

Statement of Commitment to Indigenous Australians by Banyule City Council

Banyule City Council:

Commitment

- Acknowledges and values the Wurundjeri Wandoon people of the Greater Kulin Nation as the first people of this land. It commits to assisting to promote, protect and preserve their identity and culture

Apology

- Apologises for the laws and policies of successive governments that have afflicted profound grief, suffering and loss on these, our fellow Indigenous Australians

Respect

- Commits to respecting and promoting the customs and traditions of all Indigenous Australians, especially the local custodians, the Wurundjeri Wandoon people

Recognition

- Recognises and values Aboriginal society and culture as an important part of Australian history.

Rights

- Supports the rights of all Indigenous peoples as outlined in the United Nations Declaration On the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as ratified by the Commonwealth of Australia.

Participation

- Supports the rights of the Wurundjeri Wandoon people, the traditional custodians of this land, to provide advice and participate in Council planning and decision making.

Reconciliation

- Commits to encourage the Banyule community to achieve just and respectful relations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians in the spirit of reconciliation

Access & Equity

- Commits to providing equity in, and access to, services provided by Banyule City Council for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in, or with links to the Banyule community.

Advocacy

- Advocating, in partnership with the Wurundjeri Wandoon people, and others to address the gap in social and health inequalities experienced by many Indigenous Australians.