# Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Noongar people as the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we work, and pay respect to their elders both past and present.

North Metropolitan Health Service recognises, respects and values Aboriginal cultures as we walk a new path together.

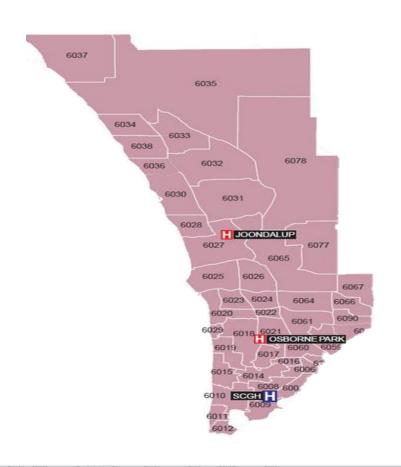








### **Health Promotion Service**





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Healthy Population Team Health Promotion Service



# My Experience

- Project Officer, Department of Health and Ageing (Cwth)
- Policy Officer, Department of Health (WA)
- Registration Officer Manager, Association for Nutrition (UK)
- Project Support Officer, Public Health England (UK)
- Health Promotion Officer (NMHS)
- Public Health Nutritionist (NMHS)

### Our team

# Healthy Population

This program offers professional advice and guidance to North Metropolitan local governments and other organisations on comprehensive public health initiatives for a healthy population.

#### Examples of our work:

- Collaborated with the City of Vincent to evaluate their Smoke Free Town Centres Project.
- Supported the City of Nedlands to develop their first Public Health Plan.



Assunta Di Francesco
Health Promotion Coordinator



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# **Healthy Population Program**

### Our team objectives are to:

- Support local governments to develop local public health plans, through capacity building approaches.
- Support the development, implementation and evaluation of evidence-based health promotion interventions.





**Health Promotion Service Plan** 

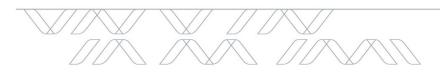
2025-2027

Improving the health of our population

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# Case Study - Supporting the development of a Food and Drink Policy

Objective: Strengthen community connections and champion physical, mental and social health and wellbeing of our community

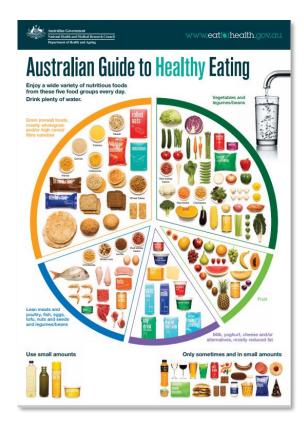
**Priority Area: Healthy Eating** 

#### **Deliverables:**

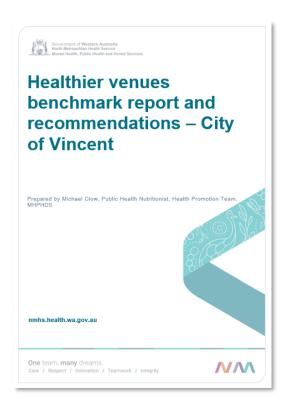
Increasing healthy food and drink options at City venues, public open spaces, festivals and community activities

Promote and support healthy and sustainable food environments, particularly in our priority population groups

**Long Term Outcomes: Increased Healthy Eating** 



# Case Study- Continued...



Recommendations for the food service

- Reposition healthiest items to be more prominent
- Reduce promotion of least healthy items



- Remove brand promotion in various venue areas
- Promote existing water refill stations
- Utilise digital displays for statewide health promotion campaigns







Case Study- Continued...



### **Local Government Food and Drink Policy**

Local governments can influence the provision and/or supply of food and drink in the local community:

- Venues (including food services)
- Events
- Activities (e.g. catering, and/or cooking/preparing food)
- Internal/external business catering

### **Local Government Food and Drink Policy**

Influence on diet and healthy eating habits

- LG assets and infrastructure
  - Advertising tenders and contracts (e.g. bus shelters)
  - marketing (including, sponsorship)
- Signage policies (including road and verge)
- Engagement of staff and community in promoting healthy eating

### Benefits for local communities

- Sustainability, including:
  - Reduction in food waste
  - Single use plastics
- Community
  - Culturally appropriate food
  - Meet various dietary preferences
- Supports health
  - Healthy eating behaviours
  - Healthy food environments

### **Drinking Water Fountains**

In 2022, we reviewed water promotion strategies including both international and national examples.

Some recommendations from the review were:

- Increase wayfinding and promotion
- Introduce planned maintenance
- Produce a public water map



### North Metropolitan Health Service

























### Thank you!

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