



Minutes

Council Meeting

Monday 26 February 2024, 7:00 pm

Dandenong Civic Centre, 225 Lonsdale Street,
Dandenong, Victoria 3175

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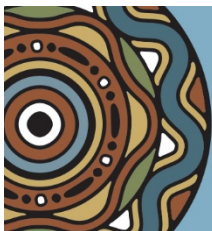
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We recognise and respect their continuing connections to climate, Culture, Country and waters.

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COUNCIL OBLIGATIONS AND AGENDA REPORTS

Council has several obligations in relation to its Community Vision, Council Plan, Instruments of Legislation and Council policy. These are summarily considered in each Agenda report and further details are added as required. The obligations are as follows:

Community Vision 2040 (Community Vision | Greater Dandenong Council)

After consultation with the Greater Dandenong community on what kind of future they wanted for themselves and our city, the Greater Dandenong People's Panel developed a new Community Vision for 2040:

*The City of Greater Dandenong is a home to all.
It's a city where you can enjoy and embrace life through celebration and equal opportunity.
We harmonise the community by valuing multiculturalism and the individual.
Our community is healthy, vibrant, innovative and creative.
Our growing city is committed to environmental sustainability.
Welcome to our exciting and peaceful community.*

Reports in this Agenda will identify when any of the above principles are relevant.

The Council Plan 2021-25 (Council Plan 2021-25 | Greater Dandenong Council)

The Council Plan describes the kind of future the Council is working for, and how Council will do this over four years. The Council Plan has the following key strategic objectives:

- *A socially connected, safe and healthy city*
- *A city that respects and celebrates diversity, our history and the arts*
- *A city of accessible, vibrant centres and neighbourhoods*
- *A green city committed to a sustainable future*
- *A city that supports entrepreneurship, quality education and employment outcomes*
- *A Council that demonstrates leadership and a commitment to investing in the community.*

Reports in this Agenda will identify when any of the above principles are relevant.

The Overarching Governance Principles of the Local Government Act 2020

Section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* states that a Council must in the performance of its role give effect to the overarching governance principles. These are:

- a) Council decisions are to be made and actions taken in accordance with the relevant law;
- b) priority is to be given to achieving the best outcomes for the municipal community, including future generations;
- c) the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted;
- d) the municipal community is to be engaged in strategic planning and strategic decision making;
- e) innovation and continuous improvement are to be pursued;
- f) collaboration with other Councils and Governments and statutory bodies is to be sought;
- g) the ongoing financial viability of the Council is to be ensured;
- h) regional, state and national plans and policies are to be taken into account in strategic planning and decision making;
- i) the transparency of Council decisions, actions and information is to be ensured.

Also, in giving effect to the overarching governance principles above, a Council must take into account the following supporting principles:

- a) the community engagement principles (section 56);
- b) the public transparency principles (section 58);
- c) the strategic planning principles (section 89);
- d) the financial management principles (section 101);
- e) the service performance principles (section 106).

Reports in this Agenda will identify when any of the above principles are relevant.



The Gender Equality Act 2020

The *Gender Equality Act 2020* came into operation on 31 March 2021 and requires councils to take positive action towards achieving workplace gender equality and to promote gender equality in their policies, programs and services. The objects of the Act are as follows:

- a) to promote, encourage and facilitate the achievement of gender equality and improvement in the status of women; and
- b) to support the identification and elimination of systemic causes of gender inequality in policy, programs and delivery of services in workplaces and communities; and
- c) to recognise that gender inequality may be compounded by other forms of disadvantage or discrimination that a person may experience on the basis of Aboriginality, age, disability, ethnicity, gender identity, race, religion, sexual orientation and other attributes; and
- d) to redress disadvantage, address stigma, stereotyping, prejudice and violence, and accommodate persons of different genders by way of structural change; and
- e) to enhance economic and social participation by persons of different genders; and
- f) to further promote the right to equality set out in the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities and the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

Council is obligated to think about how its programs and services affect different people and different communities and how we can avoid reinforcing unintentional inequalities. Reports authors must consider the requirements of the *Gender Equality Act 2020* and Council's Diversity, Access and Equity Policy when asking Council to consider or review any issues which have a direct or significant impact on members of the Greater Dandenong community.

Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities

Council, Councillors and members of Council staff are a public authority under the *Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities Act 2006* and, as such, are all responsible to act in accordance with the *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities 2006* (the Charter). The Charter is founded on the following principles:

- human rights are essential in a democratic and inclusive society that respects the rule of law, human dignity, equality and freedom;
- human rights belong to all people without discrimination, and the diversity of the people of Victoria enhances our community;
- human rights come with responsibilities and must be exercised in a way that respects the human rights of others;
- human rights have a special importance for the Aboriginal people of Victoria, as descendants of Australia's first people, with their diverse spiritual, social, cultural and economic relationship with their traditional lands and waters.

Given this municipality's diversity and inclusiveness, when developing or preparing a report for Council consideration, report authors are required to ensure their report is consistent with the standards set by the Charter.



Consideration of Climate Change and Sustainability

One of the overarching governance principles of the *Local Government Act 2020* is that the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the municipal district, including mitigation and planning for climate change risks, is to be promoted.

In January 2020, this Council joined a growing number of cities around Australia and declared a “Climate and Ecological Emergency” and committed this Council to emergency action on climate change. Council has developed a Climate Change Emergency Strategy and Action Plan 2020-30 to help the City of Greater Dandenong become a resilient, net zero carbon emission city with an active community prepared for the challenges of changing climate.

When developing or preparing a report for Council consideration, report authors are required to consider what impacts their issue has on Council's Declaration on a Climate and Ecological Emergency, Council's Climate Change Emergency Strategy and the requirements of the *Local Government Act 2020* in relation to the overarching principle on climate change and sustainability.

Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks

Report authors will consider how their report aligns with existing Council policies, strategies, frameworks or other documents, how they may affect the decision of this report or are relevant to this process.



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1 MEETING OPENING

1.1 OPENING OF MEETING BY MAYOR

Cr Lana Formoso opened the Meeting at 7.00pm.

1.2 ATTENDANCE

Apologies

Nil.

Councillors Present

Cr Lana Formoso, Mayor (Chair), Cr Richard Lim OAM, Deputy Mayor, Cr Tim Dark, Cr Rhonda Garad, Cr Angela Long, Cr Jim Memeti, Cr Bob Milkovic, Cr Sean O'Reilly, Cr Sophie Tan, Cr Loi Truong.

Officers Present

Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer; Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures; Peta Gillies, Executive Director Community Strengthening; Andrew Foley, Executive Director Corporate Development; Dani Trimble, Acting Manager Governance, Legal & Risk.



1.3 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF LAND

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Bunurong People, and pay respect to their Elders past and present.

We recognise and respect their continuing connections to climate, Culture, Country and waters and we also pay our respect and acknowledge all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and their Elders present here today, in acknowledging their journey.

1.4 OFFERING OF PRAYER, REFLECTION OR AFFIRMATION

All remained standing as Imam Abdurrahman Sahin, a member of the Greater Dandenong Interfaith Network read the following:

"In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful. All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds. O Allah, guide us in our deliberations today and grant us wisdom as we make decisions that affect our community. Help us to work together in harmony and with sincerity for the betterment of all. Protect us from discord and guide us towards justice and righteousness. Grant us strength and patience to fulfil our responsibilities with integrity and compassion. Ameen"



1.5 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Meeting of Council held 12 February 2024.

Recommendation

That the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held 12 February 2024 be confirmed.

MINUTE No.991

Moved by: Cr Jim Memeti

Seconded by: Cr Sophie Tan

That the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held 12 February 2024 be confirmed.

CARRIED 10 / 0

1.6 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cr Jim Memeti disclosed a direct material conflict of interest of a non-pecuniary nature (s 128 of the *Local Government Act 2020*) in Item 4.1.3 Appointment of non-executive director - Dandenong Market Pty Ltd (DMPL) as he is the Director of a company that has a stall at the Dandenong Market. Cr Jim Memeti left the Chamber prior to discussion and voting on this item.



2 OFFICERS REPORTS - PART 1

2.1 DOCUMENTS FOR SEALING

2.1.1 Documents for Sealing

Responsible Officer: Manager Governance, Legal & Risk

Attachments: Nil

Executive Summary

1. Under the *Local Government Act 2020*, each Council is a body corporate and a legal entity in its own right. Each Council must therefore have a common seal (like any corporate entity) that is an official sanction of that Council. Sealing a document makes it an official document of Council as a corporate body. Documents that require sealing include agreements, contracts, leases or any other contractual or legally binding document that binds Council to another party.
2. This report recommends that the listed documents be signed and sealed.



