



Sustainability and Social Responsibility

Community health plays an important part in sustainable health care through early interventions, supporting people's health in a community setting and minimising preventable hospital admissions.

Our Strategic Purpose guides everything we do at Ballarat Community Health (BCH). We are committed to:

- Reducing health gaps and unfair differences in care
- Improving the health and wellbeing of the community
- Using practices that minimise our impact on the environment.

By keeping people healthy, we reduce pressure on hospitals, lower costs, protect natural resources, and promote fairness.

Sustainability and Social Responsibility in action

We put Sustainability and Social Responsibility into action by:

- Providing health promotion and prevention services helping people stay well.
- Providing early support services that identify health concerns early and offer advice, early health checks, and practical assistance to support people's health, function, and quality of life.
- Supporting our clients and community to adapt, be resilient and recover from the impacts of climate change.
- Providing local services, close to, at home and online.
- Using resources like energy and water wisely. For example, by using more solar power, energy-efficient lighting and electric and hybrid cars.
- Working in partnership with government, peak bodies and partners to identify and achieve sustainability and social responsibility targets.
- Advocating for health and community benefits.
- Support student placements and training programs where we are able to, creating pathways to community-based healthcare in the Ballarat Region.

Impact

We hold ourselves accountable and measure the impact of our actions by:

- Regularly checking how well our services are working, in partnership with our consumers
- Monitoring our energy, water, fleet and other resource usage and environmental impact.

External report links:

[Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2023–2027](#)

[Grampians Regional Adaptation Strategy Accessible](#)