

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2015/16 ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PLAN

THE 2015/16 PLAN CONTAINED 39 ACTIONS, WITH 88% NOW COMPLETE. DISPLAYED BELOW ARE SOME OF THE YEAR'S ACHIEVEMENTS.

Flew the Aboriginal flag for NAIDOC - JULY (National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee) Week. Held the first Aboriginal AUGUSTand Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee meeting. Permanently displayed the Australian flag and the First Nations flags in Council Chambers. In partnership with Banyule Community Health, OCTOBER commenced the Bulen Bulen cultural education program in Council's five Early Childhood Services. Local Aboriginal dance troupe the 'Kinneman Dancing Spirits' performed NOVEMBER at the Malahang Festival. **DECEMBER** Permanently displayed the Australian flag and the First **JANUARY** Nations flags in Council service centres, kindergartens and leisure facilities. Employed a Cultural Project Officer for the Barrbunin Beek Aboriginal Gathering Place. FEBRUARY-At the Kids ArtyFarty Fest, the program showcased Aboriginal performers and Reconciliation Banyule Opened the Nhalinggu Bagung (Come Gather) and Banyule Community Health ran activities Art Exhibition and held 20 events, workshops and MARCH celebrating Aboriginal culture. activities attended by more than 1,500 people in partnership with local services and organisations. Hosted a smoking ceremony and Welcome to Country which was conducted by a Wurundjeri APRIL-Elder to mark National Sorry Day and attended A Wurundjeri Elder led Aboriginal cultural walks at by 160 people. Salt Creek, Heidelberg. In partnership with Reconciliation Banyule, Held the first 'Warrior Games' demonstration at held a screening of Babakiueria for 100 primary Barrbunin Beek on Mabo Day. school children. Nhalinggu Bagung (Come Gather) Art Exhibition Provided a cultural education program for 28 Maternal and Child Health nurses as part of a new visits Telstra Melbourne head office and Abbotsford JUNE referral process for Aboriginal families to be seen by Convent, home of the Wurundjeri Tribe Land and an Aboriginal Health Worker. Compensation and Cultural Heritage Council. Council resolved to fund the position of Barrbunin Conducted cultural audits of six Maternal and Child Health services as part of Council's involvement in Beek Aboriginal Cultural Project Officer and Cultural the Stronger Culture Stronger Future working group. Educator for three years.

Council meeting.

Screened a National Reconciliation Week video at a