



# Minutes

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**Audit and Risk Committee Meeting to be held at 9.00 AM on Wednesday 27 April 2022 in the Bennett Room, Pleasant Creek Historic Precinct.**

## **1 Present**

Mr Peter Knights (Chair)  
Mr Tony Roberts (via phone)  
Ms Lynn Jensz  
Cr Murray Emerson  
Cr Kevin Erwin (left meeting 10.30am)

Ms Liana Thompson, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr Vaughan Williams, Director Corporate and Community Services  
Mr Graham Haylock, Manager Financial Services  
Ms Stretch Smith, Manager Business Transformation  
Mr Phil Delahunty, RSD Audit (via phone)  
Ms Blessing Mendoza, RSD Audit (via phone)

## **2 Apologies**

No apologies were received

## **3 Disclosures of a Conflict of Interest at a Council Auspiced Meeting**

Nil

## **4 Confirmation of Minutes from the Previous Meeting**

Confirmation of draft minutes from the Northern Grampians Shire Council Audit and Risk Committee meeting held, Wednesday, 2 February 2022.

**Moved:** Cr Murray Emerson

**Seconded:** Cr Kevin Erwin

**Carried**

## **5 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Nil

## **6 General Business**

### **6.1 Audit and Risk Committee Reappointment - Ms Lynn Jenz**

Discussion regarding the reappointment of Ms Lynn Jenz to the Audit and Risk Committee.

#### **Outcome**

The committee discussed the reappointment of Ms Lynn Jenz to the Audit and Risk Committee and recommended that Ms Jenz be reappointed to the Committee for a new three-year term.

#### **Resolution**

**That Ms Lynn Jenz be reappointed to the Audit and Risk Committee for a three-year term ending 30 April 2025.**

**Moved:** Mr Tony Roberts

**Seconded:** Cr Murray Emerson

**Carried**

## **6.2 Biannual Report**

Audit Committee Chair to table the Biannual Report. **(Attachment)**

### **Outcome**

Mr Peter Knights tabled the Biannual Report.

### **Resolution**

**That the Biannual Report be received and endorsed for tabling at the next Council Meeting.**

**Moved: Ms Lynn Jenz**

**Seconded: Mr Tony Roberts**

**Carried**

## **6.3 Victorian Protective Data Security Standards (VPDSS)**

Ms Stretch Smith to provide an update on the Victorian Protective Data Security Standards. **(Attachment)**

### **Outcome**

Ms Stretch Smith provided an update on the VPDSS including the project plan and policies including the acceptable use policy, privacy policy, information security management framework and information security performance indicators.

Ms Smith also gave a presentation of cyber security and the associated challenges.

### **Resolution**

**That the Victorian Protective Data Security Standards update be received and noted.**

**Moved: Cr Murray Emerson**

**Seconded: Cr Kevin Erwin**

**Carried**

## **7 Risk Management**

### **7.1 Risk Committee Update**

Mr Vaughan Williams to provide a Risk Committee Meeting update.

#### **Outcome**

Mr Williams provided an update from the last Risk Committee Meeting. Topics included: policies and procedures, risk management policy, and the review of operating risks to identify 3 items for review in the next 12 months (procurement, cyber security/penetration testing, and EPA legislation compliance).

#### **Resolution**

**That the Risk Committee update be received and noted.**

**Moved: Ms Lynn Jenz**  
**Seconded: Mr Tony Roberts**  
**Carried**

### **7.2 Risk Management Plan**

Item deferred to next meeting.

## **8 Financial Reporting and VAGO Audit**

### **8.1 Audit Strategy**

Mr Phil Delahunty from RSD Audit to present the Audit Strategy for the 2021/22 financial year.

#### **Outcome**

Mr Phil Delahunty and Ms Blessing Mendoza from RSD Audit presented the Audit Strategy for the 2021/22 financial year. Items discussed included: notes regarding COVID-19 impact, the challenges for the audit following a reduction in the number of VAGO audit providers for the sector, valuation of infrastructure, property, plant and equipment. and the accounting treatment of grants.

#### **Resolution**

**That the Audit Strategy update be received and noted.**

**Moved:** Ms Lynn Jenz  
**Seconded:** Mr Tony Roberts  
**Carried**

### **8.2 Quarterly Finance Report**

Mr Graham Haylock to present the Finance Report for the period ending 31 December 2021.

#### **Outcome**

Mr Haylock provided a summary of the key highlights from the Quarterly Finance Report.

