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MIDCOAST ABORIGINAL ACTION PLAN 2022-2032

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Note on Revision:

The MidCoast Aboriginal Action Plan will be reviewed following consultation with the community on a bi-annual cycle to ensure relevance and alignment to regional and local planning instruments. The Plan will be reported on annually to the Council and Local Aboriginal Land Councils.

Note on Terminology:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have a unique place in Australia as the original inhabitants of the land. Throughout this plan the term 'Aboriginal' is used as an inclusive term to cover all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The written word 'Gathang' is used in the context of the Gathang speaking people as an inclusive term to cover the language spoken by the Aboriginal people of the MidCoast LGA. The spelling 'Gathang' is based on that used by Holmer in his vocabulary of Kattang. Other spellings of the language name include 'Katthung', 'Kattang' and 'Gadang'.¹

¹ Lissarrague, A, 2010, *A Grammar and Dictionary of Gathang: The Language of the Birrbay, Guringay and Warrimay*, Muurrbay Aboriginal Language & Culture Co-operative.

Message from the Mayor

I am delighted to present MidCoast Council's first Aboriginal Action Plan. This is just the start of what I hope will become strong working relationship.

Council's relationship with the Aboriginal community is important and we continually seek opportunities to engage in all aspects of Council's work. It is something that I have a very strong commitment to, and I wish to work together to build a strong collaborative relationship built on mutual trust.

I acknowledge the importance of land and culture to this community and believe it is important that we work together to ensure a strong Aboriginal voice in all that we do. I am proud that we have been able to name our Council's administration office "Yalawanyi Ganya" which means sitting or meeting place in Gathang, and of the way Aboriginal art has been incorporated into the building.

I look forward to the implementation of the strategies outlined in this Plan.



Councillor Claire Pontin
Mayor

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we work and live, the Gathang speaking people and pay our respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who now reside in the MidCoast Council area. We extend our deepest respect to elders past and present, and to all future cultural-knowledge holders.

MidCoast Community Snapshot

The MidCoast region has over 96,000 residents living across an area of 10,000 km² with a population density of 9.6 people per square km. Those that identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander make up 7.3% of the population, well above the NSW and National averages of 3.4% and 3.2% respectively².

The MidCoast Local Government Area embraces two Aboriginal peoples – Biripi in the north and Worimi in the south and western areas. Gathang is the common traditional language for both peoples and a local Language Group has worked hard over recent years to resurrect the language which is now taught in schools. Council has embraced the Gathang language and consulted with the Language Group for the naming of its administration building, “Yalawanyi Ganya”, which means sitting/meeting place.

Four Local Aboriginal Land Councils (LALC) operate in the MidCoast Local Government Area, Purfleet Taree LALC in the north, Forster LALC in the Forster/Tuncurry area, with the Karuah LALC and Worimi LALC located outside the MidCoast, but whose areas extend into the south of the Council area.

Two active Aboriginal Medical centres deliver vital health care to their communities, Biripi Aboriginal Corporation Medical Centre working in the Purfleet/Taree area, and Tobwabba Aboriginal Medical Service serving the Forster and Tuncurry communities.

More than half (55%) of the MidCoast’s Aboriginal population is aged 24 and under, while only 10.6% are aged over 60 compared to the broader MidCoast Community over 60 age group which represents 42% of the total population³.

According to the 2016 Census, 39.6% of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workforce was employed full time, and 38.8% employed on a part-time basis. The Aboriginal participation rate in the labour force was 45.7% compared to the NSW rate of 54.4%. 52.2% of the MidCoast Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population was not engaged in the labour force, compared with 43% for NSW.

The MidCoast LGA is the 24th most disadvantaged Council area in NSW (out of 130 Council areas) with a SEIFA index of 928. SEIFA is an index that measures the relative level of socio-economic disadvantage and/or advantage, based on a range of Census characteristics such as unemployment, low incomes, education levels etc).⁴

We value our diverse community and recognise the opportunity to embrace the local Aboriginal culture and enhance inclusiveness. We want to continue to strengthen our relationships and develop stronger partnerships with Aboriginal people through the MidCoast Community Aboriginal Action Plan.

² 2021 Census data as presented by .id community demographic resources

³ 2016 Census data as presented by .id community demographic resources

⁴ 2016 Index as reported by .id community demographic resources. An updated index based on the 2011 Census was not available at the time of writing

MidCoast Aboriginal Action Plan Scope

The MidCoast Aboriginal Action Plan (the Plan) is a wholistic plan, aligned to the Community Strategic Plan 2022-2032, that is focused on improving outcomes for Aboriginal people in the MidCoast Council Local Government Area. The plan is a mechanism for addressing key areas that have been identified as priorities in consultation with Aboriginal people and community service providers.

The Plan is a resource to support, guide and initiate collaborative approaches across 6 key focus areas through collaboration and partnerships with current service providers and community groups and will assist in breaking down barriers to see all people in the MidCoast thrive.

The Plan focuses on Council's strategic goals and projects/initiatives for recognising and respecting Aboriginal culture and history and reducing the disadvantage experienced by the MidCoast Aboriginal community.

Strategic Alignment

The Plan has strong alignment with the MidCoast Council Community Strategic Plan contributing to its delivery in the following 3 outcome areas:

- Community Outcome 1: a resilient and socially connected community
- Community Outcome 2: an integrated and considered approach to managing our natural and built environments
- Community Outcome 3: a thriving and strong economy

MidCoast Council commits to embedding the Social Justice Principles within the delivery of the MidCoast Aboriginal Action Plan. Social and environmental justice is important in developing a culturally appropriate response to the 6 key focus areas identified by the community. The four principles of social justice are:

- **EQUITY** – There should be fairness in decision making, and prioritising and allocation of resources, particularly for those who are vulnerable or in need. Everyone should have a fair opportunity to participate in the future of the community.
- **ACCESS** – Everyone should have fair access to services, resources, and opportunities to improve their quality of life.
- **PARTICIPATION** – Everyone should have the maximum opportunity to genuinely participate in decisions that affect their lives.
- **RIGHTS** – Equal rights should be established and promoted, with opportunities provided for people from diverse linguistic, cultural and religious backgrounds to participate in community life.

Including these as guiding principles helps to make sure that everyone:

- is welcome and can participate in local life;
- has access to the services they need; and
- is heard.

It is important to note that while community consultation has highlighted a wide range of needs, Council cannot address them in isolation, it will take collective community efforts and cross sector collaboration with other levels of Government, support agencies, and the Aboriginal community to progress many of these objectives. Only going together as one, will we be able to move forward.

