

Maternal and Child Health Deadly Boorais and Deadly Families

City of Whittlesea

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Acknowledgement of Country



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What does the data tell us?



 The 2016 Census showed City of Whittlesea to be **home to 1,638** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples (Id Community, 2017).

 From 2011 – 2016, City of Whittlesea has had an **increase of 498** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples (43.8%) living in the community (Id Community, 2017).

 This represents an average annual population growth of **7.53% per year** over this period.

 City of Whittlesea is home to a larger percentage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged **0-4, 5-11, 25-34 years**, when compared to the overall Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population within Victoria (Id Community, 2017).

Aboriginal Maternal and Child Health Initiative (AMCHI)



The following nine organisations have received a grant to trial the AMCHI Service Model:

- City of Darebin, in partnership with VACCA
- **City of Whittlesea**
- Gunditjmara Aboriginal Co-operative, in partnership with Warrnambool City Council
- Latrobe City Council, in partnership with Ramahyuck District Aboriginal Corporation
- MDAS Swan Hill
- Mitchell Shire Council
- Njernda Aboriginal Corporation
- Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative
- Wyndham City Council, in partnership with VACCA.

Victorian Aboriginal Maternal and Child Health Initiative (AMCHI)



The Aboriginal Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Initiative Service Model includes **five** service principles across **three** delivery settings (local government, within an ACCO or within an integrated partnership) which support **self determination** and the delivery of a high quality, culturally safe MCH Service to Aboriginal families.



Aboriginal Maternal and Child Health Initiative 2017-2018



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Deadly Boorais and Deadly Families Outcomes

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The Deadly Boorais and Deadly Families statistics so far

 In September 2017 **239** Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander children were enrolled in the MCH service, of which:

61% were ENGAGED

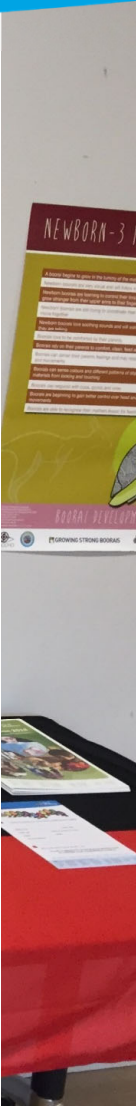
39 % were DISENGAGED.

 In April 2018 **253** children were enrolled in the MCH service, of which:

71% were ENGAGED


25% were DISENGAGED

4% had TRANSFERRED OUT of the council area.





The Deadly Boorais and Deadly Families statistics so far



 **115** Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families **enrolled** into the Deadly Boorais and Deadly Families Program since commencing this initiative

 **42** families have been **re-engaged**

 **193 referrals** made by Aboriginal MCHN at time of engagement over and above Universal service involvement

 **1117 phone/secondary consultations** undertaken by Aboriginal MCHN to families and support services since commencing this initiative.

What Do Families Identify They Need?

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🇦🇺🇬🇧 **Flexible and relaxed** engagement approach

🇦🇺🇬🇧 **Supportive transition** into the Maternal and Child Health Service

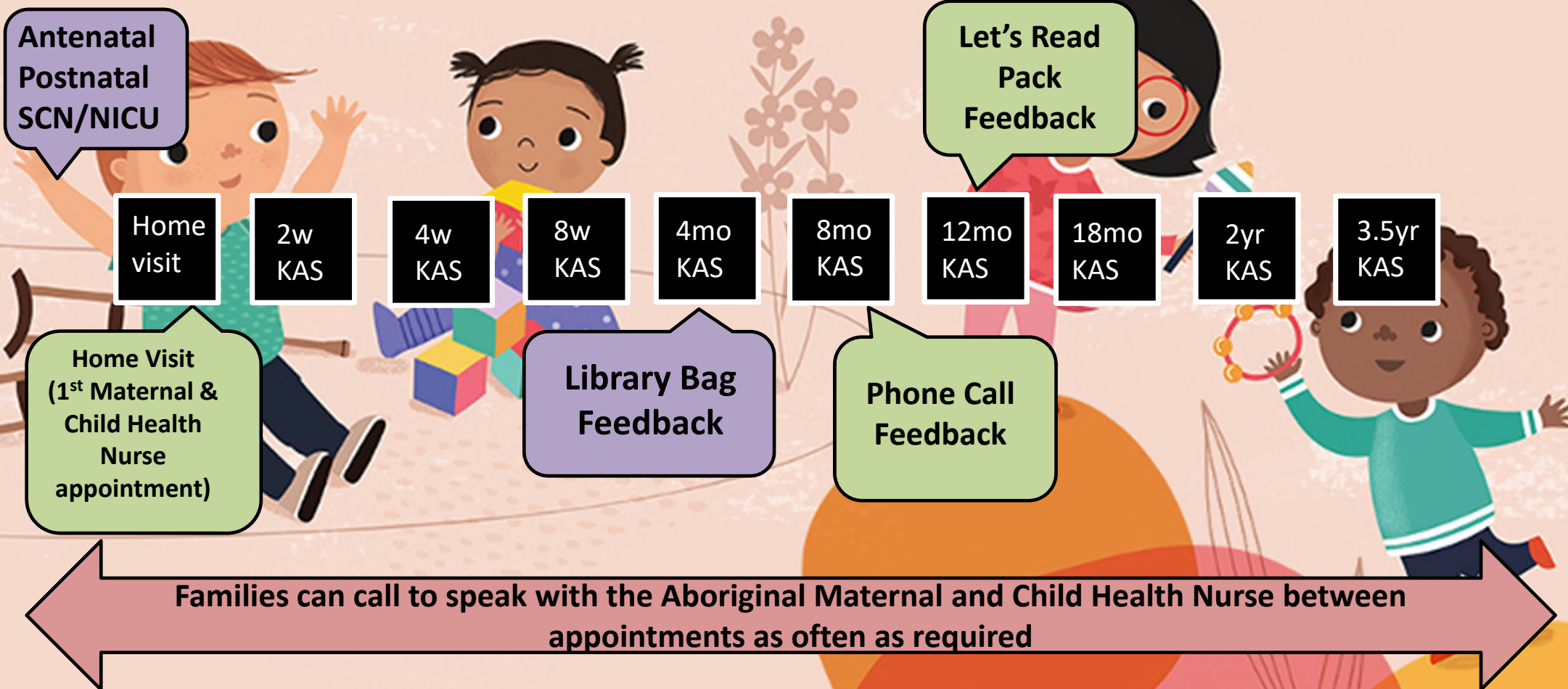
🇦🇺🇬🇧 MCH centres to be **culturally appropriate**