#### **Recommendation**

**That the Finance Report be received and noted.**

**Moved:** Mr Tony Roberts  
**Seconded:** Cr Murray Emerson  
**Carried**

### **9 Next Meeting**

Next Meeting is scheduled 22 June 2022.

### **10 Close**

The meeting closed at 11.00am.

## Northern Grampians Shire Council

# AUDIT COMMITTEE BIENNIAL REPORT for the 6 months to 31 December 2021

### 1. Attendance and Meetings

The Northern Grampians Shire Council Audit Committee has met twice this financial year to date by way of online teams meetings. Whilst adequate, at times this format is less than ideal for enabling fuller communication and discussion. This is obviously a direct result of the Covid restrictions and having attendees join the meeting online from time to time for either expediency and practicality, is now established as appropriate protocol, we will look forward to in person meetings where possible for, I would suggest, most of our meetings going forward.

### 2. Activity

The VAGO appointed external auditors RSD Chartered Accountants from Bendigo continued their engagement and completed the full year Audit Report and Final Management letter, reviewed in our first meeting in September. The lack of internal audit activity was flagged as a concern by RSD. From that reporting to our meeting a resolution was passed for management to prepare an external review into Councils' Risk Management Framework as a basis for developing the internal audit function.

Consultants Crowe prepared the review with nine recommendations for Council to use in finalising the RMF and integration of associated systems, which was presented at the February meeting.

The former Annual Audit Activity Calendar and Risk Register has been transitioned gradually to the digital system by the Council leadership team to enable a much improved and pertinent risk reporting function. We understand it is largely from this CAMMS system reporting the internal audit and strategic review functions will be managed including the input from this committee. Whilst this has taken longer than ideal, we would expect to see initiated action from this systems based approach this year, if compliance with the implied requirement to have a formal internal audit program cannot be met as yet by the CAMMS system then an interim arrangement should be made before balance date June 30.

The industry move to systems and reliance on digital data increasingly places this organisation into risk exposures from either malicious or inadvertent data breaches or failures. The noted need of an updated disaster management plan for ICT as noted in this quarter's audit plan from RSD, highlights to continued

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need for resources to this area, and gives us an ideal target for internal audit and strategic review for the current year with further items for the 2022 /2023 year's program to be determined on review of reporting from CAMMs and feedback from the Risk Committee.

We have received and reviewed interim Financial Statements at our February meeting and found them well presented and explained. Thank you to the Governance, Compliance and Finance team and to my fellow members of the committee for their contribution.

Peter Knights FCPA  
Chair  
Northern Grampians Shire Council Audit Committee

***April 22<sup>nd</sup>. 2022***

INFORMATION SECURITY

# Victorian Protective Data Security Standards

Version V2.0

Implementation Guidance V2.1



# VICTORIAN PROTECTIVE DATA SECURITY FRAMEWORK

## VPDSF 2.0

Established under Part 4 of the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014*, the Victorian Protective Data Security Framework (VPDSF) provides direction to Victorian public sector agencies or bodies on their data security obligations. Reflecting the sector's unique operating requirements, it will build security risk management capability and maturity through the use of existing risk management principles and guidelines.

# VPDSF Objectives

- manage information throughout its lifecycle
- manage information across all the security areas
- manage security risks to information confidentiality, integrity, and availability
- manage external parties with access to information
- share information with other organisations with confidence
- minimise security incidents









# COUNCIL PLAN

2021-2025



PILLAR EIGHT

## BEING A BETTER COUNCIL

STRATEGY	ACTION	SOURCE DOCUMENT
Advocate for Sustainable Infrastructure	Partner with the Great Western Future Committee in delivering and advocating for funding as per the Great Western annual action plan	
	Develop a Victorian Protective Data Security Framework Plan	PDPA
	Implement a new records management system	ICT
	Implement a new telephony system	ICT
	Investigate electronic payment options and digital monitoring of deposits at Transfer Stations	WAP
	Design, Implement and Report against a workplace gender audit	LGA
	Design, Implement and Report against a Gender Equality Action Plan	LGA GEA
	Develop a Workforce Plan	LGA
	Review and update Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software	
	Develop a new ICT Strategy	
Improve water quality and capacity at Mooney Dams, Stawell	WIWMSD	

Improve Organisational Effectiveness	Being a Better Council	Improve our Organisational Effectiveness
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# Victorian Protective Data Security Standards

Version V2.0

Implementation Guidance V2.1

- **covering 5 areas**
- **12 standards**
- **each standard has elements**

# The Standards cover five areas:

## **governance**

- executive sponsorship of and investment in security management, utilising a risk-based approach, security policies and procedures, training, business continuity and disaster recovery, security incident management, external party engagement and oversight;

## **information security**

- protection of information across the information life cycle from when it is created to when it is disposed or destroyed;

## **personnel security**

- engagement and ongoing management to ensure the continued eligibility and suitability of people accessing public sector information;

## **ICT security**

- secure communications and technology systems processing or storing information; and

## **physical security**

- secure physical environment including facilities, equipment and services and the application of physical security measures to protect information.

