



DID YOU KNOW?

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in Banyule is 619 people.

(Based on 2011 Census data)



Highlights from the 2014/15 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Plan

Banyule Council has a long tradition of working closely with the Wurundjeri-willam people, the Traditional Owners of the area. The Committee of the Babarrbunin Beek Gathering Place advised Council on implementing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Plan. The 2014/15 Plan contained 31 actions, with Council completing 84% of these actions.

We have summarised our progress below.

Improving access and equity in Council services and practices

- Placing signs on over 100 buildings acknowledging the Wurundjeri as the Traditional Owners of the land of Banyule.
- Initiating the Local Koori multi-pass access program which supported over 100 visits to the Olympic Leisure Centre for the Ngurungaeta Men's Group and Dulin Baban Women's Group.
- Involving Maternal and Child Health nurses in cultural awareness training to improve how they work with Aboriginal families.

Partnership with community organisations and advocacy

- Supporting the establishment of the Babarrbunin Beek Gathering Place in Heidelberg West as a hub for the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.
- Establishing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee to advocate on behalf of the community.

Increasing community awareness

- Involving Council staff and community members in National Reconciliation Week activities to learn more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures. More than 175 people attended these activities.
- Running Aboriginal art activities for children at the Banyule Festival and Malahang Festival.
- Flying the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags permanently at Malahang Reserve, Heidelberg West.
- Working with Banyule Community Health to develop a 12 month Aboriginal cultural education curriculum, for all five of Banyule's children's service centres.

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