

# Sunbury Heights Koorie Playgroup

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# Sunbury Heights Hub - Koorie Playgroup



# How it started?



***Dulap Wilim is a Woi-wurrung word meaning  
“Proud Place”***

**Identified want and need in  
the community- Sunbury  
Aboriginal Cooperation  
(Raquel Stewart)**

**School Hub’s interest to embrace the local  
Aboriginal Community more (Sharon Ramunno)**



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**Uniting**

## **CFC requirements of inclusivity**

(Silvia- Hub coordinator)

*“The new strategic plan explicitly identifies priority cohorts where relevant, within the strategic priorities, including families and their members with disability, and those from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse backgrounds.”*



Communities for  
Children Hume

# What did we do?



Need to appoint an appropriate **Facilitator**

Conversations between school-facilitator, SAC & Coordinator to clarify the needs and requirements for the playgroup

SAC checking in back with the community & EOI

**How to create cultural safety?**



- Creates routine for children and families
- Messy play and outdoor activities
- Rotation of playgroup kits
- Age appropriate cultural elements
- Connections for children and parents
- Access to support, information and early years specialists
- Inclusivity and exposure to culture for children in out of home care



# The Learnings

- Key partners

- Community needs analysis & involvement

- Content

- Cultural safety

- Aboriginal Early Years resources purchased from **Kinya Lerrk and Yarn Strong Sista** (Aboriginal owned and operated businesses)