply a 'food lens'	Audit of new precinct plans, neighbourhood character and liveability assessments
9.4 Explore opportunities to encourage herb planter boxes and small balcony gardens in the Housing Policy.	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Lead	Strategic Planning	Community Resilience and Health  Environment and Sustainability  Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group	Percentage of new housing developments with integrated food production	Masterplans, site plans, photos  Feedback from residents
<b>Objective 10: Encourage healthy eating and healthy food environments</b>						
10.1 Include regular articles in the Banyule Banner with budget-friendly tips and recipes for local and seasonal eating. 	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Lead	Community Resilience and Health  Communications	Urban Food Working Group  Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group	Fruit and vegetable intake increased (note: this is a long-term indicator)	Banyule Banner  Victorian Population Health Survey






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10.2 Support North Eastern Public Health Unit (NEPHU) in advocacy and implementation of Healthy Choices guidelines in Council-run and other community facilities. 	Year 1 Year 2	Advocacy	Community Impact	North Eastern Public Health Unit (NEPHU)  Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group	Increased range of healthier choices in Council-run facilities	Audit of food offerings in Council-run facilities
10.3 Convene a working group with community members, Councillors and researchers to investigate the studies and debates around what comprises a “sustainable diet” and a “diet for planetary health”, with the aim of generating and sharing information on these important topics with the broader community through talks and workshops, in order to raise the level of food systems literacy amongst Banyule residents and stakeholders	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Lead	Community Resilience and Health	Urban Food Working Group  Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group	Increased food systems literacy	Feedback from community / stakeholders  Meeting attendance and minutes of Urban Food Working Group  Meeting attendance and minutes of Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group
<b>Objective 11: Enhance the ecological health of the local food system</b>						
11.1 Continue to encourage opportunities for the Teachers’ Environment Network to support urban food growing and composting education in schools.	Year 1 Year 2	Support	Environment and Sustainability	Teachers’ Environment Network  Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group	Increasing composting education and food growing programs in Banyule schools	Examples of curriculum / feedback from teachers





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11.2 Educate and raise awareness about the benefits of Indigenous pollinators for food growing in the urban environment. 	Year 2	Lead	Environment and Sustainability	Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group	Community education on pollinator plants and agro-biodiversity	Banyule Banner and other Council communication channels
11.3 Expand FOGO to food businesses, apartments and public spaces.	Year 1	Lead	Waste Management	Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group	Reduced food waste	Household Survey question measuring household composting activity  Number of FOGO bins in use across municipality
11.4 Promote existing FOGO bins resources in multiple languages to support education about hygienic bin usage, and make printed resources available in Council service centres and community hubs. 	Year 1	Support	Waste Management		Increased participation in FOGO program	
11.5 Run an environment and sustainability workshop at Shop 48.	Year 2	Lead	Community Resilience and Health Environment and Sustainability	Community Partnerships	Workshop complete	Participant attendance and feedback
11.6 Highlight ongoing opportunities for composting workshops to engage community members and build enthusiasm for circular economy principles. 	Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Support	Waste Management	Environment and Sustainability  Urban Food Working Group  Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group	Number of workshops delivered  Increased composting skills and knowledge of circular economy principles	Participant attendance and feedback





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## Theme 4: Abundant edible landscapes

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<b>Objective 12: Expand access to edible food spaces</b>						
12.1 Develop a community resource to promote seasonal growing in small spaces.	Year 2	Lead	Community Resilience and Health  Environment and Sustainability	Urban Food Working Group  Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group	Community resource developed	
12.2 Review, layer and classify existing Council land assets suitable for community gardens and urban farms. 	Year 2	Lead	Community Resilience and Health  Strategic Planning  Property	Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group	Volume of new land made available for edible food growing  Increased participation in community gardens	Register of Council sites supporting edible gardening  Household Survey question measuring awareness of and / or participation in community gardens
12.3 Map and share suitable land opportunities for community gardens and urban farms and help facilitate access to land (including communal and shared land arrangements). 	Year 2	Lead	Strategic Planning  Community Resilience Lead	Melbourne Water  Urban Food Working Group  Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group	Creation of community	Social media shares of