Item Summary

3. There are four (4) items being presented to Council's meeting of 26 February 2024 for signing and sealing as follows:
- a) A letter of recognition to Simon McDonald, City Futures for 40 years of service to the Greater Dandenong City Council;
 - b) A letter of recognition to Brian Wells, City Futures for 30 years of service to the Greater Dandenong City Council;
 - c) A letter of recognition to Luke Watson, City Futures for 20 years of service to the Greater Dandenong City Council;
 - d) An Instrument of Appointment of Authorised Officer under the provisions of the *Building Act 1993*, the *Country Fire Authority Act 1958*, the *Environment Protection Act 2017*, the *Fire Rescue Victoria Act 1958* formerly known as the *Metropolitan Fire Brigades Act 1958*, the *Food Act 1984*, the *Heritage Act 2017*, the *Housing Act 1983*, the *Infringements Act 2006*, the *Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986*, the *Local Government Act 1989*, the *Local Government Act 2020*, the *Planning and Environment Act 1987*, the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*, Part 14 of the *Residential Tenancies Act 1997*, the *Road Management Act 2004*, the *Road Safety Act 1986*, the *Sex Work Act 1994*, the *Subdivision Act 1988*, the *Summary Offences Act 1966*, the *Tobacco Act 1987*, the *Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal Act 1998* and the Regulations made under each of those Acts; the Local Laws made under the *Local Government Act 1989* and the *Local Government Act 2020*; and any other Act, Regulation or delegated legislation (including the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme) which relates to the powers of the Council made under the provisions and enactments described. This instrument enables the following Council officer to carry out the statutory responsibilities of the above Acts and is subject to policy and delegations previously adopted by Council:
 - Sanjay Manivasagasivam

Recommendation

That the listed documents be signed and sealed.

MINUTE No.992

Moved by: Cr Tim Dark

Seconded by: Cr Richard Lim OAM

That the listed documents be signed and sealed.

CARRIED 10 / 0



2.2 PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

2.2.1 Petitions and Joint Letters

Responsible Officer: Manager Governance, Legal & Risk
Attachments: 1. Petitions and Joint Letters [2.2.1.1 - 2 pages]

Executive Summary

1. Council receives a number of petitions and joint letters on a regular basis that deal with a variety of issues which have an impact upon the City.
2. Issues raised by petitions and joint letters will be investigated and reported back to Council if required.
3. A table containing all details relevant to current petitions and joint letters is provided in Attachment 1. It includes:
 - a) the full text of any petitions or joint letters received;
 - b) petitions or joint letters still being considered for Council response as pending a final response along with the date they were received; and
 - c) the final complete response to any outstanding petition or joint letter previously tabled along with the full text of the original petition or joint letter and the date it was responded to.
4. This report recommends that the listed items in Attachment 1, and the current status of each, be received and noted.



Petitions and Joint Letters Tabled

5. Council received no new petitions and no joint letters prior to the Council Meeting of 26 February 2024.

Note: Where relevant, a summary of the progress of ongoing change.org petitions and any other relevant petitions/joint letters/submissions will be provided in the attachment to this report.

Recommendation

That this report and its attachment be received and noted.

MINUTE No.993

Moved by: Cr Angela Long

Seconded by: Cr Loi Truong

That this report and its attachment be received and noted.

CARRIED 10 / 0



2.3 STATUTORY PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2.3.1 Planning Decisions Issued by Planning Minister's Delegate - January 2024

Responsible Officer: Executive Director City Futures

Attachments: 1. Planning Declared Area Delegated Decisions - January 2024 [2.3.1.1 - 1 page]

Executive Summary

1. This report provides Council with an update on the exercise of delegation by Planning Minister's delegate.
2. It provides a listing of Town Planning applications that were either decided or closed under delegation or withdrawn by applicants in January 2024.
3. It should be noted that where permits and notices of decision to grant permits have been issued, these applications have been assessed as being generally consistent with the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme and Council's policies.
4. Application numbers with a PDA#.01 or similar, are applications making amendments to previously approved planning permits.

Recommendation

That the listed items in Attachment 1 to this report be received and noted.

MINUTE No.994

Moved by: Cr Jim Memeti

Seconded by: Cr Tim Dark

That the listed items in Attachment 1 to this report be received and noted.

CARRIED 10 / 0



2.3.2 Planning Delegated Decisions Issued – January 2024

Responsible Officer: Executive Director City Futures
Attachments: 1. Planning Delegated Decisions Issued – January 2024
[2.3.2.1 - 10 pages]

Executive Summary

1. This report provides Council with an update on the exercise of delegation by Planning Minister's delegate.
2. It provides a listing of Town Planning applications that were either decided or closed under delegation or withdrawn by applicants in January 2024.
3. It should be noted that where permits and notices of decision to grant permits have been issued, these applications have been assessed as being generally consistent with the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme and Council's policies.
4. Application numbers with a PDA#.01 or similar, are applications making amendments to previously approved planning permits.

Recommendation

That the listed items in Attachment 1 to this report be received and noted.

MINUTE No.995

Moved by: Cr Jim Memeti

Seconded by: Cr Sophie Tan

That the listed items in Attachment 1 to this report be received and noted.

CARRIED 10 / 0



3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Question

Elizabeth Grasso, Keysborough

When the current CEO of Greater Dandenong, Jacqui Weatherill was CEO of Stonnington Council, the budget of Stonnington City Council had three (3) foundations. One of these was "Embedding our responsibility to act on climate change in every area of our operations".

Will the upcoming budget of Greater Dandenong Council have as one of its foundations the same commitment to action on climate change? And if not, why not?

After all, with the City of Greater Dandenong being the most disadvantaged municipality, the impact of climate change is going to be much worse on Greater Dandenong residents than it is on Stonnington Residents.

Response

Andrew Foley, Executive Director Corporate Development

Council budgets are by the objectives and actions outlined in the Council 4 year Plan, which is prepared in consultation with the community and can be downloaded from our website www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/council-plan-2021-25-0.

Preparations are underway to deliver a new Council Plan. It is likely that the impacts of climate change, and many other challenges confronting the City of Greater Dandenong will be a consideration of this new plan and for the future council.

Question

Jacob Dudmun Doyle, Dandenong

We have events such as The Little Day Out and Australia Day. Could we please have more jumping castles and rides at the events? The Little Day Out last year had long lines, so if there are more options there would be less waiting.

Response

Peta Gillies, Executive Director Community Strengthening

We take on feedback from our events and assess how it went and whether it is affordable for our residents. We will take your feedback onboard and consider this when planning future events. I also encourage you and your friends to provide feedback when our new Council Plan goes to community consultation so that we can incorporate your views and opinions.



Question

Isabella Do, Springvale

Just after the last Council meeting, the City of Greater Dandenong (CGD) received over 850 reports and RFAs during a huge storm event, clearly highlighting the very physical and real effects of climate change. At the time, the new Executive Director City Futures stated that we had 'leading local government strategies, several which have won industry awards' and had 'implemented various actions over recent times'.

As a reminder, the CGD admitted in their meeting report last year (27/2/2023) that they were well behind other councils in staffing climate change and sustainability due to lack of funding for staffing and for the projects themselves. Meaning they could only achieve 14% of the agreed actions in their climate change and sustainability strategies and plans.

Previously, I asked whether the upcoming budget would address this inadequate staffing and funding issue. The answer did not, in good faith, address the resourcing question. Instead, it listed an assortment of random achievements, including the creation of plans that have not been resourced yet.

Can you please clarify whether climate change and environmental staffing and project budgets will be increased this year to compensate for the lack of progress we made last year and adequately meet any strategies and actions that will be laid out in future plans?

If there is no plan to increase budget, can you explain why? In particular, how it is reconciled with Council's agreement that we are in a climate emergency, the increasing extreme weather events, and Council's commitment to help the disadvantaged and vulnerable in our community?

Response

Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures

Council provides more than 100 different services to the Greater Dandenong community including disadvantage and vulnerable community members.

Council will consider all additional requests for resources as part of the upcoming annual budget process.

However, a decision on what, if any, additional resources will be provided, can only be confirmed at the end of the budget process.

Question

Silvia Mastrogiovanni, Dandenong

The Dandenong Community Hub co-design sessions have been making progress but there is significantly further to go because of unanswered questions to date.

A co-design session is a collaborative and creative design session. It brings a small group of users into the design process, co-developing design solutions. A co-design process is an iterative process, often taking approximately 4 workshops to collaboratively settle on a design. For this reason there needs to be further co-design workshops. When will they be held?



Response

Peta Gillies, Executive Director Community Strengthening

I do understand that some members have requested additional workshops.

We are also awaiting a report from the facilitator and architect on the outcomes of the process so far and any further refinement required, noting this is a concept design process, not detailed design.

Once all of that information is available, officers will prepare a report for Council outlining outcomes, and recommended next steps, which may include further co-design sessions and/or consultation.

Once confirmed this information will be relayed to all workshop participants and communicated via the project page at Council's website.

Question

Silvia Mastrogiovanni, Dandenong

What is the parking requirement for the Dandenong Community Hub and how is it calculated? So far participants in the Dandenong Community Hub co-design have not had clear answers and most importantly transparent rationale on how the parking requirement has been calculated.

There seems to have been no factoring in that the old library carpark is no longer servicing a library that has already been demolished, that there are bus services servicing the site, that kindergarten and childcare users will be not staying but only dropping off and picking up and will do so at different times and that the Dandenong Market is only open a limited time each week and particularly not on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and weeknights.

When and how will this information be made available, particularly to participants in the co-design process?