MidCoast Council's role throughout much of implementation of the Plan will be to advocate on behalf of the community. Council commits to standing with the Aboriginal community to advocate for increased support, improved services and collective action to address the needs that have been identified which fall outside Council's scope of delivery.

Key partners identified in the delivery of this plan are:

- Federal Government Agencies
- NSW State Government Agencies
- Local Aboriginal Land Councils
- Aboriginal Medical Centres
- NSW Police
- Community Service providers
- Schools, TAFE, Taree University Campus
- Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations

Council's actions will be outlined within the Operational Plan and Budget aligned with the Delivery Program to show the individual projects, activities and services that Council will deliver each year.

Consultation

Who We Heard From

Over almost 2 years Council conducted extensive consultation with the community through surveys, pop-ups, yarn up / focus groups, idea walls in various locations and sessions with young people at schools. Council acknowledge that the COVID pandemic was a barrier to wider Aboriginal community engagement. Council heard from 180 Aboriginal community members who expressed the barriers, needs and aspirations they held for their community.

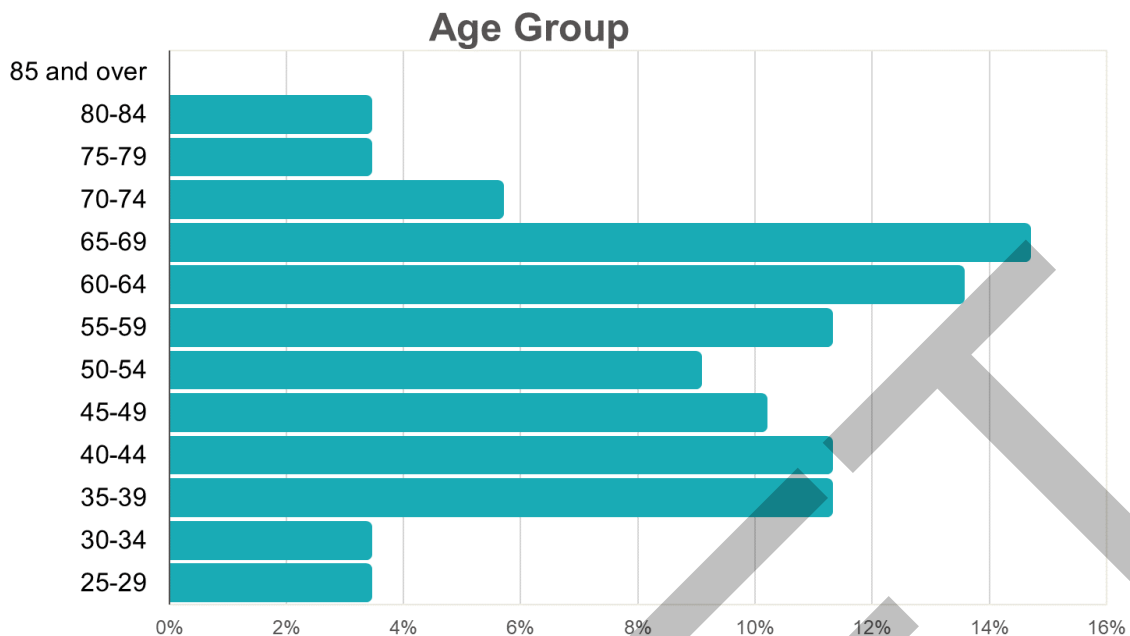
- **71 people** provided comment on key issues including housing, health, education, justice, connection and inclusion, family and culture
- **57 people** attended pop-ups
- **89 people** participated in our survey (online and hard copy)
- **19 people** shared their ideas for the future on our online 'ideas wall'
- **28 people** attended yarn-ups (focus groups)
- **21 Aboriginal young people** across two high schools were engaged

The groups we consulted with are identified as follows:

Identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

Yes, 63%

No, 37%



Key Focus Areas

Analysis of the community feedback has identified 6 key focus areas:

1. Housing
2. Health & Wellbeing
3. Education & Employment
4. Justice
5. Inclusion & Participation
6. Families & Culture

Council asked the community to identify the areas of most concern and to rate the overall level of satisfaction with current services in each of these areas to obtain a benchmark against which future progress can be measured.

