



Social Justice and Community Safety: making a difference

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Council's Vision – social justice, life long learning and community inclusion

Social Justice Charter gives priority to promoting health and wellbeing outcomes

Accountability



The Hume City Story

Precursors and Rationale:

- ◆ Local Government Act
- ◆ Social Demography
- ◆ Interface Council Challenges

The Journey:

- ◆ SafeComm5
- ◆ Integrated Framework
- ◆ Social Justice and Bill of Rights

Where next:

- ◆ Making a difference



Precursors & Rationale

Local Government Act

- “.....to achieve the best outcomes for the local community....”
- “to promote the social, economic and environmental viability and sustainability of the municipal district.
- Required “to improve the overall quality of life of the people in the local community”



Precursors & Rationale

Hume City

503 square kilometres (65% Rural)

159,710 residents (estimate @ 31 July 2006)

Distinct communities

- ◆ Middle Ring Suburbs - Broadmeadows
- ◆ Separate Township - Sunbury
- ◆ Growth area - Craigieburn



Precursors & Rationale

Social demography

Rapidly growing

- ◆ 12th largest population increase 96-01 (ABS)
- ◆ 1657 residential lots released (2004)
- ◆ Large number of new residents young families

Social disadvantage

- ◆ 5th most disadvantage LGA in Victoria (IRSED)
- ◆ Broadmeadows, Meadow Heights & Campbellfield (Jesuit Social Services 2003)
- ◆ Unemployment 9.2% (with Melbourne at 5.3% in December 2005)



Precursors & Rationale

Social demography

Indigenous people

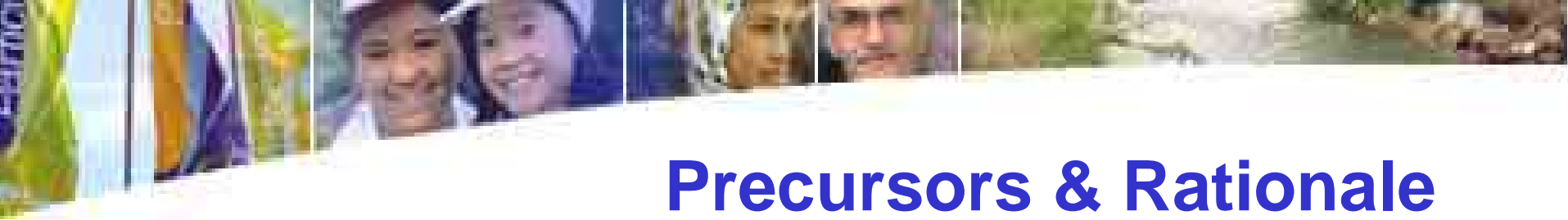
- ◆ Higher proportion of population (at 0.52% in Hume City and 0.36% in Metro Melbourne)

Cultural diversity

- ◆ 128 nationalities and 101 languages
- ◆ 34.6% speak LOTE at home (in some neighbourhoods increases to 61.8% - Meadow Heights)

Settlement destination

- ◆ Average 850 new arrivals per year (since 2000)
- ◆ 35% from Humanitarian Stream (majority from Iraq)

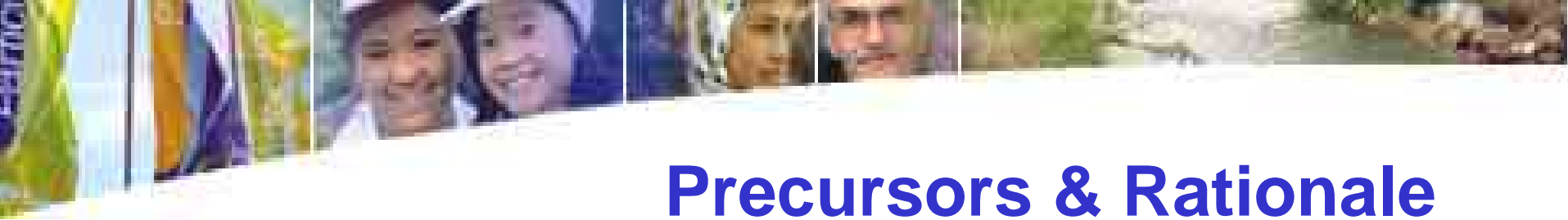


Precursors & Rationale

Health

Social demography

- ◆ Life Expectancy for females is significantly lower than the Victorian average (80.26 cf 81.41 years) while for males is slightly higher (76.9 cf 76.5 years)
- ◆ Years of life Lost - for Females 74.7 cf 64.3 years per 1000 population and male 84.9 cf 79.7 years per 1000 population
- ◆ Low access and low spending on health services - YourPlace Data shows \$14.20 spent on health compared to gaming (\$50.77) and tobacco (\$31.77)
- ◆ Family Violence –Average of 100 reports/call outs per month (2004)



Precursors & Rationale

Interface Council Challenges

Public transport and accessibility

- ◆ lack of transport, low frequencies, long distances

Non government organisations

- ◆ lack of presence, lack of meeting spaces

Socially and financially vulnerable communities

- ◆ mortgages, isolation, community facilities

Dealing with the past

- ◆ At the Interface since 1950



The Journey

SafeComm5 & Integrated Framework

SafeComm5

- ◆ Conference in 1996

Integrated Framework

- ◆ Whole-of-community
- ◆ Multi-sectoral
- ◆ Partnerships
- ◆ Award for Excellence and Innovation 2000



The Journey

Social Justice

Leadership – establishing the vision

Social Justice and Safe City Task Force

Social Justice Charter & Bill of Rights

- ◆ Reduce economic and social inequality
- ◆ Ability to exercise civic and economic rights should not be a factor of economic or social circumstance
- ◆ All people enabled to fully participate
- ◆ Past injustices contribute to inequality



The Journey Consultation

Community Consultation, including

- ◆ *Tackling Poverty Together*
- ◆ *Citizens' Bill of Rights*
- ◆ Gaming Machine Review
- ◆ Hume Health Summit
- ◆ *Valuing Young People's Voices*

Consistency of themes emanating from
communities



Where Next

Key Social Justice and Safety Themes

Creating safe and welcoming environment

Promoting health and participation

- ◆ Physical activity
- ◆ Life long learning

Reducing/preventing harm

- ◆ Tobacco reduction
- ◆ Reduce injury



Where next:

How do we know we are making a difference

Right Processes

- ◆ Dianella (Broadmeadows Community Health Service)
- ◆ Craigieburn

Right Outputs

- ◆ Process evaluation
- ◆ Community views
- ◆ Response to emerging issues

What Impacts

- ◆ Reduction in intentional and unintentional injury
- ◆ Positive community perceptions
- ◆ Changes to Year Live with Disability