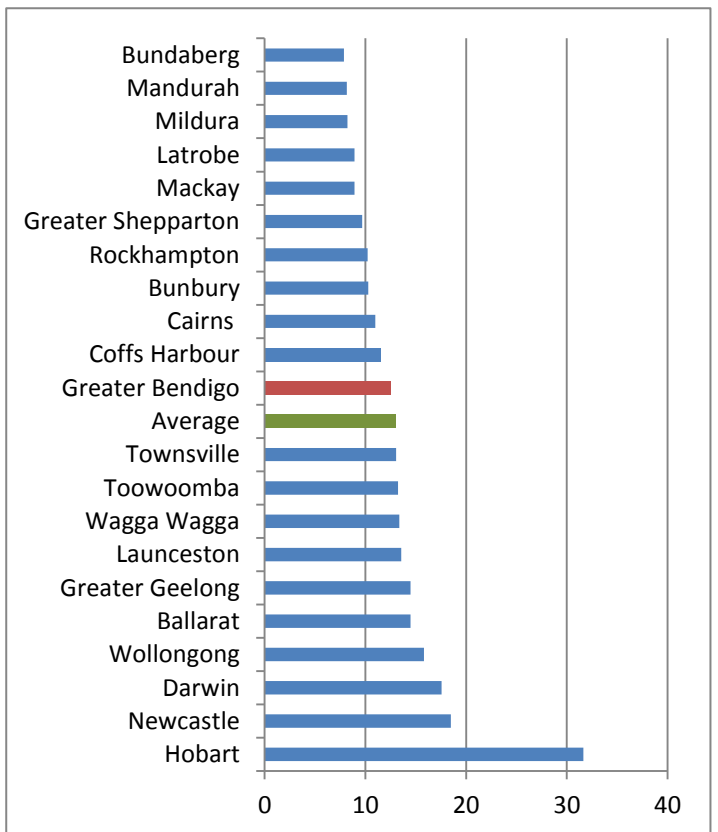


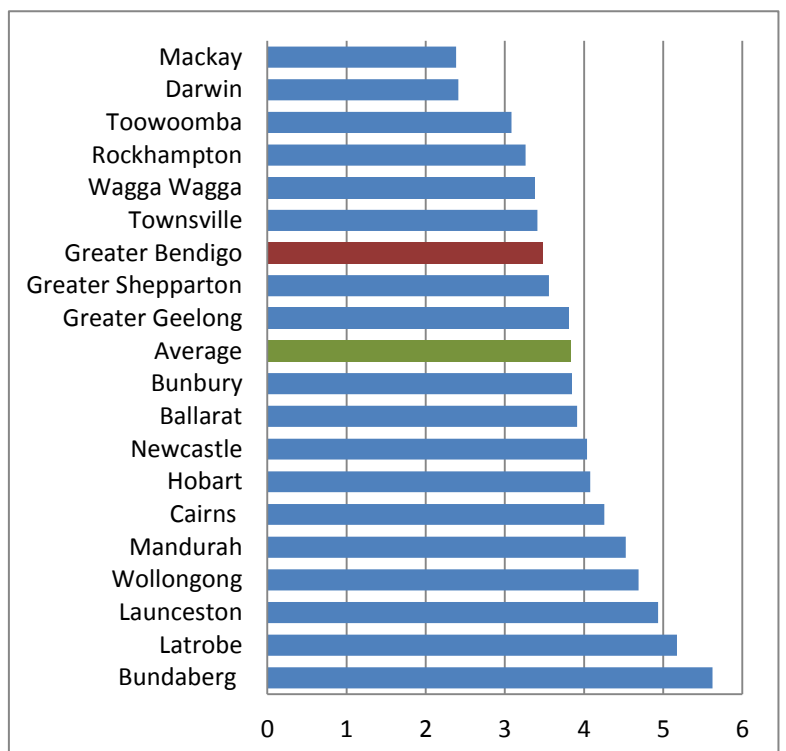
Reporting on the Greater Bendigo Liveability Indicators- Summary

Where are we scoring well?

1. We score better than all of the state and the other large regional centres on housing affordability.
2. We score better than all of the state and the other large regional centres on perceptions of wellbeing, but about in the mid-range in people's satisfaction with feeling a part of their community.
3. Our immunisation completion rate is considerably better than the Victorian average.
4. The proportion of the workforce with a Bachelor's Degree or higher is continuing to increase.

