

# Child Friendly Cities & Communities Network



## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday 7 April

**Time:** 9.30-11.30am (11.30-12 everyone is invited to stay back and further network)

**Location:** online, via zoom link

### **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 (City of Greater Dandenong), Carmen Cappello (City of Whittlesea), Dee Suvanmani (Dawson's Children's Co-op and Melbourne Uni)

**Meeting theme:** Elevate and promote the practice of children's participation and engagement

**Charter and logo launch-** Anna Dollard, Kids Own Publishing- the new logo is above. Anna spoke of the importance of the logo including illustrations that children had made. Although the network doesn't include children, the logo needed to be representative of them, as members of the network work with, and advocate on behalf of children.

The updated charter:

The Victorian Child Friendly Cities and Communities Charter is a statement of principles that underpin actions that support communities to be child friendly.

This Charter is consistent with Victorian, Australian and international protocols and embraces the universal rights of children aged from birth to 17 years as defined in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, Convention on the Rights of the Child (1990) and the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities (2006).

Fundamental to positive health and wellbeing is the right for children to experience environments that consider their needs. Our children are valued members of communities and we commit to these principles:

- Act in the best interests of the child
- Freedom for children to express their individual opinions and right to have these considered in decisions that affect them
- Create equity for all children based on their needs

This Charter guides all organisations and individuals with a mandate to respond to the needs of children to:

- Amplify the voices of children
- Embed initiatives and practices that support children to participate in civic life



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- Uplift Child Safety and Child Friendly organisational culture

**Guest speaker:** Dudu Orman, Brimbank City Council 'Dynamic Young Citizens': see attached presentation

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