Key Focus Area 1 - Housing

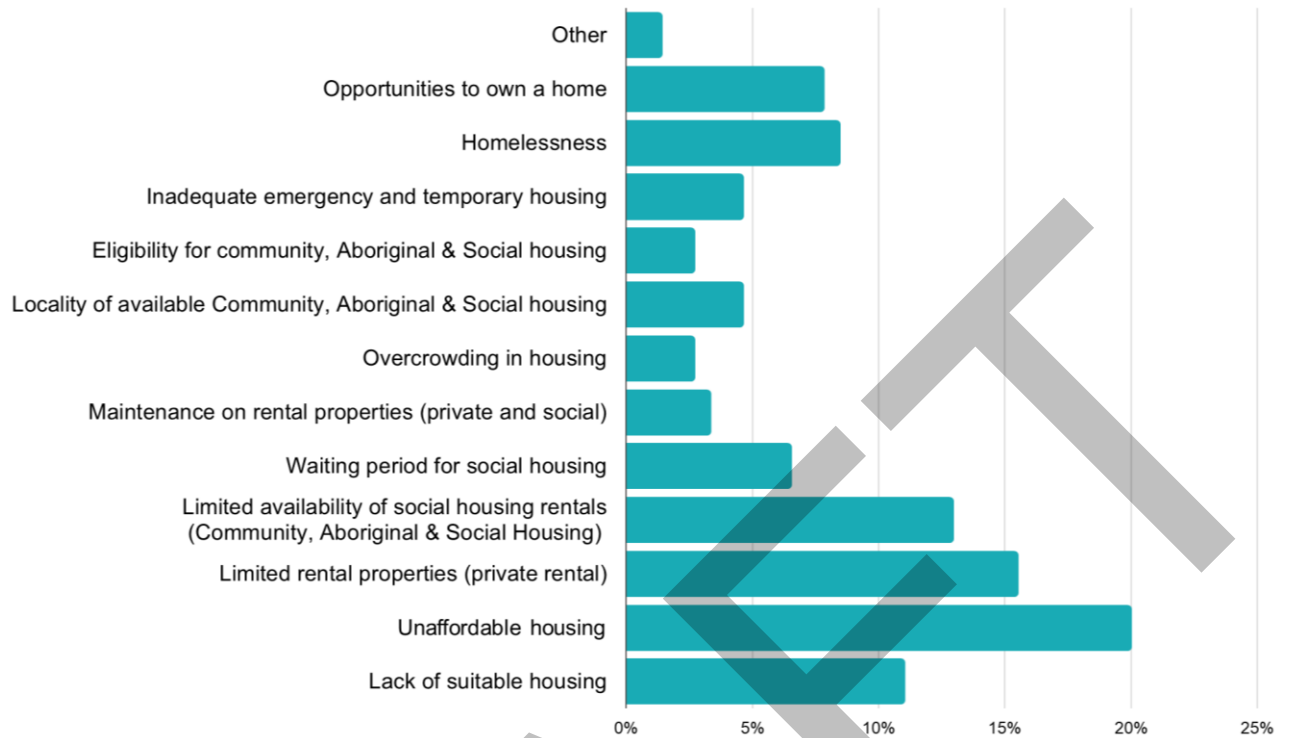
What We Heard

The housing crisis being experienced across NSW is also having a significant impact in the MidCoast. The Aboriginal community in the MidCoast is disproportionately affected by the shortage of housing stock and high costs.

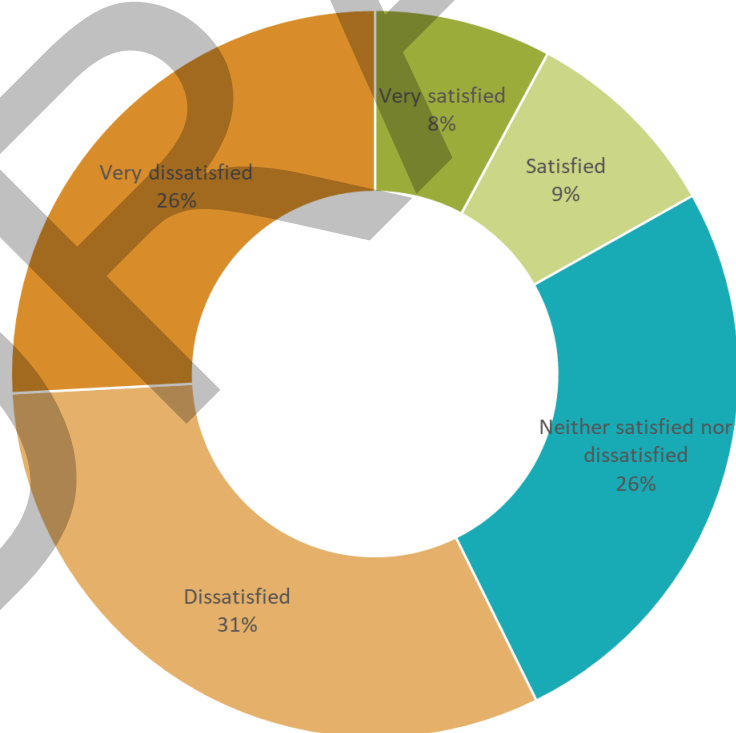
The community identified that the lack of affordable housing was the top priority in this focus area for Aboriginal people. Other key priority issues identified are the limited availability of rental properties, social housing and overcrowding in homes.

Council also heard positive stories about responsive housing providers creating solutions and providing temporary resolutions for housing. Of the respondents, 17% reported very satisfied or satisfied with Housing and only 16% reported that they were fortunate enough to be in a stable position in relation to accommodation i.e., owning their own home, affordable rent, etc.

Top priority issues relating to housing



Housing Satisfaction Rating



Strategies for Improving Housing

Objective 1: Our Aboriginal community has safe and sustainable housing that provides the foundation to close the gap by improving health and wellbeing and delivering economic outcomes.

Indicator 1: Aboriginal community report an increased satisfaction rating in bi-annual review.

Indicator 2: Aboriginal Land Councils report infrastructure improvements in bi-annual review.

Strategies How will we get there?	Pathways to Success What this might look like?	Council Role	Stakeholders Who else has a role?
1.1. Key stakeholders collaborate to identify barriers to home ownership.	<p>Housing providers collaborate to improve pathways to home ownership.</p> <p>Aboriginal people are confident in working towards homeownership and are aware of pathways.</p> <p>Aboriginal people feel better equipped and informed to save for deposits.</p>	<p>Advocate</p> <p>Capacity builder</p>	Federal Government; State Government; Local Aboriginal Land Councils; Housing providers; Banks; and Finance service providers.
1.2. Support education programs on the process for renting properties.	<p>Potential tenants are aware of black-listings, how to find out if they're black-listed, and how to improve their options.</p> <p>Potential tenants understand rental processes and feel confident in applying for rentals.</p>	<p>Advocate</p> <p>Capacity builder</p>	Local Aboriginal Land Councils; Real Estate Agents.
1.3 Advocate for the increased supply of social housing.	<p>Social Housing provision is included in approvals for large developments.</p> <p>Plans are adopted to increase social housing stock.</p>	Advocate	Federal Government; State Government; Local Aboriginal Land Councils; Housing service providers.
1.4 Support Local Aboriginal Land Councils to advocate to State and Federal governments to fund new homes on Aboriginal owned land.	State and/or Federal Government commits to funding opportunities.	Advocate	Federal Government; State Government; Local Aboriginal Land Councils; Housing service providers.
1.5 Support improved Land Management education and processes	<p>Native title holders and Local Aboriginal Land Councils collaborate with Council to improve Land Management.</p> <p>Roads to Home improves quality of life in Aboriginal communities.</p> <p>Improved confidence in applying for Development Application's.</p>	<p>Advocate</p> <p>Planner</p> <p>Partner</p>	Federal Government; State Government; Local Aboriginal Land Councils.