🇦🇺🇬🇧 Community **events and opportunities** to connect to culture

What Did We Do In Response?

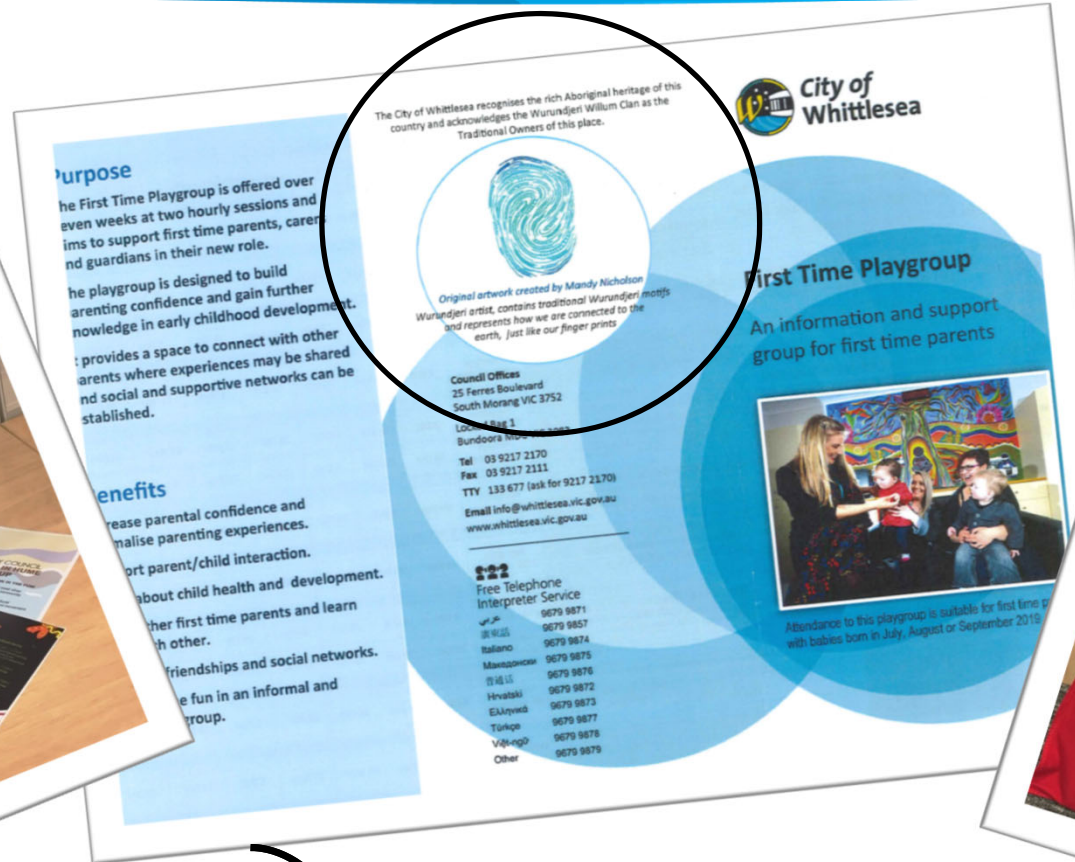
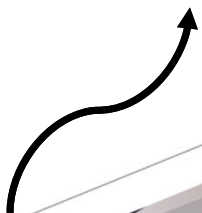
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Points of Engagement

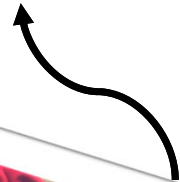


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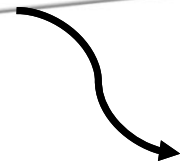
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Supporting Staff



Secondary
Consultation

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Electronic Resources

Events



How Have Staff Found The Deadly Boorais and Deadly Families program?

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A Family's perspective of The Deadly Boorais and Deadly Families program?

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Reference List and Thanks



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City of Whittlesea Enhanced Maternal and Child Health Service

City of Whittlesea Family Engagement Outreach Program



Thank You/Questions



We look forward to seeing what 2019-2020 will bring!