

# Our strategic objectives

**To support children, young people and their families to be healthy, Council will strive to:**

- 3.1 maintain a holistic focus on the health and wellbeing of children, young people and their families within urban, service and program planning and design, guided by a 'wider determinants of health' model as outlined in the *Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2019/23*<sup>39</sup>
- 3.2 provide access to safe, quality outdoor play and recreation spaces that meet the needs of children and young people along the age-continuum
- 3.3 continue to provide quality universal health services through the Immunisation and Maternal and Child Health Services, striving to engage with all families through the implementation of innovative models targeting those families within the community that face barriers to service access
- 3.4 support the development of a local service system which responds to the health and wellbeing needs of children, young people and their families
- 3.5 provide parents with the information and skills they need to support the physical, mental and psychosocial health of children and young people
- 3.6 provide children, young people and their families with engagement opportunities to build social connectedness
- 3.7 take proactive measures to support the participation of children, young people and their families who experience barriers to access health, recreation and wellbeing programs and facilities within the municipality. These barriers may relate to affordability, cultural appropriateness, gender, ability or transport disadvantage
- 3.8 continue to build the capacity of both Council services and the service sector to be welcoming, inclusive and responsive to the needs of LGBTIQ+ young people and Rainbow Families
- 3.9 work in partnership with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and services to continue to build the capacity of both Council services and the service sector to create welcoming, responsive, culturally competent services in order to improve service access, health and wellbeing
- 3.10 continue to strive for a clean, healthy city for people to access open spaces, cleaner air and water and respond to climate change<sup>40</sup>
- 3.11 work in partnerships with schools and early learning services to promote environmental initiatives

**"To feel healthy I like to take a walk at Footscray park or head over to the swimming pool opposite Highpoint."**

**Local young person**