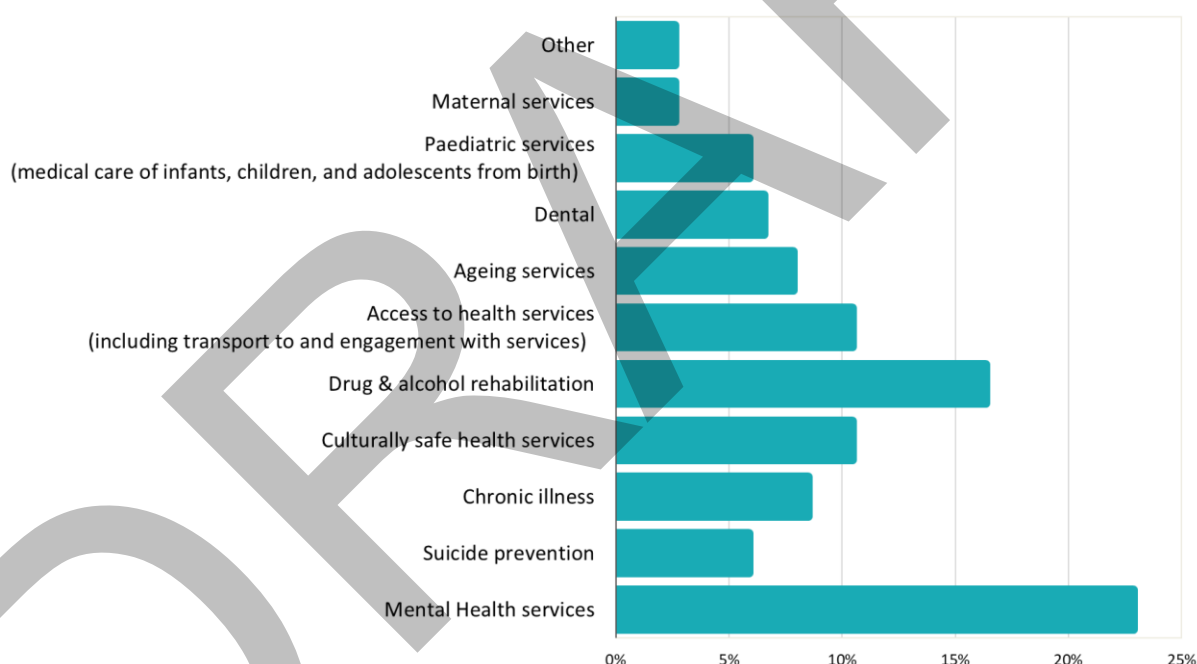
Key Focus Area 2 – Health & Wellbeing

What We Heard

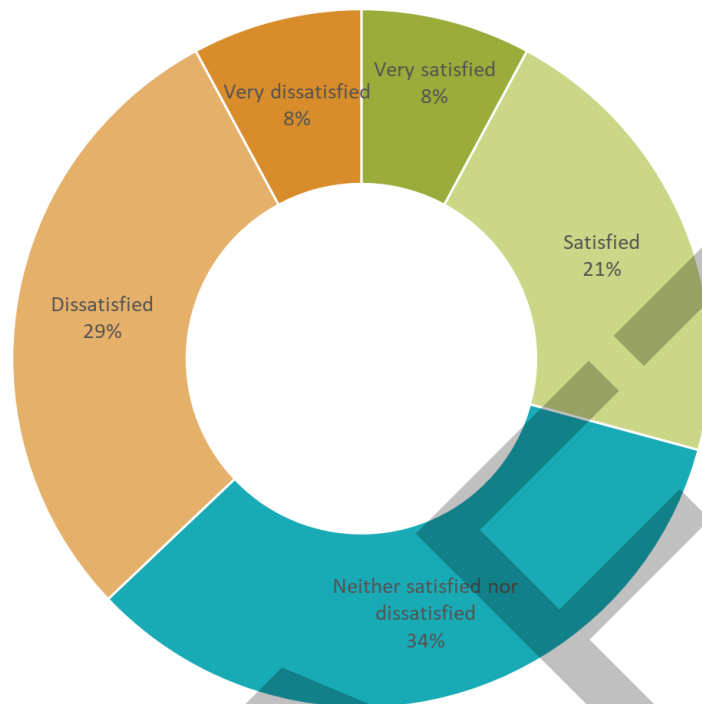
It's well researched that Aboriginal people have a lower life expectancy than non-Aboriginal people, higher rates of chronic illness and comorbidity. The Australian Government's 'Closing the Gap' initiative seeks to address this, but progress has been slow. It is notably more difficult for communities in rural and regional areas to access appropriate health services and Aboriginal communities are significantly affected. Research recognises the influence of social factors and the strengths of culture as a protective influence on Aboriginal peoples physical, social and emotional wellbeing.

In this focus area, the community identified Mental Health as the area of most concern, closely followed by the need for Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation services. It was also identified that there is a clear demand for culturally appropriate health services and there is community acknowledgment that where this is happening, it's working well. Of the respondents, 29% reported very satisfied or satisfied with Health & Wellbeing.

Top priority issues relating to Health & Wellbeing



Health & Wellbeing Satisfaction Rating



Strategies for Improving Health & Wellbeing

Objective 2: Create the best opportunity for Aboriginal people to live long, healthy lives that are centred in culture with prevention-focused, culturally safe and responsive health services.

Indicator 1: The Aboriginal community report an increased satisfaction rating in bi-annual review.

Indicator 2: Aboriginal Medical Services report decreased waiting lists in bi-annual review.

Strategies How will we get there?	Pathways to Success What this might look like?	Council Role	Stakeholders Who else has a role?
2.1 Advocate for improved mental health and counselling services for Aboriginal people.	<p>Improved services at medical centres, with reduced waiting lists and providing consistency for patients.</p> <p>Improved or increased telehealth opportunities provided.</p> <p>Increase in number of Aboriginal Counsellors.</p> <p>Increase in drug and alcohol counselling available.</p>	Advocate	State Government; Federal Government; Aboriginal Medical Centres; Allied Health providers; Headspace
2.2 Support Land Councils to source funding for the establishment of Wellbeing Centres.	<p>Funding opportunities identified for culturally appropriate health services.</p> <p>Increased knowledge and retention of cultural practices.</p>	Advocate	State Government; Federal Government; Aboriginal Medical Centres; Allied Health providers.
2.3 Support the community to establish Men's and Women's Groups, and education programs for young people.	<p>Men's and Women's groups promote sense of belonging, improved cultural pride and improved mental health</p> <p>Focused education for young people is available.</p>	<p>Advocate</p> <p>Capacity builder</p>	Aboriginal Medical Centres; Allied Health providers; Community Groups
2.4 Support Aboriginal Medical Centres to advocate for improved services.	<p>Improved service access in remote areas.</p> <p>Aboriginal Medical Centres have a designated space and regular presence in schools.</p> <p>Improved access to dental health services available.</p>	Advocate	State Government; Federal Government; Aboriginal Medical Centres; Allied Health providers; Community Groups
2.5 Advocate for cultural awareness training to be provided to local health providers.	Culturally safe services are provided	<p>Advocate</p> <p>Capacity builder</p>	<p>Aboriginal Medical Centres</p> <p>Allied Health providers</p>

