

Darebin Child Friendly City Framework Action Plan 2016 – 2017

Progress to date

| Priority Area | Action | Progress | Outcome and completion Date |
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| Child Friendly Cities Charter | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City of Darebin endorsement of the Charter | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter sent to VLGA • Certificate yet to be presented | June 2017 |
| Communication Plan to promote Darebin as a Child Friendly City internally and in the community | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Communications and Marketing Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Finalise the key messages ○ Confirm methods and mediums for communicating the Child Friendly City message internally Utilise information collated for mapping ○ Confirm format, content and timing to provide Child Friendly City information and messages to all Council departments on a regular basis including awareness raising via Managers meetings and department/team meetings • Establish an internal library of Child Friendly City resources accessible to all Council departments (physical and virtual) • Arrange quarterly presentations for Council staff and community members to build awareness about Child Friendly Cities (e.g Child Friendly City Officer from City of Dandenong, Karen Malone, Julie Rudner) • Complete Communications and Marketing Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Finalise the key messages ○ Confirm methods and mediums for communicating the Child Friendly City message to the community (printed collateral, web based) | <p>The Communication Plan for the promotion of Darebin as a Child Friendly City internally has been finalised and actioned. Information has been sent out regularly through Staff to Staff regarding opportunities to hear more about 'Darebin: A Child Friendly City' including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 'Inspirational Stories Series' – an opportunity to hear from others about some of the work that they have undertaken and/or how they have become Child Friendly Cities. b. Presentations from a University expert who has unpacked the child friendly city concepts and explored how they intersect with the broad range of work that is undertaken by council officers. c. Roadshow of information available for unit or team meetings. <p>To date the following sessions have been held:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 February 2017: 'City of Greater Dandenong – Our Child Friendly City Journey'. • Dr Kylie Smith, Melbourne University 23 March 2017: 'What is a Child Friendly City and why is it important?' • 21 April 2017: 'Children and young people are active citizens'. Presentation to staff by council officers from the City of Darebin and City of | June 2017 |

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| | | <p>Moreland.</p> <p><u>Community</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Communication Plan for the promotion of Darebin as a Child Friendly City to the community is in process | |
| <p>Reduce the inequity for children and young people in areas of disadvantage as well as place based</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet with Equity and Inclusion Coordinator to advocate that the EIPAT is strengthened to include the needs of children and young people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure research and data sources provide the information required to monitor the reduction of inequity so that relevant services and programs can be tailored toward reducing inequity in the different target groups Ensure children's and young people needs are considered in the development of the 2018-2022 Council Plan and the 2018-2022 Health and Wellbeing Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> documents to reflect Darebin as a Child Friendly City Linked to the strategic indicators for Health and Wellbeing Advocate for inclusion of ways of reducing inequity for children and young people within the Community Grants program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Met with relevant Council officers to consider opportunities to embed this work within the Council Plan and the Health and Wellbeing Plan. Meetings have been held to advocate that the EIPAT is strengthened to include the needs of children and young people. Discussions have taken place with the Community Grants Officer to consider strengthen wording within the Community Grants program. Continue to strengthen the work of Council Officers at East Preston and East Reservoir precincts to support place based work and the establishment of Reservoir Hub and the East Preston Community House. Joint Community Infrastructure Plan utilised Dr Julie Rudner and La Trobe University students to engage with local children in planning and development of the Darebin Creek Corridor Infrastructure Plan, and the Joint Community Infrastructure Plan was adopted 20 March 2017 by Darebin Council. The Working Group will continue to meet on a quarterly basis to assist in coordinating activities with all the key stakeholders. There are several short term actions that provide an opportunity for greater engagement and participation from children in shaping future outcomes along the Darebin Creek. | <p>June 2017</p> |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Survey conducted with early years services in Darebin to raise awareness of 'Early Start Kindergarten'. This program offers kindergarten places to 3 year olds if know to child protection or who identify as Aboriginal /Torres Strait Islander. Council officers were able to work closely with services to ensure greater awareness of the benefits and challenges of the program • The Project Partnership stream within the Arts Partnership Initiative (Creative Culture) supports artists and organisations engaging in creative projects with Children and Young people across the municipality. • In the submissions from schools to run BikeEd for their students, the criteria of equity needed to be addressed. Kingsbury Primary School was the successful school in 2017 and has resulted in the school having a fleet of biked to enable them to run the program. | |
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| <p>Respectful engagement with children and young people</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up protocols for consulting with children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Utilise publication: 'Engaging Children in Decision Making' ○ List avenues for accessing children and young people in engagement (including Education Committee, Coordinator Children and Community Development, Community Development Officer, Youth Services) ○ List opportunities at Council events where children and young people can be consulted eg Kite Festival | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings have been held with Coordinator Community Engagement and Demographics to ensure the inclusion of respectful engagement with children and young people when the Community Engagement Framework reviewed in the second half of the year. • 16 schools held Walk to School Month last October, and preparations are underway for this year's program with the intention to involve children in the program planning. • Development of the Health and Wellbeing Plan at the Kite Festival, 2017 involved a collaboration between Creative Culture and | <p>June 2017</p> |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop communication to disseminate to all Council departments• Review current Community Engagement Framework to include children• Undertake relevant project and consult with children | <p>Families, Diversity and Community Departments linking up local Artists with the Health Promotion Officer to consult with children in creative activities that promoted healthy living and wellbeing. These artists were Westside Circus and Dan Goronszy: Gutzy & The Launching Board</p> | |
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