Response

Peta Gillies, Executive Director Community Strengthening

Car park numbers discussed at the recent co-design workshops represent Council's best understanding as to requirements under the Victorian Planning Provisions.

Council's parking engineers regularly monitor parking utilisation at the Stuart Street East public car park, which will be displaced by the Community Hub, as well as parking around the Dandenong Market in general. This data will help inform Council in determining the specific requirements at the appropriate point in time (noting this may change over time).

The Dandenong Community Hub is likely to require a planning permit, and the application will be considered by the State Government Planning Minister, not by Council. The parking requirement within the Victorian Planning Provisions (Clause 52.06) must be considered as part of planning permit application, and provision of less parking than required by the Provisions would require a reduction to be justified by a suitably qualified expert.

The Planning Provisions allow for consideration of a broad number of factors into parking decisions, including proximity to public transport, empirical assessments of demand, benefits through providing consolidated parking for multi-use developments etc.



Again, it's important to reiterate that the current process is focussed on concept design, and it is not unusual that absolute numbers of things like car parks etc are finalised as part of the detailed design process.

Clarifying question

Silvia Mastrogiovanni, Dandenong

We need to get the numbers right now. Will the community get to see the figures of how this is done?

Response

Peta Gillies, Executive Director Community Strengthening

There is a difference between the concept and the detailed design. The concept design is about developing the principles which the detailed design will be based on. We need to comply with Victorian Planning Provisions requirements, if we believe we should be exempt we would need to submit an exemption. We are unable to provide that currently as we do not know that information.

Question

Silvia Mastrogiovanni, Dandenong

I have become aware that there is a revised Market Precinct Plan being developed, updating the precinct plan from 2007. This will change the pedestrian flow, traffic flow and space available for the Dandenong Community Hub and associated playground, including the future of Stuart Street. It has been an issue that in the two Dandenong Community Hub co-design sessions held so far participants in the Dandenong Community Hub co-design process have not seen this precinct plan.

When and how will this revised precinct plan be made publicly available, particularly to participants in the co-design process?

Response

Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures

A 2024/25 budget bid has been submitted to undertake a Market Precinct Plan review next financial year. If the bid is approved, consultation with the community will be undertaken to inform the review. The Dandenong Community Hub project will be a key input to this review.

Question

Aeshwary Kushwah, Dandenong

There is a fenced off area just south of the Dandenong Community and Learning Centre (DCLC) on Sleeth Avenue, Dandenong. Who is using that? I have heard it was leased to the DCLC around 10 years ago to extend their community garden. If true how long is the lease? It does not seem to be being used.

Response

Andrew Foley, Executive Director Corporate Development

The fenced off area referred to behind the DCLC is Council land, but it is not under any lease or licensing agreement. While Council did receive a request for use of this space some time ago, it was declined.

In 2019, Council installed a fence around this space due to some security issues at a neighbouring property. The neighbouring property has now been demolished and the appropriate department will be contacted within Council to remove the fencing and reinstate the land as public open space.



Question**Matthew Kirwan, Noble Park**

The western section of Jim Hardy Park, at the corner of Foster Street East and Macpherson Steet, Dandenong has had several trees cut down and extensive vegetation cleared. Was this done by Council contractors, and if so, why?

Response**Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures**

Council Officers have inspected the vegetation within Jim Hardy Park. The vegetation removal was not undertaken by Council. The matter has been referred to Council's Local Law team for investigation.

Question**Matthew Kirwan, Noble Park**

A number of street trees planted in Foster Street East, Dandenong are not typical Council species. Have they been planted by residents and if so, what happened to the previous Council species there?

Response**Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures**

Council Officers have inspected the street trees within Foster Street East. The street tree planting was not undertaken by Council. The matter has been referred to Council's Local Law team for investigation.

Question**Matthew Kirwan, Noble Park**

When is the construction of the traffic calming measures in Railway Parade, Noble Park going to start?

Response**Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures**

Council is currently in procurement stage to nominate suitably qualified contractor for the construction of the Railway Parade traffic calming treatments which is funded through Federal Blackspot Program.

Officers are expecting construction on site to commence in April 2024.

Question**Kim Handley, Warragul**

Dandenong Market still provides single use plastic bags in the fruit and vegetable section. With Greater Dandenong's commitment to reducing the use of plastic, can Council please give a date on when the Dandenong Market will stop using single use plastic bags?

Response**Andrew Foley, Executive Director Corporate Development**

Dandenong Market is managed by DMPL and currently meets the requirements for State Legislation on single use plastics. DMPL is willing to explore other initiatives to reduce the use of single use plastics.



Question

Blake Miller, Dandenong

I have noticed some business owners in the Local Government Area (LGA) do not follow their consumer law responsibilities and would like to know what Council does, if anything, about teaching local business owners the importance of following consumer law obligations when operating their business in CGD?

Response

Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures

Australian Consumer Law (ACL) is a national legislation designed to safeguard the interests of consumers. The administration and enforcement of the ACL fall under the purview of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC), in collaboration with state and territory consumer protection agencies. As such, the responsibility for educating and enforcing compliance with consumer law obligations primarily rests with these entities rather than local government.

Question

Blake Miller, Dandenong

How many Councillors decided to drive to this Council meeting tonight and if you did, why did you decide not to use public transport instead?

Response

Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer

As I cannot respond on behalf of individual Councillors, I would suggest you email them directly asking the question. All Councillor email addresses are located on Council's website www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/councillors.

Question

Gaye Guest, Keysborough

Will Council include an allocation of its new budget to update CGD's heritage study (which is now 25 years old) to include every heritage significant building, infrastructure and trees within our municipality?

Time is of the essence on this matter, our heritage needs to be prioritised without delay as this question has been asked for the last several years now.

Response

Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures

Council officers have commenced a review of the 69 sites currently listed on the Heritage Overlay within the Greater Dandenong Planning Scheme to confirm if any changes need to be made to the heritage controls for these sites.

A planning scheme amendment is likely to follow this to make any identified changes to the Heritage Overlay for these sites. Once this has been completed, Council will consider any potential further heritage actions or projects.



Question

Gaye Guest, Keysborough

Will money be set aside to renovate Council's Hammond Road archive facility so all municipal artefacts can be stored in the one facility in the upcoming budget?

Currently, there are historical objects still stored at Morwell Parade, Springvale, a site that was only meant to be temporary, pending the extension of the Hammond archive. This storage shed is not light and temperature controlled which does not protect the items stored in it. Recently, the Morwell Parade site, which is on the banks of the Mile Creek, flooded. It is not an ideal site for our treasured archives which deserve to be stored correctly for perpetuity.

Response

Peta Gillies, Executive Director Community Strengthening

Council actively looks at other options to assist with the storage of Civic and Cultural heritage collection items. An expansion of the Hammond Road archive facility would not enable these items to be housed in the building due to the volume of the collection and in some cases, individual artifact size.

The majority of objects currently stored in the Morwell Parade, Springvale site, are artifacts and items owned by the Springvale and District Historical Society.

Council has provided in kind storage of items until they are able to be assessed by the Springvale and District Historical Society. Council officers are able to provide assistance when the historical society is ready to assess their materials and to explore the collection's relocation to a more suitable site.

Question

Gaye Guest, Keysborough

It became evident at a Council workshop that resident expectation of what should be delivered may be unrealistic. Timelines can be misleading/held up. It might be advantageous to all new staff and residents to have an idea of what masterplans are being enacted upon -Dandenong New Art (DNA) and Keysborough Hub. What are waiting as shovel ready projects, the long awaited Dandenong Wellbeing centre. What is about to be added to the list, numerous masterplans waiting for funding and final detail plans.



Response

Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures

The Council has a 10 Year Asset Plan <https://www.greaterdandenong.vic.gov.au/asset-plan-2022-23-2031-32> which sets out the framework for the capital investment into assets over the next 10 years.

Specific to Noble Park Aquatic Centre, ongoing renewal activities will continue to be carried out based on condition inspections, however there are no capital upgrades planned under the current 10 Year Asset Plan.

With the update of the Council Plan later this year, the Asset Plan will also be updated and aligned with the Long-Term Financial Plan. All Strategies, plans and masterplans will be reviewed as part of this process and included. This will indicate Council's priorities and ability to deliver over the 10 years.

At this time, the key projects that are in progress are:

- The Keysborough South Community Hub
- The Dandenong Well-Being Centre (including a new aquatic centre)

The following question was taken on notice and the response is provided below.

Question

Gaye Guest, Keysborough

Term 1 2024 has shown the pressure Noble Park Aquatic Centre (NPAC) is under with increased program pool patronage and inadequate dressing room facilities for members whilst the school swim carnivals are booked in.

A group fitness class (max 20) have only 11 dressing rooms available if the bathroom doors are functioning and there is no guarantee on any given day that this will be so while the normal change rooms are booked out. Yet school staff and spectators expect members to stay on one side of the barriers whilst they believe they can continue to use what is available to the program pool users (disabled groups, toddler swimming classes / playgroups and casual users, group fitness).