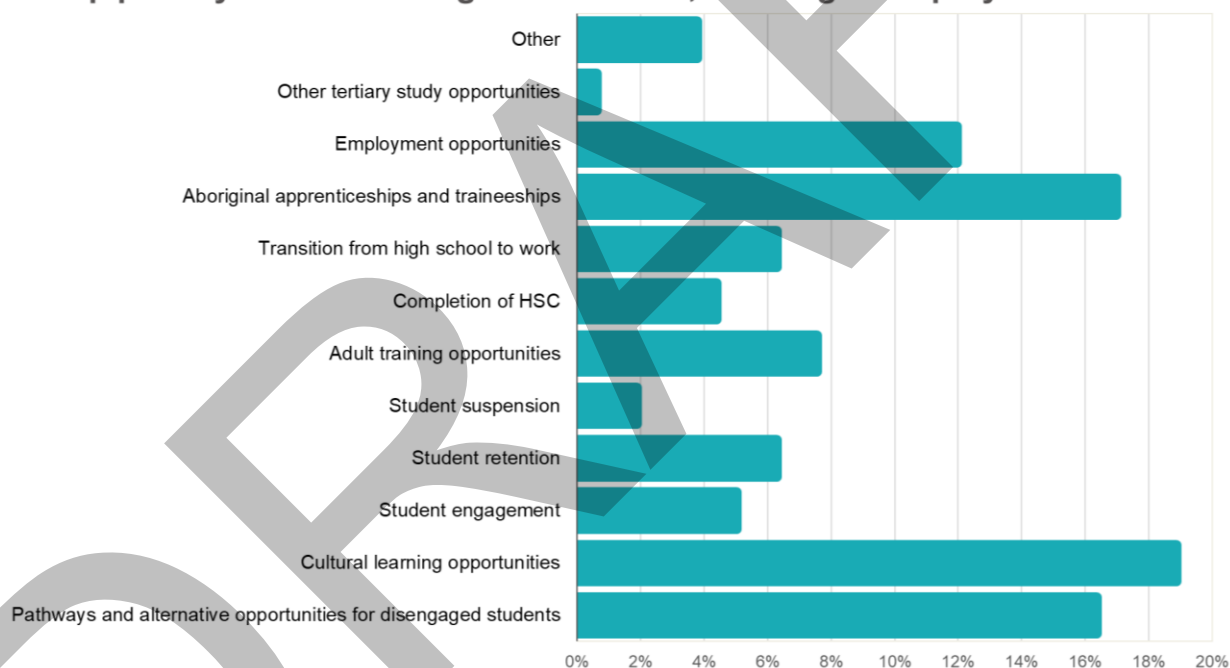
Key Focus Area 3 – Education & Employment

What We Heard

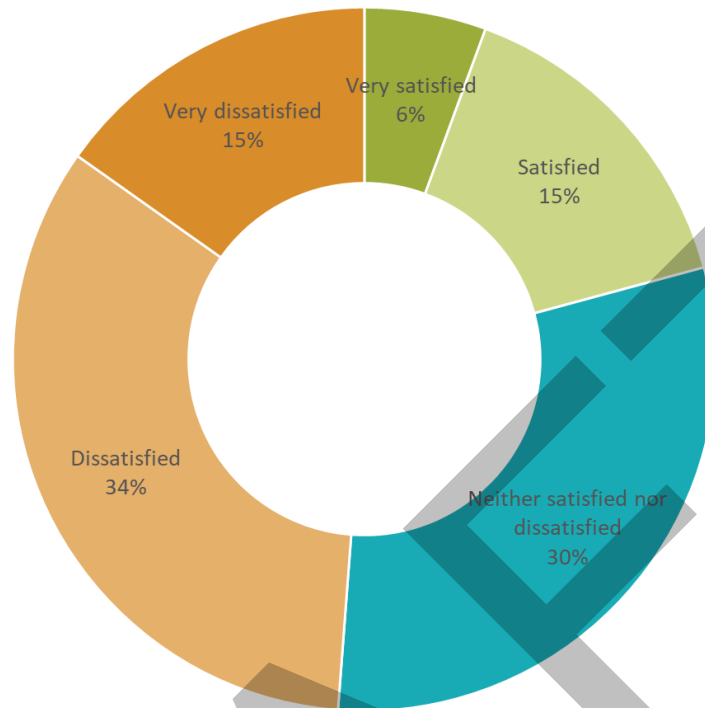
By nurturing strong foundations in the early years, building strong community education and training pathways, valuing cultural identity and enabling self-determined pathways to success and employment, the MidCoast is benefiting from positive community outcomes. The community have highlighted isolated good news stories in Aboriginal Support roles within schools. It was also identified that more cultural learning opportunities are needed to be facilitated for the wider community.

The MidCoast area has high levels of Aboriginal student suspension and low rates of Aboriginal student attendance and retention. The community identified the need for more assistance to improve pathways and alternate learning opportunities for disengaged students; and improved pathways for apprenticeships and traineeships. Of the respondents, 21% reported very satisfied or satisfied with Education & Employment focus area.

Top priority issues relating to Education, Training & Employment



Education, Training & Employment Satisfaction Rating



Strategies for Improving Education & Employment

Objective 3: Working alongside Aboriginal families and communities building a confident, culturally inclusive workforce to maximise Aboriginal peoples ability to achieve growth and success.

Indicator 1: The Aboriginal community report an increased satisfaction rating in bi-annual review.

Indicator 2: Department of Education reports an increase in attendance in bi-annual review.