No.	Standard
1	Information Security Management Framework
2	Information Security Value
3	Information Security Risk Management
4	Information Access
5	Information Security Obligations
6	Information Security Incident Management
7	Information Security Aspects of Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery
8	Third Party Arrangements
9	Information Security Reporting to OVIC
10	Personnel Security
11	Information Communications Technology (ICT) Security
12	Physical Security



Ref #	Element
E1.010	The organisation documents a contextualised information security management framework (e.g., strategy, policies, procedures) covering all security areas.
E1.020	The organisation's information security management framework contains and references all legislative and regulatory drivers.
E1.030	The organisation's information security management framework aligns with its risk management framework.
E1.040	Executive management defines information security functions, roles, responsibilities, competencies and authorities.
E1.050	Executive management nominates an information security lead and notifies OVIC of any changes to this point of contact.
E1.060	Executive management owns, endorses and sponsors the organisation's ongoing information security program(s) including the implementation plan.
E1.070	The organisation identifies information security performance indicators and monitors information security obligations against these.
E1.080	Executive management commits to providing sufficient resources to support the organisation's ongoing information security program(s).
E1.090	The organisation sufficiently communicates its information security management framework and ensures it is accessible.
E1.100	The organisation documents its internal control library that addresses its information security risks.
E1.110	The organisation monitors, reviews, validates and updates the information security management framework.

## Victorian Protective Data Security Standards

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**Annual attestation – CEO support**

**Biennial attestation on progress/plans vs each element:**

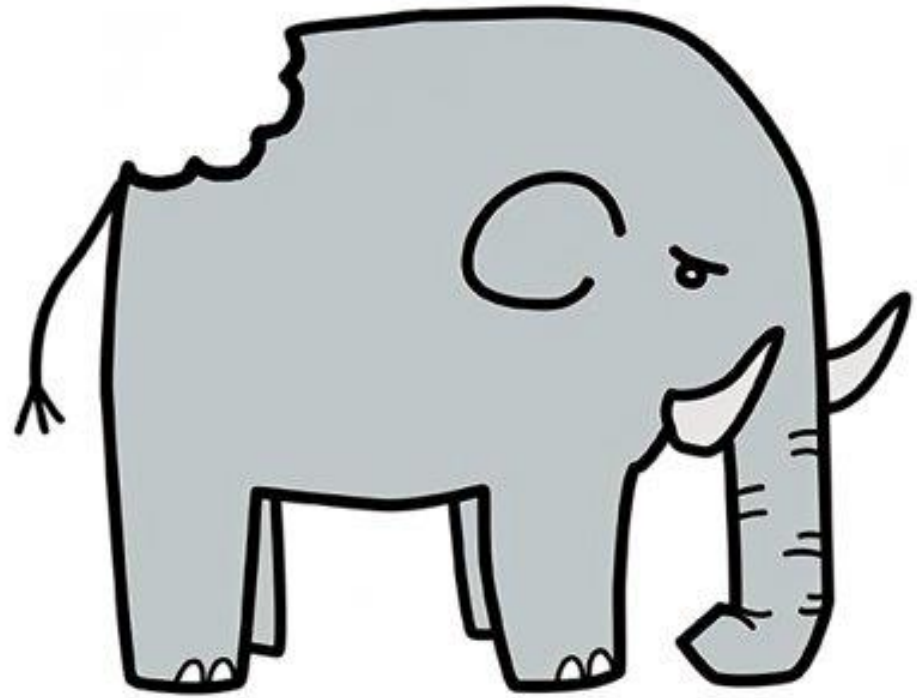
- **what we've done**
- **what we're going to do**
- **when we're going to do it**