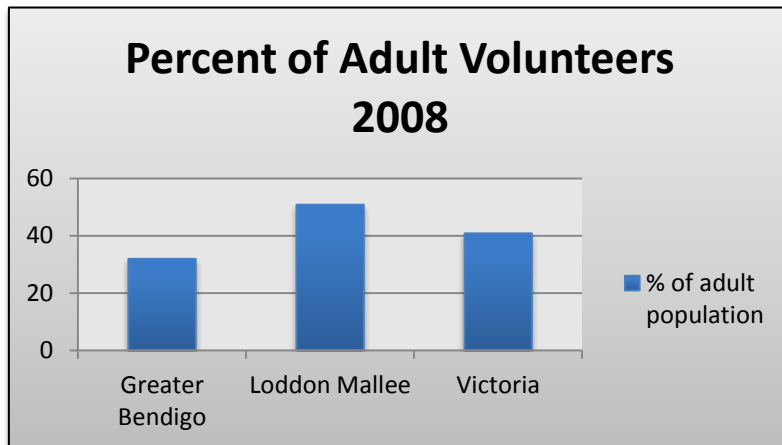


5. We have had a low and steady level of unemployment when compared to other major regional centres.



6. We have a comparatively high rate of people who participate in citizen engagement activities.

7. We have the second highest participation rate in volunteering for all comparable regional cities in Australia. However we are below the Victorian state average of volunteer participation. Council has a role in supporting the role of community volunteers, including skills and capacity building.

