

Multicultural Burwood Strategy

2024–2028

The Draft Multicultural Burwood Strategy is a four-year plan that celebrates Burwood's unique multicultural strengths, improves the participation of people of all cultural backgrounds and builds a more connected, welcoming and cohesive community.

It reflects the priorities we heard from listening to many different community groups, businesses and individuals who make up multicultural Burwood.

Following is a summary of the focus areas and actions outlined in the Multicultural Burwood Strategy.

OUTCOME AREA



1. An empowered and respectful community where language and culture are not barriers to access and participation

EXAMPLES OF ACTIONS

- Help connect new arrivals and promote local support services and resources
- Provide an orientation to Council services in person and in community languages
- Review Council's website and the language we use to improve access by people with lower English language proficiency
- Explore opportunities to increase English language classes and form-filling support



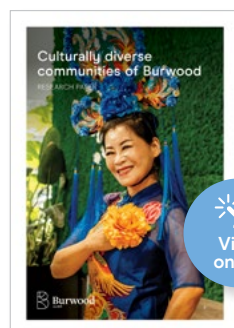
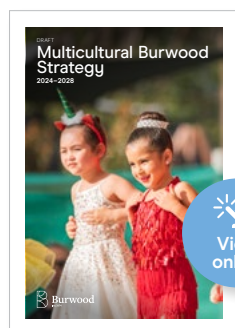
2. A strong, responsive, connected and trusted community sector

- Connect services and multicultural community groups to build trust, information exchange and partnership
- Deliver training to build the skills and knowledge of multicultural community groups and volunteers
- Promote funding opportunities and provide grant writing workshops



3. A welcoming, harmonious and inter-connected community where our diverse and shared experiences are harnessed and celebrated

- Deliver and support community events and cultural celebrations which reflect our diverse communities
- Collaborate with Council's Multicultural Advisory Committee to develop and promote local #RacismNotWelcome initiatives
- Deliver initiatives to build understanding and connection between First Nations people and Burwood's culturally diverse communities



The Draft Multicultural Burwood Strategy 2024–2028 has been developed based on research, data analysis and community engagement with the culturally diverse communities of Burwood. This is documented in the *Culturally Diverse Communities of Burwood Research Report*.

“Burwood's diversity is core to our sense of identity and community. It is reflected in our streets and town centres, in our business and cuisine offerings, our cultural celebrations and events, our public art and the many cultural and interest groups that meet in our parks and community halls.”