**> develop our annual plan**

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Task		Due Date
Review ICT Acceptable Use Policy	✓	31/12/2021
Review Privacy Policy	✓	31/12/2021
Finalise Information Security Management Framework	✓	31/12/2021
Identify and set appropriate security performance indicators and monitor and report against them	✓	31/12/2021
Complete annual KPI report and present to ELT and Risk Committee	WIP	30/6/2022
Populate the IAR - High Priority Systems	WIP	30/6/2022
Develop and implement annual review process of IAR records by record 'owner'	Not started	30/6/2022
Review Records Management Policy (Procedure to be reviewed in the next annual VPDSS action plan)	Not started	30/6/2022
<b>Finalise and formalise Business Systems and User Access Management Procedure</b>		<b>30/6/2022</b>
Develop a system administration and user management monitoring system	✓	30/6/2022
Develop an annual system to review administration and user management monitoring system	Not started	30/6/2022
Finalise and formalise Business Systems and User Access Management Procedure	WIP	30/6/2022
<b>Develop a formal internal training/communications framework</b>		<b>30/6/2022</b>
Review and update Data Privacy and Security Training Framework and associated training documents and put through formal approval process	✓	30/6/2022
Develop an information security induction session (review LDH content and update)	✓	30/6/2022
Develop an annual refresher session to be completed by all staff via LDH	WIP	30/6/2022
Complete annual data privacy and security training record	WIP	30/6/2022
Develop a Cyber Response Plan	✓	30/6/2022
Review ICT Business Continuity Plan	WIP	30/6/2022
Develop ICT Disaster Recovery Plan	WIP	30/6/2022
<b>Third party contractors arrangements</b>		<b>30/6/2022</b>
Develop an Information Security Management Procedure for third party arrangements and put through formal approval process	WIP	30/6/2022
Develop contractor register for contracted employees and 3rd party providers, with associated agreement and regular monitoring process.	WIP	30/6/2022
Review contractor engagement/induction process/paperwork	WIP	30/6/2022
<b>Develop a software procurement and implementation framework</b>		<b>30/6/2022</b>
Develop a software selection procedure	WIP	30/6/2022
Develop a software implementation procedure	WIP	30/6/2022
Develop a SaaS pre-engagement checklist	WIP	30/6/2022

# What we've done ...

**ICT Acceptable Use Policy**

November, 2013



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**Privacy Policy**

January 2022



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**Information Security Management Framework**

December 2021



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**Information Security Performance Indicators**

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**Information Security Performance Indicators**

Annual Report - MONTH, YYYY





# What we're doing ...

**Information asset register record form**

**Asset Information**

Record ID: [AR24]

Entered by: Kyle Allen

Email: kyle.allen@npslrc.vic.gov.au

**Asset Information**

Asset name: [Library Management System software including catalogue library assets, member card management, issuing & returning items, accessing collections from external Sirsi console]

Description: [What is the purpose of the information asset and what type of information is contained in it? What are the risks of loss?]

**Business Systems and User Access Management Procedure**

July 2020

- Develop a software procurement and implementation framework
- Develop a software selection procedure
- Develop a software implementation procedure
- Develop a SaaS pre-engagement checklist

**Northern Grampians Shire Council ICT BCP and DRP**

Issue – loss of internet service	Impact	Business Continuity Planning - keeping business operations running	Disaster Recovery Planning - restoring normal business operations
Slowly Team Mail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Loss of all internet services to all council buildings</li> <li>Teams calling unavailable except via mobile device on 4G</li> <li>Remote Desktop Servers (RDS) and VPNs unavailable               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Authority (Priority 1)</li> <li>Control (Priority 2)</li> <li>PowerEdge</li> <li>West client</li> <li>MyProducts</li> <li>MyData</li> <li>QGIS</li> <li>Capital Reports</li> <li>FNCC internet email (Priority 1)</li> <li>Connecting Carr (Priority 2)</li> </ul> </li> <li>ICT Team unable to access Fusion servers (VPN)</li> <li>Remote access to network unavailable to ICT Team (VPN)</li> <li>ALL software access unavailable internally</li> <li>Auto CCTV system will not operate</li> <li>Printers will not operate</li> <li>Egg internal device unavailable Council meeting equipment will not operate</li> <li>Outside public TVs (Slowly) and St Annand Team Halls will not operate</li> </ul> <p><b>Libraries:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slowly and St Annand library public computers will not be available</li> <li>Public internet access (including Slowly and St Annand public CSD Wi-Fi) will not be available</li> </ul> <p><b>SSAC:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Links unavailable</li> <li>Other (check - Wi-Fi) software unavailable</li> <li>SSAC gym equipment running on the internet (not including Fitness on Demand) will not operate</li> <li>SSAC 28/1 don't locking system will not operate</li> </ul> <p><b>Drayton:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No specific systems</li> <li>St Annand Early Learning Centre:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Library unavailable</li> </ul> </li> <li>Maternal Child Health centre:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CDG unavailable</li> </ul> </li> <li>St Annand Post:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No specific systems</li> <li>PowerEdge Network Storage</li> <li>MECC will have no internet access</li> <li>Crane Works</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Action</b></p> <p>To access all software other than RDS / VPN (including Teams Calling)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Automatic switch to backup 4G internet connection (not yet implemented - to be followed up - NIS)</li> <li>If IP addresses may need to be changed - investigate and document requirements</li> <li>Relocate user-base facing service staff to Wi-Fi wherever possible</li> <li>On previous staff to connect to 4G connections (mobile phone/PDA or council emergency 4G routers)</li> </ul> <p>To access RDS / VPN:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relocate staff to council buildings to access RDS / VPN using 4G internet connection</li> <li>Arrange direct VPN to Fusion Server</li> </ul> <p><b>Exceptions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Printers will not work unless a backup 4G connection is implemented</li> <li>Monitoring equipment will not work until normal service restored</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action</b></p> <p><b>Option 1:</b> Restore service</p> <p><b>Option 2:</b> In the case of inability of provider to restate service cause replacement possible. Refer to most recent RQ for specification, review and source replacement.</p>