This situation has become particularly tense /untenable when able bodied spectators and teachers should not be using our limited facilities disrespectfully and instead using the bathrooms at either the skate park or all ability playground if they cannot use the designated student change rooms. Members hope it will not be another 20-30 years before NPAC pool facilities are on a masterplan. Beyond frustrating. When will this facility be revamped?



Response

Peta Gillies, Executive Director Community Strengthening

With the support of the State Government, NPAC received a significant upgrade to the Health Club in recent years.

No other upgrades are planned at this time.

Noting the changeroom / toilet availability challenges when the facility hosts carnivals, I am advised South East Leisure (SEL) has been able to introduce aquatic members access to the dedicated health club change areas, providing additional change room space during these times.

SEL will continue to work with facility users about any concerns they have.



4 OFFICERS REPORTS - PART 2

4.1 OTHER

4.1.1 Draft Minutes of Disability Advisory Committee Meeting - 11 December 2023

Responsible Officer: Executive Director Community Strengthening

Attachments: 1. Draft Minutes of Disability Advisory Committee Meeting 11 December 2023 [4.1.1.1 - 3 pages]

Executive Summary

1. At the Council meeting held 23 April 2018, Council resolved in part to *invite Advisory Committees and Reference Groups to submit meeting minutes for Council endorsement*. This resolution also allowed interested Councillors (and those that attend these Committees and Reference Groups) to speak to the meeting about items discussed at these meetings.
2. This report recommends that the Draft Minutes of the Disability Advisory Committee meeting held on 11 December 2023 as provided in Attachment 1 to this report be noted by Council.



Background

3. Greater Dandenong Council is represented on a wide range of Committees, Reference Groups and Advisory Groups which frequently reflect the interests of individual Councillors in serving the broader community in their role. A full listing of these appointments is confirmed each November at Council's Meeting to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and is available via Council's website.
4. The resolution of Council made on 23 April 2018 provides for Minutes of meetings held by Advisory Committees or Reference Groups to be submitted to Council for information purposes and for noting. To ensure they are provided to Council in a timely manner, Minutes of these Advisory Committees or Reference Groups are submitted to Council typically in a draft form (in that they have not yet been adopted by the relevant Committee). If significant material changes occur when they are adopted by the Advisory Committee or Reference Group, then those particular Minutes would then be resubmitted to Council for noting.
5. As such, Draft Minutes are provided as Attachment 1 to this report.
6. There are no financial implications associated with the development and submission of this report.

Links to the Community Vision and Council Plan

7. This report is consistent with the following principles in the Community Vision 2040:
 - Education, training, entrepreneurship and employment opportunities.
 - Embrace diversity and multiculturalism.
 - Mind, body and spirit.
8. This report is consistent with the following strategic objectives from the Council Plan
9. 2021-25:
 - A socially connected, safe and healthy city.
 - A city that respects and celebrates diversity, our history and the arts.
 - A city of accessible, vibrant centres and neighbourhoods.
 - A city that supports entrepreneurship, quality education and employment outcomes.

Legislative and Policy Obligations

10. This report has considered Council's legislative and policy obligations (where applicable) as outlined in the Report Considerations section detailed in the front of this Agenda. The applicable obligations considered and applied are:
 - The Overarching Governance Principles of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
 - *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities 2006*.
 - Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks.



Recommendation

That Council notes the Draft Minutes of the meeting for the Disability Advisory Committee as provided in Attachment 1 to this report.

MINUTE No.996

Moved by: Cr Angela Long

Seconded by: Cr Richard Lim OAM

That Council notes the Draft Minutes of the meeting for the Disability Advisory Committee as provided in Attachment 1 to this report.

CARRIED 10 / 0



4.1.2 Draft Minutes of Positive Ageing Advisory Committee Meeting - 14 December 2023

Responsible Officer: Executive Director Community Strengthening
Attachments: 1. Draft Minutes of Positive Ageing Advisory Committee Meeting 14 December 2023 [4.1.2.1 - 3 pages]

Executive Summary

1. At the Council meeting held 23 April 2018, Council resolved in part to *invite Advisory Committees and Reference Groups to submit meeting minutes for Council endorsement*. This resolution also allowed interested Councillors (and those that attend these Committees and Reference Groups) to speak to the meeting about items discussed at these meetings.
2. This report recommends that the Draft Minutes of the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee meeting held on 14 December 2023 as provided in Attachment 1 to this report be noted by Council.



Background

3. Greater Dandenong Council is represented on a wide range of Committees, Reference Groups and Advisory Groups which frequently reflect the interests of individual Councillors in serving the broader community in their role. A full listing of these appointments is confirmed each November at Council's Meeting to elect the Mayor and Deputy Mayor and is available via Council's website.
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Links to the Community Vision and Council Plan

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Legislative and Policy Obligations

10. This report has considered Council's legislative and policy obligations (where applicable) as outlined in the Report Considerations section detailed in the front of this Agenda. The applicable obligations considered and applied are:
 - The Overarching Governance Principles of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
 - *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities 2006*.
 - Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks.



Recommendation

That Council notes the Draft Minutes of the meeting for the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee as provided in Attachment 1 to this report.

MINUTE No.997

Moved by: Cr Sean O'Reilly

Seconded by: Cr Sophie Tan

That Council notes the Draft Minutes of the meeting for the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee as provided in Attachment 1 to this report.

CARRIED 10 / 0



4.1.3 Appointment of Non-Executive Director - Dandenong Market Pty Ltd (DMPL)

Cr Jim Memeti disclosed a direct material conflict of interest of a non-pecuniary nature (s128) in this Item as he is the director of a company that has a stall at the Dandenong Market. Cr Jim Memeti left the Chamber prior to discussion and voting.

Responsible Officer: Executive Director Corporate Development

Attachments: Nil

Executive Summary

1. The Dandenong Market Pty Ltd (DMPL) Board is comprised of five (5) appointed Non-Executive Directors. Two (2) of these Directors' current terms expire on 23 March 2024.
2. One current Director, Ms Pip Stock, is not seeking re-appointment as she has decided that her own fast-growing businesses require her full attention and is streamlining her focus to support her team through this phase.
3. This report recommends to Council the reappointment of Mr Chad Hermsen as a Non-Executive Director of DMPL for a further term of two (2) years commencing 24 March 2024.



Background

4. DMPL was established in September 2012 as a means of Council establishing a skills-based Board to drive the strategic direction and operations of the Dandenong Market. Since then, the Board has provided an extremely valuable service to Council and the Market has continued to evolve and develop including initiatives such as the introduction of Sunday trading, night markets and a full program of festivals and events.
5. DMPL consists of five (5) Directors appointed by Council under the terms of the DMPL Constitution (which requires Director appointments to be made by the Shareholder (Council)).
6. Two (2) of the current Directors' terms expire on 23 March 2024.

Key Points / Issues / Discussion

7. Under the Constitution that governs Dandenong Market Pty Ltd (DMPL), Clause 9.1 provides that the number of company directors shall be not less than two (2) nor more than five (5). It further provides that the Shareholder (Council) may, by resolution, appoint a person as a director for a term up to three (3) years. A total continuous term of appointment as a director cannot be more than nine (9) years.
8. Two (2) of the existing Directors' terms of appointment expire on 23 March 2024.
9. One of these Directors, Ms Pip Stock has indicated her intention to not seek reappointment to the DMPL Board. Ms Stock has decided that her own fast-growing businesses require her full attention and is streamlining her focus to support her team through this phase.
10. It proposed to re-appoint Mr Chad Hermsen as a non-Executive Director of the DMPL Board for a further term of two (2) years. Mr Hermsen continues to add value to the Board and this proposed extension not only provides for continuity, but also complements the required skills as identified in the DMPL Board Skills Matrix. This extended term does not appoint Mr Hermsen beyond the maximum continuous period of nine (9) years. Further, by extending by two (2) years, this provides for staggered expiration of existing Directors' appointment terms so that multiple future appointments are not required within a short period of time.
11. The DMPL Board will consider at its March 2024 meeting, the appropriate skills required for the vacant Director role that has arisen and the next steps for appointment.
12. The DMPL Board will be operating with four (4) Directors until the vacancy is filled which is still compliant with its constitution with requires a minimum of two (2). The recent appointment of Mr Jim Cooper to the DMPL Board, also means there is sufficient coverage of skills as identified in the DMPL Board Skills Matrix.

Financial Implications

13. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

Community and Stakeholder Consultation

14. There was no community or stakeholder consultation for this report.



Links to the Community Vision and Council Plan

15. This report is consistent with the following principles in the Community Vision 2040:
 - Education, training, entrepreneurship and employment opportunities.
 - Embrace diversity and multiculturalism.
16. This report is consistent with the following strategic objectives from the Council Plan
17. 2021-25:
 - A city of accessible, vibrant centres and neighbourhoods.
 - A city that supports entrepreneurship, quality education and employment outcomes.
 - A Council that demonstrates leadership and a commitment to investing in the community.

Legislative and Policy Obligations

18. This report has considered Council's legislative and policy obligations (where applicable) as outlined in the Report Considerations section detailed in the front of this Agenda. The applicable obligations considered and applied are:
 - The Overarching Governance Principles of the *Local Government Act 2020*.
 - The *Gender Equality Act 2020*.
 - *Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities 2006*.
 - Related Council Policies, Strategies or Frameworks.