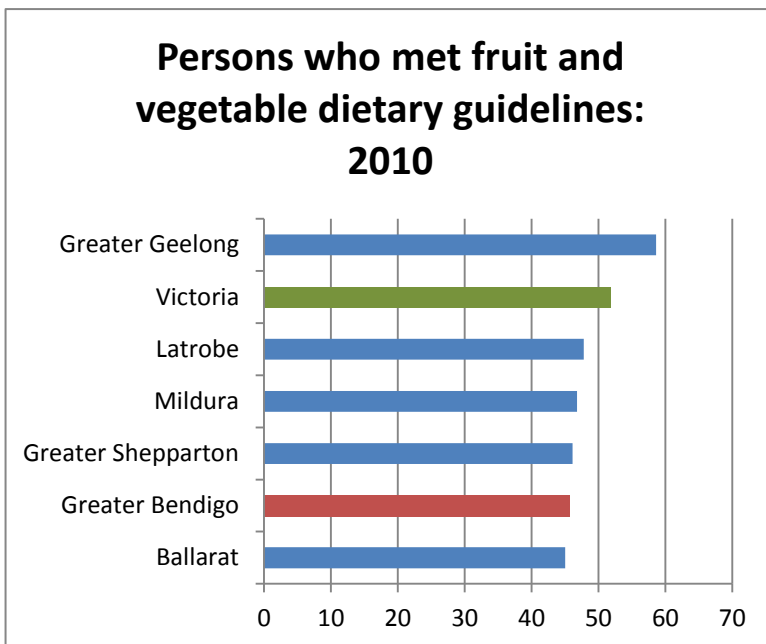


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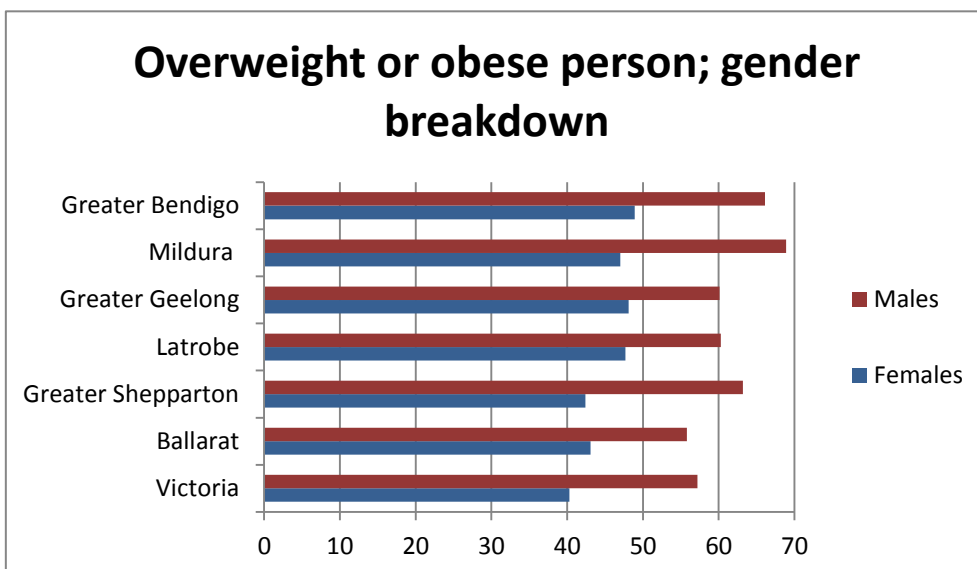
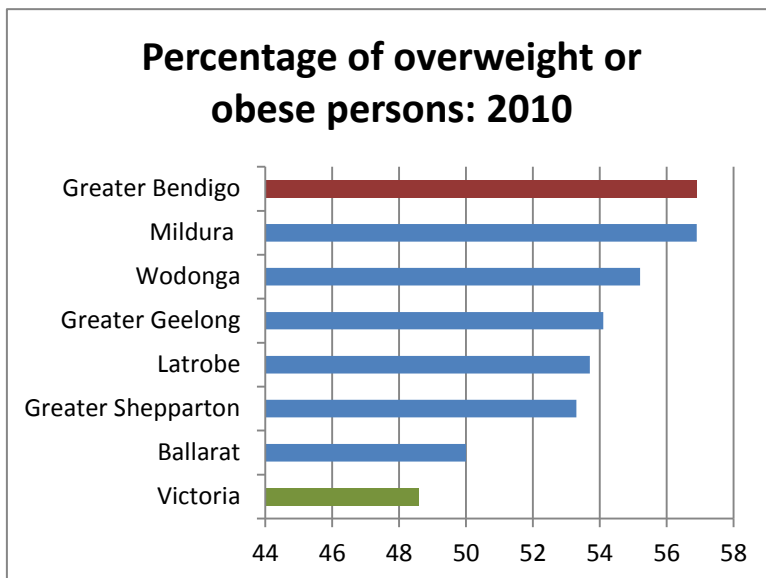
1. In a range of areas relating to population health, including levels of physical activity, overweight and obesity and consumption of recommended levels of vegetables and fruit.

The health and financial implications of not addressing this matter in the entire population are grave.

Councils have a clear obligation to provide a context and settings where it is easier for people to make healthier choices, and this relates to policy and infrastructure for housing, transport, food and local laws.

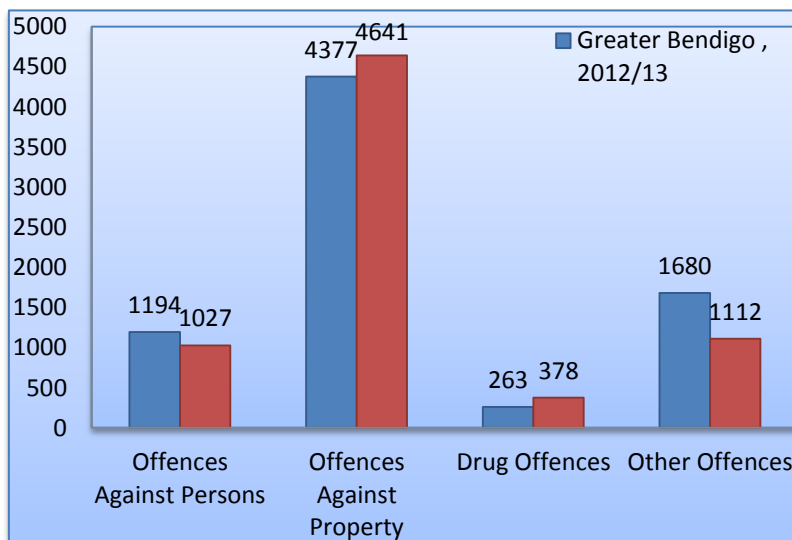


2. Strategies are needed that increase the percentage of the population that walks or cycles 5 times week for at least 30 minutes.