**Software application BCP/DRP info:**

**Impact of application not being available**

Describe the overall effect of losing access to the application including critical failure points:  
Loss of historical transactions – not considered critical  
(This information assists with determining the Application Impact Rating (AIR))

**Application Priority Rating (APR)**

How critical is the application to the ongoing delivery of services?

High / Critical  
(measure of the importance of the application over time and helps determine the order and/or level of investment to be applied for recovery efforts.)

**Tolerable Period of Disruption (TPOD)**

Maximum period allowed before the application must be recovered?  
- 2 days / 1 week / 2 weeks / 1 month / Other

**DRP actions**

Describe what actions would be required in the long term if the application could not be recovered:  
Source replacement system

**Business system registration questionnaire – Monitor CRMS**

System Name	Monitor CRMS
Description	Economic Development customer relationship management system
Responsible Ownership	Office of the CEO
Responsible Manager	Manager Economic and Community Futures
System Admin 1	Coordinator Economic Development
System Admin 2	Manager Economic and Community Futures
System Admin 3	
System Admin 4	
System Admin 5	
Responsible Trainer	Coordinator Economic Development
Supplier	Urban Enterprise
Version Number	1.2
Supplier Website	Urban Enterprise
System Helpdesk Info	1 - Administrator - email via on-line support portal 2 - Customer Service Manager - phone (03) 9422 2277 To be developed - <a href="#">https://www.npslrc.vic.gov.au/monitorcrms/helpdesk</a>
System under review	No
Internal Training Resources	To be developed - <a href="#">https://www.npslrc.vic.gov.au/monitorcrms/helpdesk</a>
Contract Agreement	Over 40 \$12,500
URL / Website	https://www.npslrc.vic.gov.au/monitorcrms
Appet available?	Yes currently, mobile app in development
App?	Yes
Platform	SaaS
Where data is stored	Australian Azure platform located in the Australia Southeast local data centres
Single sign-on?	Yes - email address
Personal Security	Individual system user passwords Personal rules - no specific rules, Single Sign-On ability is available for M365 users
Process map - NEW	To be developed and recorded
Process map - 18th March 2020	To be developed and recorded
URL	
Operating provider	Urban Enterprise
Operating period (start/end)	2018 - 2020
Annual Review for	2020/21 on-going
Is personal data stored in app?	Yes
IAM Priority	High
Access IT?	Yes
Logo	
Are there different user roles?	Administrator - Manager Economic and Community Futures & Coordinator Economic Development General Access - Economic Development Officer (General) / Economic Development Business and Community Support Officer (General) Basic Access - HR Read only access - Council Dev team (public) - temp acc. (public, HR) General access - None
Who needs access?	Economic Development Team <a href="#">https://www.npslrc.vic.gov.au/monitorcrms</a>
Source details	Urban Enterprise



# What we're going to do ...

Develop and implement annual review process of IAR records by record 'owner'

Not started

Review Records Management Policy (Procedure to be reviewed in the next annual VPDSS action plan)

Not started

Develop a system administration and user management monitoring system



Develop an annual system to review administration and user management monitoring system

Not started

## **Third party contractors arrangements**

Develop an Information Security Management Procedure for third party arrangements and put through formal approval process

Develop contractor register for contracted employees and 3rd party providers, with associated agreement and regular monitoring process.