Conclusion

19. Under the Constitution that governs Dandenong Market Pty Ltd (DMPL), Clause 9.1 provides that the number of company directors shall be not less than two (2) nor more than five (5). It further provides that the Shareholder (Council) may, by resolution, appoint a person as a director for a term up to three (3) years. A total continuous term of appointment as a director cannot be more than nine (9) years.
20. DMPL currently operates with five (5) Director positions. Two of the current Directors' terms expire on 23 March 2024.
21. One Director has indicated their intention to not seek a re-appointment.
22. It is proposed to re-appoint the other Director, Mr Chad Hermsen for a further term of two (2) years, which is consistent with the DMPL Constitution.



Recommendation

That Council re-appoints Mr Chad Hermsen as a Non-Executive Director of the Dandenong Market Pty Ltd (DMPL) Board for a period of two (2) years commencing on 24 March 2024 and concluding on 23 March 2026 (inclusive).

Cr Jim Memeti left the Chamber at 7.37 pm.

MINUTE No.998

Moved by: Cr Angela Long

Seconded by: Cr Tim Dark

That Council re-appoints Mr Chad Hermsen as a Non-Executive Director of the Dandenong Market Pty Ltd (DMPL) Board for a period of two (2) years commencing on 24 March 2024 and concluding on 23 March 2026 (inclusive).

CARRIED 9 / 0

Cr Jim Memeti returned to the Chamber at 7.39 pm.



4.1.4 List of Registered Correspondence to Mayor and Councillors

Responsible Officer: Executive Director Corporate Development
Attachments: 1. Correspondence Received 5-16 February 2024 [4.1.4.1 - 2 pages]

Executive Summary

1. Subsequent to past Council resolutions in relation to the listing of registered incoming correspondence addressed to the Mayor and Councillors, Attachment 1 to this report provides a list of this correspondence for the period 5-16 February 2024.

Recommendation

That the listed items for the period 5-16 February 2024 provided in Attachment 1 to this report be received and noted.

MINUTE No.999

Moved by: Cr Jim Memeti
Seconded by: Cr Loi Truong

That the listed items for the period 5-16 February 2024 provided in Attachment 1 to this report be received and noted.

CARRIED 10 / 0



4.1.5 Report on Matters Discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions and Pre-Council Meetings

Responsible Officer: Executive Director Corporate Development
Attachments: Nil

Executive Summary

1. As part of Council's ongoing efforts to improve transparency in Council processes, matters discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings (other than those matters designated to be of a confidential nature) are reported on at Council meetings.
2. The matters listed in this report were presented to Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings during the period 15 January – 12 February 2024.
3. This report recommends that the information contained within it be received and noted.



Background

4. The Executive Team and associated staff at Greater Dandenong City Council host Councillor Briefing Sessions and Pre-Council Meeting on a regular basis (weekly) to inform Councillors about the work officers are undertaking, share information, obtain feedback and discuss strategies and options for current and future work.
5. To ensure transparency in this process matters discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions and Pre-Council Meetings (other than those matters designated to be confidential under the *Local Government Act 2020*) are reported on at Council meetings. This report represents matters discussed at the Councillor Briefing Sessions & Pre-Council Meetings during the period 15 January – 12 February 2024.

Matters Presented for Discussion

Item		Councillor Briefing Session/Pre-Council Meeting
1.	<p>Taylor's Road Landfill Update</p> <p>Councillors were provided an update on the current operation status of the Taylor's Road Landfill at 890 Taylor's Road in Dandenong South. This site continues to operate as a landfill for Prescribed Industrial Waste and is the only landfill site accepting this type of waste in Melbourne.</p>	<p>Councillor Briefing Session (CBS) - 15 January 2024</p>
2.	<p>Stud Road Safety Concerns</p> <p>The Chief of Metropolitan Transport from the Department of Transport and Planning attended to discuss Councillors' safety concerns in relation to Stud Road near Dandenong Basketball Stadium.</p>	<p>CBS – 15 January 2024</p>
3.	<p>Dandenong Revenue Optimisation</p> <p>Councillors heard from Rivor Consultants regarding some options for optimising revenue sources given that the nature of Council's revenue is largely fixed in nature.</p>	<p>CBS – 15 January 2024</p>
4.	<p>Fair Jobs Code Update</p> <p>Councillors were provided with an update on the Fair Jobs Code and its potential impact on Council staff and services.</p>	<p>CBS – 15 January 2024</p>
5.	<p>Appointment of Non-Executive Director and Dandenong Market Pty Ltd (DMPL)</p> <p>Councillors and officers discussed the proposed replacement of a board member who has completed their maximum term on the DMPL Board.</p>	<p>CBS – 15 January 2024</p>



6.	General Discussion Councillors and officers briefly discussed the following topics: a) level crossing works in Greater Dandenong; b) Victoria Police staff movements; c) Dandenong Community Hub workshops; d) safety in the Civic Centre basement car park; and e) Agenda items for the Council Meeting scheduled on 22 January 2024.	CBS – 15 January 2024
7.	Aged and Disability Services Review Councillors and officers discussed the key themes of the aged and disability reforms and the anticipated impacts on the local government sector.	CBS – 17 January 2024
8.	General Discussion Councillors and officers discussed Agenda items for the Council Meeting scheduled on 22 January 2024.	Pre-Council Meeting (PCM) - 22 January 2024
9.	Greater South East Melbourne (GSEM) A representative from GSEM shared the group's vision for 2024 with Councillors.	CBS – 5 February 2024
10.	Dandenong Wellbeing Centre (DWC) Procurement Update {Confidential under section 3(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2020}	CBS – 5 February 2024
11.	Proposed Crossing in Stud Road, Dandenong North Councillors were provided with an update on the State Government's progress towards this proposal.	CBS – 5 February 2024
12.	Progress Street Level Crossing Councillors were provided with an update on this project current and communications with the project authority (LXRP).	CBS – 5 February 2024
13.	General Discussion Councillors and officers briefly discussed the following topics: a) proposed Councillors' strategic workshop in February; and b) number 8 multideck car park, particularly during the Lunar New Year Festival.	CBS – 5 February 2024
14.	General Discussion Councillors and officers briefly discussed the following topics: a) Council's proposed capital works program; b) Council's summer movie festival; c) number 8 multideck car park; and d) Agenda items for the Council Meeting scheduled on 12 February 2024.	PCM – 12 February 2024



Apologies

6. Cr Sean O'Reilly submitted an apology for the Councillor Briefing Session held on 15 January 2024.
7. Crs Sean O'Reilly and Loi Truong submitted apologies for the Councillor Briefing Session held on 17 January 2024.
8. Cr Sean O'Reilly submitted an apology for the Pre-Council Meeting held on 22 January 2024.
9. Crs Bob Milkovic, Sophie Tan and Loi Truong submitted apologies for the Councillor Briefing Session held on 5 February 2024.
10. Crs Rhonda Garad, Angela Long and Bob Milkovic submitted apologies for the Pre-Council Meeting held on 12 February 2024.

Legislative and Policy Obligations

11. Section 9 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (LGA2020) states that a Council must in the performance of its role give effect to the overarching governance principles.
12. Reporting on matters discussed at Councillor Briefing Sessions and Pre-Council Meetings gives effect to the overarching governance principles (in particular, section 9(i) of the LGA2020) in that the transparency of Council actions and information is ensured.

Recommendation

That:

- a) **the information contained in this report be received and noted; and**
- b) **the information discussed at the above listed Councillor Briefing Session on 5 February 2024 that was declared confidential under section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* in Item 10 above remains confidential until further advisement unless that information forms the subject of a subsequent Council report.**

MINUTE No.1000

Moved by: Cr Richard Lim OAM

Seconded by: Cr Jim Memeti

That:

- a) **the information contained in this report be received and noted; and**
- b) **the information discussed at the above listed Councillor Briefing Session on 5 February 2024 that was declared confidential under section 3(1) of the *Local Government Act 2020* in Item 10 above remains confidential until further advisement unless that information forms the subject of a subsequent Council report.**

CARRIED 10 / 0



4.1.6 South East Melbourne Waste Advanced Waste Processing

Responsible Officer: Executive Director City Futures
Attachments: Nil

Executive Summary

1. This report aims to provide an update on the South East Metropolitan Advanced Waste Processing (SEMAWP) procurement process. It seeks Council endorsement to further commit to the process and change our classification from a Class B (undecided) to Class A (participating) shareholder.
2. This report builds upon the more general update on the changing waste disposal landscape facing the City of Greater Dandenong and recent changes to Advance Waste Technologies (AWT) as an alternative to landfills presented at the Council meeting on 11 December 2023.