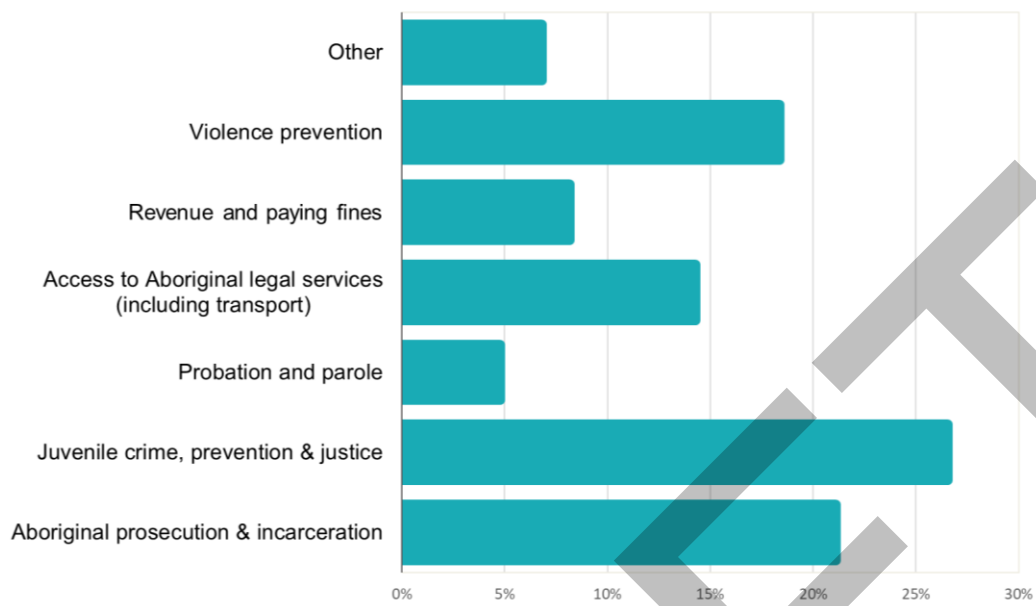
Strategies How will we get there?	Pathways to Success What this might look like?	Council Role	Stakeholders Who else has a role?
3.1 Collaborate with the community to create Aboriginal led culture and language learning opportunities.	Support the community to create native/bush tucker gardens. Aboriginal Language is part of the school curriculum and courses available for community.	Advocate Capacity builder	State Government; Federal Government; Local Aboriginal Land Councils; Elders Groups; Schools; Language Group, Civic Institutions.
3.2 Support community groups to upskill in grant writing and navigating educational pathways.	Provision of grant writing workshops.	Advocate Capacity builder Provider	Department of Education; Taree University Campus.
3.3 MidCoast Council becomes an Aboriginal community employer of choice.	MidCoast Council Aboriginal Employment Strategy identifies more opportunities for Aboriginal people to work at Council. Cultural awareness training rolled out to all Council staff.	Leader Planner Provider	Service Providers; TAFE; Taree University Campus; Local Aboriginal Land Councils.
3.4 Strengthen the Aboriginal education ecosystem and capacity building for AECGs.	Strong AECG's provide improved outcomes for Aboriginal students. Host careers expos in the Aboriginal communities.	Capacity builder	Schools; Aboriginal Education Community Groups; TAFE; Taree University Campus; Service Providers
3.5 Strengthen support networks for Aboriginal people to achieve growth and success.	Aboriginal people are better equipped to apply for Aboriginal identified roles. Mentorship framework developed with partnerships formed to implement cross industry programs.	Advocate Capacity builder	Service Providers; TAFE; Taree University Campus; Local Aboriginal Land Councils, Civic Institutions.

Key Focus Area 4 – Justice

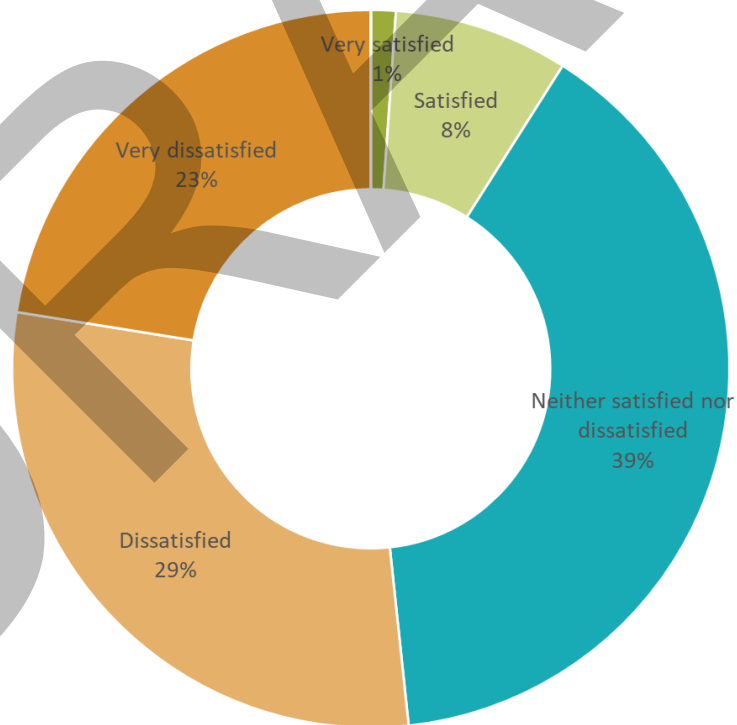
What We Heard

Council heard that there are high levels of community concern about the rates of juvenile crime. There is evidence to support a link between the juvenile crime rate and the high rate of absenteeism from school and suspension, and the high rate of domestic violence in the MidCoast. The community identified a lack of positive role models and mentors for Aboriginal children within our community, and championed a greater need for culturally appropriate learning, fostering pride in culture and creating a stronger sense of belonging to assist in addressing the issues underpinning the Justice focus area. The community felt strongly that the Aboriginal people are over-represented in the Justice system. Of the respondents, 8% reported very satisfied or satisfied with the Justice focus area.

Top priority issues relating to Justice



Justice Satisfaction Rating



Strategies for Improving Justice

Objective 4: Empowering Aboriginal young people and families to create change addressing over-representation in the justice system and increasing connection to family and community for a stronger sense of belonging.

Indicator 1: The Aboriginal community report an increased satisfaction rating in bi-annual review.

Indicator 2: Reduced incarceration rates for local Aboriginal people.

Strategies How will we get there?	Pathways to Success What this might look like?	Council Role	Stakeholders Who else has a role?
4.1 Create strong and resilient support networks for young people and people at risk.	<p>Increase in youth workers across the region.</p> <p>Create early intervention family services and programs to support Aboriginal children and young people aged to stay in school and at home and actively engaged in their communities.</p> <p>Young people know how to seek assistance.</p>	<p>Advocate</p> <p>Capacity Builder</p>	State Government; Federal Government; NSW Police; Local Aboriginal Land Councils.
4.2 Creating a fair and equitable system for Aboriginal people.	<p>Support Police applications for more community policing.</p> <p>Rollout of Walama Court to MidCoast region.</p> <p>Strong community relationships with the local judiciary system.</p>	Advocate	State Government; Federal Government; NSW Police; Local Aboriginal Land Councils.
4.3 The youth justice system is child and adolescent centred and age appropriate.	<p>A young person is recognised and met with a healing approach.</p> <p>Our young people are appropriately cared within justice frameworks with age and developmental needs of the child and young person meet.</p>	Advocate	State Government; Federal Government; NSW Police; Local Aboriginal Land Councils.

