

# Our strategic objectives

**To support children, young people and their families to have a positive sense of culture and identity:**

- 6.1 recognise the unique status of First Nations people, respecting cultural rights and connection to land and prioritising Indigenous knowledge and, in partnership with local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community organisations and members, develop culturally responsive programs
- 6.2 further develop Council's understanding of the identities of children, young people and their families within Maribyrnong. Ensure this profile informs the work of Council so that it is inclusive, responsive and reflective of that diversity
- 6.3 continue to build Council's capacity to deliver services and community spaces for children, young people and their families that are culturally safe, inclusive of diversity and accessible to all
- 6.4 continue to support the service sectors in Maribyrnong to build their capacity in responding to the diversity of children, young people and their families including LGBTQ+, people living with disability, culturally and linguistically diverse and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, young people and their families
- 6.5 promote inclusive access for children, young people and their families to community spaces and amenities
- 6.6 create and support initiatives that celebrate and foster the diverse cultures and identities of children, young people and their families

**"For our family to feel included and that our culture or identity is valued in the local community, it is important that our children can be out in the community breathing clean air and not having to deal with large numbers of trucks on the road – be free to ride and run and play and interact in open spaces to promote respect and a feeling of togetherness and community."**

**Local parent**