Background

3. The Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Implementation Plan published in October 2016, identified the need for Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group (MWRRG) to work with metropolitan councils and industry to deliver new infrastructure to divert waste from landfill through resource recovery.
4. For many councils in the southeast of Melbourne the closest landfill for household rubbish is Veolia Hampton Park. According to Veolia, the Hampton Park landfill will close as early as 2025. Once it closes, councils will have to transport rubbish long distances across Melbourne to other landfills unless an alternative is found.
5. Since 2017, councils in Melbourne's southeast have been exploring advanced waste processing as an alternative to landfill.
6. The Regional Business Case for Advanced Waste Processing, which was prepared by MWRRG (now DEECA), with input from Council officers and support from external legal, financial and technical advisors, was released in September 2018.
7. Following this, MWRRG (DEECA) and its advisors worked with councils in the southeast metropolitan region to develop the South East Business Case for Advanced Waste Processing. The business case addresses future residual municipal solid waste (MSW) management requirements, taking into account the continuing diversion of recyclables and organic waste through kerbside services.
8. MWRRG (DEECA) also undertook market sounding with industry on their interest in the provision of advanced waste processing (AWP) solutions for metropolitan councils.
9. In September 2019, a group of councils in Melbourne's southeast signed a management deed with MWRRG (DEECA) to participate in a collaborative procurement process for AWP solutions to divert municipal solid waste from landfill through resource recovery. Below is the list of councils that were included in the SEMAWP. A number have since withdrawn, with City of Greater Dandenong currently undecided.

Participating	Withdrawn	Undecided
Bayside City Council	City of Boroondara	City of Greater Dandenong
Cardinia City Council	Glen Eira City Council	
Casey City Council	Manningham City Council	
Frankston City Council	Monash City Council	
Kingston City Council	Mornington Peninsula Shire	
Knox City Council	Stonnington City Council	
Shire of Yarra Rangers		

10. At the Council meeting on 26 April 2022 a resolution was passed that City of Greater Dandenong refrain from committing any further to the SEMAWP procurement process under the proposed terms and timeframes until certain requirements were addressed:
 - a) Confidential under s3(1)(g) of the Local Government Act 2020
 - b)



c) Confidential under s3(1)(g) of the Local Government Act 2020

d)

e)

Key Points / Issues / Discussion

11. The SEMAWP procurement model has evolved since the Council resolution of 26 April 2022, with some changes to the way in which the project would be delivered for councils. It is believed that these changes go a long way towards alleviating Council's concerns with the risks and financial exposure in the project in its initial form.

12. Confidential under s3(1)(g) of the Local Government Act 2020

13.

14. It can also be confirmed that the State Government continues to fund the procurement process, Confidential under s3(1)(g) of the Local Government Act 2020

15. The current eight (8) Class A shareholding Councils made this budgetary contribution for the 2023/2024 financial year, and the same is required from CGD. The financial contribution for the 2023/24 is \$50,000.

Financial Implications

16. The financial implication associated with this report is \$50,000 (plus GST). Within the 2023/2024 budgeting process a budget of \$30k was allowed for this, therefore an additional \$20k will be required for this item. This contribution can be funded from the Council waste levy.

Community and Stakeholder Consultation

17. No community consultation currently proposed.

Links to the Community Vision and Council Plan

18. This report is consistent with the following principles in the Community Vision 2040:

- Sustainable environment.

19. This report is consistent with the following strategic objectives from the Council Plan

20. 2021-25:

- A socially connected, safe and healthy city.
- A green city committed to a sustainable future.



Legislative and Policy Obligations

21. This report has considered Council's legislative and policy obligations (where applicable) as outlined in the Report Considerations section detailed in the front of this Agenda. The applicable obligations considered and applied are:
 - Climate Change and Sustainability.
 - Related Council Policies, Strategies and Frameworks
22. Council's waste initiatives and the transition away from landfills and towards AWT is aligned with:
 - a) Council Plan 2021-2025; and
 - b) City of Greater Dandenong Waste and Litter Strategy (Draft).
23. Climate Emergency Strategy Plan 2020-2030: The State Government legislation and policy that governs waste management include:
 - a) Circular Economy (Waste and Resource Recovery) Act 2022; and
 - b) The Victorian Government's Recycling Victoria: A New Economy Policy.

Conclusion

24. Recommitment to the SEMAWP project keeps this option open as an alternative to landfill for Greater Dandenong without implying that we will execute a final contract. Should Council decide not to recommit to the process then Greater Dandenong will be left with the challenge of navigating the market on their own to find alternatives to landfills. This approach risks missing out on the benefits of collective group purchasing power, potentially resulting in higher gate fees over time. Additionally, without the support of State Government, the tender process will also be significantly more costly and time consuming for Council to manage.

Recommendation

That Council:

1. **commits to re-join the SEMAWP procurement process as a Class A shareholder with a \$50,000 contribution for 2023/24; and**
2. **receives a further report at the end of the procurement process to consider future options.**

MINUTE No.1001

Moved by: Cr Sean O'Reilly

Seconded by: Cr Loi Truong

That Council:

1. **commits to re-join the SEMAWP procurement process as a Class A shareholder with a \$50,000 contribution for 2023/24; and**
2. **receives a further report at the end of the procurement process to consider future options.**

CARRIED 6 / 4

For - Cr Lana Formoso, Cr Richard Lim OAM, Cr Angela Long, Cr Sean O'Reilly, Cr Sophie Tan and Cr Loi Truong.

Against - Cr Tim Dark, Cr Rhonda Garad, Cr Jim Memeti and Cr Bob Milkovic.



5 NOTICES OF MOTION

Nil.



6 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/DELEGATED MEMBERS AND COUNCILLORS' QUESTIONS

Comment

Cr Rhonda Garad

I would like to commend all that were part of the Sustainability Festival, that endured that incredible heat yesterday. Thank you for the great work you did.

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

I want to raise the extraordinary situation where we are not going to get any bus shelters for three (3) years and beyond. In my ward, we have no bus shelters at all. Our vulnerable people, particularly older people are being forced to stand in extreme heat, which we know is dangerous for both older and younger people with existing vulnerabilities. How will Council protect these bus service users in the three (3) to four (4) years until we get a bus shelter?

Response

Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures

Council will continue to advocate to the State Government, as the responsible level of government for public transport in Victoria, to fund new bus stop infrastructure to improve public transport accessibility in accordance with the Victorian Bus Plan. Additionally, we will be advocating for the State Government to improve services and supports to reduce the risk to vulnerable public transport users during extreme weather events in accordance with Victoria's Climate Change Strategy.

Question

Cr Rhonda Garad

There are continual odours that plague Keysborough South which are so extreme that our residents are unable to leave their home. During the last three (3) weeks it has been so extreme that residents have felt nauseous and unwell. I believe the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) have done an analysis of some of the material gathered from residents in the area. How has Council relayed that information back to the residents that cooperated with the gathering of data?

Response

Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures

Council officers have been in contact with a number of complainants, as well as few Councillors regarding the odours experienced across the City in the past couple of weeks.

We are aware that residents have been provided air-sampling canisters by the EPA earlier in the year, and these samples have been received and are currently being analysed by Scientists at the EPA.

It is anticipated the results of these air samples will be made available to the public on the EPA website very soon, and once we receive notification, we will inform the community via a link on our website and through our social channels.



Comment**Cr Rhonda Garad**

I understand that you are going to put the information on the website, but the residents engaged with Council in good faith over a number of years gathering this data, so I think Council should respond directly to them.

Question**Cr Rhonda Garad**

Labelled a “national disgrace” by the Australian Workers Union, refugees and migrants workers were underpaid an estimated \$1 million in 2019, with each workers losing as much as \$40,000 yearly, while working over 70 hours a week under harsh conditions.

Given the imminent contract renewal with Polytrade, what clear and transparent provisions will Council include to ensure accurate payment to workers and to protect their health and safety?

Response**Andrew Foley, Executive Director Corporate Development**

Part of Councils usual procurement process is to engage a third party called Rapidglobal. We undertake several compliance checks. That includes OHS and Environmental Management Systems. Polytrade was acquired by Re.Group last year. As part of this acquisition, Re.Group reviewed all employment policies and put all employees onto their Payroll system. Re.Group has also advised they regularly undertake Visa checks and Better Off Overall Test (BOOT) assessments to ensure all staff are correctly paid.

Question**Cr Rhonda Garad**

There have been recent reports where staff health and safety has been severely compromised. Will you be assessing those reports before you renew the contract?

Response**Andrew Foley, Executive Director Corporate Development**

Question taken on notice. I am not aware of any recent reports.

Question**Cr Rhonda Garad**

Following the recent co-design workshops for the development of the Dandenong Community Hub, why has the decision been made to proceed with public consultation on the concept plan, which contravenes the Notice of Motion (NoM) from November 2022? This NoM explicitly states, 'Using Option 2 as the base concept design, that a co-design approach be used to finalise the concept design prior to 30 October 2023, using feedback from the November 2022 consultation.'



Response

Peta Gillies, Executive Director Community Strengthening

In terms of timing, I do just note that the NOM referred to was superseded on 23 October 2023, when an extension of the timeframe for finalisation of the concept design was endorsed by Council.

The last of the co-design sessions that were originally planned was held last Thursday. There was feedback received from some members of the participants that further sessions were required. We are also awaiting a report from the facilitator and architect on the outcomes of the process and any further refinement required, as well as a revised project costing reflecting revised concept design. (Noting this is a concept design process only, not detailed design.)