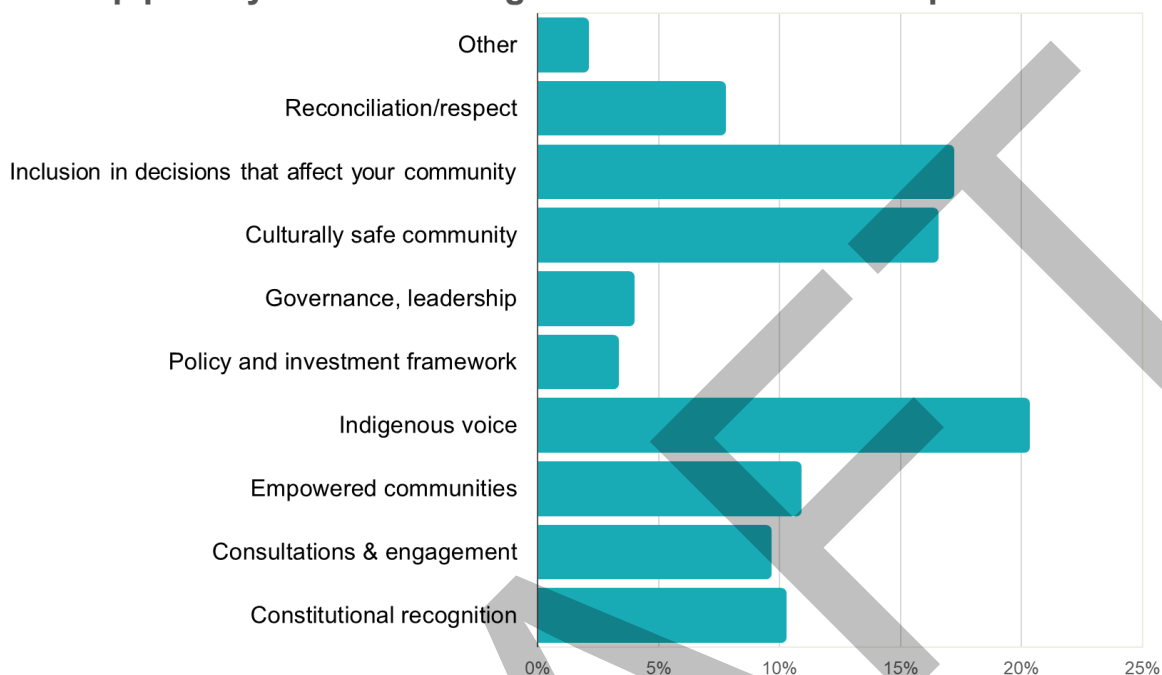
Key Focus Area 5 - Inclusion & Participation

What We Heard

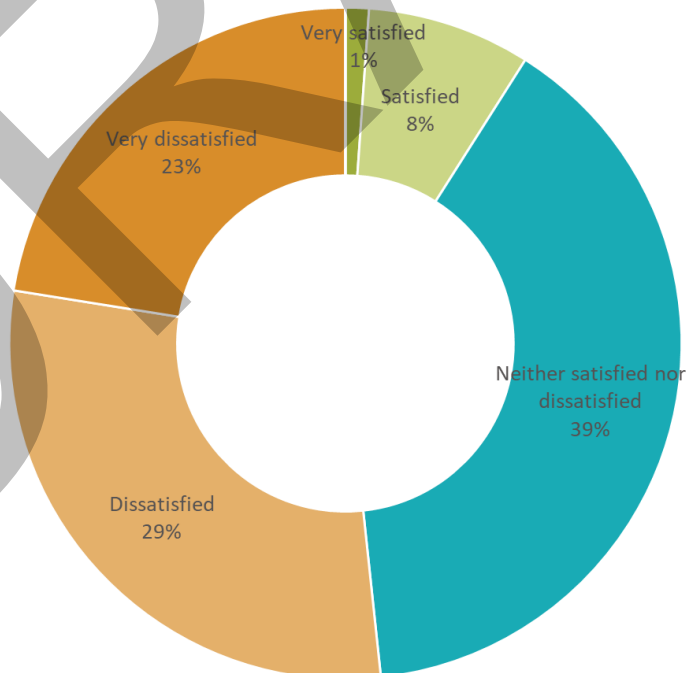
Consultation revealed several areas where the community would like to see improvements, including an Aboriginal voice in decisions that affect them, increased consultation and engagement to enable the community to feel empowered, respect to the right of self-determination and a stronger sense of belonging. The community also expressed that an identified Aboriginal liaison position in all organisations would assist in improving cultural appropriateness, leading to increased connection and engagement. It was also acknowledged that organisations within the MidCoast struggle to fill identified Aboriginal roles

and that the Inclusion & Participation focus area is strongly linked to all the other focus areas. The community highlighted that the Aboriginal Working Parties in the region are working well. Of the respondents, 8% reported very satisfied or satisfied with Inclusion & Participation focus area.

Top priority issues relating to Inclusion and Participation



Aboriginal Inclusion & Participation Satisfaction Rating



Strategies for Improving Inclusion & Participation

Objective 5: We celebrate our local Aboriginal heritage through public representation of Aboriginal culture and Aboriginal people are involved in decision making roles in leadership with influence.

Indicator 1: The Aboriginal community report an increased satisfaction rating in bi-annual review.

Indicator 2: Increased number of Aboriginal people engaged in MCAAP review bi-annually.

