





## Annual Action Plan Highlights 2021/22

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The following Council areas have contributed to the outcomes included in this report:

- Community Centres
- Early Years
- Library Services
- Maternal and Child Health (MCH) and Immunisation
- Social infrastructure Planning
- Youth Services
- Arts and Culture
- Active Transport
- Recreation and Open Space
- Environmental Services
- City Places
- City Futures.

Council has delivered annual actions under six domains based on the Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth's Nest Agenda.

The six domains are:

- Being loved and safe
- Having material basics
- Being healthy
- Learning
- Participating
- Positive sense of culture and identity.

Under each domain in the Strategy, are strategic objectives, this report card provides highlights of the Council actions to meet these objectives. For more information on the Strategy please go to:

[maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/CYPF2030](https://maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/CYPF2030)

This year again programs were delivered in a multitude of ways as we navigated the changing pandemic restrictions, programs and activities were delivered both online and face-to-face, and where possible in outdoor venues.



## HAVING MATERIAL BASICS

### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PATHWAY PROGRAM



#### 128 ACTIVITIES

- 71 young people engaged in a total of 128 activities via the Youth Employment Pathway Program. This included matching 23 young people with mentors.

### IMPROVING COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE AND OUTDOOR SPACES



#### 1 NEW FACILITY AND 5 UPGRADES

- The Billy Button Children's Centre, jointly funded by Council (\$5m) and the State Government (\$3.5m), opened at Hyde Street, Footscray, providing 127 licensed kindergarten and long day care places and 2 Maternal and Child Health consulting rooms.
- Upgrades to Angliss Children's Centre.
- Upgrades to Cherry Crescent Kindergarten.
- Upgrades to Gowrie Clare Court.
- Upgrades to North Maidstone Kindergarten and also to the playground.
- Upgrades to Phoenix Youth Centre.



## BEING LOVED AND SAFE

### MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH SUPPORTED PARENT GROUPS



#### 455 FAMILIES

- 6 Baby Makes 3 online parent programs (18 sessions) with 35 families attending. Also trialled abridged version in Hindi.
- 4 groups for parents with multi age children with 38 attendees.
- 41 new parent groups with 382 families attending.

### YOUTH SERVICES FACILITATED



#### SUPPORT FOR LOCAL SCHOOLS AND PARENTS

- Provided a venue for VCE exams.
- Provided a venue for Parkville College.
- 2 Parenting Information sessions, Tuning into Teens, delivered by Youth Services with 24 parents attending.

### EARLY YEARS FACILITATED SESSIONS



#### 1100+ CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Central Registration team delivered:

- 15 outreach information sessions including in Burmese and Indian/Bangladeshi.
- 14 open sessions at kindergartens and long day childcare services delivered in partnership with local providers with 241 families attending.

Family Strengthening team delivered:

- 5 outreach in the park sessions with 31 families attending.
- 31 Parenting in Maribyrnong sessions delivered with 256 parents attending.

Children's Week activities:

- 87 families and 325 children participated in activities online.
- 35 families at 2 sessions of Preschool Music Explosion.
- 24 families at Preschool Story Time Session.
- 60 activity/gift bags home delivered to children.
- 96 attendees at 2 x Dreamer Puppet shows.
- 70 family members attended Maidstone Community Centre Picnic in the Park.



## BEING HEALTHY

### EARLY YEARS HEALTHY EATING SESSIONS



#### 22 PARTICIPANTS

- 4 Nutrition and Healthy Eating in Children sessions in Arabic, Burmese, Hindi citing culturally appropriate food with 22 participants.

### YOUTH SERVICES FACILITATED SPORTS PROGRAMS



#### 50 YOUNG PEOPLE

- 20 young people regularly attending The Big Bang sports and recreational program at RecWest Braybrook.
- 30 participants attended the Western Bulldogs After School Program, a partnership between Council and the Western Bulldogs.

