

# Child Friendly Cities & Communities Network



## Meeting minutes

**Date:** 30 March 2023

**Time:** 9.30am-11.30am

**Location:** Via Zoom

### **CFCC Network Purpose:**

*We've come together as a network because we can imagine a world where children are supported and empowered to be active citizens, and individually and collectively, we can make a difference. In our network, we will discover new ways to lead our colleagues and our communities to become child friendly and share with each other examples of good practice.*

**Meeting Chairs:** Kate Beveridge and Dave Godden

**Meeting Theme:** Children's Voices informing play and place-making

### **Passport to Play Project – Maribyrnong City Council**

Linda Harman, Family Strengthening Program Leader & Cat Sewell, Early Years Project Officer

Throughout 2022 Maribyrnong City Council spoke with hundreds of children of different ages across Maribyrnong to find out what they thought about play – what they like to do, where, with who and when? The presentation shared a range of information from this process including pictures, quotes, charts and graphs, and the Passport to Play resource that was developed as part of the Passport to Play Project.

More information [www.Maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/passporttoplay](http://www.Maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/passporttoplay)

### **Children's consultation in a regional setting – Mount Alexander Shire Council**

Sally Beattie, Early Years Project Officer & Shannon Lacy Youth Development Officer

Shannon has been working in the field of youth engagement for over 15 years and currently works in youth development in local government in regional Victoria. An integral part of her role is youth engagement and co-design with children and young people aged 8 to 25 years.

Sally is a community development professional who has worked with migrant and refugee communities and school-community hubs for twelve years before moving to Castlemaine in 2021. She's joined the Community Partnerships team at Mount Alexander Shire Council to lead collaborative work with health, education and community partners to improve outcomes for children 0-8.

The presentation focused on the consultation for Mount Alexander Shire early years and middle years plans (October 2022 and February 2023) and the actions that have been informed by children's voices, aged 3-12.

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Next CFCC network meeting is at 9.30am on **Thursday 22 June 2023**. Email [vlga@vlga.org.au](mailto:vlga@vlga.org.au) to be added to the invitation list.