

# Information Sheet

Moreland Children, Young People and Families Plan 2021- 2025



## What's the Moreland Children, Young People and Families Plan?

The *Moreland Children, Young People and Families Plan* (previously referred to as the *Moreland Early Years and Youth Plan*) will be a five-year integrated Plan to guide our work with children, young people and their families.

At Council, there are currently two strategies which guide our work with children and young people; the *Moreland Early Years Strategy 2016-2020* and *Full Potential: A Strategy for Moreland's Young People*. As the *Moreland Early Years Strategy* finished in December 2020, it's an ideal time to develop an integrated *Moreland Children, Young People and Families Plan*.

## Has Council asked community for their views on the Moreland Children, Young People and Families Plan?

Yes, Council asked for community feedback in many ways from July to September 2020. There was an online Community Survey, Children's Activity, Network Conversations, Focus Groups, Stakeholder Workshop and Youth Workshop. More than 450 children, young people, families and service providers provided feedback about what could be included in the *Moreland Children, Young People and Families Plan*.

## Has Council engaged with children and young people?

Yes, a Children's Activity was developed in consultation with Early Childhood Teachers and invited children aged 0-12 years to respond to the statement, 'what's important to me in my community'. The Children's Activity provided an opportunity for children to create artwork or write a response to the statement.

As Young people had recently been consulted when developing *Full Potential: A Strategy for Moreland's Young People*, the findings from these consultations will inform the *Moreland Children, Young People and Families Plan*. The Youth Workshop held in September 2020 also provided an opportunity for young people to have a say on what's important to them.

## How did Council engage with community during COVID restrictions?

Council engaged with community in a range of ways during COVID restrictions to encourage completion of the Community Survey and Children's Activity, these included promotion through Libraries, Playgroups, Primary Schools, Kindergartens, Childcare Centres, Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) providers, Maternal Child Health Nurses and Immunisation staff. There were also social media posts on Facebook, twitter, Instagram, articles in community e-newsletters and a direct SMS sent to all Maternal and Child Health families. Due to COVID restrictions, the Network Conversations, Focus Groups, Stakeholder Workshop and Youth Workshop were all held online.

## What are the next steps to complete the Moreland Children, Young People and Families Plan?

The draft *Moreland Children, Young People and Families Plan* is currently being developed and will be available for public comment in April 2021.

## Where can I find out more information?

You can find more information about the *Moreland Children, Young People and Families Plan* at:

<https://conversations.moreland.vic.gov.au/MEYYP> If you have any queries, please contact Amy Carson, Early Years Planning and Development Officer on 9240 2384 or [aacarson@moreland.vic.gov.au](mailto:aacarson@moreland.vic.gov.au)