Once all of that information is available, officers will prepare a report for Council outlining outcomes, and recommended next steps, which may include further co-design sessions and/or consultation.

Once confirmed this information will be relayed to all workshop participants and communicated via the project page at Council's website.

Comment

Cr Rhonda Garad

You are not answering questions about public exhibition.

Response

Peta Gillies, Executive Director Community Strengthening

Officers would bring that back to Council with the recommendation as to whether we move to that step or not. It will be Council's decision as to whether we do that. Certainly, there are examples of where any design would go out for broader community consultation, particularly if there has been significant change from what was initially shown to the community.

Comment

Cr Rhonda Garad

Thank you for that response but it did not answer my substantive question, which is why the process is not following the NoM, which stipulated that the concept design would be finalised through a co-design process. I would like that answer in writing.

Comment

Cr Lana Formoso, Mayor

Peta Gillies, Executive Director Community Strengthening will respond to that in writing.

Question

Cr Bob Milkovic

In the recent storm it appears that part of the roof has been knocked down in Tirhatuan Park, Dandenong North and is now fenced off. Council provided some portable toilets. Can I please have an update or timeline as to when the roof will be reinstated and the facility put back in operation?

Response

Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures

Question taken on notice.



Question**Cr Bob Milkovic**

At Tirhatuan Park, Dandenong North there are a couple of boardwalks that need repair due to failing nails or screws. This is becoming unsafe as the boards are uneven. Can the relevant officer have this investigated and fixed so that it is safe for use?

Comment**Cr Lana Formoso, Mayor**

Question taken on notice.

Question**Cr Tim Dark**

A resident has raised an issue that I have previously brought to Council about the 7-Eleven on the corner of Cheltenham Road and Kingsclere Avenue, Keysborough. There is a stockpile of tyres and overgrown grass at the back between the 7-Eleven and the tyre centre. These tyres have been stockpiling for quite some time, getting close to residential houses. The resident has contacted 7-eleven with no response. They have contacted Council and also had no response.

They very concerned, given recent hot weather about the potential for a fire to start amongst the dry grass and the tyres causing a hazard. Is Council aware of this situation and what can be done to rectify it?

Response**Peta Gillies, Executive Director Community Strengthening**

Question taken on notice.

Question**Cr Tim Dark**

Colchester Court Reserve has been closed with the recent wild weather. There have been calls from residents who had plans to have kids birthday parties there. I understand there are still large branches and debris at that location. Can an update be provided on when the playground is predicted to reopen and the park cleared up?

Response**Peta Gillies, Executive Director Community Strengthening**

I will follow that up tomorrow. We are still dealing with a significant backlog of branches and issues since the storm. I encourage people to use Snap Send Solve to report these issues so that we can get them resolved quickly.

Question**Cr Tim Dark**

There have been many incidents at dog parks within our municipality recently, particularly due to fencing issues. There was an incident at the Wachter Reserve dog park, Keysborough where a little dog and its owner were attacked by 2 Staffordshire bull terriers. It is concerning this seems to be happening more frequently. What education is run about potential risks at dog parks? What can we do to make people aware of the hazards and ensuring that people do not take dangerous dogs in there?



Comment

Cr Lana Formoso, Mayor

At Tirhatuan Park, Dandenong North we do that quite well because we have the little dog section, and then the larger dog section.

Response

Peta Gillies, Executive Director Community Strengthening

We have seen that there have been several attacks recently. I have not been involved in this area for long but have been surprised at the number of issues. We can investigate further education and more information at the site to help people understand their risk. I had a conversation today around our animal management strategy, this could be something that we could align with that piece of work.

Further response

Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer

I would like to remind Councillors that if residents do not have their dogs under effective control, then it is against our Local Laws. We need to look at some communication and education for the community as well as increasing the number of inspections at the parks. I would also encourage residents, if they see dogs that are not under effective control, to let us know, and then we will start patrolling those parks.

Question

Cr Tim Dark

There is a severe lack of bus shelters within our municipality. You often see people hiding under trees on Perry Road, Keysborough due to the heat. It might be worthwhile if we are able to vary the bus shelter contract and what potential options there are to ensure that there is enough coverage. It appears to me that that oOh! Media has got full media coverage. There always seems to be some level of advertising, which in turn tells me that there is profitability in it. I think that we could be having conversations with oOh! Media and the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) about ways that we can acquire additional shelter without either contravening the contract or varying the contract to add more.

Response

Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures

I will follow up with the DTP to understand if there is anything that we can do. If you have specific examples of locations, please send them to me, I could work with them to identify other solutions. We can look at the broader shelter contract as well.

Question clarification

Cr Tim Dark

Does the DTP have oversight over what is signed in terms of the contracts? Or is Greater Dandenong City Council (GDCC) the lead proponent of the allocation of where they are being placed with oOh! Media as final approval? We have significant issues having correspondence with the DTP. If I cannot get them to mow some grass, I would find them being able to execute a substantial contract with bus shelters even harder than that. I would like to see what GDCC's power is in relation to these contracts.

Response

Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures

I need to look at the contract details. In general, what normally happens is the DTP would have more oversight and Council would be providing support. I will provide a further update.



Further question

Cr Tim Dark

When I requested the contract, I was told it was commercial confidence and now the Director, who told me it was commercial confidence, is saying that they have not looked at the contract himself. Have we sought legal advice regarding this contract, and what is the feedback from that, particularly given the substantial impact that this is having?

Response

Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer

Question taken on notice.

Question

Cr Sean O'Reilly

On Saturday 3 February 2024, I was working from home when the storm hit. It was remarkable the volume of water that was coming from the sky. It was probably the first time I admit that I was scared. I thought if this does not stop soon, the ramifications will be more than calamitous which as we know, they were calamitous. I heard on the radio that in the southeast area we received around about 10 mm of rain in 30 min. This had me thinking. Does Council have access to models or simulations evaluating how potential future extreme weather events could affect our local infrastructure, such as drains and specifically identifying any vulnerabilities in our infrastructure?

Cr Loi Truong left the Chamber at 8.28 pm.

Response

Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer

Our new Director of City Futures may not be aware of this, but Melbourne Water and Council are just about to commence upgrading all of our flood plans. Once we have that information, that would provide the kind of information you are talking about. I am very pleased to advise that it is about to commence if it has not already commenced. We will provide that information in the next six months or so.

Comment

Cr Sean O'Reilly

Thank you to the CEO for that information. I will be very interested in that when it comes around. Specifically, how much we can tolerate as far as metrics around that go and which parts of the municipality are less tolerant to flooding.

Cr Loi Truong returned to the Chamber at 8.30 pm.

Comment

Cr Lana Formoso, Mayor

It was a catastrophic event that took place throughout Greater Dandenong and in particular the City of Monash. A huge thanks to all our staff as well as the SES and CFA, that did incredible work over that clean up period, me included.



Comment

Cr Richard Lim OAM, Deputy Mayor

Thank you to our CEO and Council officers who responded promptly to the many complaints we received after the storm that occurred. I also would like to thank the CEO for responding and taking prompt action to other issues such as squatters in Springvale.

On Thursday 15 February 2024, I attended the flag raising ceremony for the National Day of Republic of Serbia where the Ambassador was in attendance. That afternoon, I had a chance to meet with Mrs Ifrin Fittock from SisterWork in relation to new warehouse to accommodate a larger number of employees for Yarra Trams and Lo'real.

On Friday 16 February 2024, I had a meeting with the High Commissioner from India to Australia.. That evening, I attended the Lunar New Year celebration organized by the Commonwealth Bank.

On Saturday 17 February 2024, I had a chance to come visit Dandenong library for the Big Summer Reading. Thanks to our Library staff for organising a fun and exciting event for children and parents. There was a great turn out of children and parents and there were prizes to be won and many activities including a magician performance.

That day I also attended the Chinese New Year concert hosted by the Consulate General of the Republic of China in Melbourne. A highlight was the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra at the Hammer Music Hall which many VIP's attended.

On Sunday 18 February 2024, I attended Lunar New Year at the City of Monash with the Premier and Opposition Leader of Victoria and many Members of Parliament. Around lunchtime I had a meeting with Mrs Jackson from a big charity organisation. She wants to work with me because she runs a lot of projects in Cambodia and Nepal. That evening I had a meeting with Stan's Family who really insisted to be part of Monash Children, Heart Hospital and Kidsafe charities.

On Monday 19 February 2024, I met with two people in relation to formulating a Multicultural Support Group in Greater Dandenong.

On Tuesday 20 February 2024, I had a meeting with Thailand's Labour Minister, Vice Minister, Ambassador, Consulate General and many delegates from Thailand's Government. Business owners who import and export from Thailand are excited by the prospect to have something to do with Greater Dandenong.

On Wednesday 21 February 2024, I had a meeting with Monash University Pharmaceutical society that I have been involved for the last twelve years since 2012 in relation to oxytocin. We also met with professor Michelle McIntosh and Ms Amber Skehan (Senior Development Manager and President of Health Science at my Pharmacy School. That day I also attended the Citizenship Ceremony at the Springvale City Hall with the Mayor Cr Lana Formoso and Julian Hill MP.