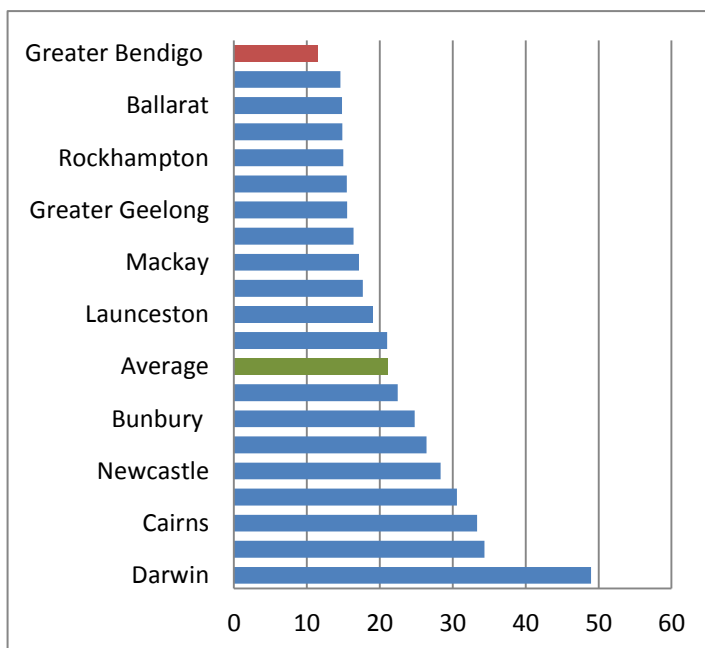
Where are we scoring poorly continued...

3. Despite a crime rate that has been lower than the state average, there has been a rapid increase in the last few years, to now make the rate higher than the state average.



4. We have a comparatively good level of total Co2 emissions but we score poorly on diversion of waste from landfill.

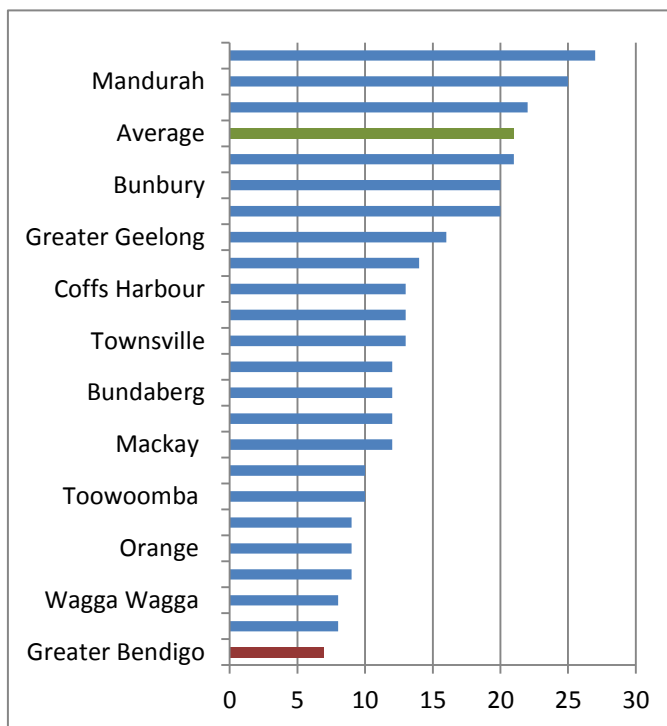
5. The proportion of low income older people living alone is continuing to fall, but we need more high-density and medium-density housing options. The proportion made up of townhouses, flats, units and apartments is decreasing despite 50% of households having 1 or 2 people. Support for more high- and medium-density housing developments will need to be sustained. Comparison with other regional centres in Australia indicates there is demand for a higher proportion of medium density housing options.



What are the local measures telling us?

1. A significantly lower proportion of our population were born overseas compared to the Australian average.

While the proportion of overseas immigrants settling in Bendigo increased somewhat in the last census period, this was from a very low base number, the increase was only in line with general population increase, and their proportion of the total population remains much lower than the national average.



2. Tourism brings great value to the local economy, with international visitors spending the most per person.

3. There are pockets of severe disadvantage in the municipality, such as Long Gully and California Gully, but there are other areas which are significantly more advantaged, such as Strathfieldsaye, Maiden Gully and Epsom-Ascot.