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12.4 Map and promote existing community gardens across the municipality to encourage increased community participation 	Year 1	Support	Community Partnerships Environment and Sustainability	Urban Food Working Group Community Gardens	garden map	map Downloads / access of map
12.5 Facilitate a Community Gardens Network to provide opportunities for cross-collaboration (quarterly meetings).	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Facilitate	Community Resilience and Health	Environment and Sustainability Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group	Creation of Community Garden Network Regular Network meetings	Meeting notes / photos Feedback from Network members
12.6 Develop a partnership between the Bellfield Community Gardens and the Bellfield Community Hub that promotes community engagement and participation. 	Year 1 Year 2	Facilitate	Community Partnerships	Bellfield Community Garden Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group	Partnership established	Feedback from staff / gardeners
12.7 Explore opportunities for food production and edible landscapes across community spaces.	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Lead	Parks and Natural Environment	Urban Food Working Group Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group	New edible spaces established	Photos Feedback from gardeners / residents
12.8 Explore opportunities for herb garden at the Bellfield Community Hub and the Rosanna Library.	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3	Lead	Parks and Natural Environment	Community Resilience and Health Community Partnerships	Herb garden established	Feedback from gardeners / residents




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<b>Objective 13: Empower the community to grow, cook, preserve and share food</b>						
13.1 Pilot a new community garden program at BANSIC.	Year 1 Year 2	Support	Community Partnerships	Community Resilience and Health  Environment and Sustainability  BANSIC  Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group	Community garden established  Number of community garden members	Membership register
13.2 Support urban food initiatives and community events that enhance the visibility of locally accessible food, home growing and food networks and connect people across ages and socioeconomic demographics. 	Year 2	Lead	Sustainability and Environment  Community Connections	Seniors Groups  Age-Friendly Champions  Urban Food Working Group  Age Friendly Population Committee  Banyule Environmental and Climate Action Advisory Committee  Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group	Number of urban agriculture workshops conducted or actively promoted by council	Register of workshops / lists of attendees / feedback surveys



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13.3 Implement wayfinding signage of key sites such as community gardens and urban farms for easy navigation and increased visibility.	Year 2 Year 3	Lead	Community Resilience and Health		Number of new signs installed	Photos
13.4 Promote existing community fruit fly and other pest management programs and information through the Greenwrap Newsletter, Sustainable MacLeod and other communications to support implementation of best-practice biosecurity protocols in managing fruit trees and spread awareness throughout the municipality. 	Year 1	Support		Communications Environment and Sustainability Sustainable Macleod Urban Food Working Group	Increase in residents' skills in fruit fly management	Social media reach and engagement  Newsletters and other relevant communication channels
13.5 Support kitchen garden programs in primary schools.	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Support	Community Resilience and Health  Environment and Sustainability	Local schools	Increase in kitchen gardens and food education programs in schools	Photos  Feedback from teachers / students / parents
<b>Objective 14: Support local and regional food production</b>						
14.1 Facilitate a mentoring program, networks or forums for knowledge and resource sharing (for urban farmers and community garden leaders).	Year 2 Year 3	Lead	Environment and Sustainability  Community Resilience and Health	Urban Food Working Group  Community Gardens  Environment and Sustainability	Increase in confidence and capacity of urban farmers and gardeners in Banyule	Feedback from participants





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14.2 Run workshops to support networking and capacity building in sustainable food growing.	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Facilitate	Environment and Sustainability	Urban Food Working Group  Community Gardens  Environment and Sustainability	Number of workshops held	Participant attendance and feedback



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## Theme 5: Good food system governance

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<b>Objective 15: Demonstrate strong leadership support and engagement</b>						
15.1 Develop and implement an internal and external communication plan including social media campaign to promote the Urban Food Strategy. 	Year 1	Lead	Community Resilience and Health  Communications	Urban Food Working Group  Food Relief Network  Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group	Wide awareness of Urban Food Strategy internally and externally  Communications plan developed	Social media posts, newsletters, media articles etc.
15.2 Develop and implement a robust advocacy agenda on key food system issues advocating for preservation of peri-urban farming, affordable housing, poverty-level government support benefits and barriers to healthy retail environments in the planning framework with consideration and inclusion of the MAV and ALGA priorities.	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Advocacy	Community Resilience and Health  Advocacy lead	Urban Food Working Group  Food Relief Network  Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group	Increase in advocacy actions by Banyule across a range of food system issues	Notices of Motion, correspondence with Ministers, media statements etc.
15.3 Explore Council endorsement of Consensus Statement "Towards a Healthy, Regenerative and Equitable Food System in Victoria." 	Year 1	Advocacy	Community Resilience and Health  Advocacy lead	Urban Food Working Group  Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group	Banyule logo and endorsement on <a href="http://vicfoodsystem.org.au">vicfoodsystem.org.au</a>	Notices of Motion, correspondence with Ministers, media statements etc