On Saturday 24 February 2024, I attended the Strategic Workshop at Springvale City Hall. As usual we had many productive discussions.

On Sunday 25 February 2024, I attended the Sustainability Festival at Dandenong Market. Later that day I went to the Albanian Islamic Centre of Dandenong with Gabriel William MP and Lee Tarlamis MP. I also attended the Annual Albanian Cultural Festival hosted by The Albanian-Australian Community 'Keshava' Dandenong.



Cr Bob Milkovic left the Chamber at 8.38 pm.

Question

Cr Richard Lim OAM, Deputy Mayor

I have been asked many questions about Revitalising Springvale. I am aware the QR code for suggestions has already been closed but can we continue to use this QR Code until the end of February? Kevin Van Boxtel said that it could continue to the end of the month but if officers do not present to Council by the end of the month, can we continue past February? Business owners are really interested as some have not been aware of it up until recently.

Question taken on notice.

Comment

Cr Angela Long

On Tuesday 23 January 2024, I attended the Dandenong Hub meeting at the Dandenong Civic Centre.

On Friday 26 January 2024, I attended the Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony and Australia Day Awards at the Drum Theatre.

I would like to mention the award winners and congratulate them all:

- Community leadership award - Glenyse Duck
- Yyoung leader of the year- Angeline Karvinkop
- Volunteer of the year - Michael Prior
- Corporate citizen of the year - Vanessa Field
- Sportsperson of the year - Conni Psihogios
- Community group of the year - Garage 35 Arts Studio
- Sustainability award - Former Councillor, Matthew Kirwan
- Living treasure awards - Helen Heath and John Mooney
- Outstanding contribution to the arts - Noble Park Community Centre Art Show

That afternoon I also attended the Flag Raising Ceremony at the Noble Park RSL.

On Tuesday 30 January 2024, I attended the Dandenong Market Pty Ltd Audit and Risk Committee meeting followed by their board meeting.

On Sunday 4 February 2024, I attended the Lunar Festival celebrations at Springvale, the year of the dragon.

Cr Bob Milkovic returned to the Chamber at 8.40 pm.



On Wednesday 7 February 2024, I attended an online meeting of the Roadsafes South East.

On Monday 19 February 2024, I attended a Disability Advisory Committee meeting in the Dandenong Civic Centre.

On Sunday 25 February 2024, I manned the Roadsafes South East caravan at the Berwick Show handing out information on road safety. That afternoon I attended an Afghan sport called sangarag which is a rock throwing sport and the aim is to hit a target at the other end of the pitch, where I was presented with a glass plaque.

Comment

Cr Jim Memeti

It was great to visit the Dandenong Market yesterday, where Council held its Annual Sustainability Festival. I think it was the eleventh one we have had. It is the new thing that we want people in our community to work on. In the Greater Dandenong area we see a lot of rubbish stacked up and overloading the rubbish bins and people discarding the rubbish on the floor next to the rubbish bin that is already full. We want our community to bin the rubbish they have, but when the rubbish bin is full, make sure that they take it with them and dispose of it either at home or in another rubbish bin. Council will issue a video letting the community know not to dump it on the ground, because the wind will blow it and it will get into our waterways. There were free plants and other things that were given out at the festival.

In Victoria yesterday, there was an open day mosque. I visited a couple of mosques. Councillor Richard Lim OAM, joined me with Gabriel Williams MP and Lee Tarlamis MP at the Albanian Islamic Centre of Dandenong. Many different people from different cultures attended. There were conversations held and questions were answered. If you have not been to one, I strongly urge you next year. It is an annual thing that the state government run, and you can attend any mosque in your local area.

We also had the Albanian Festival at Dandenong Park. I am in love with Dandenong Park. It looks beautiful every time I walk past, I love the flowers. I encourage residents to use Dandenong Park and all our parks. There are hundreds of people every afternoon using our parks. I think this Council really looks after our parks very well and we just ask our community to look after the parks too, especially when it comes to rubbish.

Question

Cr Jim Memeti

Residents are contacting me when they receive an infringement notice. Previously, I would recommend they visit the Council office to complete a form detailing why they should not receive an infringement notice. Normally, somebody might help them, I am not sure how they help them. However, now they cannot get a form. They must do it online. To about 60 % of our community this is nearly impossible.



My parents would have no idea how to get onto a computer and the Council webpage and fill in an infringement notice form. This is just not working. I keep on sending people to the Council. Unfortunately, Jo Thorn (Executive Assistant to Mayor and Councillors) has been taking on a few, but I cannot keep on sending them to her. Is there something Council can do at the customer service desk? Is there an opportunity? Is there a spare staff member to help people? We have a time frame on things like infringements. Is there some sort of strategy where we can help our constituents to be able to fill that form in? There might be other forms that I am not aware of that are now online. I think we need to look at this being a very culturally diverse municipality. This is a disadvantage in our community.

Response

Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer

Question taken on notice. It is the first I have heard that there has been a change in approach. I will investigate and advise Councillors. Thank you for bringing it to our attention.

Question

Cr Jim Memeti

There is a new off leash dog park in Keneally Street, Dandenong, which I am looking forward to. Is there an update on when that is going to start?

Response

Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures

Question taken on notice.

Comment

Cr Loi Truong

There are many trees and branches to be cleaned up as a result of the recent storm. Council needs to make this clean up a priority.

Sunday 3 March 2024 is Clean Up Australia Day. I will organise a large group to participate in this event and encourage everyone to join in.

Comment

Cr Sophie Tan

Over the weekend I attended the strategic planning day with Council's executive team. Thank you for the day and for your great work.

Question

Cr Sophie Tan

Regarding the recent storm event and branches falling on nature strips there are still many branches around Corrigan and Cheltenham Road, Noble Park. Can this please be cleaned up as soon as possible?



Response

Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer

There is a backlog throughout the entire municipality but please send through exact locations. All local governments, in particular the south each were hit hard and are struggling to deal with the fallout from the storm event.

It is a really interesting dilemma for local government on climate change and what is happening in terms of the environment, how long this is taking us to clean up and we will review our resourcing for such events. This will come at an additional cost for Council and may require additional funds in the budget moving forward for such events. This will be considered and discussed as part of the budget process.

Question

Cr Sophie Tan

I would like an update on the Railway Parade, Noble Park Streetscape project alongside Yarraman station?

Response

Sanjay Manivasagasivam, Executive Director City Futures

Council delivers more than 400 or 500 projects a year so I will take that question on notice and provide an update.

Comment

Cr Sophie Tan

On Saturday 2 March 2024, the Noble Park Community Fun Day will be held. This event is formerly known as the Noble Park Big Day out. It is funded by the metro government, especially through the Noble Park Globalization Projects. It will be held at the Noble Park Skate Park.

On Sunday 3 March 2024, Clean Up Australia Day will be held and I encourage everyone to participate.

Comment

Cr Lana Formoso, Mayor

And on that, I'll make a couple of notes, but I will table the rest of the events that I've attended the past couple of weeks.

On Sunday 3 March 2024 is Clean Up Australia Day and every year I set out to clean all 26 parks and reserves in my ward with my family and with as many volunteers as possible. I would encourage anyone in my ward or in the municipality that would like to assist me and my family, to participate. It would be greatly appreciated. At the end of the day, I will be hosting a Sausage sizzle barbecue at Barry Power Reserve. That same day is the Monash Children's Hospital Walk at Jells Park in Wheelers Hill, so I am in a bit of a dilemma having to be in two places. I will attend the walk with my family, and I will try and get some workers to get started on some of the parks. You can find more information on the [Council website](#) as well as the [Clean Up Australia Day website](#). Anybody willing to join the clean up or the Monash Children's Hospital Walk is greatly appreciated.

On Thursday 15 February 2024, I had the great pleasure of being the first Serbian heritage Mayor in the City of Greater Dandenong, and it was the first time for the Serbian flag to be raised here in Harmony Square on Serbian Statehood Day. It was a great honour for me to be able to facilitate that. In attendance was Radi Stefanovic, the Ambassador to the Commonwealth of Australia, Deputy Mayor Richard Lim OAM, as well as Councillor Bob Milkovic. It was a lovely event.



On Friday 16 February 2024, a twelve year old boy from my ward was coming home from school and was tragically killed on Police Road. There were 1266 road fatalities in 2020, 54 fatalities have occurred already in 2024. I do not know how much I can stress the importance of road safety and drivers slowing down and paying attention, particularly around school zones and school times. I want to reach out to the family and send my sincere condolences. It is horrific to have heard that another tragic road fatality has occurred in our municipality. If the family does need any assistance or any services, please reach out to me or another Councillor. I have forwarded this email to our officers to see what we can do further regarding road safety in our municipality. Stud Road, Police Road, Jackson's Road are all issues that we have within our municipality. I am deeply saddened for that family and the loss of this young boy.

Jacqui Weatherill, Chief Executive Officer tabled a listing of responses to questions taken on notice/requiring further action at the previous Council meeting. A copy of the responses is provided as an attachment.



7 URGENT BUSINESS

No urgent business was considered.



8 CLOSE OF BUSINESS

The Meeting closed at 8.54 pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lana Formoso". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L'.

Signature