

### WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY, 2022

HIGH SCHOOL Students

Maribyrnong's Youth Advisory Committee (MYAC) and Youth Services hosted Maribyrnong's Climate Change Youth Forum 2022. The forum was designed and delivered by MYAC, in partnership with Youth Services, as part of Victoria's Government ENGAGE Program. The purpose of the forum was to promote the youth voices and participation of young people across Maribyrnong.

# WHAT YOU TOLD US: KNOWLEDGE OF CLIMATE CHANGE

TEACHERS

Your responses indicated a strong understanding of the consequences of climate change highlighting the impacts on; natural habitats, animals and native wildlife, weather and natural disasters. You highlighted the role of big corporations and companies as the main contributing factors to the global climate crisis.

There was concern about climate change and the implications it will have on the future. You expressed worry and fear for the future, urging "if we don't take collective climate action to counter the current climate crisis it will impact us". There was also a level of optimism that if appropriate climate action is taken "this crisis can be prevented".



## THREE KEY BAPS: **1 - SCHOOL CURRICULUM**

The School curriculum currently lacks climate education. Young People are fearful for their future and want to shape the policies and decisions that will define them, but often don't feel informed or empowered enough to do so.

### 2 - INADEQUATE LEADERSHIP & **CLIMATE EDUCATION AMONG ADULTS**

Young people feel they're being failed by and let down by leaders, more specifically political leadership.

Resources are lacking for climate education, awareness building & educational resources.

## 3 - LACK OF FUNDING &

### **REVACTIONS** FOR SCHOOLS:

**ESTABLISH ENVIRONMENT** AND CLIMATE FOCUSED **GROUPS & NETWORKS** 

#### **IMPROVED EDUCATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE** Including:

- ACTIONS TO TACKLE CLIMATE CHANGE
- HOW TO ENGAGE IN CLIMATE ACTIVISM
- HOW TO INFLUENCE DECISION MAKING

**REDUCED USE OF PLASTICS** 

**RECYCLING OF CLOTHING** OFFER SECOND HAND UNIFORM OPTIONS

#### **IMPROVED WASTE COLOURED BINS RECYCLING & RUBBISH PICK-UP INITIATIVES**

SUCH AS POSTERS AND GUEST

**SPEAKERS** 

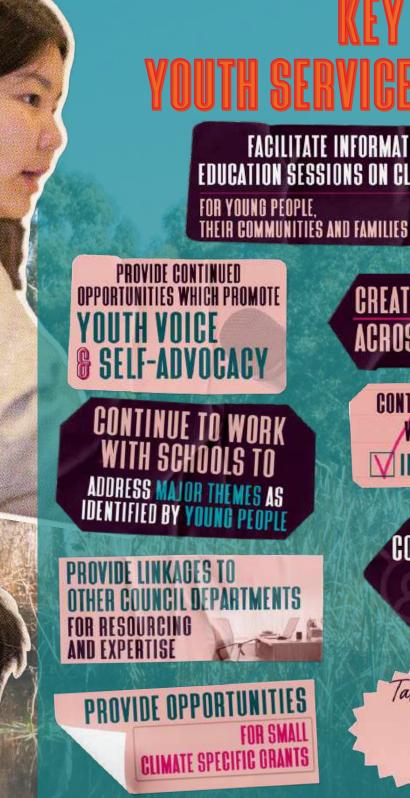
**MORE TREES** 

**6** OREEN SPACES



### FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE YOUTH FORUM FINDINGS

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## **KEY ACTIONS FOR** SERVICES & CO

#### FACILITATE INFORMATION AND **EDUCATION SESSIONS ON CLIMATE CHANGE**



**CONTINUE ACTIVE CONVERSATIONS** WHERE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE V INTERESTED 🖁 🗹 ENGAGED

CONTINUE TO SUPPORT STUDENT ACTION **B** NETWORKS

Take the first step and.