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Objective 16: Engage in collaborative governance and coordination with community						
16.1 Identify strategic partnerships with community organisations and peak bodies to build a collective advocacy voice on key issues around food sustainability, food accessibility and food security.	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Advocacy	Community Resilience and Health	Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group  Urban Food Working Group	Increase in Council advocacy actions across a range of food system issues	Notices of Motion, correspondence with Ministers, media statements etc.
16.2 Explore opportunities for collaboration between the Urban Food Working Group and the Banyule Environment and Climate Action Advisory Committee.	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Facilitate	Environment and Sustainability	Environment and Climate Action Advisory Committee		
Objective 17: Enable strategic integration and policy cohesion through a whole-of-council approach						
17.1 Establish an internal, cross-departmental Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group to ensure cohesive and integrated implementation of the Urban Food Strategy (quarterly meetings).	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Lead	Community Resilience and Health	Internal Program Areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Environment and Sustainability</li><li>• Parks and Natural Environment</li><li>• Economic Development</li><li>• Bushland Management</li><li>• Planning and Development</li><li>• Community Impact</li><li>• Community Connections</li><li>• Community Partnerships</li><li>• Local Jobs and</li></ul>	Increased awareness in, and engagement of, food system issues across Council  Clear alignment between Urban Food Strategy and related policies and strategies	Staff survey  Audit of Council policies and strategy to identify alignments with Urban Food Strategy (in Year 4)




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				Inclusive Employment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Nations</li> <li>• Arts and Culture</li> <li>• Communications</li> <li>• Advocacy</li> </ul>		
17.2 Adopt a food system 'lens' to the review and update of all relevant new policies, strategies, plans and guidelines.	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Lead	Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group			
17.2 Facilitate dialogue between the Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee and the Urban Food Working Group to ensure food security issues are prioritised, including inclusion of an Urban Food Working Group representative on the Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee.	Year 1	Facilitate	Community Resilience and Health  Community Impact	Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee  Urban Food Working Group	Increase in actions to tackle food insecurity in Banyule	Inclusive Banyule Advisory Committee minutes/reports
<b>Objective 18: Ensure effective resourcing, investment and data collection</b>						
18.1 Leverage the Household Survey to assess food security and affordability issues affecting Banyule residents using USDA food insecurity questions. 	Year 2 Year 4	Lead	Community Impact	Urban Food Working Group  Food Relief Network  Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group	Proportion of population experiencing food insecurity	Household Survey questions measuring prevalence and severity of food insecurity and food affordability issues
18.2 Undertake biennial analysis of food affordability (using Australian Standardised	Year 2	Support	Community Resilience and Health	Universities	Affordability baseline established for biennial comparison	Australian Standardised Affordability and Pricing



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Affordability and Pricing methods protocol)						Analysis
18.3 Include community food sector experiences in the Household Survey to create baseline data for evaluation (including demand for food relief, volunteering levels, participation in community gardens and composting activities).	Year 2 Year 4	Lead	Community Impact	Urban Food Working Group  Food Relief Network  Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group	Number of new questions offering insights into resident's experience with the foods system  Number of survey respondents	Household Survey
18.4 Build internal food system knowledge and capacity in Council staff through professional development opportunities including workshops on food security, urban agriculture and related topics.	Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Lead	Urban Food Strategy Internal Working Group		Increase in staff food system literacy and confidence with Strategy implementation	Number of workshops held  Workshop attendee registers and feedback from staff  Staff survey
18.5 Join the Sustain Community of Practice, Local Government Food Systems Networking Forum (quarterly meetings). 	Year 1 Year 2 Year 3 Year 4	Lead	Community Resilience and Health	Sustain: The Australian Food Network		



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