### POP UP BICYCLE LANES INSTALLED IN YARRAVILLE, FOOTSCRAY AND SEDDON



### IMMUNISATION TEAM



#### 4,464 IMMUNISATIONS

- 1,567 early childhood immunisations.
- 2,897 school age immunisations.

### MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH SUPPORT



#### ASSESSMENTS AND SUPPORTS ACROSS THE SERVICE

- 11,506 consults and assessments
- Over 64 outreach visits by MCH outreach to 22 early years venues and activities with 237 assessments with 43 children requiring referrals.
- 120 breast feeding consultations.
- 35 women supported with additional family violence consults.
- 62 families attended Sleep and Settling information sessions.
- 21 Infant nutrition sessions with 195 attendees.

### MAIDSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE



#### 117 EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

- 16 cooking sessions for children.
- 21 sessions of Stories Music and Make Believe sessions.
- 80 sessions of Music for Hip Toddlers.



## PARTICIPATING

### EARLY YEARS FACILITATED



#### STARTING KINDERGARTEN ONLINE PANEL

- Made up of 4 local practitioners and a parent with 64 attendees.

#### 14 PARTNERSHIP AND NETWORKING FORUMS

Partnership Groups with service providers:

- 4 Maribyrnong Children's Network meetings.
- 4 Early Years Services Partnership meetings.
- 2 Nominated Supervisors meetings.
- 4 Best Start Partnership meetings.

### YOUTH SERVICES FACILITATED



#### EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

- Acoustic Sessions in Schools with 328 participants.
- Friday Night Live Online delivered by 7 young performers, 3 young videographers and 1 young tech producer with 322 views.
- Maribyrnong Youth Advisory Committee (MYAC) with a total of 20 fortnightly meetings held online or where possible in person.
- Climate Emergency Forum with 50 young people from 4 local secondary schools attending.

#### 17 PARTNERSHIP AND NETWORKING FORUMS

- Maribyrnong Workers with Young People Network with 5 meetings and 112 attendees.
- Maribyrnong/Melbourne Student Wellbeing Community of Practice with 7 sessions and 33 attendees.
- 5 Qwest meetings with services working with LGBTQIA+ young people with 115 attendees.



# LEARNING

## YOUTH SERVICES



### OVER 100 YOUNG PEOPLE SUPPORTED

- 30 newly arrived Afghani students attended a 5-week Human Relations Program at Western English Language School.
- 10 learner drivers supported through the L2P program to obtain their probationary licence, 20 mentors, and 10-year anniversary of program celebrated.
- Youth Services participated in Problems that Matter (STEAM Footscray High School). One online and 2 in person sessions. 3 events attended by 60 students each time.
- MYAC participated in 2 training workshops: Public Speaking – facilitated by Social Agility and Advocacy – Facilitated by YACVic.

## EARLY YEARS



### 140 SUPPORTED PLAYGROUPS AND FAMILY SESSIONS

140 Maribyrnong Supported Playgroup sessions delivered, online, in person and outdoors, providing:

- 35 Treasure Boxes delivered to vulnerable families who couldn't attend sessions.
- 22 weekly newsletters to playgroup families.

## EARLY YEARS AND LIBRARIES

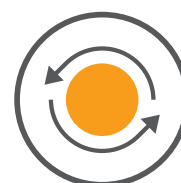


### 70 BICULTURAL STORY TIME EVENTS

Bicultural story times delivered in Arabic, Chinese, Vietnamese and Hindi with:

- 22 face-to-face bicultural story time sessions delivered at Braybrook Library.
- 20 face-to-face bicultural story time sessions at West Footscray Library.
- 16 online bicultural story time sessions in Vietnamese provided for the Australian Vietnamese Women's Association (AVWA) Playgroup.
- 8 face-to-face bicultural story time sessions delivered to the AVWA families.
- 4 bicultural story time sessions delivered at Central West Shopping Centre.

