

Care for nature and climate resilience

We want to protect our environment, make our streets cooler and greener, and involve our community in caring for the climate. We will achieve this by:

- Adding more trees and plants to make our streets and parks greener and cooler.
- Improving our natural spaces and waterways for people and wildlife to enjoy.
- Using eco-friendly ideas in building homes, roads, and public facilities around Merri-bek.
- Supporting and encouraging the local community efforts to fight climate change.

Healthy and inclusive communities

We want to create a safe, fair, and welcoming place where everyone can access services, housing, and spaces to enjoy and connect. We will achieve this by:

- Providing accessible spaces, facilities, and programs that support community health and safety.
- Helping all people, especially those on low incomes, find good housing and support their wellbeing.
- Providing affordable activities and spaces for youth, seniors, and families to participate and feel independent.
- Supporting local food initiatives to increase access to healthy, affordable food.

Beautiful and liveable city

We want to make streets and public spaces safe, nice, and easy to use so everyone can enjoy and be proud of where they live. We will achieve this by:

- Keeping public places, spaces, and areas well-maintained, safe, and inviting for community use.
- Fixing and improving streets and footpaths to make them more friendly for walking and riding.
- Encouraging walking, riding bikes, and scooting, especially for getting to school.
- Making it easier and safer to use public transport to move around.

Thriving economy and culture

We want to create a vibrant community with thriving local businesses and a strong arts and culture scene that brings people together. We will achieve this by:

- Developing busy shopping and activity areas that are attractive, green and inviting.
- Attracting new businesses and encouraging investment to create more jobs in Merri-bek.
- Supporting local shops and traders making it easier for them to do business and succeed.
- Promoting and supporting local art, festivals, and events celebrating our community's diversity.

Engaging and responsible council

We are here to serve the community. We will achieve this by:

- Providing high-quality services and responding quickly to community needs.
- Communicating better using many different ways to include everyone's ideas and feedback.
- Working with other levels of government to advocate for community priorities.
- Being honest and transparent about how money is spent and how decisions are made.