

Child Friendly Cities & Communities Network Meeting

Date: Thursday 14 October 2021

Time: 10.00am – 12.00pm

Location: Online 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: Neil Rogers, Whitehorse City Council, Virginia Lloyd, Casey City Council & Amy Carson, Moreland City Council

Meeting theme: Children have the right to choose their own friends and safely connect with others (Children's Week Theme 2021, based on UNCRC Article 15)

Minutes

Welcome

- Virginia Lloyd, Casey City Council provided an Acknowledgement of Country and welcomed all attendees to the last CFCC network meeting for 2021.
- Virginia introduced the co-Chairs for today's meeting, Amy Carson, Moreland City Council and Neil Rogers, Whitehorse City Council and acknowledged the CFCC Advisory Group members.

Children's Week 2021 – What makes a good friend?

- Neil Rogers, Whitehorse City Council provided an overview of the meeting's theme *Children have the right to choose their own friends and safely connect with others*
- Jenny, Natasha and Jason from Waratah Special Development School introduced a short video they have produced for Children's Week on the central question, 'What makes a good friend?' and the video was shared - positive feedback was received
- Small group activity focussed on two key questions:
 - What makes a good friend for adults?
 - How does this change over time?

Babaneek Booboop Early Years Project

Charry Owens, Project Leader, Djerrirwarrh Health Services

- Charry provided an excellent overview of the Babaneek Booboop Early Years Project which is a community-focused program promoting positive health and early childhood outcomes for Aboriginal children in the City of Melton and Moorabool Shire



- The project links children and their families to local early years and child health services, promotes cultural safety, encourages relationship-building and self-determination
- The project has been operating for 4 years and has successfully engaged over 60 families and 120 children.

Safeguarding Children and Young People Portal

Douglas Russell, Senior Research Officer, Australian Catholic University

- Douglas shared the work he is leading on the Children and Young People Safety Project
- Douglas focused on the Safeguarding Portal and the Children's Safety Survey tools that are available for organisations and professionals to access to support their work with Children and Young People
- The Institute of Child Protection Studies (ICPS) welcomes the opportunity to support projects where interviews and focus groups with children and young people are an integral part of the project
- Douglas can be contacted on (03) 9230 8398 or via email ICPS@acu.edu.au

Information sharing and networking

- Small group information sharing and networking opportunity with participants with a focus on sharing activities that are planned for Children's Week

Child Friendly Cities and Communities logo

- Kate Beveridge, City of Greater Dandenong, Anna Dollard, Kids Own Publishing and Carmen Capello, Whittlesea City Council introduced the new Child Friendly Cities and Communities logo designs
- The logo designs were discussed, and participants indicated their preferred design
- Further work on the logo design will progress over the next few months and the final design will be shared at the next CFCC network meeting.

Close

- Amy Carson, Moreland City Council thanked all presenters for today's video and presentations
- Charry and Douglas's presentation slides will be forwarded to all meeting participants
- Amy thanked the CFCC Advisory Group members for organising the CFCC network meetings in 2021
- Participants completed an online feedback form
- 2022 CFCC meeting dates will be provided shortly.

