

OUR FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITIES

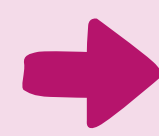
QUICK STATS

467

residents identify as Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander

27 YEARS

is the median age of First Nations residents

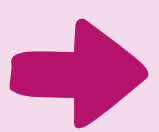


54 YEARS

for other residents

23%

of First Nations residents completed year 12 schooling or equivalent



37%

for other residents

WHAT'S STRONG

Our First Nations communities are... proud of their culture and heritage and connection to Country.

Our region... has a rich history of First Nations stewardship and our communities recognise the importance of learning about country, culture and language from First Nations peoples and working together for a better future.

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RECOGNISE AND VALUE:

- Land and Water, Lore, Kinship, Language, Ceremony and Events.
- Their culture and heritage and connection to Country.
- Creative and knowledgeable artists and storytellers.
- NAIDOC events on country and Reconciliation initiatives.



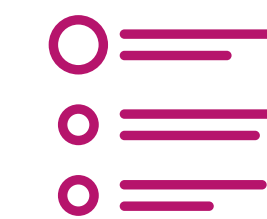
WHAT FIRST NATIONS PEOPLES WANT

- Cultural knowledge within Council to improve practices and build safe and trusting relationships. (Lore)
- Local places where people can access easy-to-understand information and support to find culturally safe services and connect with each other. (Kinship - Family)
- Increased local acknowledgment and recognition of First Nations history, through language and storytelling. (Language - Story Telling and Arts)
- First nations-led ceremonies and events on country. (Ceremony and Events)
- Opportunities to educate community about First Nations culture, heritage and sustainable environment practices with food and plant education. (Land and Water)



OUR PRIORITIES

- **Collaborate** to build stronger relationships with First Nations organisations and individuals to increase cultural knowledge and understanding within Council. (Lore)
- **Explore** local spaces, which could be used to provide information about culturally safe services, information and support opportunities to connect with each other. (Kinship - Family)
- **Collaborate** with First Nations peoples to educate and promote culture and heritage through storytelling, signage and events such as NAIDOC. (Language - Story Telling and Arts; Ceremony and Events)
- **Collaborate** with others with the aim to encourage sustainable lifestyles. (Land and Water)



KEY ACTIONS

- **Collaborate** with First Nations peoples to develop and implement a Reconciliation Action Plan within Council.
- **Explore** opportunities to create a Cultural Liaison role within Council to build stronger relationships with First Nations communities.
- **Support** and participate in First Nations events and initiatives such as NAIDOC, and opportunities to connect with each other.
- **Collaborate** with partners to seek grant opportunities for projects that educate community about First Nations culture.
- **Explore** opportunities for learning from First Nations peoples about native foods and plants and caring for Country.



Please refer to the
Community Wellbeing Plan
for more information