Review contractor engagement/induction process/paperwork

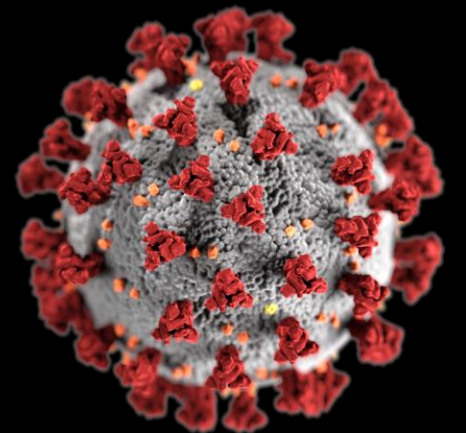
Risk Code	Risk Title
OR323	Unplanned interruption
OR324	Inappropriate files
OR325	Insufficient equipment
OR326	Unplanned service disruption due to failure
OR327	Unplanned service disruption due to communications
OR328	Ineffective and/or inefficient process of use of available ICT systems to provide services
OR329	Unplanned service disruption due to ICT support services

**Interim audit response update - March 2022**

Weakness	Updated comment - March 2022
No documented DRP	Work in progress - ICT specific BCP and DRP currently being developed
No ICT Security Management Policy	<a href="#">Information Security Management Framework</a> adopted - ELT December '21
No ICT penetration testing performed	Planned for 2021/22 - however deferred to 2022/23
No periodic review of the network access to IT systems	No change - periodic review process development planned to formalise work already undertaken.

CAMMS risk actions summary	
<a href="#">develop a system administration and user management monitoring system</a>	In Progress
<a href="#">Review ICT Acceptable Use Policy</a>	Completed
<a href="#">develop formal internal training/communications framework</a>	In Progress
<a href="#">include BT projects in Project Management Framework</a>	Completed
<a href="#">develop ICT Disaster Recovery Plan</a>	In Progress
<a href="#">develop an external ICT contractor system access register with data privacy acknowledgement</a>	In Progress
<a href="#">develop formal equipment renewal plans</a>	In Progress
<a href="#">develop a software selection procedure</a>	In Progress
<a href="#">develop Cyber Response Plan</a>	Completed
<a href="#">review ICT Business Continuity Plan</a>	In Progress
<a href="#">develop a software implementation procedure</a>	In Progress
<a href="#">develop an Information Asset Register (IAR)</a>	In Progress
<a href="#">develop a SaaS checklist</a>	In Progress

