Building respectful communities

Why this is important

Building respectful communities across Banyule is about creating a culture where everyone is treated with dignity and respect, leading to a safer, more inclusive and supportive community.

Respectful communities play a role in:

- Addressing family violence
- Fostering respect and equity
- Ensuring everyone, regardless of their background, feels valued and included

Addressing and preventing racism, ageism, ableism, gender inequity, LGBTIQA+ oppression and other forms of discrimination can mitigate the harmful direct and indirect effects on the health of our community.

Existing evidence tells us that:

- Feeling safe is a top priority for 71% of Banyule residents when determining what makes a place liveable, ranking it as the most important aspect
- There is a notable difference in safety perceptions across precincts: residents in the North Eastern suburbs rated their sense of safety at 7.8 out of 10, while those in the northern areas gave it a lower score of 5.3 out of 10. The average for Victoria is 7.1 out of 10
- 14% of Banyule residents have experienced discrimination. These rates are significantly higher for specific identify groups

Our community have told us they want

- Safety and actions that promote inclusion, participation and equity
- Equitable interactions and opportunity to participate in community and civic life
- Being respected and heard for people's lived experience
- Festivals and events celebrating different cultures
- Education on cultural differences and respect in schools, workplaces and community program

Objectives for building respectful communities

- First Nations inclusion and cultural safety
- Identify and eliminate discrimination
- Develop and improve our social infrastructure
- Address barriers to employment and civic participation
- Address family and gender-based violence