

Our strategic objectives

To support the participation of children, young people and their families, Council will strive to:

- 5.1 implement emerging methods such as co-design, to enable meaningful opportunities for participation with children, young people and their families in Council decision-making that affects them
- 5.2 develop approaches and processes through which Council involves children and young people in quality participatory, decision-making processes, incorporating the Principles of Participation as outlined in this Strategy. This should incorporate the content expertise of relevant council staff in relation to age-appropriate participatory practice
- 5.3 support and strengthen the structures developed by Council to enable the participation of children, young people and families
- 5.4 facilitate a municipal approach to children and young people's participation within Maribyrnong, encouraging high-quality participatory practice in the engagement of children and young people in services, organisations and local communities within Maribyrnong
- 5.5 enable youth-specific opportunities for technology-enhanced eParticipation and digital youth work to encourage greater civic participation of young people across the whole-of-council
- 5.6 continue to build a profile of the experiences and needs of children and young people along the age continuum, and their families, through participatory consultative and co-design mechanisms, to inform Council decision-making in meeting the strategic objectives of this Strategy
- 5.7 work with community partners to develop an understanding of, and respond to the needs of parents to develop and maintain social connectedness, including a focus on those experiencing vulnerability