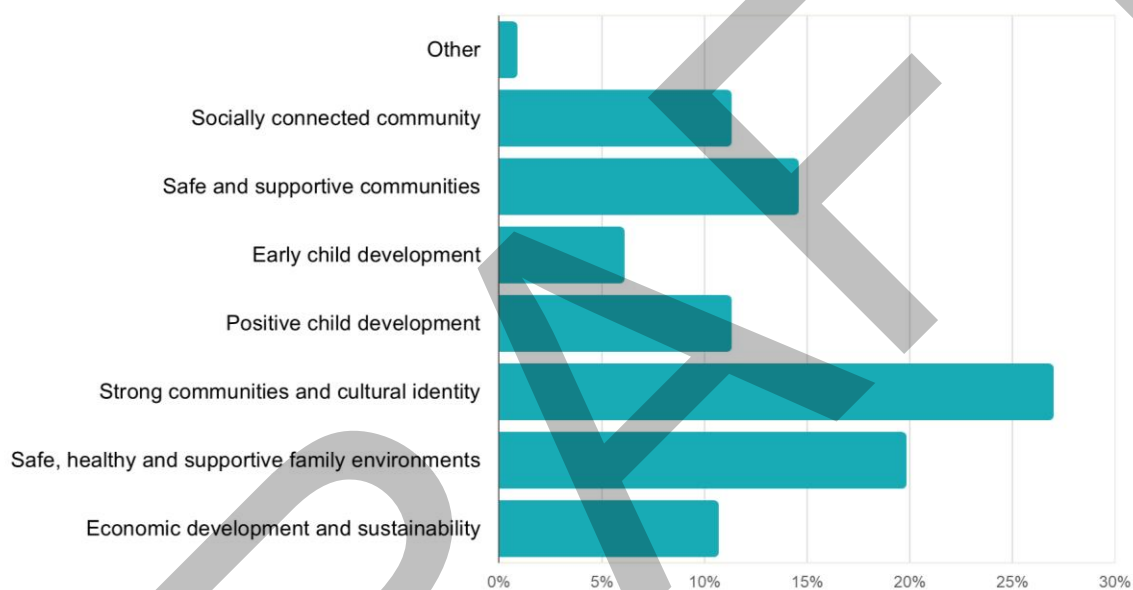
Strategies How will we get there?	Pathways to Success What this might look like?	Council Role	Stakeholders Who else has a role?
5.1 Embed strong collaborative relationships between Council, Aboriginal Elders and Local Aboriginal Land Councils	<p>Increased engagement with Aboriginal Community in relation to Council activities</p> <p>Include Aboriginal identified roles in formal Council committees and reference groups</p> <p>CEOs of Local Aboriginal Land Councils meet with Council at least quarterly</p>	<p>Planner</p> <p>Leader</p> <p>Provider</p> <p>Partner</p>	Local Aboriginal Land Councils; Community Groups.
5.2 Visual representation of culture across MidCoast with Gathang language in signage and naming conventions.	<p>Increase in use of Gathang Language in Council and community signage</p> <p>Naming of Public Reserves and Facilities Policy adopted by Council and implemented</p> <p>Plan for cultural interpretive signage developed</p> <p>Guidelines for road naming conventions adopted by Council</p>	<p>Leader</p> <p>Planner</p> <p>Capacity builder</p> <p>Provider</p>	Language Groups; Local Businesses; Community Groups, Civic Institutions.
5.3 The Aboriginal community have a voice and role in identifying and protecting significant sites.	<p>Increase in consultation with Aboriginal community in relation to significant sites/artefacts</p>	<p>Leader</p> <p>Planner</p>	Local Aboriginal Land Councils.
5.4 Support capacity building activities for culturally appropriate services.	<p>Culturally safe services are provided to the community.</p> <p>Cultural Awareness Training is developed in collaboration with Aboriginal people for all civic institutions.</p>	<p>Advocate</p> <p>Capacity builder</p>	Funding bodies; Service providers; Civic Institutions.
5.5 Create opportunities to partner with Aboriginal businesses / community groups to promote inclusion outcomes.	<p>Increase in partnerships between Council and Aboriginal community</p> <p>Increase in organisations working together to support Aboriginal people</p>	<p>Leader</p> <p>Planner</p> <p>Provider</p> <p>Capacity Builder</p>	Community Groups; Service Providers; Civic Institutions.

Key Focus Area 6 - Families & Culture

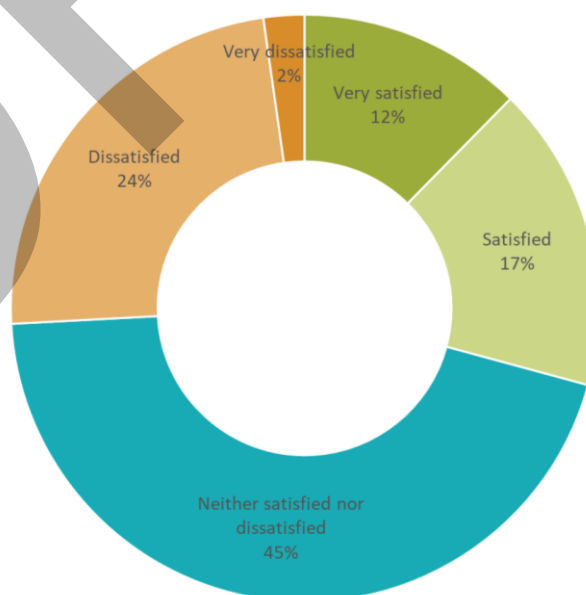
What We Heard

It is widely accepted that Aboriginal culture is holistic, and many community members define culture as connection to family, community and country. Council heard that there are strong community concerns around the loss of identity and culture. It was identified that there is a strong sentiment to seeing active preservation and respect for culture, with much work to be done in strengthening family connections and a key investment needed to support early childhood development ensuring children and young people are nurtured, safe and supported. The community emphasized the relationship between a focus on learning and sharing culture with young people and indicated that the MidCoast will benefit in the long term with better education and economic outcomes. Of the respondents, 29% reported very satisfied or satisfied with Families & Culture focus area.

Top priority issues relating to Families & Culture



Aboriginal Families & Culture Satisfaction Rating



Strategies for Improving Families & Culture

Objective 6: We support resilient Aboriginal communities with strong cultural identity and safe, healthy and supportive family environments increasing connection to community and culture for a stronger sense of belonging.

Indicator 1: The Aboriginal community report an increased satisfaction rating in bi-annual review.

Strategies How will we get there?	Pathways to Success What this might look like?	Council Role	Stakeholders Who else has a role?
6.1 Create innovative opportunities for strengthening cultural identity and showcasing Aboriginal culture, art, and stories.	<p>Support community efforts to establish a cultural centre.</p> <p>Partnership/consortium formed to advocate for funding and resources.</p> <p>Advocate for community groups to secure funding for cultural camps and events.</p> <p>Deliver programs to increase capacity of community groups to apply for funding.</p>	<p>Advocate</p> <p>Capacity builder</p> <p>Provider</p>	State Government; Federal Government; Local Aboriginal Land Councils; Community Groups
6.2 Support Aboriginal family services providers to build capacity and promote a collaborative approach to service delivery.	<p>Strong partnerships and collective impact approach to Aboriginal family support service delivery.</p> <p>Support the community to advocate for increase in family support programs</p>	<p>Advocate</p> <p>Capacity Builder</p> <p>Partner</p>	State Government; Federal Government; Service Providers; Community Groups
6.3 Support Aboriginal families and communities to be prepared for natural disasters and access recovery services.	Advocate for specialist aboriginal community disaster preparedness resources and support.	<p>Advocate</p> <p>Capacity Builder</p> <p>Provider</p>	State Government; Federal Government; Local Aboriginal Land Councils; Community Groups