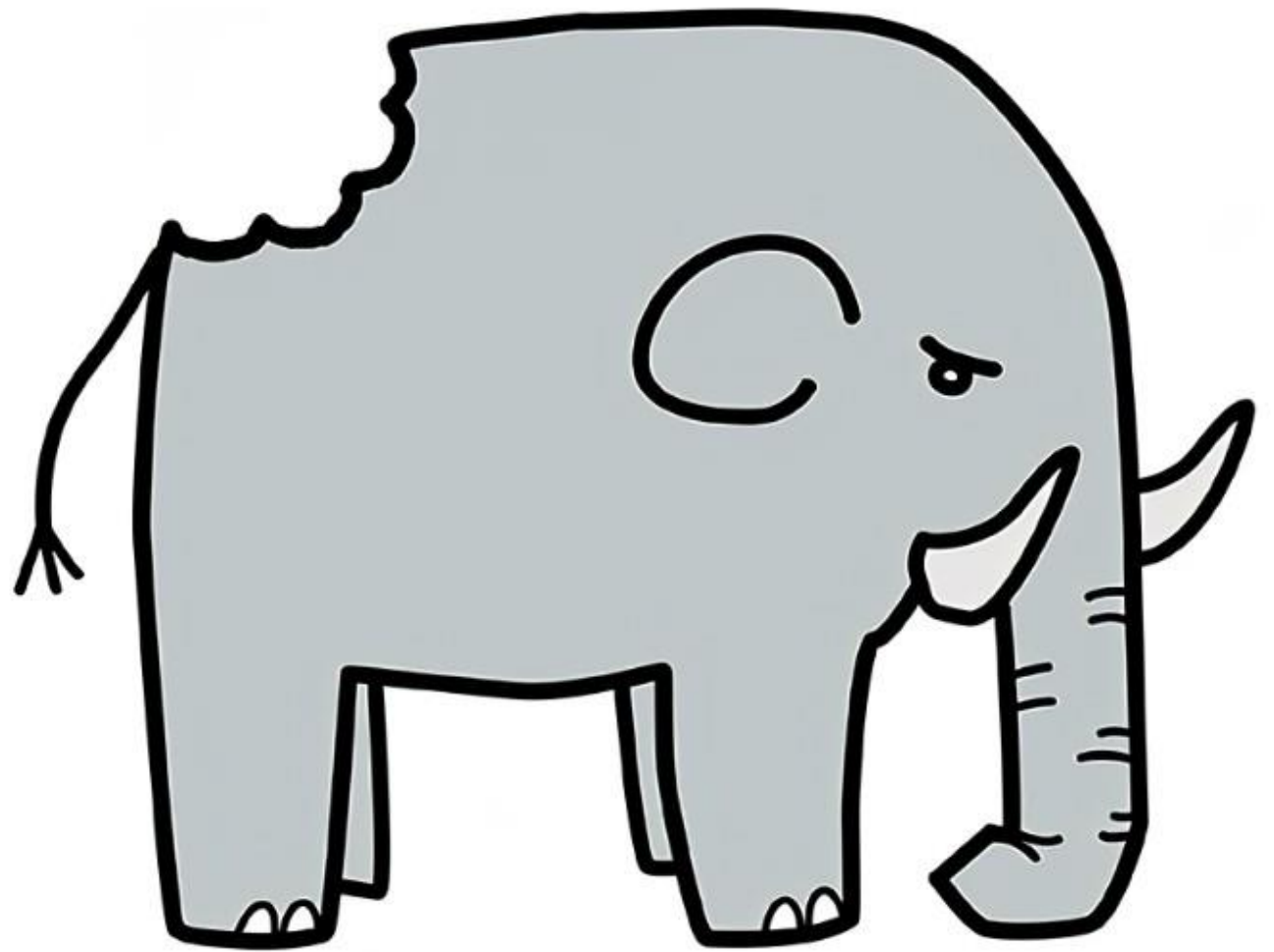
**Cyber Security is the new black!**



**'the application of technologies,  
processes and controls to protect  
systems, networks,  
programs, devices and data from  
cyber attacks'**

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**Victorian Government Office 365 Security Guidance**

**Microsoft Secure Score**

**ACSC Essential Eight Maturity Model**

**Zero Trust Security Model**

Victorian Government  
Office 365  
Security Guidance  
DRAFT

- **recently released**
- **reviewing requirements and developing a plan**
- **Microsoft secure score >70**



# Microsoft Secure Score



Secure score

visibility, insights, and guidance to maximize council's security and take advantage of Microsoft 365



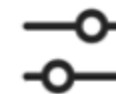
## Enterprise-wide visibility

Assess your organization's security posture across its entire digital estate.



## Intelligent guidance

Identify where to improve your security posture using threat-prioritized insights and guidance.



## Comprehensive controls

Improve your security posture with a comprehensive set of controls.