## LIBRARIES



### ONGOING ENGAGEMENT

- 2 Community Service days at Footscray Library for Year 9 Social Justice and Tech and Engineering streams.
- 2 focus groups with Year 9 students to inform the development of a Maribyrnong Libraries Youth Engagement Strategy.
- 100 registrations for the first Victorian state wide BIG Summer Read for children developed by Public Libraries Victoria.
- Library staff attended all panels for Footscray High School Community STEAM Years 7-8 Program.

## ARTS AND CULTURE



### 1 PUBLIC ARTWORK AND 2 MURALS

- Installation of the Billy Button Band Public Artwork by Skunk Control.
- 32 children participated in street art workshops to co-design 2 new murals at Mackillop College.

## BRAYBROOK COMMUNITY CENTRE



### 655 PROGRAM AND EVENT ATTENDEES

- 60 theatre program sessions held with 595 attendees.
- 2 school holiday programs; skateboard deck painting session and slime making session with 60 attendees.

## MAIDSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE



### 136 PLAYGROUP SESSIONS

- 48 facilitated playgroup sessions delivered face-to-face and online.
- 10 LGBTQIA+ playgroup sessions.
- 31 Spanish playgroup sessions.
- 9 Vietnamese playgroup sessions.
- 38 online sessions for primary school aged children delivered by Maidstone Reading Club.





# POSITIVE SENSE OF CULTURE AND IDENTITY

## YOUTH SERVICES FACILITATED



### 10 EVENTS, GROUPS AND FORUMS WITH 529 PARTICIPANTS

- 180 students – International Women's Day, presenting female led, lunchtime performances across 3 school sites.
- 90 students across 3 school sites – IDAHOBIT Day with the Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA) groups at Footscray High.
- 50 attendees online – 4 month arts program for international students culminating in a performance at Phoenix Youth Centre, Same Different Me.
- 9 attendees – Mental Health Week zoom workshop for Year 11 and 12 students at Footscray High School.
- 45 students – Wear it Purple Day virtual celebrations.
- 60 students – Wear it Purple Day competition, What does Wear it Purple Day mean to you?
- 9 attendees – Pride Centre and National Gallery Pride Exhibition.
- 24 participants – LGBTQIA+ forum as part of Pride Week.
- 10 teachers attended a forum around the needs of LGBTQIA+ students.
- 52 students attended LGBTQIA+ in-school groups.

## ARTS AND CULTURE SUPPORTED



### 900+ YOUNG PEOPLE TO PARTICIPATE IN CREATIVE ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

- 6 young people participating in a Rap Music writing and performance workshops with Western Edge Youth Arts at the Braybrook Hub.
- 900 attendees at Sciencetwits for Melbourne International Comedy Festival.

### 8 EVENTS FOR CHILDREN

- 8 puppetry workshops with Memetica for 5-12 year-olds.

### 7 ARTS ORGANISATIONS RECEIVED SUPPORT AND GRANTS

- Contributing to 708 creative arts events.

## EARLY YEARS PLAYGROUP ACTIVATION



### OVER 50 COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP ACTIVATION ACTIVITIES

#### 8 Come and Try Playgroup sessions:

- 75 adults and children attended over 8 weeks.
- 8 cultural groups engaged.
- 4 families referred to external agencies.
- 2 agencies visited the playgroup (MCH and libraries).

#### Other activation:

- 13 New Parent Groups attended to provide information on playgroups.
- 4 visits to community playgroups to provide support and information.
- 23 contacts made with community playgroups to offer support.
- 3 new community playgroups established.

## MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH RAN CULTURALLY SPECIFIC PARENT GROUPS



### 26 FAMILIES

- 5 families attended 1 Vietnamese parent group.
- 12 families attended 2 Burmese parent groups.
- 9 families attended 2 Hindi speaking groups.

## MAIDSTONE COMMUNITY CENTRE



### 124 ATTENDEES AT 3 EVENTS

- 40 attendees at the Multicultural Vegan Lunch, Diversity Week.
- 60 attendees at the Ramadan Celebration.
- 24 attendees at the Refugee Lunch.

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