



**Merri-bek**  
City Council



**ACTIVITY BOOK (2-8 years old): Including children's voices in  
the next Children, Young People and Families Strategy**

## We want to hear from you! 🧑🧒🧑🧒🧑🧒

We're making a new strategy for how to make Merri-bek the best place it can be for children, young people and families — and your voice is really important!

### 💬 What we'd like you to do:

If you're aged between 2 and 8 years old, we'd love you to tell us:

- What you like about living in Merri-bek
- What you'd do to make Merri-bek even better for children

On the next page, you can draw a picture or write your answers to the questions below. If you're not sure what to say, that's okay — we've added some ideas to help you get started!

**Where is Merri-bek?** Merri-bek is a local government area in the inner north of Melbourne. It includes the suburbs of Brunswick, Brunswick East, Brunswick West, Coburg, Coburg North, Fawkner, Glenroy, Gowanbrae, Hadfield, Oak Park, Pascoe Vale, Pascoe Vale South, and small sections of the suburbs of Fitzroy North and Tullamarine.

### 1. What do you like about living in Merri-bek?

Think about what makes you happy here!

It might be:

- Green parks and gardens 🌳
- Your favourite playground or pool 🏊🏠
- The library 📖
- Cool street art 🎨
- All the different kinds of people and cultures 🧑🧒🌍
- Fun shops or cafés you go to with your family 🛍️
- Or anything else you enjoy!

### 2. If you had one wish, how would you make Merri-bek a better place for all children?

There are no wrong answers — dream big! 🌈

Maybe you'd like:

- More safe places to ride bikes or skate 🚲🛹
- More animals and nature 🌻🦋
- Bigger playgrounds or places to climb and explore 🧗♂️🚪
- People being kinder to each other 🤝
- More fun things to do after school 🎮🏀🎭
- Healthy food for everyone 🍏🥦
- Places where families and friends can be together 🧑🧒🧑🧒

Draw it or write it — we can't wait to see your ideas!

**Tell us what you think!**

**We want to hear from children to help us make  
Merri-bek an even better place for all children, young  
people and families.**

**First name:** .....

**Age:** .....

**Suburb:** .....

What do you like about living in Merri-bek?

If you had one wish, how would you make  
Merri-bek a better place for all children?