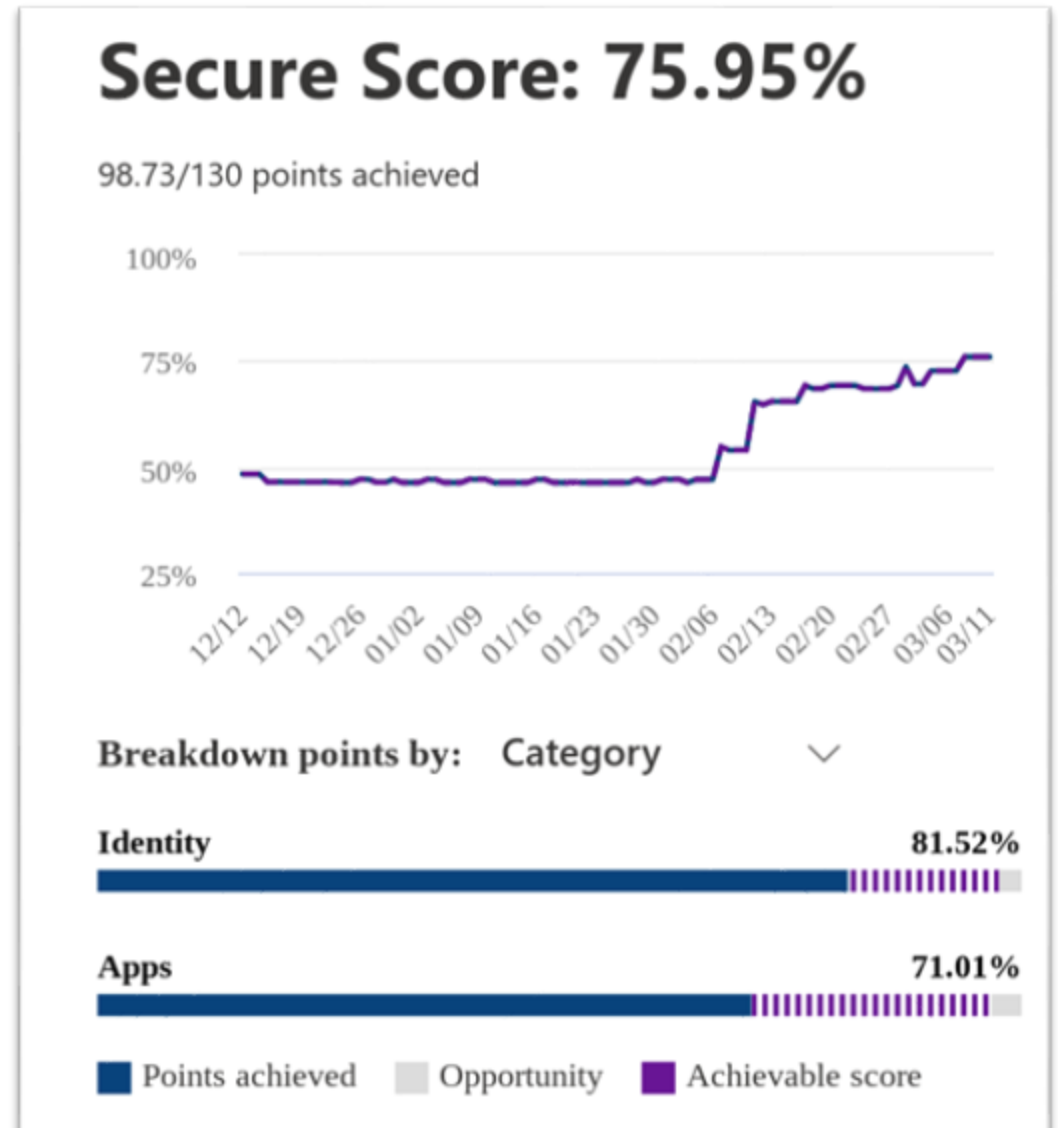
- a measurement of an organisation's security posture
- improve security posture by providing, visibility, guidance, and control
- following recommendations can protect the organisation from threats



Secure score

# 47% when we started

- 33 tasks
- 22 completed
- 3 outstanding risks accepted
- 8 still to action





Secure score

## Comparison

**Your score**

**75.95/100**



**Organizations like yours**

**46.42/100**





**Australian Government**  
**Australian Signals Directorate**

**ACSC** Australian  
**Cyber Security**  
Centre

## Essential Eight



Essential Eight

The **Essential Eight** are designed to protect Microsoft Windows-based internet-connected networks.

- **application control**
- **patch applications**
- **configure Microsoft Office macro settings**
- **user application hardening**
- **restrict administrative privileges**
- **patch operating systems**
- **multi-factor authentication**
- **regular backups**



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**Essential Eight**

## **Maturity levels 0 – 3**

- review baseline strategies
- assess council's maturity level against
  - our current security practices
  - VPDSS work undertaken
  - Microsoft Secure Score actions
- develop a plan
- implement identified improvements
- 2022/23 external audit against Essential Eight



### Workload Security

Applications and APIs provide the interface through which data is accessed. Security should be tightened around each of these applications and APIs to prevent data collection and unauthorized access.

### Infrastructure Security

Infrastructure that includes all hardware, software, micro-services, networking infrastructure, facilities, etc., represent a critical threat vector.

### Process Security

All security processes that are involved in access control, segmentation, and data protection should be closely monitored.

### Device Security

Device security assumes that once access is granted data flows through different devices, creating a massive attack surface area.

### Network Security

Networks should be segmented (microsegment), real-time threat protection, end-to-end encryption monitoring, and analytics should be employed to restrict access by unauthorized people or devices.

### Data Security

Data should be safe-guarded whether it is within the organization or is in transit or download. Data should be classified, controlled using labeling, and encrypted to prevent unauthorized access.

# The zero-trust security model

"never trust, always verify"

particularly where significant use of cloud services is in place



